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Obama Honors Youth Leader

Parks employee a 'Let's Move' Change Agent

A sports management supervisor for Portland Parks and Recreation has been named a 'Let's Move! Physical Activity Champion of Change' as part of President Obama's "Winning the Future" initiative.

André Ashley is scheduled to attend a Champion of Change ceremony in Washington, D.C. on March 22 in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building at the White House.

The initiative honors leaders like Ashley "who are doing great work to increase access to physical activity for youth in their community," according to the White House.

PP&R zone manager Doug Brenner nominated Ashley in January.

"Anytime a field, court, or gym is in play in Portland, André and his team are behind it in some way," says Brenner.

Parks Commissioner Nick Fish adds, "André tirelessly provides the programs, partnerships, and places that keep athletes of all ages at play in Portland. His leadership guarantees that Portland Parks & Recreation offers many ways to stay active and healthy."

"I'm truly humbled," says Ashley. "It's not me, but rather the entire staff who makes our sports programs with PP&R so great. This is an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime honor, but I so much need to give the credit to everyone I work with. It's they who truly deserve the recognition."

Ashley will participate in a discussion of the work he and his team are doing. He'll meet and speak with agency representatives and White House staff. Ashley,



André Ashley of Portland will be recognized for his work to increase access by local youth to physical activities during a White House ceremony on March 22. Ashley is a sports management supervisor for Portland Parks and Recreation.

who's been at the helm of PP&R's sports programs for more than a decade, will also be featured on the White House website.

According to the White House Office of Public Engagement, the award recognizes Ashley as one who is "Winning the Future" by empowering and inspiring the youth in their communities to lead active, healthy

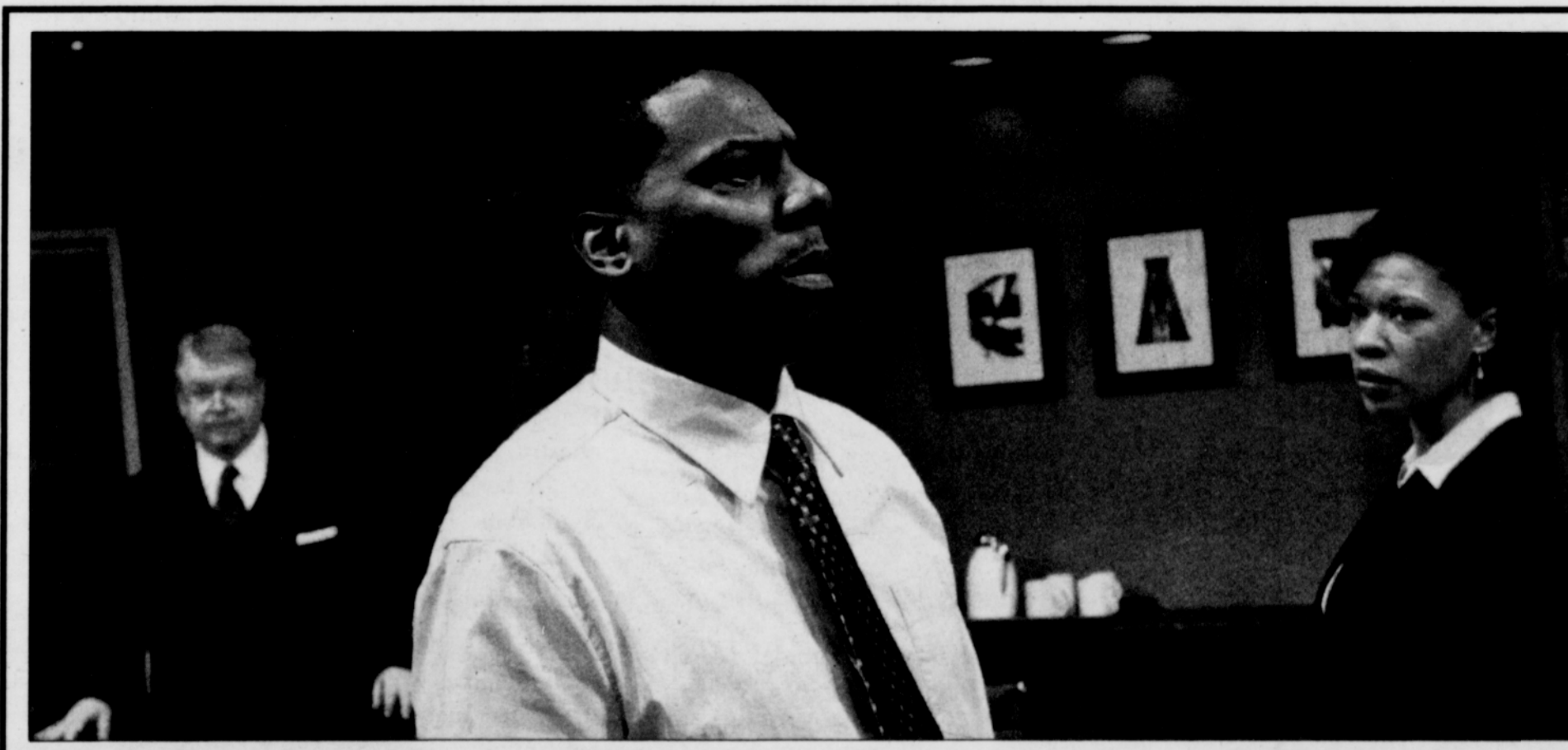
lifestyles.

PP&R's sports programs benefit from the generosity of friends and partners like Beaverton-based Nike.

The global sportswear company has worked with Portland Parks & Recreation on several initiatives, including most recently the Positive Coaching Alliance's coach train-

ing program to promote good sportsmanship. Nike has also been instrumental in other youth development programs; the company has paid for jerseys and other equipment associated with Portland Parks and Recreation's sports programs.

For more information, call 503-823-5300 or visit portlandparks.org.



Shame and Rage

Two lawyers, one black, one white, take on a case that gets under their skin and exposes a minefield of deep divisions in 'Race,' now playing through April 8 at Artists Repertory Theatre, downtown. Pictured are Todd Van Voris (from left), Reginald Jackson and Ayanna Berkshire. For tickets, call 503-241-1278.

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