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Mayor Tom Potter holds his first community issues and ideas forum Jan. 14 at Patty's Home Plate Deli and Fountain in St. Johns. Each month, the public can sign up for a chance to speak with the mayor for 10 minutes about any issue. The next forum is Feb. 18 at the Grand Buffet in southeast Portland.

## **Housing Solutions**

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port also stated that at every income, minority households are denied more loans than white households.

To close the housing gap over ments: the next 10 years, the council recognized a need of 1.262 new minority homeowners each year. Short-term strategies include partnering with community and housing experts, publishing a comprehensive home buying resource directory and reauthority.

Potter said the follow-up on this initiative is just getting started. Late fill those gaps locally," Potter said. last year the city gave \$1.6 million grams.

Last month, the city council of drug houses seized by the city.

The rehabilitation monies will be gap: there are 21 percent more white tied to a revolving loan fund so the homeowners than black. The re- city can rehabilitate more houses in the future. The city is also considering future funding through partnerships with other city bureaus, including the fire and police depart-

Due to reduced federal monies from Housing and Urban Development programs and a congressional 10 percent cut of Community Development Block Grants, a major source of homeownership funding, the city council is considering a storing single-family tax abatement three percent budget cut from local housing programs.

"It would be impossible for us to

He urges people to communifederally funded dollars to six local cate with elected officials on both non-profit run homeownership pro- state and federal levels, regarding the impact of recent budget cuts.

"\$1.6 million for homeownership passed an ordinance to start a is a lot more than we could make up \$200,000 fund for the rehabilitation for with local revenues," he said, "but that's a small amount for the This is in addition to an allocated federal government compared to \$72,000 used to clean up 14 proper- what they're spending in Iraq."

### Cascade Aids Project **Hires New Executive**

The board of directors of the Cascade AIDS Project has hired an Oklahoma woman as its new executive director.

Jean Ann Van Krevelen comes to Portland after serving as chief executive officer of Oklahoma's Regional AIDS Intercommunity Network.

According to Kathleen Cosgrove, CAP board president, "Jean Ann provides a tremendous combination of national knowledge, compassion, strong business skills, as well as extensive HIV/AIDS health care understanding. These attributes are what Cascade AIDS Project has built its success around. Jean Ann's skills are exactly what we searched for to deliver CAP to Health Task Force of the Oklahoma an exciting, expanding future."

Van Krevelen also chaired the Oklahoma County Coalition for Assessment Committee, and the Substance Abuse and Mental



Jean Ann Van Krevelen

HIV Treatment & Care Consortium.

She was recently selected "Woman of the Year" in Oklahoma, Youth Empowerment and Needs and was honored with the University of Oklahoma's School of Social Work Social Welfare Leader award.

#### **PCC Hosts Business Series**

land Community College in north will be provided. Portland is hosting a lunchtime series that will explore labor and

business issues. in Terrell Hall, Room 122, runs the Nuts and Bolts of Starting a from noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday starting Feb. 1 to March 8. Attendees are encour- 978-5242.

The Cascade Campus of Portaged to pack a lunch. Coffee

Scheduled topics include "Where will the jobs be? Ethnicity and Gender in the Labor Market, The free "Brown Bag" series Creative Services, Going Global, Business, and Small Business."

For more information, call 503-

#### Caregiver Training Offered

Volunteers of Americajoined by the between the agency's three Port-Alzheimer's Foundation of America land area Adult Day Centers, The will host a series of free caregiver train- Marine Smith Center, 4616 N. Albina ing classes to help family members, adult foster care home providers and

professional caregivers. Classes have already began and Alder St. will continue to be held the second Tuesday of each month, starting at gested. For more information, call

Ave.; the Lambert House East Center, 2600 S.E. 170th Ave; and the the Velma Joy Burnie Center, 537 S.E. A \$5 per person donation is sug-

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will rotate 503-335-9980.

#### Kennedy Most Popular President

President Kennedy, enjoying a surge of fresh popularity among greatest President of the modern era, surged past Franklin D. Roosevelt for the first time since early 2002, a new Zogby International poll shows.

Roosevelt usually tops the Zogby Presidential Greatness Americans who have rated him the Scale, but Americans who have a personal memory of the Roosevelt presidency are dwindling.

Ronald Reagan held third place, well above fourth-place Harry Truman.

# Children Come First for Mayor

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and have no health coverage.

Reflecting on the recent Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, he finds there has not been enough leader brought economic and racial justice issues to America consciousness.

lot of laws but certainly not a lot of other due to prejudices passed in our culture. minds," he said.

Potter said America must start progress since the civil rights unlearning the prejudices that have the diverse melting pot of post-9/ one villager to ask another how

"Since the time of the civil rights case of the phobia that society on from childhood.

another and value each other, Dillon, Don Cheadle and more, spectives as characters careen in the village is well.

The mayor said insecurities movement, America has changed a members have towards one an- about others continue to prevail

Potter finds inspiration in an The movie dives headlong into African proverb that encourages been taught to generations of people. 
11 Los Angeles, an urban drama are the children doing instead of Reflecting on the latest hit tracking the volatile intersections simply how are you? The reason movie, "Crash" featuring Sandra of a multi-ethnic cast, examining is that if the children are well, the We need to begin to love one Bullock, Thandie Newton, Matt fear and bigotry from multiple per- parents are well, and therefore

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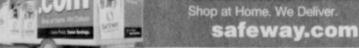
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