

Ball Elementary Principal Tamala Newsome leads her students in Monday's ceremony celebrating the construction of a new school to replace the outdated and aging Ball school site.

## Reality for New Columbia School

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ward with this investment for families in this north Portland neighborhood, said Dan Ryan, a Roosevelt alumnus serving his first term on will have a state-of-the-art facility that will build on the school's academic achievement created by Principal Tamala Newsome and her staff. The presence of the Boys & Girls Club on-site will also benefit a numthe Roosevelt cluster."

land Parks and Recreation at the

University Park center.

Slated to open in September 2006, school district." the entire project is valued at more than \$20 million but will cost the that housing authorities typically

"I'm excited to see us move for- as a result of the partnership with HAP, the Boys & Girls Club and the use of New Market Tax Credits.

The district sees the new school as a demonstration of its committhe School Board. "The children ment to stretching available tax dollars to meet current and future student achievement needs, create partnerships to advance community and district goals, and attract families back into Portland Public Schools.

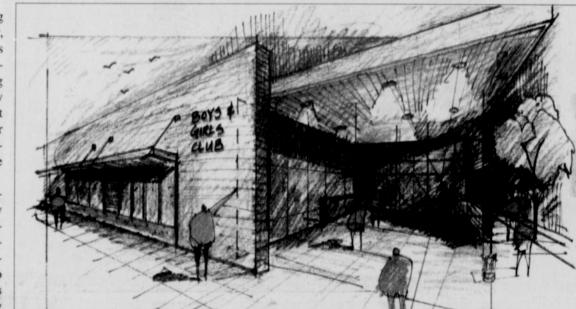
"This wonderful partnership has ber of the surrounding schools in drawn together public, private and non-profit organizations to build a The project, which is supported new neighborhood school for the by private fundraising and a sig-benefit of our community" said new housing units by next year's nificant contribution from the Hous- School Board Co-Chair David fall opening. Other children living Girls Club of Portland, and a new ence as a model to come up with new Ball Elementary. gym being constructed by Port- creative solutions for important projects in

other neighborhoods in our

"This is not the type of project school district less than \$9 million have undertaken," added Kandis

Brewer Nunn, Chair of the Housing Authority of Portland. "However, we live in a new day and age. This combined facility both complements our core goal of providing new, affordable housing at New Columbia and reinforces that strengthening children and their families ultimately benefits the immediate neighborhood and the larger community beyond."

Construction will begin immediately. Eighty percent of the new residents of New Columbia, a neighborhood forged from the destruction of the old Columbia Villa housing project, will have moved into



ing Authority of Portland, incorpo- Wynde. "With capital dollars so in the surrounding Portsmouth An artist's rendering shows the look of the new Boys and Girls Club which is slated to be built rates shared space with the Boys & scarce, we want to use this experi- neighborhood will also attend the next to the new Ball Elementary School in north Portland's New Columbia community and adjacent to the current University Park Community Center.

Bertha Gilbert, 22, is led away by police after she tried to enter a segregated lunch counter in Nashville, Tenn., in this May 6. 1964, file photo.

## Civil Rights Era Women

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"After the bus boycott got going and (Martin Luther) King got he thought she had done enough."

Olson added that Parks is often National Convention. depicted as a deferential woman urging of movement leaders, but in fact she had for years quietly pushed carefully planned the actions that the U.S. Justice Department. led to her arrest.

"She was not just a symbol," Olson said. "She was an agent."

Septima Poinsette Clark, often rights, was an educator and Nament of Colored People activist three-quarters of the world."

decades before the nation's attention turned to racial equality.

Fannie Lou Hamer, a Mississippi sharecropper, was beaten involved, they wouldn't even let and jailed in 1962 for trying to Rosa Parks speak at the first mass register to vote. She co-founded meeting," she said. "She asked to the Mississippi Freedom Demospeak, and one of the ministers said cratic Party and gave a fiery speech at the 1964 Democratic

Vivian Malone Jones defied segwho defied segregation laws at the regationist Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace to enroll in the University of Alabama in 1963 and later for racial justice — and she had worked in the civil rights division of

Even today, Bond said most NAACP members and most local branch presidents are women.

"There's a Chinese saying, called the "queen mother" of civil 'Women hold up half the world," Bond said. "In the case of the civil tional Association for the Advance- rights movement it's probably

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