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**THE WEEK IN REVIEW**

**McMenamins**

**Welcomed To Kennedy**

The 79th anniversary of the dedication of Kennedy School and the beginning of its redevelopment by McMenamins Pubs and Breweries was observed in a special ceremony. Mayor Vera Katz join over 300 neighbors, Kennedy alumni and friends last week for the opening of a time capsule and ringing of the old school bell. Neighborhood restaurants served food, while the McMenamin brother's provided beverages. The McMenamins plan to remodel the vacant building into a brew pub, theater and inn.

**Drug Dealers Arrested**

Thirteen street drug dealers were arrested for distribution of crack cocaine last week by Portland police. Officials said the arrests were the latest in a series of enforcement efforts that target areas affected by drug trafficking and focused on northeast Portland. Officers posing as would be buyers were solicited by the dealers, who were then arrested. One suspect had 14 grams of cocaine in his possession, police said.

**Rights Panel Gets New Members**

Anita Ball of northeast Portland and Norma Trimble, editor of American Indian News, have been appointed to the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission. Ball has been involved in labor organization, health care and welfare reform. Trimble has a long history of involvement with the Bow and Arrow Club which has enabled Portland's Indian community to participate in cultural activities since 1968.

**Simpson Says Gloves Don't Fit**

O.J. Simpson grimaced as he stood before jurors last week and tugged on the bloody leather gloves prosecutors say were worn the night his ex-wife and her friend were murdered. "They're too small," Simpson told jurors as he struggled to get them on. Simpson pulled the gloves over a pair of latex gloves he had to wear to protect the evidence. The gloves seemed far too small, but after Simpson persevered and pulled harder he was able to get them on.

**Batman Movie Sets Record**

"Batman Forever" earned \$52 million in its debut weekend, beating the record set by "Jurassic Park," according to film industry estimates. The motion picture stars Val Kilmer in the title role, replacing Michael Keaton; Jim Carry plays his nemesis, The Riddler and Tommy Lee Jones as Two-Face, Carrey's cohort.

**Thomas Votes Against Affirmative Action**

In an opinion issued last week, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas complained that much of school desegregation law is "based on a theory of black inferiority," one that insists black children can learn only if they are mixed with a proper proportion of white pupils. "It is a type of 'racial paternalism,'" he said. Thomas cast the deciding vote in cases to cut back on school desegregation and federal affirmative action programs. "In my mind, government-sponsored racial discrimination based on benign prejudice is just as noxious as discrimination based on malicious prejudice," Thomas wrote.



**Juneteenth Celebrated**

Juneteenth was celebrated Saturday at Alberta Park with a community picnic, music and special events. The day pays tribute to the anniversary of freedom for African American slaves. See additional photos on page A5 inside.

**Safe Summer Promised To City Kids**

**P**roject Safe Summer is kicking off its fifth year at three inner-north Portland schools.

The four to six week enrichment program, at no cost to the student, gives instruction in the arts, computers, language and physical education in the safe environment of a neighborhood school.

Programs are held at Beach, Applegate and Ockley Green schools.

Beach Principal Mike Verbout said it will pay off when school resumes in the fall with better school attendance and improved academic performance.

"Without a program like this, many of the kids would have few positive experiences during the summer," Verbout said.

Two years ago, Amy Sparkes' parents were concerned that her transition to a new school and neighborhood would be difficult.

"Amy has a learning disability which can be a barrier to making friends and adapting to change," said her father, Bob Sparkes.

To help Amy adjust to Beach school, Verbout suggested enrolling her in Project Safe Summer.

Amy rotated through math, reading and drama classes directed by teachers and older students who serve as mentors and role models.

"I feel it has helped my daughter strengthen her academic skills," said Sparkes. "But most of all, she's engaged in fun activities and is learning to build and keep relationships with kids she's met during the school year. She's looking forward to going again this summer."

Project Safe Summer began in 1991 as a community partnership between Kaiser Permanente, Nabisco Foods, the Portland Police and Parks bureaus, Piedmont Neighborhood Association and parents.

