

**Straight from heaven**

Michael Scott & The Outreach Choir grace through a new collection of Gospel songs.



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**King of the Game**

Youth Outreach Group lights up the spirits of neighborhood kids with "King Games".



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**Starlight, shine bright**

Local artists Theresa Demarest & Good Company celebrates latest CD release "Moon Rising".



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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Iraqi strikes may help Clinton**

Diplomatic and military factors may have driven President Clinton's missile strikes against Iraq, but analysts say it should benefit his position in the presidential race as well. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's military drive against ethnic Kurdish rebels became an election issue when Republican challenger Bob Dole, lagging in polls, seized upon it, saying Saddam's aggression was the result of Clinton's weak policy.

**Dole supports US forces**

Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole Tuesday carefully avoided criticizing President Clinton's missile attacks on Iraq and voiced strong support for U.S. forces. Speaking to an American Legion convention in Salt Lake City, Dole saved his venom for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein — whom he called a butcher and a tyrant—and adopted a bipartisan tone as he spoke about Clinton's foreign policy.

**Hurricane Fran upgraded**

Hurricane Fran's fury is increasing as it heads toward the southeastern United States. Forecasters say the storm is now a Category 3 hurricane, with winds of 115 miles per hour. A hurricane watch has been posted from Central Florida to the border of North Carolina. A hurricane warning is also in effect for the sparsely populated northwestern Bahamas. Late Tuesday, Fran was located about 255 miles east of Nassau and moving west-northwest.

**Firefighters tackling blazes**

Firefighters have claimed victory over several major wildfires burning in the western United States, but they are still battling blazes in eight states. Cooler weather and rain in places is bringing welcome relief to thousands of exhausted firefighters stretched to the limit by the worst fire season in 30 years. The National Inter-agency Fire Center said 19 major fires are burning.

**Bodies found in murders probe**

Authorities say Belgian police Tuesday found the bodies of two teen-agers who were the subject of a Europe-wide scare over pedophile abductors. The cause and date of death were not immediately known. Convicted child rapist Marc Dutroux, the key suspect in the pedophile abduction, sex and murder ring that has sent shock waves across Europe, admitted kidnapping the two girls a year ago.

**Juror calls in bomb witness**

The trial in New York of three militant Muslims accused of plotting to bomb U.S. passenger jets took a bizarre turn Tuesday when it was disclosed that a juror telephoned a government witness over the weekend. The contact caused a dilemma in the trial because it could have led the juror to be dismissed just days after deliberations began.

## U.S. bombs Iraq

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The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) assailed the U.S. attacks and urged Arabs and the Iraqi opposition to condemn the raids.

"The American aggression against Iraq is a violation of the United Nations' charter and is a unilateral tyranny which is being conducted without the approval of the U.N. Security Council," a DFLP spokesman said.

"We urge Arab states and the U.N. to stop this aggressive military fooling around...and we urge Iraq to return to wisdom and cut short the way for any reasons that would help the American aggression," he said.

"We also call our Kurd brothers to return to unity in order not to allow the colonial and regional expansionist countries to use the Kurdish issue against the will of the people of the region including the Kurds."

U.S. navy and air force bombers launched missile strikes against air defense and communications targets in southern Iraq to reply the Iraqi attacks against Arbil, a Kurdish opposition's safe haven in northern Iraq.

## Oil prices skyrocket

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## Seven Drown

The lake in which Susan Smith drowned her two sons in 1994 took seven more lives when a car holding four children and an adult rolled into it and two adults in the same party drowned trying to save them.

Union County Sheriff Howard Wells said Saturday those killed were among a group of 10 who had driven to John D. Long Lake to see memorials erected last year for Smith's two young sons, who were killed Oct. 25, 1994, when she strapped them into car seats and let the car roll down a ramp into the lake.

Wells said a Chevrolet Suburban carrying five members of the group, including four small children, rolled forward between the memorials and down a steep embankment into the lake about 20 feet from the boat ramp.

Two adults who had gotten out of the car to look at the memorials also drowned after they jumped into the lake to rescue the others.



Last week Saturday, Isaac Hayes conducted the grand opening of the new Tutoring Center at 3548 N. Mississippi. Hayes is the International Spokesperson for the World Literacy Crusade and is pictured here with a local cameraman and opposite Lynn Rogers-Branch, a representative for Albina Community Bank.

