

**Mt. Hood Jazz Fest Entertainment Set**

Fourteen fantastic acts have been booked for the Aug. 6-7 Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz.

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**Jim Boozer Golf Tourney Success**

More people than ever attend annual Jim Boozer Golf Tournament to help the Omega Boys and Girls Club.

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**Portland Kids Study At College**

The doors open for 60 Portland school kids to encourage and inspire them to educational pursuits.

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**Students On Path To Medical Careers**

A private institute trains area residents for careers in the medical industry.

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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Violence Against Women**

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala calls domestic abuse against women "an unacknowledged epidemic in America." Shalala says that violence against women is an urgent public health problem that has devastating physical and emotional consequences. In 1991, 5,745 women in the U.S. died as a result of homicide, with six of every 10 murdered by someone they knew. Domestic abuse is a leading cause of injury to women in America. It is estimated that 20 to 30 percent of women treated in emergency rooms are there because of physical abuse by a partner.

**Hispanic Named To EEO Panel**

President Clinton has nominated the former president of the Hispanic National Bar Association as Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Gilbert F. Casellas is a Philadelphia lawyer currently serving as the General Counsel to the U.S. Air Force. He was raised in Tampa, Fla., and has an extensive record of increasing opportunities for women and minorities.

**Living To Be 100**

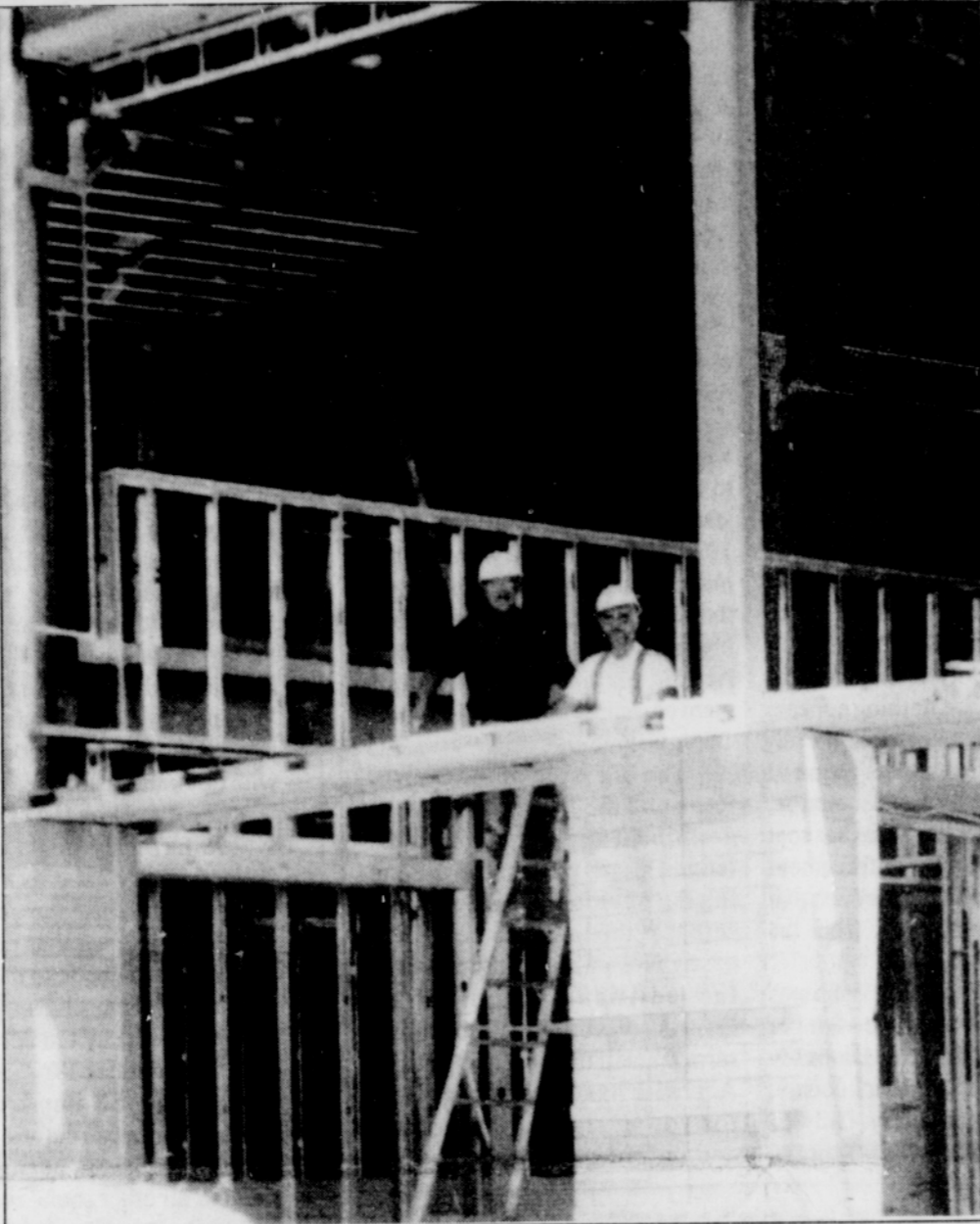
Despite a host of social and economic factors working to shorten the lives of African Americans, more and more blacks are living to be 100 years old and older. In fact, a greater proportion of blacks than whites are reaching the century mark. According to the latest Census Bureau figures, although blacks constitute 12 percent of the U.S. population, they account for about 17 percent of those 100 years old or older. Overall, however, blacks on average still have shorter life spans than whites.

