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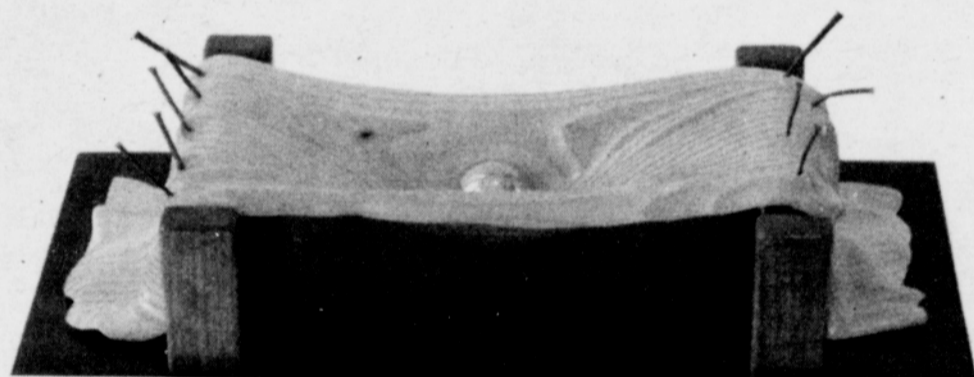
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LOCAL NEWS



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Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith offers her reflections on the late Harold Williams during a ceremony honoring Williams and four other "Black Pioneers" at a Friday luncheon sponsored by Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives.

Honoring Black Pioneers

Portland giants in their work to make for a better community were honored by family, friends, and civic leaders at a special luncheon Friday at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.

Sponsored by the north and northeast Portland housing provider Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, the 2013 "Black Pioneers" honorees included the late Charles Jordan, Pauline Bradford, Harold Williams, Evelyn

Collins, and Dr. John Marshall, all strong advocates and activists for the city's black community.

Attendees at the presentation included current community advocates like State Rep. Lew Frederick and Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith.

Smith offered reflections on Harold Williams and told about his positive influence on her as only the second African-American to serve as an elected county official.

Portland Community Reinvestment commissioned artistic portraits of each of the honorees and presented the finished works during the event.

The paintings were crafted by Fred Ingram, and are to be installed on the Russell Street face of the Urban League of Portland plaza building. The portraits are to join existing ones, which he also painted, sometime within the next month.

Grand Theft Dignity Village

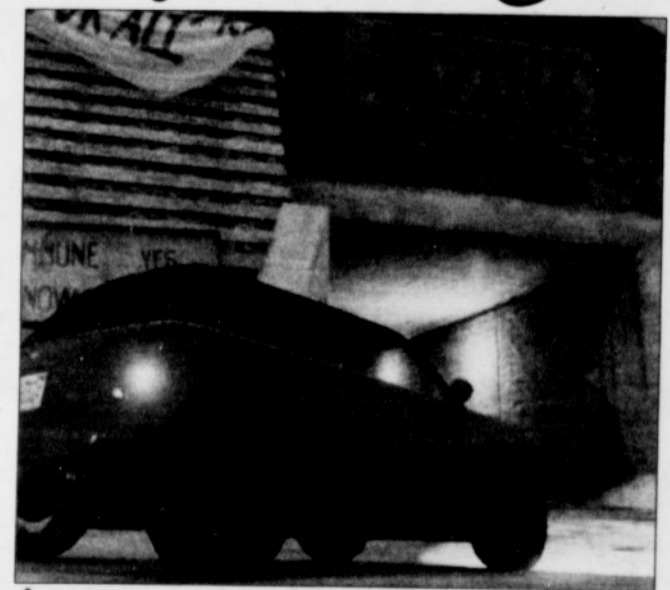
Popular game draws on Portland encampment

Popular video game series Grand Theft Auto is under the microscope after creating a homeless camp and naming it Dignity Village in the latest version of the game.

The northeast Portland non-profit transitional campground Dignity Village was not amused. Nancy Mottaz, the camp's chief executive officer is reportedly looking into the situation further with the aid of an attorney.

In the newest game Grand Theft Auto V, the homeless camp can be found at the edge of a city near a freeway that runs along a coastline; Portland's Dignity Village is a half mile south of northeast Marine Drive, parallel to the Columbia River.

Rockstar Games, publisher of the game series, has not made a statement on the controversy. The latest version of the game was released Sept. 17 to huge fanfare selling over \$800 million its first day out.



A screen capture from the newest version of Grand Theft Auto shows a homeless camp going by the name Dignity Village, the same name as the transitional housing camp located in northeast Portland.