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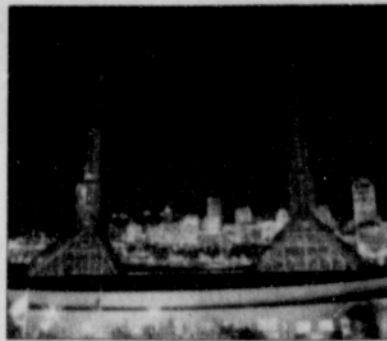
Artists of color promoted to make street more inclusive

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Convention Center once again to shine beams in memory of 9-11

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Week in The Review

Bush Requests \$87B for Aid in Iraq

The Bush administration tried to reassure Americans about its larger-than-expected \$87 billion request for Iraq and Afghanistan, saying the war against terrorism is the nation's highest priority and won't wreck the federal budget.

Memorial Service for Final Fallen Firefighter

A vial holding the blood of a firefighter was placed in a coffin alongside his uniform Monday, marking the final memorial service for the 343 firefighters killed at the World Trade Center. The family of Michael Paul Ragusa, 29, had put off any funeral for two years in the hope that his remains might be identified. But they never were.

Govt. Dawdles To Right Mistreatment of Foreigners

The government is not moving quickly enough to address problems revealed in a report documenting mistreatment of some of the hundreds of foreigners detained after the 2001 terror attacks, according to Justice Department investigators.

Explosion in Central Israel Kills 7

A suicide bomber blew himself up at a bus stop crowded with soldiers at rush hour Tuesday. At least six other people were killed, a television report said. The blast wounded at least 30 people, 15 of them seriously, rescue service workers said.

Endurance Artist Blaine Begins Starvation Stunt

David Blaine, the American illusionist and street magician, began his latest feat of endurance in a blaze of publicity, entering a plastic box where he will attempt to live without food for more than six weeks.

Promising Athlete Pitches Fitness Program

Top-draft pick LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers launched a youth fitness program. James and Nike announced the PE2GO program to encourage physical education improvements in schools through teacher training, special gym classes and equipment donations. The program will begin in Akron, Ohio, and expand to Portland, Chicago, Los Angeles, Memphis, New York and Washington.

AMA Report: Police Officer Lied

Leaders fault police, allege cover up

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Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker's resignation and the appointment of Police Chief Derrick Foxworth, an African American native of Portland, hasn't quieted public cries for justice and a distrust of the police bureau.

The outrage over police shootings, particularly in the case of Kendra James, an unarmed black motorist killed in a traffic stop last May, erupted again Saturday when the Albina Ministerial Alliance released its own investigation implicating the bureau in a cover-up and accusing one officer of lying.

The group of esteemed religious leaders suggested 34 changes within the bureau, and then passed the torch to a newly formed committee, the Alliance for Police and Community Accountability. The new committee, headed by former State Rep. Jo Ann Bowman, was created to make sure the bureau follows through with reforms.

More than 200 people filled the Maranatha Church of God in northeast Portland to hear the AMA report.

James, a 21-year-old mother of two children, was shot by rookie officer Scott McCollister when she tried to drive away from a traffic stop on the I-5 overpass on North Skidmore Street.

Rev. W.G. Hardy Jr., speaking for the alliance, said McCollister lied about details regarding the shooting, and the bureau covered up his lies by ignoring witness statements and physical evidence.

"Something deep within the culture of the Portland Police Bureau needs to be changed," said Bishop A.A. Wells, chairman of the AMA's investigation committee.

The committee scrutinized material about the shooting, including a 600-page report of witness testimony, officer statements, and reports from the forensics team and medical



Rev. Roy Tate, president of the Albina Ministerial Alliance and other community leaders gather at Maranatha Church of God in northeast Portland to address an AMA report finding police misconduct in the May 5 shooting death of Kendra James.

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examiner. The team also reenacted the shooting. From the videotaped reenactment, witness testimony and the trajectory of the bullet, the team concluded — contrary to

McCollister's story — that he was not at risk of being dragged along with the car as James began to drive away.

"We were able to master this information and found a number of discrepancies relative to the officer and the investigation itself," said Wells.

Some, including City Commissioner Randy Leonard, questioned the objectivity of the report. Leonard said he was concerned that no responsibility was laid on James for refusing to cooperate with police.

