

PSU Places First

A team of civil engineers from Portland State University took first place in a regional steel bridge contest.



See Education, Page A5.

Hidden Center

Cultural center recognized in state and nation but not well known in own community.



See Metro, Page B1.

Yurok Indian Artist

Yurok Indian Artist Rick Bartow will speak on his art and culture.



See Entertainment, Page B2.

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

City's Crime Rate Drops

Portland's crime rate dropped slightly in 1995 placing it 165th in a 195 city list. Overall crime dropped from 136 per 1,000 people to 129.5. Most crimes were against property rather than people. Murder, vandalism and bicycle theft decreased, but burglary, rape and aggravated assault rose. There were no reported trends by neighborhoods crime decreased in eastside neighborhoods and increased in the westside. Sharon McCormack manager of the crime prevention program for the city's Office of Neighborhood Associations think Portland is doing well. "It is a pretty safe city to live in and there is a feeling that there is a much higher level of crime that there really is overall," she said.

Bomb Explodes At Spokane City Hall

A pipe bomb filled with nuts and bolts exploded outside a main entrance at Spokane City Hall. It was the third explosion in less than a month. No one was injured in the blast but residents are shaken and wary. The first bomb exploded April 1 outside a suburban bureau of the Spokesman Review. However, police believe it was a rouse to cover for a robbery of a near by bank. Security at city buildings will be high for the next few days.

Fire Burns Out Phone Service N/NE Portland

A two alarm fire last Wednesday wiped out service to almost all north and northeast Portland. Affecting 50,000 residents and businesses. The fire started in a basement of a US West switching station and burned through cables affecting its backup systems. No one could call 911 leaving police to add more patrols. Flights were delayed at Portland International Airport and ATM machines didn't work. Firefighters had responded to a smoke alarm early that morning but found nothing, they returned an hour later to find that the source of the fire was a power line that had shorted and burned through the insulation.

