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## Sam Brooks Makes History in Business

On July 1 six business leaders joined the Portland Business Alliance board of directors, and heading that group is Sam Brooks, an advocate for minority, women and emerging small businesses in Portland and the region.

Brooks is president and founder of both S. Brooks and Associates and the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME). He is also the first African American to serve as chair for the downtown business group in its 137-year history.

Brooks founded his self-named employment agency 26 years ago in northeast Portland, creating Oregon's first minority staffing firm. In 1987 he formed OAME, a collaboration of more than 800 companies in the northwest doing business with 57 countries. The group has grown to become the most diverse business association in the Pacific Northwest.

He will chair the PBA board after 20 years of personal involvement.

"Brooks has worked tirelessly on behalf of minority- and women-owned businesses and we are fortunate that he will be leading our organization," said Sandra McDonough, Alliance president and CEO.

Nine other board members will step into leadership roles at the PBA, including treasurer Charles Wilhoite. Wilhoite is director of Willamette Management Associates and a former board chairman of the Urban League of Portland.



Sam Brooks



Charles Wilhoite



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## Little League Tournament Play at Peninsula Park

Northside Little League members (left) join Peninsula Little League President Mary Dunn and District Representatives Marsha Mills and Mary Brooks at Peninsula Park in North Portland for the District 1 Softball All-Star Tournament, held at the park from July 5 through July 16. This is the first time the tournament has been hosted by Peninsula Park.



Judge Youlee You serves Multnomah County as the first Korean-American judge in the state court system.

## Making the Courtroom More Diversified

### First Korean-American judge promotes fairness

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It is an amazing responsibility and accomplishment to be the first Korean-American judge and the first Asian-American judge to be appointed to the state court system in Oregon.

Youlee You of Portland said it has also been a big role reversal from her days practicing law.

"I was so accustomed to being an attorney

for such a long time that I really had a hard time trying to not critique the attorney in trials," says You. "I had to get used to not litigating for them."

You said she pursued her February appointment because she was drawn to being a person that applies the law in a correct way, preserving dignity in the courtroom and working with other professionals like her.

She has followed other female judges and minorities into the courtroom, like Kenneth Walker of Portland and Betty Roberts with a strong determination and perseverance.

"I grew up with a strong sense of Asian culture in my family," says You. "That is a big part of who I am and I am happy to make the courtroom more diversified."

You has spoken at the Korean-America Youth Conference to encourage children to find careers that they love. She also spoke at the Oregon Minority Lawyers Luncheon, which is a non-profit organization that helps find scholarship money for people of color who are taking the Bar.

You earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics and urban planning from Wellesley College in Massachusetts in 1986. After that, she attended the University of Washington School of Law to earn her J.D. in 1989.

After college, she worked as a staff attorney at the Metropolitan Public Defenders Office in Portland for four years. There she worked as a

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## Week in The Review

### Searched Man Wins Appeal

The conviction of a Portland man in 2004 was thrown out by a federal appellate court last month, stating that even though Bennie Demetrius Washington gave his consent to a search that led to the discovery of a 9 mm handgun, the search was not legal. See story, page A2.

### N-Word Funeral

The NAACP had a funeral for the N-word Monday at their annual convention, in hopes of removing one of the most volatile words in the English language from pop culture and rap songs. The mock funeral featured a horse drawn carriage and black flowers. In 1944, the NAACP held another funeral to bury Jim Crow. See story, page A3.



### Diddy & Porter Done

Just months after his longtime girlfriend Kim Porter gave birth to twin girls, Sean "Diddy" Combs announced Tuesday that the pair has split up. The move came a few months after the two publicly proclaimed their love for one another in a cover story for Essence magazine, which detailed their turbulent history.

### New Seven Wonders

The New Seven Wonders of the World was announced during the Official Declaration ceremony in Lisbon, Portugal on Saturday after the first ever global election. The new wonders include the Great Wall of China, India's Taj Mahal and the Roman Coliseum. The Statue of Liberty was the only American wonder to reach the finals.

### Oden Out for Summer

The Trail Blazers made a spur-of-the-moment decision on Monday, deciding top draft pick Greg Oden's tonsils needs to be removed right away, meaning he'll likely miss the rest of summer league. Blazers general manager Kevin Pritchard said Oden was playing with tonsils the size of golf balls, hampering his breathing. See story in Sports, page B6.



### Bush Continues Showdown

George Bush refused to turn over documents Monday and urged two former aides to refuse to reveal evidence before congressional committees about the firings of nine lawyers last year. The motion is the latest in a legal battle between the White House and lawmakers. If neither side yields, the matter could land in federal court.

### Baghdad Claims Life of Oregon Woman

Spec. Michelle Ring, 26, of Oregon was killed Thursday by mortar fire while on guard at a camp in Baghdad. Ring was a single mother of two young boys when she enlisted in the U.S. Army two years ago. She is the first woman soldier with Oregon ties to die in the Iraq war.

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