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Obo Addy Performs

Obo Addy and Kukrudu will be performing Friday at 6:30 p.m. in a free concert.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Packwood Soliciting Probe Dropped

The U.S. Justice Department last week formally declined to prosecute U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Oregon, over allegations that he improperly solicited job offers for his former wife. Packwood still faces a Senate ethics committee investigation over allegations of sexual misconduct and altering his diaries to conceal evidence.

Lionel Hampton Recovers

Lionel Hampton was hospitalized after suffering what his doctors said was a mild stroke last week. The 87-year-old jazz great was alert and doing well at Manhattan's Mount Sinai Hospital.

Clinton Energized By Visit

President Clinton was clearly energized from an enthusiastic welcome during the Pacific Rim Economic Summit in Portland last week. Clinton said he was convinced that people are tired of political extremes and the bickering among politicians.

Assassination Attempted

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak safely left Ethiopia last week after an assassination attempt in Addis Ababa. Although no group has claimed responsibility for the attack, Islamic extremists are widely believed to be responsible.

Light Rail Before Task Force

A task force of legislators, including Rep. Margaret Carter of north and northeast Portland, will try to solve the sticky dispute that forced the 1995 Oregon Legislature, to adjourn without approving money for the north-south light rail line. Supporters failed several times at the end of the session in June to get a majority of Republicans to vote for the proposal.

Drug Tests Win Court Challenge

The U.S. Supreme Court last week upheld an Oregon school district's rule that athletes in public schools could be required to submit to random drug tests even if they aren't suspected of using drugs.

Japan Trade War Avoided

An automobile trade agreement reached last week between the United States and Japan avoids an international trade war. The breakthrough followed around-the-clock negotiations in Geneva, averting the 100 percent U.S. tariffs that President Clinton threatened to impose on luxury cars made in Japan.

Initiative On School Taxes Filed

Property tax funding of public schools in Oregon would be phased out by 2001 under a proposed initiative measure filed with the Oregon secretary of state. The proposed constitutional amendment will need 97,000 signatures to go on the Nov. 1996 ballot.

Kids Learn Public Service



The Youth Action Conference participants are having a good time after serving food to the needy.

BY PROMISE KING

Katie Drakes' wits are startling. She is persuasive in articulation and very organized in her personality. A combination of winning traits rarely found in youths of today.

Drakes is what you considered a good kid - no gang affiliation, no drugs and a selfless heart. She is co-chairperson of the Nestle Chocolate Very Best in Youth Program.

Drakes recently helped organize a Youth Action Conference at Reed College in Portland, drawing about 400 kids. The event was

sponsored by Nestle Chocolate Confections.

"The conference enabled us the opportunity to take decisions that impact our communities. It brought in a new feeling of worth and esteem," she said enthusiastically.

The event was designed to encourage and empower well-mannered young folks by giving them a grip in decision making and allowing them to actively address community issues.

Now underway in 15 U.S. cities, Nestle provides \$10,000 for youth programs for exceptional kids in each city to implement community programs of their choice.

Taking advantage of this opportunity,

the Portland youth, age from 6 to 19, put together the details for the action conference.

They set an agenda to discuss issues like diversity, empowerment, team building, school project, inter-generational service, leadership and media-outreach.

At the end of the conference, the kids worked with the elderly and helped wipe away graffiti left behind by their wayward peers.

"We believe all young people deserve the opportunity to have a positive role in our community and to provide services which impact people's lives," Drake emphasized.

Moved by their resourcefulness, the United Way agreed to provide training, technical assistance and resources to ensure the success of the community-service projects envisioned by the conference.

And to strengthen existing youth-service models, the philanthropic agency said it would place young people in the forefront of efforts to identify community issues which could be addressed by youth and also to increase their involvement and volunteerism.

The agency said it would serve as a pivot for young people to develop and implement community projects in their domain.



Test Extended For Bus Shelter

Tri-Met has extended an advertising experiment aimed at making bus shelters cleaner and installing lights for safety.

Officials said the advertising has gotten a mixed review.

Some residents have supported it as a good way of raising revenue and find the ads interesting and tasteful.

Other people have opposed advertising in public places and say the ads block the view from the shelter, making them less safe. There's also complaints that the lighted shelters are too bright.

If eventually approved, Tri-Met would use the advertising revenue to clean bus shelters twice as often, remove graffiti and repair vandalism within 24-hours, enhance security with light-

ed ads and lighted shelters, establish new, larger shelters with benches at major bus stops and replace deteriorated shelters with new shelters.

Officials said the advertising would only be located in commercial and industrial areas, not in residential neighborhoods.

Tri-Met would also prohibit advertising that promotes alcohol and tobacco products and political advertising. Additionally, ads for services and products that would compete with nearby businesses would not appear in adjacent shelters.

About half of Tri-Met's 800 bus shelters could be candidates for the advertising, with an estimated revenue potential of \$800,000 per year, officials said.

Test shelters with the advertising displays are located near Northeast 69th and Sandy, Southeast 17th and Center and Southwest 13th and Barbur.

The agency said comments are welcome by calling Tri-Met at 238-7442.

An area resident seems unfazed by the advertising added to a bus shelter wall.

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