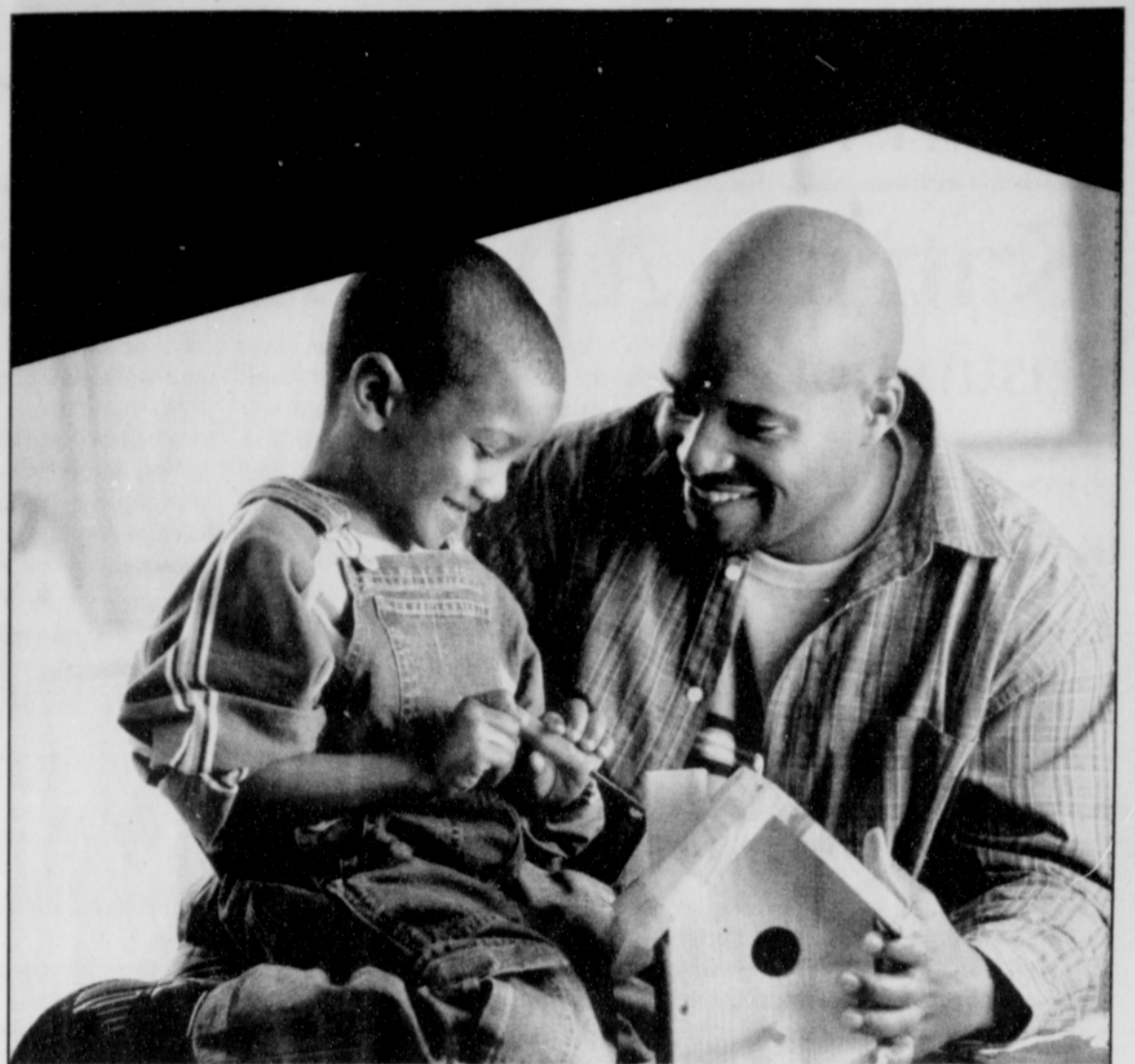


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Church Serves Holiday Meals

Highland Church in northeast Portland hosted its 35th annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner Saturday, serving over 850 meals to a variety of people in need, from the homeless, homebound to the hungry. Also, more than 100 people were fed at the Rosemont retirement housing complex and another 100 at Unthank Plaza. Lavern Martin (pictured from left), Robert McDonald, Ron Williams, Vera Watson and Ferri Williams represented the many volunteers who gave their time to deliver food for the event.



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TriMet Honors Rosa Parks Legacy

TriMet, the Albina Ministerial Alliance and the community will remember Rosa Parks and the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott on Thursday, Dec 1 at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Temple Church, 1032 N. Sumner St.

At noon, TriMet buses will briefly stop to observe a moment of silence for Rosa Parks who died last month at the age of 92.

Bus operators will explain the purpose of the moment of silence in order to raise awareness of the civil

rights leader.

When Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man 50 years ago, her courage gave face to a movement that would forever change our society and institutions. Her heroic act sparked the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott and for 381 days blacks, who made up the majority of bus riders in the city, refused to ride.

By saying "no" to inequality, Parks said "no" to the discrimination of black Americans through

segregation that included separate drinking fountains, restrooms, schools and more.

