

Pow Wow Tribal Celebration

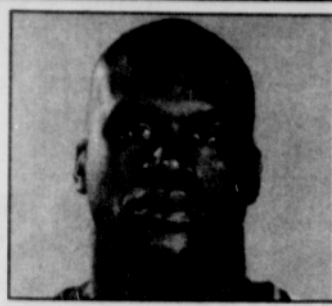
Siletz nation says "Welcome to Nesika Illahee" and extends an invitation to all who celebrate life as it is.



See general news page A5.

Shaq Scores Big Deal

Shaquille O'Neal signs a \$120 million contract with the L.A. Lakers.



See Sports, page B2.

Brainwaves 10th Anniversary

Improv comedy group comes back to Portland to celebrate ten years of cooking up laughter.



See Entertainment, page B3.

The Portland Observer 25¢

Mrs. Frances Schoen—Newspaper Room
University of Oregon Libr
Eugene, Oregon
97403

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

100 More Bodies Found

Searchers have located an additional 60 to 100 bodies trapped in the undersea wreckage of TWA Flight 800, New York Gov. George Pataki said Tuesday. Investigators are hoping that further tests on more bodies and debris recovered from the crash site will help identify the cause of the crash, after initial FBI tests have failed to give any conclusive sign that an explosive device or mechanical failure caused the incident.

Senate Considers Welfare Reform

The Senate voted to soften key provisions of a Republican welfare reform bill as it moved toward passage today of legislation that would make the most dramatic changes in anti-poverty programs since the New Deal. The legislation would end a 61-year federal entitlement to aid, replacing it with broad grants states could use to design and run their own welfare programs.

Terrorists Nuclear Threat Real

An international group of physicians warned on Tuesday that the likelihood of guerrillas acquiring and building crude nuclear weapons had increased with the end of the Cold War.

"Terrorist groups seem more committed to demonstrating their capacity to inflict random, massive violence than they are in achieving specific political objectives," Dr. Lachlan Forrow, chairman of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), said after releasing the group's report on crude nuclear weapons.

'Free Willy' Again

After two movies, Willy still isn't free. "Free Willy 3" begins shooting this month in Vancouver. Annie Corley, who played Meryl Streep's daughter in "The Bridges of Madison County," joins the cast as a scientist who saves Willy from whalers who want to convert him to sashimi.

Japan Poisoning Worsens

Japan's food poisoning epidemic worsened dramatically Tuesday when two more people, a schoolgirl and an old woman, died within hours from a bacterial infection that has made thousands ill. Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, alarmed by the authorities' inability to stop the 12-day-old epidemic, called in the head of the Japan Medical Association and demanded action.

Tough Guy At The Olympics

Dolph Lundgren is among the many celebrities in Atlanta for the Summer Olympics. But unlike others in the Hollywood contingent, Lundgren is not simply soaking up the atmosphere. He's working. Lundgren, best known as the Soviet bad-guy boxing machine in "Rocky IV," is the manager of the U.S. modern pentathlon team.

TWA Says Mechanical Fault Unlikely

TWA Inc. (AMEX:TWA) chairman and chief executive officer Jeffrey Erickson said today that it now appears less likely that mechanical failure caused last week's crash of one of the carrier's 747s.

At a news conference at New York's John F. Kennedy airport, monitored on CNN, Erickson said: "I think as they begin to get into the clues...it seems to be becoming less likely that it was indeed maintenance, but

maintenance has not been ruled out."

He added: "TWA has had an excellent history of wonderful maintenance with very dedicated technicians."

Erickson said the large section of fuselage that was located on the ocean floor Monday was "indicative that we'll be able to find the rest of the airplane and hopefully the rest of the human remains."

Asked about the airline's finances and operations in the aftermath of the crash,

Erickson said TWA was in its strongest financial position "in over a decade. We are very busy, we are flying lots of people domestically and internationally."

He said there had been some increase in "no-shows" since the disaster and there had been some downturn in international bookings, but domestic reservations had increased.

He said call volume to the airline's St. Louis reservations center may have been

distorted since the accident, since the center also was dealing with the support system for relatives and friends of those who died.

Asked about criticism of the way the airline had handled the initial process of notifying the next-of-kin about who was on board the aircraft, Erickson said: "We did it fast, maybe not fast enough but faster than other carriers. We wanted to do it right to make sure that none of the families were erroneously notified."



The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission has adopted a resolution recommending "that the Portland School Board respectfully decline the donation from the Nike corporation until such time as the Nike Corporation allows independent monitoring of the labor conditions of workers producing Nike products and demonstrates a commitment to eliminating child labor from its production systems and to providing conditions of employment for workers producing its products which are consistent with those required by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." The complete resolution is attached. Copies of the Universal Declaration of Human rights are available from MHRC, 823-5136.

Japanese Guru Enters No Plea

Japan took a controversial step Thursday toward outlawing the doomsday cult accused of carrying out a deadly Tokyo subway gas attack that killed 11 and injured nearly 6,000.

Shoko Asahara, guru of the sect, has been indicted on 17 charges, including murder and attempted murder, in connection with last year's attack and has refused to shed light on the charges against him.

