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Ruling Goes Against Widow

Loses \$79.5 million judgment

(AP) -- The Supreme Court Tuesday threw out a \$79.5 million punitive damages award to a smoker's widow, an African-American woman from Portland.

The 5-4 ruling was a victory for Philip Morris USA, which contested an Oregon Supreme Court decision upholding the verdict.

In the majority opinion written by Justice

Stephen Breyer, the court said the verdict could not stand because the jury in the case was not instructed that it could punish Philip Morris only for the harm done to the plaintiff, not to other smokers whose cases were not before it.

Mayola Williams sued Philip Morris for fraud on behalf of her husband, a two-pack-a-day smoker of Marlboros for 45 years. Jesse Williams died of lung cancer more than nine years ago. Philip Morris makes Marlboros.

She argued the jury award was appropriate because it punishes Philip Morris'

misconduct for a decades-long "massive market-directed fraud" that misled people into thinking cigarettes were not dangerous or addictive.

Williams, according to his widow, never gave any credence to the surgeon general's health warnings about smoking cigarettes because tobacco companies insisted they were safe. Only after falling sick did Williams tell his wife: "Those darn cigarette people finally did it. They were lying all the time."

The court decision means the case may need a new trial to go forward.

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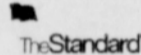
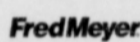
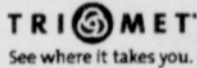
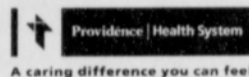


Bruce Tulgan, an internationally recognized expert on young people in the workplace and author of several books including *HOT Management*.



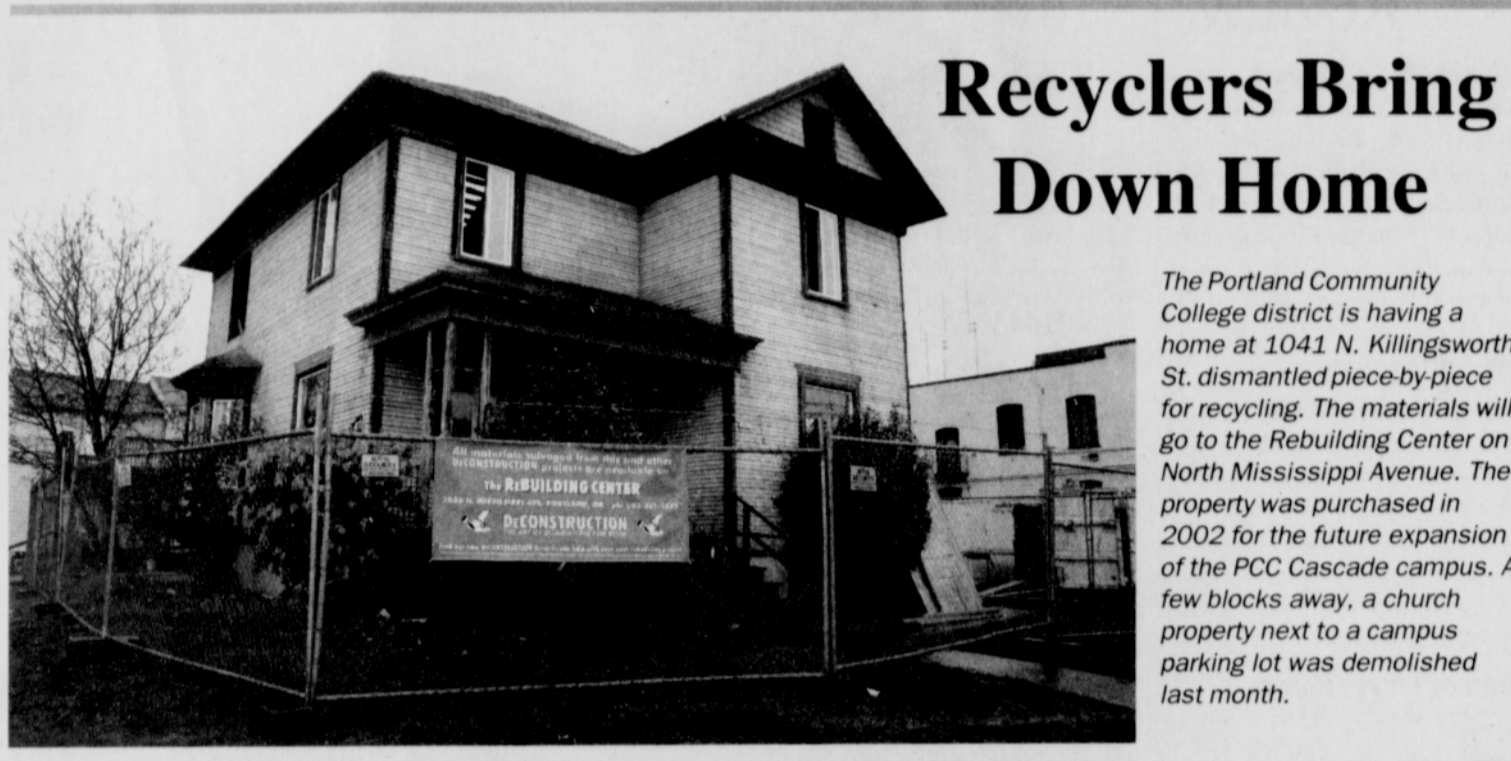
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Recyclers Bring Down Home

