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Mname that street

The scene is a familiar one. The guy is standing in the middle of the street in downtown Portland, wondering which way to turn. He spots you, and can tell right away you're a local.

(It's pouring with rain and you are carrying neither raincoat nor umbrella.)

"Excuse me, but could you tell me which way is Salmon?"

You gaze up the Mall. And you gaze down the Mall. You gaze up at the Jackson Tower. And you gaze down at your feet.

For the truth is that though you have walked these streets 10,000 times, you plain can't remember which one is Salmon.

North of Burnside, of course, it's easy. The streets there run in alphabetical order — Couch, Davis, Everett and so on. But the good folk who mapped out downtown Portland decided to make things a little more tricky.

If only there were a way to make it easy to remember these things. But wait. There is.

It's called a mnemonic device. Never heard of 'em, you say? Oh yes, you have.

Every Good Boy Does Fine. The treble clef. There now, you knew that one, didn't you?

Or how about Men Very Easily Make Jugs Serve Useful Nocturnal Purposes. Not exactly one to teach My Aunt Minnie, perhaps, but a convenient way of remembering the order of the planets.

And what cook does not know Shirley Shouldn't Eat Fresh Mushroms — the sequence for adding Sugar, Shortening, Eggs, Flour and Milk when baking?

But back to downtown.

The finest mnemonic I ever heard designed to help folk remember the sequence of city center streets was devised back in 1980 by Ginny Butterfield, then calendar editor of Oregon Magazine.

She came up with this gem: All Poor Old Soldiers Wearing Army Medals Yearn To See Much More Joint Committee Combat.

Ash. Pine. Oak. Stark. Washington. Alder. Morrison. Yamhill. Taylor. Salmon. Main. Madison. Jefferson. Columbia. Clay.

And if you're wondering why Butterfield came to a screeching halt at Clay, consider the challenge of three Ms in a row — Market, Mill and Montgomery.

But since Webfoots like nothing better than wordgames on rainy February afternoons, I am sure that someone can better Butterfield's achievement. A Nicholas Notifier T-shirt, then, to the reader who strides mnemonically from Ash to Market — or beyond.

THAI-ING ONE ON: Architect John Storrs is off to Bangkok next week on what many might consider the dream assignment. His charge: to shop.

Storrs has designed the Elephant Museum to be built this summer at Washington Park Zoo. To add to what he describes as a "very modest" 3,500-square-foot building, he's off to Thailand, home of elephants, to look for some artifacts to adorn the columns of the new structure. Architect Tom Thompson will accompany him on the trip.

ONCE MORE WITH FEELING: Be warned. They're back again. Yes it's Waggie. Complete with friends. How shall I describe them? Portland's foremost .... most famous .... most successful .... Oh all right — Portland's only improvisational comedy troupe has just kicked of another run of Friday and Saturday evening performances at Dugan's Stage Door in Northeast Portland. But remember. Waggie has been described as depraved, debauched, disgusting, and a positive threat to public morality. Get the idea?

Cleanup evicts transients under bridges

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Authorities evicted three transients from makeshift huts and bulldozed three shanties Tuesday during a clean-up of state land under Willamette River bridges.

Another transient lost his riverbank home to high water before the state crew arrived.

The crew cleaned the east side of the river from the Hawthorne Bridge north to the Steel Bridge — a daylong job that cost about $2,000, according to Mary Volm, spokeswoman for the Highway Division.

"We have to do this about two to three times a year. The request usually originates out of a complaint from an east side business owner," although an Oregon administrative rule prohibits camping on state right-of-way, Volm said. The last cleanup of the area was in November.

The camps present a public hazard in at least two ways, Volm said. The continual use of campfires deteriorates the concrete, or in some cases, old wood in the bridge structures. In addition, as garbage and human waste accumulate in the bushes on the hillside, rats thrive.

Foot crews began collecting garbage in plastic bags as they walked north up a pathway from the Hawthorne Bridge. Later, dump trucks and crews with shovels removed large amounts of garbage and waste.

As the work crews reached shanties or lean-tos on a hillside between the Interstate 5 off-ramp and the Steel Bridge, a Caterpillar was brought in to demolish the structures.

Most of the transients who slept in the area already had cleared out, Volm said. One hut was empty, but three people still were asleep in two others overlooking the Willamette.

