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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Packwood Sold Some Of His Property

Senator Bob Packwood has sold the land that served as his legal Oregon residence. He says he had to sell the land that had a mobile home on it because he needed the money. He claims that being on the "hot seat" because of the Senate ethics committee's investigation had nothing to do with it. He simply states that because of his divorce in 1991 and having to pay alimony, that doesn't leave him very rich.

Westside Light Rail Receives \$104 Million From U.S. DOT

The U.S. Department of Transportation is suggesting to Congress that they allow Tri-Met \$41 million less than they are requesting for their Westside light rail project. Tri-Met says that is still good news. If they need to, Tri-Met will borrow the additional money.

Three Persons Are Shot In Post Office Shootings

Shootings took place in California and Michigan Post Offices because of unhappy employees. The persons accused was one who was passed over for a promotion, and another was stalking a postal employee. One of the accused even stabbed his mother to death.

The Blazers Blazed Out

The Portland Blazers folded for the last time until next year. The San Antonio Spurs clinched the best of five with a final score of 100-97 over the Blazers. The overtime defeat frustrates the players as well as the fans. Next year comes around again.

Tornadoes Struck Texas

Wylie, Texas was the hardest hit of cities in Texas. One person left dead, and approximately 60 persons injured. The flooding continued well into Sunday as some 250 persons fled from their homes. Thunderstorms caused flash floods over Oklahoma as well.

Credit Cards Get A Vote From The Oregon Legislature

The Oregon House voted 59 to 0 to support a measure that would prevent retailers from requiring a customer to give them their credit card number and expiration date. Retailers can still be asked to see the card for verification of signature, name, etc. Governor Barbara Roberts has the ball in her court now. It's up to her to make it law.

Clinton Potpourri

Admits need to reorganize his staff. Calling on Europeans to help stop the Serbs; Sets guidelines in a mission statement for protecting the northwest forests; Proposed campaign reforms limiting Congressional candidates amount of money for reelection; Planning to include accident treatment in health plan; Administration is working to change the welfare system; You can see Hilary's Arkansas diamond at the Carl Groves Jeweler's here in Portland, through May 15th.

Self Enhancement Tops The \$3 Million Mark



Self Enhancement, Inc., a nationally-recognized program to help at-risk, inner-city youth, is \$3 million closer to breaking ground on a Center for Self Enhancement in Northeast Portland.

Helping to push SEI over the \$3 million milestone was a \$100,000 donation from BankAmerica Foundation, the philanthropic arm of BankAmerica Corporation. BankAmerica's donation to the SEI Capital Campaign was its largest donation ever in Oregon.

"In just one year, the financial support we've received from the business community has been tremendous," said SEI's Director of Development Ray Leary. "With every cash or in-kind donation we get, The Center is that much closer to becoming a reality for children and their families in Northeast Portland."

Other significant donations have recently been made by Standard Insurance, Thomason Auto Group, the Wessinger Foundation and KGW-TV.

The Capital Campaign seeks to raise \$15.9 million to build the Center and operate it for five years. Construction of the 58,000-square-foot Center is expected to cost \$8.4 million. Another \$7.5 million is required to fund operations for five years. SEI hopes to break ground on the project in late summer.

Founded in 1981 SEI operates in partnership with Portland Public Schools on the

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Nationally Known Author Ann Rule Keynote Speaker

The Portland chapter of Women in Communications, Inc. (WICI) will sponsor its annual 1993 Matrix Awards Brunch on Saturday, May 15, 9am to 12 noon at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510 SW Harbor Way.

Ann Rule—best-selling author with over seven million books in print—will present a captivating keynote speech with unique tales of her experiences as a writer, a lecturer and a policewoman. Rule will also sign books available for purchase at the event from Tower Books.

Another highlight of the program will be Matrix Awards presentations to winners who have made outstanding contributions in a variety of areas. These prestigious awards have been presented in prior years to many prominent individuals and groups including: Governor Barbara Roberts, Norm Paulus, Mayor Vera Katz, Dave Frohnmayer, Thomas Lawson McCall, Oregon Shakespeare Festival and Gus Van Sant.

At this year's brunch, these exceptional Oregonians will be honored:

- Dr. Frances J. Storrs, Professor of Dermatology, Oregon Health Sciences University, for her achievements in advancing the role of women in the medical profession.
- The "I Have A Dream" Foundation, for creating a college challenge program for

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Zoo To Hold Free Day For Persons With Disabilities

"The Zoo's for You Day", Metro Washington Park Zoo's annual event for persons with disabilities, is Tuesday, May 18. The zoo is accessible to people with all types of disabilities and this special day is held each year to encourage disabled persons to become more familiar with the zoo and its facilities. Admission is free for disabled persons and their escorts.

Fifteen uniform units from Al Kader Temple will be on hand to assist Washington Park Zoo Guides with special activities, wheelchair pushing, traffic control and general information. Special activities between 9:30am and 2pm will include free train rides, refreshments, basketball with the Wheelblazers, animals to pet and animal talks by Zoo Guides. Music will be provided by Al Kader musical units and middle school bands. Al Kader clown units plus veteran zoo clown Bingo will round out the entertainment.

Youngsters will have an opportunity to sit in a Portland Fire Bureau fire engine and inspect a Portland Police patrol car, in addition, Tri-Met will be on hand with a lift bus to demonstrate the ease of using the lift and accessibility of Tri-Met lift buses.

Tri-Met will double its normal zoo service with lift buses operating on a 30-minute schedule from the Portland Transit Mall to the zoo. For more information about Tri-Met service call 238-4952.

The Zoo's for You Day is sponsored by Sisters of Providence Health Plans in Oregon, Al Kader Temple, Shiners Hospital for Crippled Children and Washington Park Zoo Guides. Wheelchairs are provided by

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Care Medical Equipment, Inc. Uniform units from Al Kader Temple participating in the event are the Provost Staff, Motor Escort, Desert Patrol, Greeters, Arab

Patrol, Flag Patrol, Chanters, Concert Band, Drum and Bugle Corps, Oriental Band, Caliope Corps, Kader Klowns, Cyclowns, Mounted Patrol and Salem Patrol.

Observing Vancouver

"Washington Mutual Officer To Receive Award For Community Service"

... for his commitment to the African-American community - from coaching track... to developing summer education programs for inner city youth.

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MetroLife

"Camp Scholarships Needed For Low-Income Children"

Many of the children going to camp come from Portland's inner city and have never experienced the excitement of camping before

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Entertainment

"Giving Voice To Our Song"

Aurora's membership is very diverse. Women of all ages, cultures and backgrounds... singers come from Salem to Vancouver. There are members who have never sung in a choir before.

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Housing

"Foreclosure Homes Cheap"

After foreclosure action... before sale, the default homeowner will... let someone else take over the mortgage for little or no money.

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