

**Redeemer Kids Remember 'Cloud Maker'**

Friends of Rory Weitzel participate in walk for cystic fibrosis.

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**Goodwill crew entertains**

Portlanders visit with the crew of the ocean-going ship Logos II, berthed at the downtown waterfront.



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**Dunleavy Takes Blazer Helm**

Portland will be the new home for the NBA's Mike Dunleavy after stints with Milwaukee and Los Angeles.



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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Bombing witness grilled

Lawyers for Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh attacked the credibility of the government's star witness, portraying him as coached by prosecutors and desperate to save himself. Michael Fortier testified that McVeigh planned the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City to avenge a government siege at Waco and to spark an uprising.

### Compromise reviewed

The White House Tuesday said it's possible President Clinton could support a compromise proposal on banning "partial-birth" abortions. The compromise would include bans on all late-term abortions with exceptions for cases where the woman's life was in danger or where she risked "grievous injury" to her health.

### White House vs. Congress

A showdown is simmering between the White House and Congress. The White House says it's still deciding whether to defy a congressional committee looking into campaign fundraising and possible illegal contributions by foreigners. President Clinton's legal counsel Charles Ruff has been asked to testify Thursday before a House committee and the White House says a decision on whether to comply will be made within a day.

### Strike against GM

General Motors is having more labor problems. A third strike against the carmaker started Tuesday when more than 8,200 workers walked off the job at GM's electrical wiring factories in Warren, Ohio. GM is already contending with walkouts at assembly plants in Michigan and Oklahoma.

### Shuttle Countdown ongoing

NASA says there are no apparent obstacles to an on-time launch for the space shuttle Atlantis on a supply run to Russia's Mir space station. NASA's shuttle test director says controllers haven't detected any technical problems and the weather looks favorable for a blastoff Thursday.

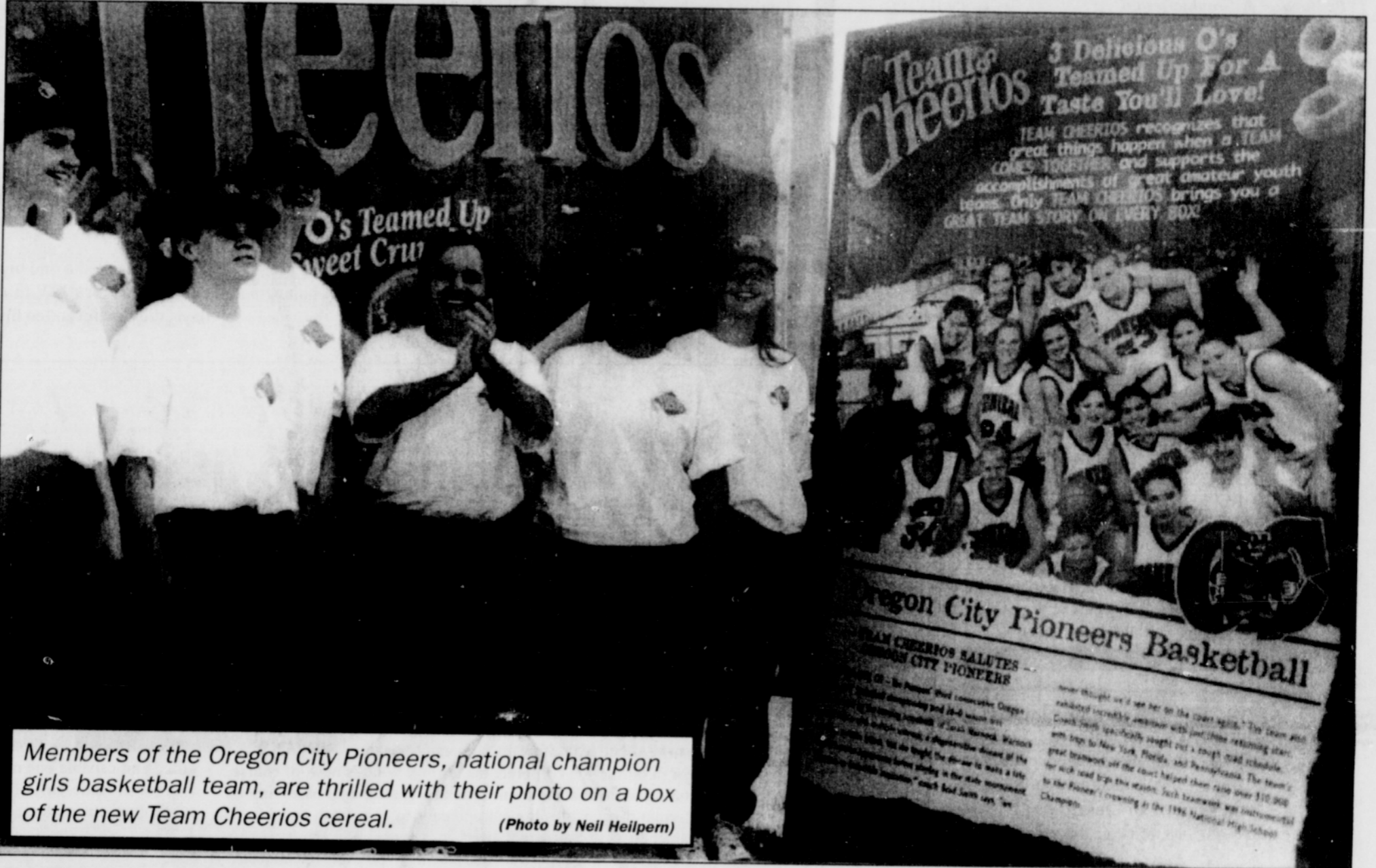
### Drug therapy used

Researchers say ovarian cancer has been fought successfully with an experimental three-drug therapy used after surgery. Eddie Reed of the National Cancer Institute says that based on 60 patients given the three-drug cocktail, 70 percent were disease-free 22 months after surgery. By comparison, previous data showed about half of women who got standard chemotherapy after optimal surgery were disease-free after 18 to 19 months.

