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**THE WEEK
IN
REVIEW**

**Fewer Expelled for
Guns**

Federal officials presented a new set of figures showing a decline in the number of students expelled for having firearms. The number of students kicked out of school for bringing weapons dropped by nearly a third during the 1997-1998 school year, the Education Department said. It was reported that 3,930 students were expelled for firearm violations that year, down from 5,724 weapons-related expulsions in 1996-97.

World Peace

The people of Nagasaki marked August 6 as the 54th anniversary of the atomic bomb that killed more than 60,000 people and led to the end of World War II. The mayor of Nagasaki said the bombing showed the world that "nuclear weapons cannot be tolerated." Many of the surviving victims from the bombing still suffer physically and emotionally.

New Prime Minister

For the fourth time in less than two years, Russian President Boris Yeltsin again fired his Prime Minister and Cabinet. Yeltsin has named Vladimir Putin, a former KGB agent, as his acting Prime Minister and hand-picked successor. The Russian media speculated that Yeltsin made such radical decisions to delay elections and extend his term, set to end next July.

**\$3 billion Mortgage
Program**

A \$3 billion mortgage program for low-to-moderate income borrowers will be funded by Bank of America and overseen by Neighborhood Assistance Corp. of America. The plan promises no down payment, no application fee and no closing costs. An estimated 100,000 borrowers nationally may be affected by this program.

Computerized Postage

The PC Postage was just launched by the Postal Service. This new stamp could be easily printed with an ordinary laser or inkjet printer. A barcode would be printed on each envelope to indicate mail processing information and postage payment. E-Stamp and Stamps.com just began to offer the computerized postage.

**MAX Makes Safety
Changes**

TriMet set to make operating changes. The move comes after the latest victim, forty-five year old George Garrison, was struck and killed by a MAX train. TriMet has installed pedestrian stop signs at four stations on the west MAX line, and train operators are now required to give two long horn bursts, and slow to 15-miles-an-hour, when entering the stations.

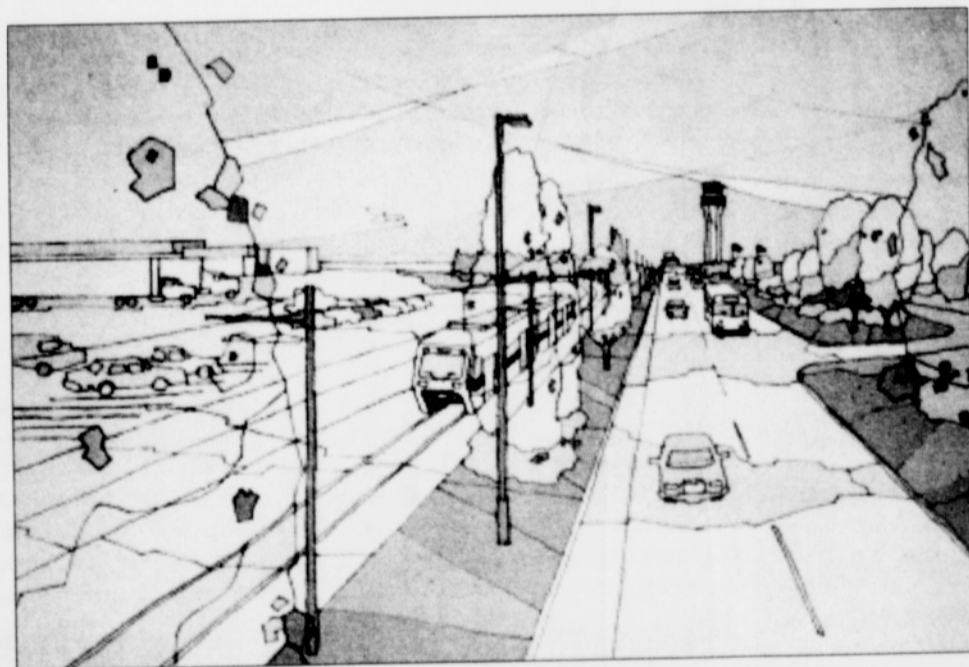
Airport Max On Track

Construction is moving forward on the 5.5-mile Airport MAX extension from the Gateway Transit Center to the baggage claim area at the PDX terminal. During construction, no auto traffic is interrupted along I-205. And when it opens in full 2001, it'll take just 37 minutes to travel from downtown Portland to the airport.

