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Benson Student Crowned

Kelci Rae Alberti-Flowers is the new Miss Oregon Teen USA
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Pilot Women are Champions

The No. 1 University of Portland Pilots shutout UCLA in College Cup final
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Week in The Review

Torturing Called Justified

Most Americans and a majority of people in Britain, France and South Korea say torturing terrorism suspects is justified at least in rare instances, according to AP-Ipsos polling. Most people opposed torture under any circumstances in Spain and Italy.

Plane Slams Into Building

A plane loaded with Iranian journalists slammed into a 10-story apartment building in Iran Tuesday, as the pilot attempted an emergency landing after developing engine trouble. At least 128 people were killed including 34 on the ground.

Marine Pilot Rescued

The pilot of a Marine Harrier jet that crashed Tuesday off the coast of St. Augustine, Fla. was rescued by a Coast Guard boat. The Harrier crashed about 9:20 a.m. and the pilot was rescued about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, a Coast Guard spokesman said.

FEMA Response Broken

Facing a growing body count and shortages of food, water and ice, federal emergency officials knew their response system had been shattered by Hurricane Katrina and were unable to provide fast help even obvious needs, new documents of the Aug. 29 storm reveal.

DeLay Charges Upheld

U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, could face a trial early next year now that a judge has refused to throw out money-laundering allegations against the former House majority leader.

Race Riot Suit Settled

The children and sisters of a Lillie Belle Allen, a black woman who was killed during race riots in the central city of Pennsylvania 36 years ago will share in a \$2 million settlement, city officials announced Tuesday.

Food Wagon Ban Wanted

Citing health concerns, the city of Nashville, Tenn. is considering a ban on the food wagons that dot busy streets in immigrant neighborhoods. But critics say the proposed ban has more to do with cultural differences than health.

Professor Attacked

A Kansas college professor, whose planned course on creationism and intelligent design was canceled after he derided Christian conservatives, said two men along a rural road beat him early Monday.



Hasan Davis portrays York, the only African-American member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804, at the Corps of Discovery II Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail touring exhibit at Fort Vancouver.

Lewis and Clark's 'York'

'Tent of Many Voices' rooted in many cultures

Fort Vancouver's National Historic Reserve is telling the story of York, the slave and only African-American member of the

Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804, as part of the touring exhibit Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future.

York and tribal stories from across the Lewis and Clark Trail is a multicultural focus to the exhibit's two-week stop in Vancouver. The event with actors portraying America's early explorers and native peoples is drawing thousands of people to the Historic Reserve, including hundreds of school children each day. The exhibit is free and open

to the public through Sunday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Little is known still today of all of York's contributions to the trek by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the white explorers dispatched by President Thomas Jefferson to find a passage across the continent to the Pacific Ocean.

A play written for the exhibit by Spokane, Wash. actor David Casteal, and co writer Bryan Harnetiaux explores York's life from

childhood through the expedition years and beyond.

Expedition re-enactors and several programs put a special focus on the histories of Coastal, Columbia River and Columbia Plateau nations in the exhibit's "Tent of Many Voice." Programs about the landscapes of the trail from conservation groups and other state and federal agencies are also included.

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Call to Action on Health

Local leaders want disparities narrowed

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The Multnomah County Health Department led by Lillian Shirley and Sen. Avel Gordly, held a healthcare disparities briefing with U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore. at Emmanuel Temple Church in north Portland, urging him to support legislation to narrow the health care gap between majority and minority populations.

A consensus at the Nov. 30 meeting concluded that racial and ethnic health disparities in the delivery of healthcare services result from a variety of sources and that the government must commit financially to narrowing the gap.

