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Worksystems, Inc., on behalf of the Region 2 Workforce Response Team, is soliciting Concept Applications for projects that support the retention and growth of living wage jobs and a skilled workforce. \$570,000 is available for employers to help pay for training and nearly \$375,000 is available for capacity building. To be eligible, an applicant must be a business, association or consortia of businesses with employees located in Multnomah, Washington, and/or Tillamook counties.

DEADLINE: March 30, 2004.

Please visit www.worksystems.org for Concept Applications and details on funding priorities and eligibility. For additional information please contact: Andrew McGough - (503) 478-7371 or WRT@worksystems.org.

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Worksystems, Inc. (WSI) is pleased to announce an open solicitation to select providers of high-quality employment and training services for adults residing in Multnomah and Washington Counties and the City of Portland. Services must lead to unsubsidized employment. Approximately \$2,800,000 is available based upon anticipated funding levels which may increase or decrease depending upon the Workforce Development Act allocation. Services are to be provided July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. At its discretion, WSI may extend contracts for services through June 30, 2006.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be available on the WSI website at <http://www.worksystems.org/contractor/contractorinfo.htm> on March 8, 2004.

Interested parties are required to attend a mandatory Bidder's Conference held on:

Thursday, March 18, 2004
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 The Westin Hotel
 Alder Room, 2nd Floor
 750 S.W. Alder, Portland, OR

Only those parties attending the mandatory Bidder's Conference will be eligible to compete for funding.

All funding opportunities are available at <http://worksystems.org/contractor/contractorinfo.htm>. To be notified by email of funding opportunities, please email: lmickelson@worksystems.org and indicate that you wish to be added to the procurement notification list. If you have additional questions regarding procurement, please call (503) 478-7300.

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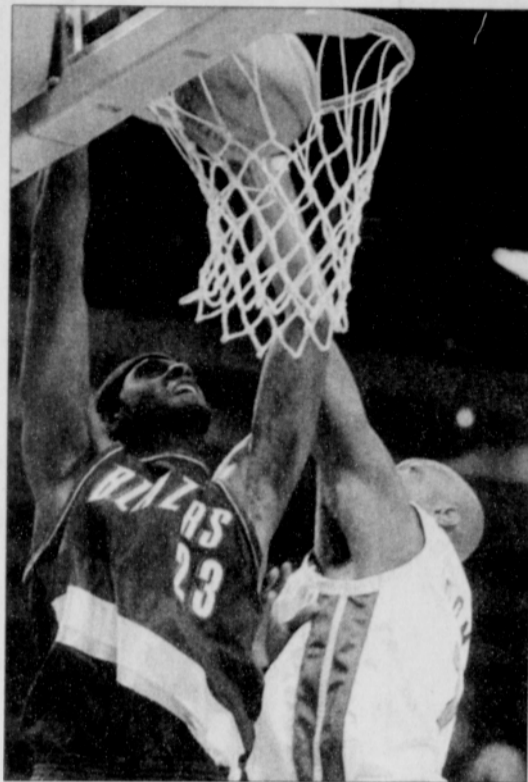
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SPORTS

Blazers Stop Heat, Extend Winning

Late surge gives Portland control



Portland Trail Blazers' Darius Miles scores over Miami Heat's Lamar Odum in the first half Monday in Miami. (AP photo)

(AP)—The Portland Trail Blazers found a way to do what nobody else could lately - stop Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat.

Zach Randolph scored 22 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, and Derek Anderson added 20 points to lead the Trail Blazers over the Heat 89-81 Monday night in Miami.

The Blazers won their fourth straight and snapped Miami's four-game winning streak.

Damon Stoudamire added 18 points as Portland evened its record at 28-28, the first time the Blazers have been at .500 since Dec. 31.

"Tonight was a grind-it-out game," Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said. "We had good performances from a lot of guys. We've been trying to get to .500 all year, and now we are here. Now we have to stay there."

Lamar Odum led the Heat with 25

points. Wade, the Eastern Conference player of the week after leading Miami to three double-digit wins, finished with 12 points on 5-of-15 shooting.

Portland took control with a surge that extended from the third quarter into the fourth. Down by 10 points, the Blazers rallied late in the third and built a nine-point lead

early in the fourth.

The Blazers outscored the Heat 30-17 in the fourth quarter, including a 14-0 spurt at the start.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim's corner jumper gave Portland its first lead, 65-64, since early in the second quarter. Stoudamire's second 3-pointer in the run provided a 73-64 lead.

Meanwhile, the Heat missed their first six shots from the floor. The drought lasted five-plus minutes until Odum converted a three-point play with 6:54 left.

The Blazers, who started a four-game road trip, hope to make a run at a playoff spot in the competitive West.

"We're just trying to push forward," center Theo Ratliff said. "We're at .500? That's how much I look at the standings. I don't really look at them. We just know that every game is important, and we're trying to get everybody on the same page and be competitive."

The Blazers are 8-2 in their past 10 road games.

Girls Basketball Playoffs Begin

Benson falls, Jeff, Lincoln stay alive

The Benson Techsters girls basketball season came to an end Monday as they suffered a defeat to Churchill, 60-47 in the preliminary state playoff brackets.

Benson needed the win to advance in the State 4A Girls Basketball Championship. With the victory, Churchill now plays Central

Catholic in a game on Wednesday.

Other PIL teams still in playoff contention are Grant, Lincoln and Jefferson, all with games scheduled on Wednesday.

Grant faces McNary on the road, Jefferson plays Clackamas at home and Lincoln hosts St. Mary's.

Also Wednesday, the Jefferson boys basketball team will play Lincoln in the Portland Interscholastic League final. The game at Jefferson is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. to be followed by the girls playoff game at 8 p.m.

A Victorious Start

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structor and ESL teacher.

Although Victory has not yet implemented an arts and music program, the school year is heavy with field trips and creative activities.

To date, students have visited Franklin High School, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, and studied tide pools at the Oregon coast. Upcoming field trips include a trip to see the Hewitt African-American art exhibit and the Native American Center at the Portland State University campus.

The school also published a book of student poetry with a recital at Reflections Bookstore in northeast Portland.

Victory students recently took the California Achievement Test, besides the Oregon exam, and are school officials are awaiting results to help judge the success of their program.

"Victory is looking for volunteers for various jobs including hall monitors, physical education assistants, and people to read in classrooms. To volunteer or apply as a student, call 503-249-2003.

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Racism Persists in Housing Market

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lending," Peoples said.

She describes predatory lending as loan with a high interest rate and hidden fees tacked on.

"Studies have shown the average victim of predatory lending will be African American, live in a low-income neighborhood and is more likely to be elderly. People who don't speak English well are also often victims of predatory lending because they don't understand home buying terms," she said.

Officials at HUD insist that the public's fair housing rights should be protected, and have set up a hotline for those believing they have been discriminated against while seeking housing.

"Housing discrimination hurts everyone, from the victim, real estate agents, banks; it impacts everyone in society," Peoples said. "It's a very egregious act so we're working along with the Department of Justice to be sure we eradicate this form of racism."

The HUD hotline is 800-669-9777. Complaints can also be made on the Internet under the fair housing header at hud.gov.

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