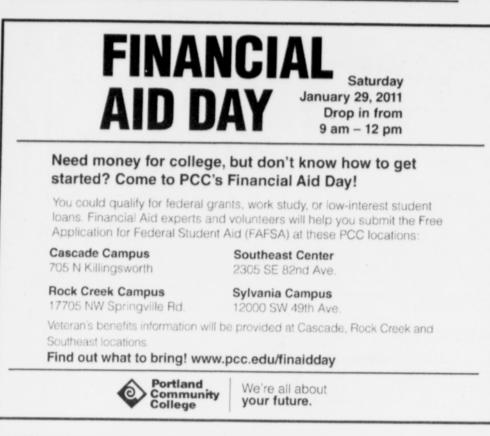
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Jefferson High School SUN Adult Program is offering Zumba Gold classes!

Zumba Gold is a low-Impact aerobics class for mature adults. Winter classes will begin Tuesday February 1, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, at Jefferson High School.

For further information/registration, please call Jefferson HS SUN office @ 503-916-5180

Classes are FREE and open to the public

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Franklin's Columbia Years

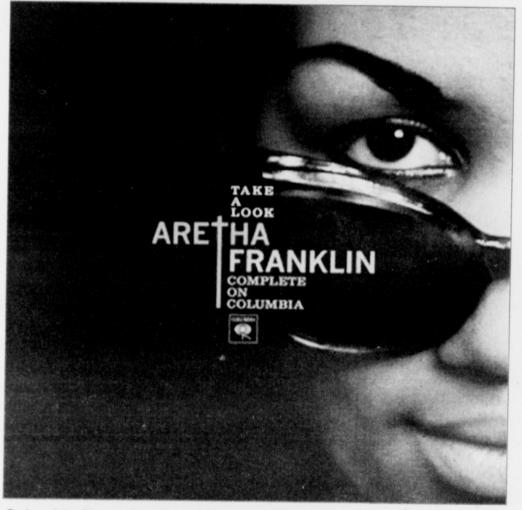
Box set features works before defining hits

(AP) -- Aretha Franklin's unheralded recordings at Columbia Records will get another perspective with an expansive 12-disc box set that makes the argument that the Queen of Soul was already royalty before her career-defining hits at Atlantic Records.

"The conventional wisdom is that Columbia failed to see that this was a singular artist with a universal vision, that her material was mismatched with her talent, that her arrangers were too heavy-handed," said Leo Sacks, producer of "Take a Look: Aretha Franklin Complete on Columbia," due out March 22.

"There were enough moments at Columbia where it's clear that she came very close to catching the moment, and I think the listener is going to have to make their own judgment to see whether her Columbia years have been unfairly diminished."

Franklin, 68, arrived at Columbia in 1960, when she was 18 years explosion five years later at At- leased. lantic Records, where she re-



Columbia Records plans for the release of a CD box set of music from Aretha Franklin's early career titled, 'Take A Look: Aretha Franklin Complete on Columbia.'

Queen of Soul.

The box set of 11 music CDs and one DVD takes listeners through songs like "Take a Look," "Unforgettable" and "Ol' Man River." old. There, she recorded jazz and Though some material is unreleased pop standards, and music histori- and includes rehearsal and alter- that show how close she came to ans have often dismissed her work nate takes, Sacks acknowledges that stardom. at the label in comparison to her much of it has been previously re-

isn't anything in this collection that hasn't been worn previously," he joked this week. "But there are enough unexpected surprises in these CDs, including many rare mono mixes and unissued performances, Franklin has recently undergone surgery for an ailment she hasn't disclosed, but she told talk-show host Wendy Williams last week that her health is "superb."

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"Aretha's Columbia years have corded her biggest hits, like "Re- been picked over more times than a spect," and became known as the Barney's warehouse sale, and there

Partnership Lifts Rose Festival

Spirit Mountain sponsors Grand Floral Parade

Portland's premier parade and the signature event in the Rose Festival celebration will now be known as "The Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade."

Spirit Mountain entered into a commitment to sponsor the parade each June for the next three years, officials from the Grand Ronde casino and Portland Rose Festival announced last week.

"The Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade has a rich and storied history and has earned a shining reputation



Rodney E. Ferguson

Ferguson, CEO Spirit Mountain Casino. "Spirit Mountain Casino is honored to be a part of the event's legacy by becoming the title sponsor of the Grand Floral Parade, which worldwide," said Rodney E. is an annual testament to the im-

mense pride exhibited by Portland. surrounding communities and the entire Northwest."

Spirit Mountain is already well known to Grand Floral Parade fans for their entries of spectacular float designs.

"As a volunteer myself I really appreciate how the support of organizations like Spirit Mountain help make the Rose Festival happen," said Sue Bunday, Portland Rose Festival president. "Their floats are always spectacular and I can't wait to see what they do next."

Spirit Mountain Casino, an enterprise of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, has been Oregon's #1 visitor destination for more than a decade. The casino is located 90 minutes west of Portland.

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