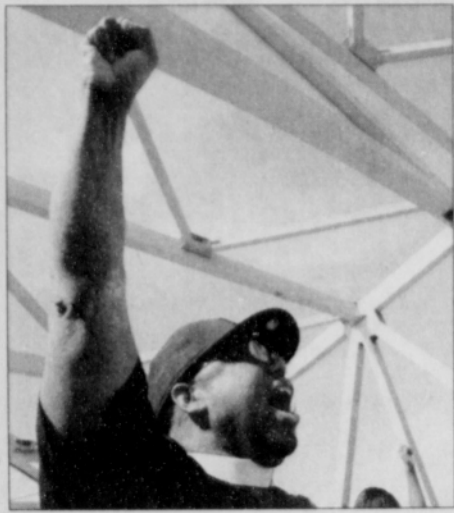


Blocked Bridge Exodus Remembered



The Rev. Lennox Yearwood raises his fist as he walks across the bridge over the Mississippi River under police escort Monday, recreating the thwarted exodus of Hurricane Katrina refugees in New Orleans.



Protesters rally near the center of the bridge across the Mississippi River in New Orleans Monday to mark the attempted exodus from Hurricane Katrina several weeks ago. Survivors of the storm and flooding were blocked from using the bridge during the disaster, a route that would have led them to safety.

(AP) - About 50 protesters on Monday walked across the bridge over the Mississippi River under police escort, recreating the exodus of Hurricane Katrina refugees.

In the days after the deadly storm, residents who could not escape the city and took shelter inside the convention center, along with others who were forced to leave hotels, were told to evacuate by the bridge. But after a 2.5 mile walk in sweltering heat across the bridge they were turned back by armed police from Gretna, La. The Rev. Lennox Yearwood, the march leader, called out as the protesters passed the first exit in the city of Gretna.

"They said we wouldn't do it," he said. "They said we wouldn't do it. We

did it. We did it."

New Orleans police initially told the protesters that they would be arrested if they attempted to cross the bridge, but the police changed their minds and told demonstrators they would be offered safe passage.

Capt. Marlon Defillo, a police spokesman, said police wanted to "allow them an opportunity to voice their opinion."

Many of the protesters were from out-of-town civil rights organizations. Malik Rahim, a resident of the Algiers area in New Orleans, said he was pleased to see the outsiders supporting the march.

"How can you expect people right now from New Orleans, after what they've gone through, come here and participate in a march," he said.

Black Caucus Evaluates Nominee

Judge faces questions on race, equality

The Congressional Black Caucus is requesting a meeting with Bush Supreme Court nominee Judge Samuel Alito to discuss serious concerns about the nominee's approach to equality matters and race issues.

U.S. Rep. Melvin L. Watt, D-N.C., chair of the caucus, is strongly urging all 100 members of the Senate, and especially the 14 Democrats and Republicans who reached an agreement on earlier nominations, to avoid taking a position on Judge Alito's nomination until the



Judge Samuel Alito

progress our country has made over the last 50 years should certainly be concerned, as the members of the CBC are, about Judge Alito's opinions. Many of these opinions have been dissents in race cases, in other matters affecting equal rights and access to the federal courts to vindicate federal rights, in other areas of the law where his decisions have disproportionately affected African Americans and in long settled areas that impact federal jurisdiction and responsibility to protect the public," Watt said.

"We are troubled by what appears to be a very conservative judicial philosophy that seems greatly at odds with much of 20th century constitutional jurisprudence," he further noted.

Senators have had an opportunity to fully review the nominee's judicial interpretations on congressional civil rights legislation and his legislative and constitutional rulings on other discrimination matters.

