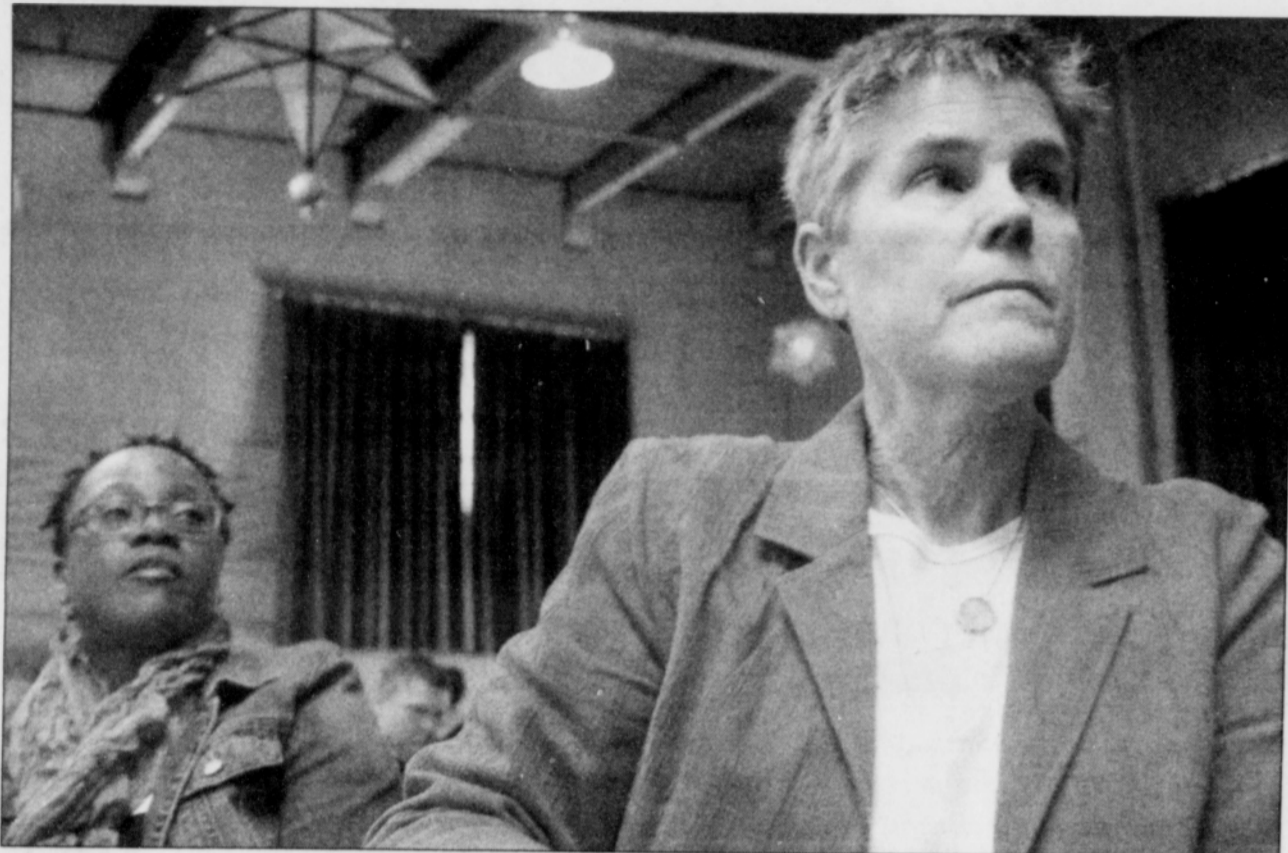


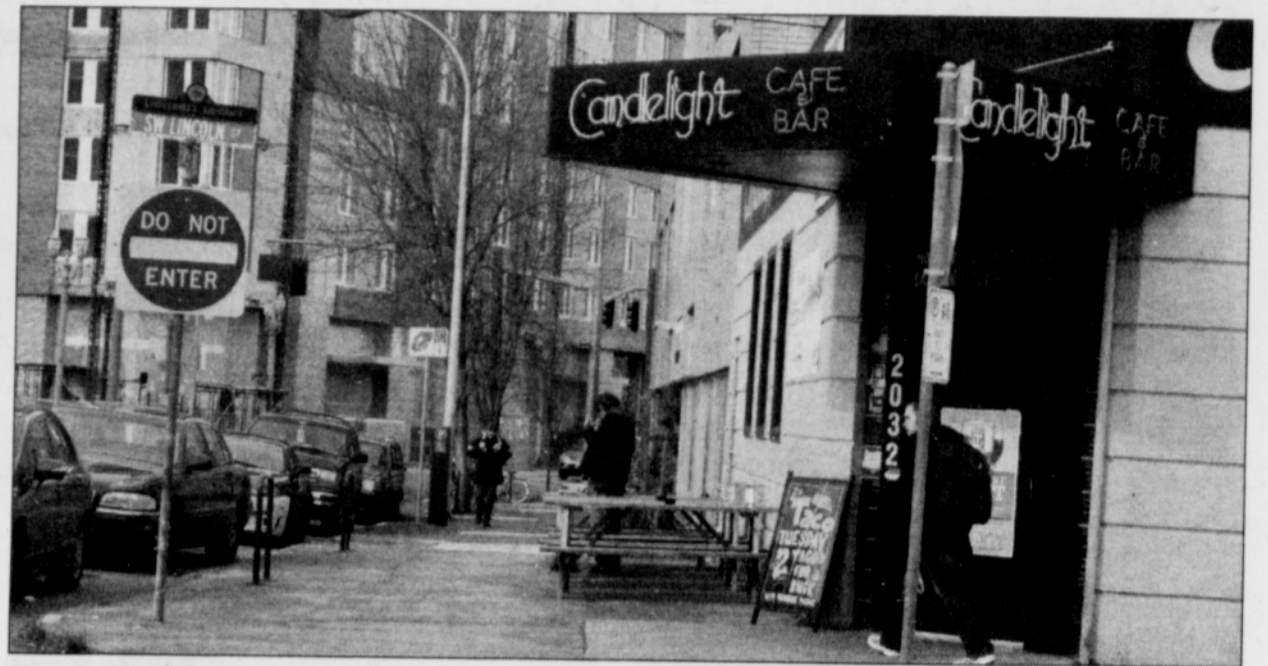
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Crimes against the Elderly

