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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Pacific Power Rate Hike

As a result of the Bonneville Power Administration's recently announced rate hike, Pacific Power said that its residential prices could rise by 6.2 percent. Small farm and irrigation customer increases will average 6.9 percent.

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Trail Blazers Land Airport Advertising Contract

The Port of Portland announced that it has awarded a five year contract for the advertising concession at Portland International Airport to the Portland Trail Blazers. All advertisement will be associated with information, points of interest or entertainment.

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Inner City Youth Complete Entrepreneurial Program

Kimbri Kidds are participating in a business program aimed at inner-city minority youth. Through the program, approximately 10 youths, ages 10-13, published a newspaper: The Portland Informer. Each young person worked to complete a personal business plan. These plans will be judged with the winner receiving up to \$500.00.

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The Ports of Portland & Vancouver Cooperate On Auto Dock

Last fall, the Port of Portland assisted Subaru, a 'space-as available' customer, in relocating to the Port of Vancouver. Portland needed expansion room at Terminal 6 for Honda, its long-term lease customer. Automobile imports are a high value commodity of great importance to the regional economy.

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\$1.7 Million To Metro Anti-Gang Programs

Governor Barbara Roberts announced \$1.7 million in grants to combat gang activity in the Portland metropolitan area. The federally funded grants to eight different efforts that work to help youth avoid becoming involved in gangs, or to rebuild their lives after their gang activity. Governor Roberts made the announcement at Emmanuel Temple (church) in north Portland.

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Support For Child Care Workers "Worthy Wages" Grows

Calling it a "win" for this session the legislators makes this the first state in the nation to have introduced "worthy wages" legislation for child care workers. The problem still remains that child care workers are paid peanuts; tending elephants pays more. Workers in comparable jobs are paid more than twice as much as those to whom we entrust our very youngest children.

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Westside MAX Tunnel Groundbreaking



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Festivities celebrating "The light at the end of the tunnel" tonight the start of the Westside MAX tunnel construction.

Hundreds of citizens, project engineers and tunnel contractors were on hand to hear comments by Governor Barbara Roberts, U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield, U.S. representatives Elizabeth Furse (D-OR) and Jolene Unsoeld (D-WA), and others.

A stage depicted the east tunnel portal, near the Washington Park reservoirs west of the Vista Bridge. Participants entered the site in a "tunnel" created by theatrically lit construction equipment. The grand finale was, in fact, "a real blast." Created by explosives detonated by dignitaries pushing a giant plunger. Bright lights shone through the dark

tunnel as though from a real MAX train. Speakers emphasized the extraordinary degree of pulling together and partnership the Westside project depends upon. "Giving our region its new light rail line is a huge, complicated process," said Loren Wyss, chairman of the Tri-Met Board of Directors. "So we rely on very many friends to help get it right."

Wyss cited the particular contributions of Senator Hatfield, we would not be standing here today," he said. "On the statewide level, Governor Roberts continued the unwavering support she has offered since the Banfield line was first proposed."

Tom Walsh, Tri-Met General Manager, commented on the future of light rail transportation in the region. "Two decades from

now we'll have six lines, about a 100 miles of rail, 100 stations to carry some 200,000 passengers every day," he said. "Portland can be the light rail capital of North America."

The groundbreaking ceremonies coincide with the start of the first heavy construction on the Westside project, the creation of a temporary parking lot on land adjacent to the OMSI annex across from the Washington Park Zoo. The parking lot will be completed by mid-September and will help offset parking spaces needed to make room for a station serving the zoo, World Forestry Center and other nearby destinations.

Actual tunneling will start from the west portal west of Finley's Sunset Hills in November. From the east end, tunneling will be done

by a giant tunnel boring machine. A machine has been ordered and is scheduled to arrive on site at the end of February.

Tunneling work is being done by the Frontier-Traylor joint venture. Their heavy excavation will be completed by mid 1996. Trains will roll on Westside MAX in September 1997, and the line will be completed into downtown Hillsboro in 1998.

"Tunneling will be a fascinating challenge," said Tom Walsh. "We'll find some surprises, but we will proceed cautiously. We learned 100 years worth of lessons during the 5 years of Banfield construction a decade ago. With this base of hand-on knowledge and the expertise brought by the Frontier-Traylor team, we will have fun building this thing."