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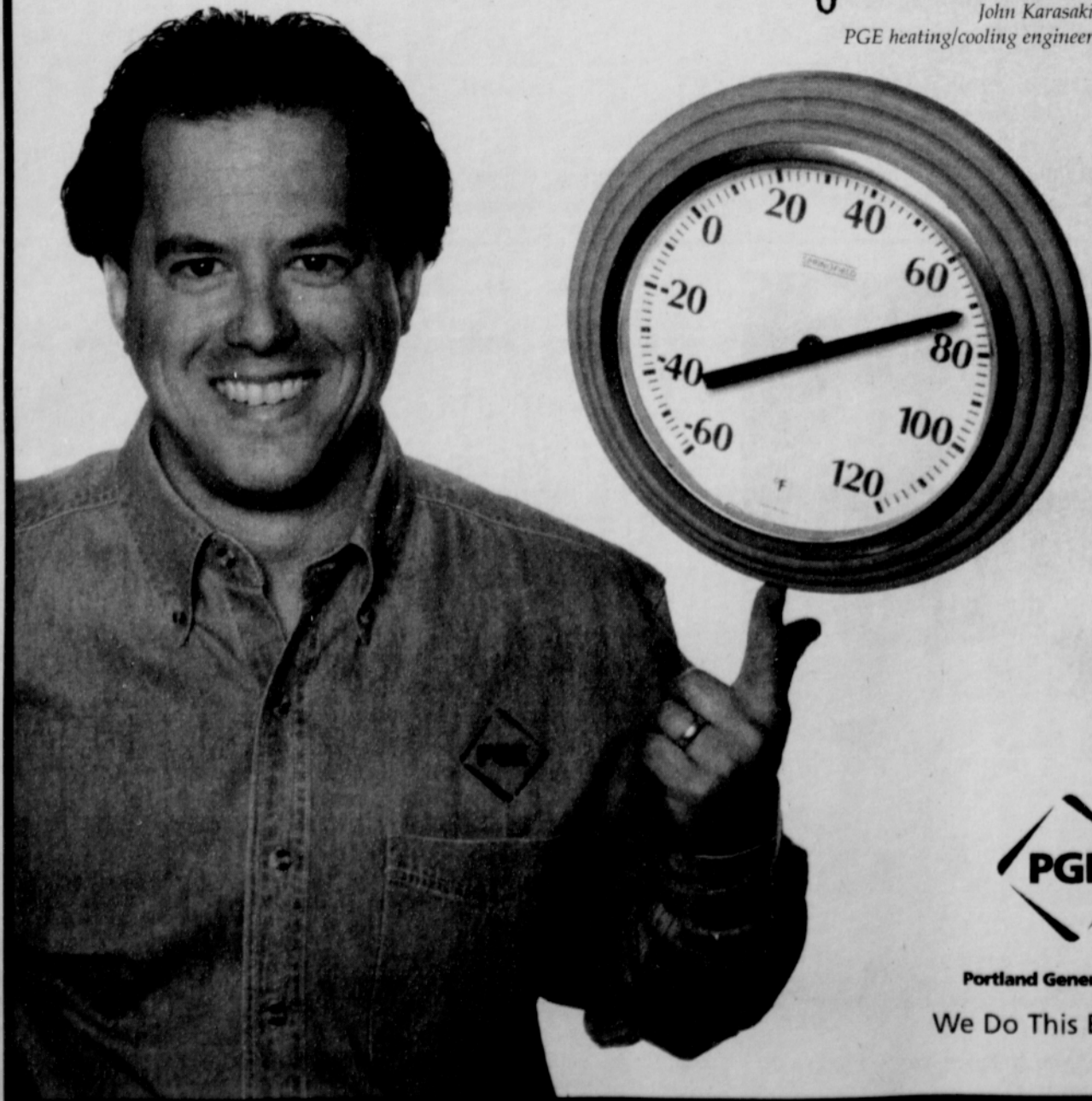
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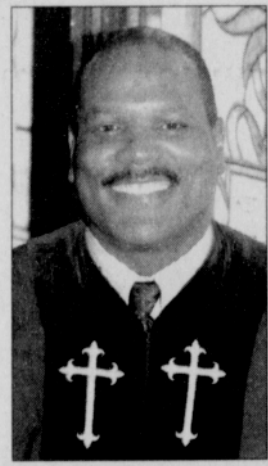
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Civic Leader Accused of Sex Abuse

Matt Hennessee, a pastor, civic leader and recently departed chairman of the Portland Development Commission, also a former Nike executive, is currently under a cloud due to allegations of criminal behavior uncovered by The Oregonian.



Matt Hennessee

The pastor sees the sex abuse allegations towards him as a matter of misrepresentation. Members of his congregation at the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church in north Portland support him despite the news published last Friday and Tuesday.

The board of Matt Hennessee's

company, Quiktrak, a Beaverton-based inventory auditing company, voted to suspend Hennessee after the news broke. Hennessee has helped the company triple its revenues since he arrived in 1999, and the company's founders said earlier this year that he fostered a warm and open atmosphere.

However, The Oregonian reported that there were e-mails from a female relative of Hennessee that he sent to her in January 2003 in which he apologizes for sexually abusing her as a teenager more than 10 years ago.



Bob Chaney (seated) is joined by his wife, Frances Chaney; son-in-law, Steve West; and daughter, Carolyn West; as they hold a ceremonial \$340 million Powerball check at the Oregon Lottery Commission in Salem Tuesday. (AP photo)

Families Claim \$340 Million Second biggest jackpot in history

(AP) - Two Oregon couples came forward Tuesday to claim the second-biggest jackpot in U.S. lottery history: \$340 million.

Lottery officials confirmed that Steve West, his wife, Carolyn, and his in-laws, Bob and Frances Chaney, held the winning ticket in Oct. 19 Powerball drawing. The two couples had gone in together on \$40 worth of tickets.

They arrived at lottery headquarters to have the ticket verified and

decide whether they wanted the money in an after-tax lump sum of \$110 million, or 30 annual installments of about \$7.6 million.

They will split the jackpot, lottery spokesman Chuck Baumann said.

All four live in Southern Oregon. Two days after the drawing, Steve West went on television to claim he and his relatives had the winning ticket. But it was up to the lottery to verify the claim.