



Community College Support Urged

Portland Community College student Danielle Bryant (left) and PCC Foundation Board Trustee Freddye Prophet build awareness of the college's budget woes and educational mission at the State Legislature in Salem. About 100 students, college representatives and business partners recently descended on the Capitol to send the message to lawmakers that support is crucial for continuing the college's quality programs, especially in light of cuts in the Governor's budget proposal.

Streetcar Opens to Waterfront

The first extension of the Portland Streetcar the South Waterfront district opens this weekend with celebrations and free fares.

Dignitaries, business owners and citizens will gather Friday, March 11 to officially greet the new Portland Streetcar to RiverPlace. The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at Southwest River Parkway and River Drive.

The event will be kicked off by the arrival of two streetcars with dignitaries

and a vocal performance by Julieanne Johnson who will highlight the theme of the grand opening "Take Me To The River."

The public will be able to ride the entire streetcar line from northwest Portland to RiverPlace free all weekend long.

On Saturday, vendor booths will line River Drive along with a Full Sail Beer Garden, wine tasting and food booths. Entertainment and performances will run all day.

AIDS Project Manager Hired

Kathleen Saadat has gone to work as communities of color initiative manager for the Cascade AIDS Project.

Saadat will oversee the organization's efforts to improve its cultural competence and facilitate better relationships with communities of color, especially the Latino and African American populations.

Saadat has held highly regarded posts as a former state director of affirmative action, former member and co-chair of the Portland Rainbow Coalition, executive director

Kathleen Saadat



of the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs, and is a senior fellow of the Oregon chapter of the American Leadership Forum.

She has also received many awards, recognitions and honors for her civil liberties work on behalf of women, gays, lesbians and communities of color.



Ask Deanna!
Real People, Real Advice
An advice column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

There's a guy I like and we really care for each other. The only problem is that I'm in my late 20s and he's in his teens. He's very mature for his age. I really like him and don't know what to do. He can barely go out because his mom is strict and he's always at school. I've never felt this way for someone as young. Can you please help me because I don't know what to do?
--Ms. Shy; Online E-Mail

Dear Ms. Shy:

Save yourself some jail time with two words. Statutory Rape. It's against public law and his mother's law for you to date her son who's a minor. He can't drive, make money or provide emotional support which leaves you with a young stud with milk breath. Wake up and date men in your league. As a last resort see what happens when he becomes legal. However, don't be surprised if he selects girls his age instead of you.

Dear Deanna!

I have two cousins messing with the same guy. One has been with him 5 years and they have kids but I accidentally found out he beats her and threatens her. I didn't know about the other cousin until I was telling her about the beatings and I

realized she's messing with him too. I told both of them what's going on and instead of the issue, they talked about me. I lie when I get nervous so when the other cousin asked if I had told on her, I lied and now she's ignoring me. Can I fix this or do I leave it alone?
--No More Drama; Toledo, Ohio

Dear Drama:

This must be a family tree with a rotten apple or a classic episode of Jerry Springer. You've done enough to both cousins by having two faces and gossiping. You should be concerned about the violence and the safety issue instead of who's zooming who. You need to fix it by telling the truth to whoever you lied to and seek help for that little nerve problem if you're going to be in people's business.

Dear Deanna!

I don't take my 3-year old sons to church with me. However, I end up losing my religion and arguing with my family after church. My family feels they should at least be there in the nursery. I think they're a distraction if in the congregation and the church nursery is a waste of time. Who's right on this issue?
--Lois; Tampa, Fla.

Dear Lois:

Take those kids to church and let them make noise now because if not, you'll find yourself crying at their jail cell later. If you attend church, pay tithes and offerings then you should go ahead and utilize the nursery for your children. Don't be foolish. The nursery has structure that will begin the process of giving you're your toddlers a foundation of Christ. Again, let those boys make their joyful noise unto the Lord.

