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Dozono Stays in Race

Travel-agency owner Sho Dozono plans to stay in the race for Portland mayor despite losing his public financing to a judge's ruling that he wrongly accepted a \$27,295 campaign contribution from a lobbyist hoping to entice him into the race. "I don't think of quitting as an option," he said.



Recession Hits Consumers

Consumer confidence sank to a five-year low in March as tight credit markets, falling housing values, rising prices and worsening job prospects deepened worries that the economy has fallen into recession.

Levees Strained

Emergency management officials began evacuating communities along the White River in east-central Arkansas on Tuesday because a rural levee showed signs of weakening amid the region's prolonged flooding.

Food Prices Skyrocket

From subsistence farmers in Ecuador to French gourmets, consumers worldwide face rising food prices in what analysts call a perfect storm of freak weather, dramatic changes in the global economy, higher oil prices, lower food reserves, and growing demand in China and India.

Bush: 'Not Lost in Vain'

Marking a grim milestone, a determined President Bush declared Monday the lives of 4,000 U.S. military men and women who have died in Iraq "were not lost in vain." The White House signaled anew that additional troops won't be pulled out soon.

Missile Parts Misplaced

The U.S. mistakenly shipped to Taiwan four electrical fuses designed for use on intercontinental ballistic missiles, but has since recovered them. The error is particularly disturbing, Pentagon officials said, because of the sensitivity of arms sales to Taiwan, which China regularly denounces as provocative.

Grannies Arrested

Portland's Seriously Pissed-off Grannies were back at Northeast Broadway's Military Recruiting Center last week, after having taken several months off from their Friday protests. Police arrested several for putting red handprints on the center's windows to symbolize the blood of those who have died in the war.

Rock Star Treatment for Obama



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Barack Obama earned the endorsement of Bill Richardson, the nation's only Hispanic governor, at a rally of more than 12,000 in Portland's Memorial Coliseum on Friday.

Oregon visit
earns coveted
endorsementBY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
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If Barack Obama's first visit to Portland as presidential front-runner was a hearty reception, his latest at Memorial Coliseum became fit for a rock star.

Obama followed his landmark speech on ending racial inequities

nation's only Hispanic governor. "We cannot wait to fix our schools, to fix our healthcare system, to end the war in Iraq," Obama said to thunderous applause.

The excitement had been building since his campaign announced the visit hours following his Philadelphia speech, as evidenced by tickets selling out for the 12,000-seat coliseum the following day and by people lining up outside before dawn.

Electricity in the arena before Obama's entrance could be found emanating from devoted fans as

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last week with another crowd-pleasing testimony.

Confronting criticisms from within, Obama's address on that Tuesday in Philadelphia parallels Martin Luther King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail." Friday's rally here was Obama's "March on Washington," delivering an inventory of demands for U.S. politics that attracted an endorsement from the

much as from the 360-degree speakers bumping R&B.

"Obama inspired me to come out and vote," says Octavius Miller, a 40-something from St. Helens who has registered for the first time in his life. "It's now possible to have one America, not just a white America, Asian America and Afri-

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Party Faithful Pledge Support As they pursue seats at party convention

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
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In the tight race between Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama, two local activists are clamoring for an invitation to this year's Democratic Party Convention this summer in Denver.

The allure of Obama, who could become the first black president, has captured the allegiance of a longtime political organizer in Portland Shirley Minor. She said the decision wasn't made lightly.

Minor recognized the value of Clinton sharing her gender, but

soon stood behind Obama's vision to end politics as usual. After meeting with her union this month, she concluded that it's her duty to participate in every way possible during the crucial times ahead.

"I want to make sure that people like me are represented," she says.

"As an African-American woman, I see clearly how we must have a voice in this."

Last becoming a delegate as part of Jesse Jackson's run in 1988, former state senator Bob Boyer of Portland sees a renewed excitement in the presidential contest.

He too is supporting Obama who he says embodies the rejection of divisions in politics.

Like many black Americans, Boyer's family began turning Democratic as the Roosevelt ad-

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Preserving Local Homes, Neighborhoods

Residents vow to
save what little is leftBY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
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Perhaps everyone wonders how residences end up squeezed be-

tween factories or get left jutting out of a neighborhood into fields of parking.

The short answer is not by acci-



Neighborhood historian Roy Roos, who has released a volume on Irvington, prepares photographs for his "History of Albina," a research book he expects to publish in about two months.



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Pauline Bradford, a retired Peninsula School teacher, keeps a close watch on developments near her home in the Albina neighborhood.

dent. The historically African-American Albina district of inner north and northeast Portland has a particularly large number of such loner houses, and each one had its own astonishing way of surviving decades of urban renewal.

Eighty-year-old Pauline Bradford, whose house overlooks Interstate 5 and shares a property

line with a car dealership, wouldn't sell out for an entire barge-load of newly minted SUVs.

Even as almost everything she knew from mid-century Albina fell down around her, even as developers year after year offered her larger sums for her property, Bradford held on and encouraged others to do the same. On a particularly sad

day for her about a decade ago, she remembers getting back from a vacation to find several more houses razed. Vehicle-based commerce and light industrial dominate this tract that has been largely abandoned to the roars of the freeway and nearby coliseums.

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