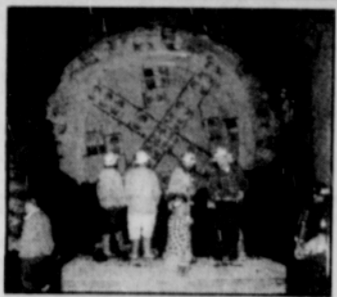


Tri-Met Tunnel

Tri-Met bored-through the last of the tunnel at the Washington Park Zoo. Officials say the project is on schedule.



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Blues Barbecue

Alvin Youngblood Hart will be one of the performers at the Father's Day Blues Barbecue. Bobby Blue Bland will head the line-up.



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Rookie Of The Year

Portland native Damon Staudamire of the Toronto Raptors was named rookie of the year.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Clinton Lawyer Changes Tactic

President Clinton's lawyer plans to drop the claim that the president's status as commander in chief means he is on active military duty. Robert Bennett, who is defending the president in a sexual harassment suit dating to his time as governor of Arkansas, said he would make a new filing with the Supreme Court today that does not include a reference to the 1940 Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act, which protects active-duty military personnel from having to defend themselves in civil suits. Clinton is trying to have the harassment suit by Paula Jones delayed until he is out of office.

ValuJet Search Progresses

A 50-ton backhoe is to begin excavating the ValuJet Flight 592 crash site in the Florida Everglades, weather permitting. The backhoe has been creeping across the swamp on a half dozen pontoon platforms, slowly making its way to the crash scene — where heavy rain and the holiday weekend slowed the search effort for the first time since the fatal crash. In Washington, the cockpit voice recorder continues to undergo analysis by experts. They have been able to determine that a fire broke out in the passenger cabin about six minutes into the flight and that the passengers apparently were having trouble breathing.

New JFK Film Unearthed

Kennedy assassination buffs have some new material to study. The Dallas Morning News says no major questions are answered but new insights might be provided by 45 minutes of newly unearthed film shot by a local television station on the day President John Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. While there are no pictures of the president's motorcade coming under fire, the discovery includes footage of the Kennedys getting into their limousine and accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald shortly after his arrest. Jack Ruby also can be seen at a news conference with Oswald two days before he shot him. The film is being transferred to videotape for use by the public.

