

Positioned for the Future

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been demolished after sitting vacant for several years. The purchase added to PCC holdings that give it ownership of three-quarters of a block across the street from its western boundary on North Michigan Avenue, between Killingsworth and Church Streets. Last year, the Telephone Exchange lofts was purchased on the block and continues its use as apartments; before that the adjacent Jockey Club tavern was purchased and then demolished; and in 2002 two bordering single-family houses

were acquired, one of which went vacant after the sale and is now being considered for demolition. Together the purchases cost PCC \$2.4 million. All of the properties were taken off Multnomah County tax rolls once they were acquired by the college. Williams has been a resident of the neighborhood for 47 years. A 16-year board member who serves voluntarily without pay, he puts his reputation on the line in taking actions that benefit both PCC and his north and northeast Portland community, especially African Americans.

"I'm looking out for the integrity of the institution and value for the community" he said. Williams said the college must look toward expansion in the future to give local residents the job skills needed to compete in a global economy. He said PCC is the largest institution of higher learning in the state and the only community college with an urban campus. He said PCC Cascade is also being asked to expand, for example, from local providers of healthcare, including nearby Kaiser Permanente and Legacy Health System.

Portland Community College has slowly purchased most of this block of land that parallels the I-5 freeway directly across the street from the Cascade campus between North Killingsworth and Church Streets.



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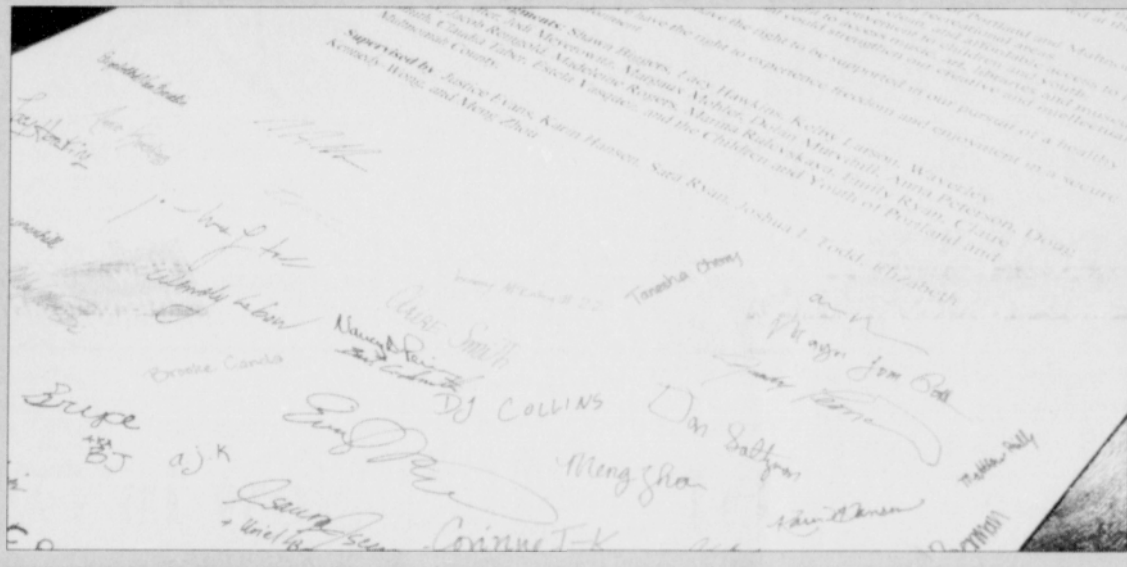
Standing Up for Children's Rights



Mayor Tom Potter and participants in the local First Steps Sports Academy observe last month's signing of a resolution adopting a Children's Bill of Rights. The gathering followed the adoption of a policy by the Portland City Council to help thousands of Portland youth who live in poverty.

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Signatures of local youth and members of the Portland City Council are affixed to Portland's Children's Bill of Rights, a document written by local children supporting the notion that all children should have clothing, a solid roof over their heads and adequate health care.



Dear Deanna!

Over the years I have built a reputation as a strong, independent woman. Now that I'm older I want to date, settle down and get married. However the men I meet are weak, have financial problems and don't want to commit to me. I go on dates but when these men see that I'm on their level, they become intimidated and can't deal with me. Do I need to lower myself to their level because I don't know what else to do. --Teresa; Columbia, S.C.