The Portland Community College district is having a home at 1041 N. Killingsworth St. dismantled piece-by-piece for recycling. The materials will go to the Rebuilding Center on North Mississippi Avenue. The property was purchased in 2002 for the future expansion of the PCC Cascade campus. A few blocks away, a church property next to a campus parking lot was demolished last month.

Police Must Report Beatings

In response to the death of James P. Chasse Jr., a mentally ill man who died in police custody, the Portland Police Bureau has adopted a new policy that restricts when officers can put a sick or injured person in their patrol car and outlines what information police must share with paramedics and jail nurses, such as how much force was used during an arrest.

Officers will no longer give rides to people who have been engaged in a prolonged physical struggle, or are seriously injured, unconscious, suffering a seizure or ex-

tremely drunk, unless a paramedic on the scene approves it.

Officers will be required to tell emergency medical staff about any force that was used against the person, something that was not fully communicated in the Chasse case.

Chasse's family early this month filed a federal civil-rights lawsuit against the city, county and American Medical Response Inc., demanding wide-ranging policy changes designed to reduce excessive force by officers and provide people in custody with appropriate medical care.

New Columbia Gets Boys & Girls Club

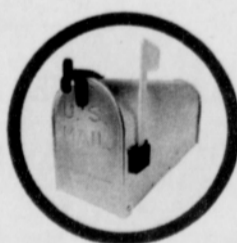
A new Boys & Girls Club will be the latest addition to north Portland's thriving community of New Columbia. It will open later this year at 4430 N. Trenton.

The Regence Boys & Girls Club is Portland's first completely new club in 11 years, and is supported by a \$500,000 "Break the Barrier" grant from health care provider Regence. It joins the 82-acre revitalized neighborhood of New Columbia, where it is expected to serve more than 200 youth daily.

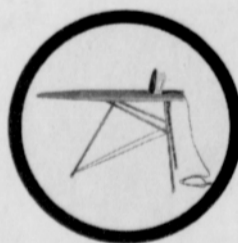


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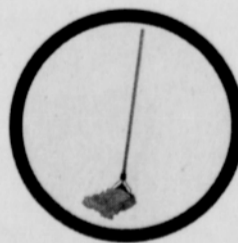
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October 27, 1891
 Philip B. Downing
 Inventor of the Improved Mail Box



April 26, 1892
 Sarah Boone
 Inventor of the Improved Ironing Board



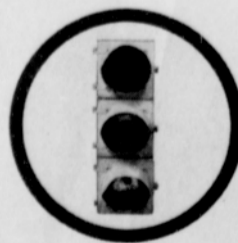
June 11, 1893
 Thomas W. Stewart
 Inventor of the Self-Wringing Mop



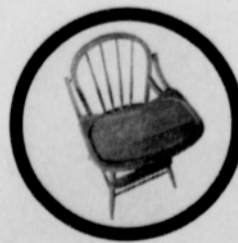
November 23, 1897
 John L. Love
 Inventor of the Portable Pencil Sharpener



November 15, 1898
 Lyda D. Newman
 Inventor of the Improved Hair Brush



November 20, 1923
 Garrett A. Morgan
 Inventor of the Automatic Traffic Signal



February 9, 1960
 I.O. Carter
 Inventor of the Nursing Chair



July 6, 1971
 Henry T. Sampson
 Inventor of the Early Gamma-Electric Cell