Tri-Met Offers North Portland More Choices

Tri-Met customers in North and Northeast Portland get more choices this fall. More frequent service and later hours of service are all in store for Tri-Met customers effective Sunday, Sept. 5.

In addition, braille and raised letter sign improvements at major MAX stations will make Tri-Met even more accessible to people with disabilities. Bike permit holders will find rack-equipped buses on 20 additional routes and more lockers at MAX stations.

Tri-Met's 3.25% service increase last September was the largest in 10 years. This fall's 5% increase exceeds that with more than 1,700 additional hours of bus service a week.

New service includes shuttles to keep inner Northeast Portland moving during Oregon Area construction.

"We're pleased to offer more choices to customers this fall," said Tom Walsh, Tri-Met General Manager. "More than ever, we tried to listen to the community and make requested improvements. We hope everyone will take advantage of those new services and help preserve the quality of life we enjoy in this region."

Customers can pick up new schedules on all bus routes beginning Aug. 20. Schedules, tickets and monthly passes are also available in Tri-Met offices at Pioneer Courthouse Square

and 4012 S. E. 17th Ave., Safeways and most Albertsons stores and other neighborhood outlets. Customers can also call Tri-Met at 238-Ride, TDD 238-5811, or FAX 239-3092 for more information.

Service improvements in North and Northeast Portland:

9-Broadway: Buses will run every 15 minutes on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Buses formerly ran every 20 minutes.

71-60th-122nd Ave: Saturday buses run until about 9 p.m. from Clackamas Town Center, about two hours longer. Sunday buses begin serving 122nd Ave.

Tri-Met will begin operating a sixth shuttle

bus route Sept. 21, the 201-Airport Way Shuttle. New weekday rush-hour shuttle buses will serve business along Airport Way between I-205 and N.E. 138th Avenue in the Columbia Corridor.

The Rivergate Shuttle will receive a new name: 200-Rivergate Shuttle.

Buses on more routes will get bike racks this fall to accommodate customers with bike permits, including:

- 1- Greeley
- 5- Interstate
- 12- Sandy Blvd.

For Bikes on Tri-Met information, call 239-3044.

JORDAN MURDER INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

Key pieces of evidence have been recovered during the investigation, including the N-B-A championship ring that Michael Jordan had given his father. Police also tracked down the two suspects through calls they made on Jordan's stolen cellular phone Keo dial-a-porn "900" numbers. Both suspects are being held without bond pending trial.

Four other people charged with vandalizing Jordan's car after his murder have entered innocent pleas during their first appearances in court. Their cases are NOT linked to the murder of Jordan.

For the last four years, Barbara Stager has been sitting on North Carolina death row. Yesterday she began a new trek that could save

her life. Stager was convicted and sentenced to death for killing her husband, Russell, in their Durham home in 1989. The Supreme Court ordered a re-sentencing, saying the judge in the case made a mistake. Jury selection for her resentencing got underway yesterday in Pittsboro.

A Charlotte man is being held on half-a-million dollars bond in connection with a hostage situation Sunday, in which 50-rounds were fired from an assault rifle. 19-year-old Tommy Lee Wells is accused of raping two 16-year-old girls, holding a 15-year-old girl hostage for five hours, and firing repeated shots at police before giving up. No one was injured from the shooting in the incident.

ASB Awarded 8th Consecutive Bauer Five-Star Rating

American State Bank Portland, Oregon has once again been awarded Bauer Financial Reports' five-star rating. This is the 8th consecutive quarter that American State Bank has earned this nationally recognized award ranking it superior for safety, strength and performance.

The rating is based on the analysis of December 31, 1992 financial data as filed with federal regulators.

A five-star rating, the highest on a scaler from 0-stars to 5-stars, indicates that American State Bank's tangible capital exceeds 9.0% of tangible assets its risk-based

capitol ratio exceeds 10.0%, delinquencies and repossessed assets are manageable, the institution is soundly invested and it earned a profit for the quarter ended December 31, 1992. The tangible capital level required for Bauer's five-star rating is twice that required by federal regulations.

"American State Bank has displayed uninterrupted excellence in banking. It is a well capitalized bank that comes highly recommended. The community of American State Bank's customers and neighbors

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