

**Making Gym Fun At Irvington**

An obstacle course makes the study of gymnastics fun at Irvington Elementary.



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**Attack On Crime Outlined**

Gov. John Kitzhaber presents plan to fight drugs, violent crime and build community-based law enforcement.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Food Bank Drive Kicks Off**

Lincoln High School students and faculty this week helped kick off Project Second Wind, an annual food drive for the Oregon Food Bank. The food bank is losing and must replace 3 million pounds of food this year that was previously supplied by the federal government.

**Tyson To Come Back**

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is set to be released from the Indian Youth Center on March 25. Current World Boxing Association and International boxing Federation Champion George Foreman says he wants to fight Tyson. Such a fight would generate multi-millions.

**Concordia Group Honors Moose**

Portland Police Chief Charles Moose has been honored with a "Concordia Valor Award" from the Concordia Neighborhood Assistance Program, a group associated with Concordia College in northeast Portland. The annual awards recognize distinguished people who demonstrate courage, a willingness to take risks to improve their community and outstanding leadership abilities. The association cited Moose for his expertise in community policing and in actual solutions to neighborhood problems.

**High Cost Of Raising A Child**

The latest government estimate is that it takes approximately \$217,000 to raise a child from birth through 18 years of age.

**Students Build Homes For Habitat**

Students from the University of Pennsylvania are in Portland this week spending their spring break to help build decent, affordable homes for families in need in northeast Portland. The effort is part of Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit housing organization that builds homes with volunteer labor and donated materials and are sold at no profit, with zero interest mortgage. Habitat families must invest sweat equity hours to help build their own home.

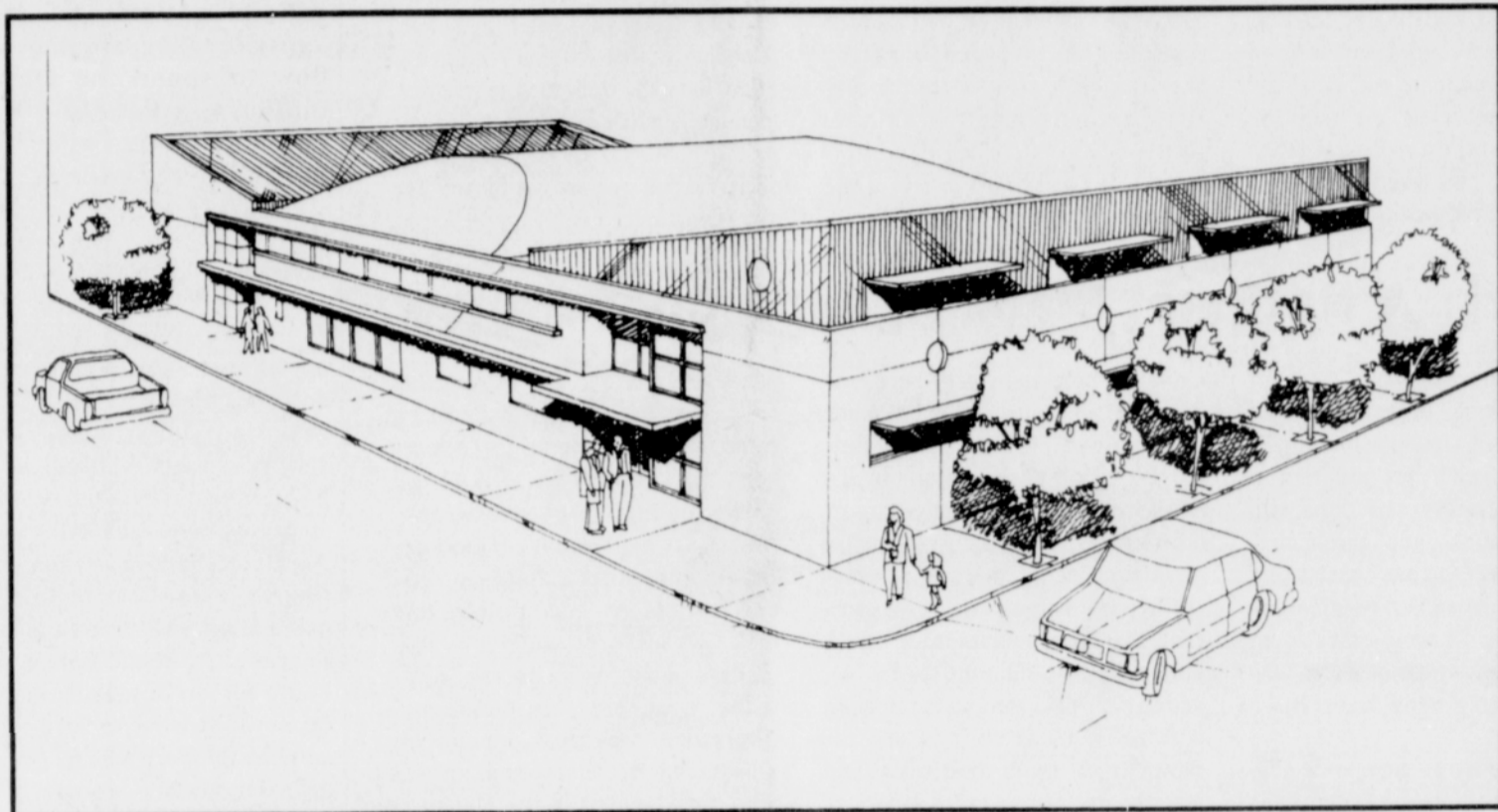
**Nation Of Islam Opens Restaurant**

The Nation of Islam has opened a new \$5 million restaurant complex in Chicago's south side. The leader of the religious organization, Minister Louis Farrakhan, said is evidence of the Nation's positive efforts in the African American community. "We placed this in the heart of the 'ghetto' to say to black people we love you and you are worth every dime that we spend on you."

