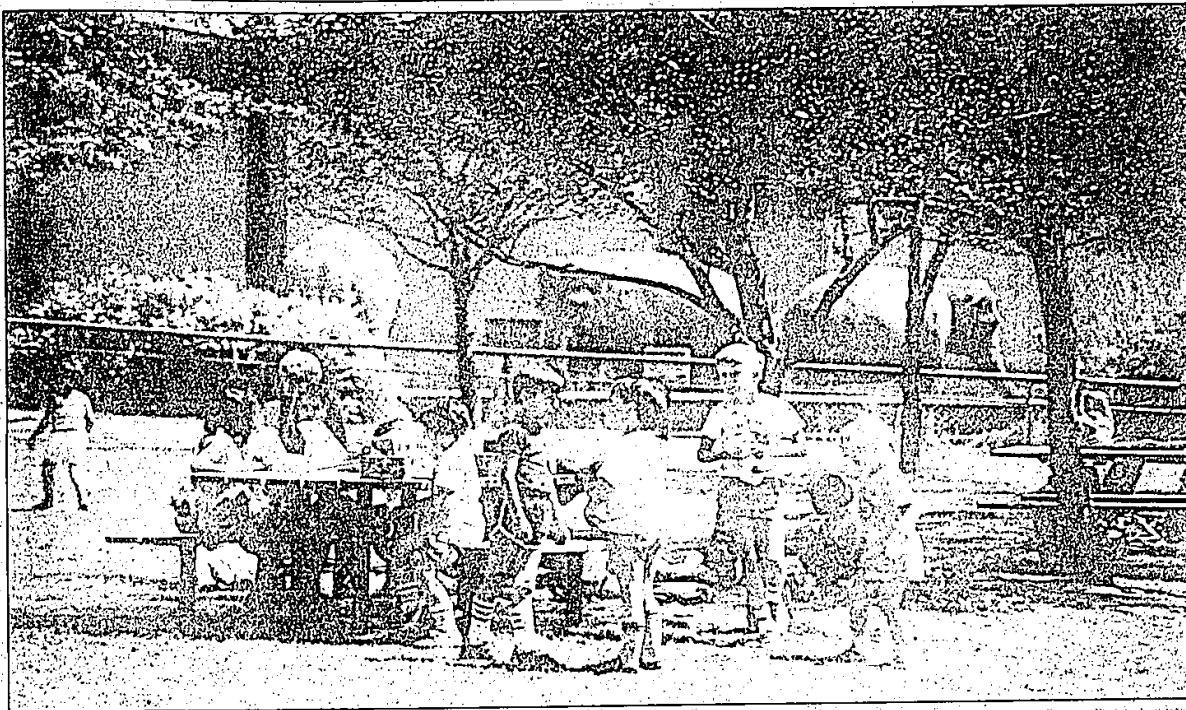


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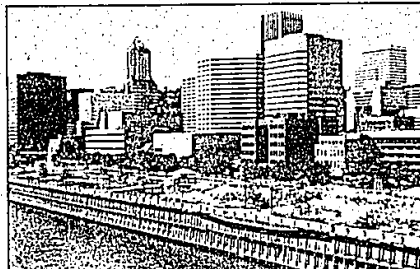


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Blazing Oregon's trail

Summer sunshine brightens Portland's outlook



Cityscapes: Portland's stunning skyline is a good indication of how much the city prides itself on progressive urban planning and forward-looking architecture.

It is that the Blazers' huge popularity resulted from a dearth of other night life.

Now, however, the city boasts a thriving theater community, a fine range of restaurants, an explosion of musical venues and an army of brew pubs, which serve beer and ale brewed on the premises.

Details on most of these places and events are available from the Portland/Oregon Visitors Association, at 26 Southwest Salmon St., Portland, Ore. 97204. For more information call (503) 222-2223.

Events

On June 28, more than 6,000 participants will take part in the 15-kilometer (9.3-mile) Cascade Run-off. The course starts just east of the Burnside Bridge, turns south on Southwest Broadway and makes its way up into the West Hills on Southwest Terschiller Boulevard, affording participants (and onlookers) sweeping views of the city and the Willamette Valley beyond, and finishes on Front Street.

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Memorial Coliseum will be host to the Tournament of the Americas, a basketball competition running from June 27 to July 5 in which men's teams from North, Central and South America will seek slots in the Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

The United States team, including Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and Patrick Ewing, is heavily favored. Tickets, sold in packages of four, for \$50, \$75 and \$100, are scarce, especially for games involving the United States team. For more information call (800) 347-5722.

Fair summer evenings in Portland offer good opportunities to hear music. Hundreds of people bring picnic dinners to a grassy hillside at the Metro Washington Park Zoo for Your Zoo and All that Jazz (Wednesdays) and the Rhythm and Zoo Concerts (Thursdays). Admission is \$5.

This year performers include the Persuasions, Livingston Taylor, Poncho Sanchez and Kenny Rankin. The zoo is at 4001 Southwest Canyon Road. For more information call (503) 226-1561.

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Rail adventure: Seeing Europe by train

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SPECIAL WRITER

It's no secret that the best way to get around Europe is by train.

From remote Swiss mountain villages to the Gare du Nord in Paris, from Sicily to the shores of the Norwegian fjords, the train system that connects Europe still astonishes many American visitors.

On a continent where gasoline can cost \$5 a gallon, road tolls can be exorbitant and air travel between countries is often more expensive than a trans-Atlantic flight, train travel is still the most economical means of getting around.

For those who plan to visit a number of European countries on their vacation, a Eurailpass remains the best value for rail travel.

It must be bought in the United States before departure and allows unlimited first-class rail travel for a specified number of days on the railway systems of 17 member countries — Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy,

Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

A 15-day Eurailpass costs \$430 and a 21-day pass is \$550. A Eurail Flexipass, which allows five days of travel within 15 days, is \$280 and a pass allowing nine days of travel within 21 days is \$450.

The basic Eurail Youthpass, for those under age 26, is \$470 for one month of second-class travel. There is also a Youth Flexipass at \$420 for 15 days of travel within two months.

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In the past, these rail passes have been available only through a country's tourist board, the U.S. office of the country's rail company or through a designated tour operator.

But trying to find out who sold what was time-consuming for consumers and travel agents.

So Rail Europe was created in January 1991, yet another aspect of the transformation of European industries as part of the move toward a Common Market.

While it is by no means complete countries such as Ireland and Italy that are members of Eurail are not members of Rail Europe — it does offer "one-stop shopping" for rail passes for member countries.

It also allows travelers to choose between first- and second-class travel, which the Eurailpass does not.

While the "Chunnel" linking Britain and France will not be finished until late 1993 at the earliest, Rail Europe is anticipating its completion by offering the BritFrance Railpass.

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