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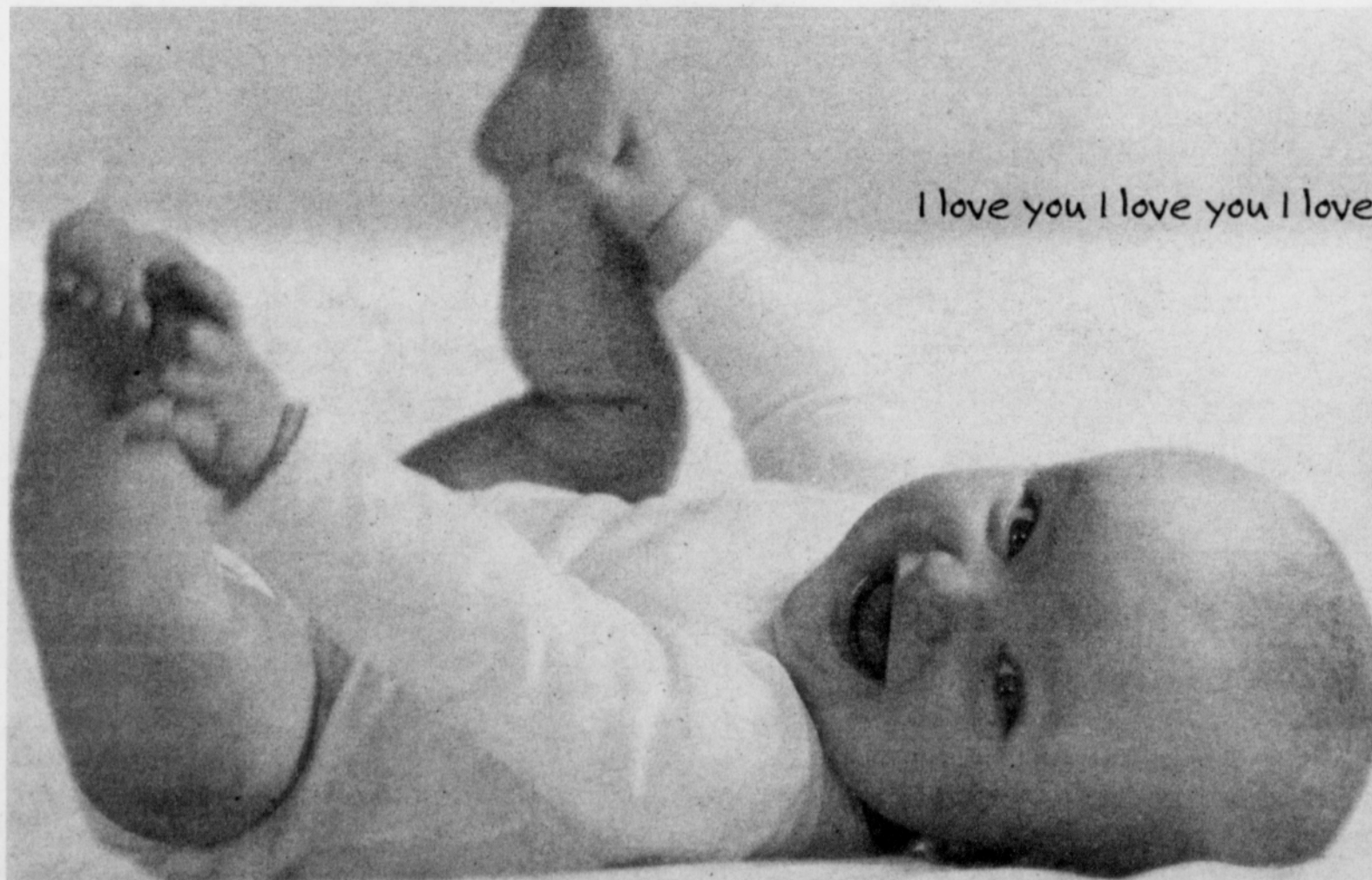
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Northeast School Boundaries Changed

Following months of public discussion regarding enrollment balancing, the Portland School Board voted unanimously Monday to shift enrollment at northeast Portland schools and to end special transfers for Sabin and Skyline K-8 school families.

The approved changes take effect in September and respond to overcrowding and under-enrollment of schools – at times – just blocks away.

School district officials said the key points of the enrollment balanc-

ing changes include:

A boundary change from the western edge of the Alameda/Beaumont attendance area to Irvington and Sabin K-8 schools. (This is intended to ease crowding at Alameda Elementary School and to stabilize enrollment at Irvington and Sabin.)

Converting Rigler K-8 School to a K-5 school, with middle-grade students assigned to Beaumont Middle School. (This is intended to ease overcrowding at Rigler and provide Beaumont with a second feeder

school, providing greater enrollment stability to both schools.)

Keeping Sabin a K-8 school and providing Vernon with support for its middle-grade program. (Vernon now hosts Rigler seventh- and eighth-graders. Starting this fall, Rigler's middle-grade students would attend Beaumont. Current seventh-graders at Vernon would have the right to remain there.)

The school board also unanimously approved ending middle school guarantees to students at Skyline and Sabin K-8 schools.

Week in The Review

Grant High Hazing

After allegations of hazing among Grant High School male athletes, the Multnomah County Youth Services Division began an investigation last week in cooperation with faculty and staff to ensure students will be emotionally and physically safe. Police say there is no reason to believe any children are at risk. No arrests have been made.

Rep. Giffords Resigns

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., announced Sunday that she would resign from Congress as she continues to recover from the gunshot wounds she suffered in a shooting rampage on Jan. 8, 2011 during a constituent meeting. She nearly died from the gunshot wound to her head, and the severity of the dam-



age to her brain left the extent of her recovery in question.

Romney Taxes

In an effort to remove attention from his wealth, which has become a central focus during the Republican presidential nominating campaign, Mitt Romney on Tuesday released hundreds of pages of tax documents, which offered details for last year's tax filing, showing that he earned more than \$42.6 million over that period and paid more than \$3 million dollars in taxes.

PDX Travelers Rise

According to a recent Port of Portland report, 13.7 million passengers traveled through the Portland International Airport in 2011, a 3.7 increase from 2010, which is attributed to the PDX air service option expansion for travelers, including two daily nonstop flights to Las Vegas.

Hit and Run Arrest

One week after a Ford Mustang recklessly crashed into Franklin High School in a hit and run incident, police arrested the 36-year-old Joseph Schmeer who was taken into custody at his residence on Friday, Jan. 20.

Water Supply Shift

After heavy rains and stream flows over the weekend, the unfiltered Bull Run water supply experienced an increase in turbidity, which catalyzed the Portland Water Bureau to shift Portland's water source to the Columbia South Shore well field, which is 100 percent groundwater, to ensure residents access to clean and quality water.

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