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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Mission finds Mars like Earth

Scientists say information transmitted from Mars by the Sojourner rover indicates that the Red Planet is surprisingly similar to the Earth in its composition. In Pasadena, Calif., scientists say Sojourner discovered that a rock dubbed "Barnacle Bill" is probably one third quartz in composition. One scientist says this suggests Mars is more similar to Earth than even the Moon. The rover's analysis also revealed that the rock's "chemical fingerprints" are identical to the 12 meteorites found on Earth that scientists believe originated on Mars billions of years ago. One of those contained evidence of possible past Martian life.

NATO invites 3 nations to join

NATO has invited former Soviet-bloc nations Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to join the Western security alliance. After the meeting of NATO leaders in Madrid, President Clinton hailed the move as a "giant stride" toward achieving a Europe that is undivided, democratic and at peace.

US mulls Cambodia pullout

As hundreds of foreigners fled the Cambodian capital Tuesday, U.S. officials began preparations for a possible evacuation of American citizens from the southeast Asian nation. Eight flights of Thai Air Force C-130s brought 800 people from Phnom Penh to Bangkok. There are an estimated 1,500 Americans in Cambodia, which has been rocked by violence following the ousting of one of the nation's two premiers.

S. Africans killers apologize

Four black South Africans who killed a white U.S. college student four years ago apologized to her parents Tuesday, but claimed they were acting out of political conviction. The four are serving 18-year prison terms for the August 1993 murder of Amy Biehl, a former Fulbright scholar, outside Cape Town.

N. Ireland train torched

The violence is escalating in Northern Ireland. Masked gunmen boarded an Irish train and set it on fire Tuesday as Britain struggled to contain the anger of Catholics over a march of militant Protestants. Sectarian violence erupted in British-ruled Northern Ireland Sunday. The train that was set ablaze Tuesday was travelling from Dublin to Belfast. Passengers were ordered off the train at gunpoint, then the gunmen torched the train. In another development, a radical Irish Republican Army splinter group threatened to attack Protestant Orange Order members if they carry out plans to parade through a Catholic area of Belfast Saturday.

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King Food Market launches defense

BY NEIL HEILPERN

Elaine Rho has been pounding the pavement of Northeast Portland for the past two weeks, looking for letters of support and petition signatures in an effort to save her liquor license at King Food Market.

The store, at the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Fremont St., N.E., has been in the middle of a lengthy storm of controversy over alleged liquor violations and neighborhood drug dealings.

Police and other city officials this Wednesday are expected to recommend to the Portland City Council that the market's liquor license not be renewed, according to Gary McGrew, regulatory manager for Portland's license bureau.

"The police and city have been targeting my store for more than a year," Rho told The Portland Observer. "Now, I've been walking around the neighborhood getting letters and signatures on a petition."

Rho told The Portland Observer she had already gathered 620 signatures on her petition as of 11 a.m. Saturday and had promises from 10 people so far for supporting letters.

The license is for sale of beer and wine for off premises consumption only.

The public hearing will be held 2 p.m. in the second floor auditorium of the Portland Building 1120 SW 5th, during a regularly scheduled city council meeting.

After hearing from city officials, Rho and neighbors, the council is expected to make a recommendation to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC).

When the council gave a favorable liquor license recommendation in 1991, it included a letter of warning because of neighbor concerns about fights at the store, the number of people congregating in the parking lot, and the death of a patron after a confrontation with an employee.

At least one northeast neighborhood association is expected to speak out against the renewal and another has expressed support for the store retaining its license, McGrew told The Portland Observer.

Although the Eliot Neighborhood Association recently voted to oppose renewal, King Neighborhood Association president Fred Stewart noted that "problems at the store are more reflective of the problems in the surrounding area than of the store itself," according to a city staff report.

The store is directly between the two Northeast neighborhoods.

Police Chief Charles A. Moose said he opposed renewal of the license, citing the store's "lack of willingness or the inability to address the problems," and accuses the store



Elaine Rho gathered several hundred signatures on petitions favoring renewal of King Food Mart's liquor license.

Photo by Neil Heilpern

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of continuing to contribute to problems in the neighborhood.

Moose cited a homicide in the parking lot, liquor law violations that include repeated sales of alcohol to minors, assaults inside the store and the lot, drug dealing in the lot and sales from behind the counter of pipes that are similar to ones used for smoking crack cocaine.

A one inch thick set of two reports the license bureau plans to submit at the hearing six pages listing 60 separate items intended

to support the bureau's argument against renewal.

Four incidents of alcohol sales to minors which resulted in warnings and fines by OLCC are on the list, all dated prior to 1997. None are listed for this year. A dozen are administrative functions, such as letters, talks with attorneys, meetings between city and store officials, and requests for the store to provide additional security on the premises.

The presence of patrons drinking or drunk

in the parking lot account for 28 items on the list. In some cases, people were listed as public drinking, but their alcoholic beverages was not purchased at King Food Mart.

The listings also include an August, 1995 gang fight and other fights in September and December; a May, 1996 shooting death during a social gathering in the parking lot; the alleged sales of so-called crack pipes; arrests of two people for allegedly selling crack in the parking lot; threats; public urination; random gunfire wounding.

Other than the four incidents of sales to juveniles, most incidents involved people not directly connected with the store. Press reports quoted police that the shooting in May, 1996, was not related to gangs or drugs, but appeared to be about a girl.

