

Community Center Helps Neighborhood
 A new Lutheran Community Center on MLK Jr. Blvd., upgrades a neighborhood by providing activities for children and adults.
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Inventor's Device Goes To Market
 A Northeast woman's invention manufactured for sale...
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Dreamers Return From College
 North/NE Portland eighth graders hoping for an education after high school return from two weeks on the Whitman College campus.
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Golfers Prepare For Women's Invitational
 Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course in Washington County is where the 3rd Annual Women's Golf Invitational will take place.
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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Pregnancy Prevention Policy Adopted
 The National Governors' Association has approved adding teen pregnancy prevention as a national priority. The policy, authored by Gov. Barbara Roberts, emphasizes reaching children early to delay sexual activity and addresses the risk factors most associated with teen pregnancy.

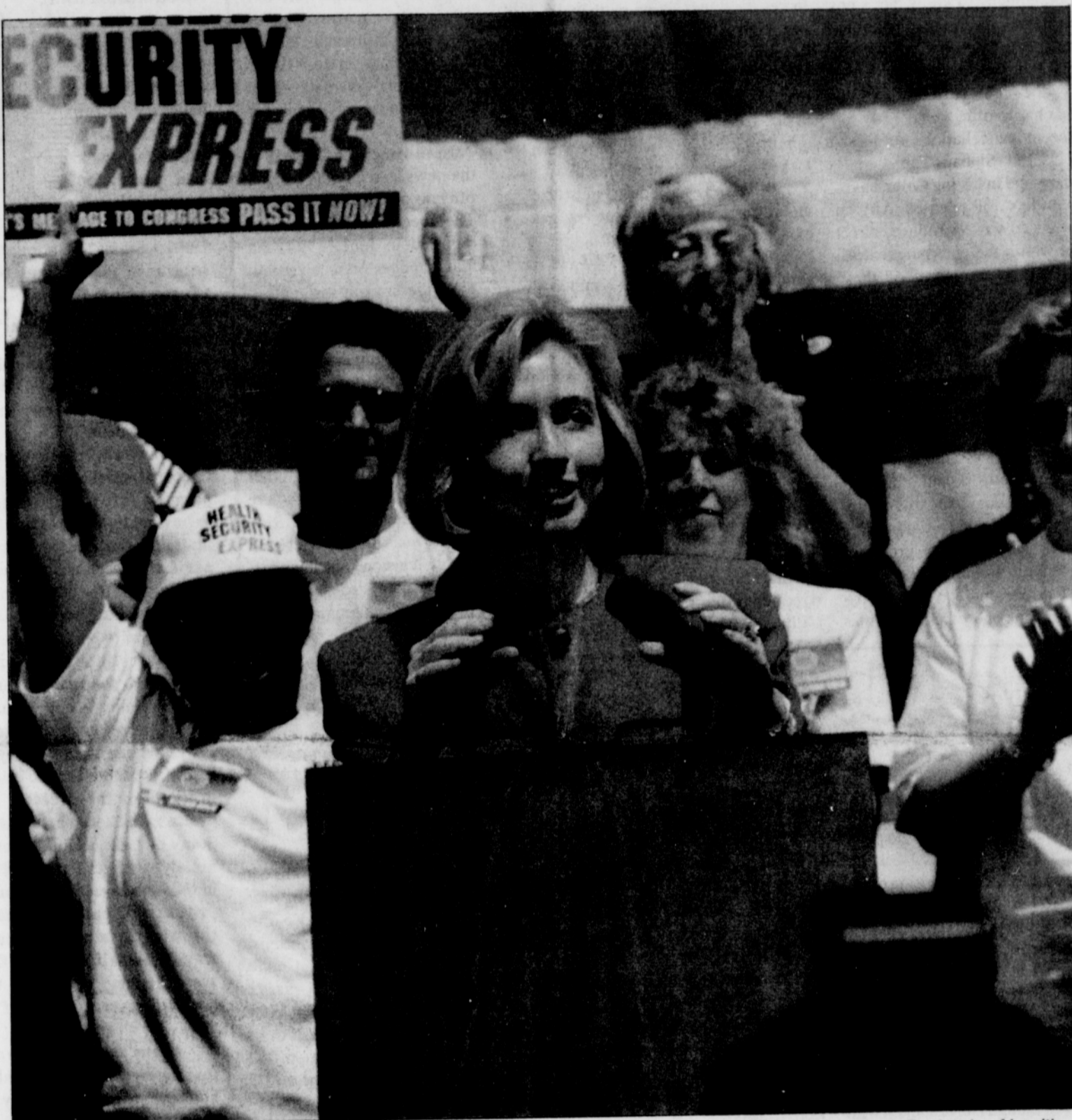
Oregon Leaders Present Benchmarks
 Gov. Barbara Roberts, Portland Mayor Vera Katz and Multnomah County Chair Beverly Stein presented Oregon Benchmarks to top-level Cabinet and White House officials Monday in Washington, D.C. The benchmarks track the effectiveness of programs addressing measures such as per capita income, infant health, air and water quality, crime rates and student achievement. The Clinton Administration is looking for examples of programs that can make the government "work better and cost less."

