

**Commons at Rose Quarter**

The Rose Garden arena won't officially open until October, but the Commons at Rose Quarter are ready.



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**Hi Five Voice Goes Solo**

Tony Thompson steps up to another level with his latest album *Sexsational*.



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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Light Rail Called A Loser**

A national group of urban and planning experts called Tri-Met's light rail system a "flat out, hands down loser," during a meeting last week with legislative leaders. The panel said light rail in Portland and across the nation doesn't get people to ride mass transit, doesn't get people into car pools and doesn't reduce urban sprawl.

**Conservatives To End Arts Support**

House Republican leaders have agreed to cut off all federal funding to the National Endowment for the Arts within two years. Another of the conservatives' favorite cultural targets, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, is also in line for a phaseout of government financing.

**Vietnam Recognized After 20 Years**

President Clinton, saying the time was at hand to "bind up our own wounds," extended full diplomatic relations to Vietnam last week, 20 years after the U.S. withdrawal of troops from the Vietnam War.

**Paulus Considers Independent Run**

Oregon Schools Superintendent Norma Paulus is considering running for the U.S. Senate as an Independent. The former Oregon Republican Secretary of State has been make early preparations if Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore. retires. She is also assessing whether she could raise enough money to run in the Republican Primary and overcome staunch opposition by social conservatives.

**Judge Knocks Out Campaign Limits**

A federal judge last week struck down a voter-approved ballot measure that barred state and local candidates from receiving campaign donations from outside their districts. The judge ruled that the Oregon campaign limitation violates constitutional free-speech protection.

**Clinton Approves Base Closures**

Pounding his lectern, President Clinton last week denounced a base closing list for the damage it would do to California and Texas, but then approved the package with a promise to save jobs in those states. He delayed the outright closing of a big base in each state for five years.

**Packwood Hearing Debated**

Facing growing pressure for a public airing of misconduct allegations against Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., the ethics committee chairman last week abruptly canceled plans to decide the volatile issue. The action by Republican Chairman Mitch McConnell of Kentucky came after Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. threatened a potentially embarrassing roll-call vote on the Senate floor if the committee decided against hearings.



With temperatures nearing 100 degrees, Rachael Alleyne, 11, (left) and Heather Maller, 12, find a way to keep cool at Ira's Fountain in the forecourt at Portland Civic Auditorium.

## Jackson Goes To Youth Authority



Lonnie Jackson

Lonnie Jackson, a 15-year veteran of juvenile corrections work, has been named minority affairs coordinator for the newly created Oregon Youth Authority.

Jackson, 37, has worked at MacLaren School in Woodburn since 1980, where he has been minority affairs director since 1987. His experience includes managing agency compliance with federal and state laws governing equal opportunity employment and affirmative actions in programs, services, hiring recruitment and retention.

He was named to his new position by Rick Hill, Youth Authority acting director.

"I can think of now one more qualified than Lonnie Jackson to be the first minority affairs coordinator for the Oregon Youth Authority," Hill said. "He is sensitive to the issues of cultural diversity and has demonstrated success time and again in development programs for minority youth."

Jackson is expected to work closely with lawmakers, agency officials and community organizations, especially in Multnomah County.

The authority, created this year by the Legislature, is responsible for state juvenile corrections, including operating Hillcrest and MacLaren training schools in Salem and Woodburn and four youth work-study camps in Corvallis, Florence, Tillamook and at Hilgard near LaGrande.

At MacLaren, Jackson founded a gang-intervention program that addresses issues such as race relations, communication skills, managing anger, parenting skills and taking responsibility for one's life. Before that, Jackson worked at MacLaren as a corrections counselor in the sex-offender treatment program and as a group life coordinator.

Jackson also implemented MacLaren's job-readiness and tutorial programs. He was co-founder of the innovative We "R" One program at Woodburn's Lincoln Elementary School, aimed at promoting empowerment and reducing violence and gang affiliation among students.

## Black Leaders Discuss "Affirmative Action"



At a Black Leadership Summit on affirmative action in Washington, D.C., NNPA President Dorothy Leavell (far right) is joined in a discussion on the effects of recent Supreme Court rulings by other panelists: Anthony Robinson (standing) of the Minority Enterprise Legal defense organization, Dr. Ron Walter (left) Professor of Political Science at Howard University and the Rev. Jesse Jackson (sitting in middle) of the Rainbow Coalition.

Photo by Jim Wells.

## Local Residents Trained For jobs

A new training program to prepare unemployed north and northeast Portland residents for jobs in the trades professions is being sponsored by area utilities.

Nine students have completed the six-week pilot course.

The curriculum was designed by Portland Community College under the sponsorship and direction of Pacific Power, Portland General Electric and Northwest Natural Gas.

Applicants were screened at the Northeast Workforce Center, a community-based agency that helps residents of inner north and Northeast Portland find jobs.

"This program is a good example of how businesses and the community can work together to address local employment needs," said Jennie Portis, director of the center.

"The people who entered the training

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