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African American theater group presents 'Deceptive Love'  
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## Voice for Peace

Distinguished Congressman and civil rights leader to visit  
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## Week in The Review

### Naked jogger returns

The naked jogger of New York has struck again. His latest appearance was during near freezing temperatures on Tuesday in a Binghamton downtown parking garage. And, as in each of his previous runs, he eluded police who rushed to the scene. An employee said the streaker has been seen running around the six-level parking garage at least 20 times since last August. The last time was in late November. Police said they can't figure out how he's able to get dressed and emerge from the garage undetected.

### College drops mark of the beast

The Kentucky Mountain Bible College has finally dropped the 666 prefix that disturbed Christians who recognized it as the biblical mark of the beast. "We're just elated that the number has been changed," said Rob Roy MacGregor, the college's vice president of business affairs. "It was like we had this Scarlet Letter attached to us." The college is now removing the number from printed material, including its official letterhead. The 666 prefix had been the only one available in the area since telephone service arrived here. The need for more phone lines forced telephone companies to add new numbers.

### Shoddy rope prevents suicide

A Romanian man is reportedly planning to complain to consumer authorities about the poor quality of a rope he used in a failed attempt to hang himself. Local newspapers have quoted 45-year-old Victor Dodoi as saying he can't even die in his country. The papers say Dodoi's relatives found him hanging from a tree in his garden, and managed to easily cut the rope with a knife. He was taken by horse-drawn cart, and then by ambulance, to a hospital. Dodoi says he is planning to file a complaint with the Consumer Protection Authority about the quality of the rope, as soon as he is released.

### Clinton called for jury duty

Former President Bill Clinton has been tapped for jury duty. A questionnaire designed to help select a jury for a federal attempted murder case indicated that Prospective Juror No. 142 was actually William Jefferson Clinton. Although Clinton's name was never revealed in the federal hearing, his answers, read aloud in the courtroom, provided the giveaway. Under previous jobs held, the respondent answered President of the United States. He also wrote that he thought he could be fair and impartial, despite his "unusual experience with the O.I.C.," or Office of Independent Cour

## Feeding Oregon's Hungry

Coalition proposes more food vouchers, free lunches for kids

BY DAVID PLECHL  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A coalition of Oregon lawmakers has introduced three bills that could alleviate the suffering of thousands of Oregonians.

State Rep. Jackie Dingfelder, D-northeast Portland, was instrumental in bringing the pressing issue of hunger to the attention of lawmakers at the state capitol in Salem.

For the last three years, Oregon has ranked first in the nation for hunger and food insecurity, meaning local residents who don't always have enough money to meet basic nutritional needs. Many Oregonians experience hunger pangs on a regular basis.

Dingfelder fasted from sunrise to sunset last Wednesday to dramatize the plight of the thousands that go hungry everyday in Oregon.

"This is a symbolic gesture to assure Oregon's hungry citizens that their legislators intend to end their suffering," Dingfelder said.

The legislation would provide food service meals to children in Oregon's hungriest

school districts and offer food vouchers for seniors and low-income families.

