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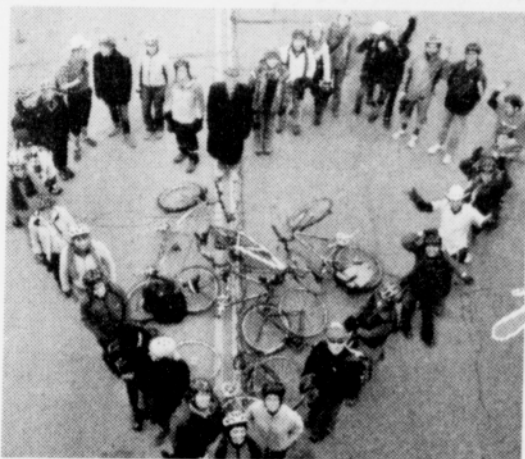
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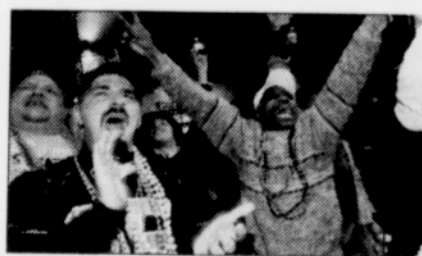
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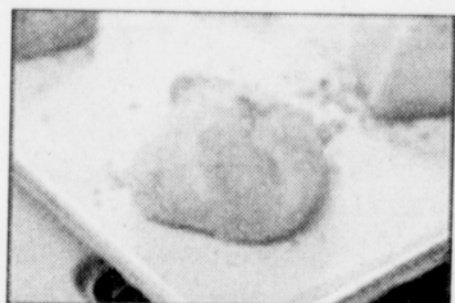
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Planned Parenthood will celebrate a grand opening on Sunday of its new regional health center at 3727 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

# Planned Parenthood Opens

## Health center drew opposition

Planned Parenthood plans to officially open the doors Sunday to its new health clinic on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Liz Delapoer, spokesperson for organization's Columbia Willamette chapter, said the new facility will meet a growing demand for family planning and women's healthcare services.

Planned Parenthood had clinics on Northeast Fremont Street and 15th Avenue and Southeast Powell Boulevard and 50th Avenue, but was getting maxed out on space, she said. The new clinic

will house both administrative offices and clinical services, including abortion which has caused regular protests from abortion opponents.

Delapoer explained that there were only so many locations they could build a new clinic, and the Martin Luther King Boulevard site made sense because it is centrally located in Northeast Portland and is on the No. 6 bus line.

But not everyone is comfortable with where the clinic is situated.

The Portland Community Muslim Center, right next door, isn't keen on having a clinic that offers abortions in such close vicinity.

In December, Muhammad Najieb, the imam of the center, told the Portland Observer that he felt like the

project was railroaded through by the Portland Development Commission which helped finance the construction.

Najieb said he abortion issue was a big reason the center was planning on moving and constructing a new mosque on North Vancouver in the Humboldt Neighborhood.

Only 5 percent of all services offered by Planned Parenthood are abortions, said Delapoer. The organization offers contraception, HPV vaccinations, breast and cervical cancer examinations, STD treatment and prevention, and counseling, she explained.

Many of Planned Parenthood clients are low-income who are grateful for the inexpensive or free services, added Delapoer.

# Crime Fund Shorts Victims

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Oregon is behind in compensating victims of crimes.

In 1977, the Oregon Crimes Victim's Compensation Program was enacted as a way to ease the financial losses of victims of violent crimes.

In an audit recently released by the Oregon Audits Division, it found that in many instances restitution is not being provided because district attorneys lack the resources to fully investigate victim losses.

Because the state Department of Justice, which oversees victims' rights, also has reduced victim's rights services due to budgetary reasons, victims are often left unformed and up against unknown obstacles.

Studies show that the longer a person waits to get financial help or treatment for their injuries, the cost dramatically increases.

The victimization doesn't stop when the actual crime is over. It may take years for the person to recover mentally or financially from the crime

if at all. Visiting psychologists, physical therapy specialists, and doctors is not cheap.

A copy of Oregon's crime victim compensation claim application can be obtained online at oregoncrimevictimsrights.org or by calling 503-378-5348 or by writing Crime Victims' Compensation Program, Department of Justice, 1162 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. An application can also be obtained from your local District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program