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Teen Rescued After Vision

A 17-year-old Seattle girl who survived eight days after her car crashed and tumbled 200 feet down a ravine may have been saved by her own dehydration, which prevented the expansion of a blood clot in her brain, doctors said. Laura Hatch's family had almost given her up for dead, and sheriff's deputies had all but written her off as a runaway. Then she was found, badly hurt and severely dehydrated, but alive and conscious, in the back seat of her crumpled Toyota Camry after a searcher had a vision about where she disappeared.

Many Americans Qualify as Working Poor

One in every five U.S. jobs pays less than a poverty-level wage for a family of four, according to a study by the nonpartisan Working Poor Families Project. The result of so many low-paying jobs is that nearly 39 million Americans, including 20 million children, are members of "low-income working families" - with barely enough money to cover basic needs like housing, groceries and child care, the study found.

Reeve Remembered

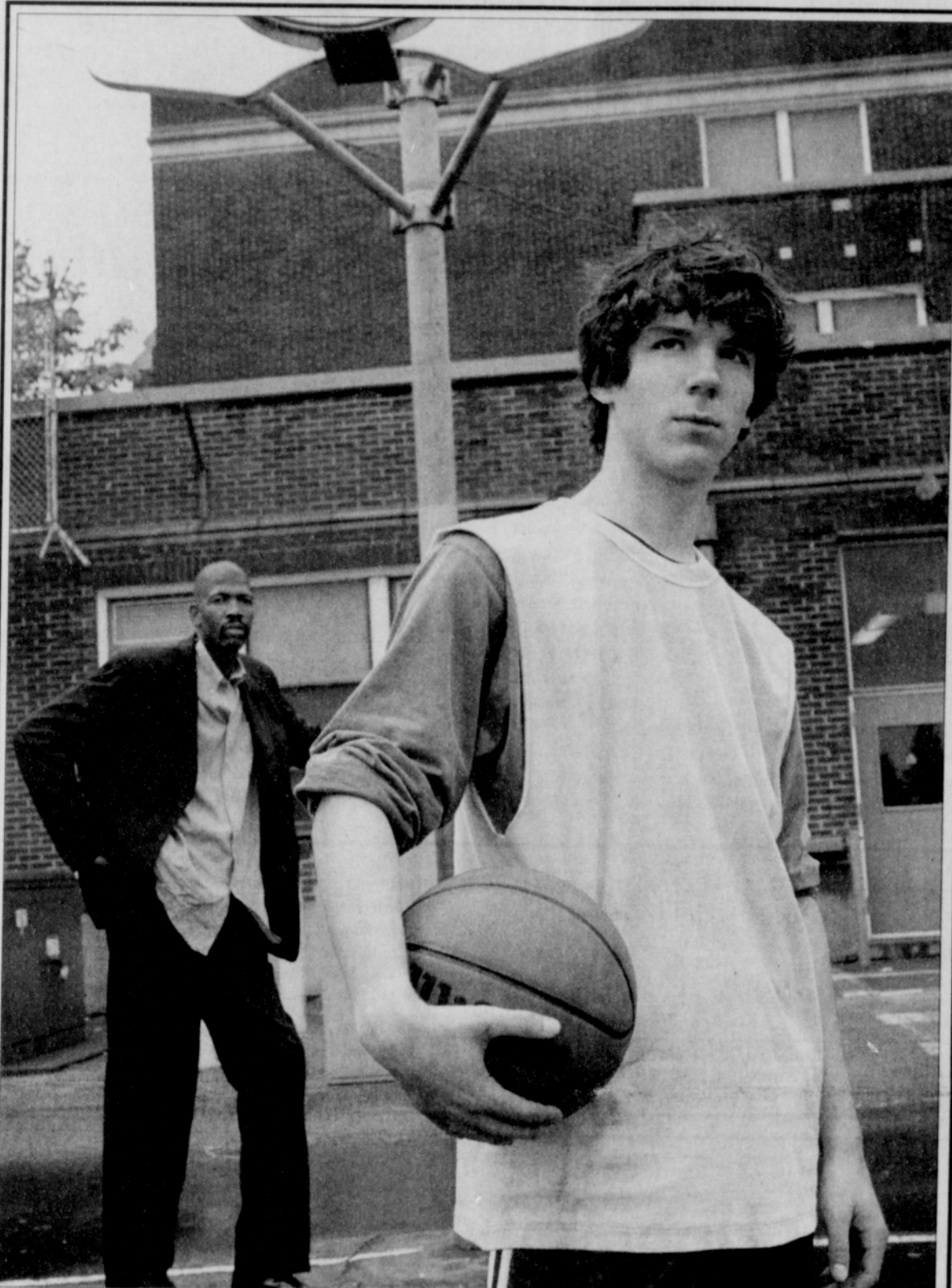
Christopher Reeve often said he wanted to be known for something other than playing Superman. But it was real life - not another movie role - that gave the actor the chance to star in his biggest drama: as a spinal cord injury victim championing research in hope that people like him would someday be able to walk again. Reeves died last Sunday after surviving nine years with a spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed.