March 14 – Sgt. Margaret Bahnsen of the Portland Police Bureau's Vulnerable Adult Unit, joins other advocates to speak out on crimes committed against the elderly. In the last year, 8,300 reports of abuse, fraud and financial exploitation were made involving older Portland area residents.



Candlelight Blows Out

March 21 – After decades of providing Portlanders with what some consider the best blues, soul and R&B the city has to offer, the Candlelight Room closes to make room for the construction of TriMet light-rail tracks, ending an era for a popular downtown nightspot.

High Emotions on Schools

April 11 – Harriet Tubman Young Women's Leadership Academy Principal Bonnie Hobson and other school advocates speak out against the closure of the all-girls academy and Humboldt Elementary School, both serving Portland's African-American community and other minorities.



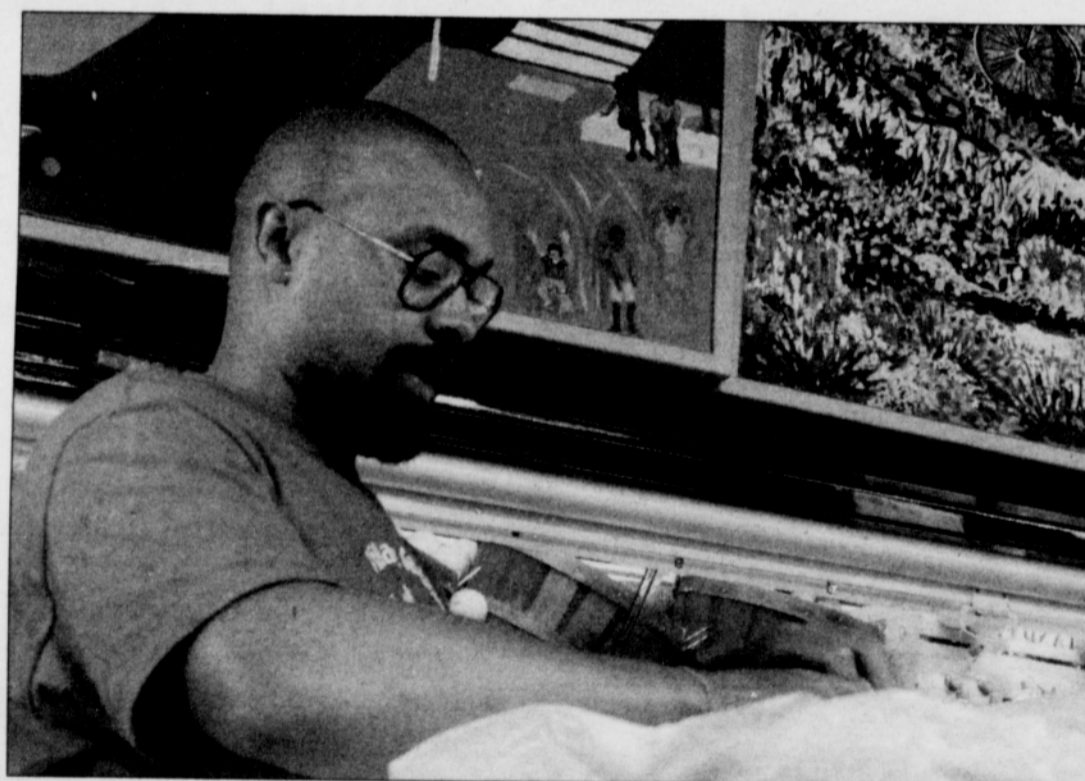
Voices of Vancouver's First Families

April 18 – Vancouver's African-American community tells its 70-year-story with the help of local author Jane Elder Wulff whose book details the lives of 35 local families who trace their roots to the ship building days of World War II.



Fighting for Social Justice

April 25 – After nearly 17 years as an activist and advocate for minority communities in Portland, Native American and single mother Jeri Williams has put equity issues before the public with her race for a seat on the Portland City Council.



New Columbia Store Strives for Health

May 23 – Mychal Tetteh, project manager of the Village Market in the New Columbia neighborhood in north Portland, works diligently with the community to provide residents with affordable and healthy food options.

Standing Your Ground

May 16 – As Debbie Austin struggles to keep her house as a bank executes a foreclosure, a new organization called We Are Oregon is formed to fight for a fair economy.



Higher Fares and Service Cuts to Come

June 20 – After nearly eight months of public outreach to tackle a \$12 million budget shortfall, TriMet has approved a series of higher fares and service cuts, including the elimination of pricing by zones, and the rail-free zone downtown and the Lloyd District.

