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## Black History Month

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A blissful event in Portland's African-American history took place on Palm Sunday in 1951 when more than 600 community members marched up North Vancouver Avenue to the newly acquired Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church. The symbolic procession marked a new era for the prosperity of blacks in Portland. The church plans to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the event by re-enacting the march on Palm Sunday this year.

## Historic March Encore

### Church plans to repeat symbolic procession

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On Palm Sunday in 1951, hundreds of residents from the metro area marched up North Vancouver Avenue to celebrate a newly purchased Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church as a place of worship for Portland's black community.

The blissful procession made headlines and was reported on the front page of the

Oregonian. The church was considered to be one of the largest property acquisitions by blacks in Portland at the time and marked a new prosperity for local African-Americans.

Real estate covenants that restricted where blacks could live were being broken down and a large African American popu-

lation who lost their worldly possessions from the Columbia River flood at Vanport in 1948 was finally starting to rebuild their lives.

"It heralded a message that things were changing, and the air of hope was upon

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## President Promotes Future Technologies

### Intel visit makes point about investments in kids

President Barack Obama came to a massive, cutting edge Intel chip making plant in Hillsboro Friday to learn how to make American kids more competitive in math and science.

The president praised Intel's commitment to education in Oregon during the visit and

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President Barack Obama looks at a computer screen as he tours the Intel Transmission Electronic Microscope Lab in Hillsboro. The Friday visit was scheduled to promote an American economic future that leads in technology, but one that will depend on American kids who are more competitive in math and science.