

Haskins Proposes Return to PIL

Portland Public Schools' newly named athletic director Marshall Haskins held a news conference Friday to announce a formal proposal to have all of the district's high schools to compete at the 6A level, the highest sports ranking in the state as part of "re-establishing" the Portland Interscholastic League.

The Portland Observer featured Haskins in front page profile article last week in which he mentioned that he working to raise the visibility of athletics in the city through major reforms.

His proposal suggests that competing in one

league under the same 6A level will strengthen all sports programs, eliminate inequities across high schools, reduce travel costs, and rejuvenate traditional rivalries thus re-energizing community and alumni support.

"I think the ultimate goal is to create a robust successful athletic program. The best in the West. Quality coaches, facilities, district competition, and state competition," he said.

The public is invited to a public information hearing on the league proposal at Franklin High School in southeast Portland on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.



Marshall Haskins

Week in The Review

Zimmerman Detained

George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch captain who was acquitted of murdering 17-year-old Trayvon Martin just months ago, was detained by authorities on Monday following an alleged altercation with his wife and father-in-law. Shelly Zimmerman recently announced that she filed for divorce.

Obama Awaits Congress

Though President Obama claims full power over whether or not U.S. troops will launch a "limited air strike" on Syria in response to its president Maher al-Assad killing more than 1,400 of his country's citizens with nerve gas, Obama continues to await a vote in Congress signaling their support for the attack. Syria has since claimed an openness to international powers controlling their chemical weapons.

Anti-War Demonstration

Monday evening concerned citizens and members of several progressive groups convened at the Edith Green-Wendall Wyatt Federal Building in downtown Portland for a demonstration against the purposed attack in Syria and in support of several more peaceful alternatives.

Same-Sex Couple File Complaint

After being refused service by an employee of Broadway Cab, a same sex couple has filed an anti-discrimination complaint with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries for allegedly refusing service based on sexual orientation.

School "Seclusion Cells" Examined

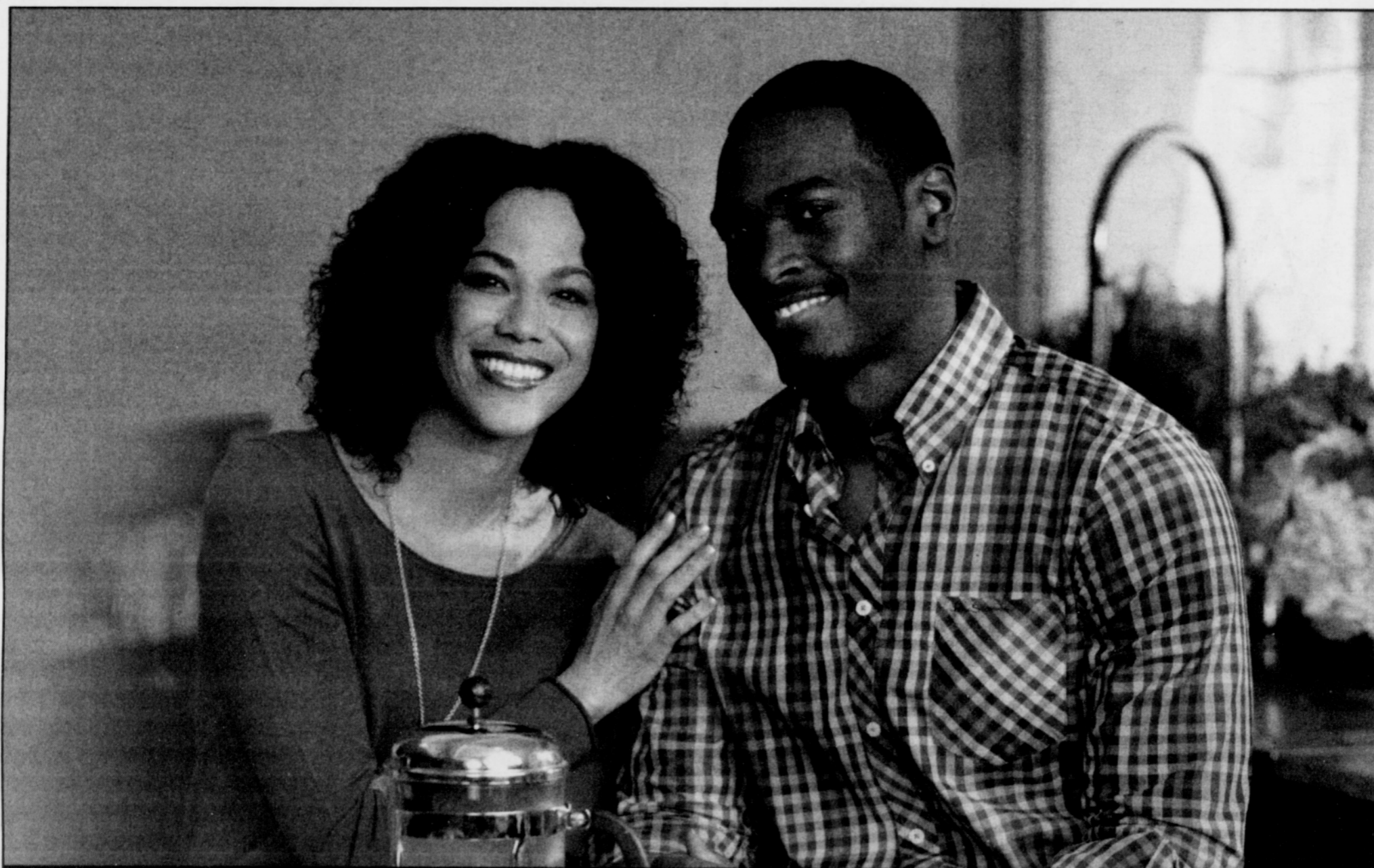
Pioneer School in southeast Portland was examined last Tuesday on account of their "seclusion cells" to determine if they're banned by a new state law. The rooms are a form of isolation for kids to "calm down" when misbehaving.

Nurse Saves the Day

A man walked into Providence St. Vincent Hospital in southwest Portland Thursday complaining to a nurse of a medical condition. When he didn't get the medication he wanted, he put a gun to his head and chest. The admittance nurse was able to get him calmed down and another employee was able to move him into a secure area.

Splash Pads On

With the trend of hot weather expected to beam on, Portland Parks and Recreation have extended the duration for the city's splash pads. The pads will be on through the end of September from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.



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