

**Learning grows for youth**

Kaiser Permanente hands out books on trees to children at Beach Elementary.



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**Retired business woman inspires**

Lillian Williams is awarded by the Oregon Health Care Association.



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**Miss Black USA Contestants**

Newly crowned, Tiffiney Martin, Miss Black Oregon USA 1997.



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**THE WEEK IN REVIEW**

**Panel says no to Perot**

The commission planning for the 1996 presidential debates has recommended against including Reform Party candidate Ross Perot. The commission unanimously agreed "that only President Clinton and Senator Dole and their running mates be invited to participate," co-chairman Paul Kirk and Frank Fahrenkopf said in a statement. The Commission on Presidential Debates says only Clinton and Dole have a realistic chance of being elected president of the United States.

**Deployment orders signed**

President Clinton says he has signed orders to deploy U.S. troops to Kuwait, but he's not saying when they might go. Clinton says he authorized the deployment last weekend and signed the orders soon after. He denied that he had been reconsidering his decision to deploy the Army troops from Fort Hood, Texas, as The Washington Post reported. A defense official says the U.S. will send 3,500 troops from Fort Hood to Kuwait within days.

**Industrial output jumps**

Total output by the nation's factories, mines and utilities increased strongly in August, according to the Federal Reserve. It says industrial output increased 0.5 percent last month after a slim 0.1 percent gain in July. The Fed says the increase is due in part to a surge in electricity output.

**Simpson II trial opens**

The civil wrongful death trial of O.J. Simpson began this week in Santa Monica, California. In a final ruling before proceedings started, the judge ordered the defense to produce all facts supporting their theory that police tainted evidence and tried to frame Simpson for murdering his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ron Goldman. Without those facts, Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki says he will bar the defense from presenting conspiracy theories to the jury.

**More Chernobyl radiation**

Nuclear experts are investigating increases in radiation levels this week inside the Chernobyl nuclear power plant's ruined fourth reactor. A Chernobyl official in charge of the "sarcophagus" surrounding the reactor says meters recorded big increases in radiation for a time yesterday. He says experts are trying to determine if this could eventually cause a chain reaction. Scientists do not have full control over the nuclear fuel inside the reactor ten years after it exploded and sent radiation over much of Europe.

**900 POWs in North Korea**

More than 900 U.S. prisoners of war may have been left behind in North Korea in 1953. A congressional aide says newly declassified records say some of the POWs may have been subjected to deadly medical experiments. House aide Al Santoli, who helped gather the information for a hearing held recently, says the records support recent reports that some Americans may still be detained in North Korea.

**New Parents revert**

Even the most progressive couples revert to traditional husband and wife roles when a new baby arrives. That's the finding of new study from British psychologists at Birmingham University. They found that even the most progressive couples who share responsibility for earning a living and housework regress to old-fashioned roles once a baby is born.

## Safety awareness through fingerprints



John Jacob Astor, Garrett Jones, and Jake Gibsen having ink removed by a Chevron volunteer.

Photo by Timothy Collins

Portland-area children will get their hands dirty one finger at a time during September, and it just might help save their lives.

Teaming up with the community, Chevron is sponsoring activities in September, and it just might help save their lives. Teaming up with the community, Chevron is sponsoring activities in September which include the distribution of over 32,500 free child identification kits. The ID kit, which can be used to help locate missing and abducted children, includes a fingerprint record, space for a current photo, height and weight measurements and other pertinent information. Activities include Chevron's Hand in Hand: A Local Child Safety Program at area elementary schools and fingerprinting at service stations. The child ID kits will be made available free-of-charge at participating Chevron service stations from September 9 to October 6. Photos will be made available on Saturdays throughout the program at Portland Department of Parks and Recreation's Community Centers.

## Gangs are going to suburbs

BY CHINTA STRAUSBERG

**G**ang members are increasingly taking their illicit trade to the suburbs because many inner-city youth are refusing to join and partake in criminal activities, according to Chicago policeman Jessie Beckom Jr.

Beckom, 54, who is president of Gangs, Drugs, Violence Prevention Consultants, said many youth "have learned that going through the criminal justice system is not beneficial and are talking to their siblings and are turning them around."

Crime in Chicago, he said, "is all going out to the suburbs."

