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LOCAL NEWS

Queen Kahedja!

Jefferson junior defies the stereotypes

Congratulations to Jefferson High School junior Kahedja Burley for her selection as Portland Rose Festival Queen.

The 17-year-old was bestowed the honorary crown Saturday just prior to the Rose Festival's Grand Floral Parade. She is the ninth Jefferson student to be selected Queen of Rosaria and the first for the north Portland school in 17 years.

Queen Kahedja will hold the title as the 101st Portland Rose Festival Queen until she passes it on next year.

An active member of the Jefferson high school community, she participates in student government and the Black Student Union while also competing on the boys wrestling team while also being active in volleyball, track, cheerleading.

She hosted several talent shows and pep assemblies at the school and is currently enrolled in Jefferson's health and biotechnology program. When she was named to the Rose Festival Court earlier this spring, she described herself as someone who steps outside of the stereotypes.

"I'm the only female on the [wrestling] team, as well as one of the hardest workers on the team. I do the same drills and pushups as everyone else. I push



Kahedja Burley

myself every practice to do better than the last. While everyone else is jogging, I push myself to sprint."

The daughter of Mashavu Hicks and Rondale Burley and sibling to Tahir Burley, she hopes to attend a four-year university outside of Oregon and pursue a career in marketing.



Three acres of vacant land with views of the West Hills and the Willamette River has been purchased by the city of Portland for use as a public park. The parcel is located on a bluff in the Cathedral Park neighborhood of north Portland.

View Property Turns to Public Use

Portland Parks & Recreation has purchased a nearly three acre parcel of vacant land with views of the West Hills and the Willamette River for use as a public park in

the Cathedral Park neighborhood of north Portland. The land also contains two heritage trees, both Oregon white oaks (*Quercus garryana*).

Previously known as the North Crawford Street and Polk Avenue property, the site was purchased

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