Part of the Airport MAX project includes a 120-acre transit-oriented development that will bring hospitality, retail, entertainment and office space located at the entrance of the airport. Bechtel Enterprises is developing this site, where up to 10,800 new jobs will be created over the next 15 years. This site, called CascadeStation, will be



Above: U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary, Mort Downey, lauds Portland's financing creativity in creating "National Model" for building light rail.



Left: Illustration shows what the view will look like from Airport Way.

served by two light rail stations. The Airport Max extension is the result of an innovative public-private venture involving the Port of Portland, Portland Development Commission and Bechtel.

Help Shape Interstate Max Light Rail

Participate in Interstate Avenue's Future Look

Tri-Met is hosting two mini-conferences to provide North Portland residents an opportunity to shape the future of the Interstate Max proposal. The two evening events will be on Wed., Aug. 18 and Thurs., Aug. 19, at Ockley Green Middle School, 6031 N. Montana (Tri-Met line 5). The sessions are from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Engineers and architects are studying how Interstate Avenue would look and function with MAX running down the center of the street from the Rose Quarter to Kenton. The Max line continues to the Expo Center.

Participants can join discussion groups on these topics:

Free childcare is available. All meetings are accessible. Language interpreters are available if notification is given by Friday, August 13 at (503) 247-3958. TDD (503) 797-1804.

A second round of mini-conferences is scheduled for late September.

For further information about the Interstate MAX project, try the following resources:

- Drop by the Interstate MAX field

office at 5101 N. Interstate Ave., between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; or 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

- Call the Interstate MAX community line at (503) 247-3958.

- Visit our website at www.tri-met.org/interstateMAX.

- Neighborhood, business or other organizations can arrange for their own meetings by calling (503) 247-3958.

- How to minimize traffic congestion?
- What can be done about traffic and parking on neighborhood streets?
- What should be done for bicyclists?
- How could MAX stimulate economic activity in the area?
- Should a new urban renewal district be created?

Five Shot at L.A. Jewish Center

By JEFF WONG
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LOS ANGELES (AP) - A man sprayed the lobby of a Jewish community center with gunfire Tuesday, wounding five people, including three little boys. A manhunt was under way.

As weeping parents gathered outside, police searched the grounds of the North Valley Jewish Community Center and the suburban San Fernando Valley neighborhood of Granada Hills, police Cmdr. Dave Kalish said.

"He burst into the lobby of the community center and began firing 20 to 30 shots from a 9 mm Uzi. He then walked down a hallway, left the building and left campus," fire spokesman Steve Ruda said. He said the shooter, described as a white male dressed in black shirt and gray pants, was in his teens.

The motive for the shooting was unknown. Authorities said they had no idea if it was a hate crime.

Police helicopters crisscrossed over several square blocks surrounding the campus.

Two hours after the shooting, about two dozen members of a SWAT team in flak jackets and armed with rifles deployed outside the gates of the evacuated campus.

Twenty-two other little children were taken from the center to a nearby temple after the 10:50 a.m. shooting. "They're all very calm and very wide-eyed as you can imagine," Ruda said. The children were attending a summer camp at the center. A view from a television helicopter showed adults escorting groups of small children, the youngsters lined up holding hands.

Ruda said an 8-year-old boy was in very critical condition. The older woman, in her 50s or 60s, also was in critical condition. Two other boys, ages 8 and 6, were in stable condition. A 16-year-old girl was in stable condition.

Paramedics and police descended on the center in the initial confused moments after the gunfire.

One woman was seen being treated on a sidewalk adjacent to the parking lot. A young boy was rushed out of a rear building on a stretcher and put aboard a fire helicopter. Groups of little children were led away by adults and officers.

Worried parents gathered behind yellow police tape as officers worked to assure them that their children were all right. Some wept as they clutched each other, waiting for word of their children.

"He's OK! He's OK!" one mother shouted when she heard about the fate of her son.

Other parents spoke with school officials who tried to arrange rendezvous point with their children elsewhere in the area.

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