

Mosquito Season Warning

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mosquito population is to drain sources of standing water. This will prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs and breeding.

- At least once a week, empty water from flowerpots, pet food and water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels and cans.
- Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.
- Remove discarded tires, and items such as cans, bottles and other containers that could collect water.
- Be sure to check for containers or trash in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.
- Check around faucets and air conditioner units and repair leaks and eliminate puddles that

service, but supplies are limited. Personal protection (avoiding mosquito bites)

- Consider staying indoors at dawn, dusk and in early evening, which are peak mosquito biting times.
- When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers.
- Install or repair window and door screens.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-methyltoluamide) when you're outdoors. Other EPA approved repellents containing picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus are also shown to be effective. Be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's directions for use as printed on the product.

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remain for several days.

- Cover boats or store upside down or in a dry place.
- Where feasible, fill all holes in the trees on your property.
- When swimming season is over, empty and store wading pools in a dry place. Cover large pools and check frequently to ensure against mosquito breeding. Ordinary concentrations of pool chemicals will not kill mosquito larvae. Keep pool water circulating and run filters April through October.
- Gambusia affinis (mosquito larvae-eating fish) can be placed in closed system ponds in Oregon; however, stocking ponds with gambusia is illegal in Washington. In Oregon, call your local county vector control for more information. This is a free

Alternatively, spray clothing with DEET since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing. If you spray your clothing, there is no need to spray repellent containing DEET on the skin under your clothing.

• Repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth, so avoid applying repellent to the hands of children. Read the manufacturer's instructions thoroughly when applying to children.

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Obama Picks Stadium for Big Night

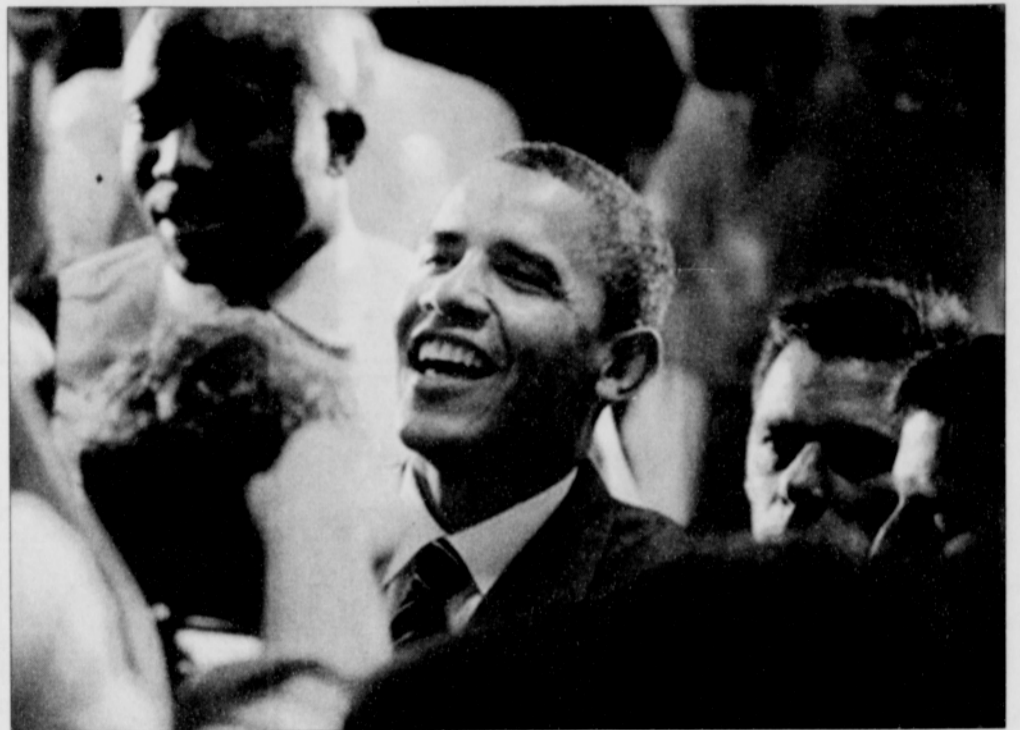
To accept nomination in 76,000-seat venue

(AP) -- Barack Obama will accept the Democratic presidential nomination at Invesco Field at Mile High, a 76,000-seat stadium home to the Denver Broncos, the Democratic National Committee announced Monday.

The party's convention will be held Aug. 25-28 at Denver's Pepsi Center, which holds up to 21,000 people. The decision to move Obama's acceptance speech to the giant football stadium was expected to boost fundraising, convention organizer Jenny Backus said.

"Lots of conventions have had no connection to their host cities, but this one is really going to take advantage of being in a state that's going to be an important general election battleground," Backus said. "And what better way to kick off the fall campaign and get thousands of supporters and grass roots organizers all in one place to get fired up."

With a heavy influx of younger voters and Hispanics in recent years, Colorado, once heavily Republican, is one of a handful of states in the mountain West that have been trending more Demo-



Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., (center) greets supporters Tuesday after a town hall-style meeting in Powder Springs, Ga. (AP photo)

cratic. Both campaigns view it as a general-election swing state; Obama is known for drawing huge crowds to many of his speeches. In May, a record 75,000 jammed into Waterfront Park in Portland to hear him speak shortly before the Oregon Primary.

