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Transit Operators Perform Exceptionally

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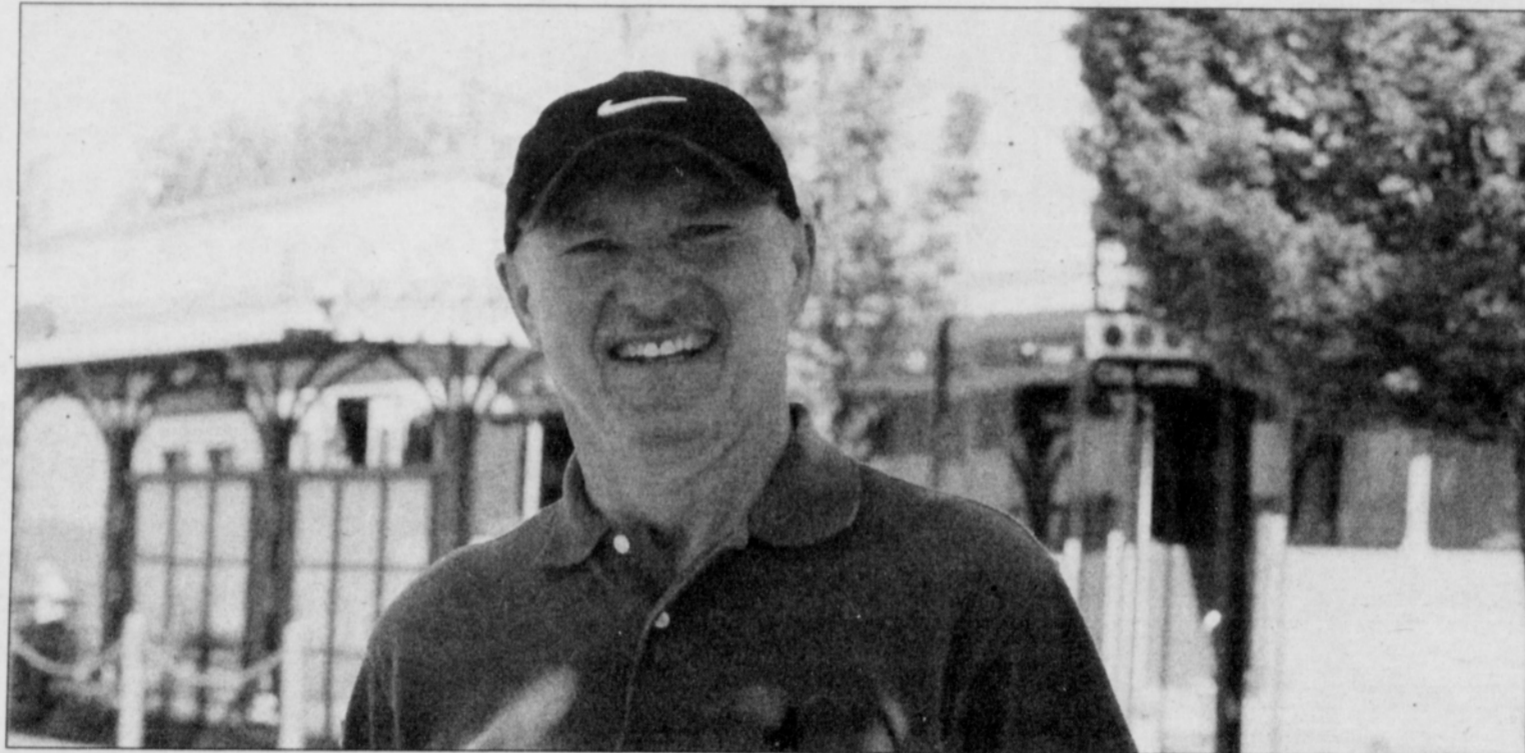
safe driving awards and 31 superior performance awards and in his 36 years on the job. He has been inducted into the million miles of safety club and was TriMet's op-



Terrie Sweet

erator of the year in 1985. Jack currently drives out of the Center Street Garage in Portland.

Recently a customer called about



Ivan Semenyuk has 26 years of safe driving awards under his belt at TriMet. He is the transit agency current and two-time Rail Operator of the Year.

Jack's good service and said, "I take this particular bus to dialysis about three times a week and I have had him for about 4-5 months now. I am in a wheelchair and I had to ride the LIFT for a few months because I had to have surgery. When I got back to

regular service he realized that I had surgery and he started dropping me off not at the stop, but in front of the actual building where I need to go for dialysis. Then yesterday the 71 was late getting to my connecting stop, and the 71 (operator) honked

the horn, and this operator waited for me to get off and to get to his bus to get me on. I am very appreciative, and I would have missed my dialysis had he not waited. I thought that was just great and he is a wonderful driver."

The max operator of the Year is Ivan Semenyuk of Happy Valley. Semenyuk won the award for the first time in 2008. He started his career at TriMet in 1996 and has accrued 26 years of safe driving awards and 18 superior performance awards.

Semenyuk has been a rail operator since 2001 and has been awarded operator of the quarter multiple times. He operates the Blue, Green and Yellow Lines.

Terrie Sweet is the part-time operator of the year. Sweet has nine years of Safe Driving Awards. She joined TriMet in 2003 and was awarded her sixth superior performance award in 2012.

"TriMet is lucky to have such dedicated operators who strive for excellence in safety and customer service day in and day out," said McFarlane. "Today we honor and thank Willie Jack, Terrie Sweet, and Ivan Semenyuk for their commitment to excellence and for providing outstanding service to the region."

Art of Learning Naturopathic Medicine

Student on path to promising career

Pedro "Eli" Morales taught fourth grade for several years when he realized that fulfillment

was eluding him. He yearned for nature and was drawn to the healing arts. When

he heard about natural medicine from a graduate of Portland's National College of Natural Medicine, something clicked. In 2010, Eli left New York for Portland where

he enrolled in the college's naturopathic medical degree program.

Eli says he's found his niche. "I'm learning the art and science of natural medicine — it's as much about how to approach pa-

time, it offers him opportunities to expand his leadership skills. He has put those skills to good use.

"I traveled to Nicaragua with Natural Doctors International, a non-profit medical group dedicated to bringing medicine to the world's most destitute," Eli says. "The experience made me realize the importance of promoting global health awareness."

Eli believes he found the key to a promising career. "I'm passionate about understanding how the body can heal itself. And I think that natural medicine is the perfect means to achieving healing and wellness."

He has already set his sights on the future.

"After graduation, I'll return to New York to open an integrative medicine clinic," Eli says. Eventually, he hopes to return to his first love, teaching kids. "Someday I want to develop an elementary school health curriculum to help kids learn how to keep themselves strong and vital."



Pedro E. Morales

tients successfully as it is about mastering clinical skills to help patients effect change," Eli says.

He notes that the 57-year-old accredited natural medicine college has deep roots that bring the medicine alive for him. At the same

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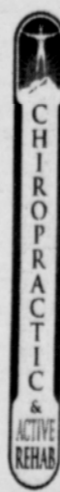
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