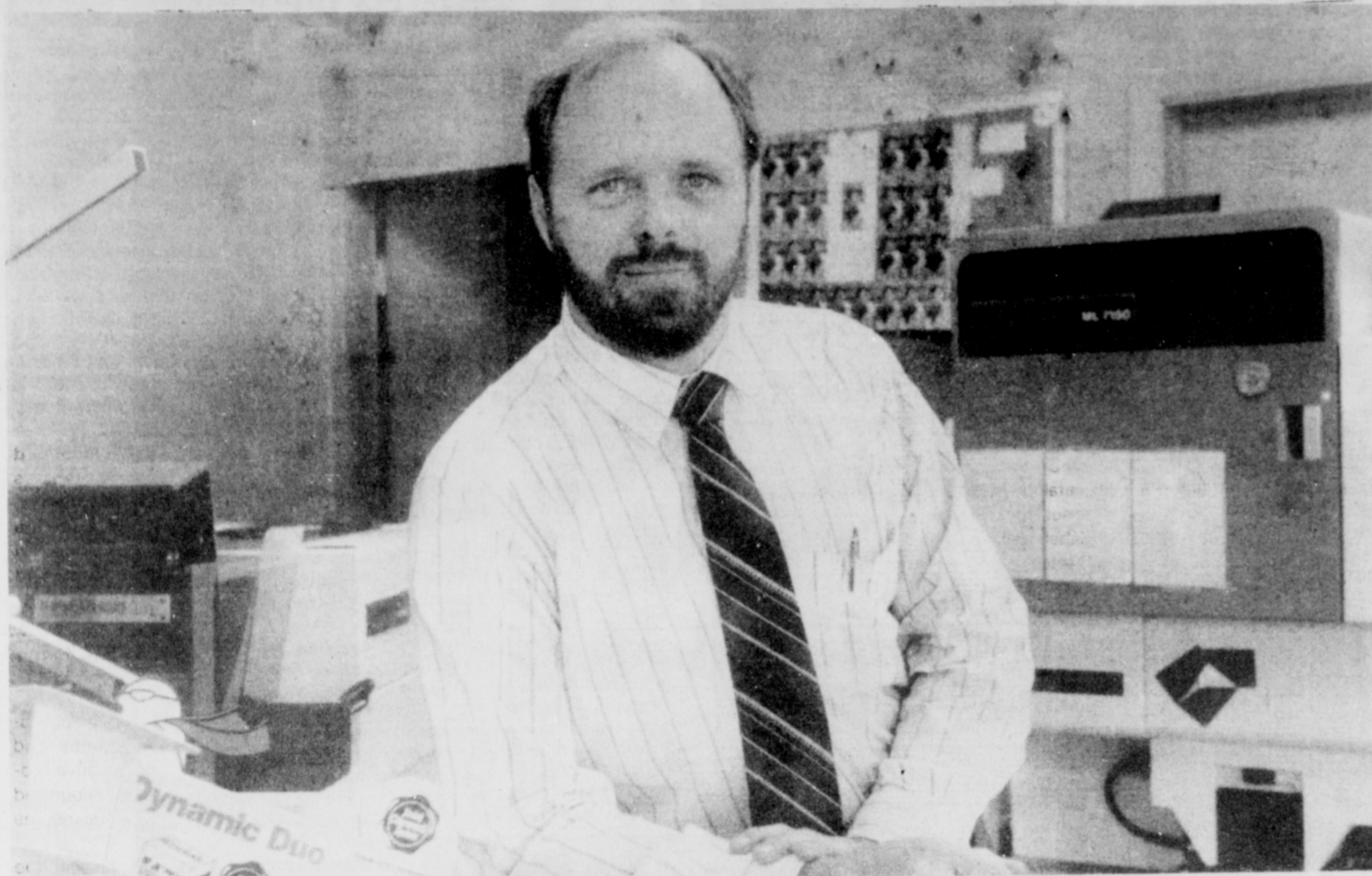


# Interstate Photo: On the Move



Mark Oliver, Operations Mgr., Interstate Photo Express.

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by Leon Harris

Quality service and customer satisfaction is a mandate for Det O'Connor, owner of Interstate Photo Express and Boomtown Convenience Store on Interstate Ave. in North Portland. The former Denver, Colorado, native stresses the two aforementioned points to his seventeen full- and part-time employees, reminding them that competence and honesty not only increase productivity, but also makes them identifiable for increased responsibility.

"Business is not great, but it is gaining momentum, because we have a lot of repeat customers, which is encouraging," claims Det. "The fact that they keep coming back leads me to believe we are doing something right."

A tour of duty in Japan with the U.S. military so impressed him that he returned to that country as a student at the University of Maryland extension school. After graduation, he continued his studies there as a graduate student receiving a double major in Counseling and Personnel Services. While in Japan, Det met and married his wife, Mutsumi.

After eight years abroad, the O'Connors returned to the states where Det went to work for Motorola in Seattle, Washington, as a sales representative selling communication parts to the U.S. government. They moved to Portland some seven years ago when Det was promoted to Northwest Representative.

In deciding to go into the photo processing business last April, he selected "state-of-the-art equipment with capabilities limited only by the customer's imagination." In claiming the photo processing business as "one of perfection," Interstate Photo tests its photo developing chemicals daily to ensure quality and also sends color samples back to Kodak headquarters in Rochester, N.Y., for monitoring. "Our commercial and regular accounts have expressed satisfaction with our work," states Det. "That's why they keep coming back."

Owning a sailboat, the O'Connors try to get on the water as often as possible.

Interstate Photo is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Boomtown is open 24 hours daily.

## Join Cub Scouts September 17

Back to School Night for Cub Scouts is set for September 17, 1987, 7:30 p.m. in area elementary schools.

Boys, grades 2 through 5 are invited to join neighborhood Boy Scout packs.

Cub Scouting is a valuable program for families, providing wholesome parent-son activity, recognition of boy's achievement, and positive experiences for a boy, reinforcing his sense of self-worth. It adds a lot to single parent situations.

For more information on programs of the Boy Scouts of America, contact Guy Eichsteadt, Columbia Pacific Council 226-3423 (a United Way agency).

## Tiger Cubs Start September 17

Boys in the first grade can join Tiger Cubs. Parents should bring their son to their elementary school, September 17, 7:30 p.m.

Tiger Cubs is a new program of the Boy Scouts of America, with 17 "Big Idea" activities, developed for the family. The Tiger Cub program is less structured than Cub Scouting, but provides valuable parent-son activity at an important stage in a boy's development.

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## Childbirth Class

A six-week childbirth education class is being offered at Meridian Park Hospital, September 15 through October 20.

The series is taught by a certified birth instructor and gives expectant parents a better understanding of the events surrounding the birth of their child. The classes cover fetal growth and development, breathing and relaxation exercises, labor and birth as well as parenting.

The fee is \$40, and pre-registration is necessary. For additional information, contact the community education department at the Tualatin hospital.

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