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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Twelfth Case of West Nile Virus Reported

NEW YORK — A 52-year-old Staten Island man has become the 12th city resident this year to become infected with the West Nile virus. The man, whose identity was not released, apparently became infected in mid-August but tried to fight off symptoms including fever, joint and muscle pain, and dizziness. The man remains lethargic but is listed in stable condition, New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani said.

Castro Rallies Cubans Against U.S. Policies

HAVANA — Thousands of people answered the communist government's call to crowd outside the U.S. mission and protest immigration policies it blames for last week's dramatic departure of a group of Cubans aboard a stolen plane. President Fidel Castro presided over the rally that had Cubans condemning the "murderous" Cuban Adjustment Act. The 1966 law allows Cubans who reach U.S. shores to apply for American residency — an automatic right not granted to immigrants of any other nation.

Thousands Flee Philippine Assault

JOLO, Philippines — More than 36,000 villagers have fled their homes to escape a heavy military assault on Muslim rebels holding 17 hostages on a small southern Philippine island, officials said. Unconfirmed reports continued to grow of civilian casualties and heavy damage to villages from the attack, which involved some 4,000 troops.

Tension Rises as Yugoslavia Prepares to Vote

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Voter here seem ready to oust President Slobodan Milosevic, the central figure in the Kosovo conflict, in elections. But political observers fear that the man wanted for war crimes by the U.S. and its allies may still come out on top through vote-stealing or by staging a political crisis.

Kraft Recalls Taco Shells

WASHINGTON — Kraft Foods announced that it is recalling Taco Bell brand taco shells nationwide after tests confirmed the shells were made with genetically engineered corn that isn't approved for human consumption. The corn, one of the least grown of several biotech varieties, is approved for use only in animal feed because of questions about whether it could cause allergic reactions in people.

Ronald's Going to Be Serving McCafe Coffee

Coming soon to a McDonald's near you: gourmet coffee. After years of serving fancy coffee. After years of serving fancy coffee. After years of serving fancy coffee in 50 Australian stores, McDonald's will begin to open McCafe coffee shops in the USA next year, McDonald's CEO says. The fallout could be huge. Starbucks owns about half of the nation's 7,000 gourmet brew stores. McDonald's has 13,500 fast-food restaurants in the USA.

CIA Reveals Deep Ties to Seedy Side of Chile

WASHINGTON — The CIA is admitting for the first time the extent of its deep involvement in Chile, where it dealt with coup-plotters, false propagandists and assassins.

Ten-Digit Dialing Starts Sunday

Beginning Sunday, people in the 503 area code, including all of the Portland area, will need to dial more numbers — even before making a local call.

There are no more numbers available

the popularity of cell phones, pagers, faxes and modems, have increased the demand for numbers. But the main reason there are no more numbers in the 503 area code is the growth of new phone companies pop-

Emergency 911 Won't Change

Ten-digit dialing will not change the procedure for calling 911. Calls to Portland and Multnomah County's emergency dispatch center will be answered as they always have, if people dial the 3-digit 911. The only change is that the dispatcher will ask for your area code, along with your phone number to confirm your call and location.

Emergency personnel will have to dial 10 digits to follow up calls. However, the dispatch center was recently upgraded with faster equipment to speed the process up, according to 911 supervisor Colleen McLaughlin.

in the 503 area code, so now there's 971. The new area code will be mingled throughout the existing 503 coverage area around Portland and Salem. Clatsop and Tillamook counties on the Oregon Coast will not be affected.

The Public Utilities Commission wanted people to start dialing the area code at the beginning of the year, but alarm companies had to reprogram all their systems.

Morrison and Company, for example, still has about 100 alarms to bring up to date. "You have to switch manpower," said Ralph Morrison of Morrison & Co. "It's time consuming."