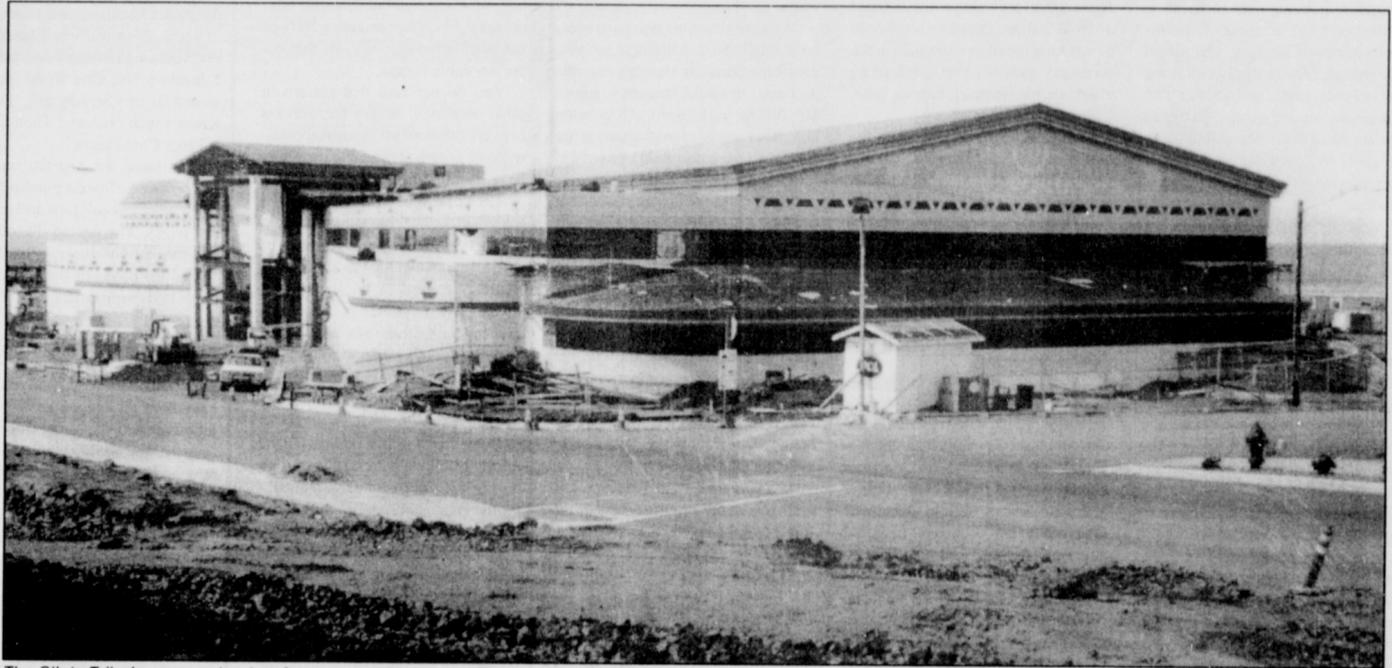
Nike Gives \$500,000 To Schools

Phill Knight CEO of NIKE presented Portland Public Schools \$500,000 in cash and equipment for sports programs. \$300,000 is from a cash challenge grant for the company's Participate in the Lives of America's Youth (P.L.A.Y.) program, with an additional \$200,000 in equipment and apparel. "This grant will allow athletic programs to remain at court levels for the '96-'97 and '97-'98 school years, while at the same time allowing us to shift existing sports funding to other critical academic programs," Bierwirth said.

Jackie-O's Yardsale Brings \$34.5 million

In an extraordinary estate sale of more than 5000 bits of memorabilia from President John Kennedy and Jackie Kennedy Onassis turned into a "feeding frenzy" as bidders paid far more than estimated prices for a piece of Camelot. One buyer paid more than 20 times the estimate for a Christmas gift Jackie gave her mother weeks after her husband died. The volume of inauguration speeches for all the US presidents was inscribed "Jack was going to give you this for Christmas -- please accept it from me now." She stipulated in her will that her children and the John F. Kennedy Library keep what they wanted and sell the rest. The proceeds will go to the estate.

Siletz Tribe Opens Casino



The Siletz Tribe's new casino/conference center is scheduled to open June 28 and will feature resaturants gambling and entertainment.

BY DAN BELL

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz will soon open their Chinook Winds Gaming and Convention Center overlooking the beach in Lincoln City. The Siletz is a confederation of 24 Indian Tribes that inhabited northern California to Southern Washington from 1855 to 1955.

They were recognized as a tribal entity. However, in 1955 they were dissolved as a tribe and their land appropriated. After years of fighting for recognition, Congress re-instated the tribe to their former status in 1977, making them only the second tribe at that time to do so. There are approximately 2,300 members of the Siletz Tribe at present.

In 1985, the Siletz Tribal Economic De-

velopment Corporation was established to develop economic enterprises for the tribe to create job opportunities and to foster economic and social betterment of the tribal members. Congress passed the National Gaming Regulatory Act in 1988. This was seen specifically as an economic strategy to help Indians with landed reservations, or recognized tribal nations.

At first the tribe wanted to locate a gaming center near Salem. However, due to successful opposition from community aided by former Governor Barbara Roberts, that goal was not readily realized. The issue remains in litigation.

Lincoln City, the tribe's second choice, now serves as the site of the multi-million dollar complex, that is both a convention

center and casino. Since the central Oregon Coast is a destination point for over 5 million visitors a year, Lincoln City is ideally suited for a casino/convention center.

The new casino opens June 28. The modern brick and glass design has a distinctive Native American influence. Overlooking the Pacific, it will feature blackjack, poker, slot machines, video poker, and bingo.

The main floor will house the game area and bingo parlor, and the second story will accommodate the convention center, nursery, and two restaurants, one with an ocean view.

In the evening the bingo parlor will double as a forum for headline entertainers. Chris Christopherson will be the first to appear opening day June 28, and Lou Rawls will follow on July 4. The Chinook Winds Casino

is billed as the largest facility of its kind on the Oregon Coast.