Included in the six incidents of juveniles with alcohol was a 20-year-old cited for drinking brandy from a paper bag in the store's parking lot in April, 1996, and a 15-year-old doing the same this April. The log notes the store does not sell brandy.

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Boozer to guide public transit policy

Former Jefferson High School Principal Alcena Boozer has been appointed to the Tri-Met Board of Directors by Gov. John Kitzhaber.

Boozer will represent northeast Portland and join Robert William's, representing Clackamas County on the seven-member government panel. George Passadore, was re-appointed to the board to represent north and northwest Portland.

Boozer served as principal at Jefferson from 1990 to 1997. Her career in education began as a teacher for Portland Public Schools in 1969.

She is currently on the board of directors for Oregon Health Sciences University Foundation, Legacy Emanuel Mission Effectiveness Advisory Committee, Multnomah County Commission for Children and Families, and is president of Portland High School Principals' Association.

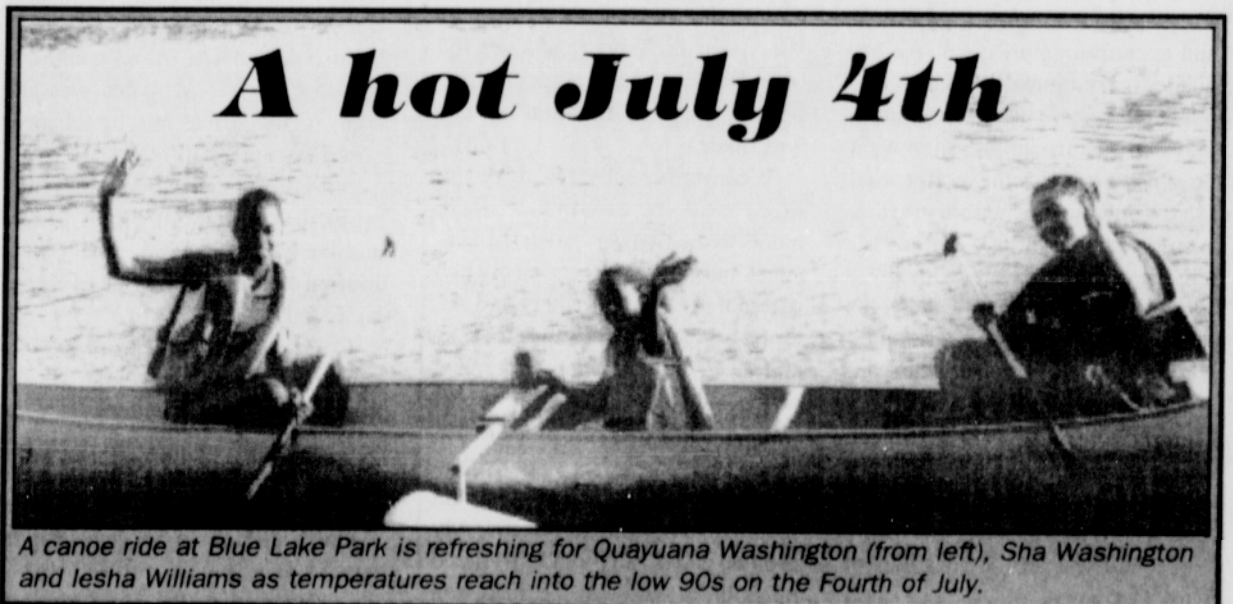
Boozer received degrees from Oregon State University, Portland State University and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Graduate Theological Union. She has completed graduate studies in counseling and educational administration.

Williams has served as a union representative for the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 since 1985. Previously, he was an assistant manager for Safeway, where he began work in 1976.

Passadore is executive vice president of the Retail banking Group for Wells Fargo Bank, Northwest Region.

The Tri-Met board is responsible for enacting policy pertaining to bus and light rail operations, contracting and hiring a general manager. Tri-Met tallies 64 million boardings a year and covers nearly 600 square miles in the Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas County area.

A hot July 4th



A canoe ride at Blue Lake Park is refreshing for Quayuana Washington (from left), Sha Washington and Iesha Williams as temperatures reach into the low 90s on the Fourth of July.

Interstate 5 bridge repair plan

Transportation officials unveiled the final Traffic Management Plan for the north bound Interstate 5 bridge repair project during a news conference Tuesday in Vancouver.

Representatives from the Oregon and Washington Departments of Transportation joined officials with the Cities of Portland and Vancouver, Clark County, Tri-Met, C-Tran, Metro and Southwest Regional Transportation Council in making the announcement. The plan is aimed at minimizing traffic disruptions on I-5 and along alternate routes during a 21-day closure of the span scheduled to begin September 16.

"This plan provides opportunities," said Don Wagner, regional manager for the Oregon Department of Trans-

portation. "Drivers will be able to take advantage of extra transit service, dedicated freeway lanes for buses and carpools, and reversible lanes on the southbound I-5 bridge."

For several weeks, representatives from government, business and the general public have held dozens of planning meetings for the bridge project. A crucial piece of the 80-year-old northbound lift span is cracked and must be replaced. Nearly 120,000 vehicles use the I-5 bridges every day.

"All of the public agencies that can do anything to make this bridge closure less severe are fully committed to the plan," said Wagner. "We are asking the private sector and public to also do their parts."