

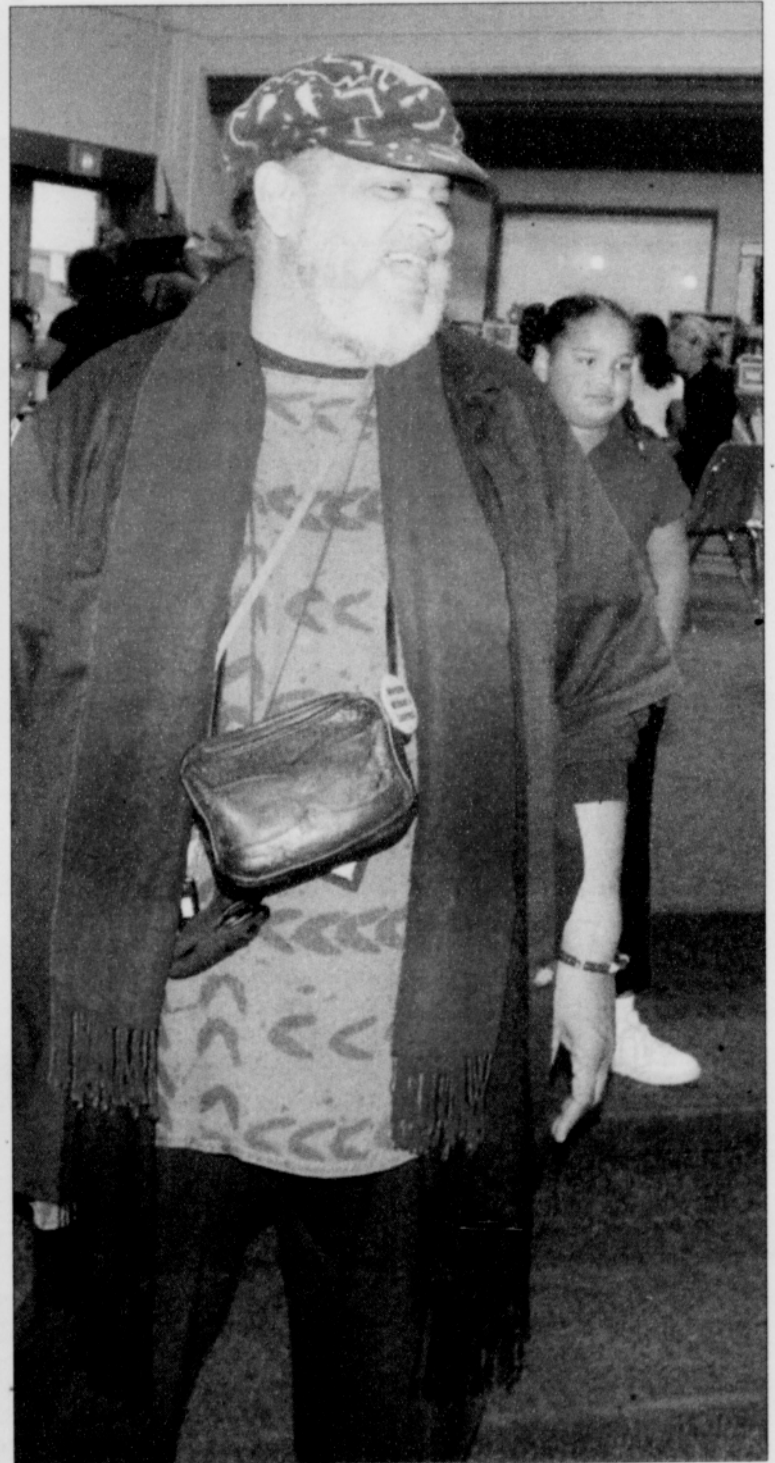
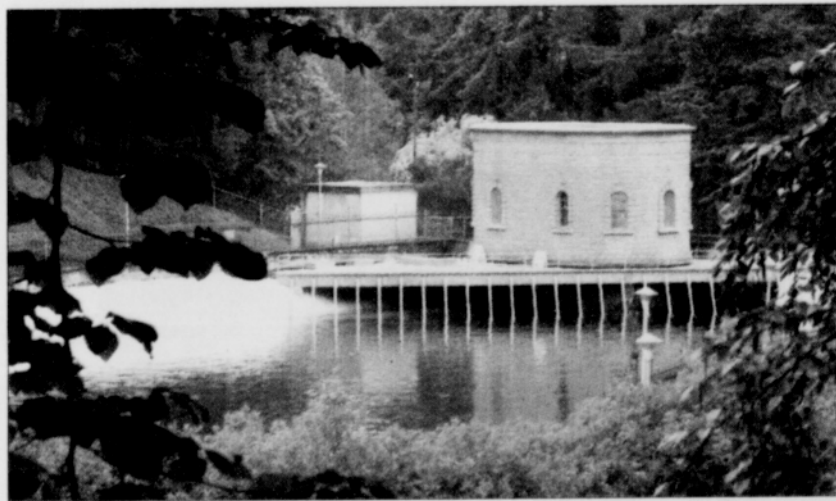


First Cannabis Café

Nov. 4 -- Oregon NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) opens the first cannabis café for medical marijuana patients in retail space at 700 N.E. Dekum St.

Water Bureau Looks for Cause

Dec. 2 -- A boil water notice is lifted for the Westside and the city declares that all taps safe to drink after E. Coli was found in a Washington Park Reservoir.



Thank you Mr. Bobby

Nov. 18 -- Volunteer instructor Bobby Fother is honored for bringing his love of the arts to kids in local schools as recipient of the city's much-coveted Spirit of Portland Award.



Bridge Opponents Won't Give Up

Dec. 9 -- Environmental justice advocates aren't satisfied with a proposed downscaling of a new I-5 Bridge, maintaining that the public works project is still deeply flawed for its massive size and a potential health threat.



Rocky Year for TriMet

Dec. 16 -- Mass transit infrastructure made significant gains in 2009 with the addition of the Green Line, but the sour economy and soaring diesel prices meant cutbacks for bus lines and some light rail frequency.