



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

## Panthers Dribble-A-Thon

A Portland Community College Dribble-A-Thon raised more than \$3,000 for PCC athletics, including generous support from Carol and Skip Collier.

More than 10 players from

both the men's and women's basketball teams dribbled basketballs during the recent event from PCC's Southeast Center campus on 82nd Avenue and Division to the

Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

Both teams begin their 2008-09 season this month with all home games played at the Cascade Campus gymnasium.

## Volunteers Make Home Repairs

Some local residents will get 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, Overlook, St. Johns and University Park.

One of the repairs will be for Joseph and Christine Pennington

to rebuild their rotted back porch deck. "I'm afraid to go on the porch. There's a hole in it," said Ms. Pennington. "It's so important to get this work done, because we aren't able to do it ourselves and couldn't afford to pay someone else."

With support from Metro, Bureau of Housing and Community Development, area businesses and local volunteers, REACH will help with clogged gutters, leaking faucets, rotting steps, minor

electrical repairs, and improving accessibility in and around of the home and more.

To volunteer, donate or to request an application, call Barrett Ebright at 503-231-0682, extension 142 or visit the REACH website at reachcdc.org.

## 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, 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.

For more information, call 971-409-8687 or visit [missblackoregon.org](http://missblackoregon.org).



Michelle Washington currently holds the title of Miss Black Oregon USA.

## NW Natural Files Rate Increase

Northwest Natural Gas has filed for a rate increase to cover 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 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

all-time highs in July when we 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 effect Nov. 1.

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 \$15.

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