

# Sun Powers New Rosa Parks School

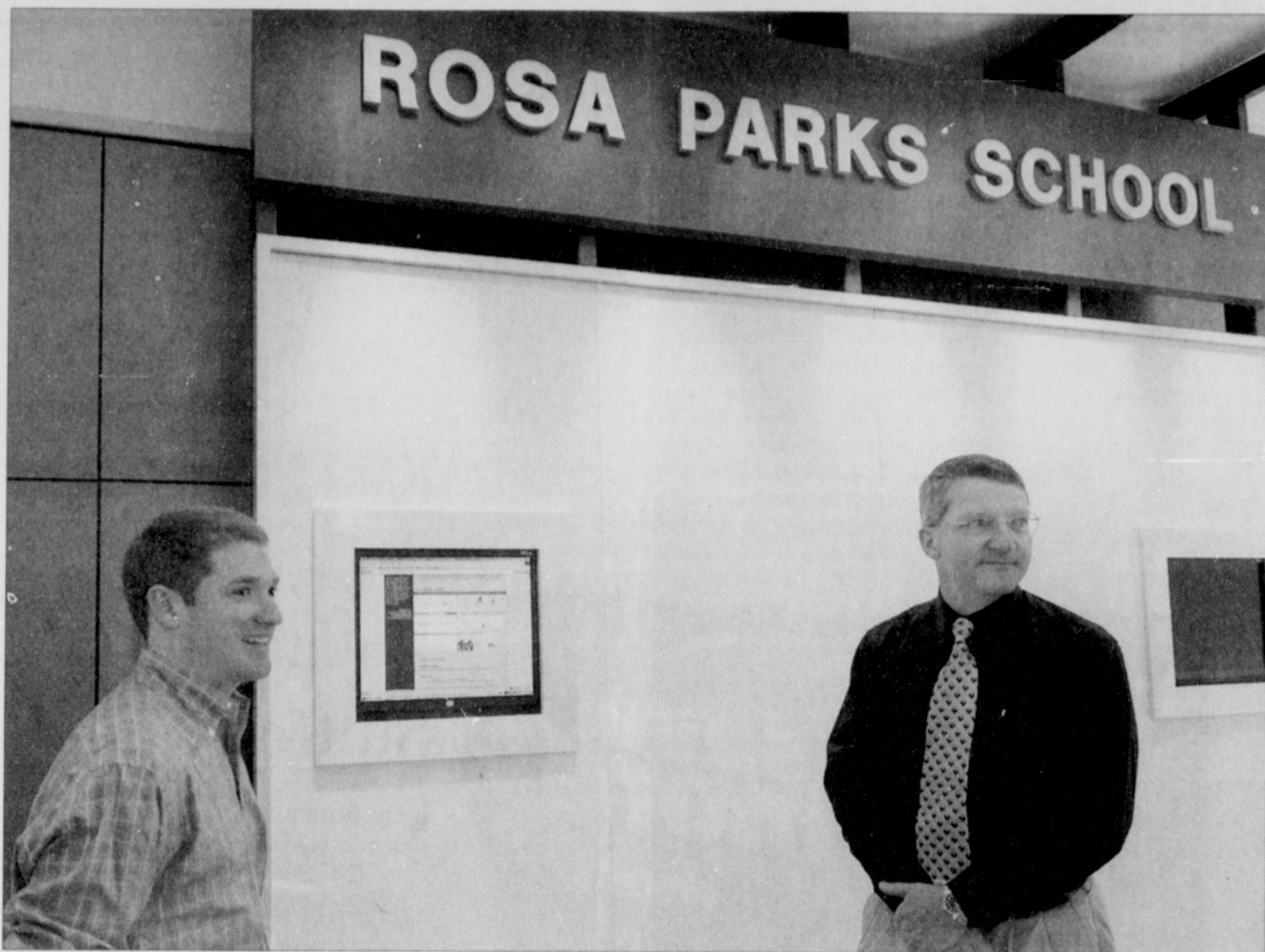
Also functions as learning resource

The sun is helping power Portland's newest elementary school and a Habitat for Humanity house in the New Columbia neighborhood thanks to a public and private partnership.

Rosa Parks Elementary School, 8960 N. Woolsey Ave., and the recently completed Salazar family Habitat for Humanity house at 8908 N. Dwight Ave., have each received solar panel arrays funded by a partnership of Portland General Electric (PGE), Energy Trust of Oregon and The Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF).

