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ISRAEL WEEK

Feb. 25th-March 1st

Mon. Feb. 25th - Rabbi Rose
"Intro to Israel: History & Meaning"
Gumwood Room - 2:30-4:30pm

Tues. Feb. 26th - films
"The Strategic Equation" and "Media Coverage of Israel"
Cedar Room A - 2:00-4:00pm

John Rothman (former aide to Nixon on Israel; National executive committee member of the Zionist Organization of America.)
Ben Linder Room - 6:00-9:30pm

Wed. Feb. 27th - film
"The Intifada through Israeli eyes"
Ben Linder Room - 2:30-4:30pm

Guy Beiner - Israeli soldier, served in West Bank. "Experiences of a young Israeli soldier with the Intifada." Discussion will follow.
Fir Room - 6:00-9:00pm

Thurs. Feb. 28th film
"Story of Ethiopian Jews"
"Israel: nations of the world"
Ben Linder Room - 2:30-4:00pm

4:00-5:30pm "Rap with the Rabbi"
"Israel and our community"
Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid

Hannah Safran and Nabila Espanioly*
"Jewish/Arab cooperation: feminists for peace"
Fir Room - 6:00-9:00pm

*subject to change depending on war - back up scheduled.

Fri. March 1 - Guy Beiner
"Leftist movements within Israeli" discussion
Ben Linder Room - 2:30-4:00pm

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POLITICS

Senator stuck with pay hike

Oregon ranked fourth in the nation for marijuana eradication in 1990 — with Lane County rated the highest among the state's counties for marijuana seizures, said state Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer last week.



Law enforcement officials raked in over 68,000 plants in 1990, nearly 14,000 fewer plants than the year before, knocking the state one notch down from its third-place rating in 1989, according to a statement released Tuesday by the attorney general's office.

Last year, more than 12,500 plants were obtained in Lane County.

"Oregon's aggressive efforts to take the profit out of drugs ... (is) proving remarkably successful," Frohnmayer said. "Now that Oregon courts again allow aerial overflights to find marijuana, we can expect continued high levels of enforcement."

The number of arrests resulting from marijuana law enforcement totaled 417 last year, and the attorney general's office pegged the dollar value of the seized plants at \$3.1 million.

California was ranked the highest, followed by Missouri and Florida. Hawaii, Tennessee and Washington were listed after fourth-ranked Oregon.

The number of firearms seized in raids in Oregon rose from 347 in 1989 to 423 last year, according to the report.

Measure 5's impact on Ore-

gon community colleges will be more than financial.

The property tax-limiting measure will also change the structure and governance of Oregon's largest post-secondary system in the state, said Michael Holland, state community college commissioner.

Community college funding, currently primarily supported by local property taxes, will lose much of that funding as Measure 5 shifts the burden of financing education to state government.

But last week, Holland said he believes the community colleges system's governance and organization will also be affected.

Anticipating such changes, the State Board of Higher Education and the Oregon Community College Association has formed a joint commission to review organizational issues.

"Changes in this system ... must be carefully thought out and fully debated," Holland said. "Oregon stands to lose a great deal if the strengths of the colleges fail to survive this governance transition."

The commission will make recommendations to the Higher Education Board and the Legislature that "preserve local ownership and initiative in light of greater state investment," Holland said.

More than 300,000 students attend Oregon community colleges each year.

State ballot initiative petitions would have to bear signatures from citizens in all of Oregon's five congressional districts if a bill introduced last

week in the state Legislature eventually passes.

Introduced by Rep. Jim Whitty, a House Democrat from

Coos County, the bill would guard against what some legislators see as disproportionate political power resting in the more populated areas of the state.

"I want to put some democracy back in our citizen initiative process," Whitty said. "It's too easy these days for some well-funded special interest groups to hire an army of signature gatherers, set them loose in the Portland area, and get anything on a statewide ballot."

Like it or not, state Sen. Jim Bunn, R-McMinnville, will continue to receive his 4 percent pay raise.

Despite Bunn's request to "formally decline" his pay raise, which kicked in for all legislators on Feb. 1, the director of Legislative Financial Services informed the senator Friday that he cannot legally exempt himself from the pay hike.

"The system is out of control," Bunn said. "In a time when we're facing cuts for the developmentally disabled and other essential services, it's unacceptable that legislators can't even refuse a pay increase."

Bunn's request and eventual denial was the latest of many attempts at political posturing over this issue this month. House Republicans have called for legislative pay cuts, while House and Senate Democrats have not supported the idea.

GROUP

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The group also has its opponents on the local level. Sgt. Rick Siel, supervisor of the Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team for Lane County, sees the issue from another perspective and speaks of the victims of marijuana abuse.

"All I see are driving accidents and the effect (marijuana) has on families in which its use causes a parent or parents to 'drop out' and leave the family to be supported by social programs," Siel said. "The people as a whole have to pay for it whether it be through traffic accident injuries and losses or through treatment and social programs."

Handwerger said that his group is not necessarily against what the opposition says and believes that drug "abuse" is a problem, but that there is a difference between abuse and responsible use, Handwerger said.

"No one has defined the idea of responsible drug use. The community needs to start working together to solve the issue," he said. "We advocate mutual respect among members of the community for the lifestyles different members choose and a community where those lifestyles are respected and reinforced."

The desire to see members of the community come together led the group to work in cooperation with the Pacific Drug Policy Council in sponsoring a forum on drug use, held Feb. 15.

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