



Portland Observer looks back

The Portland Year in

**Streets Hit with Frightful Freeze**  
**Jan. 7, 2004** — Temperatures dip into the dangerously low teens and strong winds blast commuters as an arctic freeze takes grip on the city. Freezing rain disables streets and sidewalks for days.

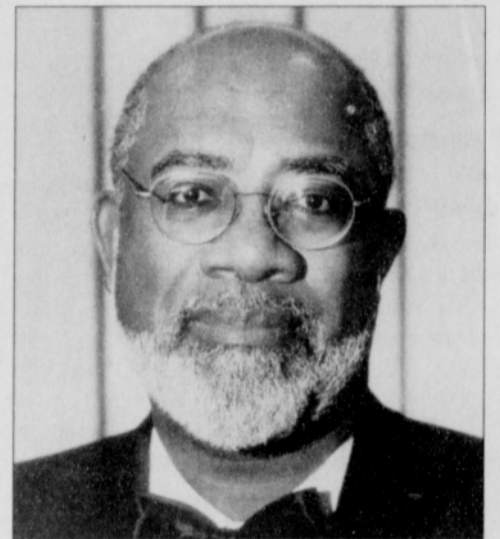


**Another Deadly Traffic Stop**  
**March 31, 2004** — Lela Barnett pauses in disbelief at the site of a deadly confrontation with police that resulted in the death of James Jahar Perez, an unarmed black motorist in St. Johns. His death was less than one year after Kendra James, another unarmed African-American, was shot and killed during a traffic stop.



**Activists Make Call to Mothers:** Feb. 11, 2004 — State Sen. Margaret Carter and John Canda join a chorus of community leaders appealing to local mothers to help stop gun violence by better supervising their children and raising expectations in school. The rally takes place where a 14-year-old girl was innocently shot in the back of the head.

**Crowds Jam New Fred Meyer**  
**Dec. 8, 2004** — The all-new Interstate Fred Meyer opens to extremely heavy crowds and busy cash registers as area residents flock to get re-acquainted with a north and northeast Portland institution.



**Local Judge Leaves Legacy:** Aug. 11, 2004 — Roosevelt Robinson, 62, a local African-American leader, judge and former minister, is dead after a long illness. He is remembered at a public memorial service for his service to the community.

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**Girl Escapes King School Kidnapping**  
**March 24, 2004** — Police officer Ron Cash and Lew Frederick of Portland Public Schools, oversee a boost in security at King Elementary following the abduction of a third grader from a school hallway. She escaped by yelling and kicking the kidnapper after being put in his vehicle.



**All Aboard Interstate Max**  
**April 28, 2004** — TriMet opens its new light-rail system on North Interstate Avenue with free rides along the route in a weekend of festivities.



**Church Dream Realized**  
**June 9, 2004** — Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Church, a mostly African-American congregation founded by Bishop A.A. Wells almost 40 years ago, opens its new \$3.1 million church and learning center at 1033 N. Summer St.

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