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**THE WEEK IN REVIEW**

**Americans Want Packwood Hearings**

A New York Times poll found that Americans support public hearings on the Bob Packwood misconduct charges by a 2-to-1 margin. Asked whether the Senate should hold "public hearings to investigate allegations of sexual harassment" against Packwood, 60 percent said yes and 30 percent said no. The times also reported that contributions to Packwood's legal defense fund dropped dramatically in the last reporting period.

**Katz Seeks Spirited Portlanders**

Mayor Vera Katz is seeking nominations for the 1995 Mayor's Spirit of Portland Awards. The awards will honor individuals or groups who have assisted with implementing outstanding projects, enriched the community and neighborhoods, provided citizens with special service or fulfilled the needs of others.

**Oregon Inmates To Move**

Oregon prison officials are preparing a massive program to send 1,200 inmates to other states to ease prison overcrowding. Most of the inmates would be sent to a county jail in Texas where officials have agreed to house them for about \$35 a day.

**Militia Movement Denounced**

The militia movement threatens the very fabric of a democratic society and Republicans should completely disassociate themselves from the radical extremists who threaten the viability of the party, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., wrote in the Washington Times last week. King said Republicans have the duty to denounce the militias and the paranoid and misguided thinking that sustains them.

**United Fund Accepts Proposals**

The Black United Fund of Oregon is now accepting proposals for its general purpose grants program. A series of \$5,000 allotments will be made to community-based groups or programs serving low-income people in the areas of economic development, education, health, human services, arts and culture, and social justice. For more information contact the Black United Fund of Oregon at 282-7973.

**Pioneer Square Sells Bricks**

Pioneer Courthouse Square is selling new "signature" bricks to be installed along the Morrison and Yamhill sidewalks of the square as Tri-Met completes its retro-fit for the Westside light rail lines. Each brick will cost \$50 and can contain 24 characters. To order call 223-1718.

**Medicare Marks 30th Anniversary**

Events were held over the weekend to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Medicare. Before passage of Medicare, only 50 percent of Americans were covered by health insurance; today, 97 percent of senior citizens are covered. Before Medicare, 38 percent of older Americans lived in poverty, today that number is only 13 percent. Said the President, "I'm not going to let the government mess around with your Medicare."



Striking up a tune on the Portland Community College campus in north Portland are Brandon Lincoln (from left), Tiffany Grundy, Jaime Miller and Mario Duke. The quartet is part of the 128 students enrolled in this summer's Cultural Recreation Band.

**Portland Housing Prices Soar**

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON

**Portland's housing prices are skyrocketing and that's no joke.**

Experts are saying that as the price of real estate goes up, it takes more savings and financial resources to buy. And that can hurt the percentage of owner-occupied homes.

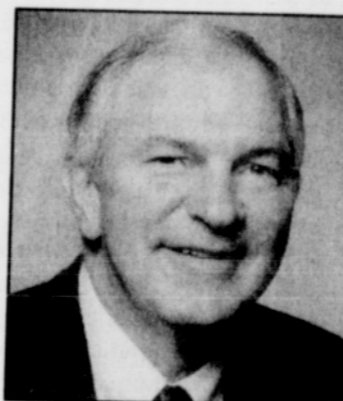
The upsurge, according to Howard Nolte, executive director of Home Ownership a Street at a Time or HOST, is because more people are moving to Portland and sellers are getting higher prices for their properties.

And, migration in the coming years is not expected to let up, with an estimated 700,000 to a million new residents expected in the tri-county area.

Nolte observed that the wild leaps in housing costs are squeezing out potential

buyers.

He said hundreds of people are pushed out of the market with just a \$5,000 increase in the price of a house.



Howard Nolte

But "on the flip of the coin," he warned, if you're renting, your rents will keep going

up, which makes the fixed cost of a housing payment attractive.

HOST is a non-profit organization that has been building affordable new homes in north and northeast Portland for the past five years. Most of the properties are on vacant lots. They target streets and neighborhoods for revitalization.

"We built this brand new home with 1,350 square feet, 3 bedrooms and 1 and a half baths for \$64,950," he explains. It's a price private builders usually can't touch.

Currently, the group has launched the city's largest home construction project for north and northeast Portland. It's aim is putting more than 135 families in new houses over the next five years.

Three of its new housing developments are in Portland's poorest neighborhoods:

Woodlawn, Portsmouth and St. Johns.

Nolte is a Portland native who left a 22-year career as a television sales executive to take up the reigns at HOST.

He said his father worked in the shipyards during World War II and recruited many African Americans to work in the city.

Nolte attended Grant High School and Fernwood Elementary schools in northeast Portland.

He said he later moved to the westside, but always had an affinity for northeast Portland.

Nolte's concern for Urban decay has led him to use his expertise to help others become home buyers.

He shares in the joy a family experiences when they buy an affordable home. "The rewards of this job are so great," he said.

**"Forgotten War" Remembered**

**President Clinton, dedicating the new Korean War Veterans Memorial, said that the Americans who fought in that war set a "standard of courage" for all generations.**

"They set a standard of courage that may be equaled but never surpassed in the annals of American combat," Clinton said at the outdoor ceremony last week that drew a throng of people despite brutally high temperatures.

South Korean President Kim Youngsam, who joined in the ceremony for what has been labeled the "forgotten war" because of the scant attention given its warriors in the United States, said "their sacrifices were not in vain."

He said the conflict has been transformed "from a forgotten war into a war most worthy of remembrance."

Authorized by Congress in 1986, the funds for the \$18 million memorial were raised through the sale of commemorative coins.

The stone and metal memorial includes the likeness of a weary group of 19 GIs wearing ponchos as they go on patrol. It stands on the west end of the

Washington Mall, across from the a memorial to those who served in the Vietnam War.



A fax line now buzzes at Humboldt Elementary School as demonstrated by students and Principal Laverne Davis. This spring, the school participated in a Rose Scholar essay contest sponsored by Pacific Power and won the machine in a drawing. "Supporting education is a top priority for Pacific Power," said Don Shaw, a Pacific Power manager in northeast Portland.