The new homeowners in the Habitat house have a son who just started first grade at Rosa Parks.

"I think all of the partners involved are excited by the opportunity to be part of this effort, both to support the community and demonstrate the value and benefits of renewable energy," said Bruce Barney, PGE project manager for customer energy resources. "PGE customers lead the nation in enrollment in renewable power programs, and this is one way we can reinforce the importance of their commitment to protecting the environment and building a sustainable energy future for our region."



Bryce Smith of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation (left) and Bruce Barney of Portland General Electric help Rosa Parks Elementary students and visitors learn about the school's solar power generation. The information kiosk behind them provides real-time power generation data as well as information about past performance.

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The solar arrays are each rated to produce 1.1 kilowatts (kW) of electricity and will each offset about 1,400 pounds of carbon dioxide annually. A 1.1 kW system typically costs \$10,000 in the Portland area before federal and state tax credits and Energy Trust incentives are applied. After tax credits and incentives, a homeowner's cost could be as little as \$2,225.

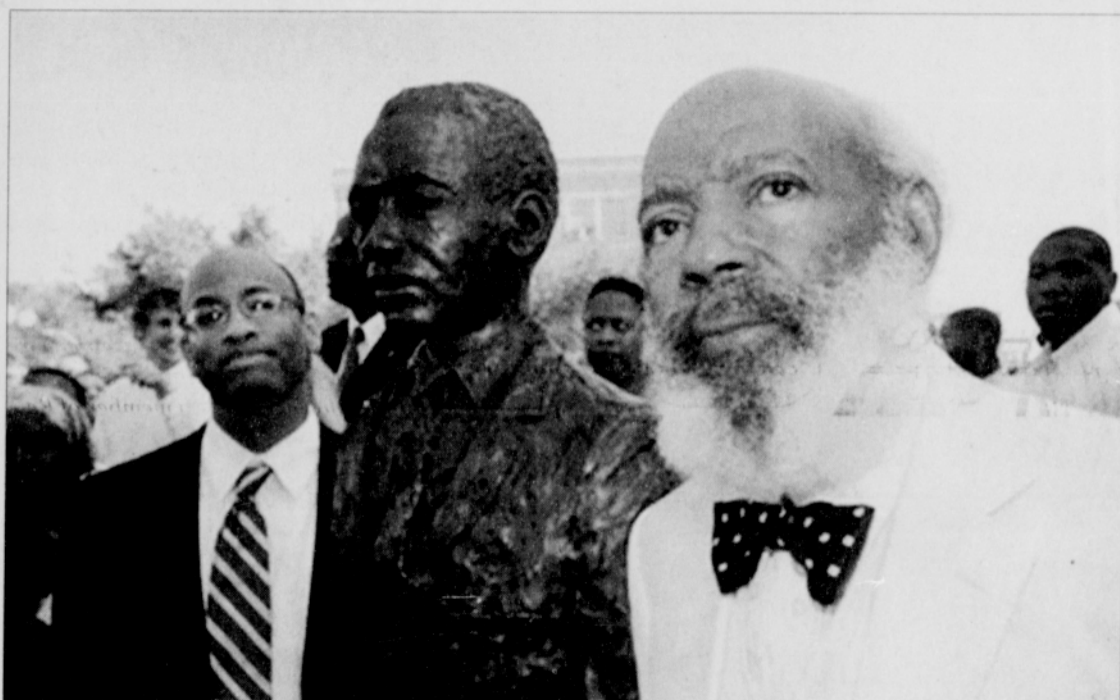
The Habitat for Humanity house built for the Salazar family is the first Habitat dwelling in Portland to have a solar array installed. The Salazars have two children: a 3-year-old daughter and a 6-year-old son.

The solar electric system on the house will generate about one-third of the family's yearly electricity usage.

Rosa Parks Elementary School opened on Sept. 6, and serves grades K-6. The school is participating in the Solar 4R Schools program, which provides students with a "hands-on" education about the features and benefits of solar energy. There is no cost to the school for the solar panels or for the accompanying Solar 4R Schools educational materials.

A Web-based curriculum package provides real-time data on the panels' electrical output under varying exposure to the sun. An interactive kiosk in the school's lobby allows students and visitors to monitor and learn about the project.

