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On Kids!**

*Adoptive family advocates
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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Bonds For
Veterans Issued**

Oregon veterans can now borrow money for housing at an interest rate of 6.3 percent through the state Department of Veterans Affairs, a rate that has not been offered since the 1970s, announced Oregon State Treasurer Jim Hill. The lending follows the state sale of \$70 in general obligation bonds and the state's improved bond rating outlook, changing from negative to positive.

PCC Enrollment Levels

The number of full-time students taking classes at Portland Community College remains the same when compared to attendance figures at this time last year. However part-time student enrollment increased 4.2 percent. At the Cascade Campus in north Portland, full-time students increased a slight .6 percent.

Tri-Met Faces Complaints

Tri-met has named an independent task force on customer service. The group will be charged with reviewing the transportation agency's policies and procedures regarding customer service and customer complaints. Tri-Met recently came under fire after two employees were caught having sex on buses and were allowed to keep their jobs.

**Newt's Popularity
Plummets**

Newsweek magazine reports that Newt Gingrich's GOP colleagues "may love him, but the public doesn't. Polls show only a third of the people like him... and even that number is dropping. Meanwhile, support for the Republican agenda itself is slipping."

Homeless Shelter Opens

As temperatures drop, the Salvation Army has opened a winter shelter at its Harbor Light Center, 123 W. Burnside, where 100 homeless men and women can sleep in safety and out of the cold. The Salvation Army's mission is to serve people in need, so for decades it's been a top priority for us to provide a refuge from the cold for our neighbors without homes," said Harbor Light director Major Neal Hogan.

Flu Prevention Urged

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala last week urged older Americans to receive flu shots before the onset of the flu season, saying that thousands of serious illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths can be prevented by the immunizations. She also released figures showing a significant increase in Medicare patients receiving shots.

**Support For Congress
Is slipping**

A Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll shows public support for the extremist GOP Congress is slipping. Sixty-four percent of those surveyed believe the Republicans will go too far and make changes that are bad for America. Meanwhile, only 40 percent of Americans have a positive opinion of the Republican Party, the lowest since the GOP won the majority in 1994.

Worldwide Ban On Hate Talk Urged

From Brooklyn synagogues to West Bank settlements, Jews searched their souls this week, asking whether the rhetoric of hate that has accompanied every step of the Middle East peace process led to the murder of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

For months, Jews in the United States, Israel and elsewhere have been indiscriminately coupling criticism of the peace process with savage attacks on the Israeli leader, calling him a murderer, a traitor and even a Jewish Hitler.

Now with his assassination, the "people of the book" are worrying deeply about the effects of their words.

In a mass soul-searching, many Jewish leaders, regardless of political persuasion, are calling for the ugly rhetoric to stop and for people on both sides of the ideological divide to recognize the sincerity of their opponents.

They charge that the ugly words accompanying Rabin's peace efforts created a climate of hate that paved the way for a Jew to kill the only Israeli prime minister born in Jerusalem.

And they wonder what happens next if the rhetoric goes unchecked. More killings? An end to the peace process? Civil war among Jews?

In a search for people to blame for rhetorical excesses, many U.S. Jews pointed at a prominent 72-year-old Orthodox rabbi in Brooklyn who last June gave a religious justification for murdering Rabin — an argument he recanted in a letter of apology just days before the Israeli leader's murder.

In remarks widely reported in the Jewish press, Rabbi Abraham Hecht cited a religious law that allows a person to be killed who "willfully, consciously or intentionally hands over human bodies or human property to an alien people." Hecht quoted the revered medieval Jewish scholar Maimonides as saying of such a person, "If a man kills him, he has done a good deed."

Hecht, who was not available for comment on Monday, had already apologized for his comments, saying in a letter to Rabin late last month: "I wish to repudiate any words and actions of anger and which have caused hurt."

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Rosie Dean is president of Doris' Cafe, Inc. and with her latest outlet, Doris' Cafe at The Rose Quarter, area residents are once again challenged to "beef it up, pork it down, but don't chicken out if you want the greatest barbecue in town." The popular restaurant is one of the featured ethnic foods served in the new arena. (Photo by Michael G. Halle)

Sheriff Names Minority Representatives

Five command officers in the Multnomah County Sheriff's office will be responsible for hearing the concerns of minority residents under new assignments ordered by Sheriff Dan Noelle.

Each of the officers will be charged with hearing from residents of a particular minority community.

The policy is intended to give the public information on who they can call to address particular minority concerns and to make the sheriff's department a community friendly environment.

The assignments are as follows: Commander Vera Pool is assigned to the African American community and can be reached at 251-2542; Commander Mel Hedgpath will hear Hispanic community and can be reached at 251-2523; Commander Bill Goss will hear the concerns of the Native American community and can be reached at 251-2422.

