

# McCain's Temper Assailed

## Democrats cite anger problem

John McCain's Democratic colleagues in the Senate are zeroing in on his oft-discussed temper, questioning whether the presumptive Republican presidential nominee is too volatile to be commander in chief.

In separate interviews with Politico on Tuesday, Senate Majority Whip Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) said they have seen McCain "explode."

"He has a huge anger problem," Boxer said. "And he never hid that. ... I have seen it happen on the Senate floor many, many



John McCain

times. ... He has exploded at me a couple times."

Boxer said McCain has always apologized after the dust-ups. Nonetheless, she insinuated that McCain's temperament makes him

unfit for the White House.

"It's all well and good to apologize," Boxer added, "but if you are in charge of that black box, I worry about that."

Durbin noted McCain's temper is "well documented," saying that he had been on the receiving end of it for what he considered "minor things."

"I was in a confrontation with him ... and he was quick to explode," said Durbin. "It simmered for a long time."

Republicans have accused Democrats of inventing the temper line of attack to knock the Arizona senator. But Durbin called it "an important issue."

Boxer pointed out that many of McCain's GOP colleagues have

also spoken out about his volatility, highlighting an incident told to the Biloxi Sun Herald by Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Miss.).

Cochran told the newspaper that he watched McCain get involved in a physical confrontation with a Nicaraguan government official during a 1987 trip there. According to Cochran, McCain grabbed the official by the shirt collar and "snatched him up like he was throwing him up out of the chair."

McCain has said the account was "simply not true."

# Lincoln Hood Relay Runner Recovers

(AP) — Family members say a Lincoln High School student hit by a car during the Hood to Coast relay has a broken leg and serious internal injuries but is expected to survive.

The victim, 18-year-old Chelsea Jean Caskey, was struck from behind over the weekend at night while on the shoulder of U.S. 30 near Scappoose. Her head hit the windshield, and she was carried on the hood of the car until it crashed through a fence.

State police say the driver, 20-year-old Chrystal Marie Meyer of Rainier, was arrested Sunday and charged with driving under the influence of drugs and assault.

About 17,000 people participated in the annual Hood to Coast and Portland to Coast relays on Friday and Saturday.

State troopers say Caskey was running for her school relay team and wearing a reflective vest and a runner's headlamp.

# Elephant Mom, Calf Doing Well

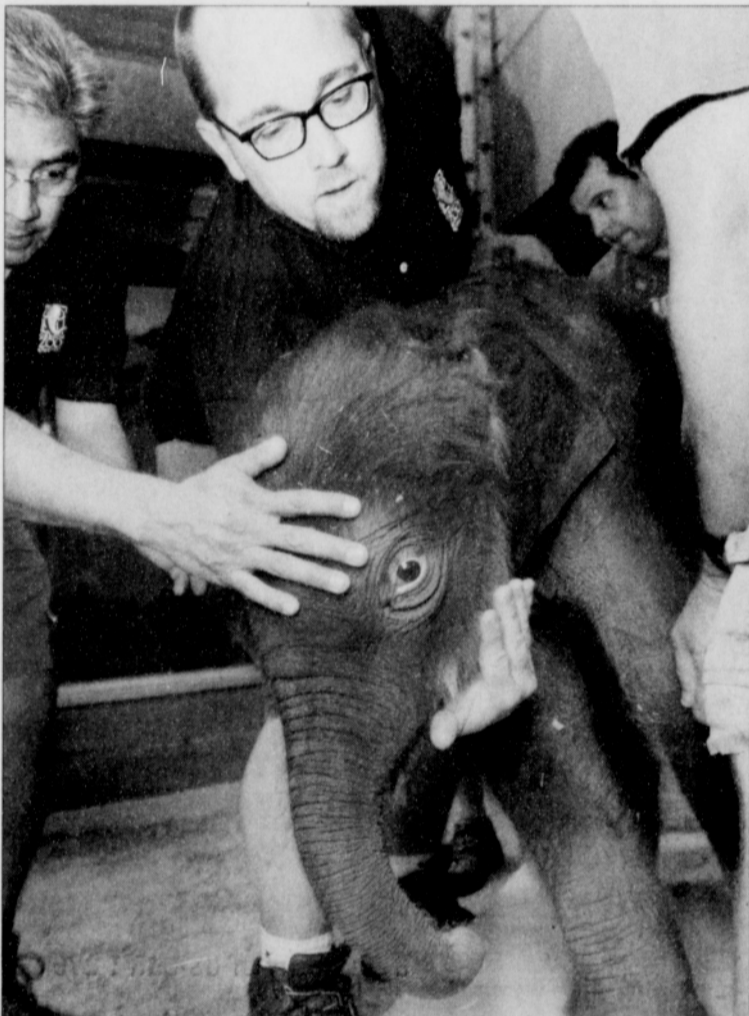
Oregon Zoo officials were delighted Tuesday with the progress of an adult female elephant and her newborn, but saddened by the death of a polar bear.

