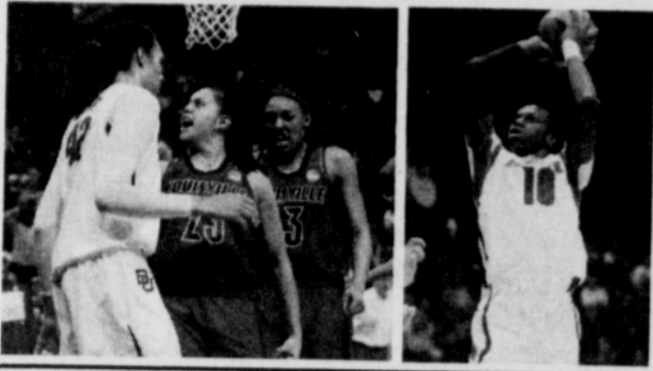


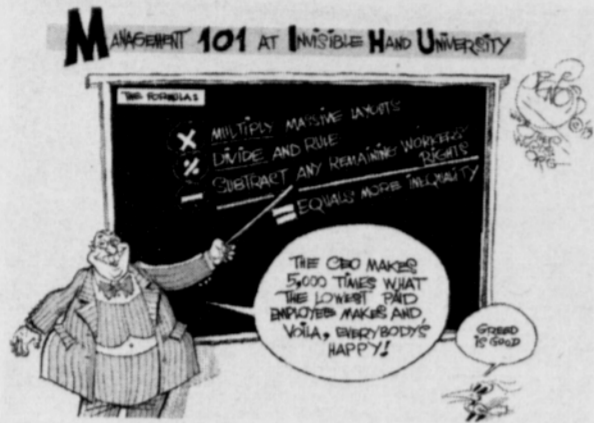
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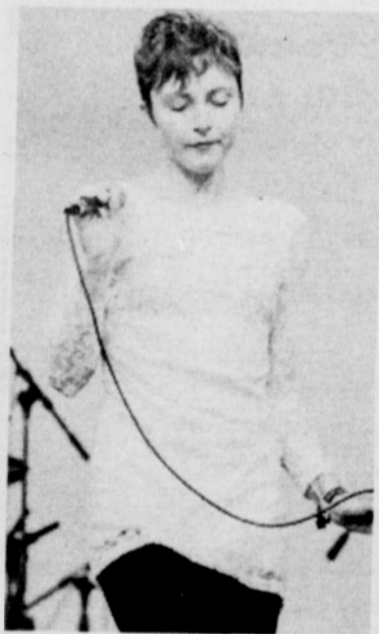


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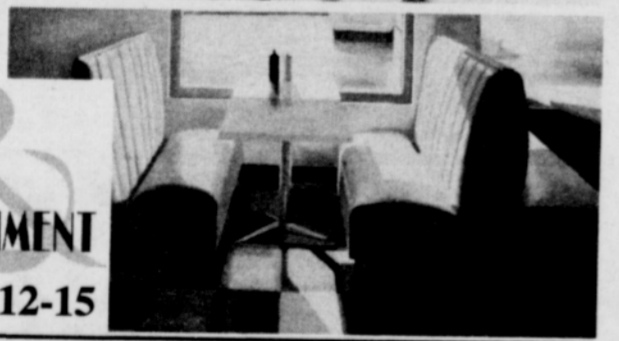


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Construction of the Portland-Milwaukie light rail line south of downtown. Work on the 7.5 mile line has already created 5,000 jobs and reached a new record for minority and small business participation, according to a new report by TriMet.

Maximizing Jobs

Light rail sets record for minority participation

Construction of the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project from downtown to Clackamas County has set a record for its minority and small business participation while also creating more than 5,000 jobs, according to a new report by TriMet.

The transportation agency reported Friday that the project has

reached a new record of \$103 million in disadvantaged business enterprise contracts, and created 2,749 direct jobs, including 1,816 on-site construction jobs and 933 professional and technical jobs. The employment numbers also add 2,511 indirect and induced jobs.

The light rail extension is now 40 percent complete. When finished in 2015, the 7.3 mile line will connect downtown Portland with the South Waterfront, southeast Portland, Milwaukie and north Clackamas County.

A first-of-its-kind new bridge will also carry light rail, buses, bikes and

pedestrians, and a future Portland Streetcar extension over the Willamette River.

"We're thrilled that the planning and construction of the region's sixth light rail project is providing job opportunities for local workers and firms," said TriMet Capital Projects Executive Director Dan Blocher. "This project is making a real difference to our local economy, while we expand and improve our transit system."

The record amount of contracts awarded to firms owned by people

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Sheriff Reverses Stance on Holds

Multnomah County Sheriff Dan Staton has drafted a resolution to begin releasing undocumented immigrants brought to his jails for

low-level crimes like non-violent misdemeanors.

The decision to change Immigration and Customs Enforcement

(ICE) holds is a reversal of Staton's previous support of a

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