The Public Security Investigation Agency, an arm of the Justice Ministry, formally requested that Aum Shinri Kyo (Supreme Truth Sect) be outlawed under a little-used anti-subversion statute.

Since its enactment in 1952, the anti-subversion law has never been invoked out of

concern that it might violate human rights.

The investigation agency's request was made to the Public Security Commission, comprising seven jurists, scholars and media personnel appointed by the justice minister. The panel is expected to rule in three months.

If outlawed, members of the group will be banned from holding meetings, producing publications or conducting any business that could be construed as a group activity.

Even in the 1970s, when the Japan Red Army and other leftist groups were accused of bombings and assassinations, the watchdog agency did not invoke the law.

Sect representatives argued that the law violates the constitutional freedoms of religion, speech and assembly.

"We would like the Public Security Com-

mission to fully understand the danger of the law and promptly reject the request," sect representative Tatsuko Muraoka said.

"We are not a dangerous group now," she told reporters.

Victims' groups and conservative politicians supported the move to apply the ban while liberal groups voiced opposition.

As well as being charged with the Tokyo subway attack, Asahara has been accused of masterminding a nerve gas attack on Japanese city of Matsumoto in July 1994 that killed seven people and made 600 ill.

The 40-year-old Asahara has refused to enter pleas in all of his trials. But scores of his followers have testified in court that he ordered the gas attacks, kidnap-murders and other serious crimes.

Furse Supports Welfare Reform

Last Thursday, Representative Elizabeth Furse voted in support of a sweeping welfare reform bill that will save \$61 billion over 6 years.

"My constituents support welfare reform, but not if it punishes children. At the urging of the Democrats and President Clinton the Republicans today offered an improved welfare reform bill that doesn't cut school lunch, child care, or the Women, Infant and Children's (WIC) program," said Representative Furse. "Twice before, I have voted against the welfare reform plans brought by the Republicans. But, today I voted for this bill because it is significantly improved. The current system is broken, and in order to truly reform welfare, we

must keep moving the process forward."

The bill included language to protect Oregon's waivers that enable the state to require all welfare recipients to get jobs that move their families out of poverty. "I fought to keep the Oregon waivers protected because we have a real success story in the state of Oregon," added Furse. "More of our citizens are working and enjoying health care coverage while saving taxpayer dollars. Our welfare caseload dropped significantly. I urge other states to model their programs after the successful Oregon plan."

The state of Oregon's program includes an outstanding welfare-to-work program that has allowed Oregon to achieve one of the nation's steepest declines in welfare caseloads.

Statement By Mayor Katz Regarding TWA Victim

"Today we mourn the untimely death of a model police woman. Sue Hill was well-respected and well-liked by her peers and the people she served as a police detective. Her legacy will not only be her many accomplishments, including becoming the first-ever female hostage negotiator in Portland, but also the friends and memories she leaves behind.

"To the family of Sue Hill, and to the families of the hundreds of other victims, my prayers and sympathy go out to you in this difficult time."

Oregon Physicians Organize

Three major Oregon physician group practices have signed a memorandum of understanding to reorganize and merge, creating the state's first physician practice management company (PPM).

The new entity, Physician Partners, Inc., will be one of the nation's largest physician-owned and physician-governed PPMs. The company strives to reinstate the doctor's central role in the swiftly changing health care delivery industry and to enable its affiliated group practices to improve the quality of patient care.

Headquartered in Portland, Physician Partners, Inc. will be the result of the planned merger of Corvallis-based Corvallis Clinic, P.C., Portland-based HealthFirst Medical Group, P.C., and Medford-based Medford Clinic, P.C. The three group practices combined have a history of 150 years of group practice expertise, record more than one million patient visits per year and have revenues in excess of \$170 million. They consist of more than 300 care providers and employ more than 1,600 full- and part-time staff.

Physician Partners, Inc. will be owned by the physicians of the three group practices. The company's executive team will consist of David Goldberg, president and CEO; Michael Bonazzola, M.D., senior vice president and chief medical officer; and Tim Dupell, senior vice president and chief financial officer.

"This is the next logical step in the consolidation of health care delivery," said Goldberg. "Physicians have been — and must continue to be — the most important element of health care delivery, but they have been the slowest to organize. By bringing physician groups together, Physician Partners, Inc. will make the doctor a driving force in managed care."

Physician Partners, Inc. will be the first PPM headquartered in the Pacific Northwest. PPMs partner with physicians and physician groups to provide sound business and clinical leadership.

Closing documents will be completed and a registration statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, subject to shareholder approval this fall.

Voters Reject Sizemore Attack On Workers

Oregonians rejected Bill Sizemore's vision for Oregon workers. That was the conclusion which members of the Oregon Public Employees Union/SEIU Local 503 reached upon hearing that Sizemore's anti-worker, anti-Oregon ballot measure for eliminating workplace rights failed to qualify for the November ballot.

"The message is clear," stated OPEU President Karla Spence. "Voters are fed up with Bill Sizemore's attacks on working Oregonians. The right-to-work initiative he circulated would have hurt more than public workers—it would have hurt families and communities throughout the state."