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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Unemployment Benefits Reduced

The maximum number of weeks Oregon workers can draw federal emergency unemployment compensation will be reduced beginning this week.

As of Monday, July 12, the maximum number of weeks Oregonians can claim emergency unemployment compensation will be reduced from 26 weeks to 10 weeks for new claims. This change affects new applications for emergency unemployment compensation only. The more than 20,000 Oregonians who have already filed for unemployment compensation will not be affected.

The reduction is occurring because of a drop in unemployment rates on both the federal and state levels. Federal emergency unemployment compensation is tied to a formula based on the levels reached by both national and state unemployment rates. Oregon's maximum weeks of emergency benefits is dropping because the national total unemployment rate dropped below 7 percent for May and June and Oregon's insured unemployment rate dropped below 5 percent. This insured rate is different than the monthly rate which measures total unemployment.

The emergency unemployment compensation weeks could go to higher levels again in Oregon if the national unemployment rate rises above 7 percent for July.

More Schools Apply For Waivers

The State Board of Education has scheduled a public hearing July 13 on requests from eight Oregon schools to waive specific state and local rules the schools feel stand in the way of school improvement.

Elementary schools are Alder and Davis in Reynolds School District and Firwood in Sandy. High schools are La Grande, North Medford, South Medford, Lake Oswego and Lakeridge.

The hearing will be held from 9 to 10am in the Board Room of the Oregon Department of Education in Salem.

The Board will act on the eight requests and two others when it meets in Ashland later this month. Hearings have been held for Riddle Junior and Senior High School and Newberg High School.

The Board this year has approved requests from nine schools. The 1989 Legislature established the "21st Cen-

Portland East Side Has New Front Door



The Oregon Arena Project, a \$262 million world class sports and entertainment complex

"Portland is going to see a huge increase in concert activity and other events," says Wendy Oglesby, general manager, facility marketing for OAC.

Indeed, when the new complex is completed, the arena and Memorial Coliseum promise to be very busy places. More than 400 events are planned in the first 12 months.

"No other facility in America offers two venues side-by-side," says Harry Glickman, "plus a major convention center within two minutes walking distance. Portland will have a competitive advantage in attracting a long list of world class special events."

The flexibility of its configuration and its state-of-the-art technical features are two of

the most significant elements of the new arena's design. "We will be able to conform the arena for just about every kind of event imaginable," says Mike Enoch, general manager, facility operations.

Extra attention has been given to a vast array of services and amenities to ensure that performers appearing at the arena complex have a first-class experience as well.

An important prospect on the long term horizon is a National Hockey League franchise. The arena is designed to accommodate the addition of skyboxes at the very top of the arena, a feature that may be instrumental in attracting the NHL to Portland. In the meantime, a handful of regular season

NHL games, along with select Winter Hawks games, will occupy the ice in the new arena.

The seating capacity of the arena bowl will range from 20,340 for basketball to 20,000-plus for center stage concerts, 18,000-plus for hockey, and 10,000-plus for side-stage events.

Ease of event transitions will be made possible by the latest in portable seating and platform systems and expansive underground loading facilities.

While attracting international sporting events, family shows and concerts is a primary objective for OAC, the revitalization of north and northeast Portland is an even higher priority.

The new arena is part of the city's master

plan for the continued development of the Lloyd and Convention Center Districts. "We specifically developed the project in an urban context, and the long term plan for growth makes this one of the most exciting and vibrant areas of the city," says Marshall Glickman. "We are committed to helping revitalize north and northeast Portland, and this complex will serve as the gateway not only to the eastside but to north and northeast as well."

Once the complex is complete, the focus of the master planning will be shifted to the adjacent Red Lion Hotel Property along the

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Chief Moose Names Deputy Chiefs



Dan Noelle



Roberta Webber

Portland Police Chief Charles Moose, announced that he will name two experienced police commanders as the Police Bureau's new Deputy Chief of Operations and Services Branch. Effective Thursday July 15, North Precinct Commander, Roberta Webber, will be assigned to oversee the Police Bureau's Operations Branch and Dan Noelle, Captain of the Detective Division. He started his career in 1965 working in Portland's northeast neighborhoods. In 1972 he was promoted to the rank of Detective. In 1977 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and served at East Precinct. From 1978-1981 he served as the Police Bureau's Public Information Officer. In 1981, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and served as the shift commander at East Precinct, as well as working in the Police Bureau's

Internal Investigation Division and the Street Crimes Unit, which targeted special projects to include downtown decoy operations.

In 1985, Noelle was promoted to the rank of Captain, serving at East Precinct, until 1986, when former Chief Richard Walker, appointed him as the Deputy Chief of the Services Branch and later as the Deputy Chief of Operations. In November of 1990 he was reassigned as the Captain of Central Precinct until September of 1992 when he was assigned to the Detective Division.

In 1975, Dan Noelle received his B.S. in the Administration of Justice, and in 1978, he received his Masters in Public Administration, both from Portland State University.

Noelle, a former U.S. Army Drill Sergeant, has served as the 1988 conference chair

for the International Association Chiefs of Police Conference, which was held here in Portland, Oregon and attended by 7,500 people. He has served on the Steering Committee for the Bias Crimes and Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment Conference, the Board of Directors for the Southeast Mental Health Network, and is a former member of the Gladstone School District Curriculum Council.

As the Deputy Chief of the Services Branch, Noelle will be responsible for the Training, Personnel and Internal investigation Division.

Noelle will also oversee the Legal Services, Police Liability and Loss Control operations. Noelle replaces Deputy Chief Alan Orr.

Roberta Webber, who currently serves as Commander of North Precinct, joined the Police Bureau almost 22 years ago, July 15, 1971. Webber, who is the highest ranking woman within the Police Bureau, was first assigned work in the Women's Protective Division. Webber was later first woman to be assigned for training under the State of Oregon's Board of Public Safety, Standards and Training (BPSST). After completing BPSST training, she returned to Portland and served at Central Precinct, the Traffic Division and the Drugs and Vice Division. In 1975, Webber was promoted to the rank of Detective, and in 1977 she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, where she worked at North Precinct, the Detective Division and the Drugs and Vice Division. In 1980 she was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, serving as an aide to the Deputy Chief of Operations and at East Precinct. During this time she also

served as the Coordinator of the Annexation Project. In 1984, Webber was promoted to the rank of Captain, serving in the Patrol Support Division, where she directed the operations of the Mounted Patrol Unit, Canine Unit and Street Crimes Unit. She later was assigned to the Personnel Division, Records Division and Central Precinct. In 1989, Webber was appointed as the Portland Police Bureau's first woman Deputy Chief, and was assigned to manage the Services Branch.

In 1990 she was reassigned to the Detective Division until her appointment in September of 1992 as Commander of North Precinct, which was created by the appointment of then, Captain Charles Moose, to the position of Deputy Chief of Operations, by former Chief Tom Potter.

Roberta Webber graduated in 1969 from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Sciences. In 1985 she received the Outstanding Achievement Award and was a finalist for Police Woman of the Year, from the International Association of Women Police.

In 1992, she was recognized with a Community Policing Award, by the Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Association for her efforts in the development of the Police Bureau's Bias Crime Unit.

Webber will serve as Deputy Chief of the Operation Branch, which is the largest branch of the Police Bureau. The position was left vacant, following the appointment of Charles Moose, as Chief of Police, by Mayor Vera Katz. Webber's responsibility will include

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