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Cleveland's LeBron James is masterful in NBA debut
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Campus Dream

Takes Shape
PCC Cascade dedicates new science labs
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Week in The Review

Dad Arrested in Halloween Attack

A 43-year-old Michigan man faces charges after he smashed a bird-feeder and threw a pumpkin through the window of a house where his young son said he didn't get any Halloween candy.

Haiti Marks Day of the Dead

Passing under a crumbling archway that reads "Thou Art Dust," voodoo practitioners flocked to Haiti's largest cemetery Saturday to honor the guardian of the dead with rum, thunderous music and lewd behavior designed to awaken mischievous spirits.

Californians Go Home

Some Californians are being allowed to return to their fire-ravaged neighborhoods, and many are finding little left to salvage. More than 850 homes were destroyed by a wildfire that burned across 91,000 acres in and near the San Bernardino National Forest.

Supreme Court to Rule on Patients' Rights

The Supreme Court said it will settle a fight over patients' legal rights when their HMOs refuse to pay for recommended medical treatment. The case involves an issue that has stymied Congress, which has tried and failed to pass national patients' rights legislation.

Columbine Families Furious

More than four years after 13 were gunned down at Columbine High, authorities and the gunmen's parents tell the world that warning signs were missed with the recent release of a video depicting the gunmen at target practice.

Signs of Economic Recovery

The nation's manufacturing sector registered its highest level of activity in nearly four years in October, according to an industry report, suggesting that the solid economic growth of the third quarter is continuing in the fourth.

Iraq, Afghan Funding Nears Approval

Congress neared final approval of \$87.5 billion for the U.S. occupation of Iraq and operations in Afghanistan, edging President Bush toward a legislative win a day after Americans in Iraq endured their worst casualties since March.

City Moves to Protect Water



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The open storage reservoir of drinking water at Mt. Tabor will be replaced with underground tanks under the city's plan to guard against possible contamination.

Burying reservoirs is costly effort for safety

BY TIM HALL
FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Water from the Bull Run watershed flows to Portland, through Powell Butte, to Mt. Tabor and then across the river to Washington Park. The Mt. Tabor reservoirs serve about 70 percent of the City's residents, including the west side, north, northeast and most of southeast Portland. Portland residents drink the unfiltered water in

these open reservoirs. What goes into the reservoirs comes out our taps.

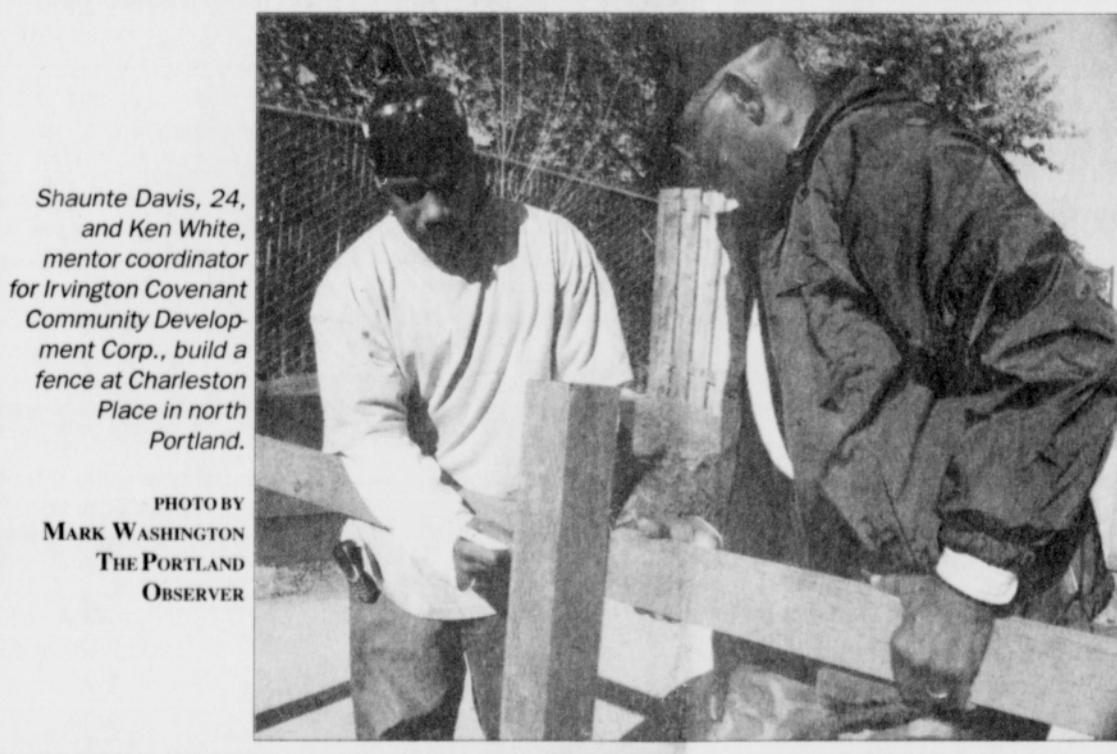
Last year the city initiated a phased project to replace three of these open storage reservoirs with underground tanks and two with temporary floating covers. Burying the storage will create opportunities for 22 new acres of parkland in Mt. Tabor. The project will cost \$77 million and the construction will create local jobs. The project will increase residential water rates by about \$1.32 a month.

The city first planned to bury the reservoirs more than 30 years ago. The reservoirs are 100

years old, require continued and increasingly costly maintenance and repair, and no longer meet industry standards for water storage. Because the reservoirs are uncovered, the water is vulnerable to contamination from birds, animals, air-pollution and vandalism or intentional contamination.

In May 2002, the Portland City Council voted unanimously to accelerate the reservoir project based on a complete assessment of the vulnerabilities, security and health concerns involving the open reservoirs.

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Shaunte Davis, 24, and Ken White, mentor coordinator for Irvington Covenant Community Development Corp., build a fence at Charleston Place in north Portland.

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Improving Lives and Housing

Irvington Covenant builds foundations for the future

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
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Irvington Covenant Community Development Corp. is not your average housing program.

While the agency is dedicated to building affordable housing and helping low-income residents and people of color buy a home, it also takes strides to prevent recidivism and teach job skills to ex-offenders and at-risk youth.

Developing affordable housing is the primary operation, but through agreements with contractors, the agency's workers shadow professionals to learn foundation work, roofing, dry walling and various other building skills.

"I look for the serious youth who are earnest about their second chance," said David Greenidge, the corporation's executive director.

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Local Student Serves National Congress

Jefferson's Angela Gill in prestigious academic group

U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., officially welcomed Jefferson High School graduate Angela Gill to Washington, D.C. last week as a congressional page. Gill was nominated by Blumenauer and will serve in the nation's capital through January.

Becoming a congressional page is not easy. Only 66 high school juniors are selected each year from

throughout the country. These students must have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average in major subjects and demonstrate that they are mature, flexible and have a strong work ethic.

"We are thrilled and very fortunate to have Angela with us here in Washington," said Blumenauer. "She's a terrific ambassador for Oregon and a delightful person to work with."

As a congressional page, Angela lives in the official Page Residence Hall near the Capitol. She attends four hours of classes each morning with other pages before reporting to

work for members of Congress in the afternoon and evening. It's a demanding program that requires highly motivated and committed students, but it is also tremendously rewarding and exciting.

Although pages have helped out lawmakers since the first days of the Republic, Congress instituted the tradition of nominating pages for appointment in 1855.

Members of Congress may nominate pages only upon invitation of their party's leadership. Blumenauer has been invited to nominate pages twice during his tenure in Congress.



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