

# Portland Ranks 29<sup>th</sup> Most Liberal City

## Lags behind cities with minority populations

A recent nationwide study showed a direct correlation between a city's political leaning and its racial makeup.

The nonpartisan Bay Area Center for Voting Research ranked the political ideologies of every Ameri-

can city with a population over 100,000, and found Detroit to be the most liberal and Provo, Utah, to be the most conservative.

Portland was ranked 29<sup>th</sup>. "The great political divide in America today is not red vs. blue,

north vs. south, costal vs. interior or even rich vs. poor - it is now clearly black vs. white," said Phil Reiff, a BACVR director.

The ranking for the city of Rose may be surprising to those who assume Portland to be a liberal wonderland.

"There are segments of the Portland community that don't share the majority view. The liberals are loud and proud, but there clearly is a segment that keeps their conservative opinions to themselves but lets it go in the voting booth," said

Jason Alderman, spokesman for the voting research group.

Cities with predominantly large African American populations ended up as the most liberal cities in America, while the cities with the largest Caucasian populations wound up as the most conservative.

A survey of income and economic status indicates that poorer and less educated than average regions also tend to vote for liberal candidates at a higher rate than their conservative counterparts.

"While there are a few liberal

cities without large African American populations, these wind up being the exceptions. College towns like Berkeley and Cambridge have modest black populations but remain bastions of upper middle-class, white, intellectual liberalism. These liberal white communities, however, are more reminiscent of penguins clustering together around a shrinking iceberg than of a vibrant and growing political movement," Reiff said.

The list of America's most liberal cities is dominated by cities with large African American populations that are concentrated in the Northeast, Midwest and California. Con-

versely, the study found that the staunchest conservative cities are clustered in the South and interior West and have extremely low numbers of African American residents.

"Detroit and Provo epitomize America's political, economic and racial polarization," said Janet Kim, a BACVR researcher. "As the most conservative city in America, Provo is overwhelmingly white and solidly middle class. This is in stark contrast to Detroit, which is impoverished, black and the most liberal."

Gary, Ind., a rust belt former steel town, comes in as America's second most liberal city, followed by Berkeley, Calif. which ranks third.



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# No Limit on Gas Prices

## Financial worries grow for many on fixed incomes



Gas prices above \$3 a gallon are found in San Francisco. For the West, the average price of unleaded hit \$2.62 a gallon. (AP photo)

(AP) — The pinch at the pump is starting to feel more like a punch for a growing number of Americans.

With gas prices soaring, almost two-thirds of those surveyed for an AP-AOL poll expect fuel costs will cause them financial hardship in coming months. That was sharply higher than in April, when about half felt that way.

Crude oil prices reached a record high of more than \$66 a barrel Friday. That's almost 50 percent higher than a year ago.

The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline was more than \$2.40 per gallon at week's end,

compared with \$1.86 a year ago and about \$2.21 in April, according to the auto club AAA.

In Portland the average price for unleaded regular was 2.46 per gallon, the highest ever.

The poll conducted for The Associated Press and America Online News found that 64 percent say gas prices will cause money problems for them in the next six months, while 35 percent did not think so. In April, 51 percent expressed concerns about the cost of gas.

Those most likely to be worried about the financial impact are people with low incomes, the unemployed and minorities.

# College Textbook Prices Skyrocket

Textbook prices have been rising an average of 6 percent each year since 1998, twice the rate of annual inflation, according to a new report by the United States Government Accountability Office.

The study also found that text-

books and supplies are a significant college cost, making up 26 percent of tuition and fees for a fulltime student attending a 4-year public institution, 72 percent of the cost for a fulltime student attending a 2-year public institution and 8 percent of the cost

at a 4-year private institution.

The GAO particularly found the practice of "bundling" CD-ROMs and workbooks to textbooks to be a significant factor in the why textbook prices have increased so dramatically. The report also cites a proliferation of new

editions as another factor in textbook price increases.

According to a survey conducted by the California Student Public Interest Research Group, students spend an average of \$898 on textbooks each year.

# Coretta Scott King Hospitalized

(AP) - Coretta Scott King was admitted to a hospital for an unspecified condition Tuesday and was resting comfortably, a hospital official said.

King, 78, the widow of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., went to an emergency room Tuesday morning, Piedmont Hospital spokeswoman Diana Lewis told WXIA-TV.

Lewis didn't elaborate on the reason for the hospitalization.

King has canceled recent public appearances, raising concerns about the health of the civil rights matriarch.

At a ceremony paying tribute to



Coretta Scott King

the King family at the Georgia State Capitol on June 30, her son Martin Luther King III said his mother was "doing well" and was only abiding by her doctor's orders to limit her activities. He refused to give additional details.

The Alabama-born Coretta Scott was studying voice at the New England Conservatory of Music when a friend introduced her to King, a young Baptist minister working toward a Ph.D. at Boston University. They married in 1953.

They had four children, and she was a supportive lieutenant to her husband during the most tumultuous days of the American civil rights movement.

# Farrakhan says Mexican President Right

(AP) - Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan said Mexican President Vicente Fox was right to say that Mexican immigrants take jobs "that not even blacks want."

Although Fox was sharply criticized for his remarks by some black leaders, Farrakhan said Sunday that blacks do not want to go to farms and pick fruit because they already "picked enough cotton."

