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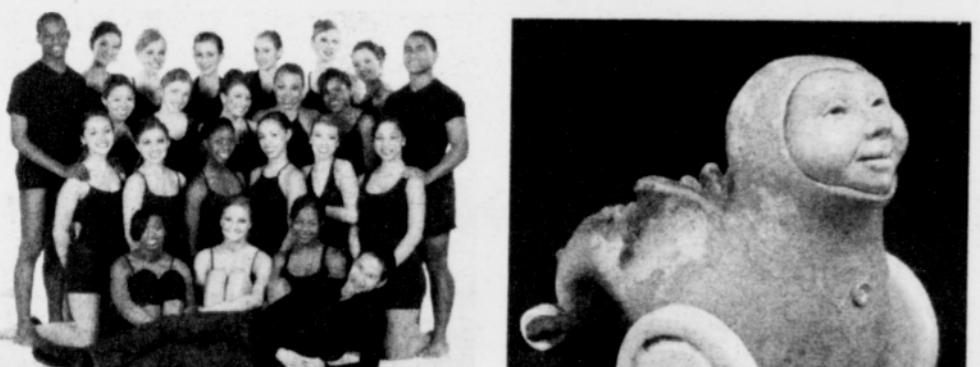
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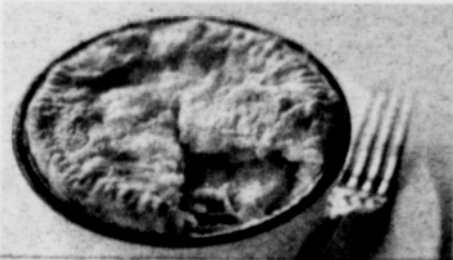
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## LOCAL NEWS



Letter carriers rally at the Martin Luther King Jr. post office at 630 N.E. Killingsworth St. on Tuesday to build public support for saving the U.S. Postal Service from massive cuts in services, including Saturday and door-to-door deliveries.

### Rally for Post Office Survival

Portland area letter carriers gathered before work outside the Piedmont-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Post Office in northeast Portland on Tuesday to discuss Congressional bills, that if passed, will dismantle postal services.

"Many have heard about the USPS's financial crisis, but few know there are solutions that don't cost the taxpayer a dime. We want fellow citizens to understand what's at stake," said Jim Cook, president of the local branch of the National

Association of Letter Carriers.

Cook said House Bill 2309 would eliminate Saturday mail service, mandates closing thousands of community post offices, and will end door delivery of mail for 90 percent of American households and businesses.

"Cutting service and access is the wrong way to save an essential service-oriented government corporation," he said.

Cook said the Postal Service has remained profitable despite compe-

tion from the Internet and the severe recession. He blames its financial troubles on a 2006 Congressional mandate that requires it to pay about 10 percent of its budget, \$5.5 billion per year to pre-fund retiree health benefits 75-years in advance within 10 years.

House Resolution 1351, which has a bi-partisan majority of co-sponsors, would address the pre-funding issue. The bill is bottled up in committee as a Nov. 18 financial default deadline looms.

### Public Housing Waiting Lists Open

Aim is affordable rent based on income

BY MINDY COOPER THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

In an effort to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for individuals and families who are challenged by income, disability or special need, Home Forward, the new name for the Housing Authority of Portland, has opened a waiting list for eight apartment commu-

nities. Although the list for the first openings located at Madrona Place Apartments in Gresham have already been closed, the second opening will be for studio and one-bedroom apartments at seven public housing communities in Portland that are reserved for seniors and persons with disabilities.

"An opening of the waiting list is important because it gives people the opportunity to get into our public housing program," said Shelley Marchesi, Home Forward public affairs director. "They are very affordable because you have a rent that is determined by your income. So you pay what you afford."

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### Correction on Homeless Data

A recent census found that 1,700 people sleep outdoors in Portland on any given night and one in 10 of the homeless were veterans. An incorrect number was used in our story last week about efforts to gather donations of blankets for the homeless during the Veterans Day Parade this Friday in the Hollywood District.