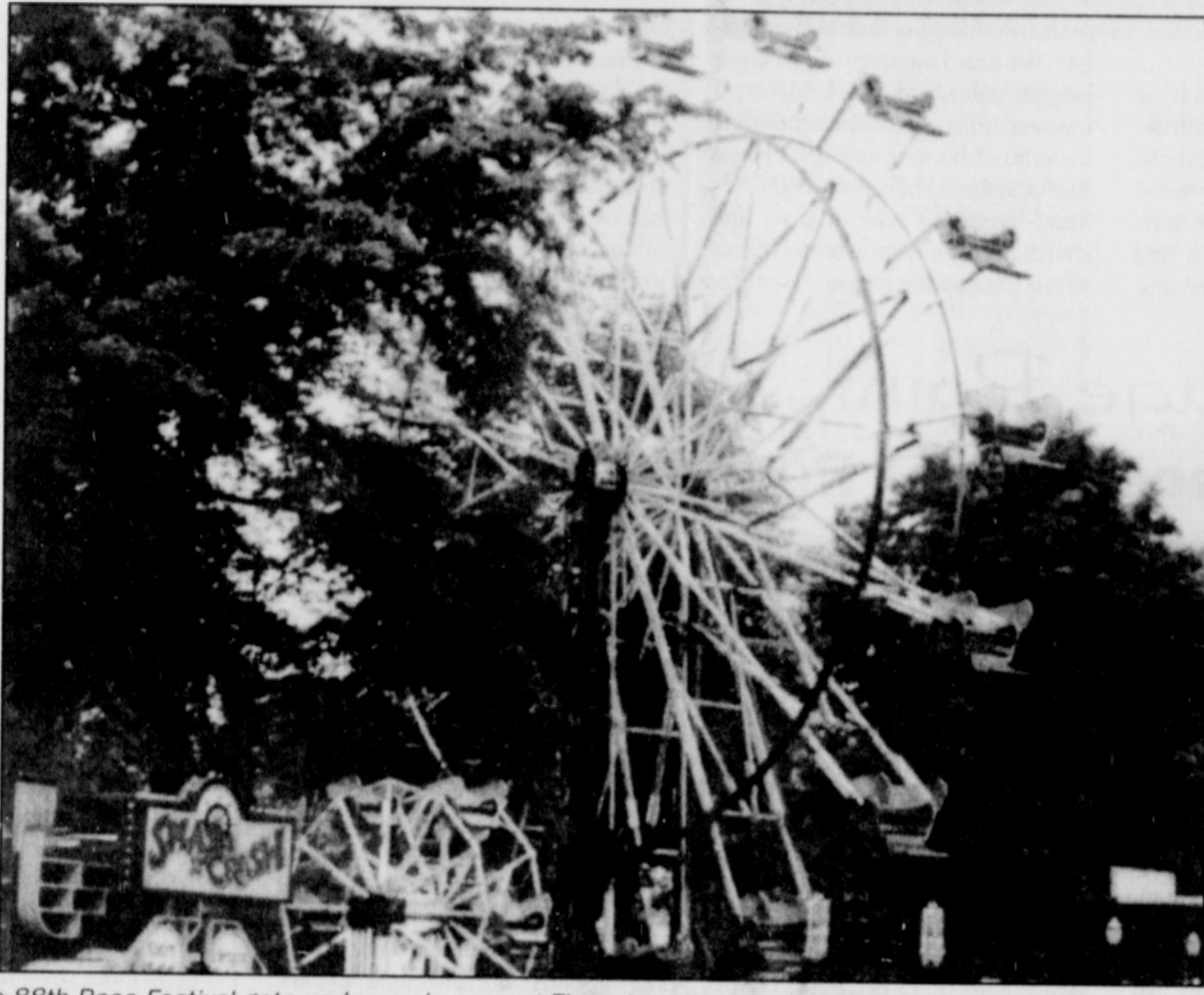
Election Eve In Israel

Israel's political rivals are in their last day of campaigning as Israelis prepare to vote tomorrow. Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his right-wing rival, Benjamin Netanyahu, both plan to visit several towns in southern and central Israel before closing their campaigning tonight in Tel Aviv. The election has been getting closer by the day. The latest opinion polls give Peres a three-percentage point lead over Netanyahu. Soldiers have already started to vote but for most Israelis, the polls will open at 7 a.m. tomorrow.

North Korea Ready for War

North Korean leader Kim Jong-il has drawn up plans for war on South Korea and North Korean pilots are training for a lightning strike, according to a pilot who defected to Seoul. Li Chol-su, 30, a North Korean air force captain who flew his MiG-19 to the South last week, confirmed reports that hundreds of planes are massed along the border. "Kim Jong-il is devoting everything to prepare for war," Li told reporters today. About 270 planes are in forward areas, ready for a three-stage strike to capture Seoul, the central city of Taejon and the southern city of Pusan within seven days, Li said.

Rose Festival Gets Underway



The 88th Rose Festival gets underway in earnest Thursday with the coronation of this year's Rose Queen. With the theme, The Winning Spirit, the event boasts over 70 sanctioned events. The annual festival attracts more than 2 million people to the Portland area.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- The Incredible Universe **Queen's Coronation**; Thursday, May 30, at 8 p.m. at Civic Auditorium. It will be televised on KOIN-TV, Channel 6.
- The **Festival Center** featuring the U.S. Bank Main Stage, Fox 49 Kids' Stage, U.S. West Cellular Marketplace, Budwiser Clydesdales, Festival Community Center, Butler Amusement's Super-Fantastic Fun Rides, Rose Festival Fleet Visitation; Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 9 from 11 a.m. to Midnight at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.
- **STAR SYSTEM Fireworks Spectacular**; Friday, May 31, at 9:45 p.m.
- **Bank Of America Starlight Run**; Saturday, June 1, at 8 p.m. Downtown
- **Portland General Electric/SOLV Starlight Parade**; Saturday, June 1 at 8:30 p.m. Downtown.
- **Alpenrose Milk Carton Boat Races**; Sunday, June 2, at 1 p.m. Westmorland Park.
- **Pacific Power Junior Parade**; Wednesday, June 5, at 1 p.m. Hollywood District.
- **Rose Festival Fleet**; Tuesday, June 4 - Monday, June 10 at the Westside Seawall of the Willamette River. General Visits are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. from Wednesday, June 5 through Sunday, June 9.
- **Southwest Airlines Grand Floral Parade** Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. Downtown.
- **Mervin's and Target Showcase of Floats**, Saturday, June 8 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rose Quarter Commons.
- **Rose Festival Air Show** Presented by Intel; Friday, July 12 through Sunday, July 14.
- **Northwest Afrikan American Ballet in Concert - Under the Baobob Tree**; Friday, May 31 at 8 p.m. at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts - Intermediate Theater.
- **Tradewest Resorts Rose Cup Races**; Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Portland International Raceway, West Delta Park, Rose Cup Race is Sunday at 1 p.m.
- **Eighth Annual De Paul Duck Derby** Saturday, June 15, festivities start at 9 a.m. race time is 11 a.m.
- **The "Good In The Hood"** Multicultural Music and Food Festival; Friday June, 28 through Sunday, June 30. Times are Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Noon to 10 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Area School Campus, Portland Blvd and Vancouver Ace.

