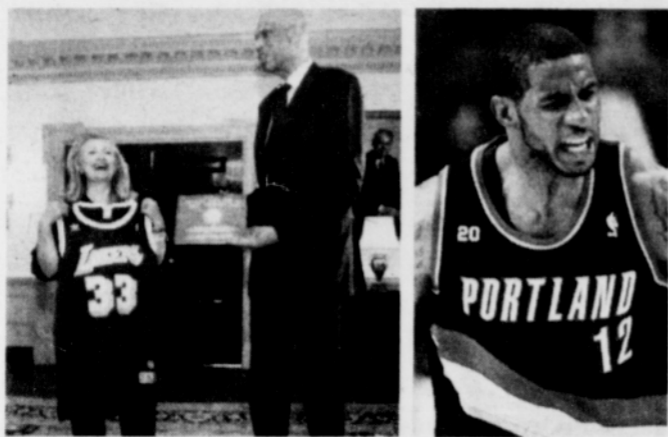


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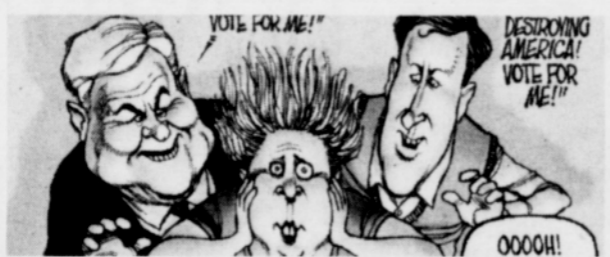
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LOCAL NEWS



Winter Clothes Shopping Spree

Trail Blazer Wesley Matthews takes kids from the Police Activities League on a shopping spree for warm winter clothing Sunday at the Johnson Creek Fred Meyer. The event kicked off the Fred Meyer Coat Drive to provide winter clothing for disadvantaged youth and their families. Donations of new and gently-used coats will be collected at all local Fred Meyer locations through Feb. 12.

Survivors of the Sex Trade

Stories of exploitation, and a call to action

The survivors tell their stories of exploitation as young girls, survival and growth as women. As their stories unfold, audiences' perceptions of prostitution are forever changed, bringing about awareness and a call to action.

Lunacy Stageworks presents *Stories: from Survivors of the Sex Trade*, a staged theatrical work as part of Portland's Fertile Ground Festival.

The readings as told by survivors of the sex trade, Jeri Williams, Valarie Newman, and Rachel Cerise Indigo Baum, will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27 and Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Sellwood Masonic Temple, located on Southeast Milwaukie, just south of Bybee Boulevard.

Williams, the neighborhood program coordinator for the city of Portland and a candidate for City Council on the May 2012 ballot, said the biggest misconception about prostitution is that it is a choice.



Survivors of human trafficking and the sex trade will bring awareness to the issue and a call to action during staged readings this weekend at the Sellwood Masonic Temple as part of Portland's Fertile Ground Festival.

In reality, most of these girls are forced into it, sometimes even sold into it by a parent, Williams said.

Last year, Lunacy Stageworks produced, "Stories: From the Streets," in collaboration with writ-

ers from Street Roots newspaper, written and performed by the homeless. Lunacy continues their *Stories* series this year, featuring women who have survived human trafficking.