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Newspaper group welcomed to the Rose City

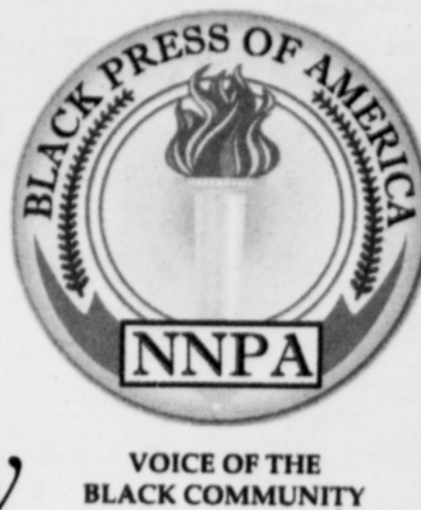


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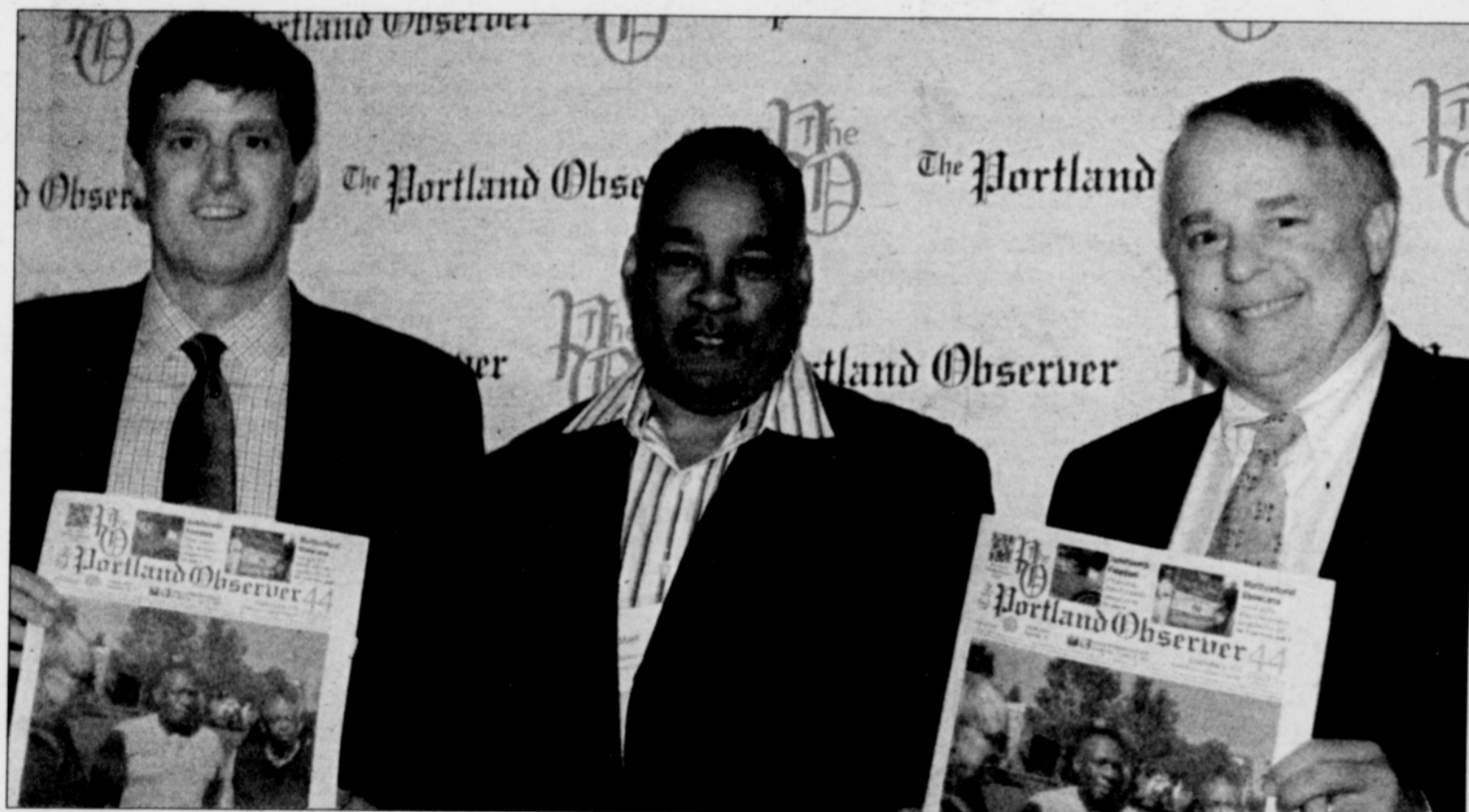
U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., (left) receives a warm welcome at the NNPA convention from Portland Observer Publisher Mark Washington.



Female publishers of black newspapers surround former San Francisco mayor Willie Brown. Pictured, back row, from left are Natalie Cole, Our Weekly; Denise Rolark Barnes, Washington Informer; Dorris Ellis Robinson, Houston Sun; The Honorable Willie Brown; Amelia Ashley-Ward, Sun Reporter Publishing, Inc., Jackie Hampton, Mississippi Link; Karen Carter Richards, Houston Forward Times. Front row, from left are Dorothy Leavell, Chicago Crusader; Mollie Finch Belt, Dallas Examiner; and Mary G. Denson, Windy City Word.



Doni Glover of Bmorenews.com with Onita Frazier of the NNPA.



Patrick Quinton (left) and John Jackley of the Portland Development Commission hold up their copies of The Portland Observer, Oregon oldest minority publication, at the NNPA convention in Portland, joined by the newspaper's publisher Mark Washington.



Former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown (left), the NNPA's Legacy of Excellence award winner at the group's national convention in Portland, is joined by Portland resident and former state Sen. Margaret Carter, and NNPA chair Cloves C. Campbell.



Renowned Civil Rights leader and NNPA President Dr. Benjamin Chavis (second from right) pictured with Self Enhancement Inc's Tony Hopson Sr. (from left), Pastor Hardy of Highland Community Church and Chris H. Bennett, founder of the Seattle Medium.



John Stanford (left), president of the MJWJ Global Radio Network out of Houston, Texas, and Michael McCall, the network's vice president of operations, enjoy the NNPA festivities.