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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Jordan Stands by Clinton

Washington lawyer Vernon Jordan said Tuesday he testified "truthfully and completely" before a grand jury investigating the White House sex scandal, and he reaffirmed his friendship with President Clinton. Jordan, the first central figure in the scandal to be summoned to testify by prosecutor Kenneth Starr's office, said he would return for more questioning Thursday, when the grand jury next meets. Starr's grand jury is investigating allegations that Clinton had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and, in concert with Jordan, tried to cover it up by encouraging the young woman to lie under oath. Clinton and Jordan both have vehemently denied the allegations.

Microsoft Monopoly

Microsoft chief executive Bill Gates Tuesday defiantly defended his company as an innovator not a monopolist predator. In testimony before a Senate committee, Gates sparred with lawmakers and his competitors. The richest man in America said his company had no intention of turning the World Wide Web into a Microsoft toll road, and he called it "preposterous" to think one company could control access to the vast Internet. But rival Jim Barksdale, CEO of Netscape, accused Gates of trying to drive his Internet browser company out of business. Gates dodged questions about whether Microsoft has a monopoly in the computer operating system business.

Clinton Warns Iraq

President Clinton sent Iraq a blunt warning Tuesday that it faces military action if it fails to give U.N. arms inspectors unrestricted access to suspected weapons sites. Clinton made the threat as he praised a U.N. Security Council resolution passed unanimously yesterday warning Iraq of the "severest consequences" if it fails to live up to a U.N.-brokered agreement on the inspections. Clinton avoided any explicit reference to armed strikes, but said the Security Council resolution provides "authority to act" if Iraq does not keep its word.

Troops to Get Anthrax Vaccine

The U.S. military will begin vaccinating all of the more than 35,000 American troops in the Gulf this month against the deadly anthrax biological agent, Defense Secretary William Cohen announced Tuesday. A senior Western officer said several thousand British and Canadian troops in the region also will be vaccinated. Cohen said he had decided to begin the mass inoculations at the request of Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, commander of U.S. forces in the Gulf. The United States says Iraq has developed anthrax into a lethal weapon.

McKinney Denies Sex Charges

Sergeant Major Gene McKinney, once the U.S. Army's top enlisted man, testified in his own defense for the first time Tuesday and denied any sexual misconduct or obstruction of justice. McKinney, a black 29-year army veteran, has contended that the prosecution is racially biased. Five of his six female accusers are white and the other is of mixed race. "No, sir, I committed none of those offenses," McKinney said when his attorney asked him about the allegations.

Crowd Tours New McCoy Village Apartments



Photo By Neil Heilpern Pictured above Raleigh Lewis and Paul McCoy

The crowd at Saturday's opening festivities for the McCoy Village Apartments oohed and awed as if it were the birth of a new baby in the neighborhood.

After touring one of the apartments with some friends, visitor Brenda Curry stepped out onto the second floor walkway, peered over the open courtyard below and called it "a fabulous place".

The \$6 million, 55 apartment complex for low-income renters sits on two city blocks along Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, between Prescott and Skidmore streets.

The first floor is proposed for commercial space, with the second through fourth floors containing one, two, three and four bedroom apartments for families earning 50 percent or less of Portland's median income.

The apartment complex also includes a community room, a computer/learning center and a human services advocate who will help residents with human services and economic needs based on individual plans and goals.

At a time when apartment complexes usually get a bad rap because of drugs and gang activity, most visitors and speakers at the reception applauded the vitality which the McCoy Apartments are expected to give Northeast Portland.



Raleigh Lewis, Affirmative Action Director for the governor's office (upper left) and Paul McCoy, candidate for County Commissioner, talk at the new McCoy Village Apartments on MLK Blvd. Photo by M. Washington

"Remember when this was car lot alley for 20 years," said Jess McKinley, board chairman of the Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC), which co-developed the project with California based O.N.E. Company (Opportunities for Neighborhood Empowerment) and others. For years the land was empty and weed-infested.

