

Support Grows for Sudan Boycott

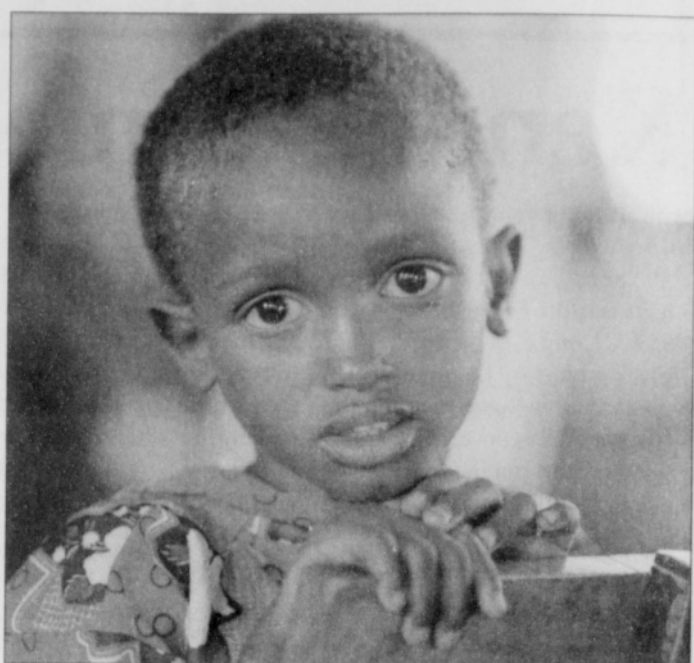
Local senator calls atrocities, genocide unspeakable

Local lawmakers are taking an important look at international affairs. State Sen. Margaret Carter of north and northeast Portland recently introduced Senate Bill 1089, which condemns genocide taking place in Sudan.

Backed by 38 other legislators, the bill would divest all public financial holdings from Oregon in corporations operating in the Sudan and prohibit any public financial investment or ties with the Republic of the Sudan.

"The atrocities are unspeakable," Carter said. "Children and women are being abducted and enslaved. Women and girls are being raped. Children mutilated. Villages are being destroyed. Individuals are being martyred for their faith."

If the bill becomes law, Oregon would



This Sudanese child could be one of the many protected from genocide under pressure from lawmakers around the world, including Oregon.

join a growing vanguard of states divesting from Sudan. Louisiana and Illinois have enacted divestiture laws, and legislation is awaiting the signature of the

Governor in New Jersey. Bills have also been introduced in Massachusetts, California, Indiana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Arizona, Texas and Vermont.

Opening Colleges to Dropouts

Law would expand high school options

High school dropouts would be able to enroll in qualified courses at community colleges and state universities and earn dual high school and college credit, under a bill passed by the State Senate Thursday.

Senate Bill 300, sponsored by Sen. Avel Gordly, was approved on a 29-0 vote.

"This bill creates the Expanded Options Program, which will help Oregon's students obtain the high school and college educations that are necessary for success in today's economy," said Gordly, an African-American lawmaker who represents northeast and southeast Portland.

Under the proposal, students would be able to attend college free of charge, as they are able to attend high school.



Sen. Avel Gordly

The program would be funded from state support for K-12 students, and would only be available to people who have not yet attained a high school degree. Some school districts already pay education costs when their students attend post-secondary institutions.

The bill requires school districts to pay participating students' tuition, fees and other instructional costs (such as textbooks or equipment) required for qualified post-secondary coursework, and directs that schools give priority for program participation under Expanded Options to at-risk students in certain instances.

The bill still requires passage by the House before it goes to the governor.

Saving Jeff

continued from Front

Schools is not even aware of the efforts being made by the men of Audacity. We haven't talked with anyone formally and we don't want to. It's a rebellious act, we don't care much for what the organization thinks."

The plan is to send the profits to the school district under the

stipulation the money goes directly to Jefferson High School for its sole use.

It seems that they are as passionate about clothing design as they are with philanthropy. The Save Jeff High T-shirts will only be available at the clothing store Lifted, located at 2415 N.E. Broadway through July 31.

Community Meetings Discuss Killingsworth Station

The corner of North Killingsworth and Interstate Avenue will be undergoing a bit of a facelift soon in a \$16 million project called Killingsworth Station.

The Portland Development Commission, in partnership with TriMet and Metro, will host two community meetings to gather more input on the transit-oriented, mixed-use plan at 6:30 p.m. on

Wednesday, July 13 and Wednesday, Aug. 10 at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. The forums will offer residents a chance to learn more about the project and voice their support, concerns and other valuable feedback to the project partners.

Killingsworth Station is envisioned to have a mix of 39 new homeownership opportunities, 56

affordable rental housing units, and 12,000 square feet of ground floor retail serving the surrounding neighborhood.

Redevelopment plans for the site highlight its proximity to Portland Community College's Cascade Campus expansion and its role as a centerpiece for the Interstate MAX line. In addition, it is a key connection point for

several transit options, including the 72 bus line that transports riders from Swan Island to Clackamas Town Center, said Jillian Detweiler, TriMet's land development planner.

For more information on the project and the community meetings visit the PDC website at www.pdc.us/interstate or call Leah Greenwood at 503-823-3299.

In the Neighborhood

What's your opinion on the verdict of the Kendra James civil case ruling in favor of Portland police officer Scott McCollister?



I think it was wrong shooting the woman. Even if he was threatened, it was too extreme and too harsh for him to take the gun out.
--Jose Castro, Parent and Oregon Steel Mills employee



The police are getting away with a lot more than they should without any penalties. I realize being a police officer is a difficult job, but that's taking it to an extreme.
--Mark Fechtner, PCC criminal justice student

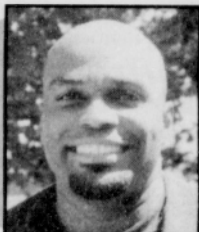
He said it was in self-defense, but he could've done something else to stop her. I'm really upset to hear that the family lost. That just shows that police officers can do what they want to do regardless of ethics. To take her life was unnecessary. To me, he's a criminal.
--Tina Owens, PCC real estate student



Lately, there have been a lot of issues with Portland cops. A lot of people are blinded to racism and cases like hers prove that we have a long way to go. It's just a position of power and sometimes police take advantage of that.
--MacKenzie Leggett, WSU-Vancouver education student



From a family's point of view, they lost a family member. As a police officer, you can get caught up in the heat of the moment. Once a cop pulls you over, you do what he tells you to do. It could've been prevented on her side and on his side.
--Jonathan Brown, PCC criminal justice student



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PCC Hikes Tuition, Fees

Portland Community College is raising tuition by \$2 to \$64 for each credit hour to balance PCC's general fund budget.

College officials said the increase helps restore a \$5 million trust proposed by Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

"The challenge for all of us is trying to balance our budgets

with the uncertainty of state sources, but also staying focused on the future so that when times improve we are ready and able to gear up to take on new opportunities," said PCC District President Preston Pulliams.

The plan also involves raising the student activity fee from \$1.10 to \$1.25 and the technology fee

from \$3 to \$4. The board did not raise tuition for international students, keeping the per credit rate at \$190.

School leaders said cost is roughly \$10 to \$20 less than the cost for international students at Seattle-area colleges, which PCC competes with to attract overseas students.

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