He said young people are "fed up" with the gang turf wars and areas of no entry unless they're gang-affiliated.

"Crime is escalating out there," he said, referring to the suburbs. "That's why we're getting new anti-crime legislation."

And, there are inner-city gangs as far away as Japan because members have joined the military, Beckom alleges.

The author of Gangs, Drugs and Violence, Chicago Style, Beckom said while 85 percent of area youth don't belong to gangs, for those who do, their parents must be aware of their secret sign language, purchasing habits and their friends.

"The graffiti on the wall - adults walk by it thinking it's just scribbling, but in actuality it's like a Third World cultural language," he said.

"When they see pitch forks pointed up, they're represented, but when they're down,

that means the opposition has put that there.

"They use Masonic, satanic and religious symbolism as a guise to snare these children into a membership to make them feel like they're part of a family.

"But all they want them to do is to sell drugs so they can make money," he stated.

"They're called younger and dumber and when one goes to jail, they get the next one."

Interviewed during the No Crime Day project in Chicago, Beckom said while youth seem to be getting their acts together, parents have a long way to go.

Too many parents have poor parenting skills and there are far too many 15-year-olds whose mothers are 30, grandmothers are 45, and great grandmothers, 60, he said.

## Let the punishment fit the crime

The Governor's Juvenile Crime Prevention Task Force met yesterday to approve their final recommendations to the Governor for addressing juvenile crime.

Senator Shirley Stull (R-17) was the only committee member to cast a no vote. Senator Stull says she was opposed to the full report largely because it contained a proposal to expand a soft on crime program.

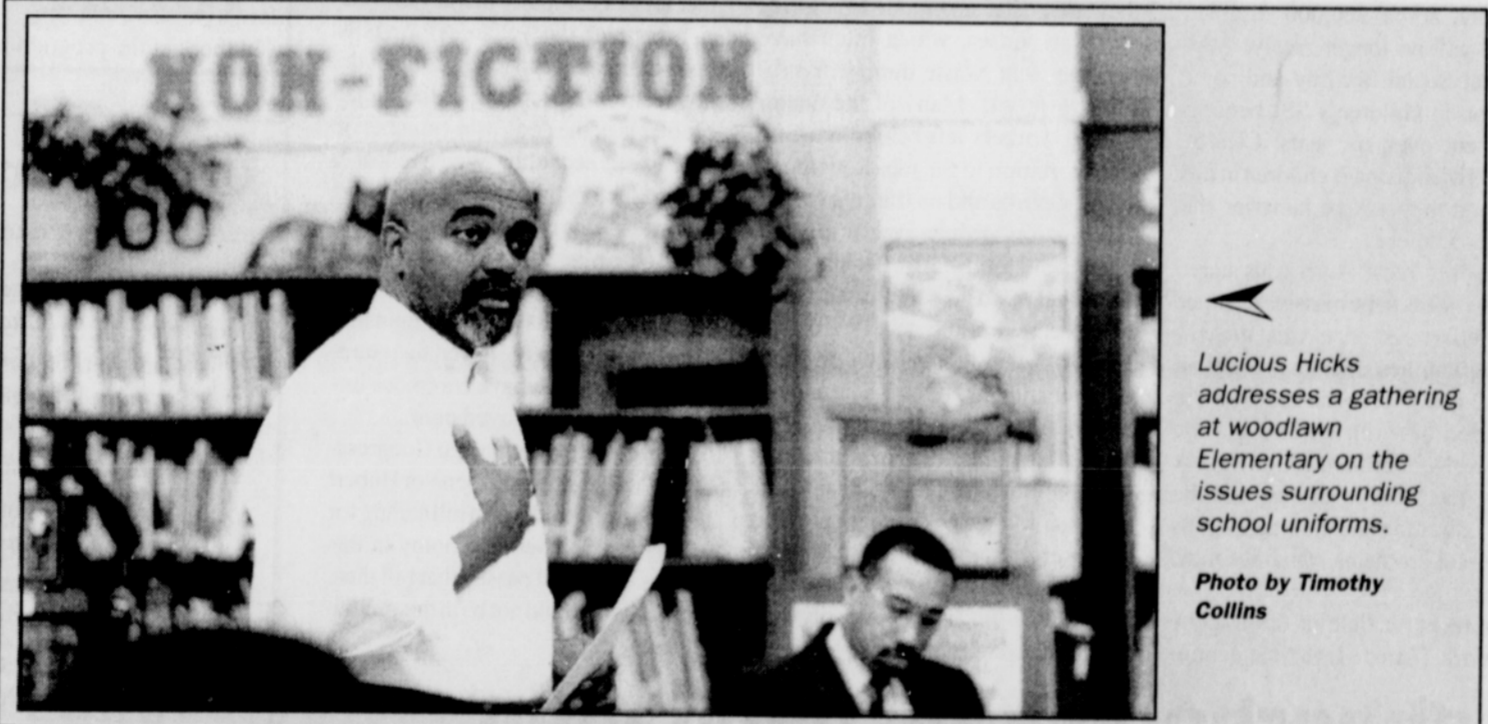
"Oregonians overwhelmingly supported tougher sentencing laws. To disregard their opinion on something so seriously affecting our state is an outrage," stated Senator Stull. "People in the state of Oregon have spoken loud and clear on this issue. It is difficult to see any reason why we should even consider reducing sentences at this time or at any time in the near future."