Oregon's growing population, plus

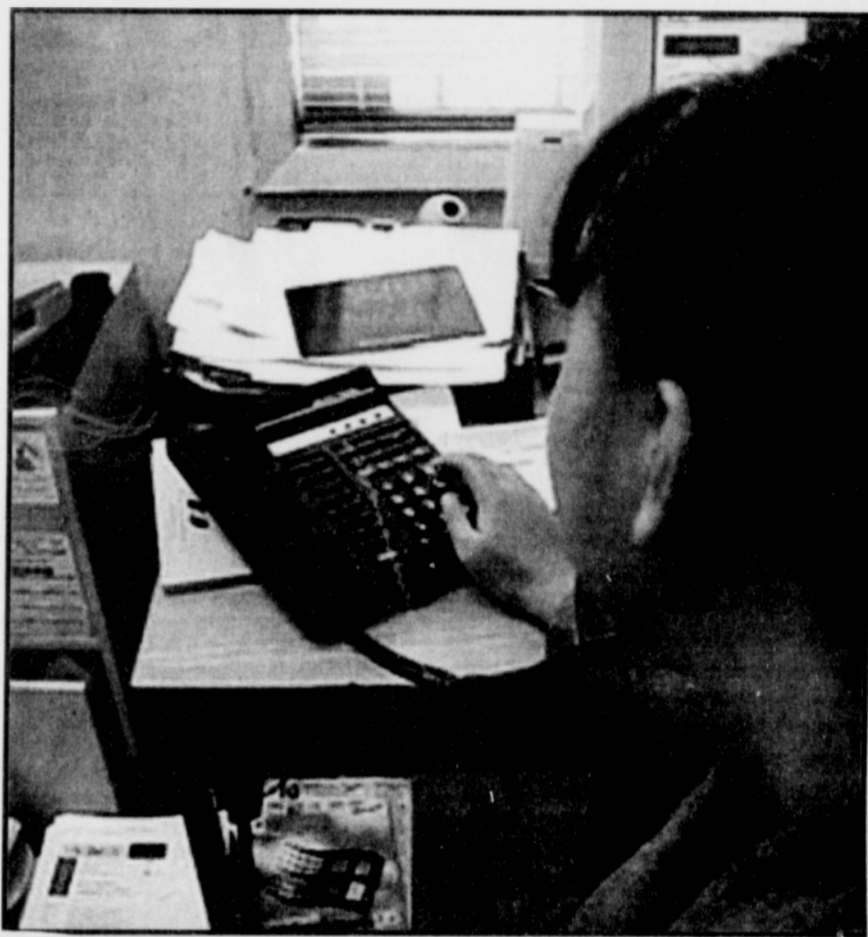
ping across the state.

When those companies started business in Oregon they were given phone numbers in blocks of 10,000. Some companies now have up to 250,000 phone numbers.

The Public Utilities Commission will get a program next year that will enable them to get back those unused numbers.

But that doesn't help business owners like Ralph Morrison. He and his employees are racing to reprogram all their customers' home alarms. They still have a hundred to go.

PUC officials say they've learned from this and now give out numbers in blocks of a thousand. That means it will be another nine years before we get another area code.



Dialing a phone in the Portland area will require dialing an area code starting Sunday. (Photo by Micheal Leighton/Portland Observer)



Workers are adding Portland's historic street lights to east burnside. (Photo by Micheal Leighton/Portland Observer)

Central Eastside Streets To Get Face-Lift

Some traffic delays expected during construction

East Burnside Street from 6th Avenue to 12th Avenue will soon be getting a long-awaited face-lift. Beginning September 18 new cast iron ornamental streetlights will be installed at the intersection and steel-based "Cobra" streetlights will be installed mid-block. In addition, new street trees will be planted; existing trees will be pruned and shaped and sidewalks will be repaired.

Similar work will take place on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Grand Avenues between Morrison and Main

Streets. Curb extensions will be added to enhance the pedestrian environment.

During construction, motorists should expect some intermittent lane closures and delays September 20 through November 30.

The work is part of the Portland Development Commission's three-phased streetscape improvements project begun in 1998. Phase I was completed in 1999.

Phase II and III (described above) will be completed this fall.

Kitzhaber, Sizemore Debate Measure 91

KOIN-TV to Provide Live Coverage

KOIN-TV, in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Oregon, is pleased to announce it will host and televise the only debate this election season between Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber and Oregon Taxpayers United Executive Director Bill Sizemore. The Participants will square off over Oregon Ballot Measure #91

If passed, the measure would allow taxpayers to fully deduct their federal income taxes on their state returns. Opponents say it will have far-reaching negative repercussions.

KOIN-TV will broadcast the Kitzhaber-Sizemore debate on Tuesday, Oct 10, from 7-8 p.m., originating live from KOIN-TV studios. Because of the importance of this issue KOIN-TV will make the debate available by satellite without cost to all Oregon television and cable outlets outside of the Portland area that wish to carry the debate live or tape-delayed. The debate will also be streamed in its entirety on KOIN.com.

KOIN6 News anchor Jeff Gianola will serve as moderator.

Messenger Senior Helping the Next Generation

By Lee Perlman for the Portland Observer

How does Betty Messenger spend her golden years? Helping those two or three generations younger get the message.

As a foster grandparent volunteer, Messenger tutors children at Vernon School as part of the School for Success for All programs. There she works with seven children in the first and second grades.

"I spend 20 minutes a day with each child," she says. "The children are assessed to determine which reading group they're assigned to. Then, if they're having trouble, I give help. We go into

learning vocabulary, learning the writing and sound of letters.



Betty Messenger and student Wayne Forthan (Photo by Mark Washington/Portland Observer)

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ing with different kids in a different way. "They have medical problems. Most can't speak, and are fed through tubes. I read to them, wheel them around and give them a little TLC."

For this Messenger, and her fellow volunteers of the Foster Grandparent Program, are paid \$2.55 an hour, plus a stipend for meals at their work site and transportation to it. In addition, they do group field trips places such as Lincoln City and Kah-Nee-Ta, and an annual picnic. The program is administered by Metropolitan Family Services.

"It's an extremely viable and valuable program," says Ron Laster, a member of the program's advisory board. "There are seniors on fixed incomes who have talents and skills available and it's a perfect match."

They're neat kids," she says. "They see you in the hall and say hello to you. They

also see you in the store, and it's neat to be recognized."

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