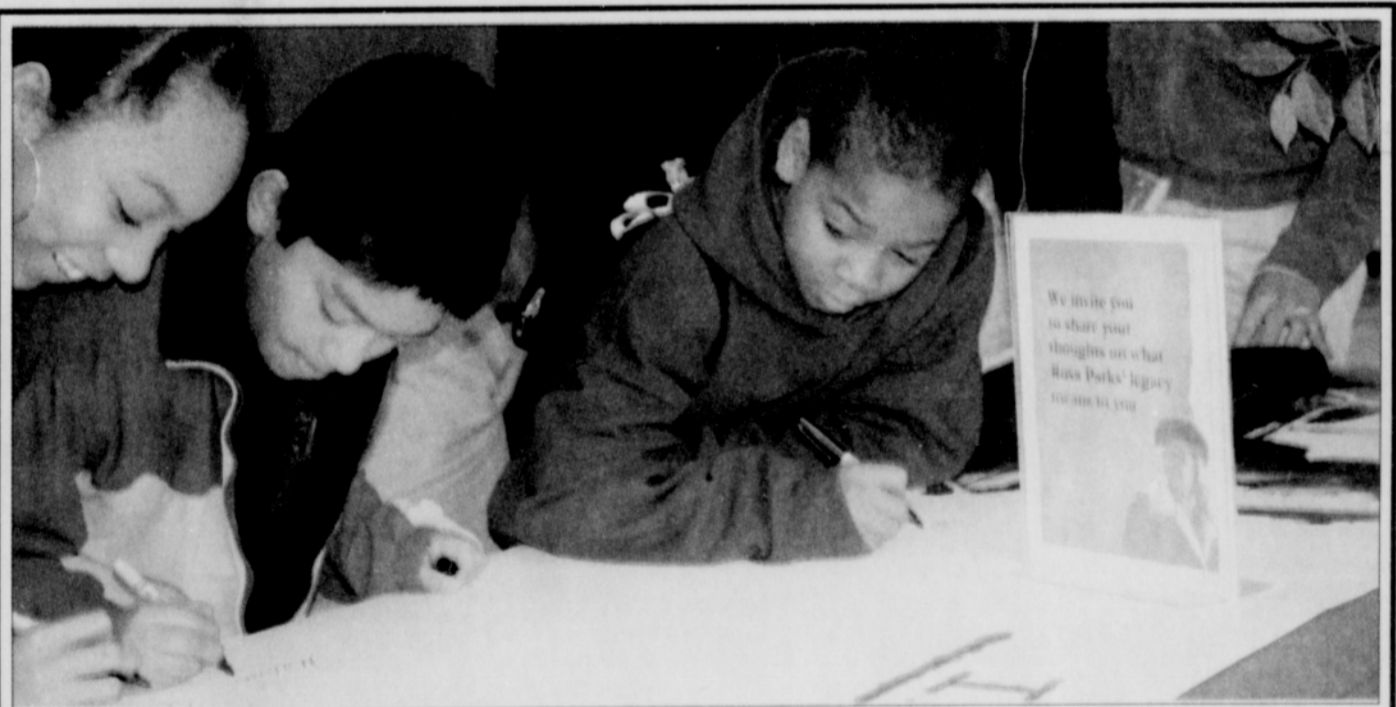
The differences were blamed on such factors as lower income, inequities in social and physical environments of certain populations, differences in health risk behaviors and limited access to quality healthcare services.

Also in the view of many researchers, racism and discrimination, both current and past, are thought to be the underlying causes of the inequities, said Dr. Norwood-Knight of Oregon Health and Sciences University.

He said African Americans would be more at ease if they were dealing with one of their own.

"Due to the history of this country, there is a lack of trust in the care they might receive

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Students from north Portland's Self Enhancement Middle School sign their names to a poster recognizing Rosa Parks as the mother of the modern Civil Rights movement.

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Moment of Silence for Rosa Parks

Portland's TriMet buses paused briefly Thursday for a moment of silence dedicated to Rosa Parks' memory after her recent death and the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott.

The civil rights activist is considered the mother of the modern civil rights movement for fighting segregation in the United States by refusing to give up her seat in a public bus sectioned off in reserve for white passengers only.

Her courage sparked a bus boycott that lasted for 381 days in a Montgomery, Ala. bus system made up of majority black riders who refused to ride.

"By saying 'no' to inequity, Parks said 'no' to discrimination of black Americans through segregation that included separate drinking fountains, restrooms and schools, TriMet official said.

The local transit agency and the com-



TriMet Bus Drivers Alberta Phillips and Jean Brown attend Portland's memorial for Rosa Parks on the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott.

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