"The advantage of this report is we used their information," Wells said, defending the report's balance. The investigation, he said, is based on material

provided by the district attorney and police bureau.

Alliance members met with Mayor Vera Katz and Foxworth last week, and said their response to the report was "positive." The group plans to meet with Foxworth again in the coming days to discuss bureau changes.

Of those changes, alliance members suggest extended training with a mentor officer for one year after a rookie begins active duty, practice in "de-escalating" tense situations, training to provide emergency medical care for suspects following a shooting and an end to the practice of police shooting into moving vehicles unless officers are under fire.

New Seasons Doubles Coverage

Locally-owned grocery chain to build on Interstate

New Seasons Market has announced plans to build a second store serving north and northeast Portland when it opens an outlet at the corner of North Interstate Avenue and Portland Boulevard in 2005.

It's the second major economic development for the new Interstate Max corridor in the past few weeks. Fred Meyer will completely rebuild its store at Interstate and Lombard in 2004.

The latest New Seasons store will create approximately 140 new jobs, provide grocery services to area residents and support local vendors from the region, officials of the locally-owned grocery chain said. New Seasons opened a much-needed grocery in the Concordia neighborhood of northeast Portland just a couple of years ago. It has other markets in Raleigh Hills, Sellwood and Orenco Station in Hillsboro.

"Over the past few years, every week we've received e-mails, calls and letters asking us to open a store in north Portland," says Brian Rohter, president of New Seasons Market. "We're excited to have found such a great spot and are proud to be part of the new Interstate Corridor. The property is at a well traveled intersection and the Interstate MAX will stop right outside our front door, making grocery shopping very convenient for local residents."

Kent Hoddick, president of the Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association shares Rohter's excitement saying, "We welcome New Seasons Market with open arms and are looking forward to the new store."

The site is a former Safeway location, now occupied by a private business. The current tenant previously announced their intention to relocate.

Rohter believes in the need for neighborhood-focused stores.

"We're Portland people. Our own-

essential groceries for everyday living and will feature organic produce, natural meats and chicken, fresh seafood, imported olives and cheeses, and an extensive wine and beer selection. New Seasons Market is an active and committed supporter of the regional food economy and is dedicated to purchasing from small local farms, ranches, dairies and fisheries.

The north Portland New Seasons will have a hot wok and full-service deli with an in-store dining area, a certified

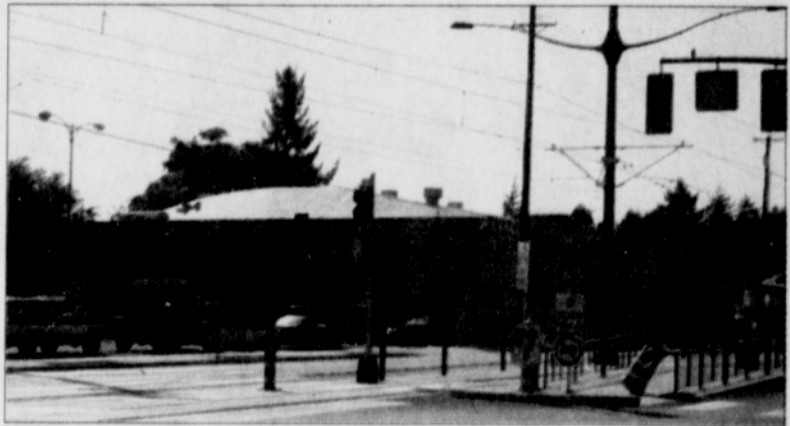


PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
New Seasons Market will open its second store serving north and northeast Portland when it transforms property along side the future Max light rail station at North Interstate and Portland Boulevard into a new store. The locally-owned grocery chain plans to have the store operating in 2005.

ers live here and our team includes experienced veterans of the Portland grocery business. As much as possible we'll hire neighborhood residents for positions in this store," Rohter said.

Like all New Seasons Market stores, the north Portland location will carry

organic bakery featuring artisan breads, and a store chef available to provide great menu ideas or help customers turn an everyday meal into something spectacular. For specialized customer nutritional needs, a nutritionist will be

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Walking for Wellness

The African American Health Coalition energized Portlanders on Saturday morning during a four-mile Wellness Walk, raising money to help bridge the health disparity for people of color. The walk through scenic north and northeast neighborhoods began and ended in Dawson Park with games, music and food.

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