

SPORTS

Nose in the Books

continued from Metro

at the North Portland Library and spend hours reading with mentors in a classroom setting.

Reading was broken up by rounds of hacky sack and snacks, donated by the Alberta Street Market.

According to the tutors, kids made great strides by the end of the program. Some began the summer instruction as many as four grade levels behind in reading.

King teachers and Principal Rhonda Craemer selected the participating students based on standardized test scores.

Many participants in the program discussed forming a reading club after school begins, to continue linking learning and fun for students that may need a boost to close the achievement gap.

Happy Birthday
Audrey Washington

Portland Romances Expos with Stadium

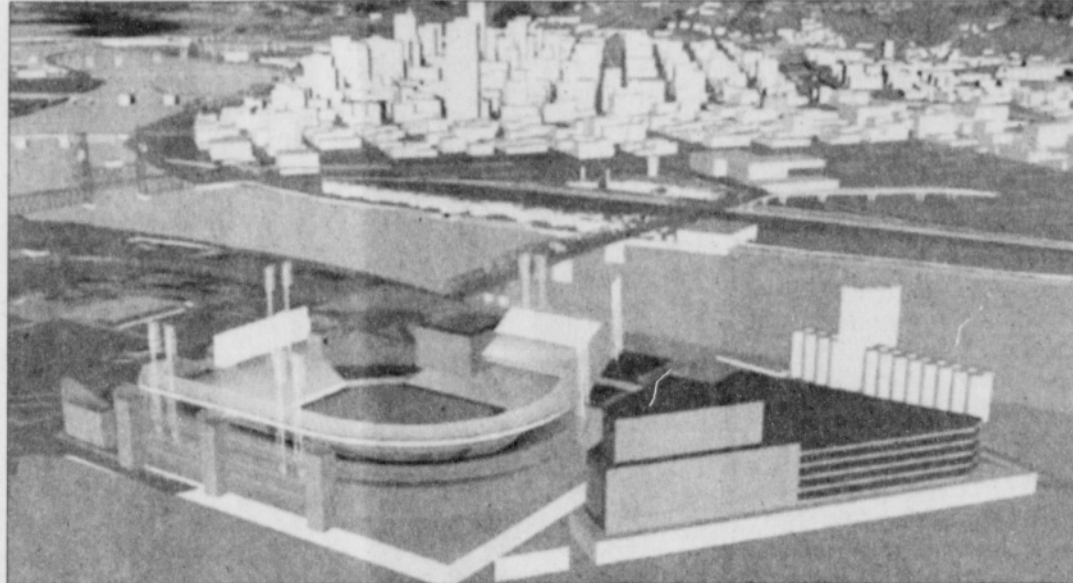
(AP) - A bill that would use income taxes from Major League Baseball salaries to raise \$150 million for a new stadium in Portland goes to Gov. Ted Kulongoski after approval in the State Legislature. The governor supports baseball as a way to boost the state's ailing tourism economy and plans to sign the legislation.

Portland officials are now preparing for the next steps in their quest to bring a team to Oregon.

The hurdles include finding a team owner and a guarantor to back stadium bonds, crafting a Portland tax package to pay the remaining \$200 million of the \$350 million stadium price tag and picking a construction site.

A baseball stadium plan won final legislative approval Monday, a major step toward luring the Montreal Expos to Oregon.

Final action came as the House, with no debate, voted 31-24 to



The Portland Public Schools administration site in North Portland is one of a half dozen locations being considered for a new stadium in the city.

approve an amended version of the bill that passed in the Senate late Saturday.

Oregon is competing with

Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia to get the Expos, a team major league baseball hopes to relocate next year.

The bill would pay for a new stadium using the income taxes of future team players and executives.



Clive Charles

Soccer Legend Dies

Clive Charles led team to national championship

Legendary soccer player and coach Clive Charles died Tuesday afternoon at age 52. Charles was renowned for leading the University of Portland to the 2002 national women's championships.

The official cause of death has not been released, but Charles had a long fight with prostate cancer.

An event was planned by the Portland Timbers to honor Charles' lifetime achievements at the team's season finale on Aug. 29 at PGE Park.

Charles' number No. 3 jersey as a former star with the Timbers will be retired and a permanent banner will hang from the rafters of PGE Park, also planned before Charles' death.

"My time with the Timbers organization was a very special period in my life. It truly was the start of all good things to come for me and my family in Portland," said Charles, who had planned to attend the half-time ceremony.

An inductee into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame, Charles was perhaps most famous for his illustrious coaching career at the University of Portland. In a 2-1 double overtime win over Santa Clara, Charles led the women's team to the school's first-ever national championship in 2002.

NBA Players Unite for Africa Camp

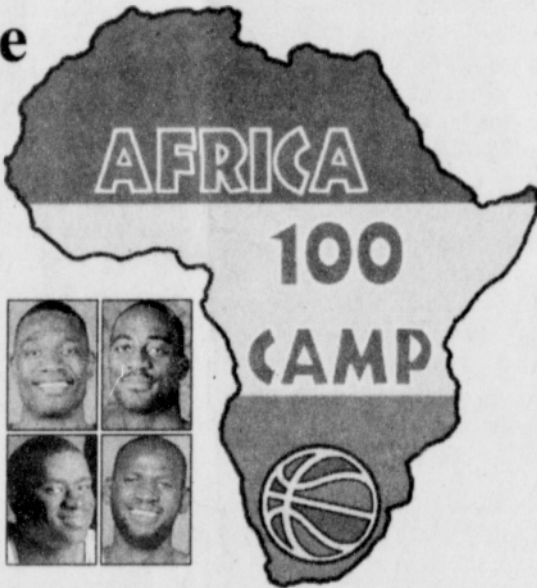
A contingent of NBA players from Africa, including Portland Trail Blazer center Ruben Boumtje-Boumtje of Cameroon, will serve as coaches for the Africa 100 Camp, a first of its kind goodwill tour of the African continent.

The players will provide basketball instruction and educational programs while addressing important social issues for the top 100 young players from more than 19 African countries.

"I believe it is very important to contribute something back to your homeland and I am very proud to represent the NBA at this camp," said Dikembe Mutombo from Congo.

The NBA players will work with talented, young Africans from all over the continent for basketball instruction and educational seminars.

"The NBA and its players work very hard to make a difference in the lives of young people, who we support as much as possible," Mutombo said.



Clockwise from top left: Dikembe Mutombo (Congo), Ruben Boumtje Boumtje (Cameroon), Mamadou N'diaye (Senegal) and DeSagana Diop (Senegal) will serve as coaches at Africa 100 Camp.

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