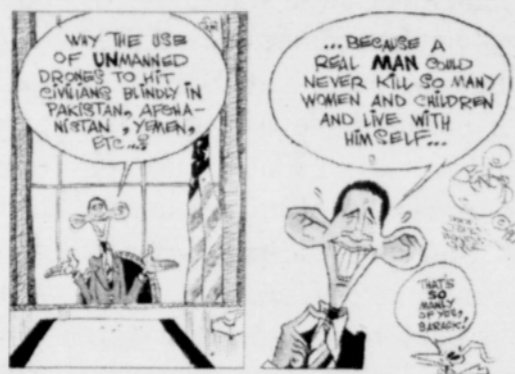


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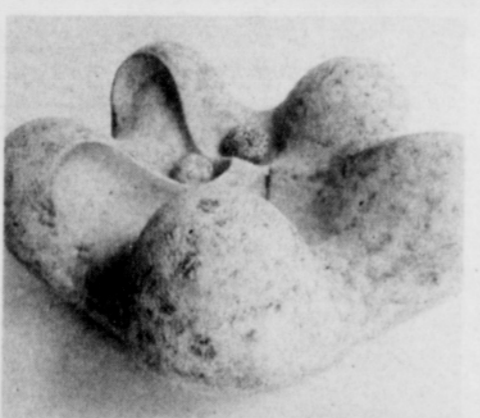
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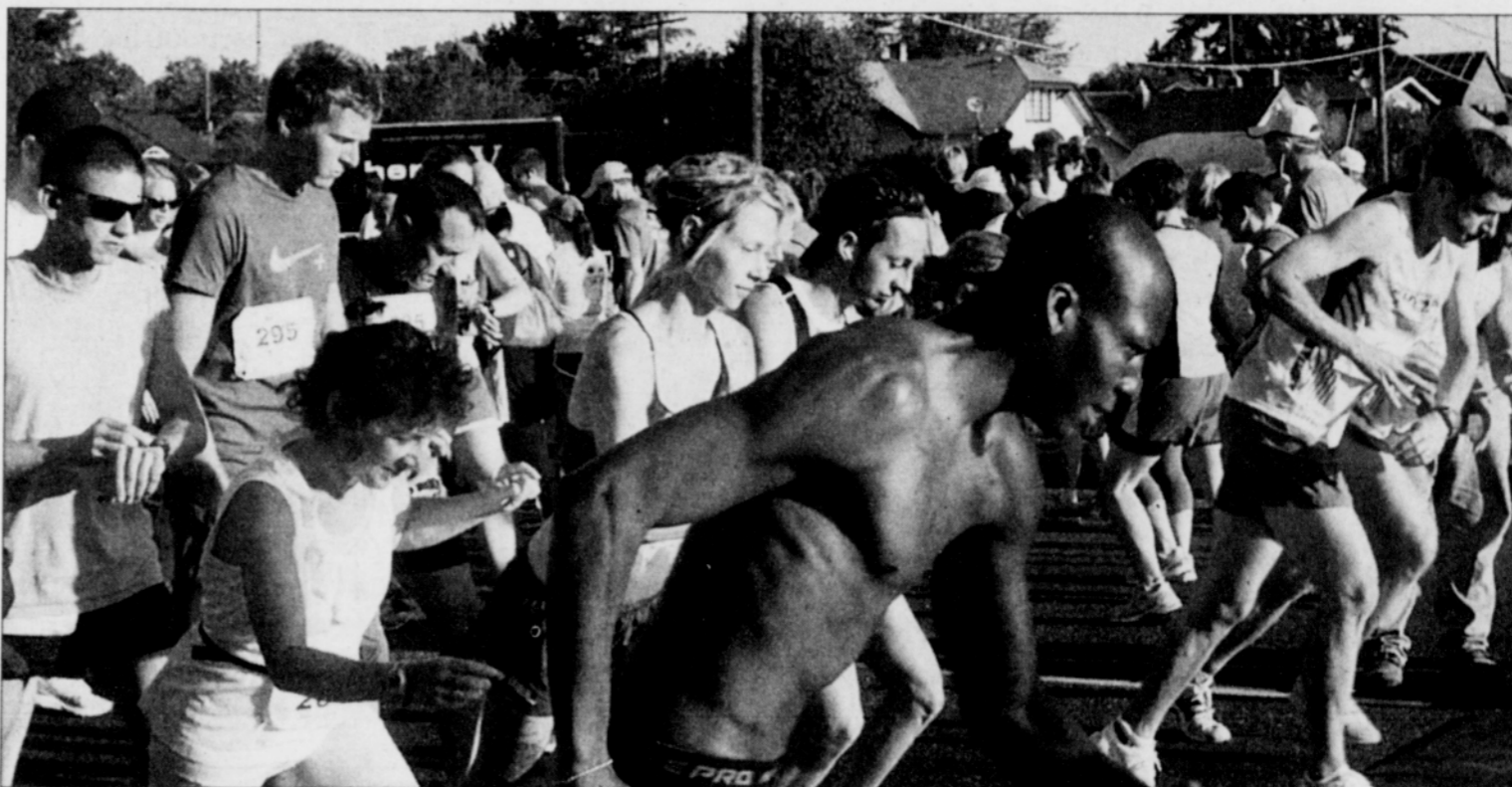
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Participants in the first MLK Dream Run take off from Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta for a Sunday race that embraced the diversity of north and northeast Portland.