**NAACP Cuts Work Force**

The nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization has trimmed its staff by 10 persons. NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Chavis said further cuts will be made within the next 30 days. The group faces a \$2.7 million deficit. Under Chavis, group membership has been growing, but the organization is trying to recover from a \$680,000 court judgment and \$1.5 million in losses over four years from its televised Image Awards.

**School Mixed-race Case Settles**

A 17-year-old Alabama student who is the daughter of a white father and a black mother has reached a financial settlement with the school board and principal of Randolph County High School. Principal Hulond Humphries had threatened to cancel the school prom if interracial couples showed up and told Revonda Bowen that her parents' marriage and her birth was "a mistake." The amount of the settlement was not disclosed.



**Construction On Time**

Workers are busy at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College on North Killingsworth where a new library and classrooms are under construction, scheduled for completion in September.

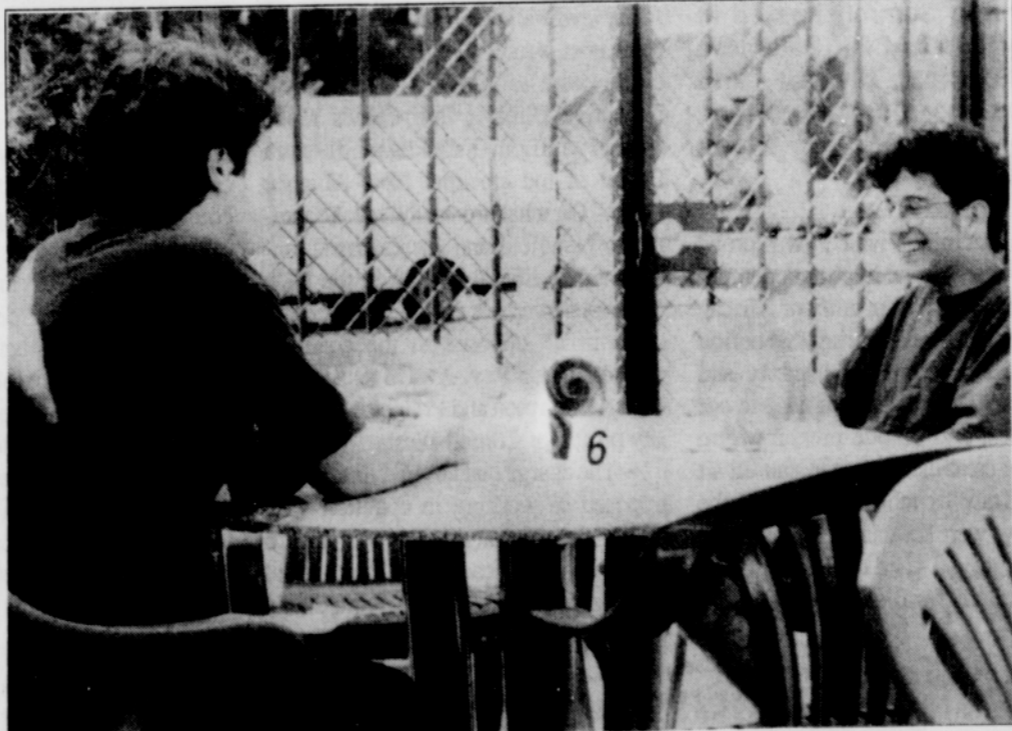
**Anti-Crime Programs Get \$1.2 million**

Gov. Barbara Roberts has awarded \$1.2 million in grants to programs fighting crime in Multnomah County. The federally-funded grants go to five different programs, including a project to reduce family violence.

