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Madame President Sirleaf

Liberian president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first black woman head of state and Africa's first elected woman president, speaks Friday at Concordia University in northeast Portland. Nearly 500 people turned out for the community event. President Sirleaf also spoke at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall: both events were sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Oregon.



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Sanctuary City for Soldiers Wanted

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being threatened by others.

"These women and men have a right to live a public life, have access to healthcare, find work, get an education, play in the park with their families, and live like other civilians while they are going even if it is symbolic," says Shea, through the process of being released from duty," says Barnett. "Sometimes, it can take years for social issues." the paperwork to be processed by the government."

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PROJECT

tance Forum is providing a simple safety for fleeing servicemen. solution to the problems that these soldiers face by introducing the ful discussions and conversations, idea of making Portland a Sanctu-

ary City. "There needs to be a neutral place where these people can live helping with the event, and food "And Portland is the perfect city to rants. help provide a resolution for these

Soldier sanctuaries are nothing new. They date back to the Vietnam The Strike Against War: Build a War and, even today, churches,

Rose City Refuge for G.I. Resis- even some local ones, provide out and refusing to deploy," says

The forum will provide meaningand build a common goal within the community. All the while, speakers will be present, volunteers will be will be donated from local restau-

Freedom Socialist Newspaper that supports the movement.

"Our goal is to find ways to support the soldiers who are speaking 503-661-1317.

Barnett, "We want to build strength within the community that will allow soldiers to come out from the underground and also we would like to get a political discussion going.'

"The idea is to plant a seed and let it grow," says Shea, "Immigrants have been able to build sanctuar-Donations will go to support the ies, why can't our own soldiers?"

> For more information, to get involved, or to donate, you can contact Dan Shea at 503-975-4160 or

High-School Face off

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of one of the teams of allstar women, Harper emphasizes the importance of having venues for all kinds of athleticism.

because it's one of the few locations where we can highlight female talent," he says

Despite the similarities beunderscores a diversity of talent in the city.

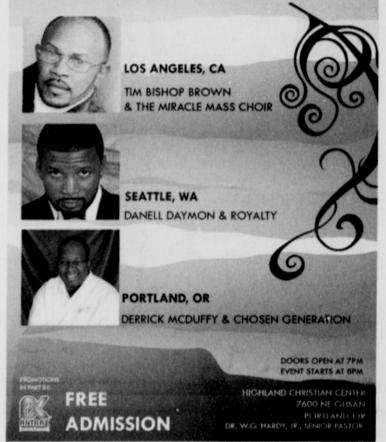
The athletes come from ev-Harper Jr. of Wilsonville and at Riverdale.

A lot of work is going into this event, and Holton chalks up this As a second-year coach engagement to the inevitability of community interest in anything that truly functions to help youth.

"Whenever there's a chance to support young people, the com-"In a nutshell, I'm excited munity rallies together," he says.

Last year's inaugural Joyce Washington All-Star games sold out the gymnasium at Self Enhancement Inc., 3920 N. Kerby tween the coaches, the event Ave., the same site for Saturday's games. Fans are encouraged to show up in the hour before the first tip-off at 4 p.m. to ery high school in the PIL, and secure the \$4 tickets (\$2 for the rosters include Mariah ages 12 and under). You can Ladd from St. Mary's, Michael also pick up a ticket in advance at the Portland Observer offices two men from Harper's team at 4747 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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Million-Dollar Lottery Ticket Lost

(AP) — Somewhere in Oregon or beyond, perhaps in the laundry, perhaps in the back of a desk drawer, a fortune has been lost.

Oregon Lottery officials say the year has elapsed for the winner of a \$1.3 million Powerball prize to turn in the ticket and claim the money.

So, now, the proceeds go into the state's Economic Development Fund. The ticket was purchased in Ashland, the lottery said. Lottery officials say it's typical for \$4 million to \$5 million in prizes to go unclaimed each year, and since 1985, the state has received more than \$80.5 million in unclaimed prizes.

ESCAPE.

Just west of Portland 1,700 acres of hilly forestland between HWY 26 and Vernonia is now protected as a state park. Constructed with funds from the Oregon Lottery, "Stub" Stewart State Park is Oregon's first new full service park in more than 30 years. It's less than 30 miles from Portland and it opens July 2007.

With 80 campsites, 15 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking, a cabin village, a horse camp, a hike-in camp for backpackers, interpretive exhibits, a sheltered picnic ground and a hill-top observation tower for sightseeing and stargazing, Stub Stewart is an ideal place to escape into nature - whether you want to get away or just hear yourself think.

In 1998, Oregon's state parks were in trouble. There wasn't enough money to maintain them and some were in danger of closing, which is why Oregonians voted to use Lottery profits to support state parks. Today, Oregon is able to make investments in all of its parks and is buying and developing new park land across the state because of the Lottery funding.

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Lottery games are based on chance and should be played for entertainment only.