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Oregon Business Association Grows with Nike

The Oregon Business Association, Oregon's newest representative for business and industry, has announced the addition of Nike, Inc. to its membership. Also joining the association in recent weeks are Les Schwab Tire Centers, Standard Insurance, the Yoshida Group, GBD, Architects and Azumano

Travel. Now just over one year old, the Oregon Business Association brings a practical and increasingly powerful force to Oregon's business and political landscape. It membership includes many of the state's major Corporations, such as Northwest Natu-

ral Gas, Portland General Electric, Wells Fargo Bank, U.S. Bank, Bear Creek Corporation, Pacificorp, Columbia Forest Products, Steel Rives, and CH2MHill. OBA also includes some of Oregon's well-known home-grown companies, such as Neil Kelly Company, Norm Thompson, Powell's Book-

stores, and Sokol Blosser Winery. "We are growing rapidly for one fundamental reason," Tom Kelly Chairman of the OBA Board said. "We represent a more constructive, bi-partisan approach to solving Oregon's problems and that is what Oregon business wants."

Lawmakers Take Aim at Eco-Terrorists

(AP) - The Oregon Legislature is taking up the issue of eco-terrorism, getting to work on two bills to toughen penalties for environmental arson and vandalism. The most significant of the measures is House Bill 2344, which would expand the state's racketeering laws to include crimes against research, livestock and agricultural facilities. Such crimes would become Class A felonies punishable by a prison sentence of up to 20 years and

a fine of 300-thousand dollars. Another bill—House Bill 2385—would make it a felony to "interfere with agricultural research." Representative Lane Shetterly—a Republican from Dallas—says the laws are needed to help authorities deal better with extremist groups like the Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front. Shetterly says the bill has strong support in the Legislature.

Free Tax Help Available

Help is available in Portland through April 12 for taxpayers needing assistance in preparing their income tax returns. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) provides free assistance in preparing basic state and federal income tax returns for the elderly and other with low or modest incomes. The program's volunteers are trained by qualified trainers with experience in federal and state tax law. Volunteers will be available in Portland every Thursday at the state office building at 800 N.E. Oregon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In April, two Tuesdays, April 3 and 10, will be added to the regular schedule.




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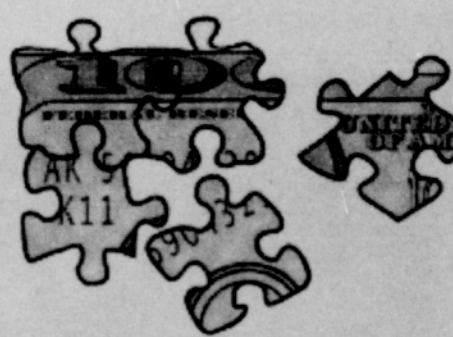
Awesome Task



Debbie Miller, administrative assistant to Dave Henderson, Director of the Legislative Administration is busy by the tasks of keeping the 71st Oregon Legislative Assembly functioning smoothly. The office maintains the Legislature's accounting system, media support, human resources support, building maintenance and creating public access, just to name a few of its responsibilities. The Legislature Administration encourages public involvement in the process.

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