Roberts announced the awards at the Men's Resource Center in Portland, a participant in a program named "Combating Violent Crimes: An Integrated Response to Reduce Domestic Violence in Multnomah County." The program, which is receiving \$199,928 provides shelter for victims of domestic violence, aids victims with problems such as drug/alcohol abuse addiction or gang affiliation and helps victims obtain restraining orders.

The awards were based on recommendations from the Governor's Drug and Violent Crime and Policy Board.

Other Multnomah County programs include the southeast gang resource intervention team, gang influenced female team, youth employment and empowerment program and drug diversion project.



Customers enjoy lunch at the new Alberta Street Cafe.

**Alberta Street Cafe Opens**

The new Alberta Street Cafe is open for business and is fast becoming a popular restaurant for the neighborhood.

The cafe is getting a reputation for friendly service and good food. One of its specialty items is the Reuben sandwich, a lower-in-

**Information Highway For All, US West Says**

U.S. West Communications has released data to show that ethnic minorities and people with a wide range of incomes will be the first offered with new home video services.

In Portland, the company is investing \$130 million in a multimedia network to be built over a two year period. Northeast, Southeast and Southwest neighborhoods will be among the first areas served. The so-called "information superhighway" will initially provide home shopping, movies on demand, interactive games and enhanced pay-per-view video programs.

Regional telephone companies have come under attack accused of wiring the technology mainly for the affluent. A study by consumer and civil rights groups concluded that early designs by-passed poorer neighborhoods and minority populations.

U.S. West responded by arguing it will serve all people, both because of a commitment to serving diverse populations and creating new business for the company.

"We believe it's important that Americans from all segments of society have access to the information highway," said Tom Bystrzycki, U.S. West executive vice president. "We considered such things as telephone usage and growth rates, video entertainment consumption patterns and a variety of demographic patterns we feel are

indicators of market opportunity." Bystrzycki said U.S. West did not exclude anyone.

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"Our objective was and is to serve a broad range of customers because we believe that makes good business sense," Bystrzycki said.

U.S. West filed documentation with the Federal Communications Commission last week to show that minority and diverse economic populations will be served in Portland, Denver and Minneapolis-St. Paul. The metropolitan areas are among the first areas the company plans to introduce its new services.

"Equitable access to the information superhighway by all segments of society is an important public policy issue," Bystrzycki said. "It's unfortunate that some customers and community leaders were misled by inaccurate allegations about our actions."

Support for U.S. West has come from the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.

Samuel Brooks, chairman of the association, in an editorial page letter to the Oregonian newspaper, said accusations of

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**Killingsworth St. Vincent De Paul Changes Format**

The Portland Society of St. Vincent de Paul has announced plans to transform its Killingsworth thrift store into an "as is" store. The store, located at 740 N. Killingsworth, will close July 1 and reopen July 11 as a bargain "as is" store.

According to St. Vincent de Paul stores general manager Arlen Keup, the new store will offer a variety of quality "as is" merchandise including clothing, books and records, miscellaneous housewares, major appliances and mattresses.

"Customers will find some really great bargains at the new store," says Keup. "And there will be a lot of merchandise to choose from."

Store hours will be 10am to 2:30pm, Monday through Friday. The store will be closed weekends.

**1994 Urban League Annual Dinner To Spotlight Public Education**

"Education: The Key to Equal Opportunity" is the theme of the Urban League of Portland's 1994 Annual Dinner on Thursday, 7:15 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center.

"It is important that this League let it be known that we appreciate and applaud the

many teachers, students and administrators who are working to make our public education system work in the wake of measure 5," said Urban League of Portland President and Chief Executive Officer Lawrence J. Dark. Dr. Rudolph Crew, Superintendent of Tacoma Public Schools, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Crew is leading one of the nation's first public school efforts to introduce the "Efficacy" model

of development, which holds that "all children can learn." The dinner will recognize the achievements of five local educators who received awards for teaching excellence in the past year.

Two Oregon students will receive the Shelly Hill and Vernon Chatman Scholarship Awards at the dinner. The two \$1500 scholarships are presented by the Urban League

and NIKE annually to two high school students of color who will attend a college or university in Oregon in the fall.

Dinner tickets are \$40 per person, \$400 for a table of ten. A no-host reception begins at 6:15 pm in the Convention Center lobby, followed by the dinner program at 7:15 pm. For reservations and information, call the Urban League at 280-2600.