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Newport Bay Restaurant hosts Albina Head Start

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The Newport Bay Restaurant at Jantzen Beach hosted 19 Albina Head Start students for lunch on Wednesday, November 17th. The three and four year-olds rode two Tri-Met buses then enjoyed strawberry lemonade, fish and chips and brownie with ice cream for dessert. Newport Bay provided coloring crayons and place mats with picture of different kinds of seafood as entertainment for the high-energy guests. The Albina Head Start program includes a Country Life/City Life program where students are encouraged to learn and do new things.



(Above) An Albina Head Start student enjoys her lunch at Newport Bay. The students were taken to lunch to learn about eating in a full-service restaurant. And (Above right) Shawneery Sullivan serves up dessert to Albina Head Start students learning about eating at a full-service restaurant during their recent trip to Newport Bay.



In preparation for the field trip, the student set up a mock restaurant and role-played the different aspects of a full-service restaurant. The students take turns being restaurant guests, wait staff, cooks and hosts. "Many of these student have never eaten in a full-service restaurant or been served by

wait staff at a restaurant such as Newport Bay. This is real treat for them," said Nancy Smith, a family advocate at Albina Head Start. "Newport Bay has a great kids' menu and always provides coloring place mats and crayons when families come into the restaurant. We really enjoyed having them

here," said Tim Jackson, manager at the Jantzen Beach Newport Bay. "There were no picky eaters in the bunch, the fish and chips were a big hit with all 19 kids." Before leaving, the students sang a song for the staff and other guests at Newport bay, to thank them for lunch.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Oregon 25, Oregon State 14

PORTLAND, OR - If you're going to fight a "Civil War", you'd might as well do it in your own backyard. Reuben Droughns rushed for 197 yards and a touchdown as Oregon tied a school record with its 14th consecutive home win, 25-14 over Pac-10 and intrastate rival Oregon State in the West coast's longest-running series.

Clinton Praises Bulgaria's Progress

SOFIA, Bulgaria - In a cobblestone square where protesters rebelled against communist rule, President Clinton promised tens of thousands of cheering Bulgarians that "you too shall overcome" in their difficult struggle for democracy and prosperity.

Repetitive Motion Rules Announced

WASHINGTON - The 27 million Americans who labor on assembly lines, at computer work stations or in jobs involving heavy lifting could benefit from a government proposal aimed at lessening repetitive-motion injuries, supporters say.

Gretzky Joins Hall of Fame

TORONTO - Not far from where he first played hockey, Wayne Gretzky took up a new residence today - the Hall of Fame. The Great One received his Hall of Fame blazer and ring along with former referee Andy Van Hellemond.

Washington may not help pay for dredging Columbia

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The state may not be able to pay its \$28 million share of a Columbia River channel deepening project due to Initiative 695 cutbacks in transportation spending officials say.

Elephant Brings Something New to The Zoo

PORTLAND, OR - Oregon Zoo's new celebrity elephant has something that makes her important beyond the boundaries of the zoo - her genes. The six-year-old youngest has a fresh, new bloodline from a remote group of wild elephants.

Public Meetings Begin On New Train Line

PORTLAND, OR - Public meetings began Monday on a plan to run commuter train service between Beaverton and Wilsonville. The 18-mile line would run during morning and evening rush hour along highway 217 and Interstate 5.

Local 9-1-1 center assures public Y2K confident

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The spotlight of national concern recently focused on the Y2K readiness of the nation's 9-1-1 centers. Clark Regional Communications Agency (CRCA), the regional 9-1-1 center serving all of the cities and unincorporated areas of Clark County, indicates that, at least for the residents of Clark County, the concern is unfounded. Throughout 1999, employees of CRCA, along with outside contractors, have worked diligently on various Y2K projects. A November 17 technical report to the CRCA Administrative Board emphasizes the Y2K

reliability of all technical systems within the agency. "All critical 9-1-1 communication systems have been upgraded and modified and are prepared for Y2K," states Thera Bradshaw, Executive Director. The systems referenced include the 800 MHz radio system used for voice communications, the 9-1-1 telephone system, the Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) that identifies the closest available emergency responder, and Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) located in the emergency vehicles, linking public safety professionals to CAD. The regional 9-1-1 center relies heavily upon computer technology in its daily operations. Y2K or not, in such a technology-

saturated working environment personnel are always prepared for the possibility that the computers could go down. Trough scheduled maintenance and testing CRCA stays familiar with dispatching the "old fashioned" way without missing a beat. "While manual methods are slower, we still do a very efficient job getting tasks accomplished," says Rich Foster, a 26 year veteran in public safety telecommunication, and one of six dispatch supervisors. CRCA also has a back up 9-1-1 center that can be utilized should the primary center need to be evacuated. Expressing confidence in the technical and operations staff of CRCA, Bradshaw praises

the caliber of the dispatchers at CRCA. "These are highly trained professionals who deal with the unexpected every day. Whatever comes of Y2K, our professionals are ready and able to handle it." Ongoing training throughout the summer and fall has the CRCA administrative staff and other local government employees also ready. A November 4 Y2K exercise held in conjunction with a national Federal Emergency Management Administration exercise went very smoothly according to John Wheeler of the CRCA. "Everyone did a very good job in fielding all of the simulated information and responding accordingly. Our Y2K Coordination Center is ready".

Red Lion Inn adds nine hotels in the west

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Have you heard the great news/ Red Lion is back... better than ever. On October 4th, with the addition of 9 full service hotels in Washington, Oregon and California, we were on our way to re-launching the Red Lion brand in the western United States. We are proud to join a collection of hotels that will be dedicated to delivering care, comfort and value to our guest, every stay! Just recap our good news: Renovation: We are investing over \$400,000 to update the Red Lion Hotel Portland Coliseum. You'll see great improvements in guestrooms to include electronic voicemail, electronic locks, room service, laundry facilities, exercise room, express checkout, business center and in late November we will have new carpet throughout the lobby, restaurant, meeting and banquet rooms. Distribution: You'll now find 29 Red Lion Hotel and Inns in 9 different western states, but keep your eye on us for exciting updates at WWW.redlionoregon.com. Red Lion Club: A frequent guest program where our loyal patrons are able to earn great travel rewards. You'll find it easy to accumulate the stays needed to earn: A complimentary overnight stay



George Rogers, Regional Director of Sales, Red Lion Hotels & Inns and Steve Hunter, General Manager, Red Lion Hotel Coliseum

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Correction

There was an erroneous report in the November 10, 1999 issue of *The Portland Observer* regarding the Red Lion Hotel in Portland. The Coliseum is under the corporate umbrella of Promus and Phase I of their \$400,000 renovation will entail improving the guestrooms to include electronic voicemail, electronic locks, room service, laundry facilities, exercise room, express checkout, business center and in late November they will have new carpet throughout the lobby, restaurant, meeting and banquet rooms.