

## Week in The Review

### Chocolate Shortage

Valentine's Day was celebrated Tuesday with chocolates and other gifts, but a growing demand for chocolate may bring shortages by 2020, according to a new report in the Scientific American. Chocolate currently brings in \$700 million in sales annually.

### Court Selection Begins

The first round of judging for the 2012 Rose Festival Court took place on Saturday. Each of the 114 applicants gave one minute introductions, a one minute speech and an-

swered impromptu questions before a five person panel of judges. A second round, which includes 57 finalists, will be held on Feb. 25.

### Mandela on Banknotes

New banknotes in the country of South Africa will bear the image of former president Nelson Mandela. The announcement came on the 22nd anniversary of the release from prison of the Nobel Laureate who led the country out of apartheid to become its first black president in 1994.

### Bus Operator Assault

Portland police and Transit police arrested a 55-year-old man on Monday, after he publicly assaulted a TriMet bus operator by putting his hands around the driver's throat.

Passengers yelled to the suspect to let go and get off the bus, which he did. Later, police arrived to arrest him Southeast 9th Avenue and Powell Boulevard.

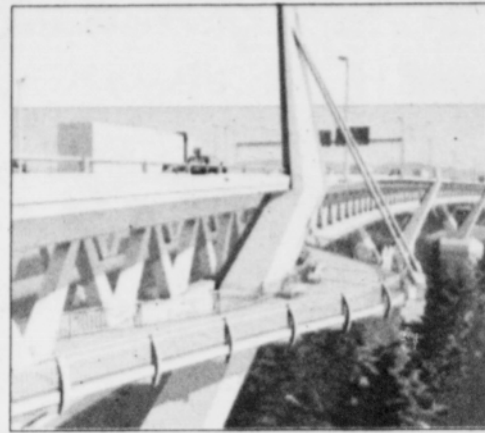
### Payroll Tax Cut

House Republicans announced Monday that they have abandoned their request that the payroll tax cut could only be extended if it were balanced by cuts in spending. The extension of the payroll tax cut would affect 160 million working Americans.

### Squatters Cleared Out

A vacant house in the 5600 block of Northeast 14th Avenue was cleared of squatters on Thursday, which led to three arrests for criminal trespassing. An investigation is continuing into other vacant Portland area homes which have been taken over by squatters, including a home

on North Minnesota Avenue.



### Vote Backs Bridge Tolling

The Washington Senate on Tuesday approved a bill to allow tolling on Interstate 5 at the Oregon-Washington border for the \$3.5 billion Columbia River Crossing, in an effort to increase the revenue, which is expected to make up one third of the cost of the freeway and light-rail project. Oregon can proceed with tolling on the bridge without legislative approval.



### Pipeline Controversy

Although the Obama Administration has withheld approval for the Keystone XL line, a group of senators, along with the backer of the project TransCanada Corp., is pushing legislation to improve the pipeline's chances to build the controversial \$7 billion oil line from Canada to Texas. Opponents are also gearing up, taking only 24 hours to gather 500,000 signatures against it.



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