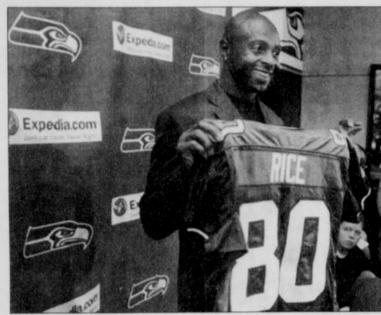
# SPORTS



Jerry Rice shows off his new jersey last October after a trade to Seattle. Friday, the Seahawks released him, fueling speculation that the career of the greatest receiver in NFL history may be

## Seahawks Release Player Jerry Rice

(AP) - Jerry Rice was released than Emmitt Smith, who announced day, perhaps signaling an end to NFL history.

short statement from the team, ing which acquired the 42-year-old season.

"We are grateful to Jerry and Holmgren said in the statement. "He is one of the greatest players wish him nothing but the best."

Rice is the career leader in re- 1989. ceptions with 1,549; total yards with 22,895; and receiving touch- Francisco has been a hot topic in downs with 197, all far ahead of the the Bay Area, but new 49ers coach closest pursuer. He also leads in Mike Nolan has mostly discourtotal touchdowns with 207, 32 more aged such speculation.

by the Seattle Seahawks on Fri- his retirement earlier this month.

Rice indicated after the the career of greatest receiver in Seahawks were eliminated by St. Louis in the playoffs last month The release was announced in a that he still was interested in play-

"I still feel like I have football Rice from Oakland in a trade last left in me, a lot of football in me," he said.

However, it remains to be seen the role he was willing to fill for the whether there is a team who might Seahawks last year," coach Mike be interested in signing a 42-yearold, who began his career with San Francisco in 1985 and was on three in the history of our game and we Super Bowl winners with the 49ers, winning the Super Bowl MVP in

Rice's possible return to San

### Trailblazers Honor African Americans

Three pioneers in the African American medical community were honored at a recent Trail Blazers Game by the team and the Portland Bridge Builders. Dr. Samuel J. Brown Jr., Dr. Walter C. Reynolds, and Dr. Booker T. Lewis, were among those honored last week.

Brown has worked with various dental health programs and has held memberships with the Oregon Society of Dentistry for Children, the Oregon Dental Association and Multnomah Dental Society. He practiced dentistry for 46 years before his retirement in 2001.

Reynolds was the first African American to graduate from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1949. He served for 20 years as a medical examiner and founded the Phil Reynolds Scholarship Fund and the Phil Reynolds Medical Clinic, a private clinic and pharmacy in the heart of Portland's African father.

Multnomah County Republican Cen- American State Bank.



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Three medical pioneers in the African-American community join members of the Portland Bridge Builders during Black History Month ceremonies by the Portland Trail Blazers.

American community, in honor of his tral Committee, the Welfare Advisory Board

All three doctors chose the North Portland and has worked with civil rights organiza- Nurse Practitioners Community Health Clinic as Lewis is a former member of the tions. He was also one of the founders of the recipient of their \$500 awards from the Blazer



The Portland Trailblazers and the Portland Bridge Builders continued their celebration of Black History Month by honoring Lieutenant Colonel Sandra D. Murray, the highest ranking American woman in the Oregon National Guard, at a recent Trail Blazer game.

Murray survived the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, is a Gulf War Veteran, played professional basketball in Europe and was the first girl to play on a boys team at Alabama High School. Murray was presented with a \$500 award, which was donated to the Harriet Tubman School Choir, Women In Action, Jeffries Memorial Christian Church, Oregon Military Museum and the African American Youth Leadership Conference.

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# **Opening Doors to Opportunity**

continued A from Metro the pitfalls at home when she would say, 'Oh, I'll do it later."

Bosovik is originally from Ukraine, and said being a minority only makes her work harder.

"I'm just trying to do the best I can," she said. "In Ukraine, it would be harder to get into college. We came here to have a better education and better ourselves."

Aisha Keita, another senior in the program, is originally from Mali, West Africa. Her family came to the United States four years ago.

"Getting good grades is not just something I have to do - I want to do it," Keita said. "I've very proud of myself because I try my hardest. We have chances here. We want to work as hard as we can to make our dreams come true. ASPIRE really helps.'

Rather than focusing only on high-achieving or "at risk" students, ASPIRE is all-inclusive, for

everyone, even those who haven't were on middle ground and not Family Foundation and Oregon thought about education beyond high school.

A recent study by the Bureau of the Census affirms that college graduates, over their lifetime earn 73 percent more than high school graduates. This figure has increased from approximately 47 percent in

Adults age 18 and over with a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$50,623 a year in 2001, while those with a high school diploma earned \$26,795 and those without a high school diploma averaged \$18,793. Advanced degree-holders made an average of \$72,869 in 2001.

Asians and Pacific Islanders had the highest proportion of college graduates (47 percent), followed by non-Hispanic whites (29 percent), African-Americans (17 percent) and Hispanics (11 percent).

Bethy Hewes, who runs the ASPIRE program at Marshall, said at first, many students at the school

planning on going to college.

The prospects have changed as her mentors reach every senior and junior with information.

Hewes sees education after high school as the fast track to gaining a direction in life.

"Even if they don't work in their field after college, there are so many things they'd be eligible for just because they have a degree," she to have the quality of life they yearn

She finds the average family often doesn't know how accessible college can be.

"They just think, 'We don't have money, we can't do it," she said. Hewes said there is a lot of financial aid to be had if only people

ASPIRE sprouted from four pilot schools in 1998. An AmeriCorps 2001, and assistance from the Ford 1229.

University Systems helped the program bloom like wildflowers. More than 50 schools around Oregon have implemented the ASPIRE program into their campuses.

In Portland, ASPIRE is at Cleveland, Franklin, Grant, Jefferson, Madison, Portland Night and Roosevelt Schools, along with Marshall.

Currently, there are 10 volunsaid. "I want to give them the chance teers at Marshall Campus to help Hewes out. She said there is a need for more volunteers willing to give up a couple of hours a month to meet with students, talk about education possibilities, give them information, help with assignments and more. Training is provided. Ideally, she'd eventually like to see a total of 50 volunteers.

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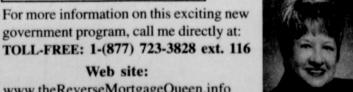
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