"This is one of several new projects along MLK to bring back the community," said McKinley. "Northeast Portland is alive and thriving."

Neighbors Tracy and Chris Robertson looked over one of the courtyards, filled with rock-lined areas of reddish-brown bark dust that felt like rosy cheeks. The open space provided the image of numerous buildings joined together, rather than one big block. To their right was the fence which separated the apartments from the Robertson's single-family home.

Calling it "very nice," Tracy told The Portland Observer she was happy the apartments would be available for "people trying

to have a good quality of life".

"As long as it is kept up and maintained," said her husband, "it will help the community and MLK Blvd. come up".

The apartments are named for long-time Northeast Portland advocates, the late State Senator Bill McCoy and wife Gladys, who served as Multnomah County Chair. The day was also the couple's wedding anniversary and Mrs. McCoy's birthday. Several of their children and other relatives were on

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Mutant Tomatoes From Corvallis Invade Jefferson High School

Really. That's not a tabloid headline. Terri Lomax, a plant pathologist from Oregon State University, will help launch a new Science Connection by bringing her mutant tomatoes to Karen Kelly's high school biology class (D-35).

The Science Connection will link Portland science teachers and their students with Oregon State University researchers and the undergraduate and graduate students in their labs.

Each high school program in the Portland Schools will be part of a pilot project this school year. We hope to expand it next year.

30 OSU researchers have already signed up. OSU students will get internship credit for their efforts.

Oregon State hired Liette Powell, a recent graduate in biology and international studies, to coordinate the connections.

The learning is not one way from Corvallis to Portland. Not only will OSU professors find out what is really going on in the high school classroom, at least one



OSU partners with Jefferson High School to create a science connection. Photo by M. Washington

Portland teacher will be lecturing in Corvallis. Cleveland High School's Dick Pugh is scheduled to bring his expertise in the study of meteors to classes on possible life in outer space.

The basic concept: make science real for students of all ages. Mutual curiosity about science brings the teachers and the researchers together. The key is tapping into that same curiosity in the students.

EVENT SCHEDULED TO HONOR WORK AND SUCCESS OF SHAC

Community Leaders and public officials will gather from 2:00 until 4:00 pm on Friday, March 6, 1998 to honor the work and success of the Singles Housing Assessment Center (SHAC), a facility designed to assist home-

less single people which will close Monday, March 16, 1998. Multnomah County Chair Beverly Stein, Portland City Commissioner Gretchen Miller Kafoury, Community and Family Services Director Lorenzo T. Poe Jr., Housing and Community Development

Director Steve Rudman, SHAC Advisory Committee Chair Bruce Allen, Sergeant David Pool, and former SHAC guests are among those scheduled to speak at 2:30. The SHAC is located at 1212 N.W. 9th Street in Portland, Oregon.

UNITED AIRLINES BRINGS THE WORLD OF WORK TO 3,000 STUDENTS WORLDWIDE

Wednesday, thousands of students from across the country and around the world spent the day working alongside United Airlines employees as part of a United's third annual sponsorship of *Take Your Community To Work Day*. to maximize the value of this program, United will give participating students (in select cities where United has a large employee base) a "Ticket to the Future." This ticket will guarantee the students a job interview with United, providing they complete high school and meet all eligibility requirements.

"Many children may find it difficult to explore career opportunities because of their home situation, poverty or lack of educational opportunity," said John Edwardson, United Airlines president and chief operating officer. "These students would not ordinarily have access to United Airlines or other corporate settings. *Take Your Community To Work Day* is important to our employees because it enables them to share their talents and expertise with the students in their communities who need it most. The program is a prime example of the positive impact that public-private partnerships can have on communities throughout the United States."

Take Your Community To Work Day is a global mentoring program that offers young people from under-resourced environments first-hand exposure to the world of work. Students will assist United employees with activities such as serving passengers at ticket counters and gate areas, sorting baggage and even servicing aircraft.