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## Week in The Review

### Blow to Bonds

A new book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters alleges homerun hitter Barry Bonds used a vast array of performance-enhancing drugs for at least five seasons beginning in 1998. "I won't even look at it," Bonds said Tuesday of the book "Game of Shadows."

### Kirby Puckett Remembered



Kirby Puckett, the beloved Hall of Famer who carried the Minnesota Twins to two World Series titles before his career was cut short by glaucoma, died Monday after a stroke. He was 45. See story, page A2.

### Rap Song Voted Best

After one of the most exciting performances for a best song in Academy Awards history, the rap group Three 6 Mafia was awarded the Oscar Sunday for "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" from the movie "Hustle & Flow." See story, page A7.



### Reeve Widow Dead at 44

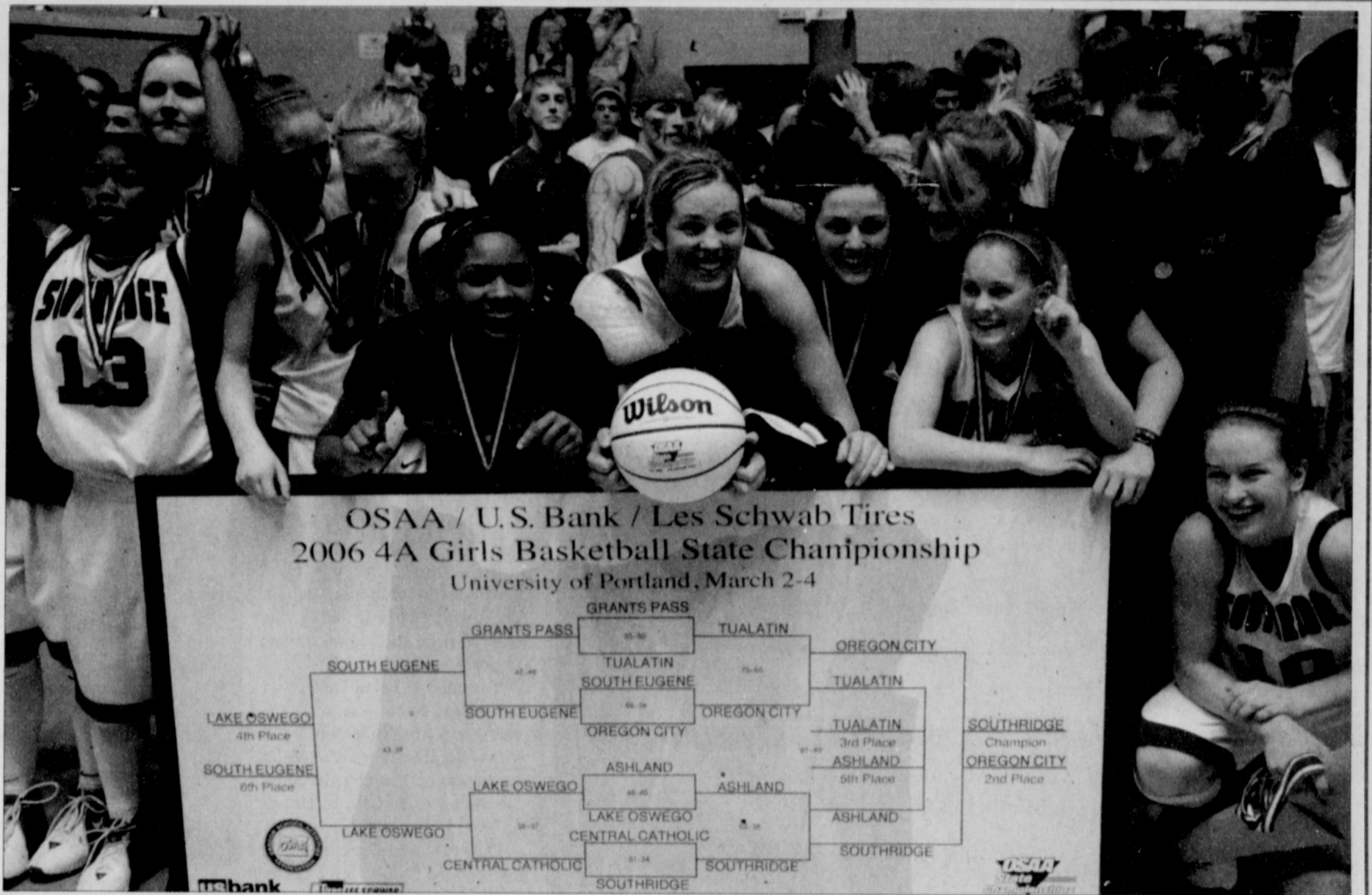
Dana Reeve, who won worldwide admiration for her devotion to her "Superman" husband, Christopher Reeve, through his decade of near-total paralysis, has died of lung cancer at the age of 44. While she wasn't a smoker, she announced in August that she had been diagnosed with the disease.

### Bush Team Warns Iran

Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice both warned of dire consequences if Iran continued its nuclear fuel enrichment Tuesday, while Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld claimed that Iranian Revolutionary Guard elements had infiltrated Iraq to cause trouble.

