

## NEWS DIGEST

**Zoo officials head for Malaysia to pick up new elephant**

**1** PORTLAND — Two Oregon Zoo officials left for Malaysia Wednesday to pick up a new elephant they hope will help diversify the gene pool of Asian pachyderms in the United States.

As things are planned, elephant keeper Ray Hopper and Steve Coven, the zoo's public relations director, will fly back to San Francisco with Cheddar, a 6-year-old female, on Nov. 19. Cheddar then will be trucked to Portland.

The acquisition is expected to cost about \$100,000, with most of the money coming from Enron Corp., which had pledged to help the zoo acquire an elephant when it took over Portland General Electric in 1997.

Though Enron has since agreed to sell PGE to Nevada-based Sierra Pacific, the company has followed through on its promise to the zoo.

Cheddar will become the zoo's fourth female elephant. Zoologists will be watching carefully in hopes that she will be able to assimilate easily with the zoo's six other elephants.

**Former first lady admitted to hospital after fainting**

**2** AUSTIN, Texas — Former first lady Lady Bird Johnson was admitted to a hospital in fair condition Thursday after fainting at her home.

Liz Carpenter, her former White House spokeswoman, said Mrs. Johnson, 86, "has periodic fainting spells" and was transported to Seton Medical Center.

Mrs. Johnson was awake and alert and will stay overnight for



observation, hospital spokeswoman Stephanie Elsea said.

"Because of her age they wanted to check her over," said Shirley James, Mrs. Johnson's executive secretary. "When she left here she went by ambulance and was talking and not wanting to go to the hospital. She was in good spirits."

Mrs. Johnson underwent cataract surgery a couple of days ago in Houston, Carpenter said.

Her daughter, Luci Baines Johnson, accompanied her. "I think she is doing very well," she told KEYE-TV, saying her mother has traveled a lot lately. "She may just have been exhausted."

Mrs. Johnson, the nation's oldest living former first lady, was married to former President Lyndon B. Johnson for almost 39 years. They were in the White House from 1963 to 1969.

**Airport bus crashes through U.S. border**

**3** BELLINGHAM, Wash. — The driver of an airport shuttle bus was jailed Thursday after the vehicle sped away from Vancouver, British Columbia, crashed through the U.S. border and raced the wrong way down Interstate 5, police in pursuit.

Whatcom County sheriff's deputies say that when the bus finally was stopped Wednesday night by a State Patrol trooper, the driver had choked his only passenger, a woman, almost to unconsciousness.

Vancouver police Constable Anne Drennan said the driver apparently told his bus dispatcher he had been hijacked by men carrying machine guns.

The driver, Vikram M. Menon,

37, of the Vancouver suburb of Surrey, was booked into the county jail here for investigation of four counts of first-degree assault — three involving cars that were run off the road — and one of kidnapping.

The sheriff's department gave the following account:

The Vancouver Airport driver picked up a man and a woman in downtown Vancouver, stopped before reaching Vancouver International Airport and asked the man to get out and check for a flat tire. He then sped away with the woman.

The bus raced through the Peace Arch border crossing at Blaine, Wash., without stopping and sped a brief distance southward in the northbound lanes of Interstate 5.

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## Calendar

Friday, Nov. 12

■ Pacifica Forum: "Elections Past and Prospective." 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 a.m. Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. Sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Friends Meeting and the Wesley Foundation. For more information call Orval Utter at 344-0483 or call The Wesley Center at 344-0483.

■ Architecture Lecture: Thom Hacker speaks. 4:30-7 p.m. Room 177, Lawrence Hall, 1190 Franklin Blvd. Free. For information, browse laz.uoregon.edu/calendar/calendar.cgi or call 346-3656.

■ Applying to Graduate School. 3:30 p.m. Metolius Room, Erb Memorial Union 1222 E. 13th. For more information call Academic Advising at 346-3211.

■ Cultural Forum Film Series: "The Day the Sun Turned Cold," a 1994 Chinese film noir, with subtitles by Hong Kong director Yim Ho. 8 p.m. Room 180, Prince Lucien Campbell Hall, 1415 Kincaid St. \$3 general, \$2 students. For information, see darkwing.uoregon.edu/~cultural/film.html or call 346-4373.

■ Ancient Athens Lecture: "The Uses of the Past on the Acropolis in Athens," Jeffrey Hurwitwill deliver a free public lecture and slide presentation on ancient Greece as the first of three events from "A Touch of Knowledge - UO Public Lecture Series." 7:30 p.m. Room 100, Willamette Hall, 1371 E. 13th Ave. For more information call 346-4510.

■ Saturday: "Taiwan Food Festival" 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Fir Room, EMU. \$7 per ticket. E-mail tso@gladstone.uoregon.edu or see gladstone.uoregon.edu/~tso/.

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