"Anybody home?" a Highway Division crew member called out at the hut doors. The first young man to emerge said he usually slept until noon. He would not give his name nor that of a woman who also was asleep in his cabin. He said he was 25 and she was 22.

The couple stalled for time, packing their suitcases by candlelight in the hut where shelves contained vases, knick-knacks and a can of instant cocoa. They used to have a radio but it disappeared, the young woman said.

Several camera crews waited outside while the couple packed, and when they attempted to enter the hut, the young man said, "This is private property, do you mind?"

Another young man emerged from the structure next door with a bag and a bedroll and trudged down the hill, grumbling but without further comment.

"You don't see many of the older ones here, just the young guys," said policeman Kevin Griffey of North Precinct. He and two other Portland police arrived at 10 a.m. to evict the temporary dwellers for the Highway Division, whose crews then proceeded with demolition and cleanup of the camps.

Policeman Paul Fisher said he didn't feel sorry for the transients because "most of these people have a choice. They don't have to stay here; they could get a job."

Fisher said he felt worse when he had to evict people from a house they were trying to buy or rent.

Policeman Greg Kurath said he had taken the young woman to Dammasch State Hospital three weeks ago, but he would not give her name.

A third, empty shack contained a large bed, a couch and a wood stove. A book titled "Modern Carpentry" and a thick notebook rested on a table.

Down below, near the railroad tracks, an older man looked down the riverbank wistfully at a cardboard hut that once was his home and still contained his groceries.

"My house is under water. Now I have to move to the boxcar," said Joe Eshkogan, 61. He said he had lived in the area off and on since 1962.

"This last November, when it got real cold, I had to stay at the mission," said Eshkogan, who said he called Portland "home" although he traveled to Washington's Yakima Valley from time to time to get work.

"I used to work on Sauvie Island clearing weeds," he said. "But now they just hire the younger guys. I'm too old for that work and not old enough for Social Security. I sure hope the president doesn't change that again before I get it."

The Rev. Patric Harkins, a full-time volunteer at Baloney Joe's, said he expected an influx of displaced transients by Tuesday night. Some, however, prefer living outdoors, he said.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the guys just go to another bridge," Harkins said.

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A transient, who would not give his name, emerges from a hut he has called home for the last three months. The state Highway Division conducted a "sweep" of the east bank of the Willamette Tuesday, demolishing shanties from the Hawthorne Bridge to the Steel Bridge.

Abandoned baby reported improved

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A premature baby found wrapped in rags near a woodpile in North Portland was declared out of danger Tuesday at Emanuel Hospital, where "everybody wants to adopt him."

"He's off the respirator and upgraded from serious to fair condition," said Joan Kahn, director of community relations for the hospital.

Although he will remain in hospital care for a time, the 4½-pound newborn found Saturday morning is already in the custody of the Children's Services Division.

J.T., as the hospital staff is calling the infant — for the first names of the doctor and nurse who admitted him — is a beautiful baby with perfect features and lots of brown hair. His tiny diaphram moved up and down rapidly as he breathed on his own Tuesday afternoon two hours after he was taken off a respirator.

"Everybody wants to adopt him," said Dr. John Bradley, an intensive care pediatrician who has supervised the newborn's care. The baby is not lacking in love or attention, with nurses and doctors hovering around him day and night.

"Right now, all of us in the hospital are his parents, so we're very excited about him," Bradley said.

J.T. was admitted with hypothermia, or low body temperature, and had probably been outdoors two to four hours after he was born and before he was found by North Portland residents about 10 a.m. Saturday, he said.

"They went out to collect wood and heard him crying," Bradley said. He said he suspected a home birth but with experienced attention.

"There was a very clean cut to the umbilical cord," Bradley said. "He was delivered by someone who had an idea what to do with a newborn. There was no evidence of injury or brain problems" after hospital tests, he said.

The baby was probably born at 35 weeks gestation, or about a month premature, Bradley said.

A member of the Portland Police Bureau juvenile services unit responded to a call from the family that found J.T. and took him to Emanuel.

After arriving at the hospital, J.T. developed a mild lung infection common to premature babies, Bradley said. "His lungs are healing rapidly now," he said.

J.T.'s doctor was ecstatic with his progress. By Tuesday night J.T. was expected to be off intravenous feeding and on his first formula. If he tolerates the feeding, he could leave the hospital within a week, Bradley said.

