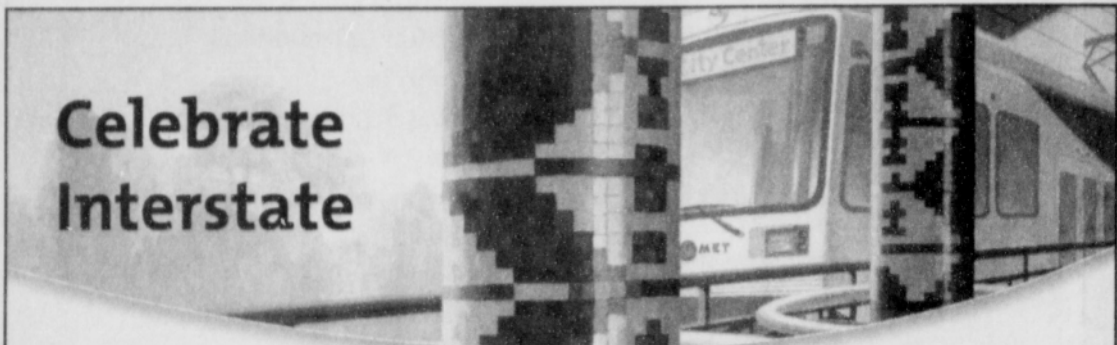




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Graduation to the Sisterhood

Community members turned out April 2 for the Girls in Action for Power graduation ceremony. The group is a leadership program for 11 to 19-year-old girls.



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Interstate MAX Yellow Line represents a new standard in community partnerships for our regional transportation projects.

- Local artists worked closely with neighborhoods to weave their history and culture into the art at each of their 10 new MAX stations.
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Emergency Response Tested

Portland Fire Department crews and TriMet conduct an emergency drill Thursday on the Interstate Max Yellow Line at North Interstate Avenue and Winchell. The simulated accident placed a wrecked vehicle with passengers on the tracks and a train with riders needing to be evacuated. Interstate Max is opening Saturday, May 1 with free rides, entertainment and special events at each new station between the Expo Center and the Rose Quarter.

Jackie Robinson's Daughter to Visit

Saturday events planned in Vancouver, Portland

Sharon Robinson, daughter and biographer of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, will present "Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America" at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd.

The Vancouver branch of the NAACP is partnering with the

library to help promote this free event.

Robinson will make a brief appearance at the Vancouver NAACP membership meeting and reception from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at AME Zion Church, 3605 E. 13th St., Vancouver and at an 11 a.m. book-signing at Reflections Book Store, 446 N.E.

Killingsworth in Portland.

The title of Robinson's Vancouver library presentation is also the title of her latest book, which her publisher, Scholastic Inc., describes as "a warm, intimate portrait of America's sports and civil rights pioneer, told from the unique perspective of a real insider: his only daughter."

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Thursday, April 15 is the deadline to file income taxes. The U.S. Postal Service urges people to mail in their tax returns early, but for those with no time to spare, some post offices throughout Portland will collect and postmark tax returns until midnight on April 15.

The special collection boxes located in front of designated

post offices will be marked with special yellow signs verifying midnight pick-up.

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