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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

First Lady

First lady Hilary Rodham Clinton set up a committee to explore a race for a Senate seat from New York. The filing allows Mrs. Clinton to raise and spend money in preparation for the race for the Democratic nomination. Her opponent on the Republican side is New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani who has already formed a Senate exploratory committee and raised almost \$3 million toward the race.

World Economy

According to a U.N. report, the world economy is still growing slowly and the poorest countries continue to suffer the most. In developing nations, economic growth is much slower this year than any year this decade. The report by the U.N. is entitled "The World Economy in 1999."

Hot Weather

For another day, the mercury had climbed toward 100 again in the Midwest and the East Coast (from southern New England to North Carolina). As many as eight deaths were blamed from the heat. Utilities had advised customers to turn off unneeded appliances to conserve electricity and some had scattered blackouts as air conditioners outpaced generators.

10-Ounce Baby Dies

In Portland, a 10-ounce baby girl nicknamed "Mighty Mo" died recently. She was born premature on June 12. Her twin sister who weighs 2 pounds, 10.5 ounces is listed in fair condition. The Guinness Book of World Records says the smallest baby to survive is a 9.9-ounce girl born in 1989 in Maywood, Ill.

Free Computers

America Online and Prodigy Communications Corp. have joined together to offer free personal computers to consumers if they agree to sign up for online service for three years. AOL said that it would give a \$400 rebate on selected eMachines Inc. to people who agree to subscribe to its \$21.95-a-month CompuServe Internet access for three years. The eMachines computer is offered at a low \$399, in effect making it free, but the monitor isn't included.

Noriega Sentenced

A French court recently sentenced Noriega and his wife to 10 years in jail for laundering millions of dollars through accounts in several leading French banks. The couple were also fined \$29.1 million for their crimes.

Noriega is currently in jail in Miami on a 30-year sentence for money laundering and drug trafficking.

Is Summer Really Here?



Photos by M. Washington

It would appear that summer has arrived as children play in the Salmon Sreet Fountain responding to the rise in temperature from the low 60's to the high 80's.

Temperatures are expected to rise to 90+ by the end of the week.

Cosby Brings His Wit to the West Coast



Photo by Sandy Sahagian

Chinook Winds Casino, in Lincoln City, proud of its newly remodeled facilities, bring witty, never to be taken for granted, Bill Cosby, to show off its new duds. Cosby, in his usual seasoned style moved buoyantly through the crowd gathering kisses and hauntingly suggesting that, "your wife..... is not your friend."....She's beyond that. A great time was had by all, proving once again, that Cosby's wit only gets better with age.

Upcoming Events at the Main Act Center Stage

INCLUDE:

- Merle Haggard July 16th & 17th at 8:00 P.M.
- Temptations Aug. 19th & 20th 8:00 P.M.

Hope for Conference to Bring Non-Profit Organizations and Neighbors Together

By LEE PERLEMAN

Commissioner Erik Sten's Northeast Housing Conference will attempt to find a common direction for groups that have lately been working at cross purposes.

Specifically, all inner northeast neighborhood associations and community development corporations, as well as the public at large, have been invited to the gathering from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 10 at Self-Enhancement, Inc., 3920 N. Kerby Ave. The conference is free, breakfast and lunch are provided, and child care is available upon request. However, those coming are asked to pre-register with Sten's office at 823-3589.

The conference will include talks by Cathy Galbraith of the Bosco-Milligan Foundation, Leroy Patton of the Fair Housing Council and Baruti Arthuree of the Portland Development Commission. There will be a general session, and smaller

group discussions of gentrification and consensus building.

The conference was inspired by a series of disputes between CDCs and neighborhood associations. The most notable was one between the Boise Association and Housing Our Families earlier this year, but there have been differences between residents of Concordia and Sabin Community Development Corporation, King and Northeast Community Development Corporation, Eliot and Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, and between Piedmont and PDC.

Crudely put, residents and neighborhood associations have been complaining that non-profits and city officials are forcing an over-abundance of low-income rental housing on their community, and not managing it well. The non-profits and officials say their critics are insensitive to the needs of the needy, and that some of them are recently-arrived yuppies.

"It's been clear to me personally for some time that communication hasn't been going well," Sten's aide Marshall Runkel says. "People aren't really speaking the same language." In addition, he says, "The housing market has changed, and so has the cast of characters. CDCs have gone from a group of people sitting in someone's living room to medium-sized agencies in a short time. We've recently had two directors leave (at HOF and NECDC). Gentrification has emerged as an issue - and everyone has their own definition of what that means."

Chris Brown of Boise, who says he was economically forced out of southeast Portland, says that gentrification "isn't necessarily a bad word. The whole idea of neighborhood associations is to make neighborhoods nicer places to live, and you can't have it both ways." He says that with only 30 percent home ownership Boise doesn't need more rentals. He adds,

"I fully respect the people who were here before me. The best way to help them continue to live here is to allow them the opportunity to buy a place to live. Is there a moral obligation to provide housing for people who can't afford market rate? Yes. Is there a moral obligation to provide housing in a given geographic area? I'm not sure."

Jennifer Siebold of King says, "We have an economically diverse neighborhood now, and we want to keep it that way. It isn't served by cramming all the low income housing into inner Northeast. This is an economic issue, not a race issue."

Maxine Fitzpatrick of PCRI and Karen Voiss of Franciscan Enterprise, both of which specialize in rental housing, say there's a need for what they provide. "We have long waiting lists," Voiss says. "Housing prices are escalating faster than the level of wages." Because of the CDCs,

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