## Student Who Broke Color Barrier Cast in Bronze



James Meredith (right) and his son, Dr. Joseph Meredith, flank a bronze statue likeness of the elder Meredith, at Sunday's dedication of a civil rights memorial.

state today because of James Meredith, and this is a much better university," said Freeman, a Mississippi resident. "Thank you, Mr. Meredith."

Lewis brought the crowd to its feet by recounting his childhood

and his time as a national organizer of civil rights activities, including the historic March on Washington in 1963.

Lewis, who was beaten by a mob in Alabama in 1961, praised Meredith and university leaders for

fostering acceptance and equal access.

"This is a monument to the power of peace to overcome violence," he said. "And it is a monu-

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### ODOT LAUNCHES SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Record levels of highway and bridge construction in Oregon are creating more opportunities for Oregon businesses.

The Oregon Department of Transportation's Small Business Initiative is an ongoing series of activities to increase economic opportunities for Oregon's small businesses. As part of that effort, ODOT is launching a Small Contracting Pilot Program to increase the number of small professional and technical services firms that are awarded ODOT contracts.

A simplified process will pre-qualify firms to participate in the pilot program and have the opportunity to be selected as prime contractors for ODOT contracts valued at \$75,000 or less.

Beginning Oct. 2, a Request for Qualifications to participate in the pilot program will be posted on ORPIN, the Oregon Procurement Information Network web site.

**Access the RFQ**  
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### Civil Rights monument at Ole Miss

(AP) -- The University of Mississippi marked the 44th anniversary of its integration Sunday by dedicating a civil rights monument at a ceremony attended by politicians, actor Morgan Freeman and the student, now 73,

who started it all.

The monument features a life-size bronze likeness of James Meredith, the first black student admitted to the university. The statue is posed as if it is striding toward a 17-foot-tall limestone portal topped with the words "courage," "perseverance," "opportunity" and "knowledge."

"This is a day to rejoice," said U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat, who delivered the key-

note address to about 1,500 people who attended. "With the unveiling of this monument, we free ourselves from the chains of a difficult past. Today we can celebrate a new day, a new beginning, the birth of a new South and a new America that is more free, more fair and more just than ever before."

Meredith, who lives in Jackson, attended the ceremony but was not a speaker.

"Mississippi is a much better

### Age Discrimination

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has filed a federal age discrimination suit against Gresham Nissan.

The federal agency claims that Gresham Nissan harassed Jeffrey Goetz, a former used car sales manager, based on his age, and failed to take any remedial action to stop the harassment.

EEOC also claims the employer retaliated against Goetz after he complained by demoting him to a non-supervisory position which had more onerous job duties and which would have paid him substantially less. These actions

caused Goetz's "constructive discharge," meaning that he felt he had no choice but to resign. EEOC officials said.

According to William R. Tamayo, Regional Attorney for the EEOC, "Companies that permit the kind of age harassment that occurred in this case without taking prompt remedial action to stop it violate the law. This case is especially troubling because of the apparent retaliation the company engaged in after the older employee exercised his federally protected right to complain about the unlawful harassment."

### Native American Culture Celebrated

The third annual Kanawaksooma (Quiet Thunder) Celebration is coming to the Mt. Hood Community College Gresham gymnasium on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Sponsored by the school's Native American Club and Bow & Arrow Culture Club, this free 12-hour pow-wow offers authentic music, dance, crafts, food and entertainment for the whole fam-

ily. The grant entry ceremonies will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Harold Paul will perform the emcee duties and the Rainy Creek Singers from Warm Springs will be the host drum. This year the Circle of Hope organization for surviving Native American cancer patients stepped up to assist Chako Kuntux with free salmon.

## NEW SEASONS MARKET

When it rains.. IT SPORES!

We're in the heart of mushroom season and there's a real bounty available. Some hearty souls are tromping through the coast range with their identification books searching for those little treasures. An alternative for less adventurous (or busier) mushroom lovers, is to visit us this weekend. Explore Northwest favorites like Shiitake, Crimini, Agaricus (also know as White Buttons), Portabella, Wild Lobster and Chanterelle. If those don't fill you up, round out your 'shroom experience with organic Black Oyster, Alba Clamshell and Trumpet mushrooms.

Our demo team will be showing off what a versatile ingredient mushrooms can be in many savory applications. And if you like what you taste we'll give you preparation tips and send you home with your favorite recipes. Take a taste Saturday and Sunday between 11:00am and 5:00pm.

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