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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Salem Fire Bombing

S. Edwards admits guilt in murder of two Salem residents (a black and a gay) in return for possible parole by testifying against three other suspects.

Senator Jolin Resigns

State Senator Peg Jolin, convicted of fraud fund raising letter, announced her resignation.

Red's Baseball Owner Suspended

Marge Schott, the Cincinnati Reds owner was suspended for a year because of her racial and ethnic slurs.

Sailor Facing Murder Charges

Terry Helney is being tried for the murder of Allen Schindler. Schindler was battered to death, after he admitted to being gay. He was being discharged from the service just before his murder.

The Packwood Saga Continues To Grow

Thirteen more women accuse Packwood of sexual harassment. One of them was a teenager at the time of alleged act. Packwood still refuses to step down.

Blazers Slidn', Slidn' Away

Blazers have lost their last four games. It a tough league!

Old Land Mark Burns

The old Jantzen (swimwear) building was burned as it was being renovated for another purpose.

Arthur Ashe Dies

The first African American to win the Wimbledon, the U.S., and Australia opens. Another humanitarian loss. (See story on Page 10)

County Fair Future Looks Bleak

The main source of revenue, the Multnomah Kennel Club, will cut its amount of contribution to the fair because track betting has fallen off and that blame is placed on the state lottery and the video games.

Drexler Chosen As All Star Starter

Clyde Drexler is first Trail Blazer to start in two straight NBA All Star games. His vote total was second behind Charles Barkley from Phoenix.

E.Coll Brings On Law Suits

The parent company of Jack In The Box, Foodmaker Inc., is suing the meat companies that supplied the meat that caused over 300 people to be sick and at least two persons to die.

Clinton Potpourri

Taxes on social security; possible higher taxes-middle class sacrifice?; the president signing his first legislation on the family leave bill; another attorney general candidate bites the dust,same reason-non payment of employer social security taxes; looking for budget cuts in the space station and atom smasher; reducing Whitehouse staff-approximately 300 positions.

Marian Wright Edelman Calls For "Massive Movement"

Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, has called for "a massive, insistent movement" to convince the White House and the Congress that all children are essential to America's future.

"If recent trends continue, by the end of the century, poverty will overtake one in every four children," Edelman said in an interview to be published this Sunday in *Parade* magazine.

"One thing this country does not understand," Edelman told *Parade* Contributing Editor Wallace Terry, "is that we don't have a child to waste. We will not be a strong country unless we invest in everyone of our children. We need the poor black kid, the poor brown kid, the poor white kid to be productive."

Edelman, whose Baptist minister father taught her that a young black girl growing up in the segregated South could be and do anything, declared, "There was never a time I didn't know segregation was wrong. I hated it. I cannot to this day stand being excluded."

The first black woman to be admitted to the Mississippi bar, Edelman also hated law school, but an incident during a civil rights demonstration fueled her determination to graduate.

The incident, she recalled, occurred during a voter-registration march in Greenwood, Mississippi, when demonstrators were met by club-swinging policemen who turned loose their police dogs.

"I called the lawyers in Jackson," she said, "but they were 100 miles away. The FBI was standing there and not doing anything. I was so outraged. I realized how



To Convince Government All Children Are Essential, Founder of Children's Defense Fund 'Hated' Law School But Endured to Help Fight Segregation

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isolated the people there were, totally at the mercy of local authority."

"It convinced me to get through law school," she added. "I hated every minute of it. What kept me there was knowing I was needed in Mississippi."

Edelman, who founded the Children's Defense Fund in 1973 and has worked tirelessly on behalf of disadvantaged children

ever since, said small gains were made in the Nixon and Carter years, culminating in a child welfare act in 1980.

"The first thing President Reagan wanted to do was repeal the act," she asserted. "I'm proudest that things didn't get as bad as they could have. We kept the erosion from being worse."

"I get tired," she added. "Some days I do

feel burned out, a little mad, but I get up and try to do the right thing. Either you have hope or you don't. I have hope.

"I've seen extraordinary progress. The sharecroppers I knew in Mississippi, their children are now in college. I go through my periods of depression like anyone else. But I look for the blessings. I try to find the grace around us. It is easy to be joyful."

Kafoury Announces New Housing Initiatives

Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury will bring before City Council a package of eight initiatives designed to jump-start production of affordable housing in Portland. The package, which includes funding for over 500 units of low and moderate income housing, is designed to continue the implementation of the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) that was adopted by Portland, Gresham and Multnomah County in December of 1991.

