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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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ties. The rehabilitation monies will be tied to a revolving loan fund so the 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 departments.

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 three percent budget cut from local housing programs.

"It would be impossible for us to fill those gaps locally," Potter said. He urges people to communicate with elected officials on both state and federal levels, regarding the impact of recent budget cuts.

"\$1.6 million for homeownership is a lot more than we could make up for with local revenues," he said, "but that's a small amount for the federal government compared to 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 an exciting, expanding future."

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



Jean Ann Van Krevelen

Health Task Force of the Oklahoma HIV Treatment & Care Consortium.

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

PCC Hosts Business Series

The Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in north Portland is hosting a lunchtime series that will explore labor and business issues.

The free "Brown Bag" series in Terrell Hall, Room 122, runs from noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday starting Feb. 1 to March 8. Attendees are encour-

aged to pack a lunch. Coffee will be provided.

Scheduled topics include "Where will the jobs be? Ethnicity and Gender in the Labor Market, Creative Services, Going Global, the Nuts and Bolts of Starting a Business, and Small Business."

For more information, call 503-978-5242.

Caregiver Training Offered

Volunteers of America joined by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America will host a series of free caregiver training classes to help family members, adult foster care home providers and professional caregivers.

Classes have already begun and will continue to be held the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will rotate

between the agency's three Portland area Adult Day Centers, The Marine Smith Center, 4616 N. Albina Ave.; the Lambert House East Center, 2600 S.E. 170th Ave; and the the Velma Joy Burnie Center, 537 S.E. Alder St.

A \$5 per person donation is suggested. For more information, call 503-335-9980.

Kennedy Most Popular President

President Kennedy, enjoying a surge of fresh popularity among Americans who have rated him the 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 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 progress since the civil rights leader brought economic and racial justice issues to America consciousness.

We need to begin to love one another and value each other,

Potter said.

"Since the time of the civil rights movement, America has changed a lot of laws but certainly not a lot of minds," he said.

Potter said America must start unlearning the prejudices that have been taught to generations of people.

Reflecting on the latest hit movie, "Crash" featuring Sandra Bullock, Thandie Newton, Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle and more,

Potter said the film is a good showcase of the phobia that society members have towards one another due to prejudices passed on from childhood.

The movie dives headlong into the diverse melting pot of post-9/11 Los Angeles, an urban drama tracking the volatile intersections of a multi-ethnic cast, examining fear and bigotry from multiple perspectives as characters careen in

and out of one another's lives.

The mayor said insecurities about others continue to prevail in our culture.

Potter finds inspiration in an African proverb that encourages one villager to ask another how are the children doing instead of simply how are you? The reason is that if the children are well, the parents are well, and therefore the village is well.

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