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## Love in Action



Rev. W. G. Hardy (left) and Heather Mc Donald prepare to raffle away new bicycles to area school children during a Highland United Church of Christ community event at Alberta Park in northeast Portland.



Janae Brown (left) shows off the striking new bike she won, but decided to demonstrate love in action by giving it to her little brother, Hiag Brown Jr.

A free community event at Alberta Park on Saturday, sponsored by Highland United Church of God of northeast Portland, was a success. Love in Action VII was an annual church event to bring the community together for a weekend of entertainment, food and fun. Senior Pastor W.G. Hardy directed the special activities, including a series of raffles and games, providing several kids with new bikes and other goodies.

### Pope Deems Cloning Unethical

(AP)—Pope John Paul II warned in a statement that humanity's speedy progress in science and technology risks overlooking moral values, citing with particular concern experiments in human cloning. The pontiff - in a message written Aug. 6 but released Sunday for the start of a Church-organized meeting on the theme of progress - insisted that advanced research must not become an end in itself. "The results achieved in various fields of science and technology are considered and defended by



Pope John Paul II

many as a priori acceptable," he said. "In this way, one ends up expecting that what is technically possible in itself also ethically good." The pontiff continued: "There is no one who does not see the dramatic and distressing consequences of such pragmatism, which perceives truth and justice as something modeled around the work of man himself. It is sufficient, as one example among others, to consider man's attempt to appropriate the sources of life through experiments in human cloning."

### Seattle Priests Banned for Abuse

(AP) — The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle has released the names of three priests who have been permanently barred from ministry after allegations that they sexually abused children were found to be credible. They are James McGreal, David Linehan and Desmond McMahon,

the church said in a news release Saturday. The men remain under the archdiocese's watch but can no longer call themselves "father," wear priestly garb or present themselves as priests. The penalty, recommended by Seattle Archbishop Alexander

Brunett and approved by the Vatican, is one step short of being defrocked. The cases are the first here to be reviewed by the Vatican since U.S. bishops approved a policy in 2002 that bars from active ministry any priest with a single credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. David Slader, an attorney for 17 of those victims, said the deadline is unrealistic. "The problem is that the men and women who have been abused by their priests live in a world of shame - and that shame imposes a cloak of silence over them," he said.

### Deadline for Abuse Claims Wanted

(AP) — The Archdiocese of Portland, the first American diocese to file for bankruptcy, has asked a federal judge to set a Dec. 31 deadline for priest sex abuse victims to come forward. The archdiocese said it needs to have a firm estimate of the number

of potential lawsuits to help settle creditor claims. The diocese filed July 6 for Chapter 11 protection under federal bankruptcy law. At least 60 alleged victims have pending claims against the archdiocese; another 20 are expected to file claims.

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## Obituaries

### Double J Tire Owner Dies

Joe Hendon

A graveside service was held Aug. 2 in Lincoln Memorial Park for Joe Hendon, who died July 30 at age 62.

Mr. Hendon was born June 4, 1942, in West Point, Miss. He moved to Portland in about 1955. He was well known in the community as the owner of Double J Tire Center at 6841 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.



In 1976, he married Mary Lu Burbank. Survivors include his wife; sons, Joseph and Thomas; daughters, Merriane Plotnik and Tamara Hendon; stepsons, Rocky Plucar, Pete Walker, Gene Walker, Norman Walker and Rollie Walker; stepdaughters Luanne Hendon and April Knott; brothers John D., Jimmie and William; sister Francis Chapman; 36 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. His daughter Tabitha died earlier in July.

### Recording Artist at Emmanuel Temple

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