

Support Makes New Head Start Possible, McCormick-Matthews preschool to serve families

For one morning last week, the corner of North Kerby Avenue and North Bryant Street was studded with northwest stars Damon Stoudamire, new Trail Blazers President Steve Patterson and a rare public appearance from Blazers owner Paul Allen.

Shovel in hand, they broke ground for a new Albina Head Start, with the generous contributions from Stoudamire, the Paul G. Allen Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Trailblazers, Meyer Memorial Trust, the Collins Foundation, Region X Head Start Bureau and Spirit Mountain Community Fund totaling \$2.2 million.

The McCormick-Matthews Center, named for Stoudamire's grandmother Wanda Matthews Stoudamire, and life-long community activist Sharon McCormick, will serve low-income children from birth to age five, and their families living in north and northeast Portland.

The center will feature classrooms, an adult education computer lab, a parent resource library, media center, health services, outdoor and indoor activity space, a kitchen, laundry room and office space.

Construction of the \$3.2 million McCormick-Matthews Center is scheduled for completion in July 2004.



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A group of Albina Head Start kids with shovels in hand join Albina Community Bank executive Keith Jackson (from left), Trail Blazer Damon Stoudamire, Blazer Owner Paul Allen, Blazer President Steven Patterson, PacificCorp executive Richard Waige and Head Start leader Richard Brown at the groundbreaking of a new Head Start Center on North Kerby Avenue and Bryant Street.

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Benson Seniors For Wellness

Benson High School seniors Tommy Dham and Monique Clayton demonstrated CPR on infants and adults at the African American Health Coalition's Wellness Village Saturday at the Blazer's Boys and Girls Club. Theirs was among many exhibitions at the day-long event aiming to improve the health of local residents.

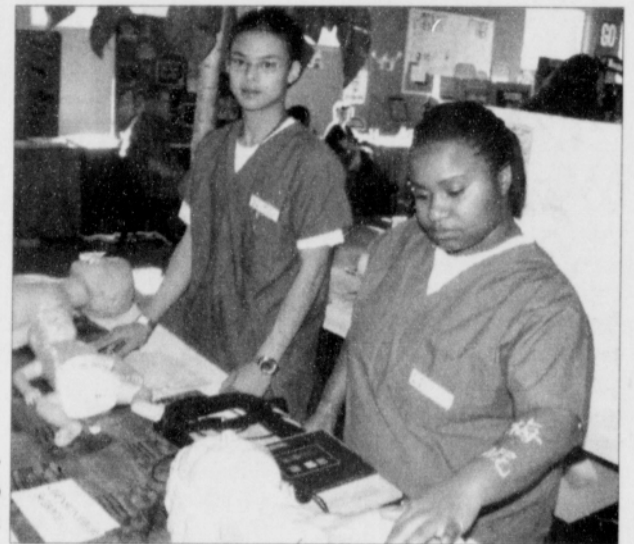


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Flu Vaccinations Urged to Save Lives

Flu season is approaching, vaccine supplies are plentiful and public health officials are promoting flu shots.

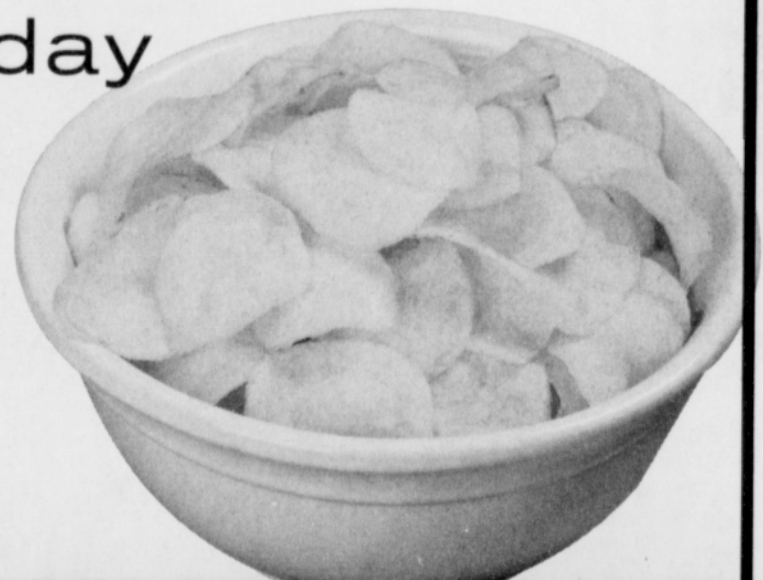
Lorraine Duncan, immunization manager at State Department of Health urges healthcare providers to provide simultaneous vaccina-

tion against influenza and pneumonia for people who fall in a high-risk category. For information about flu shot clinics, call 1-800-SAFENET.

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