Dear Teresa:

You need to get over yourself because seriously, you're not all that. You seem to have a complex that comes across as rude and arrogant instead of strong and confident. There's a possibility the men you meet are fine but your superior attitude causes you to miss the essence of a man's character. Stop being so high and mighty and learn to focus on the man's qualities and get to know him before passing judgment which causes your many lonely nights.

Dear Deanna!

My sister buys clothing that is too adult for her high school daughter. My niece is developed and can pass for an older woman. Her wardrobe of mini-skirts, revealing tops and high heels is too much for me to handle. Her mother and I argue

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because she wants her daughter to be feminine and up-to-date with fashion but I feel she looks like a hoochie half of the time and men may disrespect her. Am I wrong to have a talk with my niece or do I leave things alone? --Concerned Aunt; Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Concerned Aunt:

It's okay to be a nosy aunt but you may have to remove your nose from your sister's business. This wardrobe issue is a two way street because your sister is buying the clothes and obviously your niece is wearing them. The only thing you can do is talk with your niece to ensure she behaves properly regardless of her attire, hope for the best and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I'm gay and my family has a hard time accepting this. I played by all the rules by wearing dresses, acting feminine and going along with a role. Now that I'm out on

my own and have revealed my sexual preference, my family is going off on me left and right. They are threatening to kick me out of the family, cursing out my partner and making my life miserable. I'm out of high school and on my way to college and could use their support. How do I choose? --Miranda; Dallas, Texas

Dear Miranda:

You're fresh out of high school and don't know much about life, family values or anything else. As a matter of fact, you don't know yourself

and if you read the Bible, you'll learn about love, life, sex and relationships. Clear your mind and evaluate your goals and life plans and determine if you want peace and success or drama and negativity. Your choice will be clear as you gain experience and begin to actively participate in this thing called "Life."

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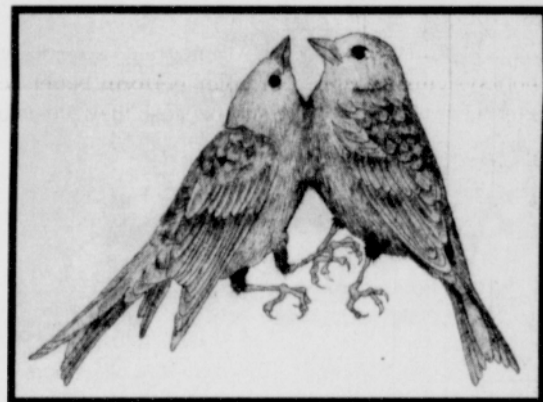
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Clark County Sheriff's Office and 104th division U.S. Army Reserves.

The program will include music, prayer, a wreath laying ceremony, and a fly over by two F-15 fighter jets from the 142nd Air National Guard. The Vancouver Landing facility is located adjacent to the Quay at 120 Columbia Street. C-TRAN bus #3 serves the site.

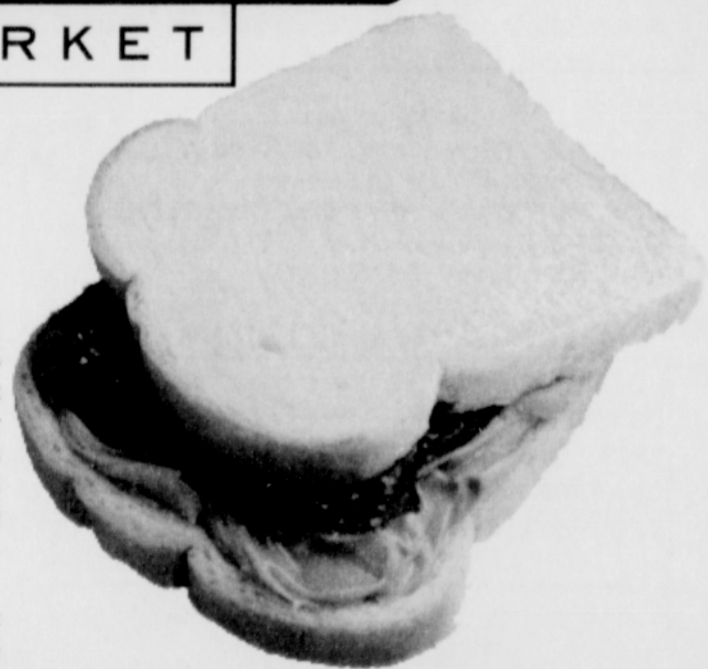
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