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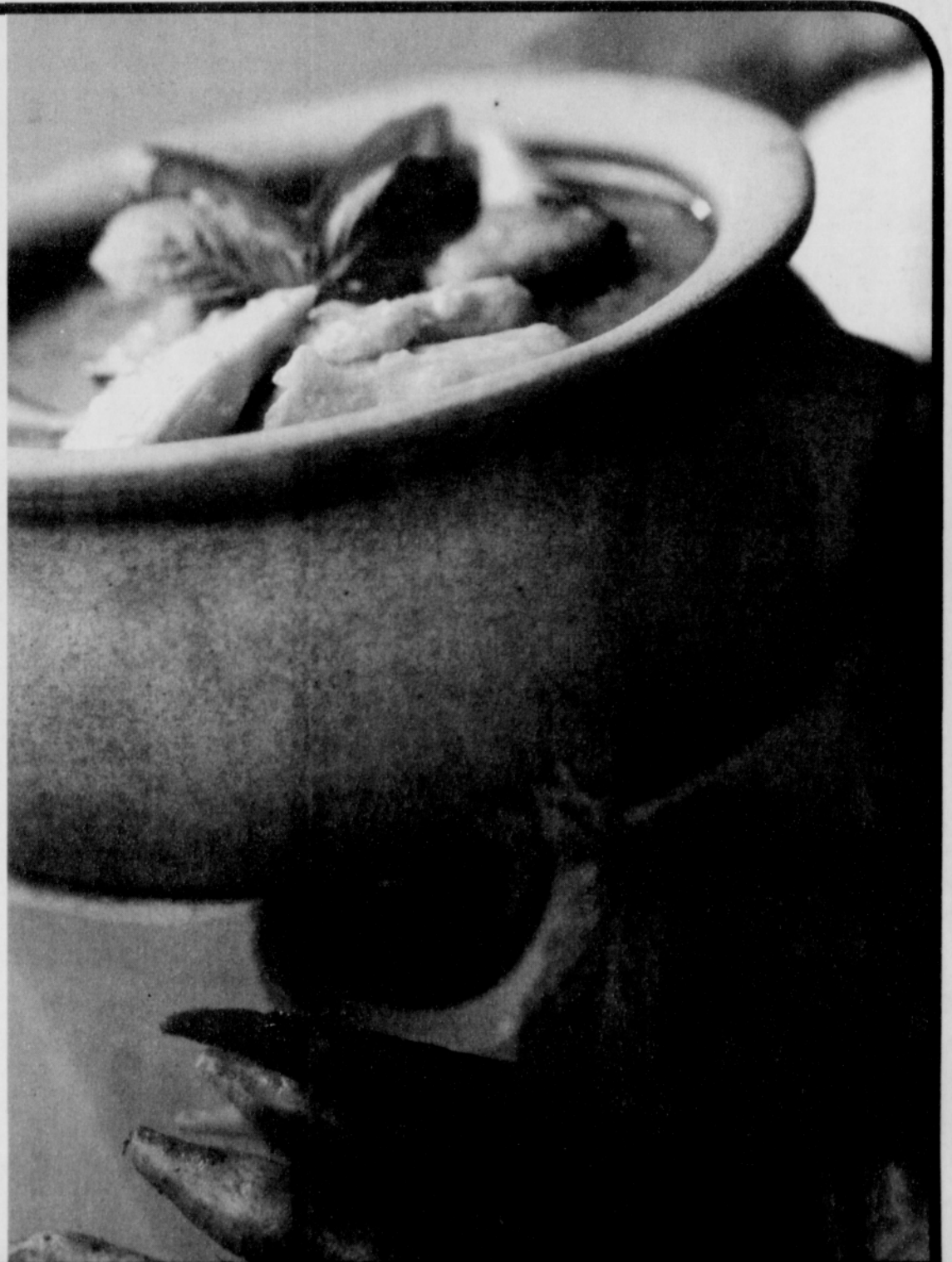
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