

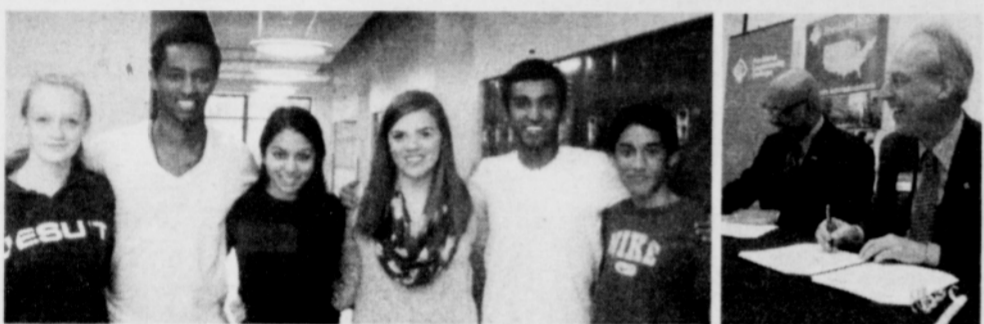
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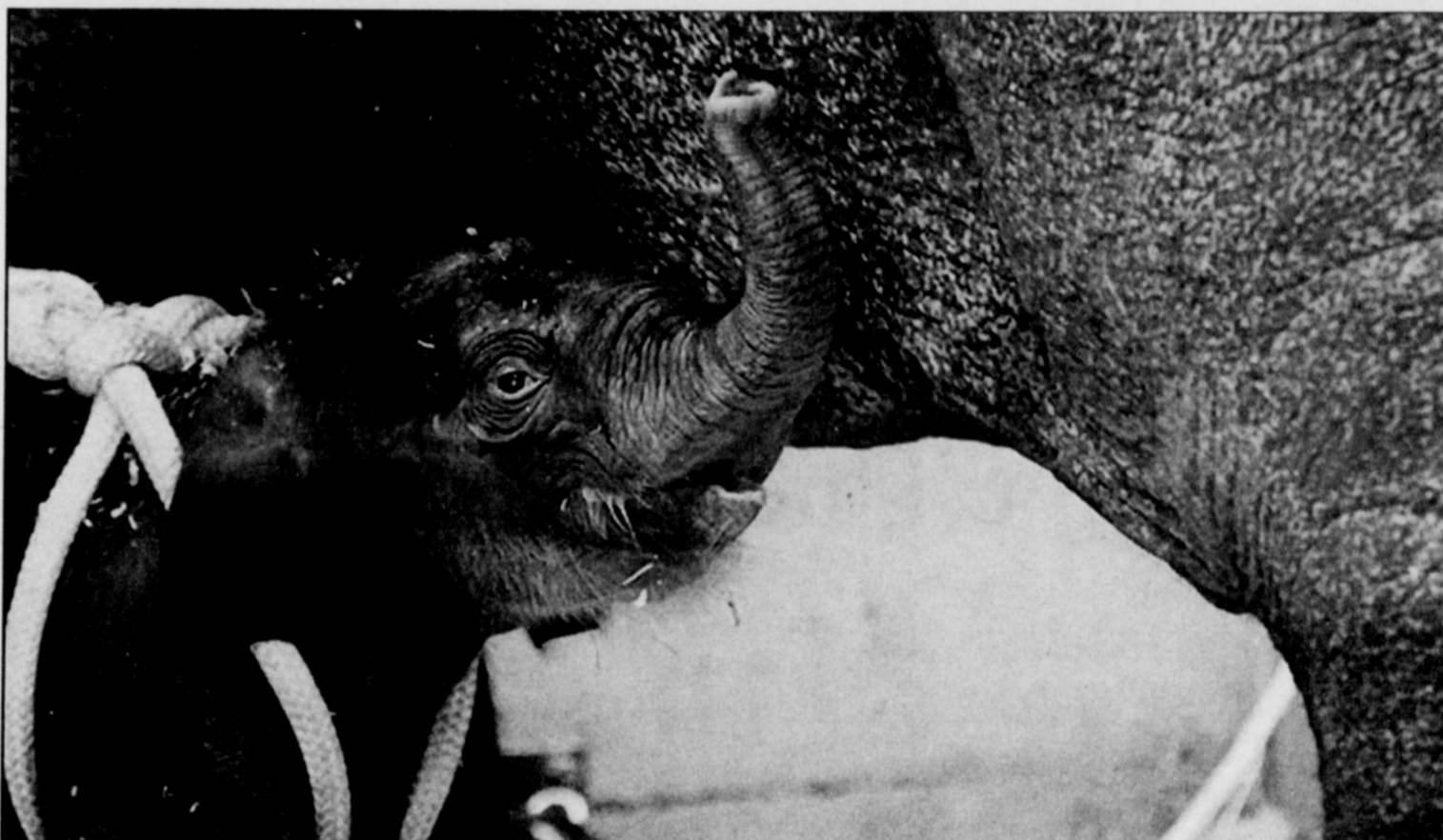
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What's on your list today?.

LOCAL NEWS



The Oregon Zoo's Rose-Tu gave birth to a healthy 300 pound baby on Friday. The Asian elephant calf was very active physically and vocally at birth drawing a description as a 'spitfire' by zoo animal care staff.

'Calf is here to Stay'

Zoo says breeding loan won't impact new arrival

The Oregon Zoo faced questions over the ownership of its newest baby elephant Tuesday after the Seattle Times reported that the calf was owned by a California company called Have Trunk Will Travel under a breeding contract that sent the father, Tusko to the zoo in 2005.

Kim Smith, executive director of the Oregon Zoo, said the breeding loan was a standard practice in zoos meant to bring genetic diversity to elephant herds, and that it was never meant to determine where the off-

spring would reside.

"The calf is here to stay," Smith said.

She said the company "supports our vision" of breeding elephant herds and keeping the newborn with its mother at the zoo.

Oregon Zoo keepers are asking the community to help them choose a name for the young female calf. Keepers are considering the following five names with roots to southeast Asia: Jaidee, Sirikit, Rakhi, Lily and Siddhi.

Workforce Program Draws Support

Thanks to a \$5,000 donation from Intel, the Urban League of Portland will purchase new desktop computers and other materials for the non-profit's Workforce Program, which aims to help local jobs seekers find work.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2011 annual average unemployment rate for Af-

rican Americans in Oregon was 21.3 percent, over double the state's overall rate of 9.4 percent.

The Urban League of Portland Workforce Program provides career training and employment opportunities for people in the Portland metropolitan area, with an emphasis on serving the North/Northeast and African American communities.

In addition, the non-profit is committed to helping people overcome barriers to employment like those with criminal backgrounds or chronic unemployment as well as the homeless.

The enhanced facilities are at the Urban League's corporate headquarters at 10 N. Russell Street in Portland.

PCC Construction Means Free Plants

To kick off construction of an underground parking garage, a new academic building and the new student center at Portland Community College Cascade Campus, the college will be giving away all the plants in the parking lot between North Albina Avenue and Mississippi, south of Jessup Street.

To support this community event, Hoffman Construction, the construction manager and general contractor for the campus project, will host a free Bratwurst

barbeque featuring local sausages with all the fixings to people taking plants home.

First-come-first-serve plants will be available by self-serve excavation, so don't forget your shovels. Additionally, the college will be digging up trees that can be salvaged with an excavator. All plants and trees in the parking lot are available, however proper transportation must be provided by the person taking the plants.