### New Orleans Homes Fall

Demolition of homes in New Orleans began Monday, six months after Hurricane Katrina destroyed thousands of properties. Dogs trained to find bodies will search the sites as houses are disassembled. The official death toll directly related to the storm in Louisiana is 1,080.



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University of Portland, March 2-4

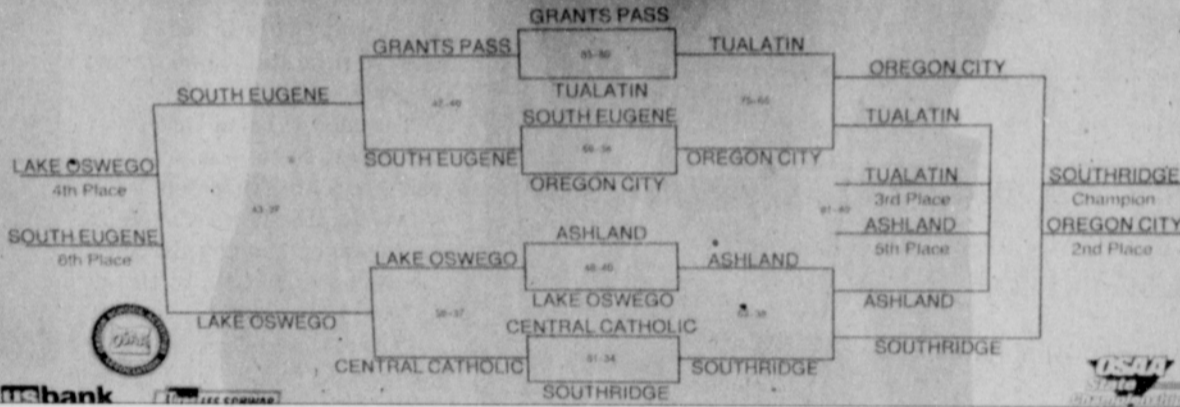


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## March Madness

Southridge High School of Beaverton celebrates a basketball championship Saturday at the University of Portland. The Skyhawks also won back-to-back 4A titles with the 55-46 win over Oregon City. For more about the game, the upcoming Boys 4A championship, and the Portland's Observer's All-Star selections, see page A8.

## In Portland, Bikes Are Here To Stay

### Cyclists shift into mainstream culture

BY SARAH BLOUNT  
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Frightening gas prices and the formidable freeways have helped pull bike commuters off of the fringe of society, but those who ride daily know cycling is more than a just a fuel and gridlock alternative.

Portland is just shy of becoming the nation's official bike capital. The groundwork for that distinction was laid years ago, under the leadership of bike advocates like Congressman Earl Blumenauer, a former city commissioner and state representative who to this day continues to advance Oregon's cycling culture.

It used to be that biking instead of driving to work was novel and those who rode everywhere in lieu of a car were, well, weird.

Not anymore. The city has paved nearly 200 bike lanes and each year Portland attracts more two-wheeled commuters.

The bike scene here is smoking and city officials are not only joining the party, they're bringing the chips and beer.

"There's a riot of things the city is doing," city staffer Linda Ginenthal said.

Ginenthal is the outreach and education manager of the city's "Transportation Options Division." The agency, with a staff of 10, presents the community with alternatives to single occupancy vehicle trips. Each year they single out a "hub" of the city and launch a campaign to get people walking,



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Transportation to work is a bicycle for Fredy Sierra who crosses the Broadway Bridge to downtown. The Broadway is one of the city's safest bridges to cross, with wide sidewalks on both sides.

cycling and using Tri-Met. Northeast Portland is the city's focus in 2006. Beginning in April, 24,000 northeast households will receive mailers, inviting them

to get outside and discover their city. Readers will learn about a range of free programs, clinics, bike rides and bike kits, all compliments of the city.

The city is spending around \$550,000 on the project. Ginenthal said past work in

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## Hip Hop Generation Stepping Up

### Young activist leads new fight

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Americans are legally protected against discrimination, but you don't have to look far to spot racism in it various, subtle forms in laws and public policy.

With a belief that the devil is indeed in the details, 28-year-old Karanja Crews is a young man who leads the fight against racial inequity like a chess match with calculation, wit and keen anticipation.

With the drive to see his generation move ahead of institutional racism and bridge the gap between the civil rights and hip-hop generations, Crews is laying the ground-

work for a teen summit for Portland high school students this spring.

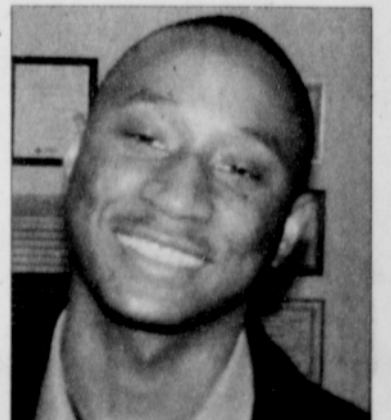
He will host a public informational meeting on the plans on Monday, March 13 at 5 p.m. at Reflections Coffee Shop, 446 N.E. Killingsworth Ave.

Crews' inspiration comes from and local heroes like national Head Start leader Ronald Herndon of Portland, who fought his own

generation's fight by storming public meetings and marching in the streets.

Crews is turning the page by recruiting his own generation to action in efforts to escape the injustices of economic disparities. Personally, he's building a solid base as an entrepreneur with his

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Karanja Crews