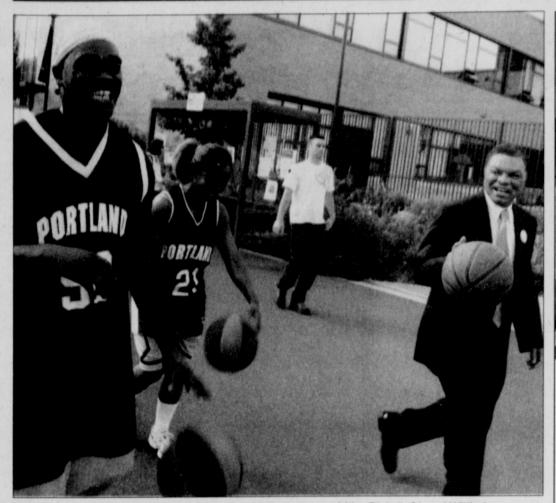
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Portland Community College Panthers basketball players Mike Rich (left) and Willie Lee Missouri dribble with PCC Cascade Campus President Algie Gatewood down the homestretch of a Dribble-A-Thon fundraiser.

Panthers Dribble-A-Thon

and Skip Collier.

A Portland Community College both the men's and women's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Dribble-A-Thon raised more than basketball teams dribbled bas- Killingsworth St. \$3,000 for PCC athletics, includ- ketballs during the recent

Both teams begin their 2008-

ing generous support from Carol event from PCC's Southeast 09 season this month with all Center campus on 82nd Av- home games played at the Cas-More than 10 players from enue and Division to the cade Campus gymnasium.

Volunteers Make Home Repairs

the help they need to live safely in their homes.

The REACH Community Builders Program is mobilizing volunteers to provide free home repairs for 20 elderly and disabled homeowners living in the neighborhoods of Arbor Lodge, Portsmouth, Cathedral Park, Kenton, reau of Housing and Community Overlook, St. Johns and Univer- Development, area businesses sity Park.

Joseph and Christine Pennington ing faucets, rotting steps, minor

deck. "I'm afraid to go on the accessibility in and around of the porch. There's a hole in it," said home and more. Ms. Pennington. "It's so important to get this work done, be- quest an application, call Barrett cause we aren't able to do it our- Ebright at 503-231-0682, extension selves and couldn't afford to pay 142 or visit the REACH website someone else."

With support from Metro, Buand local volunteers, REACH will One of the repairs will be for help with clogged gutters, leak-

Some local residents will get to rebuild their rotted back porch electrical repairs, and improving

To volunteer, donate or to reat reachcdc.org.



Oregon State College of Education Master of Arts in Teaching Early Childhood/Elementary Education Information Session: October 16



Learn more about the MAT Immersion Program in Portland and Salem

Please come to an informational meeting on the 2009-2010 Professional Teacher Education Ecampus Immersion Program.

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2008 Time: 4 PM - 5 PM

Where: Reflections Coffee House and Talking Drum Bookstore at 446 NE Killingsworth St. (Killingsworth and King)

For more information, contact:

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Search is on for Next **Miss Black Oregon USA**

The Miss Black USA Scholarship Foundation is searching for Miss Black Oregon USA 2009. Are you the next African American Queen?

She must have a 2.5 GPA or more, be talented, a have a consuming desire to represent dignity and education for the people.

The winner is awarded a \$3,500 college scholarship and a year reign with promotional and endorsement opportunities. The top contestant also represents Oregon in the National Competition for the Miss Black USA 2009 Crown.

The foundation will accept applications, Wednesday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Urban League of Portland building, 10 N. Russell St. and Williams Avenue.

call 971-409-8687 or visit missblackoregon.org.



For more information, Michelle Washington currently holds the title of Miss Black Oregon USA.

NW Natural Files Rate Increase

higher wholesale natural gas costs.

The company is requesting a 14 percent rate increase in Oregon and a 20 percent rate increase in Washington, which effect Nov. 1. is significantly below projections made last July.

Company officials say despite the recent declines in natural gas prices, an increase is required because prices are still higher than they were at this time last year.

"Natural gas prices reached \$15.

Northwest Natural Gas has all-time highs in July when we filed for a rate increase to cover made our initial rate increase projection, but recently we've seen prices decrease," said Randy Friedman, NW Natural director of gas supply."

Any changes to rates will take

An Oregon residential customer using 56 therms per month would see an average monthly bill increase of about \$10. A residential customer in Washington using 62 therms per month would see an average monthly increase of about

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