

Doris' Cafe Thanksgiving
Volunteer's prepare a Thanksgiving Feast at Doris' Cafe.



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Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving

Theatre Company celebrates rebirth

Anna R. Nicholas makes her Portland debut in an original one-woman show entitled I Love Paris.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Baseball owners ratify contract

In a surprise reversal, Major League Baseball owners ratified a new collective bargaining agreement with the players. The approval ends nearly three years of often fruitless negotiations and labor unrest that failed to prevent a players' strike in 1994. The 26-4 vote in Chicago came 20 days after the owners rejected the same accord.

Simpson ends testimony

O.J. Simpson ended his testimony for the time being in his wrongful death suit after his lawyer made a surprising move by deciding not to question him. Attorney Robert Baker said Simpson would not testify again until the defense brings its case. He apologized to the jury, saying, "I changed my mind." Simpson has recently been answering questions about the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.

Rebels deny drug links

Two former Nicaraguan rebel leaders, testifying at an emotional hearing on allegations that have roiled black communities, said Tuesday they knew of no CIA complicity in drug trafficking in the United States. Former Contra leader Adolfo Calero and Eden Pastora, former leader of the so-called Southern Front in Nicaragua, testified at a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing interrupted by shouted statements, applause and jeers from spectators.

US consumer confidence steady

Consumer confidence is modest but steady at the start of the holiday shopping season, with Americans expected to spend more money on gifts this year. The private business research group Conference Board said consumer confidence held steady in November after slipping in October and predicted healthy holiday sales in the coming weeks. The average American household will spend \$450 on gifts this year. That's up from \$430 in 1995.

Trouble in Toyland

There's trouble in Toyland this holiday season. Disney's 101 Dalmatians Puppy Pal; Scream, a female action figure who uses her hair as a weapon; small plastic basketballs and animal-shaped balloons. These are some of the hazardous and violent toys waiting to be placed under the Christmas tree. They were placed on the U.S. Public Interest Research Group's annual list of hazardous toys. The group says there have been 134 toy-related deaths nationwide between 1990 and 1995. Half were caused by choking.

Drug Targets Alzheimer's

The Food and Drug Administration has given the green light to a new drug to treat Alzheimer's disease. FDA officials say the drug Aricept is not a cure for the disease, which afflicts an estimated four million Americans. But officials say the drug has been shown to ease some of the disease's symptoms. It is the second drug approved for Alzheimer's symptoms. The first was approved in 1993. Alzheimer's is a progressive disorder that robs people of their memory and cognitive abilities.

Have A Coat And A Smile



Lt. Doug Riley, Director of The Salvation Army Moore Street Community Center, 5335 N. Williams Ave., shares a warm moment with recipients of coats collected through The Salvation Army's annual "Coats for Kids" drive, the largest coat collection program in the tri-county area. The Salvation Army and 50 members of the Oregon Dry Cleaners Association teamed up to collect, clean and distribute coats donated by the public to the annual fall drive. Coats also were donated by Columbia Sportswear. Thanks to record community support, more than 2,200 coats will be distributed to help children in the tri-county area stay warm this winter. Low-income families who need coats can call The Salvation Army Family Services at 503/239-1226 for more information.



Bess Kaiser Hospital on North Greely closed its doors for in-patient care on Friday 22, 1996.

Phony charities shut down by Attorney General

Attorney General Theodore R. Kulongoski today temporarily closed down the illegal fundraising operation of a Portland couple and a California charity after obtaining a restraining order from Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Frank L. Bearde.

Named in a lawsuit filed by Kulongoski's office are Virginia and Harold Sherman, who did business in Oregon as Tomorrow's Kids, and a nonprofit corporation, First Church of Life of Huntington Beach, California, which operates as AIDS Research Association, Handicapped Youth Services, Children's Assistance Foundation and US Veterans League.

Kulongoski's Charitable Activities Section alleged that the Shermans fraudulently conducted three fundraising campaigns in Oregon from February, 1995 through October, 1996 in violation of numerous Oregon charitable solicitation laws.

"Using a myriad of false and deceptive solicitation practices, the Shermans took thou-

sands of dollars from generous Oregonians," Kulongoski said. "Not only were the donors deceived but legitimate charities were deprived of those donations."

In the first campaign, the defendants allegedly solicited money from Oregonians for the First Church of Life programs without being registered as professional fundraisers, without filing reports before and after campaigns, and without disclosing to donors that they were professional fundraisers.

The Shermans also failed to disclose the percentage of donations that was to go to the charity and misrepresented how the funds were to be used.

In 1996, the defendants raised funds on behalf of Tomorrow's Kids, convincing donors that it was a charity when in fact was their professional fundraising name. All donations collected went to the defendants and their solicitors and none to legitimate charities.

Department of Justice investigators found similar violations of law in the third cam-

campaign, which was conducted in October, 1996 allegedly for the "Cancer Research Foundation".

The investigation revealed that "Cancer Research Foundation" was not a charity but a "sub-program" of an Oklahoma religious organization called Missions Unlimited and its subsidiary, Missions Unlimited of Oregon.

"The third campaign was unconscionable," Kulongoski said. "The defendants not only used the same name as registered charities (Cancer Research Foundation of Oregon and Cancer Research Foundation of America) but they told donors the money would go to children being treated for cancer at Doernbecher Children's Hospital."

Neither the solicitors nor Missions Unlimited is affiliated with Doernbecher and the Shermans were not authorized to use the hospital's name."

The complaint seeks to permanently prohibit the Shermans from conducting charitable fundraising of any kind in Oregon and to

obtain refunds for all Oregon donors who gave money.

The lawsuit also seeks \$25,000 in civil penalties from each of the Shermans for each willful violation of the law, and attorneys fees and investigation costs. It further seeks to restrain the First Church of Life from conducting business in Oregon until all penalties, restitution and attorney fees and investigation costs are paid in full.

Consumers who donated money to any of the campaigns connected with the Shermans and their solicitations on behalf of the First Church of Life or "Cancer Research Foundation" are asked to call investigators at the Charitable Activities Section, (503) 229-5725 or the Attorney General's consumer hotline at (503) 378-4320 or (503) 229-5576 (Portland only).

Consumers and businesses wanting information concerning wise charitable giving can make a request on the consumer hotline to write Charitable Activities, 1515 S.W. 5th, Suite 410, Portland, Oregon 97201.