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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Facing Congressional Panel

President Clinton is requesting to go before the House Judiciary Committee with his case to prevent impeachment proceedings and shut down Kenneth Starr's investigation. Senate Majority leader, Trent Lott of Mississippi urged Clinton to do so. Democrats are discussing a plea bargain with a fine while Republicans want a formal inquiry of impeachment within the next two weeks.

Olympic Sprinter

Florence Griffith Joyner, the 38-year old Olympic sprinter died of unknown causes in her home in Mission Viejo, California. Joyner suffered a heart seizure two years ago on a plane flight to St. Louis. She was known for her speed by breaking world records, beauty and fashion flair with eye-catching body suits.

Hurricane George

Hurricane George is headed for the Florida Keys. It had hit densely populated areas of the Dominican Republic after causing widespread devastation in Puerto Rico which left hundreds of thousands without water or electricity. Powerful winds clocked at 120 mph have forced its residents into shelters. President Clinton declared Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands disaster areas.

Global Airline Alliance

A global alliance of five top international airlines joined forces to share in the passenger flight market that's worth \$300 billion a year. The companies involved are British Airways Plc, American Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Canadian Airlines and Qantas. Their main competition is Star Alliance which is a conglomeration of other airlines. The five members plus franchise and partner airlines will serve 632 destinations in 138 countries.

Nike Earnings Drop

Nike Inc.'s earnings have sharply declined by 35 percent and global sales dropping more than 9 percent. This has forced Nike to consider massive layoffs of permanent and temporary employees planned for next spring. Nike's production in Asia is slowing due to the economic crisis there. The company is also scaling back in building more outlet stores.

Tektronix

Due to a decline in quarterly earnings, Tektronix will be laying off 860 workers and restructure its company. Their plans are to close some plants, spin off one business unit to its managers, clamp down on unnecessary spending and take a charge against future earnings. Other Oregon technology companies are also facing economic challenges related to Asia's economic crisis.

Minimum Wage Hike

A proposal to raise the minimum wage by \$1 an hour was defeated by the Senate. If passed, it would have raised the minimum wage for 12 million Americans by \$6.15 on January 1, 2000. The argument by opponents explained that the minimum wage hike could hurt small businesses and cause unemployment.

Planning For A Cleaner Willamette River

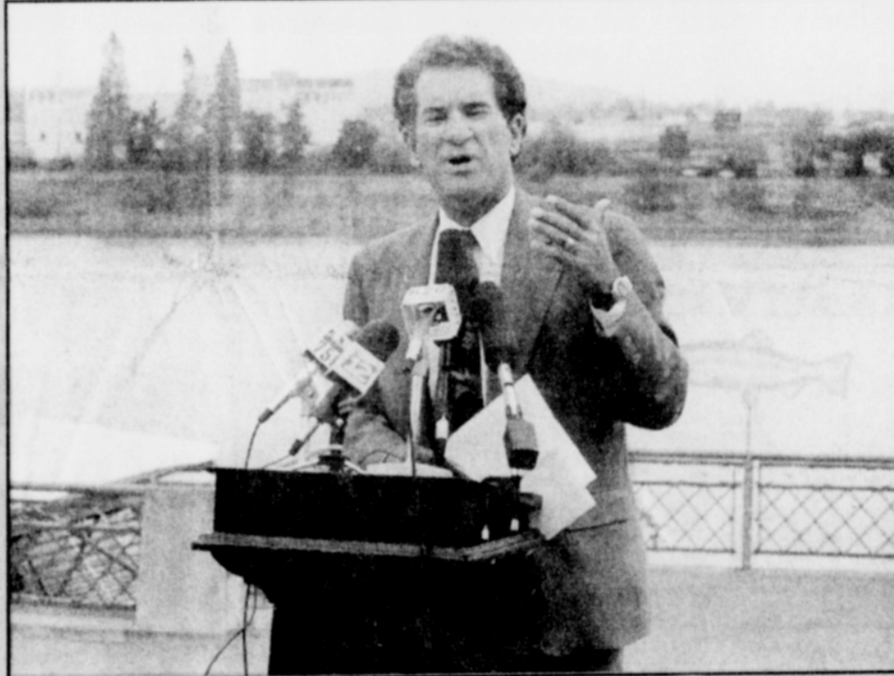
The Portland Bureau of Parks and Environmental Services have teamed up on efforts to increase public access to the Willamette River and improve water quality. City Commissioners Jim Francesconi and Erik Sten announced details of their six-point plan today in a noon hour ceremony in Waterfront Park.

The plan brings together six initiatives to increase access to the Willamette, improve the river's health, and to "connect" Portlanders with their river.