### CIA to restrict retirees?

The CIA reportedly is considering a plan that would bar its top officials from working for any foreign government or political party for three years after retirement. The Washington Post says the proposed regulation is close to winning final approval and it would be the first of its kind for any U.S. agency involved in foreign relations.

## Oregon City girls are on Cheerios



Members of the Oregon City Pioneers, national champion girls basketball team, are thrilled with their photo on a box of the new Team Cheerios cereal. (Photo by Neil Heilpern)

BY NEIL HEILPERN

**W**hat happens when the diversity and teamwork of a championship high school athletic team meets the diversity and taste of a multi-grain cereal?

In the case of the Oregon City High School girls basketball team, they just got their team photo on the box of the new "Team Cheerios" cereal.

Although General Mills has displayed faces of professional athletic super heroes on Wheaties boxes for years, the Oregon City Pioneers last week among the first four high school groups in the United

States to be highlighted on the new cereal box.

The other teams included a football team from Lewisville, Texas; a softball team from Northampton, Pennsylvania; and a basketball team from Westminster, Florida.

Students in the Oregon City football stadium cheered as a helicopter flew over the school, down to the field and released several hundred boxes of the cereal into a giant bowl on the 50 yard line.

"This is a diverse team that melded together as a unit," exclaimed Carl Tinsley, Assistant varsity coach, when someone likened the team to the oats, corn and wheat in

the cereal's makeup. He noted that the team, although predominately Caucasian, includes a Hispanic, an Asian, a deaf girl and a student who plays in spite of her affliction with multiple sclerosis.

"This is a wonderful honor," said Tinsley. "It is neat of General Mills to recognize high school teams on boxes, and for us to be one of the first four is great for these kids."

"It's kind of weird," exclaimed player Lindsey Yamasaki, as she picked up a box and saw the photo on the back with all 14 girls and two coaches. "We're known all over Oregon, but this will be nationwide."

"I have relatives all over the world," noted

Carrie Strahle, whose ancestry is German. "They'll be eating this cereal over there and looking at us—once in a lifetime!"

"This is really big," said Cherisse Fowler. "Things like this usually happen to professionals."

Chris Helle, the new cereal's marketing manager, told a crowd of several hundred students and media "The teams selected for the introduction of this cereal exemplify what the teamwork can accomplish."

As giant replicas of the four boxes were unveiled, Helle looked at the Oregon City team and said, "See...Great things happen when a team comes together."

## Annual Community Peace and Justice Fair

**P**eace and Justice Works (formerly Portland Peaceworks) will be hosting the annual Peace and Justice Fair in Portland on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th.

The gathering will begin 12 noon in Irving Park and last until 6 PM, rain or shine. Irving Park is located at 7th and Fremont in Northeast Portland. Once again, the P&J Fair is being cosponsored by KBOO 90.7 FM (Nonprofit Community Radio).

The main goals of the fair are:

- celebrate and deepen connections among organizations working on issues of race, gender, sexuality, labor, environment, militarism and other social concerns;
- inform and empower the general public to get active on issues which affect them;
- pay tribute to those who died in violence while working toward a violence free world.

Events at the fair will include music, free vegetarian food, cooperative games, informed speakers, poetry, an open mike session, discussion circles, activities for young people and more.

Peaceworks will bring these elements together through input from participating peace and social justice groups and musicians.

The 1995 event featured 90 groups and was attended by over 500 people. Groups committed to attend this year include Amnesty International, the Liberation Collective, Greenpeace and Pride Northwest will have representatives and literature available. Over 10 musical acts and numerous poets will perform, including Bye Bye Chinook, Lisa Miller and Ngoma.

If you or your organization want to help plan or to participate in any way, please get in touch with us at 236-3065.

## Battle waged to save MHRC

**A**demonstration and call to action is being waged to save the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission.

As part of its planned budget cuts, Portland and Multnomah County officials have proposed abolishing the citizen commission and moving some of its functions into the office of neighborhood associations.

Opponents argue the move would eliminate the independent nature of the commission and limit human rights advocacy and policy review functions.

Area residents are encouraged to show their support for the commission at a city budget hearing Saturday at 10 a.m. at the King Neighborhood Facility, 4817 N.E. Seventh Ave.

"If you can't come, call Commissioner Jim Francesconi (823-3008), Mayor Vera Katz (823-4120) and County Chair Bev Stein (248-3308) and let them know you support the MHRC and the continued existence of an independent citizens' human rights commission with advocacy and public policy review responsibilities," organizers said.



Mark Bradwell and Jason Mokieburst, 6, enjoy the Safe Haven after school program dinner at Hughes Memorial Church in northeast Portland. Church staff, volunteers and members of the Labor Community Service Agency have been instrumental in helping youngsters improve their academic skills.

(Photo by Neil Heilpern)

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