"I am pleased that the new Council will have the opportunity to continue the momentum we have created in housing over the last several years," Kafoury said. "While we are moving forward aggressively on creating good,

affordable rental housing and new opportunities for home-ownership, we are also taking the time to develop the skills and resources of our community groups, and working on new solutions for the problems of the homeless.

"We are taking a comprehensive approach to our housing problems."

Key items in the Kafoury package include:

A \$1.5 million agreement with the Portland Development Commission to implement a portion of the federally funded Home program. This agreement will provide the loan funds necessary for the development of over 150 units of housing.

A \$4.1 million dollar contract amendment with the Portland Development Commission for new housing and economic development projects in NE Portland. This agreement will create opportunities for 100 homebuyers, assist 100 low-income homeowners with repairs, and support the development of approximately 175 units of rental housing.

A \$150,000 contract with the Neighborhood Partnership Fund (NPF) to help seed the opening of a Housing Development Center. This Center will provide much-needed technical assistance to non-profit housing developers and will complement NPF's ongoing capacity-building work. The

Center will share office space with the Portland Community Design Center on Martin Luther King Blvd.

An application to the federal Emergency Shelter Grant in the amount of \$136,000 to support homeless programs.

A contract amendment with the Housing Authority of Portland to provide staff support for two special projects; the first focused on developing new resources for affordable housing, the second on preserving affordable housing at the risk of being lost.

"We should all be very proud of the work we are doing," Kafoury said. "We have moved forward aggressively, and are making decent, affordable housing a reality in Portland."

Towing For 'No Insurance' Facts

How will this new ordinance work?

Portland police officers stop motorists after observing a traffic violation or recognizing a vehicle as one reported stolen or involved in a crime under investigation. An officer will ask the motorist to produce a driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance. If the motorist admits that the vehicle is uninsured, or if the officer otherwise determines that the issuance of a citation for driving uninsured is in order, the officer will issue the citation and order the vehicle towed to disrupt and prevent its unlawful, uninsured operation. To claim the vehicle, the motorist must produce proof of insurance to the Records Division at the Justice Center. The motorist will be given a form to show the towing company to release the vehicle. The

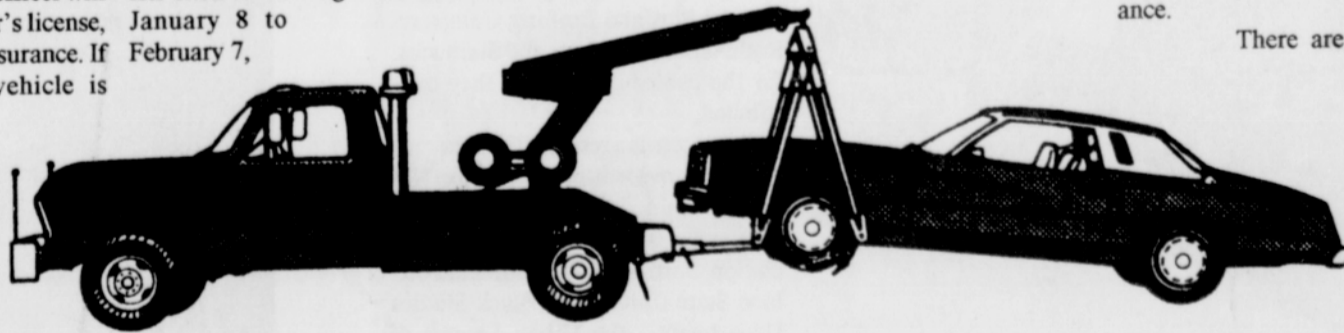
motorist is responsible for paying towing and storage fees.

When does the new ordinance start?

Officers issued warning letters to motorists cited for driving without insurance from January 8 to February 7,

cally equipped for and operated by a hand-capped driver. Other exceptions must be approved by a supervisor.

What does the warning letter say?



1993. Beginning February 8, 1993, officers started ordering tows in addition to issuing citations for driving without insurance. Officers may not order a tow on a vehicle specifi-

The notice is printed in five languages (Spanish, Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese and English): Warning. You have been cited for driving without liability insurance, a vio-

lation of ORS 806.010.

After February 8, 1993, if you are cited for driving without liability insurance your vehicle will be towed and impounded at your expense until you can provide proof of insurance.

There are five ways to provide proof of liability insurance:

1. an insurance policy
2. a card from an insurance company verifying the issuance of a policy
3. proof of a bond approved by a judge (as provided under ORS 806.090)

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