- 1) Add 4.5 miles to the Greenway Trail on the east and west sides of the Willamette
- 2) Develop a plan to enhance the 27-acre Willamette Cove in North Portland, and



(left) Charles Jordan, Dir. of Parks & Recreation (Above) Erik Sten, City Commissioner of Environmental Services "Clean river works"



Jim Francesconi City Commissioner, Portland Parks & Recreation Newsletter. The Bureau of Environmental Services provides city residents with water quality protection, wastewater collection and treatment, sewer installation, and oversees solid waste collection and recycling services.

inventory the Greenway Trail within the Portland city limits

- 3) Build the Eastside Esplanade, an east bank park with floating walkways, connecting the Oregon Convention Center with OMSI
- 4) Develop an integrated watershed approach to protect steelhead, control combined sewer overflows and improve water quality in the Willamette and its tributaries
- 5) Restore river banks along the Willamette Greenway
- 6) Expand opportunities for Portlanders to know the Willamette through river gatherings, river tours, and a Willamette River

MLK Jr. Mainstreet "Business Association Get-Together" Business Association members get together to caucus

Berta Delman, Manager of the MLK Jr. Blvd. project which is sponsored by the NNEBA. Partial funding was approved by the Mayor and City Council and were received via the Portland Development Commission. All businesses in NNE Portland are automatic members of NNEBA; however, member contributions keep the organization afloat. The priority goal of the Manager is to assist local businesses-particularly on the boulevard - to enhance their business and by doing so to assist in growing additional jobs, local business ownership, and complementary business types.

Required budget matches will be raised through the private sector with grants and contributions by the conscientious efforts of those who are active in the NNEBA and support these goals.



Berta Delman, Manager of the MLK Jr. Blvd project Cont'd on B6

Environmental Group Endorses South/North Light Rail

The Oregon Environmental Council (OEC), one of Oregon's largest and most influential environmental advocacy groups, announced that they have endorsed Ballot Measure 26-74 to reapprove funds for construction of the South/North light rail project. Measure 26-74 will appear on the ballot this November.

"South/North light rail is a good investment in our economic and environmental future. It will provide good transportation, relieve congestion and reduce air pollution," said Jeff Allen, Executive Director of OEC. "It's moving us

in the direction of restoring balance in our transportation system."

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The South/North project is projected to reduce auto travel by 6.3 million trips per year by 2015 while providing 42,000 trips per day.

By reducing auto trips and congestion, the South/

North will reduce gas consumption by 5,500 gallons per day, air pollution by 485 tons a year and greenhouse gases by 20,000 tons per year.

"20,000 tons of greenhouse gases would be enough to fill 4,000 Goodyear blimps per year," said Allen.

"Light rail is part of the region's plan to grow better, not just bigger. It's one way we can avoid the need for expensive, environmentally destructive new freeways," said Allen. "The highway alternative would cost three times more than light rail and would add to air pollution, sprawl and new congestion."

Olympic gold medalist blazed trail



Al & Jacki Joyner at a recent athletic press conference.

Ten years ago, she became the fastest and flashiest female sprinter in history, reordering record books and fashion styles. Monday, the sports world was stunned by the death of Florence Griffith Joyner at 38 in Mission Viejo, Calif.

Just four days shy of the 10th anniversary of her first gold medal at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, Griffith Joyner passed away, apparently in her sleep.

A marketing representative for the sprinter said the cause of death was a heart seizure but provided no other specifics. An autopsy was performed Monday, but no cause of death was announced. Depending on tests conducted, official word could take weeks.

Griffith Joyner's husband, Al Joyner, the 1984 Olympic triple-jump champion, called 911 at 6:30 a.m. PT Monday. According to Lt. Hector Rivera of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, a routine investigation revealed no evidence of foul play. "She apparently died of natural causes," Rivera said.

Evelyn Ashford, Griffith Joyner's predecessor as Olympic champion and world recordholder in the 100 meters, expressed the sentiments of the track and field community: "I'm still in shock; I don't believe it. The last time we were together was at a gala in Atlanta (in 1996). We had a nice time. She looked great. That's my last image of her."

Griffith Joyner created an image of speed and style in 1988. Before then, she was a successful sprinter, taking second in the 200 meters at the 1984 Olympics and the 1987 World Track & Field Championships. She was best known for 4-inch-long fingernails.

Then, in '88, came world records and the one-legger outfits that created worldwide interest leading to Seoul.

The one-legger was a fashion revolution born out of an accident at a meet in Los Angeles in the spring of '88. Griffith Joyner snagged a leg of her tights on her spikes, ripped off the tattered leg and was hit with fashion inspiration. She designed outfits, leaving her left leg bare to the hip and her right covered with a tight.

She unveiled the look at the 1988 Olympic trials in July, changing outfits for each heat. Then, she pulled a stunner. In the quarterfinals, she ran the 100 in 10.49 seconds, breaking Ashford's world mark of 10.76.

There was controversy. On a gusty day, when many marks were aided by winds exceeding the 4.5 mph allowed for records, the wind gauge read 0.0 for Griffith Joyner's race. The official explanation: The wind was blowing across the track and was not a tailwind for her heat. No matter. She created a new identity: FloJo. The fast times and fashion parade continued through the summer and onto Seoul in September.