

Summer's Almost Here!

Children swarmed trying to cool off from this summer like weather, at the Rose Quarter Fountain.



See Metro, inside.

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Gun Violence

A sixteen member youth gun task force is being organized by Mayor Vera Katz. The organized group will include federal, state and city law enforcement officers which will trace guns used by juveniles, target repeat offenders and blanket hotbeds of crime.

Dance Program

The Portland School Board has instructed district staff to help find \$175,000 needed to rescue Jefferson High School's dance program. The board made those decisions after a contentious 4 1/2 hour meeting at the school.

Counting Method

President Clinton is proposing a more accurate method for counting the population. The President and other authorities have determined that the 1990 Census missed whole segments of the population, largely members of minority groups, thereby throwing off decisions by government and business on everything from health care to advertising.

Health Care Costs

Health Care Costs are expected to rise double-digit next year due to events such as costly mergers, pricey lifestyle drugs and an aging population. It means more restrictive health plans that offer fewer choices. Health costs will rise the most by 12 to 15 percent in traditional plans that let the patient choose the doctor.

Sprint's Vision

Sprint Corporation unveiled what it calls a revolutionary \$2 billion upgrade to its phone network. It will be called the Integrated on Demand Network. By late 1999, the upgrade will let businesses and consumers conduct multiple phone calls, receive faxes, run new advanced applications and use the Internet at speeds up to 100 times faster than today's conventional modems.

Suicide Law

U.S. Attorney Janet Reno announced that federal law does not prohibit physician-assisted suicide in Oregon - ending seven months of legal limbo for terminally ill patients and their doctors. Reno also stated that the federal Controlled Substances Act does not forbid doctors from prescribing lethal doses of medicine.

Neutrinos

An international team of physicists has found the first firm evidence that subatomic particles called neutrinos have mass. This discovery could provide clues to the origin and future of the universe. The finding could revise theories about the basic nature of the cosmos and the structure of matter.

Computer Literacy

President Clinton challenged states to make computer literacy a requirement for entering high school. He pledged to provide \$180 million over three years to train middle-school teachers in state

Concordia University prospers, grows with N.E. Neighborhood

By LEE PERLMAN

Concordia University is alive, well and growing with the times in northeast Portland, and it will soon have three new on-campus residences to prove it.

By mid-August, the Lutheran Church-affiliated school located at 2811 N.E. Holman St. will be ready to dedicate the new facilities. East Hall, at Northeast 29th Avenue and Holman Street, will have three buildings and offer a variety of housing options from single rooms to triple rooms to independent apartments. "With decreasing family size, many of our students are used to having their own rooms," John Dillin, assistant vice president for development of the Concordia Foundation says. "We have to play to the market."

That has been a theme of the school's development over the last 20 years. Nearly half of its 1,000 member student body now comes from other Pacific Northwest

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states. To accommodate them, East Hall will boost on-campus housing from a current 205 to 450 beds.

The school has come a long way in the last 20 years. In the mid-1970s it was a two-year junior college offering 50 majors to 300 students and, Dillin admits, "trying to figure out if we could go on." Assuming it could, it had what was then considered the ideal place to do it - a tract of land in the suburbs donated to the church and offering three times the expansion opportunities as the school's existing 13-acre campus, without the attendant zoning restrictions. Instead, the school sold the land to finance its modernization.

In 1977 it became a four-year university. Beginning in 1983, with the presidency of Charles Schlimpert, it began its modernization by, ironically, cutting more than half its majors - recognizing, as Dillin says, that it "couldn't be all things to all people." It was reorganized into five semi-autonomous programs: arts and science, business, education, health and social studies, and theological studies. Its education program is now one of the stron-



gest in Oregon, and it offers continuing education programs for working adults. Its arts and science program offers courses in Environmental Remediation and Hazardous Materials Management.

"Our theme has been listen to the community, find out what its needs are, try to fill them," Dillin says. Concordia recently offered a continuing education course for Freightliner Corporation that was held at the company's Swan Island facilities. It has a working partnership with nine other Concordia Universities in other parts of the country that allows transfers of student credits and national broadcast and electronic interaction for lectures and seminars.

Through it all, the school has tried to be a good neighbor to those closest to it. One

of its faculty, Dr. Arthur Wahlers, was the first president of the Concordia Neighborhood Association when the latter was organized in the mid-1970s, and at times the university has provided meeting space to the group. Its security services help make the immediate area, as well as the campus, safer, and neighbors expressed strong appreciation for this in a recent survey.

