

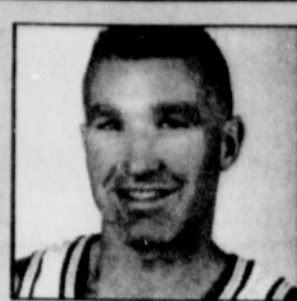
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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Unions Back UPS Strikers

The AFL-CIO offered millions of dollars today to help Teamsters wage a long strike against United Parcel Service, and the company warned of thousands of job losses as both sides dug in for the fight. The announcement that the federation of 78 unions would aid the striking Teamsters was a dramatic sign that the nine-day-old strike was taking a bitter turn. The Atlanta-based company stiffened its position, taking out ads in newspapers to tell its story. UPS also warns that Teamsters will lose jobs if the strike is not settled quickly.

Clinton Hails Welfare Progress

Clinton said the welfare caseload has fallen by 1.4 million recipients in the year since he signed a Republican-backed welfare law. The law ended the federal government's guarantee of federal aid and led to dire predictions about the future of the underprivileged. Since he took office in 1993, the number of people receiving welfare benefits fell by 24 percent, or 3.4 million recipients, which Clinton called the largest U.S. decline ever in the welfare rolls.

Bomb Defense Wants Trial Moved

The second Oklahoma City bombing trial should not be held in Denver because potential jurors in Colorado are too emotionally involved with the blast victims, defendant Terry Nichols' lawyers argued. Instead, they said in a court filing that the trial should be moved to San Francisco. The lawyers said news coverage of the Timothy McVeigh trial focused so heavily on emotional aspects of the bombing that "Denver had become a 'sister city' to Oklahoma City" by the time the proceedings were over. McVeigh was found guilty in June and sentenced to death for the 1995 bombing.

Shuttle Crew on Comet Watch

The crew of the space shuttle Discovery aimed a telescope at Comet Hale-Bopp today hoping to learn more about the formation of our solar system. Astronaut Steve Robinson, on Discovery's darkened lower deck, focused a 7-inch diameter ultraviolet telescope through a small porthole in a cabin hatch to catch a glimpse of the comet. It was the second time the astronauts had viewed Hale-Bopp since they rocketed into orbit last Thursday.

Teaching Hospitals

Teaching hospitals may be better for your health than local community hospitals. That's according to a new study. Researchers at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland found the death rate was 19 percent lower at teaching hospitals. They also found that the length of stay was generally 10 percent less. The findings are based on a review of nearly 90,000 patients in the Cleveland area who were treated at various teaching and non-teaching hospitals for stroke, heart attack, pneumonia and other conditions.

Demolition eyed for Cascade Hall



Cascade Hall serves a growing Portland Community College population, but will come down to make room for a new, larger building.

(Photo by M. Washington)

PCC gets ready for another new building, more growth

Portland Community College's Cascade Campus plans to remove the building that bears its name as it prepares the site for an eventual new building and a growing student population.

Cascade Hall was built in 1946 for the former Cascade College and now sits in the heart of the campus at 705 N. Killingsworth. "We wanted to restore the building, but the costs were prohibitive," said Mildred Ollee, executive dean.

College officials say the structure was built with cheap materials and has little historical or architectural significance.

The building is plagued with toxic asbestos and lead paint throughout; does not meet earthquake codes; has substandard ventilation and dry rot. The structure also needs new wiring, heating, cooling and handicap access.

PCC estimated a cost of \$4 million just to bring the building up to code, which would have to be done before any remodeling could begin.

"We just don't think that's a wise use of public funds. For the same expenditure, PCC could build a new and far more functional building," Ollee said.

"Still, it will be missed by the college and the community, Ollee acknowledged, "and we will just have to work on designing a replacement building that's even more community-friendly and provides more resources."

The north Portland college is planning for new programs and expanded services and capacity in the future, according to Ollee.