Obama is scheduled to deliver his acceptance speech on Thursday, Aug. 28, the fourth and final night of the convention. It coincides with the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.

Unemployed Get Extension

Oregonians with regular unemployment claims that were exhausted or expired may be eligible for up to an additional 13 weeks of benefits under a law passed by Congress and signed by President Bush as part of additional war funding.

Potentially eligible claimants

will receive a notification from the Oregon Employment Department by mail. Individuals who think they may be eligible are encouraged to file their claim as soon as possible.

For more information, go to the department's Web site, WorkingInOregon.org.

Headstart to Enroll Additional Kids

(AP) — Oregon is putting more money into Head Start, the government-funded pre-

kindergarten program for children from poorer families.

Last week, the Legislative Emergency Board released \$25 million more for the program.

Officials hope that will be enough to reach 70 percent of all eligible children. The 80 percent mark is considered full funding.

The Legislature's expansion will allow Head Start programs to add another 1,336 children, pushing the statewide total beyond 12,000 by this fall.

Research shows that children who participate in Head Start are more likely to complete high school and go on to further education.

Head Start also incorporates health screenings for children and tests for physical and mental disabilities.



PHOTO BY JEFF HINDS
Zari Santner, director of Portland Parks and Recreation, gets a helping hand with the Woodlawn Park Community Garden from Trail Blazer mascot Blaze the Trail Cat and Fred Meyer's Fred Bear.

Woodlawn Garden's Helping Hands

The Woodlawn Park Community Garden in northeast Portland got a recent sprucing up thanks to the Portland Trail Blazers, Fred Meyer and other volunteers.

To commemorate the inauguration of a program designed to educate children and volunteers about gardening and nutrition, as well as advocating organic alternatives, a ceremonial planting of kohlrabi, cucumbers and marigolds was completed by Zari Santner, director of Portland Parks & Recreation, Judi Luchsinger, Fred Meyer community relations coordinator and Antonio Harvey, former player and current radio analyst for the Trail Blazers.

by Trail Blazers ambassador Todd Bosma with a little help from mascots Blaze the Trail Cat and Fred Bear, guests were treated to healthy snacks, tours of the garden, and a demonstration on preparing refreshments with ingredients straight from the garden.

Throughout the summer, Trail Blazers and Fred Meyer employee volunteers will return regularly to assist with the maintenance of the garden.

A late summer harvest event with the Trail Blazers, Fred Meyer and Portland Parks & Recreation will feature Harvey in the role of celebrity chef, serving up produce grown in the garden over the summer.

Following the ceremony, hosted

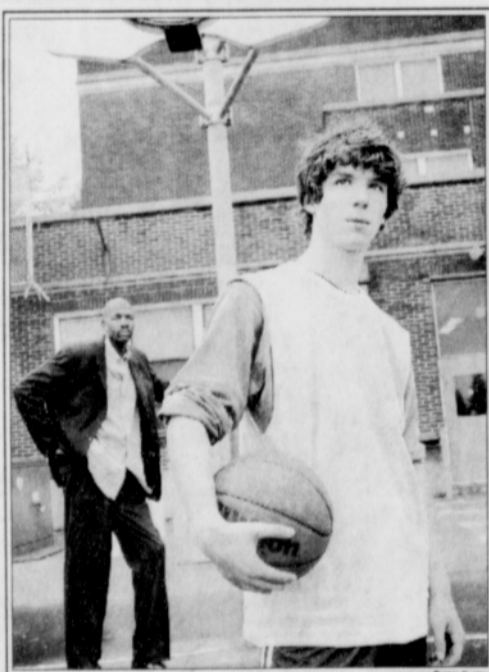
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Week in the Review

Trail Blazers After Victory
A 17-year-old Seattle girl who captured eight state titles for her school and finished 2007 that same season was named MVP of the state tournament. She is now a member of the Trail Blazers.



It's his theater and his basketball combined when Portland's Michael Hayes (left), a former Trail Blazers player, and Sam Burns, a Grant High School basketball player and professional Oregon Children's Theater actor, star in the production "The Prince and the Pauper" at the Oregon Children's Theater.

Election Ballots On Way

People of color find a political fit

By Joseph Cox



An official ballot drop site is shown in the covered walkway and outside entrance at 2122 N. Lombard. Ballots in the Vancouver General Election will be mailed to voters in 2008.

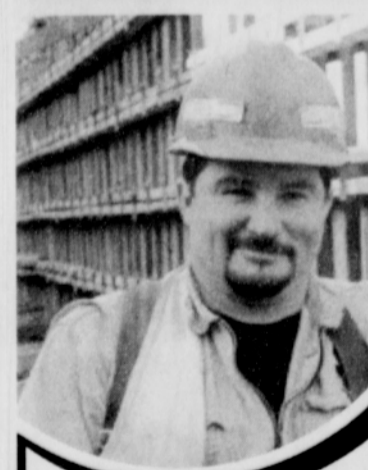
Black Humor Laughed Off

Comedian David Byrne, who has been a member of the band Talking Heads, is the author of the new book "The Intimate Strangers" (Farrar, Straus and Giroux).

ONE-ON-ONE

Premiere bonds live theater to live basketball
Live theater and live basketball combined when Portland's Michael Hayes (left), a former Trail Blazers player, and Sam Burns, a Grant High School basketball player and professional Oregon Children's Theater actor, star in the production "The Prince and the Pauper" at the Oregon Children's Theater.

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