## Tough tobacco regulation overdue

Herb Severson says the Clinton Administration's decision to designate tobacco as an addictive drug will enable the Food and Drug Administration to put increased focus on combating tobacco company marketing and advertising that targets youth.

A University of Oregon counseling psychology professor who has studied nicotine addiction and youth since 1986, Severson says tobacco companies spend \$6 billion a year to recruit and solicit new users, most under age 18.

"Confirmed smokers switch brands very

little so ads must target new smokers," he says, noting that 90 percent of all smokers become regular users by age 18.

He says when R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. began its Joe Camel advertising campaign, it increased Camel's share of the youth market by 38 percent, but the brand's overall market share increased only 5 percent.

The following summarizes Severson's additional comments on the Clinton Administration's plans for tougher tobacco regulation:

**Significance of the change:**

- Will finally resolve the debate over whether nicotine is an addictive drug.

- Will remove the issue from Congress where it takes years to change tobacco regulation.

- Will regulate both cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

**Likely regulatory actions affecting youth:**

- A ban on vending machine sales.
- A ban on billboard ads within a set distance from schools.
- A ban on tobacco ads in magazines that target youth.
- A ban on tobacco company logos and ads at sporting events, which have been an

effective way around the current ban on television ads for tobacco companies.

- A ban on free taste tests (current practice, particularly at rodeos).

**Likely regulatory actions affecting adults:**

- Regulation of nicotine levels and of additives that enhance the delivery of nicotine.
- Stronger wording on warning labels.
- More prominent placement of warning labels.
- A requirement that cigarettes be fire-safe, a technology that already exists. Cigarettes are the No. 1 cause of non-arson fires.

## Toxins taint Oregon

Oregon industries reported releasing 5,765,092 pounds of toxic chemicals linked to human reproductive disorders in 1994, according to a report released last week by the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG).

The report is entitled "Generations at Risk: How Environmental Toxins May Affect Reproductive Health."

"The debate about toxic chemicals has traditionally focused mainly on cancer. This report helps to advance our understanding of how toxic chemicals also cause a range of other reproductive disorders," said OSPIRG environmental advocate Randy Tucker.

"The report adds to the mounting evidence that toxic chemicals may seriously affect generations to come," he added.

The Environmental Working Group used the most recent data from the Community Right to Know Act to compile the state-by-

state data on reproductive toxins.

Other shocking findings include:

- 4.1 million pounds of reproductive toxins were reported as having been released to the air, 6,463 pounds to Oregon waters, and 54,012 pounds to land. (The remainder of the 5.7 million pounds consists of transfers to incinerators, landfills, and other waste disposal facilities.)

- The top ten facilities releasing reproductive toxins account for nearly half of reported Oregon emissions and transfers, or 2.75 million pounds.

These facilities are: Aqua Glass Works (Klamath Falls), Gunderson Inc. (Northwest Portland), 3M (White City), Rexham Graphics (North Portland), Merix Corp. (Forest Grove), Freightliner Corp. Truck Manufacturing Plant (North Portland), Evanite Fiber (Corvallis), Emark Inc. (Lebanon), and Wilamette Industries (Albany).

- 28.8 million pounds of reproductive tox-

ins were used in Oregon in 1994, according to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. This represents an increase of 1.38 million pounds over the amount reported in 1993.

"Especially disturbing is the increased prevalence of reproductive problems such as testicular and breast cancer," said Pat Kabele, Health Policy Specialist for the Oregon Nurses Association.

"Mounting scientific evidence linking reproductive health problems with reproductive toxins warrants prompt action to reduce human exposure," she said.

Physicians at Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility and MASSPIRG (Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group) conducted extensive analysis of peer-reviewed studies on reproductive impacts of toxic chemicals.

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## Free bike clinic

The Bicycle Transportation Alliance is sponsoring Legal clinics for bicyclists with Bike Lawyer Ray Thomas on the second Thursday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., September 12 at Swanson, Thomas & Coon, 621 SW Morrison Street, Suite 900, Portland. It's free. Contact Karen Frost Macey at 226-0676 to pre-register or if you have questions.

There are also a pair of fast afternoon rides with lots of climbing from 12:10 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Meet at the southwest corner of Pioneer Courthouse Square between noon and 12:10 p.m. This is free too. Contact Ray Thomas at 228-5222, or meet at the start.