

# President Promotes Future Technologies

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he promoted the work of several middle school and high school students who he said make him "optimistic about America's future."

The president said Intel has invested \$50 million in Oregon schools over the last decade and started programs to get children interested in science and technology as early as elementary school.

"I'm so proud of everybody here at Intel, not only because of what you do for these students or this community, but because of what

you do for the country," Obama said.

He also highlighted the work of Nabil Mistkawi, an Intel scientist in Hillsboro who found a solution to a problem that had vexed engineers for months — an eternity in the technology cycle for the computer chip manufacturer. Mistkawi found the solution in just three days drawing on knowledge from his PhD studies at Portland State University.

"An investment in education paid off in a big way," Obama said. "For Nabil. For Intel. For the millions of workers and consumers who ben-

efited from that discovery."

Mistkawi said later it was "a great honor for the president to mention my accomplishments."

Before speaking to the crowd of 350 Intel workers, politicians and other dignitaries, Obama met with three boys from the Beaverton-Hillsboro Science Expo and six girls from Robert Gray Middle School who are members of Intel's First Lego Robotics Team.

Obama noted that he said during his State of the Union address that science fair winners should be celebrated as much as Super Bowl win-

ners. Since his favored Chicago Bears fell short of the National Football League's top game this year, Obama said he's reserving all his cheering for the Oregon science students he met before his remarks.

He said he was most impressed Friday with the students he met and science projects they showed him.

"It gave them a chance to talk about things like quantum ternary algorithms," he said to laughter, "and it gave me a chance to nod my head and pretend that I understood what they were talking about."

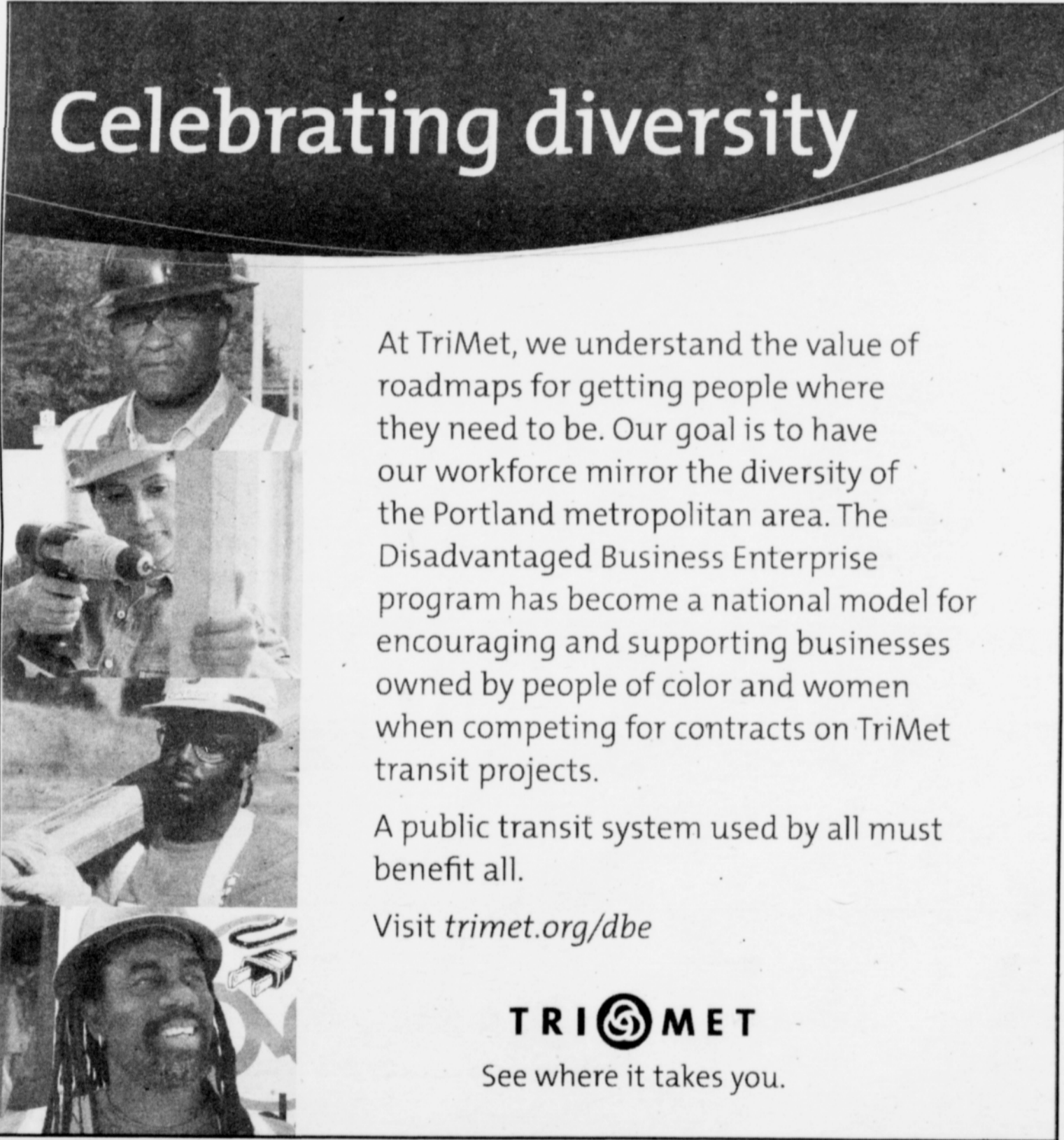
"They deserve our applause and

our praise, and they make me optimistic about America's future," Obama said.