The AMA and TriMet are co-sponsoring the Ride for Rosa day on Dec. 1 as a way to honor Parks' legacy.

For more information, go to www.trimet.org/rosa to see historical photos or ride a TriMet bus on Dec. 1 to learn more about Rosa Parks, the boycott and the civil rights movement.

Airport Ready for Holiday Travel

With nearly 2 million passengers expected to travel through Portland International Airport this holiday season, Port of Portland officials predict 2005 will close as the busiest year in the airport's history.

In the week surrounding Thanksgiving, an estimated 313,000 passengers will travel through PDX—a 4 percent increase over 2004. The busiest holiday period, Dec. 16-

Jan. 3, should see approximately 791,000 passengers traveling through PDX.

New additions to the airport will help make traveling easier this year. A concourse connector means that travelers can now use either security checkpoint to get to any gate in the airport, saving them time in many cases.

The Port is experimenting with a new cell phone waiting through

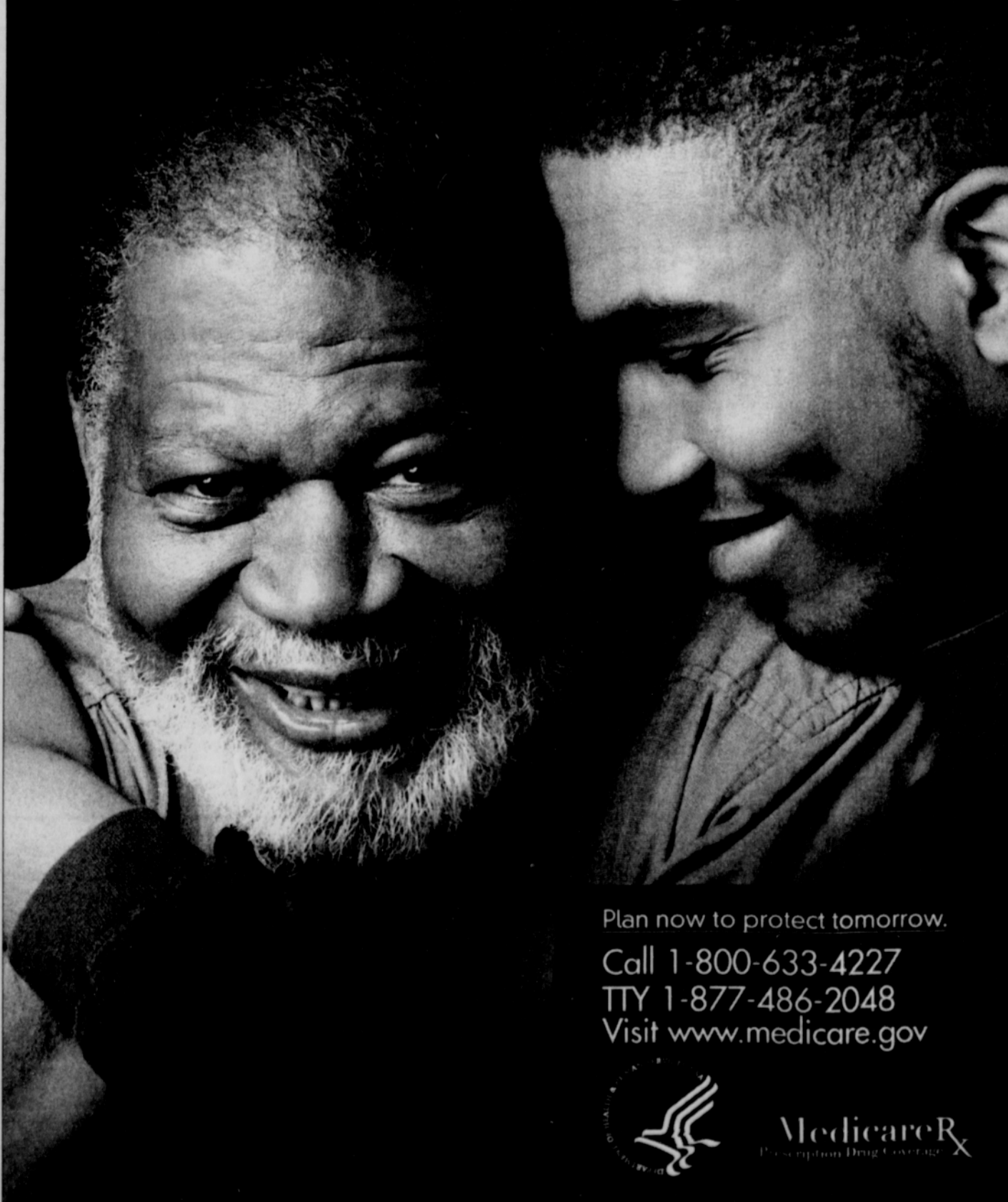
Nov. 29. Motorists can park in the special parking lot, wait for a call from loved ones announcing their arrival, and then quickly pull up to the airport terminal to pick-up travelers.

Travelers can also use credit cards to make quick entries into and speedy exits out of all PDX parking facilities. The PDX parking garage, long-term parking lot, and economy lots should have ample parking.

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