**Government Aid Participation Up**

According to the Census Bureau, about 40 million people participated in federal aid programs based on low incomes during an average month in 1991. Of the assistance programs considered, the Medicaid and food stamp programs had the highest average monthly participation at 19 and 17 million persons, respectively. The report shows that 61 percent of the participants were white, 34 percent were African American and 18 percent were of Hispanic origin.

**Youth School Embarks On Expansion**



Above: Rance C. Spruill.

Left: An artist's rendering shows the design for the renovation and expansion of the Albina Youth Opportunity School. The \$2 million project includes eight classrooms, a computer media center and a 6,000-square-foot multipurpose gym.

The Albina Youth Opportunity School has started a \$7 million capital campaign that will finance renovation and expansion of its north Portland campus.

The school at 3710 N. Mississippi is Portland's oldest alternative high school.

Established in 1967, it has gained success and credibility by stabilizing attendance and academic achievement for at-risk youth age 12 to 21 from Portland public schools.

Jefferson and Roosevelt referred the majority of students, with Lincoln Cleveland, Wilson, Grant, Madison and Benson

referring the remaining students.

"We'd like to upgrade our present facilities to offer the state of art for labs, computers, reading and math," Rance C. Spruill, the school's executive director.

Spruill said \$2 of the campaign would go to a building project and \$5 million as foun-

ation to give the school a long-term survival investment and away from the annual dependency on grants from public and private agencies.

The renovation would include eight classrooms, a computer media center and a multi-purpose gym.

**CSD Seeks Solutions To Child Abuse**

BY PROMISE KING



Kay Toran, administrator of the Children's Services Division.

The Children's Services Division is not softening its stance on rules protecting children, despite recent criticism.

Agency officials have reiterated a commitment to pursue its guidelines to the full extent the law permits. Enacted in 1971, the Child Abuse Reporting law outlines procedures for early identification of children who have been abused.

The legislation defines what consti-

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**Dean Hired For North Portland's PCC**

A college administrator from Seattle has been named executive dean of the Cascade Campus at Portland Community College in north Portland.

Mildred Ollee will begin her duties on July 1, he was one of three African American finalists for the job and was selected from a process which included community coffees with the applicants.

She currently serves as vice president of student services at South Central Community College in Seattle.

Ollee said she expects to address the needs of a diverse student population and a community in transition in her new position at the Cascade campus.

She also stressed continued partnerships and coalitions with community agencies, business, labor and industry to better serve the community.

Dan Moriarty, PCC president, said Ollee's experience at an urban college will serve her well as she heads up the new job at Cascade.

Ollee created a program in Seattle to help at-risk youth finish high school and go on to college.

She is the current president of the Washington State Community and Technical Colleges Administrators group. She is a former associate dean of student services, a counselor and an instructor. She also served as a counselor for the Superior Court of Walla Walla County, Wash., and was director of the Lillie Rice Center for mentally retarded young adults in Walla Walla. She began her career



Mildred Ollee will become the new executive dean for the Cascade Campus at Portland Community College.

as a junior and senior high school teacher.

She holds a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Seattle University, a master's degree in education and counseling

form Walla Walla College and a bachelor's degree in English and social sciences from Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans.

**OREGON PREPARES TO PUT INMATES TO WORK**

Oregon Corrections Department officials are developing work programs for prison inmates as part of Ballot Measure 17, passed by voters last November.

The law requires prison inmates to be engaged in full-time work or a combination of education, work and work-preparedness training.

According to Dennis O'Donnell, the governor's police advisor on corrections, department staff have been exploring work and program options since the election.

"he ballot measure appoints the Govern-

nor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer as members of a board of directors to oversee the work of all inmates.

The department and representatives of the new board have been working together to put a plan in place that complies with the intent of the voters," O'Donnell said.

Planning efforts are in three phases.

The first phase looks at action that can be taken between now and July 1 within the existing state budget.

Officials said each prison and prison industry group is diligently working to expand existing inmate work programs when-

ever possible.

During the second phase, the department said it plans to develop a business plan with specific proposals and costs for the next two years.

The third phase would take longer-term options.

The ballot measure directs that work programs reduce the cost of government or generate a profit for the private sector. It also requires state agencies to "cooperate with the Corrections Director in establishing inmate work programs."

Officials said initial efforts will concen-

trate on reducing the costs of government. The department has contacted all state agencies to determine where they might be able to use inmate labor.

"There have been no shortages of creative ideas on how we can put inmates to work," O'Donnell said. "Unfortunately most of those jobs would be created on the outside. A real challenge for us and the other agencies will be find work that can be brought inside our prison walls. Only minimum security inmates are permitted to work on outside crews and our supply of those inmates is finite."

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