

**Fall passage celebrated!**

Let the party begin as the Chinook make their way upstream at Oxbow Park.



See Metro, inside.

**Helping even the playing field for kids**

Mothers Against Gang Violence make call for action.



See Metro, inside

**'Standard Procedure' goes public**

Portland's talented Pamela Jordan releases new and first album.



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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Clinton uses line veto**

President Clinton is using his line-item veto power to lop off nearly \$300 million from a military construction bill. The military construction bill traditionally is plumped up with pork barrel projects, and a White House spokesman says Clinton will strike 38 projects worth \$287 million. A Clinton spokesman classifies the projects as "unnecessary spending."

**Don't ask policy upheld**

The Supreme Court has rejected a legal challenge to President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy that allows the military to discharge homosexuals. It's the third time in the past year the court has refused to get involved in the legal battles over the policy. In another ruling affecting Clinton, the court denied an appeal by a conservative group seeking access to his videotaped testimony at the trial of his Whitewater business partners.

**Nobel winner in medicine**

It took awhile for Stanley Prusiner's work to be recognized, but he got the ultimate recognition Monday when he was named winner of the Nobel Prize in medicine. The biochemist from the University of California-San Francisco discovered a cellular protein that can cause fatal brain diseases. His work is key to understand Alzheimer's and mad cow disease.

**Espionage charged**

U.S. Justice Department sources say the FBI has arrested three people, including a lawyer who used to work at the Pentagon, on espionage charges. The sources say the three, who were arrested over the weekend, allegedly tried to sell U.S. classified documents to East Germany, the Soviet Union and South Africa since the 1970s.

**Israel retrieves agents**

Two suspected Israeli agents arrested in Jordan in the attempted murder of a leader of the Muslim militant movement Hamas reportedly were freed today and returned to the Jewish state. Israel Radio says they returned shortly after Sheik Ahmed Yassin, founder and spiritual leader of Hamas, flew home five days after his release by Israel from a life prison sentence.

**Mir docking delayed**

Ground control says the docking of the Mir space station and a new cargo craft is likely to be delayed because the space tug occupying Mir's docking unit failed to uncouple as planned. Deputy Flight Director Viktor Blagov told a briefing near Moscow that experts have decided to stop further attempts to undock the Progress M-35 tug until they work out why the initial attempt earlier today failed.

**War crimes suspects surrender**

One of the more wanted war crimes suspects from the former Yugoslavia has surrendered. Dario Kordic was among 10 Bosnian Croats, who flew to the Netherlands today and were taken into custody by the war crimes tribunal. Kordic and a Bosnian Croat general who surrendered last year are charged with leading a campaign of persecution against Muslims in Bosnia in 1993.

## Toran to visit Romania

Oregon official to assess child welfare in poverty state

Oregon's top child welfare official is headed for Romania in early October to advise the former Communist country on its child welfare system.

Kay Toran, Director of the State Office for Services to Children and Families (SCF), is part of a United States delegation invited to assess Romania's current system and consult on child welfare issues. The trip is sponsored by the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS).

"Seven years ago, many Americans were moved by the pictures of Romania's orphaned and abandoned children," said Toran. "Now we have a wonderful, unprecedented opportunity to help the country rebuild and

strengthen its child care systems. I can think of few things more rewarding."

The plight of thousands of Romanian children made headlines when the regime of Nicolae Ceausescu was toppled in 1989.

Ceausescu had abolished all social work and child welfare systems. Americans responded by adopting nearly 2,300 Romanian children during 1991. Romania is now a republic under President Ion Iliescu.

Iliescu's government has asked for help in rebuilding its supports for troubled families with children.

"Oregon is recognized in this country as a family-friendly, child-centered agency," noted Toran. But she also expects to bring home some new ideas. "This is a 2-way street. We will learn by watching Romania



Kay Toran, director of Oregon Services to Children and Families

examine their laws, their funding and put a workable system together from scratch. I've been impressed that they plan to involve families in the process of finding the best home for their children."

Oregon's SCF has gained national attention for such innovations as family decision-making meetings, strengths/needs-based system of care, and its second-place ranking for moving foster children into permanent adoptive homes.

Toran is one of only two state child welfare directors chosen for the trip. The other is from Delaware, along with two members of federal Administration on Children, Youth and Families. They will join other experts from the U.S. Office of Assistance to International Development.



### Seeking skilled workers

Sharon Washington Clark of Providence Health Systems represents one of many Portland-based employers looking for a qualified and diverse workforce at the job and career fair at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus in north Portland. See additional photos, Minority Enterprise Development section, inside. Photo by M. Washington

### A salute to minority and women-owned enterprises



Sam Brooks and Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs reach maturity - See Minority Enterprise Development section, inside.

### BIERWIRTH'S DEPARTURE UNFORTUNATE, NOT SURPRISING

State Rep. Anitra Rasmussen, D-Portland, calls the departure of Portland School Superintendent Jack Bierwirth as unfortunate but not altogether surprising given the current political climate.

"It is a wonder that more educators do not leave our state. The Legislature holds the purse strings and that Legis-

lature funding is not a Portland problem. It is a statewide problem in need of statewide solutions."

"The problems remain for those of us who have been struggling for years to find solutions that work for all of Oregon," Rasmussen said. "This session, with our unusually robust economy, we had the opportunity to

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lature is dominated by people who care more about refunding taxes to out-of-state corporations and bashing on teachers than they do about the education of Oregon's children," Rasmussen said. "We are in a dangerous position if our best educators start leaving at the same time that we disinvest in our educational system," Rasmussen said.

"Jack deserves a lot of credit for reaching out to the rest of the state," Rasmussen said. "He knew that educa-

invest in our children's education. But despite the best efforts of myself and other education advocates, the Republican leadership refused to reverse the trend of growing class sizes and shrinking educational opportunity."

"Those of us who have fought for education in the Legislature side-by-side with Jack will miss him," Rasmussen said. "But we are firmly committed to continue the fight for our children's future."