Tri-Met urges festival goers to take advantage of the park and ride locations and plans extra service on major lines for the Starlight and Grand Floral Parades. Call the Tri-Met Rose Festival hotline, 231-3197, for more information. Clark County residents will have a one stop, free trip to the Floral Parade on C-Tran from park and ride locations. Downtown bridges will be periodically closed to vehicular traffic Tuesday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 5 for ship arrivals and Rose Festival Ships will leave Portland on the morning of June 10 at 11 a.m. at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

Youth Need More Attention

The Portland Multnomah Progress Board, co-chaired by Portland Mayor Vera Katz and Bev Stein, Multnomah County Chairwoman, unveiled a report that shows things are looking up for the Portland Area. More people have confidence in local government, the economy continues to enjoy dynamic growth, and the crime rate remains fairly steady.



Mayor Vera Katz

On the down side, the "1996 Benchmarks Report" also showed that the region faces significant challenges from rapid growth, and that the status of children continues to suffer. Benchmarks are quantifiable standards on community conditions that can be tracked year to year.

One of the Progress Board's most urgent benchmarks -- increasing the average wage -- showed a steady increase. The county's income growth managed to outpace inflation by about 5 percent.

The report also showed that while the crime rate has remained fairly steady over the past five years in the county, more people are feeling better about their neighborhood livability and they also feel safer walking alone at night in their neighborhoods.

Crime continues to be one of our most critical challenges, said Katz. "We have put 1,000 more officers on our streets, and we will add another 42 in the coming year. But that alone cannot make the difference. I applaud efforts of citizens who've taken the initiative to start foot patrols in their neighborhoods, and partner with police to make people feel safer where they live."

"I think it's significant," said Stein, "that the driving force

in 1994 in 1994 crimes have been property crimes like auto theft. We have a great opportunity here to work together across jurisdictions to make a real impact through partnership agreements such as the Auto Theft Task Force."

The report noted that drug and alcohol abuse among adults is rising and firearms deaths rose. Portland is doing better on reporting and reducing drug and alcohol abuse among adults is rising.

In the area of families and education, the report showed that an increasing percentage of students reach normal skill levels.

The percentage of people above the federal poverty line has been rising but teen pregnancies is up. Children are using drugs and alcohol earlier. There is a shortage of more than 13,000 day care slots. Too few younger kids are getting immunization. The number of young adults going beyond a high school education seems to be declining.

Katz and Stein also reinforced the need to plan wisely as Portland and Multnomah County prepare for rapid growth.

"We must continue to be vigilant in meeting the standards of Metro 2040 and working with our regional partners to ensure that the metro area doesn't go the way of other decaying urban centers like Detroit and Los Angeles," said Stein. "It's disappointing that this report showed fewer of us are using mass transit. If we are to preserve our quality of life, we must work together more on crating less congestion, less pollution, and we will have a better environment for all of us."

Katz said she was pleased to see that the Benchmark Report confirmed that more and more people think local government is doing a good job. "We have continued to work on involving citizens and showing them clear goals for what we're trying to do. And this report shows that that's having an impact on your confidence in us," said Katz.

Keisling Calls For Mail In Vote

Oregonians have sent a clear message to state leaders in Salem with the record low voter turnout; move quickly to expand vote-by-mail. According to Secretary of State Phil Keisling, "My goal is simple. I want the vote-by-mail to be the first one Governor Kitzhaber signs in 1997."

Keisling went on to say, "I hope this election is an exclamation point at the end of the vote-by-mail debate. When a spring election with many close and controversial races cannot draw voters at even close to the rate that a single U.S. Senate race did in the dead of winter, then voters are sending a clear message -- hold elections the way they prefer and open the process to as many people as possible."

Unofficial participating in the May 21 biennial primary contest was approximately 37 percent in the May 1994 polling place primary election and 59 percent on the December 1995 vote-by-mail special U.S. Senate election primary. A record number of absentee ballots slowed the vote count. Absentees represent 20 percent of all registered voters, but accounted for more than one-third of ballots actually cast.

"Even voter fatigue can't account for this abysmal turnout," noted Keisling, "and democracy is the big loser." Turnout was high in Oregon's two other recent statewide mail-in elections; the January 30 special U.S. Senate election with 67 percent and the March 12 presidential primary with 54 percent.

Keisling went on to declare "The debate ought to be over. It's time -- past time -- to move permanently to voting by mail so we can then focus on other opportunities to revitalize democracy in Oregon such as opening the primaries to Independent voters continuing to make campaign finance reform work, and getting rid of negative advertising."