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The Week in Review

School Bus Drivers May Strike

Amalgamated Transit Union and the school bus company First Student met with mediators last week, but failed in an attempt to settle an employment contract for school bus drivers. The last labor agreement for the group expired nearly one and a half years ago. The union says a strike is imminent over proposed cuts to health care benefits.

TriMet Calls for Mediator in Labor Talks

TriMet and the Amalgamated Transit Union have reached a dead end in their continued negotiations on a wages and benefits agreement for TriMet drivers. Randy Stedman, TriMet executive director of Labor Relations and Human Resources, asked the state last week to appoint a mediator to assist the two parties in further talks.

Shirley Temple Remembered



Shirley Temple, the dimpled, curly-haired child star who sang, danced, sobbed and grinned her way into the hearts of Depression-era moviegoers, died Monday at her home near San Francisco. She was 85.

Snow and Ice Brings First Wireless System Alert

The snow and freezing rain that hit the metro-area over the weekend, saw the city of Portland using brand new technology to warn residents

for the first time. Wireless Emergency Alerts sent out a special alert tone and 90 character messages Sunday to all enabled phones urging residents to stay inside to avoid the weather conditions.

Oregon Not Prepared for Disaster

A new state audit released on Monday concluded that Oregon may not be able to prepare for a major disaster due to insufficient planning and organization problems at the Office of Emergency to Management.

Winter Olympics Begin

The 22nd Winter Olympic Games kicked off over the weekend in Sochi, Russia. Russian figure skater Irina Rodnina and ice hockey player Vladislav Tretiak lit the torch for the games which will extend to Feb. 23.



Nordstrom to Close in Lloyd Center

Retail chain Nordstrom announced last week it plans to close its Lloyd Center and Vancouver Mall stores due to poor performance. Both stores are set to close in January 2015.

Tavern Robbed in Cully Neighborhood

Officers responded to calls of an armed robbery at Mad Hanna's Tavern in the Cully Neighborhood at 1:25 a.m. on Monday. Two suspects fled the scene before police could detain them.

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