Concordia has also consciously tried to lessen the two most common impacts of an institution on its neighbors: traffic and parking. It has added parking facilities. Moreover, Dillin points out, for those living on campus, "Everything they need is within walking distance - there's no need to drive except for weekend excursions." The new McMenamin's Kennedy School pub/restaurant three blocks away puts a social re-

source close at hand, he points out. Partially for these reasons, less than half of resident students own cars, he says.

So far Concordia has expanded within its existing campus, adding 50,000 square feet of space to Luther Hall five years ago. However, its master plan does include residential properties that it doesn't own to the west and north. Dillin says expansion here will come through "charitable giving" and "waiting for properties to come on the market." He adds, "Most of our neighbors have worked with us and are aware of our plans."

Outgoing Concordia Association president Pat Messinger says that as a neighbor he rates the school as "good to excellent. They've been very responsive to our concerns."

Is Portland's Water Supply In Trouble? Conclusion

By PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

Water, water, everywhere, but not a drop to drink" was often the plaintive cry of concerned seamen in the days of sail.

And so cried Captain Ahab's becalmed and thirsty crew, thwarted in their search for "Moby Dick."

It appears that those busy with proactive activities to ensure a safe, quality water supply for our region may also have found themselves becalmed - in a sea of controversy as their announced options excite fear and apprehension in many minds. Suggesting the Willamette River as a primary source of drinking water is as about a frightening circumstance as that pictured for Captain Ahab and his crew, "like a painted ship upon a painted sea" ("Moby Dick"; Henry Melville).

My comment on the telemarketing of numerous devices for washing trash, oil, paints, etc. into storm drains elicited numerous accounts of equally dangerous pollution by governmental agencies. A reader protests, "how in the world can we even begin to design a comprehensive enough organization to properly police every com-

ponent of the system."

The caller said, "I thought about it, but all I came up with was another giant bureaucracy - and we already have the E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency). Then, there's the Clean Rivers Act." This chemist was concerned with the Port of Portland's "attitude" toward runoff of the chemical used to deice planes and, again, was concerned about an "offhand dismissal" of a complaint to city officials.

His complaint was about the chemical, metam sodium, a very potent herbicide used to kill roots in the city's sewers. This 'soil disinfectant' is also used to kill potato fungi and is approved by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. "Tree root control prevents the opening up of sewer joints and raw sewage entering homes."

A number of citizens are really upset over the lack of supervision exercised by Willamette Basin governmental agencies over the recreational vehicle waste dumped into rest-stop holding tanks. Readers report line-ups of scores of recreational vehicles waiting to dump their toilet tanks, the final destination of this mess being the Willamette River

- treated or not.

The problem is that RV toilet tanks are treated with a chemical solution containing formaldehyde to keep down the smell. When the roadside holding tanks are dumped into the sewer treatment plants of the smaller municipalities, the formaldehyde kills the digesters in the treatment plant. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to determine that dangerous amounts of contaminated water flows in to the Willamette from all over the basin. Do you swim in this bacteria potpourri?

Now, if you aren't aware of this organization, let me introduce "CIIBRI" (Citizens In Bull Run, Inc.). It was during my membership on Portland's "Water Quality Advisory Committee that I first became aware of this group's long-term advocacy for a relatively pure source of our drinking water e.g. "Bull Run." Beginning with my very first meeting in full, 1990. I was thoroughly impressed with the time, dedication and the research contributed by this unpaid group of committed citizens.

It is a very, very small organization but it gets big things done -- important and successful interactions with government,

industry and public which, more often than not, received little or no media attention. But, believe me, the level of purity of our drinking water supply may in large part be attributed to the vigilance and intercessions of this citizens group. So often officials and politicians take credit.

They have taken on the Water Bureau itself, the U.S. Forest Service, the E.P.A., the farmers and ranchers, the loggers, etc. Surprising to many, "CIIBRI" has included the electronic chip industry in its listings of heavy, clean water users (their 'clean rooms' require millions of gallons of extra clean water, which, then, is not available for drinking).

Corvallis and Adair Village are the only towns, in Oregon that currently draw their drinking water from Willamette. Obviously, "CIIBRI" would keep it that way. Why not get on the mailing list for their newsletter. P. O. Box 3426, Gresham, OR 97030. Also, remember those "Water Quality Advisory Committee meetings the first Tuesday, each month @ 5:30 :Portland Bldg.