"Cascade campus is serving the community well now, but we plan to do a lot more in the future. In fact, we believe we can serve twice as many students in the not too distant future if we plan carefully," Ollee said.

"The changes at Cascade these past two years have been dramatic. The campus looks more like a college now, and we are able to give much better services to our students," Ollee added.

"Our new library building is more than double the size of the library we had before and the new student services building provides a central place for students to go for support services," she said.

College officials say the work to tear down Cascade Hall could begin as early as this summer or early fall.

Groundwork laid for political movement

Portland activists are involved in the launch of the New Party, a progressive political party building support across the U.S. Tammy Johnson, organizer with the New Party affiliate in Milwaukee, Wisc. has been assisting the local effort in a visit to Portland. She has met with local community groups such as the Rainbow Coalition.

Local members of a New Party exploratory committee include Portland School Board Member Joseph Tam, Maceo Pettis of the Coalition of Black Men, Ben Priestly of the Black United Front, Gloria Gonzales of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and James Posey of the Association of Minority Contractors.

"We see ourselves as a different kind of political party, that runs on people power, not corporate money," Tam said.

By starting small and thinking long-term, New Party leaders are building a multi-racial, lively and creative political organization. They expect, over time, to break the stranglehold that corporate wealth and corporate media have over the political process.

The New Party runs issues as well as candidate campaigns. It works inside as well as outside the Democratic Party.



New Party organizer Tammy Johnson (left) and Jamie Partridge of the Portland Rainbow Coalition discuss the launch of a progressive new political party.

Portland men feared drowned

James Riley and Joe Banks missing after boat capsizes

The Multnomah County River Patrol was continuing to search the Willamette River near Terminal 4 Tuesday for two men missing after the boat in which they were riding capsized Monday.

The missing men are James E. Riley, 28, of southeast Portland and Joe A. Banks, 44, of Troutdale. John Lee, 53, of northeast Portland survived, and was pulled from the water by a passing boater, Tom Laugle of Oregon City.

The search for the two men continues by dragging and using an underwater video camera.

According to Lee, the boat, a 12 foot aluminum craft owned by Banks, began to take on water due to waves created by a passing barge and pleasure boats. Their efforts to bail out the water were not successful, the boat swamped and capsized.

Lee was able to hold on to Riley for a short time, but was being pulled under and was unable to hang on. Banks attempted to swim to shore.

After being pulled out by Laugle, Lee and Laugle tried to make it to one of the men, who was struggling, but were unable to reach him before he went under.

Laugle said he had to make a quick decision on who to try to rescue first. He first went to help the man struggled in the water, extending an oar to him.

"I was just three feet away," he said. "I was screaming at him to stay up one more time." Lee was barely hanging on to the boat's hull was also screaming for the man to keep his head above water. But the man's head ducked beneath the murky waters of the Willamette.

I had to make the call," Laugle said. "Get him or the one I know I can save. He turned his attention to Lee who was hanging onto the capsized boat's hull.

He was too exhausted to climb into Laugle's boat, so Laugle tied him to his craft. At that point, someone on another boat had arrived called 9-1-1 and another person donned a life vest and jump into the water and completed the rescue.

Rescue officials could not confirm whether the tug's wage caused to boat to capsize but are investigating.



A team of professional builders set a record as they construct a two-story townhouse on Northeast Cleveland Avenue in just one day.

(Photo by M. Washington)

Habitat townhouse built in a day

A team of 50 professional builders did their part to combat costly housing by building an affordable townhouse in northeast Portland in a single day last week.

Home Builders Association volunteers, in a stunning blitz of construction, built the

townhouse from floor to roof, completing framing, roofing and window and door installation on the site at 4831 N.E. Cleveland Avenue.

Portland Habitat invited the public to support the hard work of these skilled volunteers by witnessing this astounding event.

"To my knowledge," said Home Builders Association member Terry Voss of Voss Framing, Inc. "No one has ever put up two two-story attached townhomes in one day."

The blitz-build marks the second partnership between Portland Habitat and the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland.

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