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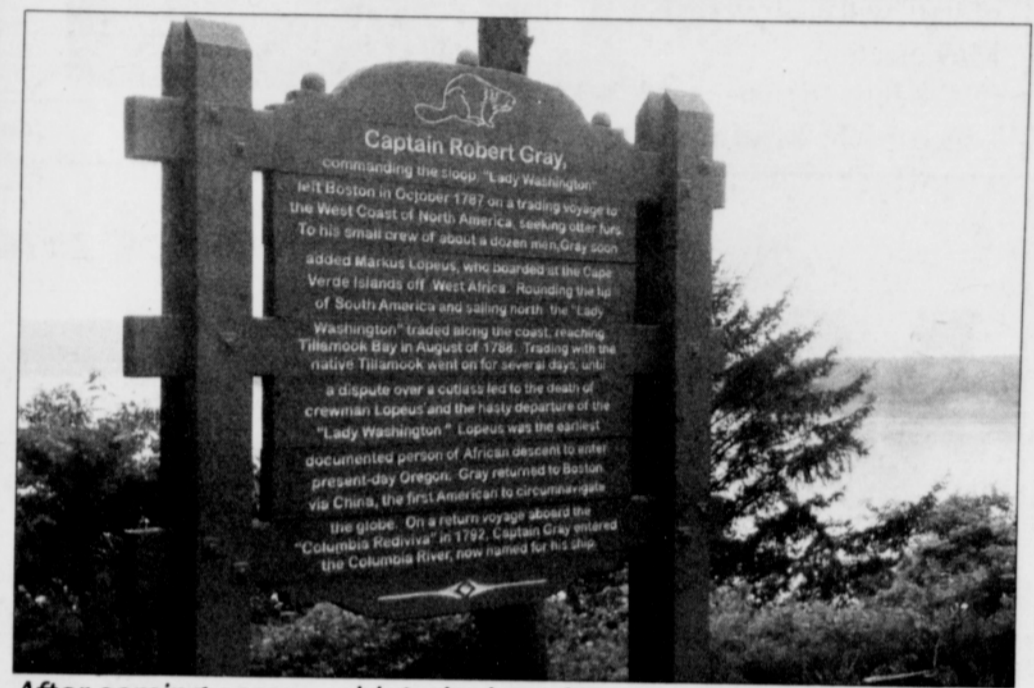
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LOCAL NEWS



Gwen Carr



After coming across a historical marker near Tillamook that failed to mention a significant character in Oregon's black history, Oregon Black Pioneer's Vice Chair Gwen Carr launched a successful mission to include that missing part of history on the signage.

Restoring 'Lost' History

Marker to mention first black visitor to Oregon

BY DONOVAN M. SMITH THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A trip with the grandchildren became something much bigger for Gwen Carr as she cruised along Highway 101. She stopped on the side of

the road at a historical marker near Tillamook hoping the sign would include a most significant piece of Oregon's black history. Too her dismay that story was not included. She was searching for the story of

Markus Lopeus, the earliest documented person of African descent to set foot in Oregon.

The marker told the story of

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Longtime African American families from Vancouver will gather Saturday for a reunion at Marine Park, upstream from the Interstate Bridge in Vancouver, near the site of a former Kaiser shipyard.

'Back in the Day' Reunion

Celebrating Vancouver's First Families

The second annual "Back in the Day Reunion" of Vancouver's longtime African American families is planned for Saturday, Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Marine Park along the Columbia River in Vancouver.

Sponsors include the Vancouver NAACP, the First Families project and Umpqua Bank.

Basic cookout fare, water and

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