St. Johns Music Festival Is Sunday
 Portland residents will celebrate a cleaner environment Sunday during the Blue Heron Music Festival in Cathedral Park. "While we listened to a wide variety of good music," we will share in the latest information about Oregonians' solutions to environmental problems," said Ted White, festival chair. The festival will be held from noon to dusk.

Citizens Respond To Metro Campaign
 Metro Councilor Ed Washington said many citizens of North and Northeast Portland participated in Metro's recent Region 2040 public involvement campaign. "Your voice and ideas contributed significantly to helping shape how our community and our region will look during the next 50 years." Washington said many residents expressed interest in issues such as preservation of green spaces, growth and redevelopment and the availability of adequate transportation systems.

Street Of Dreams Opens To Hot Weather
 Air conditioning was one of the popular features during the opening week of the 19th annual Portland Street of Dreams at Marylhurst in Lake Oswego. While temperatures soared during mid-week, all 12 homes offered visitors a comfortable oasis from the heat.

Health Reformers Carry Message



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton urges passage of health reform legislation at a rally Friday in Portland. Busloads of health reform riders, including many from Portland, started a cross-country trip from Portland to Washington, D.C. to send personal messages on the need for health reform. (Photo by Duane Lewis)

Hillary Clinton Starts Caravan In Portland

The first busloads of Reform Riders rolled out of Portland Friday, setting out along the Columbia River into eastern Oregon.

In the next ten days, they'll be joined by busloads of Reform Riders starting in Fort Worth, New Orleans, Boston and Independence, Missouri. By the time they reach Washington DC in early August, they will have sent a clear message to Congress about health reform: Pass it Now!

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gave the Reform Riders an enthusiastic sendoff from a crowded rally in Pioneer Square in downtown Portland, where entertainers, community leaders and political figures filed across the platform. But the real stars of the rally were the Reform Riders: doctors, nurses, working people, retirees, students.

People like Daniel Lumley of Seattle who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident, and will lose his health insurance when he finishes graduate school. And nurse Jane Kuhn of California who has seen her patients suffer not only from illness, but also from health insurance that failed them when they needed it.

"I am a Reform Rider because I want the public to realize how high the stakes are in health reform. As a nurse, I believe people must realize their families' lives may depend on getting congress to pass real health reform that gives every American the guarantee of high quality health security that Congress already guarantees themselves," said Jane Kuhn.

Kuhn belongs to the California Nurses Association and is one of a select few Reform Riders who will be riding the entire route from

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City Kids Learn At Summer School



Edna Hicks helps student Sherry Bailey at the Summer School Basic Skills Program at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School.

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
 Area third and fourth graders needing a boost in learning skills got help this past five weeks because private companies and volunteers stepped in to provide a summer school.

Fifty-six students from the inner-city were in the Summer School Basic Skills Program at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School at

4906 N.E. 6th Ave. They worked on improving self-esteem, basic skills and leadership abilities.

Lauren Hopson, project coordinator and teacher, said the school brought out the best in many kids who don't get the same kind of attention during the regular school year.

Children expressed themselves as leaders this summer, where they previously were the more reserved and quiet of their classmates, Hopson said.

The students learned in class instruction, small groups and homework. Behavior and academic problems were dealt with in the school's small group environment.

Three teachers were responsible for 18 students each. Over 20 volunteers assisted with the instruction. The school was held for a half day, Monday through Friday, with breakfast and lunches served and students

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Unity Breakfast Committee Builds Coalition

The Unity Breakfast Committee, now in its fifth year, seeks the involvement of African American organizations to participate in its efforts to foster community development in North/Northeast Portland.

The Committee has served as a leadership forum for civil rights and social service organizations providing advocacy and information to strengthen the African American community in Portland. The forum provides a place to create solutions and take action to address community concerns. Members include: Albina Ministerial Alliance, Black United Fund of Oregon, Black Men's Coalition, Urban League of Portland, Black United Front, NE Community Development Corporation, Self Enhancement and NAACP.

The organization has become a vehicle for networking, information sharing, and collaboration on community issues. In addition, it provides support for program and policies that foster community development.

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