Dream Run Success

Inaugural MLK race draws 250 people

BY LEE PERLMAN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
More than 250 people got in some early exercise as they gathered at 7:30 a.m. Sunday to kick-off the first annual MLK Dream Run sponsored by the North-Northeast Business Association to celebrate the multicultural neighborhoods in north and northeast Portland.

The runners covered courses of five, 10 and 15 kilometers through 11 neighborhoods. The time represented a compromise with the city's transportation bureau. Organizers, including Henry V Events, had wanted to race on Saturday to avoid interfering with Sunday church services. The early Sunday start avoided conflicts, and as it happened, spared competitors heat that reached 94 degrees later in the day.

Some 150 volunteers assisted with the event. Emmanuel Temple Bishop G.T. Wells provided a prayer for the sendoff, and a song from Joseph Lee Wen. The top men and women finishers received their prizes from Lurleen Shamsud-Din of the business group and City Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

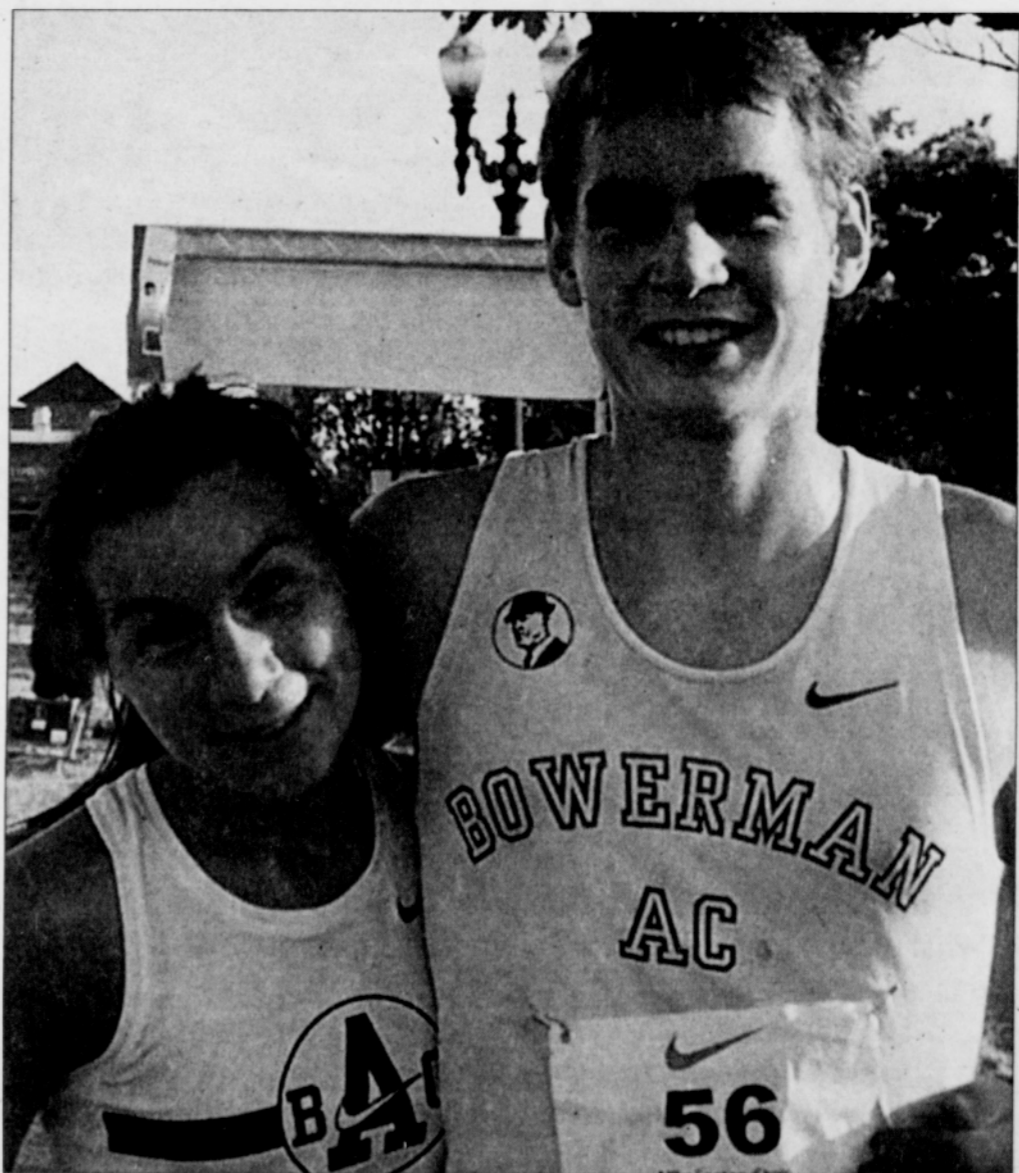
Shamsud-Din was a stand-in for NNEBA chair Joice Taylor, who was ill on event day.

Joice has done so much for this community," Fritz said.

Also on hand were Dante James, the newly hired executive director of the Portland Office of Equity, and Wendy Hollister, widow of long-

time Nike executive Geoff Hollister, for whom the 15 kilometer race was named. County Commissioner

was the overall winner for the 10 K event in 32.21, while Dan Franek was the top male finisher in 37.21. The 15 K winners were Lawrence



Jordan Welling was the top male finisher and Larisa Manuel the top female racer in the inaugural MLK Dream Run. The Sunday morning event drew more than 250 people.

Loretta Smith gave out the five kilometer awards.

Jordan Welling won the 5 K event in 15 minutes and 15 seconds, while Larisa Manuel was the top woman

Merrifield in 56.00 and Hallie Janssen in 57.57.

Franek, a local resident, said he

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