

Speed Bumps For Safety

Several blocks of speed bumps are added to North Vancouver in the vicinity of Holy Redeemer Area School.



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25th ANNIVERSARY

Portland Men Meet Sugar Ray

A meeting with boxing great Sugar Ray Leonard lands tickets to a championship fight.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Hill Peddles State In New York

Oregon Treasurer Jim Hill was in New York last week seeking a state bond rating upgrade. An upgrade will save state taxpayers millions of dollars in interest on bonds sold to finance state projects. Hill also announced an agreement to reduce fees paid on Letters of Credit with four Japanese banks to enhance a series of Veterans Affairs bonds.

Unabomber's Printing Supported

The publishers of the New York Times and Washington Post made the proper decision when they agreed to publish a 35,000-word manuscript in critique of the industrial society submitted by the Unabomber, says Tim Gleason, association dean of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication. "In my opinion, they didn't allow themselves to be manipulated, but instead evaluated the public good," Gleason said.

Portland Hosts Policing Conference

More than 500 police and community leaders from around the country are meeting in Portland this week for a Community Policing Conference. Topics include citizen's complaints, the crime bill, community policing, domestic violence, recruiting women and minorities, changing the culture, reaching diverse communities and crisis intervention.

Plan Called Tax Cut For Rich

Democratic Party Chairman Don Fowler said Republicans are trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the American people when it comes to selling their Medical Plan. "Republicans want to slash \$270 billion from Medicare to finance a tax cut to the wealthy. And the more people know about the real Republican plan, the more they reject it," Fowler said.

Welfare Changes Termed Catastrophic

Last week's U.S. Senate vote to cancel 60 years of federal welfare policy, transferring control to the states and reducing eligibility and benefits is a terrible step backwards, according to University of Oregon Sociology Professor Joan Acker. She calls it a mean and catastrophic blow to the nation's poor, particularly women and children. Acker says reforms should put more emphasis on job training and child care.

Robertson Finds Fault With Medicare

Last week on his 700 Club religious/news program, Christian Coalition founder and head Pat Robertson, (whose net worth is \$65 million) said that Medicare is "not necessarily a good program. It's help some people, but at a huge cost to the government."

Publisher Forbes Runs For President

Steve Forbes, publisher and editor-in-chief of Forbes Magazine, is the latest candidate seeking the Republican nomination for President. His announcement was made last week at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.



Lashawn Mackentire, 9, a student at Irvington School and Marco Johnson, 12 of Harriet Tubman School, find challenge and fun on the beach during the Pacific Youth Camp at Warrenton. The camp gave at-risk youth experience in hiking, canoeing, sports, outdoor skills and exploring. See additional information and photos on page B4.

SEI Youth Center To Begin Construction

Area students will come one step closer to realizing that life truly does have options, when the ground is broken Wednesday to mark the construction of a new multi-million dollar youth center in inner-north Portland.

Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber will join in the special ceremony at Unthank Park on North Shaver and Kerby streets, the site for

Self Enhancement, Inc.'s (SEI) new 60,000 square foot youth facility, the Center for Self Enhancement.

Thanks to contributions from the city of Portland, local businesses and individuals, SEI has raised \$8.8 million to build the center.

Tony Hopson, SEI's founder and president, will officiate the ground breaking ceremony. He will be joined by Gov. Kitzhaber,

Portland Parks Superintendent Charles Jordan and Sue Cooley, a private citizen who contributed \$1.2 million for center.

SEI is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing Portland's inner-city youth with constructive alternatives to drugs, gangs and violence. The center's size will allow SEI to double its enrollment annually, keeping nearly 2,000 children off the streets and away from drugs and gangs.

With expanded hours, the center will help provide a haven during the most critical hours of influence for kids: evenings, weekends and summer vacation.

More than 200 SEI students, dressed in colorful SEI T-shirts will help celebrate this community milestone by planting hundreds of flower bulbs in large wooden barrels.

The barrels will be placed at the entrance of the future center.

Jackson Enters Kaiser Struggle

Rev. Jesse Jackson has contacted Kaiser Permanente Regional Administrator Mike Katcher to express his concerns over the announced closure of Bess Kaiser Medical Center.

Dear Mr. Katcher:

I am writing to express my concern that Kaiser Permanente not abandon the people of North and Northeast Portland by closing Bess Kaiser Medical Center. I have serious questions about your decision to close a profitable hospital in a largely African American community and to contract our inpatient services to hospitals in more affluent areas of Portland. More than 28,000 inner city consumers use the services at Bess Kaiser. What will happen to people who require emergency services in the N/NE section of Portland?

I am convinced that N/NE Portland residents deserve the accessible, quality care that they have depended on since 1959. Clinics will not substitute for inpatient services. Kaiser must demonstrate that it is not abandoning the community by keeping its planned 50-55 bed hospital open indefinitely, or by building a small hospital to provide similar services.

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Sizing a picture for framing is Charles White, co-owner of J.P.'s Custom Picture Framing, a minority-owned business in the new Walnut Park Retail Center. This edition and next, the Portland Observer pays tribute to Minority Enterprise and Development Week. See Section C, inside. (Photo by Michael Leighton)

Spike Lee Recieves Standing Ovation In Creative Conference

BY CORA SMITH

Portland's Creative Conference attracted approximately 700 enthusiastic filmgoers and industry representatives from across the nation last week at Portland's Intermediate Performing Arts Center.

Cruising the Willamette on the Spirit of Portland was the opening event which highlighted the presence of the Film Producer/Director Spike Lee.

Surrounded like a bandit, Lee was held captive by (which he later admitted tried his patience) eager "filmitees." Vice principal Paula Kenny and her entourage from Jefferson High School Performing Arts were seen flowering praises to the notable filmmakers and embracing celebrity handshakes.

It was "Network City" by conference participants as business cards were exchanged. Diva casting director for extras, Laverne Springer of Thumbs Up, was seen everywhere (she

assisted Spike Lee in casting for Crooklin in New York). Chris Cusick of Cusick Talents and Janice Wilson of Wilson Entertainment were also there. The Who's Who list of filmmakers present included Will Vinton of California Raisen fame, cinematographer Peter Gilbert, a key event speaker whose five-year project/documentary on "Hoop Dreams!" held the audience spellbound.

Judith James, director/producer of "Mr. Hollard Opus," which was filmed at Grant

High School in partnership with Richard Dreyfuss, was shown during a special "sneak preview." The film, to be released in 1996, was great, but unmistakably missing were minority faces.

In questions concerning other projects, Mrs. James explained that 17 others were on the burner. "You must have several going to keep the money coming in," she said.

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