"Why are you so foolishly sensitive when somebody is telling you the truth?" he asked the crowd at Mercy Memorial Baptist Church. He said blacks and Latinos should form an alliance to correct differences and animosity between the two communities.



Rev. Al Sharpton (from left), U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan at Monday's funeral of Ebony and Jet magazine publisher John H. Johnson. (AP photo)

Civil rights leaders including Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton have called on Fox to apologize for the remark. Fox has said he was commenting on the contributions that Mexicans make to the United States, and did not mean any offense.

# First African American Officer Honored

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Officer Duke remained with the Police Bureau until March 5, 1951, when he returned to the military where he had served in World War II. He became a pilot in the Air Force, eventually retiring as a captain. On June 22, 89-year-old Duke died in Carencro, Louisiana.

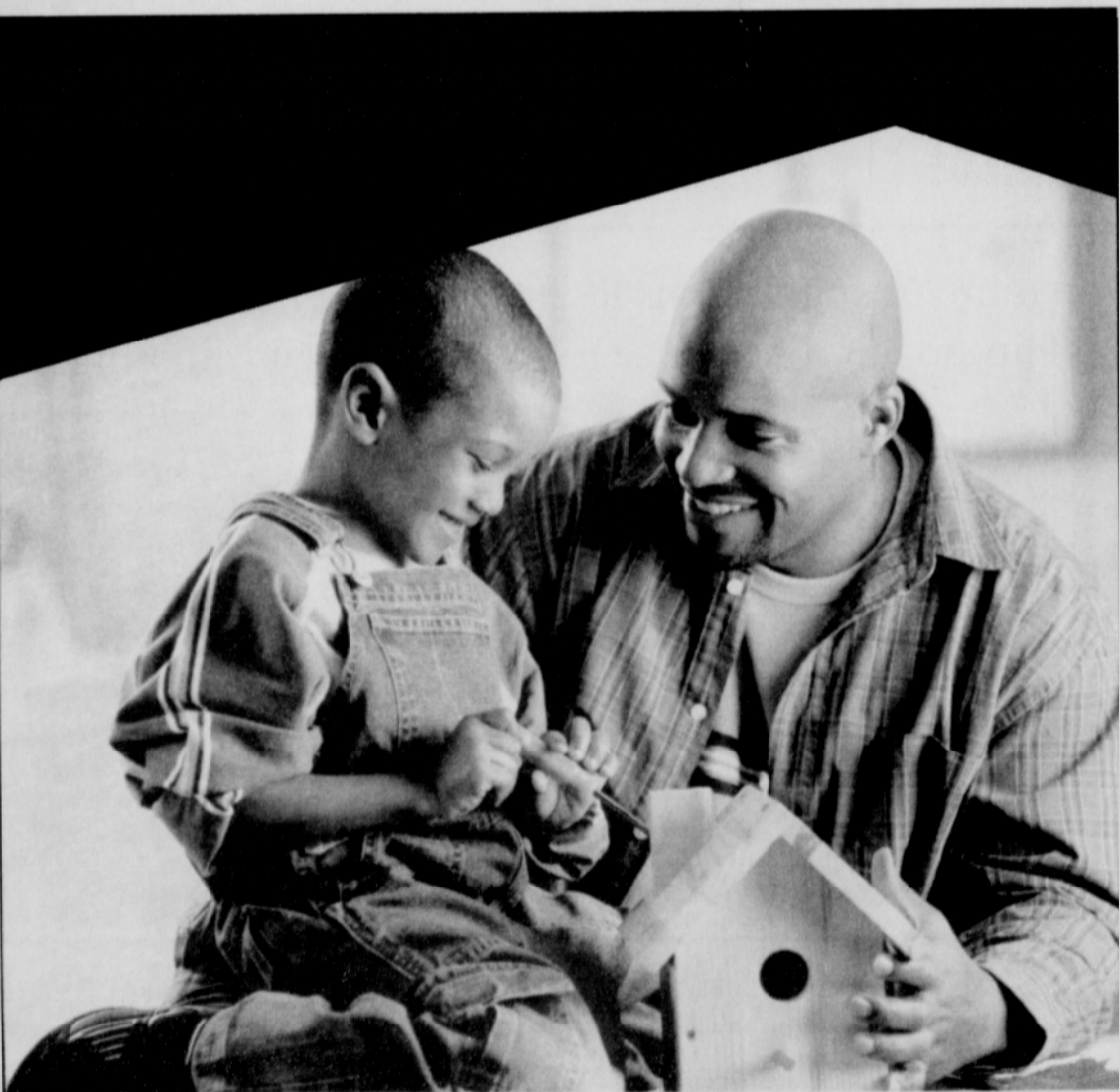
It is chronicled in the Portland Police Museum that Officer Duke's appointment and his first

years were not easy. While he eventually received some level of acceptance in the organization, he was never given opportunities available to his peers. Despite this, he stayed for several years and opened the door to other minority officers, including his two brothers.

"One of the criteria for the Achievement Award is that the nominee is an outstanding role model or mentor for others within the criminal justice profession," Foxworth said. "I

never met Officer Duke, but admire what he did and his willingness to be the first. I believe Officer Duke achieved the stated goal in his original application and performed an invaluable service to this and many other law enforcement organizations by becoming, and for several years remaining, a Portland Police Officer."

Mr. Duke's two daughters, Lolita Burnette and Benita Horn, accepted the award on behalf of their father.



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