



While their children played carnival games, parents enjoyed the food and beverages in the dining area. Fine service and a cozy atmosphere await patrons at the Kennedy School. When the former elementary was purchased and saved from demolition, McMenamins and the city wanted the site to retain its community minded atmosphere. PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL / THE PORTLAND OBSERVER



Paul Allen, 9, watches as fellow Boise-Eliot choir member Justin Johnson, 11, tries to launch a baseball through a hole to win a prize at Saturday's Kennedy School anniversary party. After the choir performed, elementary school students filled the former elementary school gymnasium for wall-to-wall carnival games and other fun. PHOTO BY WYNDE DYER / THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

## Kennedy School Fest

### Brew-pub and theater celebrates 5 years

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The McMenamins Kennedy School celebrated its fifth anniversary with festivities tailor made for kids and families. The gym at the former elementary school was bustling all day Saturday with carnival games and free prizes.

Parents sipped micro brews and dined on the finest McMenamins fare as tiny tots met with face painting fun and collected balloon animals from clowns. Becky Underhill brought her Boise-Eliot Primary Colors Choir to join in the fun. "We thought since they were

celebrating their anniversary we would bring some school kids and celebrate too," she said. When the former elementary was purchased and saved from demolition, McMenamins and the city wanted the site to retain its community minded atmosphere. McMenamins Property manager

Troy Dokins says it is the policy of McMenamins to keep the site open to the surrounding community. "This is a neighborhood friendly place," he said. "Most of our events are pretty family and kid oriented." The school features a 100-de-

gree soaking pool, free year round to people in the neighborhood. All age concerts play on Thursday nights and children's matinees show in the small theater Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The gymnasium is open Mondays and Tuesdays for pub-

lic basketball. But if all you need is a hot meal and a cool draft beer, the dining hall is the place to be. With an overflowing selection of beers, wines, burgers, pasta, pizza and fries there is a mouth watering treat for everyone.

## Bill Clinton Inducted into Black Hall of Fame

Former President Clinton returned to his home state Saturday night to be inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. Once described by author Toni Morrison as "our first black president," the former Arkansas governor and two-term president was the first non-black recognized in the hall's 10-year history.

"I OWE you way more than you owe me," Clinton told the audience of 850 people, who gave him a thunderous, standing ovation. "You have looked beyond the color of my skin to the truth of my heart." Rodney Slater, a fellow Arkansan who served as Clinton's transportation secretary and was one of many

blacks Clinton appointed to higher office, said some have wondered if Clinton was just a white politician trying to get the black vote. "President Clinton is here tonight not because he needs your vote but because he has always wanted our love and wanted to share his love with us," Slater said.

## Household Finance to Pay Back Millions

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tant prepayment penalties and passing off insurance on the life of the loan as actual life insurance. Local resident Julia Frunchess was one of those who felt taken advantage of by the lending company. Frunchess brought her case to the attention of the media in June after buying a house for \$111,000 and quickly seeing that cost climb to \$152,000 as hidden fees and interest rates finally came to the surface. After Frunchess contacted an attorney and threatened litigation, Household lowered her interest rate from 14 percent to 9 percent. She said she is still trying to get the company to follow through with everything they promised her. Each attorney general will decide how to distribute each share of the \$484 million. If the money was distributed evenly to each homeowner impacted by the company's practices, it would only amount to about \$1,500 per person, community activists said. "Household wants to think this is sufficient," Ginsberg said. "But most people think it's a step in the right direction."

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