

Get Your Kids Ready For "The Lion King"

The Academy Award winning animated feature to air on ABC Sunday, May 10th. See Entertainment, page B3.



\$3.5 million for Portland State University
PSU will begin construction of its \$33.3 million Urban Center project this summer.



See Metro, inside.

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

REGIONAL/LOCAL

The North and South Light Rail Board is still looking for a business partner in Clark County.

Rancho Rajneesh, owned by Montana Billionaire, Dennis Washington, given to Young Life Ministries to develop into Youth Camp.

Mayor Vera Katz is proposing \$7.4 million more for Portland's public schools and housing.

Fred Meyer loses it's second round in Appeals Court for arresting a ballot measure petitioner seeking signatures on the property.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

Groundbreaking Ceremony for \$7.5 Million Library and Museum

The state of Alabama and Troy State University of Montgomery is preparing to celebrate Mrs. Rosa Parks' legacy, Mother of the Civil Rights Movement, with a \$7.5 million project composed of a library and museum. The structure is to consist of a 40,000 square foot library inclusive of a 7,000 square foot museum that will display Parks' story and others in the Civil Rights struggle. The facility will be built on the site where Mrs. Parks was arrested in 1955 which sparked the Civil Rights movement and launched Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. into national prominence.

Friend Says McCartney Died in Ariz.

It was McCartney's quest for private time to grieve that led him to allow a "tiny untruth" to flourish about where she succumbed to cancer, said a close friend in London. Carla Lane said that Linda McCartney wanted to spend her final days in the couple's tin-roofed, sand-colored stucco home near Tucson. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department said it would investigate why no death certificate was filed.

Debate Continues After Ray Death

For more than a year, James Earl Ray fought the government, popular opinion and his own failing body for a chance to prove he didn't kill the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Ray, 70, died of kidney failure and complications of liver disease that had repeatedly sent him to prison hospitals over the past 16 months.

Early Humans May Have Had Speech

The nerves that allows the tongue to make the sounds of speech may have developed in primitive, human-like species some 300,000 years ago, long before the evolution of modern humans, researchers say. In a study being published today in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers at Duke University report that the skulls of Neanderthals and of some other primitive higher primates show they may have had the nerve complex needed to control the subtle and varied movement of the tongue required for speech.

Blacks, Jews Relations Better

Blacks and Jews believe the relationship between their respective communities has improved in the past year, according to a national poll. The poll, being presented today at the second annual Conference on Black/Jewish relations at Yeshiva University, also said a majority of blacks and Jews believe they should form a partnership to work on civil rights issues.

People With Outstanding Warrants Get Hassle-Free Service

By NEIL HEILPERN

People who have outstanding warrants for various offenses in Portland have been given a way to come forward without the expectation of arrest or a big hassle -- the west coast's first special "community court" and its new program, legal services day.

Community court coordinator Robyn Gregory called the concept "a cutting edge idea," in which people who want to plead guilty to violations on a specific list would be assigned eight hours of community service to wipe their slate clean.

"If they complete the community service, the charge is dismissed," she said, "if it is their first time through."

The offenses covered in the new court include gambling, graffiti, prostitution and soliciting prostitution, misdemeanor theft, criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, forgery II, fraudulent use of a credit card and others.

Prostitution offenses are handled differently from the rest, said Gregory, "because we need to keep them out of the prostitution free zones and on the record for one year." Traffic cases are not included.

The community court concept started in Manhattan, New York, in 1993. The first Portland session was held March 4 and operates the first and third Wednesday, 10 a.m. until approximately 3 p.m., depending on length of the docket.

Legal services day, when people come forward to learn about the process, their options and talk with free defense counsel is held every Tuesday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the King Facility, 4815 NE 7th.

People who also need information and referrals about child support enforcement, substance abuse treatment and evaluation, HI screening and counseling and mental health evaluation can attend a social services day program 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., the first and third Thursdays.

"What they can expect when they



Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary.

(Photo by M. Washington)

walk in to legal services day," said Gregory, "is that the only person that will be on site is the public defender."

"People from the district attorney's office will be on call in case anybody has questions or wants to talk," she added. "This ensures

confidentiality and there won't be any arrests stemming from their visit to legal services day."

Funding for this program came through a "Weed and Seed" federal grant "to weed out the bad and seed good

things and revitalize neighborhoods and rebuild communities," said Gregory.

(For more information call Gregory at 248-3337, or Public defender Paul Newton at 225-9100, or District Attorney Jim Hayden at 823-5787.

Picabo Street Wows Girls At Nike Daughters' Event



The girls attending Nike's "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" last week, swarmed around Olympic skier Picabo Street and bombarded her with questions. Photo by Neil Heilpern

By NEIL HEILPERN

The crowd of girls visiting Nike's Beaverton facilities last week for "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" jumped to their feet and cheered wildly when Olympic skiing champion Picabo Street hobbled into the gymnasium on her crutches.

She was a part of a jam-packed day that offered the youngsters opportunities to see the work

place, participate in a number of sports and hear inspirational messages.

Although she has a long list of victories in the Olympics, the World Cup and U.S. Championships, some injuries along the way have caused Street to change her plans.

"Always have a variety of plans," she urged the girls, "because stuff changes and you need to adjust."

She also stressed the need to have dedication

and a sense of organization. "I make little check lists so that I am doing what I meant to do and know what I still need to do," she said.

One youngster, recalling Street crashing into a snow fence and breaking her leg, asked if she would be in the 2002 Olympics. Street replied, "I honestly don't think I would pass up the chance to race in the Olympics." The 620 girls cheered.

Another asked, "how do you keep yourself so

positive when something like that happens?" Street said it was important to "let people in and help you feel better when you just want to be sad or cry. I'm a strong person, but I can't do it myself."

"Remember that the real smiley, happy you is inside and it will show up again."

She urged would-be competitors to experience a broad field of sporting events before focusing on a particular area. "Then, be as dedicated as possible and listen to your coaches."

Nike marketing researcher Mary Slayton encouraged the girls to celebrate their unique characteristics and abilities and not fall into the trap of believing that girls can only accomplish certain limited experiences.

When she was in grade school, Slayton said, she figured that "God gave everybody at least 10 good points" and it was up to each person to figure what their 10 points were.

She noted the need to be flexible and told how she realized she hated law school, left and entered the world of business. Even there, she learned to conform to expectations so much that she could hardly recognize herself anymore.

"I was a real good rule follower, but the real me wasn't showing up to work," she noted. "At 35, I realized I wanted to be me and that I stink at being this other person."

Realizing her love of kids, sports and dogs, she decided to "do only what I enjoy," and wound up at Nike where she tells kids about sports and she can wear either a suit or jeans. "After work, I go home and wrestle with my dogs."

"Your job is to discover your 10 points and show the world," said Slayton. "God wouldn't have made you the way you are if He/She didn't have an intention for you."

A troupe of hip-hop dancers from the group Posture entertained the crowd.