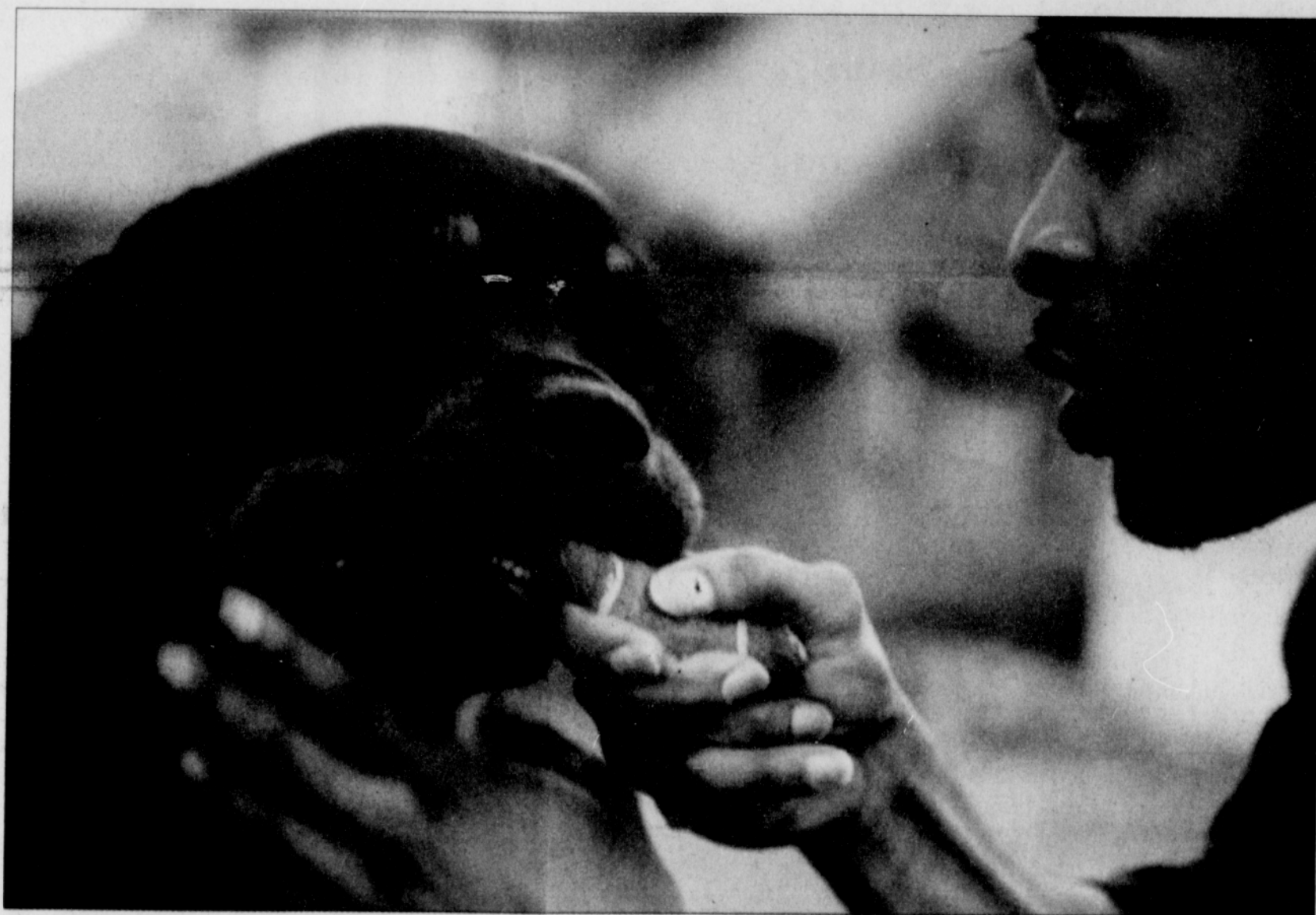
"We must address the short-term needs of hungry Oregonians and work toward a long-term solution that prevents this problem from ever happening again," Dingfelder said.

Gov. Ted Kulongowski addressed part of *continued* ▼ on page A3

## DEFINITELY DOGS



Robert Bacote chases Gator down Going Street.



PHOTOS BY WYNDE DYER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Northeast Portland resident Robert Bacote has no problem getting his rottweiler Gator to fetch a tennis ball - but getting him to let go is another story.

## Area adjusts to boom in canine population

BY WYNDE DYER  
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Who let the dogs out?

It's a question more and more people are asking these days - and not just because people are chanting the popular Bahamen song.

The streets, parks, yards and businesses of Portland seem to show an unprecedented boom in the canine population which begs another question - are there really more dogs, or have dogs just become more visible?

"There aren't more dogs - dogs have just become a more integral part of the social fabric," said John Rowton, shelter manager for Multnomah County Animal Services.

While the cat population in Portland continues to rise as a result of poor spaying and neutering practices, Rowton

said licensing statistics for canines have been virtually stable over the past few years.

The difference, he said, is not that more people own dogs but that more people are seen out with their dogs.

Rowton said as the urban area becomes more densely populated and city dwellers downsize their homes or move into apartments, more people take their pets for walks, rather than leaving them chained up.

"Ten years ago the dog was tied up out back," Rowton said. "Now there's a

bar where you can take your dog and have a beer."

The Lucky Labrador on Southeast Hawthorne isn't the only pet friendly establishment in Portland. In fact, many restaurants, coffee shops, mini-marts and grocery stores skirt health codes to allow patrons canine accompaniment. Others just allow dogs in patio areas, or furnish water bowls outside for thirsty pups while owners quench their thirst inside.

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## First Year Success for Irvington Village

Assisted living community finds a niche in northeast Portland

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Irvington Village opened its doors to seniors last January it was the first of its kind in inner northeast Port-

land. It was pretty much a new concept in assisted living in this area," said Guyton, the village's assistant manager.

Before, families were forced to drive to the suburbs to visit loved ones in supplemental care facilities because options for local residential treatment were few.

The 104 unit, five-story structure at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Mason was envisioned by the elders of Irvington Church almost 10 years ago as a local facility for low-income seniors and seniors with special needs.

"This was their dream," Guyton said. "With a Christian base we really feel like God has a plan for Irvington."

That ambitious dream included a welcoming community room, an on-site

beauty shop, an expansive dining room and a relaxation room complete with fireplace and library.

"We want people to know they're coming here to live," Guyton said. "We didn't scale back on anything."

Each floor has TVs and every apartment is equipped with a refrigerator and microwave. Nutritious and tasty meals are served hot three times a day.

"We make it convenient for them," Guyton said. "We have some good food. In fact, we're pretty much known for our food."

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Irvington Village resident Corneilla Johnson enjoys knitting and keeping active.

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