



Major Charity Adams inspects her troops of Army nurses in 1945.

African-American Women War Heroes

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black politicians and the black press, the Army finally agreed in July of 1944 to admit black nurses "without regard to numbers." The generally accepted practice of only hiring black nurses at 10 percent began to fade away but they still worked in segregated units.

In England, the nurses were not allowed to tend to white soldiers. In fact, they were sent to a hospital full of German prisoners of war. Only after they proved themselves highly competent were they allowed to work at a

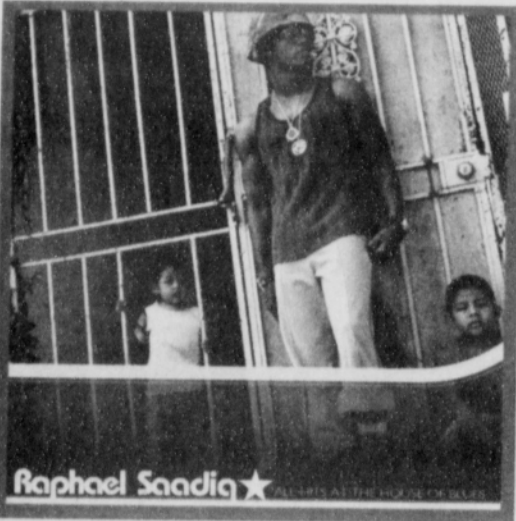
rehabilitation center for wounded American soldiers. This was considered the first time that black women nurses were allowed to aid white American soldiers. This "experiment" was so successful that the armed forces of America began sending black nurses to help out throughout Europe and in the Pacific.

By the end of World War II, it was clear that American-American nurses were just as skilled as white nurses. In the wars to follow they would work side-by-side with white nurses on all sides of the battlefield.



Mary Elizabeth Bowser leaked Confederate documents to the Union Army during her service as a maid in a Confederate home.

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SMILE DAY FOR KIDS

Bonnie Vance from King Elementary School in northeast Portland shows off her smile during a visit to the dentist while getting a hug from Kaiser Permanente's health education mascot Super Weevil. Vance was one of more than 50 local school children who received free dental care on Give Kids a Smile Day

photo by Santo Graziano



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Crews have turned the Fred Meyer store at North Interstate Avenue and Lombard Street into a construction site to make way for a brand new shopping center.

Decades Old Store Demolished for New

The waiting is over for those following the Fred Meyer decision to rebuild a decades-old store at North Interstate Avenue and Lombard Street. That store is being torn down and a brand new center will go up in its place.

"We could not figure out a way to keep the store open and do the project," said Rob Boley, Fred Meyer vice president of public relations, regarding the 10-month demolition and construction period when the store will remain closed. A temporary store pharmacy has been located across from the site on Interstate.

The \$18 million project will provide 150,000 square feet of retail space on two levels. The plans call for food, home improvement, garden, electronics and a pharmacy on the first level and apparel and shoes on the second.

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