

HOUSING Special Edition

Upward Bound Fights Bounce Out

Anti-poverty program faces Bush cut

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is a non-partisan issue."

"I feel we're really making a difference," he said. "One question I most positive skills?""

"They help you step by step," said Abel Kahsay, also a senior at Benson High School and second year student at Upward Bound. "Before, I would occasionally do ask every student is 'If you were to homework. I didn't know the proapply for a job, what would be your cess of getting into college. Without it, I'd probably be a lot of steps He said students have a hard behind, scrambling to get my grades

I don't know what I'd do without it. They teach me how to teach myself.

- Hanibal Gebremedhin, Benson High School senior

time finding their strengths, but by up, to get my classes done." the time they graduate from his program, they're able to sit in front of a college acceptance committee and tell them exactly why they should be there.

"We give them the ability to ex- plying to colleges. press who they are," Dirks said. "It's amazing that students can go from having few abilities to becoming lawyers, doctors and teachers. We're in the business of pulling dreams down into reality."

Hanibal Gebremedhin, a senior at Benson High School and third year student with Upward Bound, is alarmed at the thought that the resources he's had to help him college could be eliminated for future students.

"What're they gonna do? Where tutors as well. are they gonna go?" he asked. "It They teach me how to teach myself. I want them to have the same path I did. It's a good place to go to."

Amanda Martinez-Tellez, a sophomore at Franklin High School, said that coming to Upward Bound has her getting straight A's, which will help her when she begins ap-

"It's a place to work other than home," Martinez-Tellez said.

A sophomore at Jefferson High School, Quai Baker said Upward grades in her toughest subject -

know I wouldn't have a good grade to her Upward Bound students. in math without Upward Bound,"

In addition to helping out students, mentor programs benefit the

motivates me. It keeps me on track. out," said Jesse Elizondo, a PSU Idon't know what I'd do without it. senior. "After awhile you feel like You can watch them improve and get better at dealing with new, con-



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Jefferson High School sophomore Quai Baker (left) asks Upward Bound mentor Theresa Logan about a school project she's working on.

with life skills.'

"I can come here and get help. I senior and tutor said she can relate in your academic career is really

college scholarship essays," she makes a huge difference. They give said. "I'm taking them through and kids lots of opportunities with in-"It feels good. I'm helping them of writing. They've written some their eyes to what else is around really good essays.

"You can come in here and get you're making a bit of difference. one-on-one help, which a lot of Upward Bound and Educational them need," Logan continued. "The Talent Search programs at PSU, call kind of help I can give them is not 503-725-4010.

Bound has helped her raise her ceptual things which is important something they can get somewhere else. It provides after school activ-Theresa Logan, another PSU ity. Having adults take an interest important. A lot of kids might slip "Recently I've been working in-through the cracks, but if you have tensively on helping them write people who are always on you, it helping them through the process ternships and camps. They open



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Construction Underway on the Strand at Riverplace

\$110 million mixed-use development that will enhance the RiverPlace gomery and River Parkway. community and play a key role in the redevelopment of the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area.

The Strand will feature 222 condominium units in three glass and steel towers with ground-level townhomes scaled to match the existing neighborhood. In addition, the project will feature a destination waterfront restaurant, retail and work space, and a 100-space parking garage for the public.

Prices will begin at \$190,000, with a square foot price of \$350.

The property is next to south

Construction has begun on a Waterfront Park on southwest River Drive between southwest Mont-

The Strand is the largest redevelopment project on PDC property since the Pioneer Place retail center in downtown Portland. Construction is set to be completed by

PDC Chairman Matt Hennessee said development of The Strand will continue redevelopment long envisioned for Portland's downtown waterfront, and will support future investments in infrastructure, jobs, open space and a mix of housing in the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area.



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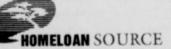
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Property Tax Deferrals for Seniors

Deadline April 15 The Oregon Department of Revenue reminds taxpayers that April 15 is the filing deadline for

the Disabled Citizen Property Tax Deferral Program and the Senior tinue the property in deferral. Citizen Property Tax Deferral Pro-Both deferral programs allow qualified taxpayers to defer payment of their property taxes on their homes. The state pays the

taxes to the county, maintains the account, and charges 6 percent simple interest, which also is deferred. The deferral account balance is generally due when the taxpayer receiving the defer-

ral dies, sells the property, per- part of the taxes still may be demanently moves off the property-other than for health reasons—or if the property changes ownership. However, a surviving spouse may qualify to con-

To qualify for either program, the property must be the taxpayer's principle residence and must have a deed or recorded sales contract. Total household income must be less than \$34,000 for the year before application. Participants may remain on either program as long as their federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$34,000. If a participant's income exceeds the \$34,000 limit, 356-4222.

ferred.

In addition to meeting the income limitation and property ownership requirement, disabled persons must be receiving or be eligible to receive federal Social Security Disability benefits to qualify for the Disabled Citizen Property Tax Deferral Program; senior citizens must be 62 years old or older by April 15 to qualify for the Senior Citizen Property

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