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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Rose Garden Seats Not Ready

Fans were kept waiting for over an hour last Wednesday when the new Rose Garden opened for its first event. The Trail Blazer exhibition game was delayed because courtside seats were still being installed at game time. The Blazers blamed the seat manufacturer for not delivering and installing the seats as promised. Portland went on to lose the game 99-95 to the Minnesota Timberwolves.

### Tri-Met Shuttles People To Arena

MAX ridership doubled and more than 20,000 people used mass transit for the opening weekend of the new Rose Garden arena. In celebration of the start up, MAX light-rail trains ran every 10 minutes, rides home on MAX and buses were free and shuttle bus rides were free and ran every 3 to 5 minutes from nine designated parking lots in the Lloyd District.

### Jefferson Students Walk Out

Jefferson High School students walked out of class last Wednesday to protest cancellation of homecoming activities. Principal Alcena Booser called off the homecoming dance and other events because of rowdy student behavior following an earlier pep rally. Following the protest, Booser agreed to negotiate to salvage some of the homecoming activities, but not the dance.

### Oldest Person Turns 120

Jeanne Calment's of France went into the Guinness Book of Records last week as the oldest living person whose date of birth can be authenticated.

### Simpson Golfs, Prosecutors Vacation

Prosecutors Marcia Clark and Christopher Darden were together vacationing in San Francisco last week, shopping at Macy's and dancing at a true fact place called the DNA Lounge, while O.J. Simpson was golfing in Florida. Meanwhile, Simpson's daughter, Sydney, celebrated her 10th birthday with her grandparents, 3,000 miles away in Los Angeles.

### Police Practices Untrustworthy

For many, the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial speaks to the jury's mistrust of evidence collected by the Los Angeles Police Department. University of Oregon Professor Margie Paris says that should be expected because, "the sad truth is that you can't always trust police who commonly use practices such as lies and tricks to obtain evidence," she said. "If we are to trust police, Our messengers of right and wrong, we must craft rules which prohibit these tactics."



Marla Davis conducts the Portland Youth Mass Choir during Saturday's grand opening of the Habitat For Humanity Home Building Center at Northeast 15th and Killingsworth. The group builds homes in partnership with low income families and plans to use the site to house it's offices, a carpentry shop, meeting room and space for visiting work camps. See additional photo page B2.

(Photo by Michael G. Halle)

## U.N. Struggles On 50th Birthday

The world's leaders from President Clinton to Russia's Boris Yeltsin paid homage to the United Nations on its 50th anniversary, but could not agree on how to make the world body more credible in the 21st century.

At the same time there was no sentiment from any corner of the world to weaken the United Nations, with many developing countries demanding it take a far greater role in economic policy and projects that would benefit them.

"The new agenda of the United Nations with its heavy emphasis on peacekeeping operations has impacted adversely on the development process," said President Chadraka Bandaranaike Kumaratunga of Sri Lanka.

The north-south split between rich and

## Delegates Play To World Stage

Cuban President Fidel Castro played a starring role at the United Nations and turned New York into his stage, but he said there

was little chance of a rapprochement soon between Washington and Havana.

Castro was one of the biggest draws at ceremonies to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations and he used the lime-light to slam the United States, attacking its superpower status, military might and the trade embargo it has enforced against his country since 1962.

Then he discarded his diplomatic suit and returned to his trademark olive-green military uniform for a trip down memory lane to a Harlem hotel that gave him shelter in 1960 when he was thrown out of a mid-town

poor countries was more evident than ever and Castro hammered away at the theme.

The United States was criticized by its allies and foes alike for driving the world body to the brink of bankruptcy by owing \$1.25 billion a Republican Congress will not pay.

Clinton, who opened the three-day anniversary celebrations, said the world still needed the United Nations. "And so for another 50 years and beyond, you can count the United States in," he said.

But Irish President Mary Robinson warned that "if we do not infuse the United Nations... with a new strength of purpose and a new sense of direction, I fear that the praise we give to the U.N. from this rostrum over these days will come in time to be read as its epitaph."

United Nations staff, however, this week are doing what they can do well- organizing a world event which saw Clinton, Yeltsin, Cuba's Fidel Castro and Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat on the same podium in the same two hours.

With more than 180 prime ministers, presidents, kings and other officials converging on New York for the largest summit in history, the main events went smoothly.

On Monday, as Clinton and Russia's president Yeltsin were to hold a daylong meeting outside of New York on the Balkans. And inside U.N. headquarters Presidents Nelson Mandela of South Africa and Mobutu Sese Seko lead the list of speakers during the second day of ceremonies.

hotel.

The next stop was at one of the country's biggest black churches, where he held court before an enthusiastic crowd.

At the Abyssinian Baptist Church he thrilled the congregation with stories and jokes about the diplomatic constraints he had to observe as a United Nations guest.

"I am not here because I was not invited to (President Clinton's) dinner," he said. "But this business of being surrounded by heads of state all the time can be unbearable."

All in all, he said, he would rather be in Harlem.

Castro was greeted enthusiastically by

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## Talton To Lead Development Commission

A Portland native and executive with Pacific Power and Light Co. has been named the new chairman of the Portland Development Commission.

Carl B. Talton was appointed to the government agency Oct. 18 in vote by the five-member PDC Board of Directors.

Talton has served as a commissioner on the board since 1987 while working as general business manager for Pacific Power. He leaves his employment with the utility after 22 years of service to assume his new duties.

"I've looked forward to the opportunity to serve PDC as its chairman for quite some time," Talton said. "I expect a smooth transition of leadership and am ready to roll up my sleeves to accomplish the work set forth in PDC's five-year plan."

Talton has been active in community affairs, serving on the boards of the Northeast Community Development Corp., the North/Northeast Economic Development Alliance and the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies and Portland State University.

He serves on the Black Leadership Conference Steering Committee and is on the Advisory Board of the Neighborhood Partnership Fund. Talton served in the mil-



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itary from 1963 to 1967. He majored in social society and business at Marylhurst and Lewis and Clark colleges in Portland while working as a customer service representative for United Airlines.

He is married with two children.

## Security Tightened At Marshall

Marshall High School is taking extra precautions to protect students after gunfire last week in the school cafeteria left two students injured.

The students were wounded during a shooting Friday morning at the southeast Portland school. James Smith, 19, was arrested a short time later by Portland police. The incident occurred shortly after 8 a.m.

Authorities said Smith was an expelled student who came into the cafeteria and confronted Brian Gasper, 15, who was seated at a table with other

students.

Police said during the confrontation Smith pointed a handgun at Gasper. As Smith walked away, words continued to be exchanged and he allegedly fired several shots from a revolver, striking Gasper in the head and torso. Another student, Josiah Hubbard, 15, who was seating nearby, was shot in the leg.

Smith then allegedly fled from the school was arrested later. He faces charged of attempted murder, assault and possession of a firearm in a public school.

Detectives indicate the shooting could be related to gang activity.

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