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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Oakland Raiders Lawsuit Against NFL Rejected

LOS ANGELES — The Oakland Raiders lost their \$1.2 billion lawsuit against the NFL that claimed the league sabotaged a deal for a new stadium and forced them to leave Los Angeles. The jury rejected allegations of breach of contract, unjust enrichment and other violations of the NFL constitution and bylaws.

### Storms Pummel Michigan, Ohio

Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms with winds up to 70 mph blew across Michigan, overturning vehicles, damaging homes and uprooting trees. Two twisters were also reported in Ohio as storms knocked down trees and power lines Monday night.

### Bush Sees Energy Shortage

ST. PAUL, Minn. — President Bush warned that the nation faces higher fuel costs and blackouts unless a new national energy policy is embraced that allows broad-ranging changes to increase supplies of domestic oil, natural gas and nuclear power. Bush also denied his energy policy would carry a high environmental cost.

### China: Spy plane to return soon

BEIJING — China signaled Thursday that it will release a U.S. surveillance plane held since a collision with a Chinese fighter jet, but said it was waiting for word from Washington on how to transport the plane home. The Navy EP-3 has been held on the southern island of Hainan since the April 1 collision with a Chinese jet.

### Judge Grants Divorce for Turner, Fonda

ATLANTA — A judge granted Jane Fonda a divorce from CNN founder Ted Turner, ending nearly a decade of marriage. It was the third marriage for both. The couple announced in January 2000 that they were separating. Fonda's divorce filing said only that the marriage was "irretrievably broken."

### Freeh Admits 'Serious Error'

WASHINGTON — FBI Director Louis Freeh acknowledged a "serious error" in the bureau's failure to provide Timothy McVeigh's lawyers with evidence in the Oklahoma City bombing case. He was speaking publicly for the first time since disclosure that more than 3,000 pages of documents were withheld from McVeigh's lawyers.

### Hanssen Will Be Indicted, Lawyer Says

WASHINGTON — Former FBI agent Robert Hanssen was expected to be indicted on 21 charges of spying for the Soviet Union and Russia, his lawyer said. The Justice Department, engaged in plea bargain discussions, had been pressing Hanssen's lawyers to disclose what the veteran counterintelligence agent would tell them before they would rule out seeking the death penalty.

### California Rates Jump as Much as 80%

SAN FRANCISCO — Beginning next month, residential customers of California's two largest utilities will pay the second highest electricity rates in the country to help the state recoup about \$6 billion it has spent trying to keep on the lights. Under the plan approved by state regulators, residential customers who use the most power face increases of as much as 80%.

### Ecstasy Drug Trade Turns Violent

Ecstasy, the "peace and love" drug of the rave party culture, is igniting violent turf wars among drug dealers that authorities say resemble the battles over crack cocaine that devastated urban areas in the 1980s. But with Ecstasy there is a big difference: Its primary buyers — and many of its low-level dealers — are teenagers and college kids from middle- and upper-income families, rather than impoverished addicts.

## Uniting the East and West Sides

### Eastbank Esplanade, Walkway Opens for Memorial Day Weekend

A portion of the Willamette riverfront is officially reclaimed for public use when the Eastbank Esplanade, Steel Bridge pedestrian and bicycle walkway and new public boat dock opens Friday for the Memorial Day weekend. These projects, together, make it possible for walkers, cyclists, and joggers to complete a riverside central city loop between

the Steel and Hawthorne Bridges and provides an east-west connection for residents and visitors.

"On the advent of Portland's 150th birthday, I am thrilled we're giving ourselves the gift of reconnecting to the Willamette River, and reuniting the city's east and west sides," said Mayor Vera Katz. "I am excited for the

Central Eastside, which has waited a long time to get its own waterfront park. The Esplanade will serve as a catalyst for the neighborhood's rebirth as a vibrant area for those who live and work here," Katz added.

Stretching from the Steel Bridge to Hawthorne Bridge, the mile-long Eastbank Esplanade features a 1,200-ft floating walk-

way (the largest in the United States), public boat dock, new river overlooks and cantilevered walkways, plazas, riverbank restoration, urban markers with lighting and interpretive panels, public art, and a new boat dock at the Eastbank fire station.

