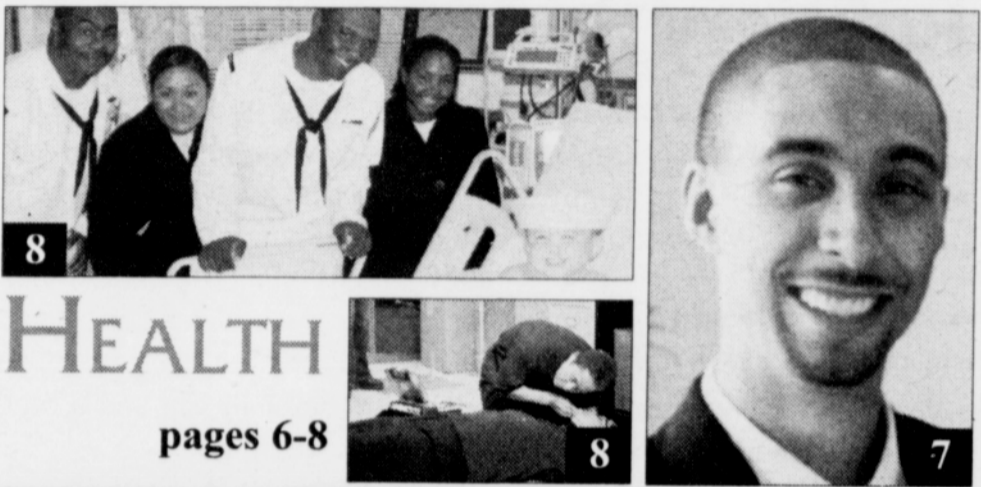


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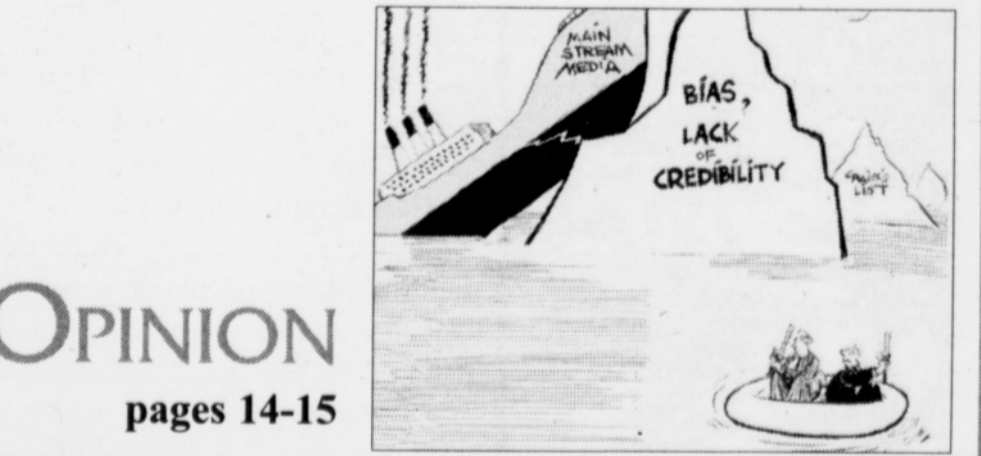


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Redesign plans hit more snags

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A high school redesign proposal has hit more snags, putting into doubt whether it will be approved by the school board by a June 21 deadline. The latest skid came Monday when School Board members suggested converting Jefferson High School from a neighborhood school to a specialized magnet program.

Superintendent Carole Smith had recommended making the district's only predominantly African American high school a comprehensive neighborhood school and enforcing boundary requirements for attendance with limited transfer opportunities.

The initial concept also called for converting Benson Polytechnic High School into a specialized two-year program and Marshall High School into magnet school. The seven other re-

maining high schools would be transformed into comprehensive neighborhood high schools, with roughly the same amount of students, funding, and course offerings.

But this was before news that the state was facing a massive budget shortfall, which could result in \$19 million decrease in funding to PPS. Because of the lack of funds school board mem-

cal programs to Jefferson, which evoked a spirited reaction at a community forum at Self Enhancement Inc., a northeast charter school that serves low-income and minority students that feed into Jefferson.

At the meeting, Tony Hopson, SEI president and CEO, scolded school board members and Smith for continuing a history of ill-fated tinkering at Jefferson that

One of the driving forces behind the redesign is to close in on the Portland's sobering achievement gap.

ber Bobbie Regan and Trudy Sargent, who co-chairs the board, both said they couldn't get behind the eight comprehensive school model. Martin Gonzalez also said he wouldn't vote for the proposal because of cuts to Benson.

Last month, Gonzalez suggested moving Benson's techni-

has sapped the school of the resources it needs to thrive.

Interestingly, Jefferson was converted to a performing arts magnet school in 1974 with the aim of attracting more white students to the predominantly black school. The proposal failed to attractive a significant number

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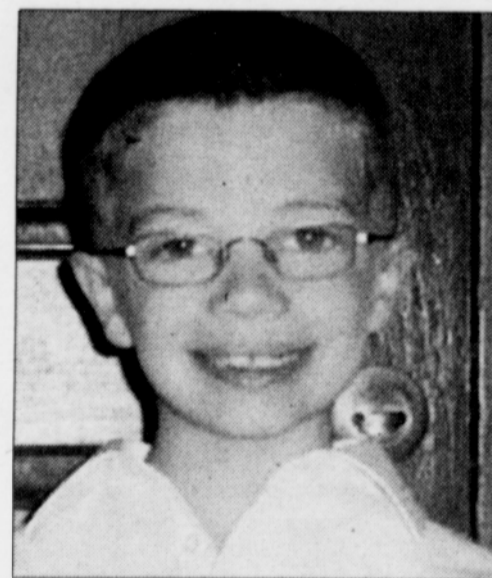
No Sign of 2nd Grader

Vanished from Skyline Elementary

(AP) -- Relatives of a 7-year-old Portland boy missing from Skyline Elementary School for five days have urged those working to find him to carry on the search with optimism.

Twenty-two state, local and federal agencies have been following up on more than 1,200 tips in the search for Kyrion Horman, who disappeared from the northwest Portland school on Friday.

"There has been nothing of significance in terms of results to report," Multnomah County



Kyrion Horman

sheriff's Capt. Jason Gates said Tuesday at a brief news conference.

He said investigators have interviewed the families of about 90 percent of the school's students, and he asked those who haven't been questioned to call a

tip line.

Many parents were at a science fair Friday morning before the boy vanished. Gates said investigators planned to interview everyone who was at the school.

Kelly Ramirez, the sister of Kyrion's mother, issued a statement Monday evening thanking everyone who has "worked tirelessly on Kyrion's behalf" and asked people to print and distribute fliers with the boy's photo.

"Above all do not give up hope, as we certainly never will," she said. "He is out there and we are going to find him and bring him home safe where he belongs."

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