After leaving the hospital, J.T. will be placed in a medical foster home where he will receive skilled care, said Diana Frost, supervisor of permanent planning for the Children's Services Division in Portland. The division will try to determine the circumstances of his birth, she said.

"We don't know what this little guy is going to need yet in follow-up care," Frost said. "We have the right to place him temporarily, but he's not available at this time for adoption."

No note was found with the baby, and by law the division has to make every effort to find the family, Frost said. Between six months and a year is required by law for abandonment status, she added.

"We would like to try to get the mother and baby together and get the mother some help," Bradley said. "At this point, he can only win."

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A newborn 4½ pound baby boy who was found abandoned near a woodpile in North Portland rests comfortably in Emanuel Hospital, where he is undergoing treatment for hypothermia.

2 killed as plane crashes near Rajneeshpuram

THE DALLES — A twin-engine plane headed for the Rajneeshpuram airport crashed about 7 p.m. Tuesday in a hilly area east of Antelope, killing the two people on board.

Searchers, who included the Wasco County sheriff, two deputies and an area rancher, found two bodies and the widely scattered wreckage of the plane, a leased six-seat Piper Seneca, about 9:35 p.m., Wasco County Undersheriff Jack Robertson said.

Numerous residents of southern Sherman County and the Antelope area called area law enforcement agencies to report hearing an explosion and seeing a fire at about the time the plane went out of radio contact.

Christ Chitainya, president of the Rajneesh Neo-Sannyas International Commune, said a twin-engine plane carrying Hasya, a pilot for the commune, and Vadan, another Rajneeshpuram resident, was due to land there about 7 p.m.

Hasya called the commune airport about 6:40 p.m. and said he would be landing in about 20 minutes, the commune president said. After that, the airport lost radio contact. When the plane hadn't landed 35 minutes later, an attempt was made to get a search under way, he said.

Robertson said that both the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board had been informed of the crash. He said that an investigation would begin Wednesday morning and that the bodies would be removed from the site then. He said he could not confirm the identities of the two victims.

The plane flew out of Portland International Airport after cancelling a flight plan filed earlier with the Federal Aviation Administration. The cancellation meant the pilot was flying "on his own" without FAA contact, a spokesman for the agency in Portland said.

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The metro area

■ **The bodies of** 17 more dogs and two cats were discovered Tuesday, bringing to 122 the number of animal bodies found dumped at three locations in Washington County. Authorities in the county said they hope to soon make an arrest in the case. **Page B2**

■ **Portland State University** faculty members have voted to retain their union by a vote of 260-211, according to results released Tuesday by the state Employment Relations Board. The American Association of University Professors represents the 548-member faculty, but only 200 belong to the union. **Page B2**

■ **Portland officials** activated the city's emergency water supply system Tuesday to replace reservoir supplies muddied by heavy rain and melting snow. Most customers will be unable to detect a difference in the water pumped from wells, said Edward T[illegible]ony, Bureau of Water Works administrator. **Page B8**

■ **Nuclear weapons** and overpopulation will be the two most pressing problems facing the world in the 21st century, Nobel laureate Charles Townes said Tuesday to an audience of 300 at Linfield College. **Page B12**

■ **R. Kenneth Dodds,** an engineering geologist who served as consultant on many large projects around the world and was the former president of Foundation Sciences Inc., died Monday in a local hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack in his Northwest Portland home. He was 57. **Page D14**

The region

■ **The remains** of a rare beaked whale that washed up on a central Oregon coast beach Sunday have been frozen at the Mark O. Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, awaiting shipment to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. **Page B2**

■ **The federal government,** saying deficiences at Oregon State Hospital in Salem pose an "immediate hazard to patients," has ended the state hospital's certification for Medicare funds effective March 6. **Page B3**

■ **Plans for a new highway** providing access to the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument will be made public next week, according to Washington state engineers working on the project, and work on the 25-mile two-lane road is expected to begin this fall. **Page B3**

■ **The Senate** Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday refused to support a Reagan administration proposal to sell the Bonneville Power Administration and four other federal power-marketing agencies. The recommendation against the sale was sent on to the Senate Budget Committee. Meanwhile, the House Interior Committee made no mention of the sale idea when adopting its fiscal 1987 budget recommendations. **Page B12**

■ **States may not force** privately owned utility companies to include with customers' bills information from consumer groups and other organizations, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday. **Page B12**

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