Commander Rich Haug will respond to sexual minority concerns and can be reached at 251-2514 and Commander Jackie Jamieson will hear from the Asian community and can be reached at 251-2545.

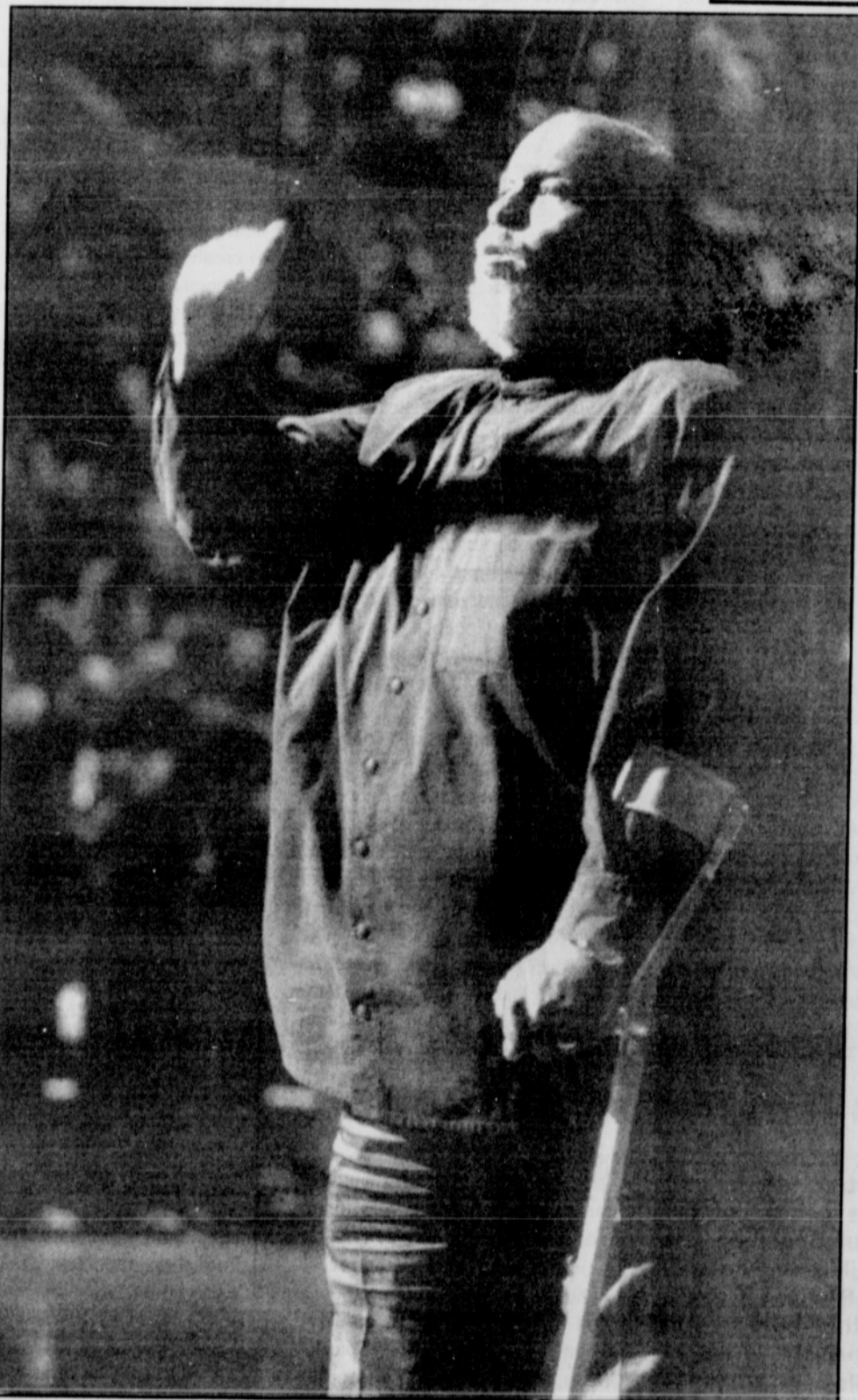
Noelle is asking that the commanders



Vera Pool

get a "hands on" viewpoint of minority interests and concerns by participating in community meetings, round table discussions and having direct accountability to community leaders.

The assignments are initial steps to insure that the sheriff's office remain responsible to the people that it serves, Noelle said.



James DePreist conducts the Portland Interscholastic League school choir's as it performs a rendition of the Canadian and American national anthems before the Trail Blazer's season opener in the new Rose Garden arena. (Photo Michael G. Halle)

25th Anniversary of The Portland Observer...

...will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary on December 8th, at The OAME Plaza, 4134 North Vancouver Avenue. In recognition of future Writers/Journalist 2 Awards will be presented:

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