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REVIEW

Measure 53

Measure 53 is about repealing the state's "double-majority" rule, which requires at least 50 percent voter turnout to raise property taxes and would wipe out the rule for money measures on the ballot. Measure 53 would benefit tax-measure supporters.

Superintendant Canada

Ben Canada has been chosen as the next superintendant of Portland's Public Schools. Board members chose Canada because of his collaborative leadership style and his focus on accountability. The Board plans on paying Canada about \$155,000 a year with a possibility of a \$15,000 bonus for reaching performance goals.

Suharto Quits

President Suharto, who ruled Indonesia for the last 32 years has stepped down to allow Vice President Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie to step in. In a televised nationwide address, Suharto asked for forgiveness from his countrymen for any wrongdoings.

Springfield Shooting

15-year old freshman, Kipland P.

Striving for Cultural Competence Award

Multnomah County's Department of Community and Family Services Wins Award For Cultural Competence



Kinkel of Thurston High School opened fire at his school's cafeteria with a .22 caliber rifle. Four people, which included his parents were killed by him. Twenty three students were taken to McKenzie-Willamette Hospital and Sacred Heart Medical Center.

Powerball Winners

Retired couple, Frank and Shirley Capaci from suburban Streamwood, Illinois are the official winners of the Powerball winning of \$195 million. The couple have three adult sons and said they plan to share the winnings with the family.

Irish Victory

The people of Northern Ireland won the majority support in a peace plan to revamp the government and end the civil war that has lasted for three decades. The deal calls for Northern Ireland to retain its political allegiance to Britain and disarm the various paramilitary groups within two years.

Jefferson Dance Program

Interim principal of Jefferson High School, Lela Triplett Roberts announced that she will be cutting three of the school's dance program teachers as a part of its restructuring program. The school instead will finance more academic counselors. This is Robert's intention to boost academic achievement.

Shoe Endorsements

Some athletic shoe companies have started to reduce their reliance on athletes to endorse their products. Reebok was the most vocal and aggressive in cutting athletes. Nike, in comparison was the most reluctant to cut back despite controversey with its production companies in Asia.

Kinkel Home

Investigators who had probed the home of Kipland P. Kinkel, the 15year old who opened fire at the Thurston High School cafeteria, found five bombs and chemicals that could be used to make explosives. Other items include a hand grenade and detailed instructions on bomb making that Kipland drew from the Internet.

DCFS Deputy Director Iris M.D. Bell and DCFS Director Lolenzo T. Poe, Jr., are presented the Striving for Cultural Competence Award from CWLA's Executive Director David S. Liederman.

The Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) was recently honored with the Striving for Cultural Competence Award from the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA). DCFS Director Lolenzo T. Poe, Jr., and DCFS Deputy Director Iris M.D. Bell were presented the Striving for Cultural Competence Award at CWLA's National Conference in Washington, D.C. The Department was presented the Western Region Award for developing a three-year strategic plan that ensures that cultural competence is integrated into all facets of the organization. The purpose of the Striving for Cultural Competence Award is to acknowledge agencies, which have made outstanding efforts to deliver services effectively and respectfully to people of diverse cultures in a manner that recognizes their worth and protects their dignity.

The mission of DCFS is to manage public social service resources to help build communities that care for all their members. The Department operates a \$130 million budget with \$85 million contracted out to approximately 300 community based organizations, which provide a full spectrum of programs for youth and families.

CWLA is the nations oldest and largest association of agencies and organizations devoted to improving life for at-risk youth, with more than 950 member agencies serving over two million abused, neglected, and vulnerable children and their families. The organization works for federal legislation to benefit children and families.

Make A Difference With Youth Volunteer Corps



BY SABRINA GODFREY

So, what are you doing this summer? Want to work on changing the world? the Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) offers youth 11 to 17 years old the opportunity to get involved and make a meaningful and positive impact on the community.

This will be YVC's fourth summer of involving teens in volunteering in Portland, and the biggest and best one yet! Youth join other teens and a team leader/supervisor-an average of ten youth per team. Together, the team will volunteer for either two or four week projects in a variety of interest areas. For example, one team will serve as junior counselors for Camp Ky-O-Wa, a Portland Parks and Recreation camp for youth with and without disabilities.

Why? Because the world is not perfect.

This is an opportunity for you to make a difference. Why? Because youth does not mean apathy.

In addition to volunteering, you spend time building teams and reflecting on the experiences. Most every project also encompasses gneducational component. But there's no honsework and it's absolutely nothing like school. Every person that volunteers for a minimum of two weeks will receive a letter of recommendations and a confirmation of the number of hours you served. Use these for school, college applications, or your first job!

When? We ask for a commitment to the full time of each project you register for. All projects are Monday through Friday, during the day. Projects are between four and eight hours a day including breaks and lunch.

For more information please call 224-7800.

Vanport Memorial Dedicated



Ernie Nimister pays a visit to the Vanport Memorial, which is located near Heron Lakes Golf Course. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the flood. (Photo by M. Washington)

City officials and Vanport survivors gathered on Memorial Day to dedicate a commenorative sign at Heron Lakes golf course, part of the site and on the 50th anniversary of the Vanport Flood.

Earlier, at Portland International Raceway, the Kenton Action Plan held memorial activities that included exhibit of a model and photos of the World War II housing project, heard students from Portsmouth Middle School recite oral history by survivors, and recorded an additional 100 oral interviews. One survivor said, "I was only five years old, but I remember it as if it was vesterday."

This week, McMenamin's Kennedy

School is showing '40s movies, including "Prince of Thieves," the film playing locally at the time of the flood. Vanport survivors will be admitted free. There will be a memorabilia display in the school's Pittman Room.

The Kenton Action Plan sponsored the memorial "because

Vanport played such an important part in the development of north Portland and the city in general," executive director David Meyers-Eatwell says. He adds, "While it's important to remember the flood, it's also important to remember Vanport as a community."

A city within a city of some 40,000 people, CONTINUED TO PAGE A4