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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Hurricane Dennis struck the North Carolina coast with heavy rain and high winds, knocking out power to thousands of customers. Officials reported that two people were killed in a head-on collision along the coast of Richmonds. A tropical storm warning was issued by the National Hurricane Center for the Virginia Coast and a gale warning up to Cape Henlopen in Delaware.

Venezuela Clashes

Six people were injured in a clash that involved supporters and opponents of Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez. The police had fired water canons outside the parliamentary building as defiant lawmakers broke through the crowd and climbed over the fence. Critics fear that one of Latin America's democracies is in jeopardy.

5,000 Homeless Turks

Turkish officials estimate that half a million Turks are left homeless from the recent August 13 earthquake destruction that left 13,000 dead. The government is projecting that it will need to build about 100,000 to 120,000 new homes for quake victims.

Buford O. Furrow Jr.

Buford O. Furrow Jr. faces post-indictment arraignment for the murder of a Filipino postman that preceded his alleged attack on a Jewish community center. He recently confessed to shooting up the Jewish center full of children, then killing mailman Joseph Iletto.

Norplant Settlement

The makers of Norplant, a contraceptive device have agreed to offer cash settlements to more than 36,000 women. Many women claimed that they had suffered from nausea, irregular menstrual bleeding, headaches and depression after using Norplant. The company did not specify yet how much would be paid to settle the claims by those who used the device.

New Home Sales Rise

Sales of new homes rose .1 percent in July, reaching the second-highest level ever despite an increase in 30-year mortgage rates from 8.15 percent to 7.63 percent in July. The Commerce Department reported that sales of new single-family homes had increased to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 980,000 units last month - up from a June sales pace of 979,000 units and much better than analysts expected.

Franciscan Enterprise Celebrates the Groundbreaking of Another Architectural Monument in Northeast Portland

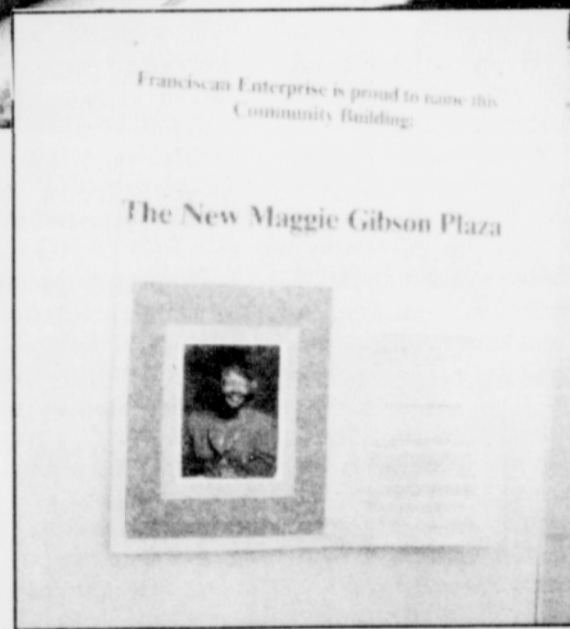
Maggie Gibson Plaza

August 26, 1999 - Franciscan Enterprise of Oregon is celebrating the groundbreaking of its latest development, The Maggie Gibson Plaza. This mixed-use development brings Franciscan Enterprise total affordable housing portfolio to 110 units. The 1.2 million-dollar renovation includes retail space, and 9 units of affordable rental housing at or below 50% of the area median family income. This building will also be the home of the Maggie Gibson Neighborhood Network Center; a computer based learning center, which promotes self-sufficiency through education and training. Karen Voiss, Franciscan Enterprise Executive Director is very excited about this mixed-used development on the Alberta Street corridor. "Franciscan Enterprise sees this an important part of our mission for supporting community based initiatives around community revitalization." The project is being named after Maggie Gibson, a long time neighborhood resident and advocates for her commitment to community and to creating a clean, safe, drug-free neighborhood. In addition to her many community activities Maggie has put in countless hours of service as a Franciscan Enterprise Board member and as an advocate for safe, quality, affordable, housing for families in Northeast Portland. Maggie is also the 1999 recipient of the Distinguished International Academy of Nobel Achievement award. The award is given to individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their communities. Chief of staff, Kevin Jeans-Gill from the office of City Commissioner Jim Fransconni, Dave McConnell from the Enterprise Foundation, Charles Washington from the Portland Observer, along with a blessing from Father Matt Turnulty, Franciscan Enterprise Founder, will host the opening Ceremony at The Maggie Gibson Plaza, 17th and Alberta. The event will take place on Thursday, August 26th from 4:00 to 8:00. The event will coincide with Alberta



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Streets last Thursday Art Walk Live entertainment, food and art will be featured at the event. C. Durham Construction with the housing Development Center acting as project manager is renovating the Maggie Gibson Plaza formerly the Texas Lounge. Carleton hart Architecture provided the architectural design. Funding for the project is being provided by The Enterprise Foundation, Wells Fargo bank, Network of Oregon Affordable Housing a Consortium of Oregon banks. The housing and urban Development, Portland Development Commission, City of



Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development, State of Oregon Housing and Community Services State Housing Trust Fund and Oregon Lender Credits, Affordable Housing Program grant from the federal home Loan Bank and a grant from Key bank. Franciscan Enterprise is a community development corporation founded in 1987 whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing to families o flow income and to support initiatives around community revitalization. The new Maggie Gibson Plaza will be a wondrous addition to the Alberta Streetscape North and Northeast Portland.

New flashing yield signs going on Tri-Met buses

Tri-Met has completed installing new yield signs on the back of its bus fleet to help buses and traffic flow more safely and smoothly. The signs, backed by a new state law, gives buses the right-of-way when pulling back into traffic after serving bus stops. Making it easier for buses to merge back into traffic enhances safety for passengers and motorists, and helps keep buses on schedule.

Tri-Met operators typically pull in and out of traffic some 400 times during an 8-hour shift. "These signs help buses and cars share the road," said Tri-Met General Manager Fred Hansen.

"While this law provides for the right-of-way for buses, our operators know that pulling back into traffic must first be done safely for our customers and nearby auto traffic." Tri-Met has been testing the sign since February.

The flashing, illuminated signs are located near the left taillight and flash only after the operator has turned on its turn signal to merge back into traffic. In addition to the

light, many buses will have a large sign on the back of the bus to educate motorists about the new law.

Tri-Met hopes to install all of the signs on its 670 buses. Transit agencies throughout the state will also install the same sign on their buses. Failure to yield right-of-way to the buses in these circumstances is a Class D Traffic infraction, subject to a \$75 fine.



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