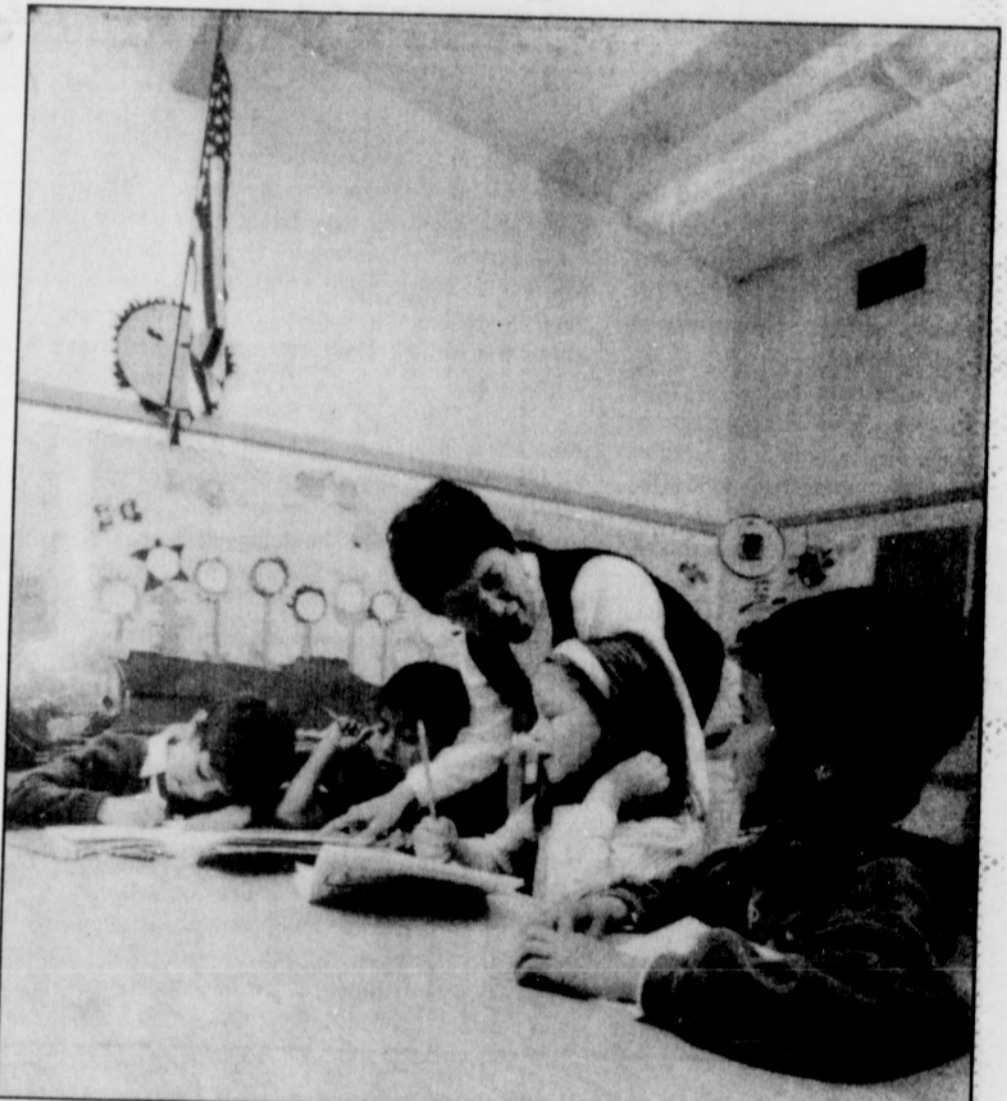
Portland Police Officer Len Braithwait has helped since its inception.

"Sometimes kids have few constructive activities available to them during the summer months and too often this leads to vandalism, misbehavior or involvement with gangs," said Braithwait. "Project Safe Summer gives these kids and their parents a worthwhile alternative."

Virginia Feldman, chief doctor of pediatrics at Kaiser, believes these programs contribute to the total health of the child.

"Even though kids may look forward to summer vacation, three months of inactivity, mentally and socially, can really take a toll on school progress the following fall," Feldman said. "Programs like Project Safe Summer keep the momentum of the school year going and they're really needed. Many families, whose kids might benefit most from such programs, may not have the resources to send a child to a private program or summer camp."

The effort is funded through donations and requires \$35,000 for teacher salaries, learning supplies and incentive awards. Tax deductible donations can be sent to Project Safe Summer 1995, care of the Portland Police Bureau, 7212 N. Burlington, Portland, OR 97203, Attention: Officer Len Braithwait.



Summer school students learn journal writing at Beach Elementary. It's one of the activities of Project Safe Summer, sponsored by area businesses, schools, police, parks, parents and neighborhood associations.

**Governor Targets Crime**

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**D**wayne Jerkinson, 16, needs a job and a GED and he won't worry about the law created by Measure 11.

Even as young Jerkinson listens to Gov. John Kitzhaber rap about the need to keep kids like him from the clutches of crime, he doesn't think society really cares about at-risk youth like him.

"We need jobs and love, not intimidation," Jerkinson said.

Ballot Measure 11, overwhelming passed by voters last November, gave legal muscle to authorities to prosecute youths involved in violent crimes as adults.

"It's going to slow crime some, but it ain't going to stop it," the unemployed teen said.

However, Kitzhaber reiterated his commitment to help in the fight against juvenile crime.

He was at the House of Umoja in northeast Portland Monday to deliver a \$70,000 check in this regard. The money comes from Oregon's share of the Edward Byrne Memorial grant, which is part of the federal government's crime package.

House of Umoja is a program targeting at-risk youth and it provides an alternative to gang involvement.

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Gov. Kitzhaber (center) in northeast Portland Monday to show support for crime prevention and the House of Umoja. Joining the governor were Marcus Branch (left) and Johnny A. Gage.