



I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word

in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

-- Martin Luther King Jr.

School board volunteers tackle issues

continued ▲ from B5

horizon. She explained that with the renovations, the schools will use up all its excess space making school closures unfeasible.

"We don't see that we have excess capacity at this point," she noted. "The pressure to close schools is really off."

Sargent said grim financial forecasts are the biggest issue facing the school district.

She noted that revenue is expected to go down, and the district is hoping it won't have to lay people off as the recession roars on.

Sargent has particular hopes that the local school system will also get a bump in its funding for special education, which she says is horrendously underfunded.

"That would be a huge help to PPS," she said.

With so many hefty items

on the national agenda, Sargent isn't expecting any reforms to come close to the controversial No Child Left Behind Act, which mandated standardized testing in schools and punished those that failed to meet certain benchmarks by losing funding and allowing parents to transfer their kids to other

biggest issues facing school districts across the country.

"It has really focused school districts all around the country on kids that have been left behind," she said.

She also said that reducing the dropout rate, which is nine percent for Portland, is a priority for the school district.

I think we're doing a whole lot of things right.

- Trudy Sargent, Portland School Board member

schools.

Sargent isn't a fan of the punitive aspects of the law and its rigidity. However, she said that it has made schools focus on where students are failing and has highlighted the achievement gap for students, which she said is one of the

Although Portland Public Schools has some weighty challenges ahead, Sargent said the outlook isn't entirely bleak.

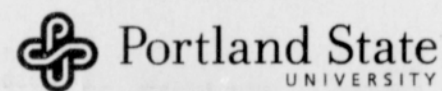
"I think we're doing a whole lot of things right," she said, pointing to good schools and teachers in Portland. She also said student achievement is up.



Portland State University, a public urban university known for civic engagement, seeks applications for a wide variety of positions. We cultivate a community that values individual differences, and we are strongly committed to diversity and equality in education and employment. We promote success for all students and recognize staff and faculty diversity as one of our greatest assets.

To read about current openings, please visit: <http://www.hrc.pdx.edu/>

Portland State University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institute and, in keeping with the President's diversity initiative, welcomes applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity.



In Memory of Martin Luther King Jr.



Cox & Cox
FUNERAL CHAPEL

Caring hands in your time of need
503-281-4891



Complete: Traditional Burial Package W/Casket & Cemetery Gravespace
*Cremations Available



Schawna Tanner and Jerome Cox-Tanner

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

— Martin Luther King Jr.,
Strength to Love, 1963

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED 64 YEARS!

2736 NE Rodney,
Portland Oregon 97212

State of Oregon Legislative Administration intern programs



Proud to honor the man who gave all Americans a share of his dream.



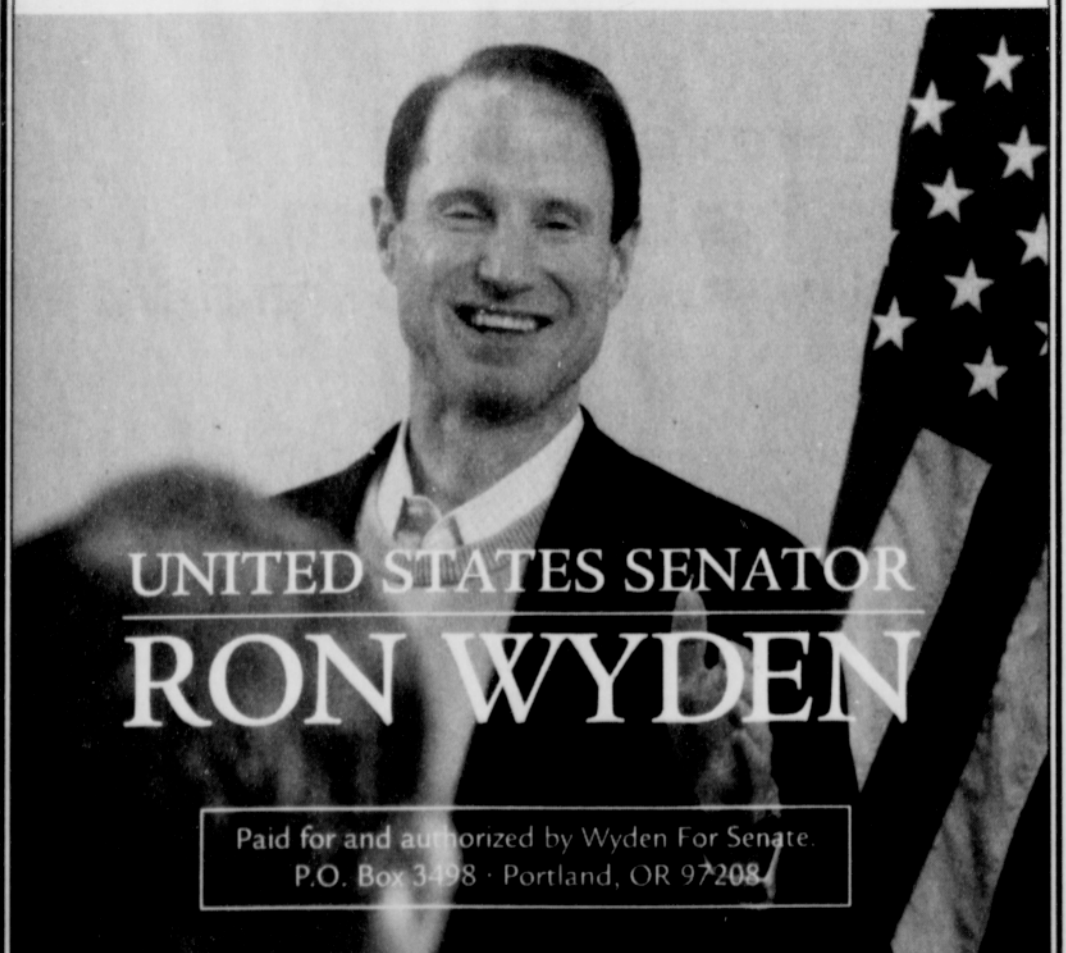
volunteer

employment

Legislative Administration
900 Court St. NE, Room 140A
Salem Oregon, 97301
Phone: 503-986-1848
Web Site: <http://www.leg.state.or.us>

PEOPLE MARCHED FOR IT.
RODE THE BUS FOR IT.
WENT TO JAIL FOR IT.

Your vote is your voice.
Use it!



UNITED STATES SENATOR
RON WYDEN

Paid for and authorized by Wyden For Senate.
P.O. Box 3498 · Portland, OR 97208