

Frigid Cold Impacts Area Homeless

Warming shelters open; pipes and pets at risk

Bitter cold weather has prompted the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross to open emergency warming centers for the homeless.

Temperatures in the Portland area dipped into the low 20s overnight Monday and are forecast to remain in the low 20s overnight into Wednesday. Even worse for many, the cold snap may be followed by an approaching storm bringing the possibility of snow and ice on Thursday, Friday or this weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

The Red Cross shelters will operate from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. while overnight temperatures remain near freezing. One of them is located in northeast Portland at Cavalry Christian Ministries, 126 N.E. Alberta St. Two others have opened at the Estate Hotel, 225 N.W. Couch; and Four-square Church, 1303 S.E. Ankeny.

A warning for homeowners encourages them to keep cold air from freezing the pipes beneath their homes by coving the foundation vents with Styrofoam or cardboard in a pinch. Outdoor faucets can be protected with Styrofoam covers or wrapped with an old towel, plastic and tape.

In addition, The Oregon Human Society wants people to remember to keep pets warm and safe. Dogs and cats can get frostbitten ears, noses and feet if left outside.



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Dr. Jill Ginsberg (left) and Suzy Jeffreys of the North by Northeast clinic check in with Pastor Fred Woods at Calvary Christian Ministries Tuesday offering help to the homeless. The northeast Portland church turns into a shelter during extreme cold weather from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.

In Loving Memory

Booker Taylor

Booker Taliferro Taylor died on Dec. 26, 2007 at the age of 73.

He was born on March 15, 1934 to Magnolia and Booker Taylor Sr. in DeKalb, Texas. The family moved to Portland in 1938 where he became a member of Bethel AME Church and sang in the young people's choir. He attended Washington High School, where he broke the school's baseball batting records. Shortly after graduating, he married Helen Patricia Williams.

Booker enjoyed fishing, hunting, blues, jazz and cooking. He always had words of wisdom for all and a joke to share. His love of both the game of pool and golf is legendary. "Red," his name on the pool circuit, played Willie Mosconi in an exhibition in Portland in 1961. He also set the course record at Broadmoor Golf Course with a 68. Booker took his sons on hunting trips when they were young, and he also greatly enjoyed fishing. He celebrated 53 years of marriage with Helen last year. Together they raised five children, Laurel, Elizabeth, Douglas, Mary and Russell. He was also a father figure to grandson Shawn Johnson, granddaughter Brandy Taylor, nephew David Scott and niece Ethel Chester.

He is survived by his wife and children, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members.



Noose Cover Outrage

Magazine apologizes

(AP) -- Golfweek magazine replaced the editor responsible for illustrating the current cover with a noose and apologized Friday for its depiction of a Golf Channel anchor's use of "lynch" in a comment about Tiger Woods.

"We apologize for creating this graphic cover that received extreme negative reaction from consumers, subscribers and advertisers across the country," Turnstile Publishing Co. president William P. Kupper Jr. said. "We were trying to convey the controversial issues with a strong and provocative graphic image. It is now obvious that the overall reaction to our cover deeply offended many people. For that, we are deeply apologetic."

Kelly Tilghman, in her second year as anchor of PGA Tour coverage on Golf Channel, was sus-

pending for two weeks because of comments she made during the second round of the Mercedes-Benz Championship, when she and analyst Nick Faldo were discussing young challengers to Woods.

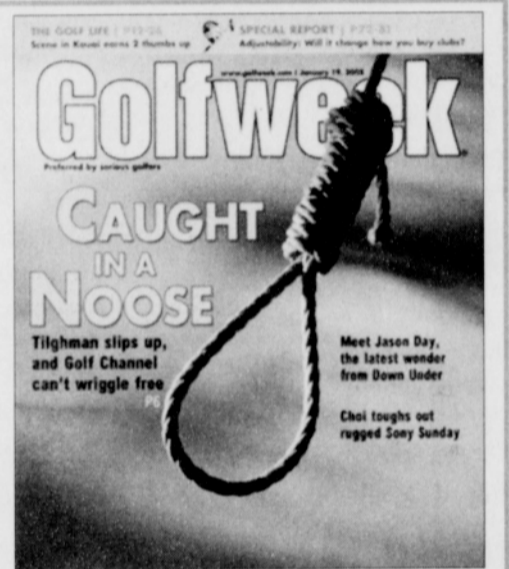
Faldo suggested that "to take Tiger on, maybe they should just gang up (on him) for a while."

"Lynch him in a back alley," Tilghman said, laughing.

The magazine devoted four pages of news and commentary on the topic, including a column on the back page supporting Tilghman and asking that the controversy be kept in context.

Reaction to the noose drew a harsh rebuke from PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem.

"Clearly, what Kelly said was inappropriate and unfortunate, and she obviously regrets her choice of words," Finchem said in a statement.



Golfweek replaced its editor and apologized after a noose on its Jan. 19 issue got an overwhelming negative reaction.

Vanport Square Grand Opening

Area residents are invited to the grand opening of Vanport Square, a commercial development at 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., created by minority entrepreneurs to boost the economy in the heart of Portland's African-American community.

The celebration, Thursday, Jan. 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, marks the completion of a 42,000-square foot, commercial/condominium project that broke ground in November 2006.

The developers, Ray Leary and Jeana Woolley, have renovated the former Marco Manufacturing building and added a new office and retail building. The project contains 16 condominiums owned and occupied by local enterprises.

Vanport Square is home to a mix of restaurants, retailers and community and professional services.

During the grand opening, neighbors are invited to meet the developers and others involved and to tour the project.

Sisters Support Blood Drive

A group of African-American artists will display their work at the Red Cross Portland Donor Center, 3131 N. Vancouver, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Blood and Organ Donor Registry Drive this Saturday, Jan. 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The community is invited to stop and see the colorful creations of Sunshine Dixon, Sharon Martini and Kemi Arigbon while giving to a good cause.

"We all know that blood donations give our community a safe and plentiful blood supply to help critically ill patients, accident victims, premature babies, and pa-

tients receiving bone-marrow or organ donations," said Dixon.

According to Donate Life Northwest, 18 people in the U.S. die each day waiting for an organ transplant, and currently in Oregon and southwest Washington almost 1,900 people await an organ transplant. Participants in the event will receive a free King commemorative lapel pin and will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$100 Safeway gift card. Free health screenings and coupons good for any Red Cross training class or first-aid item will also be offered. Call 503-284-4040.

Tornado Losses Added Up

The tornado that ripped through Vancouver, Jan. 10, caused more than 100 insurance claims and more than half a million dollars in insured losses to homes, property and businesses, according to NW Insurance Council, a firm representing 80 percent of the auto and homeowners insurance policies in the region.

Standard homeowners and business owners insurance policies include wind damage, including tornados.

"Even though a tornado is an intense, focused event, damage is covered the same as damage from any other windstorm," said Karl Newman, NW Insurance Council president.

Renters Insurance covers wind damage to personal belongings. Vehicles damaged by wind are covered if owners have optional comprehensive coverage under their auto insurance policies. This includes damage from blowing debris and falling trees and branches.

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