Bush Rumor Laughed Off

Campaign aides to President Bush Saturday laughed off rampant Internet speculation about whether the president was wired to get help from advisers during his first debate with Sen. John Kerry. "It's not true. It's ridiculous," Bush campaign spokesman Scott Stanzel said. A still photo from television footage of Bush as he debated Kerry on Sept. 30 in Coral Gables, Fla., appears to show a small, boxy shape between the president's shoulder blades.

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Reexamined

A pro-gay Republican group plans to file a lawsuit asking a federal court to overturn the U.S. government's "don't ask, don't tell" policy covering gays in the military.



It's live theater and live basketball combined when Portland's Michael Harper (left), a former Trail Blazer, and Sam Burns, a Grant High School sophomore and professional Oregon Children's Theater student, star in the production 'The Former One-on-One Basketball Champion.'

PHOTO BY OWEN CAREY

ONE-ON-ONE

Premiere bonds live theater to live basketball

Live theater. Live basketball. One-on-One, person to person, no subs, no refs, no free throws.

Oregon Children's Theatre presents the Oregon premiere of "The Former One-on-One Basketball Champion," Friday, Oct. 15 through Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Winningstad Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway.

The unique production is the story of two lives intricately entwined in a battle to 21 points; fighting for integrity, truth, principles and redemption one shot at a time.

Former Portland Trail Blazer Michael Harper stars in this two-person-play along with Sam Burns, a 15-year-old sophomore at Grant High School and the Oregon's Children's Theatre's Young

Professional student.

The intimate Winningstad forms a theater in the round where a street basketball court dominates - and only a hurricane fence separates the audience's courtside seats from the stark drama unfolding through an onstage game of one-on-one.

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Fourteen-year-old Irving Katz is shooting hoops one day when he comes face-to-face with Irving Allen, a former NBA star who represents the sport he loves and the tragedy he cannot forget.

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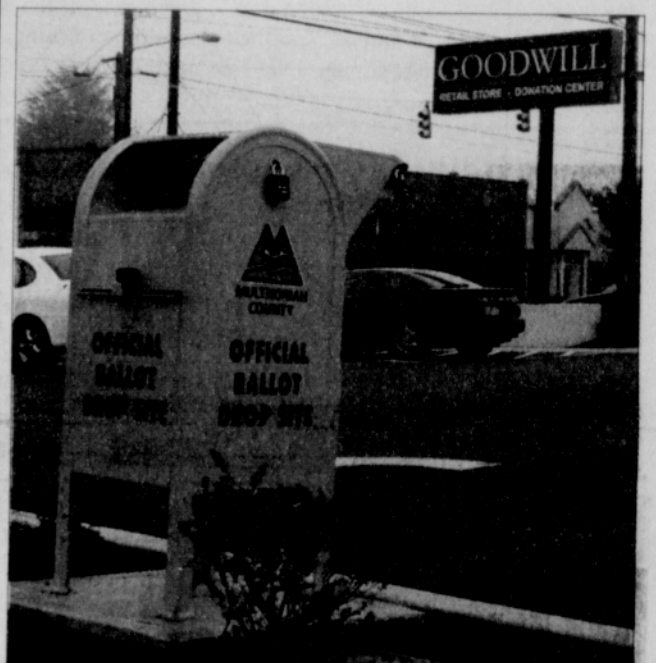
Election Ballots On Way

People of color find a political fit

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
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Ballots in the November General Election will be mailed on Friday and many Portlanders are ready.

At stake are elections for president, mayor and several key ballot measures, including a tax measure for schools and social



An official ballot drop site is added to the Goodwill retail store and donation center at 3134 N. Lombard. Ballots in the November General Election will be mailed to voters on Friday.

services, same-sex marriage and medical marijuana.

But what have political parties done to woo and persuade the minority vote and which party is the best fit for communities of color?

Shirley Minor, a community activist, said that neither mainstream party is as inclusive as it should be, but she has chosen to work with the Multnomah County Democratic Party.

"I'm closer to being a Democrat than another affiliation. I just think on the whole, on a national and state level, I haven't seen very much openness for including black people," said Minor, who is African American.

She said her mission is to get people of color invested in politics by volunteering and supporting candidates who will return their loyalty by supporting issues important to minority Americans.

Job creation is an issue Minor is raising.

"People are having trouble caring for their families, paying their mortgages and just meeting their everyday family needs," she said. "We need to raise a much higher awareness with state and local politicians about job creation."

Jeff Merrick, chairman of the local party, said Democrats protect the rights of minorities.

"It's a good fit because we care about people, whether it's minority people or white people, we care about wage earning people. We're not focused on how do we squeeze more tax

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Flu Vaccine in Short Supply

Experts tout preventive tips

News that as much as half of the nation's flu vaccine supply won't be available this season is prompting Oregon public health

Safeway pharmacist Shazia Zafar delivers a quick and nearly painless flu vaccine to Delores Rider during a clinic at the store on Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard.

officials to recommend that healthy people under 65 forgo vaccination, at least temporarily.

Locally, pharmacist Shazia Zafar, administered flu vaccines last Friday at Safeway on Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard to those meeting strict guidelines.

"We had a really successful clinic today. We gave 150 shots and no one had a bad experience," Zafar said.

Because of recent restrictions, the vaccines at Safeway were administered only to those with chronic medical conditions, resi-

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