The controversial program, known as Second Look, allows some juvenile offenders meeting certain requirements to possibly be released for the second half of their sentences. The Task Force voted to recommend that the program be expanded to include most juvenile offenders, including those who commit violent crimes. This recommendation goes against a measure approved by voters in 1994 demanding that stricter sentences be enacted for violent crimes committed by youth.

"My committee twice studied expanding this program at the request of the Governor and both times we arrived at the same conclusion," stated Senator Stull. "It is extremely premature and irresponsible to make a policy decision on this issue when we have no information. We came to a consensus that there wasn't enough data available to even debate the merits, and the Governor requested that we look at it again. We came to the same conclusion the second time."

"To consider softening sentences when the violent crime rate is still so high and our youth and communities are still in danger is incomprehensible. I refuse to support this recommendation or any report that contains it," concluded Senator Stull.

The Governor's Juvenile Crime Prevention Task Force was created in 1996 as part of an ongoing process of reviewing and reforming the juvenile justice system. The 16 member task force studied all facets of juvenile crime, the factors leading to it and communities' strategies for responding. This report and its recommendations are based on their findings.



Lucious Hicks addresses a gathering at woodlawn Elementary on the issues surrounding school uniforms.

Photo by Timothy Collins

## Public Safety Coalition Fall Campaign

The Public Safety Coalition, representing thousands of police officers, firefighters, other public safety officers and community leaders, today announced they are kicking off the fall campaign in support of Ballot Measure 43, the Oregon Public Safety Act.

Ballot Measure 43 supports increased community safety, it puts public safety above politics.

The Oregon Public Safety Act enjoys significant statewide support - Mothers Against Drunk Drivers to Multnomah County Sheriff, Crime Victims United to Corrections officers, Fire Chief to District Attorney.

"Firefighters, police and others on the emergency response team are supporting Ballot Measure 43 because they want to be

able to arrive at emergencies completely prepared to save lives. Ballot Measure 43 reverses a bad law that is of, by and for politicians, who mistakenly want to tell police and firefighters what kind of training and equipment they think will save lives," said Tom Chamberlain, a Portland Firefighter and president of the Oregon State Firefighters Council.

Oregonians can look forward to a positive campaign that focuses on the men and women who make our streets safer. Ballot Measure 43 guarantees public safety employees' voice will mean something in decisions over their equipment and training needs. When public safety employees are properly trained and outfitted with the essential equipment, they are able to do their work of saving lives efficiently and effectively.

"All Oregonians' safety depends on the quality of the men and women responding to the emergencies in our neighborhoods. Those on the front line include police, firefighters, state police, 911 dispatch, sheriffs, corrections officers and emergency medical technicians.

Ballot Measure 43 is synonymous with safety for Oregon's communities, Oregonians support the men and women that are on the front-lines of emergencies," said Doug Hoffman, a Roseburg Police Officer, president of Oregon Council of Police Organization.

The Public Safety Coalition has coordinators in every region in Oregon. For information about the campaign to support The Oregon Public Safety Act - Ballot Measure 43 contact the campaign office.