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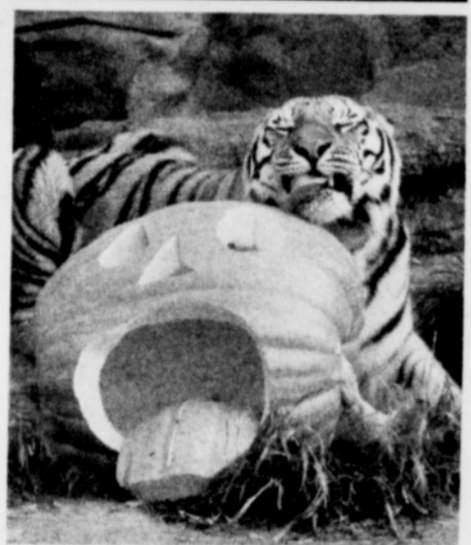
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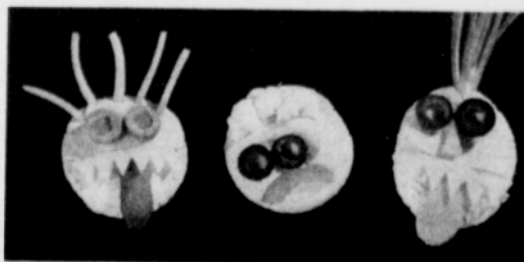


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LOCAL NEWS



The African American Health Coalition's 7th annual Health Disparities Luncheon draws Steve Bullock, AAHC board chair; Steve Pemberton, Walgreen's divisional vice president of diversity and inclusion; Corliss McKeever, AAHC president and chief executive officer; and Nate Miles, Eli Lilly and Company corporate director of state government affairs.

Confronting Health Disparities

The African American Health Coalition's 7th annual Health Disparities Luncheon was held on Friday to bring together health professionals, organizations, and community members to spread awareness and find solutions for the health disparities facing African Americans.

Steve Pemberton, Walgreen's divisional vice president of diversity and inclusion, was the key-

note speaker. The luncheon also marked the beginning of the annual Wellness Village weekend with free health screenings and health information for the public that took place the following day at the new Ambridge Center, located at 1333 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

A reception for Pemberton, who went from being a ward of the state to his respected role with

Walgreens, was held a night earlier with both music and food at the Multnomah Athletic Club.

"The overarching message that Mr. Pemberton left with us at the conference was a message of hope, a message that your beginning in life does not define the ending and to dare to dream of impossibilities," said Corliss McKeever, AAHC president and chief executive officer.

Military Recruiters Policy Adopted

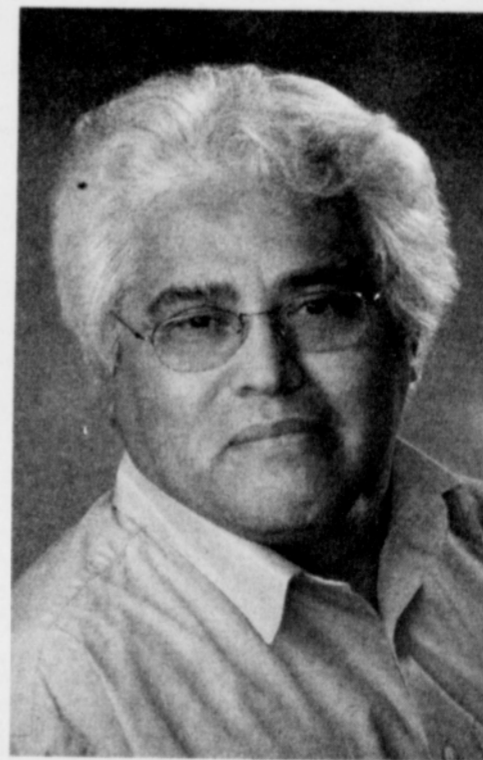
Portland school district to allow counter activists

The Portland school board voted 7-0 Monday night to adopt a policy that gives anti-war "counter-recruiters" the same access to high school students that the military gets.

The policy is like those already in place in Seattle, San Francisco and some other cities.

Board members said the goal is for students to get a balanced view of what military service might mean, not just the information offered by military recruiters that high schools have had to facilitate under a 2001 federal law.

"There is nothing in this resolution that says there is a condemna-



Martin Gonzalez

tion of military service," said board vice chairman Martin Gonzalez, a primary supporter of the new rule.

"There is a desire on our part for our students to become more educated in the choices that they are making."

Trudy Sargent, another board member, said her son recently joined the Marines and will be leaving for basic training soon. She said it was hard to get into the Marines and that, "for the most part, the recruiters are doing their job." She said the new rule didn't seem badly needed, but that she could live with it.

School district staff members will write rules governing which peace activists can recruit at schools, and under what conditions. They also will develop a packet for schools to distribute spelling out students' rights to keep their information private from the military, and what to be aware of before signing up.

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