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Hunger Grows

Progress recorded in Oregon

fifth consecutive annual increase Child Care Tax Credit refundable. in the number of food insecure Americans nationwide. The total 2004.

The good news is that Oregon experienced a drop in the rate of food insecurity hunger, putting the state near the national average for both hunger and food insecurity.

Oregon's hunger rate decreased from 5.8 percent of the population in 1999-01 to 3.8 percent in 2002-04. The rate of food insecurity decreased from 13.7 percent of the cuts to a number of vital support population in 1999-01 to 11.9 percent in 2002-04.

The improvement was tied to improved food stamp outreach resulting in an 80 percent increase in reduce access to important re-Food Stamp participation, Child Nutrition Program outreach, in- hunger.

Katrina survivors in the Portland

area will continue on the site of the

former Washington High School

campus at Southeast 14th Avenue

and Stark Street, but have moved to

and under federal guidance through

FEMA, a number of the many agen-

cies involved in efforts to support

survivors have moved services

back to their respective agency

the portable classroom building.

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture creased funding for and use of released a new report showing the emergency food, and making the

Even with the improvement, more than 1 in 10 Oregonians experienced number of people who struggle to difficulty purchasing food due to a buy food increased to 38 million in lack of resources at some time during the year.

> Oregon Food Bank officials say we need to keep working to ensure that families reach economic stability-that they have the resources they need to meet all of their basic

> This information comes at a critical time. The House is currently considering \$50 billion in programs, including food stamps, Medicaid, and other safety net programs serving low-income households. These cuts would sources and result in increased

sistance with housing, education,

employment, health and mental

will continue operations through

the end of the month. The center

nology to aid families and indi-

viduals in locating housing, fur-

niture, utility assistance and fi-

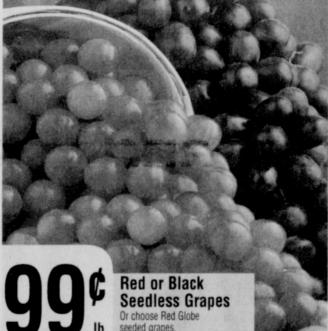
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locations. Those agencies include be Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. Multnomah County, Oregon De- to 5 p.m. The Center will be closed partment of Human Services, Ameri-Friday for Veterans Day and on can Red Cross, and the Community Thanksgiving, Nov. 24. For information on donations Welcoming Committee. Since the Center's inception in and

volunteering, early September as part of "Opera- www.211info.org or call 211 or 1tion Welcome Oregon," nearly 1,000 800-SAFE-NET.

Center Scales Back Hours

Helping survivors from Gulf Coast

Hiusing services for Hurricane hurricane survivors received as-

As a result of lessening demand is equipped with staff and tech-

health services.

nancial details.

First Hispanic **Oregon Chief Justice**

(AP) — Members of the Or- Salem attorney before that. egon Supreme Court picked Paul J. De Muniz to be the next chief istrative head of the state's apjustice, replacing Wallace P. Carson Jr., who is retiring.

De Muniz, the first Latino memwas elected unanimously to be the court's 37th chief justice.

De Muniz was first elected to the Supreme Court in 2000. He rity and his common sense will was a judge on the Oregon Court serve this state and this court of Appeals for a decade and a well for many years," Carson said.

The chief justice is the adminpellate, circuit and tax courts. De Muniz starts his new job Jan. 1.

Carson praised De Muniz's ber of Oregon's highest court, work ethic and ability to work well with the other court mem-

"I am confident that his integ-

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Portland City Council adopted a nondiscrimination resolution that defines racial profiling as any police-initiated action that relies on the race, ethnicity or national origin rather than the behavior of an individual or information that leads the police to a particular individual who has been identified as being, or having been, engaged in criminal activity.

The new training fits with the

Police Bureau's emphasis on community policing, according to Training Division Captain George Babnick.

"The effective community policing officer must be more than just a law enforcer," said Babnick. "They must be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and they must have effective communication skills. It offers officers important perspectives that encourage real problem-solving efforts."



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