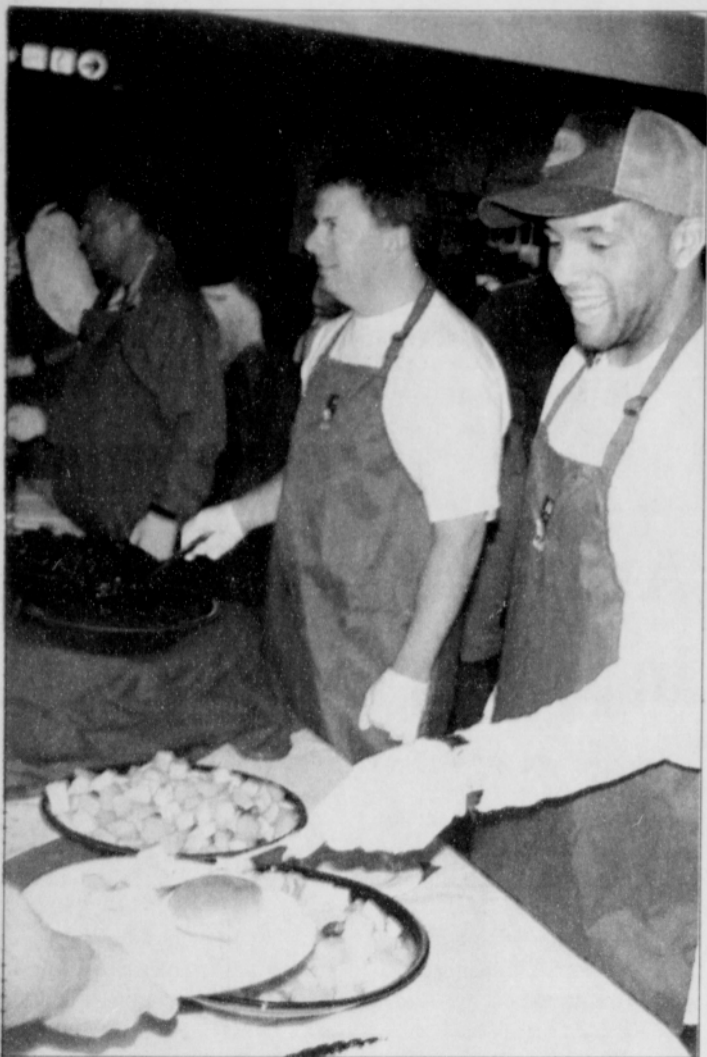


# Harvest Dinner



Damon Stoudamire (right) joins his teammates and other volunteers serving food during the Blazers Community Builders Harvest Dinner last Wednesday for Portland's most needy residents. See related photo on Front page.



# Volunteering Spirit Lives

Tyesha Woods takes time to give back

Makeesha Smith (left) gets some help with her homework from mentor Tyesha Woods.

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An African-American woman who is a mentor to kids from Portland to Salem is receiving special recognition for her dedication to volunteering.

Tyesha Woods was recently named one of the first outstanding volunteers at Portland General Electric.

For the past three years, Woods has given her time at

Cross Town Cross Cultures, a workshop held in conjunction with the African American Network at PGE and the Multicultural Center at Portland State University.

The four-year PGE employee works in credit risk management as a senior analyst.

In recognition of her award, PGE donated \$250 to the social

studies department at Jefferson High School to provide transportation for student activities. Woods became involved with Jefferson as a Junior Achievement instructor last spring.

The program teaches young people about business, economics and free enterprise. Woods taught weekly lessons focusing on developing career skills and strengthen-

ing interpersonal communications.

"Growing up as an African-American woman, I know that it's really important to demonstrate diversity at an early age so kids understand that we are all special in our own different ways and to respect that," Woods said.

Woods is a resident of Salem and a 1998 graduate of Portland State University.

# Jackson Ranch Searched for Evidence

(AP) — Investigators conducting a criminal probe swarmed Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch in Los Olivos, Calif. on Tuesday. The purpose of the search was not disclosed.

Jackson and his three young

children were not at the ranch at the time of the raid, his spokesman, Stuart Backerman, told The Associated Press. He said that for three weeks Jackson and his family have been in Las Vegas, where Jackson was filming a video.

Backerman declined further comment, saying he lacked detailed information about the investigation.

Sixty to 70 personnel from the Santa Barbara County sheriff's and district attorney's offices served a warrant at about 8:30 a.m. as part of

an "ongoing criminal investigation," Sgt. Chris Pappas said.

Detectives were expected to gather evidence all day. No one was arrested, and there was no arrest warrant issued, Pappas said at a command post.

# Enron Agrees to Sell PGE

(AP) — Enron Corp. will sell Portland General Electric to a newly formed entity backed by investment funds for \$1.25 billion in cash, the bankrupt energy company announced from its Houston headquarters Tuesday.

The sale of PGE, pending approvals from Oregon and federal regulators and U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez, means Enron plans to emerge from one of the most expensive and complex bankruptcies in history as two separate pipeline and power plant

companies rather than three.

The buyer, Oregon Electric Utility Co. LLC, is backed by investment funds managed by Texas Pacific Group, which also will assume \$1.1 billion in debt and preferred stock, Enron spokesman Mark Palmer said.

The new utility will be led by three prominent northwest business leaders: former Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, Gerald Grinstein, and Tom Walsh.

"As we have said all along, we will not break up PGE," said Stephen

Cooper, a restructuring specialist and chief executive of Enron. "This transaction supports that commitment."

The bankruptcy court will conduct an "overbid" process to let other potential buyers submit higher bids, the company said.

If none are submitted and once Gonzalez approves the sale, the parties will seek approval from the Oregon Public Utility Commission and federal regulators. The creditors' committee in Enron's bankruptcy supports the deal.

# Housing Advocate Welcomed

Former Seattle mayor pitches for affordable homes

Former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice came to Portland to spread the message that perseverance and leadership can make difference for more affordable housing.

Rice, president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, was keynote speaker at a recent awards dinner for the Community Development Network.

Rice has a stellar record for creating affordable housing in Seattle.

In his speech to a group of 350 lenders, property owners, contractors, architects and City Commissioners Erik Sten and Jim Francesconi, Rice recalled his role in Seattle's recent passage of an \$86 million levy for affordable housing.

He said with ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit, even the daunting task of securing new funding for affordable housing is possible.

Among those receiving awards at the banquet were Steve Rudman, Housing Authority of Portland executive director and Dorene Warner of Human Solutions.

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