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Oregon's first Chief Education Officer Rudy Crew (right) met local school leaders on Thursday during a visit to the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College and Jefferson High School. Also pictured (from left) are PCC Cascade Campus President Algie Gatewood, Jefferson Principal Margaret Calvert, and Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith.

## Leader in Education Hired

Appointed by the Oregon Education Investment Board, Dr. Rudy Crew has been named Oregon's first Chief Education Officer, earning the praise of Gov. John Kitzhaber and other leaders for his 30-year

career in strengthening education systems.

On Thursday, Crew was introduced to the local community during a visit to the Cas-

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## The Week in Review

### Mubarak Health Worsens

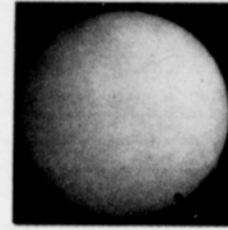
Shortly after a visit from his wife, ousted Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak's health sharply deteriorated on Tuesday, three days after a court sentenced him to life imprisonment in connection to the killing of protesters. He remains bedridden.

### DOMA Struck Down

A federal appeals court in Boston struck down part of the Defense of Marriage Act Thursday, marking the first time a federal appellate court ruled against the 1996 law, which excludes same-sex couples from federal benefits.

### Venus' Sun Dance

The planet Venus appeared to dance across the sun on Tuesday, a rare phenomenon known as the Transit of Venus which causes the sun to appear as though punctured by a



small black dot. As in a solar eclipse, officials warned viewers not to stare directly at the sun; but to wear special protective glasses.

### Sea Lions Shot to Death

About 20 dead sea lions, most with gunshot wounds, have been found on the West Coast in just two months, a marine mammal researcher said. The official from the Northern Oregon-Southern Washington Marine Mammal Stranding Network said she thinks the killing is due to frustrated salmon fishermen.

### Herpes Victim Wins Case

A jury awarded a 49-year-old Beaverton woman \$900,000, after her male date from an on-line dating website allegedly gave her herpes. The decision came after four days of testimony and two hours of deliberation in a Multnomah County courtroom.

### Gas Prices Lead Nation

As gas prices begin to fall around the country, the average price of a gallon of gas in Oregon is about \$4.20 cents, significantly higher than the national average of \$3.60.

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