The Esplanade is a joint project of the Portland Development Commission and Portland Parks and Recreation.

The new Steel Bridge pedestrian and bicycle walkway has been built on the lower deck of the Steel Bridge. The fully ADA accessible crossing allows pedestrians and cyclist have the choice of continuing south along the Esplanade or going up a staircase or ramp, across a railroad bridge, and connecting with the overlook by the Oregon Convention Center and Rose Quarter.

The public boat dock provides 600 linear feet of eastside tie-up access for both commercial and private vessels, including possible future use, by river taxis. The city's Office of Transportation had oversight for the Steel Bridge pedestrian and bicycle crossing, the overlook connections and the public boat dock attached to the floating walkway.

"The walkway creates a direct northern connections between the Lloyd District and Old Town/downtown for pedestrians and bicyclists," remarked Commissioner Charlie Hales. "Portland was founded on the Willamette River for its transportation access. With the walkway and the new public boat dock, we are reclaiming the river as a transportation connection."

Final work to be completed on the Esplanade Phase II includes the completion of public parking lots at the south end of the project, near the Hawthorne Bridge and improvements to S.E. Salmon and Main and Madison Streets from the Water Ave. These improvements are scheduled to be completed this August.

Phase III of the project is known as the "Crescent" the three acre riverfront parcel between the Hawthorne and Marquam Bridges.



PHOTO BY HAROLD HUTCHINSON/ACKROYD PHOTOGRAPHY

A \$30 million project brings new amenities to Portland's Eastside and unites both sides of river in a continuous walking loop.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

## Remembering Fallen Heroes

Tina Musgrave, the wife of Portland Police detective Tim Musgrave, places a rose on the Portland Police Memorial in Waterfront Park Friday as a gesture to the 25 Portland police officers killed in the line of duty. She is a member of the Portland ROSES, a support group comprised of police spouses. The ceremony was held as part of Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Memorial Week.

## Ford Awarded 'Profile in Courage' For Nixon Pardon

Rep. John Lewis also honored by John F. Kennedy Library for his lifetime struggle against racism

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BOSTON — Former President Ford was honored Monday with the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for pardoning his predecessor, saying he took the step in 1974 because he needed to get on with "the problems of the country."

"When I became president, the country was in total turmoil with the war in Vietnam and the Watergate scandal," Ford said during a news conference before the awards ceremony at the Kennedy presidential library.

"It was important to try and heal the wounds of those two tragedies," he said. "The only way to clear the desk in the Oval Office was to get Mr. Nixon's problems off my agenda and get my total attention on the problems of the country."

On Sept. 8, 1974, a month after stepping into office following Nixon's resignation, Ford offered the former president a "full, free and absolute pardon."

"It was an extraordinary act of courage that historians recognize was truly in the national interest," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who acknowledged he'd criticized Ford at the time.

Critics said the pardon put a premature end to further investigation into Nixon's role in the Watergate scandal. In an unprecedented appearance by a president before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, Ford explained under oath that there were no deals connected with the pardon.

Two years later, Ford lost one of the

closest elections in the country's history to Jimmy Carter, in part because of his decision to pardon Nixon.

Also cited for political courage Monday was civil rights leader and U.S. Rep. John Lewis, who was beaten as he and others challenged segregationist policies at bus terminals throughout the South during the "Freedom Rides" of 1961. He was given a special Profile in Courage Award for lifetime achievement.

Lewis, the son of sharecroppers, organized sit-ins at segregated lunch counters in Tennessee and then volunteered to participate in the "Freedom Rides" 40 years ago this month to protest segregated interstate bus terminals. Lewis and others were severely beaten.

"It was very dangerous to get on a bus in Washington, D.C., on May 4, 1961, and to try to enter a so-called 'white waiting room.' It was like putting your life on the line, but I had to do it. It was the right thing to do," Lewis said.

Four years later, Lewis was an organizer of a protest that led to the "Bloody Sunday" attack by state troopers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala. The attack helped lead to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Kennedy said Lewis understands "America will never be America until we free ourselves from the stain of discrimination." The John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award is presented annually to an elected official who has withstood strong opposition to follow what he or she believes is the right decision.