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Week in Review

Rose Garden Buy Back

Portland Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen said Friday he plans to repurchase the Rose



Garden Arena, the home of the NBA team, after he gave up ownership in bankruptcy proceedings in 2004. See story, page A2.

Hudson says 'Idol' Abusive



Academy Award nominee Jennifer Hudson tells Essence magazine that she was abused, misled and brainwashed during her days

as a contestant on the hit FOX reality show "American Idol.' See story, page A3.

Vancouver Marine Killed

A 19-year-old U.S. Marine who graduated 18 months ago from Vancouver's Hudson Bay High School was killed last week in Iraq. Lance Cpl. Adam Quitugua Emul died while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province.

Six Grannies Arrested

Six Portland grandmothers were arrested Friday during an antiwar protest outside a military recruiting office in northeast Portland. They were charged with blocking a door and trespassing.

Dungy Beats Protégé

The biggest win of Indianapolis Colts' coach Tony Dungy's NFL career comes in a Super Bowl victory



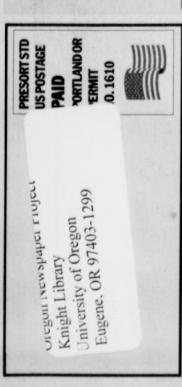
over his close friend and protégé. Bears coach Lovie Smith. See

story, page B6. **Wal-Mart Faces Bias Trial**

A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that Wal-Mart Stores Inc. must face a class-action lawsuit alleging as many as 1.5 million former and current female employees were discriminated against in pay and promotions.

Midwest Deep Freeze

After an unusually warm December and a mostly snow-free January, winter returned with a vengeance Tuesday to the Upper Midwest and Northeast, dumping heavy snow on parts of New York and keeping temperatures well below zero in many cities.



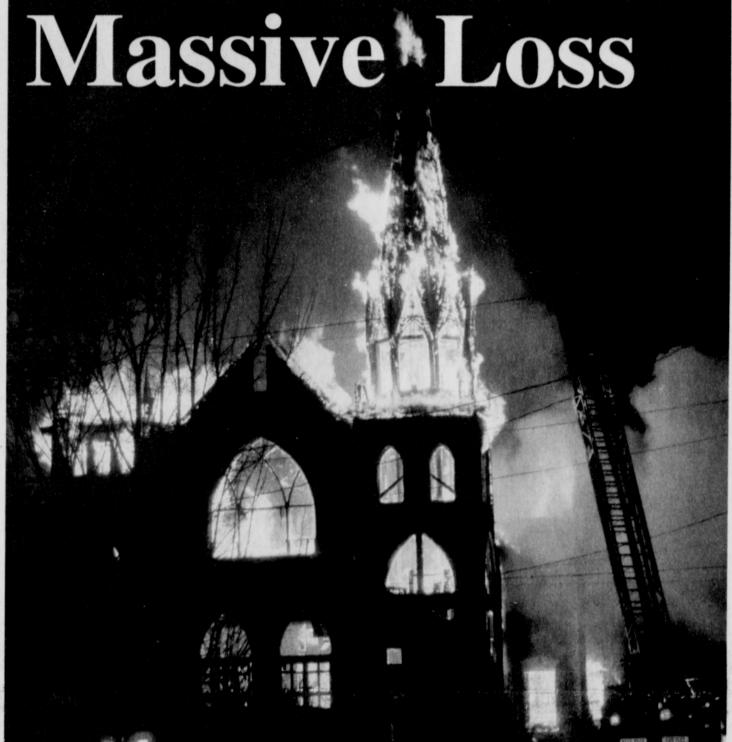


PHOTO BY MEGAN BRONSON/FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Flames shoot through the steeple of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church at 106 N.E. Ivy St. Monday night, Firefighters said the church's steeple created a chimney effect. The African American church was completely destroyed with its adjacent annex seriously damaged.

Mourning begins for historic church

BY SARAH BLOUNT

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A historical African American church in northeast Portland went up in flames in an unbelievable four-alarm fire late Monday night.

The towering flames at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church on Ivy Street and Rodney Avenue brought more than 100 firefighters to the scene at midnight. It began almost instantly and gutted the entire three-story church, causing its steeple to implode and scorching nearby trees, rooftops and parked vehicles.

According to Portland Fire and Rescue Lt. Allen Oswalt, the church building was so fully involved in fire that embers were lifted high in the air by the thermal column and fell on neighboring homes.

"When our crews showed up we had two roof fires from the embers, two cars burning in the street and power lines down," Oswalt said.

The church annex suffered heavy damage but firefighters were able to save most of the structure. Both buildings were empty at the time and no injuries have been reported. Investigators have not deter-

mined the cause. Neighbors were shocked at how the inferno shook their houses.

"I just heard a big boom, than a big flame and everything went straight on up," said Maurice Spencer, who lives just west of the church.

Morning Star was more than a place for

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Living Black History

Symphony Musicians Love Making Music

BY JAMES BASH

FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER The Oregon Symphony has two making music in Portland.



Jennifer Arnold plays the viola for the Oregon Symphony.

who are superb musicians and love give inspiration to others as we cel-ning, and her hunch was right." ebrate Black History Month. They termination to be the best.

> Clark has held the position of prinphony since 1999. He was born in the Jamaica borough of Queens in New S.C. where he first played the tuba.

JáTtik Clark and Jennifer Arnold pretty good sound from the begin-different sets of valve combinations

Clark received a Bachelors degree are living examples of two people in music performance from the Unitos with symphony orchestras. who have exceptional drive and deversity of South Carolina before cipal tuba with the Oregon Sym- Music with a Masters degree in per- of music." formance.

flexibility allows Clark to choose the the saxophone, but the band director of music. He memorizes the finger- and a new gypsy brass band called talked me into playing tuba," Clark ings when he switches between the recalled. "She thought that I had a C and F tubas because he has to use

to play the notes.

He has also played tuba concer-

"There are over a hundred congraduating from the University of certos written for tuba," he noted, Cincinnati College-Conservatory of "but a lot of them are not great pieces

Besides teaching in the music fac-He owns five tubas, two tuned to ulty at Portland State University, York City and grew up in Hartsville, the key of C and three in F. The Clark somehow finds time to perform with many ensembles around Port-"In the fifth grade I wanted to play right tuba sound for a specific piece land, including Bob Sheps Big Band

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