



Health Clinics Stimulus

Additional doctors, nurses and support staff will be hired at county health clinics to care for poor and uninsured patients

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Demolition Reconsidered

Mayor Sam Adams postpones a decision on tearing down the Memorial Coliseum for a minor league baseball park

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Week in The Review

Top Fashions Lined Up

Portland is set to host the Ebony Fashion Fair Friday night at the Convention Center, featuring the latest trends and unique styles by the best designers in the world. The 51st annual event will raise money for local scholarships. See story, page A9.

39th Avenue Least Historic

A city panel evaluating the historic significance of three streets under consideration for renaming after migrant labor and civil rights hero Cesar Chavez, said 39th Avenue had the least historic value when compared to the other choices, Broadway and Grand Avenues. The proposal now goes to the planning commission.

Door Opened to Prosecutions

President Barack Obama left the door open Tuesday to prosecuting Bush administration officials who devised the legal authority for gruesome terror-suspect interrogations, saying the United States lost "our moral bearings" with use of the tactics.

AmeriCorps National Service Expanded

President Obama signed a \$5.7 billion national service bill Tuesday that expands AmeriCorps, giving students a way to earn money for college and fostering people's desire to make a difference, such as by mentoring children, cleaning up parks or buildings and weatherizing homes for the poor.

King Family Bills Memorial

The family of the Rev. Martin Luther King has charged the foundation building a monument to the civil rights leader on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. about \$800,000 for the use of his words and image—an arrangement one leading scholar says King would have found offensive.

SF Mayor Runs for Governor

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom announced his candidacy for California governor Tuesday, offering himself as an heir to the same groundswell for generational change that helped send President Barack Obama to the White House.

Mortgage Fraud Crackdown

The U.S. Attorney for Oregon and the FBI say they're expanding efforts to crack down on mortgage fraud in the state. Prosecutors say that nearly all mortgage fraud cases involve false representations on mortgage loan applications, typically falsification of income, liabilities or employment.

Egypt Temples Discovered

Archaeologists in the Sinai have unearthed four new temples amidst the 3,000-year-old remains of an ancient fortified city that could have been used to impress foreign delegations visiting Egypt, antiquities authorities announced Tuesday.

High Schools Do Over



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Portland Public Schools General Counsel Jollee Patterson (from left), Superintendent Carole Smith and Board Member Bobbie Regan listen to proposals to remake the city's public high school system.

Implications for embattled neighborhoods considered

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Big changes are on the horizon for Portland high schools. A team assembled to take a hard look at the city's public high school system recently unveiled three ideas to radically reshape what schools students can attend and how their curriculum will be shaped.

Although each of the new approaches are largely conceptual and

their details are still being hashed out, a look at the numbers reveal that there could be huge implications for embattled neighborhood high schools that have seen their enrollment numbers drop and have had to grapple with rumors that they are facing closure.

A committee appointed by Superintendent Carole Smith spent the better part of a year soliciting thoughts from groups and individuals representing business, parents, teachers, and the Portland City Council.

The committee came up with three broad conceptual ideas aimed at closing the achievement gap, ensuring that high school students had equal access to quality courses, and helping students develop career-oriented skills.

Under the first idea, 9th and 10th graders would attend small academies.

Closing any of Portland's high schools is a touchy subject, since they often are cherished social hubs for the communities they serve.

