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Entertainment

Tickets are still on sale for the Eugene Blues Festival Saturday, August 25 in Alton Baker Park. The festival will feature the likes of blues greats Bo Diddley, Curtis Salgado and the Stilettos, and Junior Walker and the All Stars.

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Briefly

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush prepared Wednesday to defend his 1991 defense budget as House Democrats savored the cuts they inflicted on the B-2 bomber program and the Strategic Defense Initiative.

"I was out running at six this morning just because I was exhilarated," Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., told reporters a few hours after the House Armed Services Committee cut \$24 billion from the \$307 billion the president had requested for defense spending in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

The administration began lobbying Senate Republicans to restore the cuts as the White House said Bush would speak Thursday on "how he perceives the U.S. defense budget."

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — Hanford nuclear reservation managers have been "incomplete, inaccurate and misleading" in public comments about potentially explosive radioactive waste storage tanks, a U.S. Department of Energy report concludes.

The so-called Blush report was sharply critical of the way Hanford managers and federal contractors have dealt with problems involving the nuclear waste tanks. The report implied deliberate attempts had been made to cloud the issue.

The study team headed by Steve Blush, the department's chief of nuclear safety, also was critical of information given the public about hydrogen build-up inside the most dangerous tank, a 1-million-gallon structure called 101-SY.

"Certain information released by DOE (Richland) to the public concerning problems at the Hanford tank farm has been incomplete, inaccurate and misleading regarding the extent of contractor knowledge about safety issues related to slurry growth and 101-SY," the report said.

The report said deficiencies continue to be found in safety analyses, procedures, operations, training, maintenance, and reporting and called that "a serious management failure ..."

Weather

Brief morning clouds today, sunny and warm in the afternoon. Highs in the mid-80s. Sunny and warm Friday, highs in the upper 80s.



This one won't get away

Amanda Swieringa (right) of Ferndale, Wash., learns proper fly-casting technique from Barbara Ruhrer at the casting pond, one of several games set up on the Lane County Fairgrounds for the 25th anniversary of the Federation of Fly Fishers.

Photo by Vince Ramirez

Lorax co-op prepares for fall opening

By Alasdair McCondochie
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The Students' Cooperative Association has paid \$250,000 to purchase and renovate the former Parr Tower building, their newest edition to co-op housing.

The one time co-op, located at 1640 Alder St., has been renamed the Lorax Manner co-op by its new owners, said Tina Roe, SCA president and chairwoman.

Roe said the name, Lorax Manner, was derived from the Dr. Seuss book *The Lorax*, which was banned from several communities in the United States.

"Lorax" signifies environmental awareness, and the new co-op is designed to attract people concerned about environmental issues, Roe said. "The co-op is open to everyone, but we hope people who act in 'the manner of the Lorax' will find a home here," she said.

SCA, which also owns Campbell Club and Janet Smith co-ops, purchased Parr Tower in January after poor management and insufficient funding forced its closure and sale, Roe said.

Parr Tower, previously owned by Co-ed Housing Inc., was closed by the fire marshal in 1989, partly because there were not enough exits for residents on upper floors, Roe said.

This problem, combined with others and with poor management led to the sale of the building at a relatively low price, about \$60,000.

Meanwhile, SCA was interested in expanding its co-op system. "We were interested in enlarging if it was economically feasible," Roe said. It was "really fortunate timing," she added — SCA had the money when Parr Towers' owners wanted to sell.

Roe said about a fourth of the \$250,000 to \$300,000 SCA has spent covered the actual purchase of the building, with the rest devoted to renovation.

The main goal of the renovation is bringing the building up to fire code standards, including a new \$72,000 staircase and a new fire alarm system.

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Employees union votes to back Roberts

Endorsement may generate union donations

By Daralyn Trappe
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The Oregon Public Employees Union, which represents 18,000 state and local government workers, has voted overwhelmingly to endorse Democrat Barbara Roberts for governor of Oregon.

"Barbara was clearly better on our issues," said Jeanine Meyer Rodriguez, OPEU political director. "Frohn-mayer wasn't bad, but Barbara Roberts was better — more forceful and decisive. She has solutions for the problems we're faced with."

The number one issue of concern to the employees union is health care for Oregonians, Rodriguez said. Alleviating employee work-



Barbara Roberts

loads, preserving the right to legal abortion and improving funding of local governments were also on an agen-

da of priority issues, she said.

Both Roberts and Republican candidate Dave Frohn-mayer were interviewed in open membership meetings and asked their views on a list of issues compiled in July at an OPEU convention.

Sixty-eight percent of the 15,000 member union subsequently expressed an interest in making an endorsement. By a margin of two-to-one, they chose to endorse Barbara Roberts.

After the membership vote, the union's board of directors voted unanimously to finalize the endorsement.

Rodriguez added that she was impressed with both candidates' concern for an improvement in relations be-

tween the governor's office and the union.

The endorsement will result in donations to the Roberts campaign, said Bentley Gilbert, OPEU public relations director, although the amount has not yet been determined.

Gilbert also said he expects that a great number of OPEU members will volunteer their time to the Roberts campaign.

"Because of the way this endorsement went, it was a very personal decision, and there is a lot of personal commitment."

Twenty percent of OPEU members voted in the endorsement proceedings, Rodriguez said, adding that the figure "doesn't sound good, but it is. Twenty percent is high. It's often ten to eleven percent."