Revenue from the gaming center will go to further enhance development in education, health and financial assistance, for the tribe. Among STEDCO's accomplishments are the completion of 54 homes for tribal housing and the establishment of the Siletz Community Health Clinic for Tribal and non-Indian members, and it has gained HUD approval for the construction of 26 units for elders and low-income families. STEDCO also markets tribal timber and runs the Siletz Smokehouse in Depot Bay and the Independence Box Company.

Chinook Winds anticipates employing 700 individuals. Gambling will be available all day. Call 1-800-863-3314.

Ethiopia War Crimes Trial

After long delays, prosecutors in Addis Ababa began presenting witnesses in the trial of the Derg, the Marxist junta that overthrew Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974 and ruled until 1991 when it was driven from power. The trial marks the start of what promises to be the most extensive judgment of war crimes since Nuremberg, the trials of Nazis after World War II.

Forty-six military leaders stand accused, not only of murder but also of genocide and crimes against humanity. Another 22 are being tried in absentia, including former President Mengistu Haile Mariam in exile in Zimbabwe which refuses to extradite him.

Officials in Addis Ababa argue that the only way to establish the rule of law and to end the cycle of coup and revolution is to hold leaders responsible for the killings at an open trial.

"I think it is high time for Ethiopia to really break away from the past and to think in terms of democracy and the rule of law," said Girma Wakjira, the chief special prosecutor. "In Ethiopia we used to have a saying: you can't plow the sky any more than you can

accuse or try the king. There is now a clear message to the government -- past, present or future -- that government should be accountable to the people and answerable before the law."

The trial, which began in 1994, is being held only two days a week and is expected to last years.

Besides the high-ranking junta members, some 800 policemen, soldiers and midlevel administrators and about 900 members of local of local revelational guards who carried out most of the killings, are also awaiting trial.

The prosecution plans to call at least 100 witnesses but the main evidence comes from the meticulous documentation kept by the regime. The notes detail deliberation among officers about who was to be killed imprisoned or tortured. There are even records of how many bullets used on each victim.

No one knows precisely how many were killed but a victims' rights group has registered more than 10,000 in Addis Ababa alone. They estimate the actual death toll is five times higher.



Portland's largest bi-cultural celebration returns this weekend at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. See page B3

Annual Gun Turn-In Scheduled For Saturday

Ceasefire Oregon will sponsor its annual gun turn-in the first two Saturday's in May.

On May 4 and 11 from 1 - 4 p.m., at four locations -- Lutheran Inner-City Ministries, 4219 NE MLK Jr. Blvd.; Eastport Plaza, 4000 SE 82 Ave.; United First Methodist Church SW 18th Ave. and Jefferson St. and, in Washington County, at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital, 19300 SW 65th, Tualatin -- people will be able to turn in guns for a \$50

gift certificate; no questions asked. I

Ceasefire Oregon, a project of Ecumenical Ministries, is a grassroots formed in 1993 to reduce gun violence. Aside from sponsoring the gun turn in program, it sponsors educational programs about gun violence and on positive means of conflict resolution.

Statistics on gun violence are overwhelming:

- One of every two households has a gun
- It is estimated that a gun in the home is 43

times more likely to kill a family member or friend than an intruder

- Adolescent and adult suicides are five times more likely to occur in homes with guns.
- The number one cause of death for 10- to 14-year-olds in Oregon is suicide and most are committed with guns owned by the victim's families.
- The number of juvenile murders with guns doubled between 1985 and 1992.

It costs an average of \$33,000 for medical

treatment for each person hospitalized for gunshot wounds and \$373,500 for fatal injuries. (many of the victims are uninsured or underinsured and the taxpayer picks up the tab.)

- Ceasefire of Oregon, in cooperation with law enforcement has collected nearly 1000 guns at their two previous turn-ins

To turn in a gun today call Portland Police at 823-8000 or Multnomah County Sheriff's Office at 255-3600.