Rose-Tu, the first-time elephant mother, is now warming to her 286-pound baby boy. Rose-Tu gave birth on Saturday and initially was confused and was aggressive to her newborn.

Tuesday, the mom and calf were beginning to bond so well that keepers released both from chains and a harness and let them wander freely together in the elephant barn.

"She seems especially calm around him and when he nurses it looks like Rose is almost sleeping, she's so relaxed -- it's a very good sign," said Mike Keele, the zoo's deputy director.

A 22-year-old polar bear at the zoo was euthanized Tuesday. Yugyan suffered from terminal kidney disease. She was described by keepers as a clever bear who invented her own games.



Senior Oregon Zoo Elephant Keeper Bob Lee helps stabilize a male elephant calf that was born at the Oregon Zoo on Saturday.



The new executive director of the Portland Community Land Trust, Jessee Beason (right) welcomes the 100th person to the non-profit's home ownership program for low and moderate income households.

# Non-Profit Reaches 100th Home

Portland Community Land Trust, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating permanently affordable homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households, welcomed its 100th homeowner Tuesday.

The event on Northeast Dekum Street also welcomed PCLT's new executive director, Jesse

Beason and celebrated a grant of \$10,000 from HomeStreet Bank;

"Affordable housing options for those of low and moderate income is essential to the wellbeing of our communities," said Kathryn Williams, community relations director for HomeStreet Bank.

# Activists Rebound from Defeat

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Adams does support the renewed effort to rename a street after Chavez, saying, "I think there should be a major street in Portland renamed to honor Cesar Chavez—he was an American hero. Portland has almost no streets or public symbols that honor the Hispanic community's contribution to making the city great."

Adams adds, "It's just that my job as transportation commissioner is to make sure the process is fair."

The Cesar E. Chavez Boule-

vard Committee is preparing itself to fight the battle again, this time pouring their energies into making certain they cannot be defeated for technical reasons.

"Right now we're working a lot on getting signatures. We're looking into the process and what the code is," Guembes says.

She feels the first failure was a mixed blessing; it not only helped the committee learn how to better prepare themselves, but also says, "We made very good connections with other communities and got a lot of support from new people, so we had a lot of bad and

a lot of good."

Aside from milking the good from it, she tries to avoid looking back at the failure.

"We're not going to give up," she says. "What we went through last year was very awful and very hard, but we believe in what we're doing—we're very strong and we have our goal."

Guembes is aware that many people wonder why the committee is trying again, but says, "It's important to learn who Cesar Chavez was, and to keep in mind that he believed in justice and awareness."

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## 2008 fall service update

**Service changes effective August 31**

Effective Sunday, August 31, 2008, all bus schedules will be reprinted. There will be route changes on 16 bus lines. The seven lines that were detoured from the Steel Bridge for the summer will return to their regular route; in addition, there will be route changes on Lines 12-Sandy, 74, 75, 76, 80, 81, 155, 156 and 157.

**New fares effective September 1**

Beginning Monday, September 1, 2008, fares will increase to help cover rising fuel costs and inflation. We're introducing a new 14-Day Pass, offering the savings and convenience of a 1-Month Pass but valid for two weeks from the time of purchase. Passes are available for purchase only at the TriMet Ticket Office located at Pioneer Courthouse Square and soon at TriMet Ticket Machines.

C-TRAN transfers will require All-Zone fare: If you transfer between TriMet and C-TRAN, you'll need an All-Zone or C-TRAN Express fare beginning September 1. TriMet will no longer accept C-Zone tickets and passes, and upgrades will not be allowed on either system. C-TRAN Express buses will still require Express fares.

For more information, visit [trimet.org](http://trimet.org) or call 503-238-RIDE (7433).

Effective September 1, 2008	2-Hour Tickets	7-Day Pass	14-Day Pass	1-Month Pass
Adult • All Zones	1 Ticket: \$2.30 10 Tickets: \$23.00	\$22.50	\$43.50	\$86.00
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