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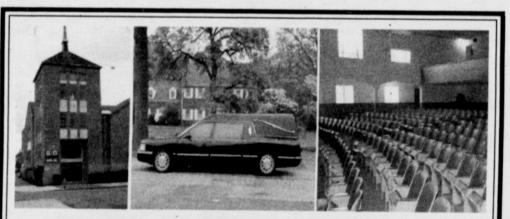
A Day to Remember

Jan. 23 - Asserting America's possibilities are limitless; President Barack Obama took the oath of office for his second inauguration before a flag-waving crowd of hundreds of thousands on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.



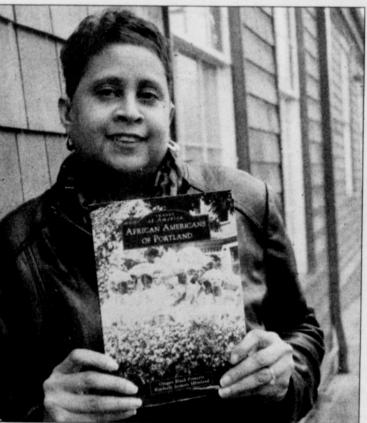
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Beyond Bricks and Mortar Jan. 30 -- North Portland Precinct Commander Mike Leloff (left) and Portland Community College Campus President Algie Gatewood are recognized for their leadership in a community policing effort that has improved safety in and around the north Portland campus.







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Inspiring Generations

Feb. 6 - Kimberly Sower Moreland sifted through hundreds of documents and photographs to create "African Americans of Portland," a new book on the unique history of Portland's black community.



A Path Away from Prisons

March 6 - Clariner Boston, executive director of the non-profit Better People, and Bruce Tarbox, Portland defense attorney and the group's board president, has lawmakers rethinking Oregon sentencing laws to provide greater treatment and corrections alternatives to costly prison terms.



Honored Portland Musicians

Feb. 13 - Portland's Esperanza Spalding and her mentor Thara Memory receive a Grammy for Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocalists for their song "City of Roses" at the annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. The album "Radio Music Society" also won Spalding a Grammy for Best Jazz Vocal Album.

Enduring Courage

Feb. 27 - The first African-American residents in Vancouver and the link to the origins of a black community that started with the shipbuilding jobs of World War II, are saluted during Black History Month for their courage to break racial barriers.