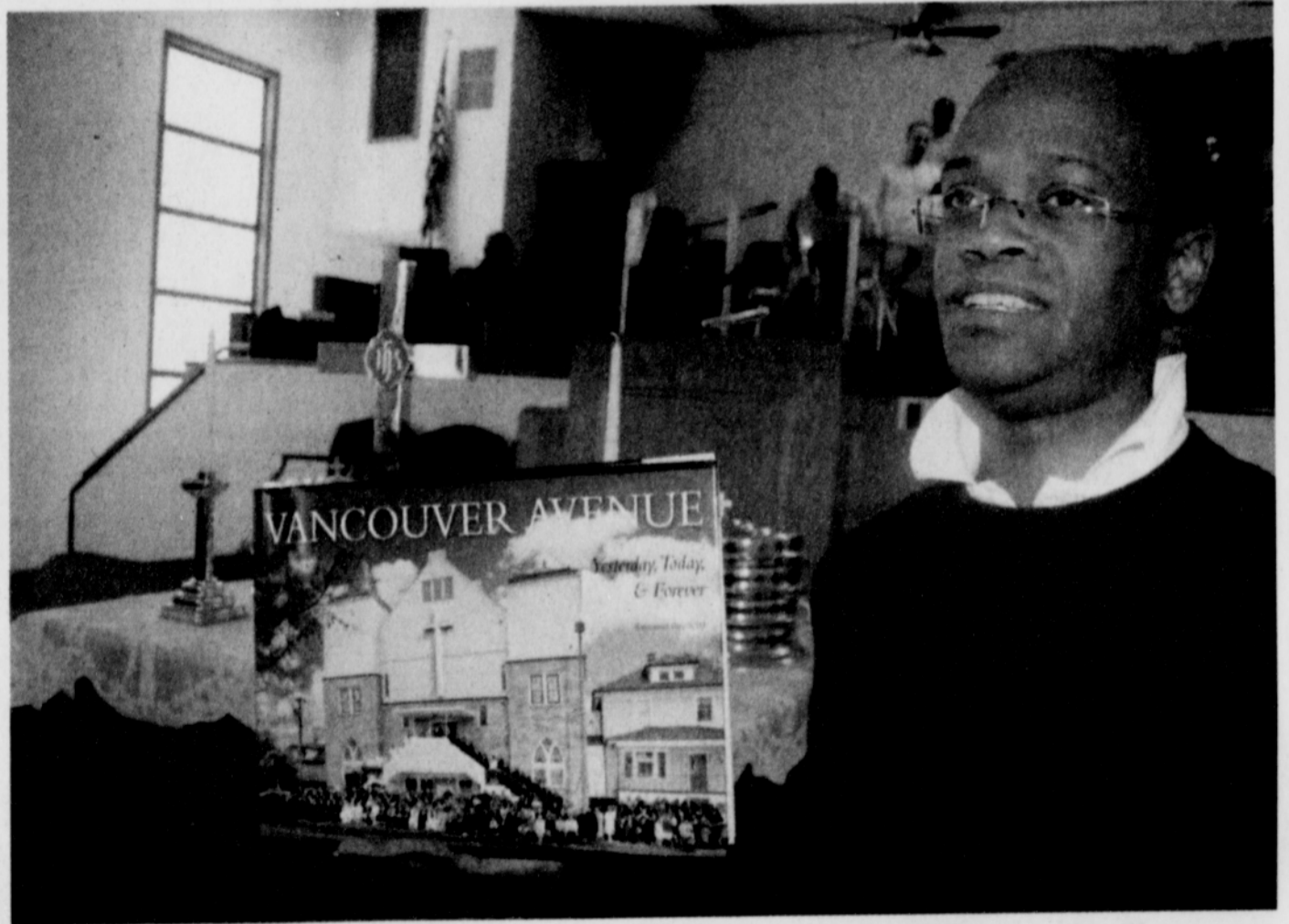
At the end of 10th grade, students would chose from several different career/interest tracks that are still being hashed out, but could include areas like the arts, health care or engineering. Students would be assigned to neighborhood schools, but could transfer if

space allows. The second idea would assign students to their neighborhood school unless they opt to attend a magnet school with fixed enrollment by geo-

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Raymond Burell III holds up a copy of 'Vancouver Avenue: Yesterday, Today and Forever,' a beautifully illustrated book depicting the history of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, one of Portland's most historic African-American congregations.

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'Vancouver Avenue' Chronicles Lives

Historic retrospective goes to print

To mark the 65th anniversary of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, one of Portland's most his-

toric African-American congregations, the church has commissioned a gorgeous oversized, hardbound coffee table book.

The special retrospective book features a tremendous collection of restored historical photographs taken during the 1940s, 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Many of the images were re-

cently discovered in a dusty attic tucked away some 50 years ago by the church's former pastor's wife.

A portion of the book has been dedicated to an anthology of rare family histories of local African Americans who came from the rural south to build and foster new lives and long-time roots in the Portland

and Vancouver area. Many of these families migrated from; Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Oklahoma.

Also featured in the book is a genealogical gem, a birth and death registry of early members, some 800 in-

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