During his address, Obama also offered a morale boost for a basketball team coached by his brother — the struggling Oregon State Beavers.

Alluding to the Beavers' less than stellar 9-15 record, Obama said they "are a very young team. But they're on the move," drawing some chuckles. Beavers coach Craig Robinson is the brother of first lady Michelle Obama.

--The Associated Press.



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## Historic March Encore

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them," said Raymond Burell III, a Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church minister and historian.

This Palm Sunday, on April 17, the church is inviting the community to join them for a 60th anniversary celebration as it re-enacts the historic march.

Senior Pastor J.W. "Matt" Hennessee and other local clergy plan to once again lead hundreds of community residents in a jubilant march of solidarity up Vancouver Avenue to the church's location at Vancouver and Fargo Street.

It was 60 Palm Sundays ago, that loud speakers amplified voices singing "I Shall be Free Someday," as more than 600 residents marched in unison through the streets of Portland to their new church home.

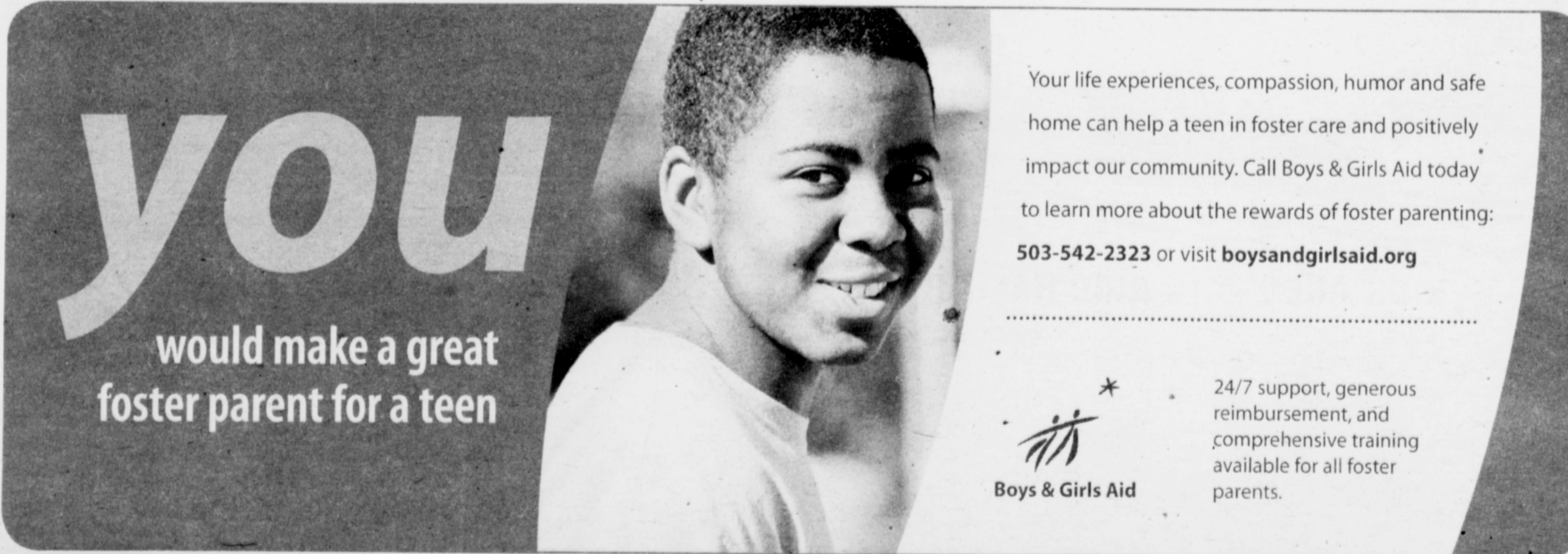
Upon arrival, the worshippers and supporters were greeted by more songs and services by the late founding Vancouver Avenue pastor Dr. Rev. O.B. Williams and five congregational choirs from other local black churches. The large crowd of marchers comfortably filled 600 new seats, whereas their former church could only

provide room for 250 persons.

This Palm Sunday, marchers will enact the historic event in a similar fashion. Plans call for worshippers and supporters to assemble at Lillis/Albina Park located on North Flint Avenue and Russell Street to recreate the historic march to the church. The April 17 procession will be followed by an 11 a.m. Palm Sunday worship featuring the renowned and soul-stirring Reunion Gospel Choir as well as local and out of state guest singers and musicians. Civil rights leader Dr. Joseph Lowery has been invited to speak. An annual Palm Sunday potluck feast will follow the celebration.

For seniors or disabled individuals needing assistance or wheelchairs during the anniversary procession, contact the church office for reservations. Shuttle buses will also be available to take marchers from the church to the park location.

In order to make this historic Palm Sunday procession a triumphant and communal success, the church is seeking volunteers to help out. For more information, contact Pastor Hennessee or other Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church leaders at 503-282-9496.



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