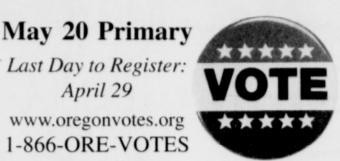
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Dozono Stays in Race

Travel-agency owner Sho Dozono plans to stay in the race for Port-



land mayor despite losing his public financing to a judge's ruling that he wrongly accepted \$27,295 cam-

paign 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 eastcentral 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 Mon-

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

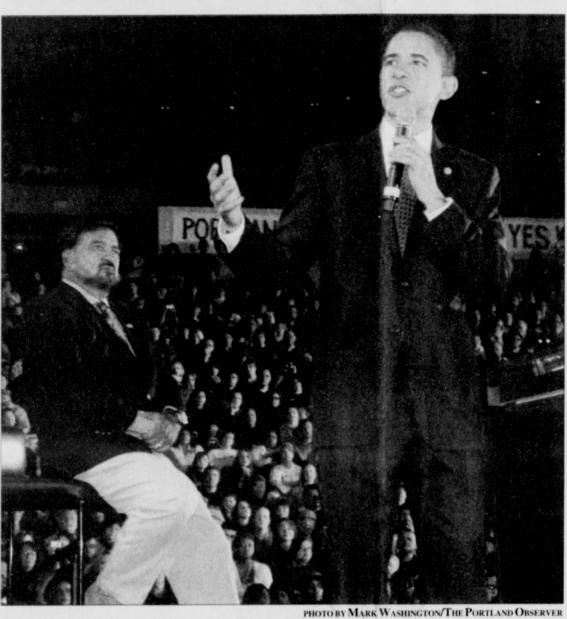
The U.S. mistakenly shipped to Taiwan four electrical fuses designed for use on intercontinental ballistic missiles, but has since recovered them. The error is particularly disturbing, Pentagon officials said, because of the sensitivity of arms sales to Taiwan, which China regularly denounces as provocative.

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.



The Review Rock Star Treatment for Obama



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 endorsement

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

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.

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 12,000seat coliseum the following day and by people lining up outside before dawn.

Electricity in the arena before Obama followed his landmark Obama's entrance could be found speech on ending racial inequities 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 THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

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 day the lives summer in Denver.

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 like me are represented," she says. in the presidential contest.

The allure of Obama, who could soon stood behind Obama's vision "As an African-American woman. become the first black president, to end politics as usual. After meet- I see clearly how we must have a ing with her union this month, she concluded that it's her duty to par-

ing the crucial times ahead.

voice in this."

Last becoming a delegate as part ticipate in every way possible dur- of Jesse Jackson's run in 1988, former state senator Bob Boyer of "I want to make sure that people Portland sees a renewed excitement

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

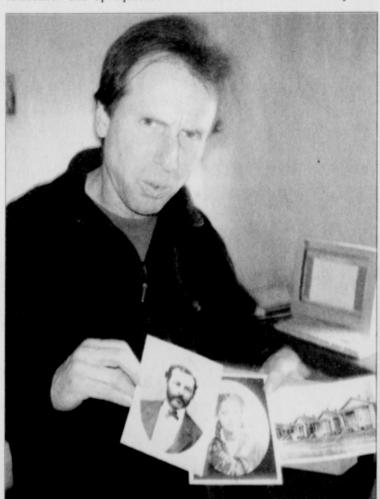
Residents vow to save what little is left

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

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.



PHOTOS BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

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

American Albina district of inner sell out for an entire barge-load of north and northeast Portland has a newly minted SUVs. particularly large number of such loner houses, and each one had its knew from mid-century Albina fell own astonishing way of surviving down around her, even as develop-

decades of urban renewal. Eighty-year-old Interstate 5 and shares a property do the same. On a particularly sad

Even as almost everything she ers year after year offered her larger Pauline sums for her property, Bradford Bradford, whose house overlooks held on and encouraged others to

dent. The historically African- line with a cardealership, wouldn't 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

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