

Free immunization at local clinics

Child immunizations are being offered in local Portland clinics.



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"The Darker Face of the Earth"

This play runs through October 27 at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.



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Miss Collins to return home

An appeal to those that have known Miss Collins to assist in returning her home.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Atlanta park reopens

Crowds are once again filling Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta. It reopened Tuesday morning, three days after the pipe bomb attack that left two people dead and 110 others injured. As the gates swung open, the crowds cheered and went straight for the grassy knoll where the bomb went off. The crater had been filled and covered with fresh turf. At a brief memorial ceremony, former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young told the thousands on hand that they should "not wallow in tragedy but enjoy a triumph of the human spirit." The search for the bomber continues.

Terrorism is primary topic

The fight against terrorism is a key issue for Congress today, as well as for a summit meeting of world powers in Paris. White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta met this week with House and Senate members to discuss options following the pipe bomb blast in Atlanta and the explosion that brought down the TWA airliner off the coast of New York.

Clinton, Mubarak meet

President Clinton played host to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at the White House today. The two leaders compared notes on bilateral problems like terrorism and shared ideas on how to rejuvenate the sputtering Middle East peace process now that hard-liner Benjamin Netanyahu is prime minister of Israel. "I've been very impressed with the leadership that President Mubarak has shown in the last several months," Clinton said going into the talks. They planned to hold a joint news conference after finishing their discussions.

Saudi security talks

Defense Secretary William Perry is in Saudi Arabia on a mission to strengthen security for 5,000 U.S. troops stationed in the kingdom. Defense officials are under strict orders not to discuss details of Perry's trip. But officials said last week that he would press the Saudi government to provide at least half of the hundreds of millions of dollars needed to beef up security for U.S. troops. Perry's visit follows two recent bombing attacks in Saudi Arabia that killed 24 Americans.

Valujet criminal charges?

The Miami Herald says state and federal prosecutors want to lay criminal blame for the crash of Valujet Flight 592 but cannot decide who to charge. The newspaper says prosecutors have focused on the people who handled oxygen canisters believed to have started or fueled a fire on board the plane. Prosecutors don't plan to decide on charges until after the NTSB concludes its investigation of the crash and issues a cause.

Wages in check

A new report from the Labor Department shows that workers' wages and benefits grew by a moderate 0.8 percent in the second quarter, matching the first-quarter increase. The rise in overall worker compensation was slightly slower than Wall Street analysts had expected and should help quiet, but not extinguish, financial market fears of higher inflation due to wage increases. Economists said the report would support the view that the Federal Reserve does not need to raise interest rates soon to keep inflation in check. But they noted that the report was only the first of three due this week, capped by Friday's July jobs report.

State workers union ballots delayed

BY JOEY MURPHY

It's the classic battle between workers and management, but with a twist.

Workers attempt to unionize, management tries to stop them, one wins, one loses. This time, however, things are different.

State court workers attempting to unionize for the third time in over a decade are still waiting for election results 15 months after it began.

The delay is mostly due to much litigation over the election Multnomah County Court Administrator Jerome Cooper said.

About 1,000 currently unrepresented court workers voted in April 1995 on whether or not to join the Oregon Public Employees Union. The count now stands at 452 votes against unionization and 448 votes in favor. However, there are 61 unopened ballots challenged by the court's management.

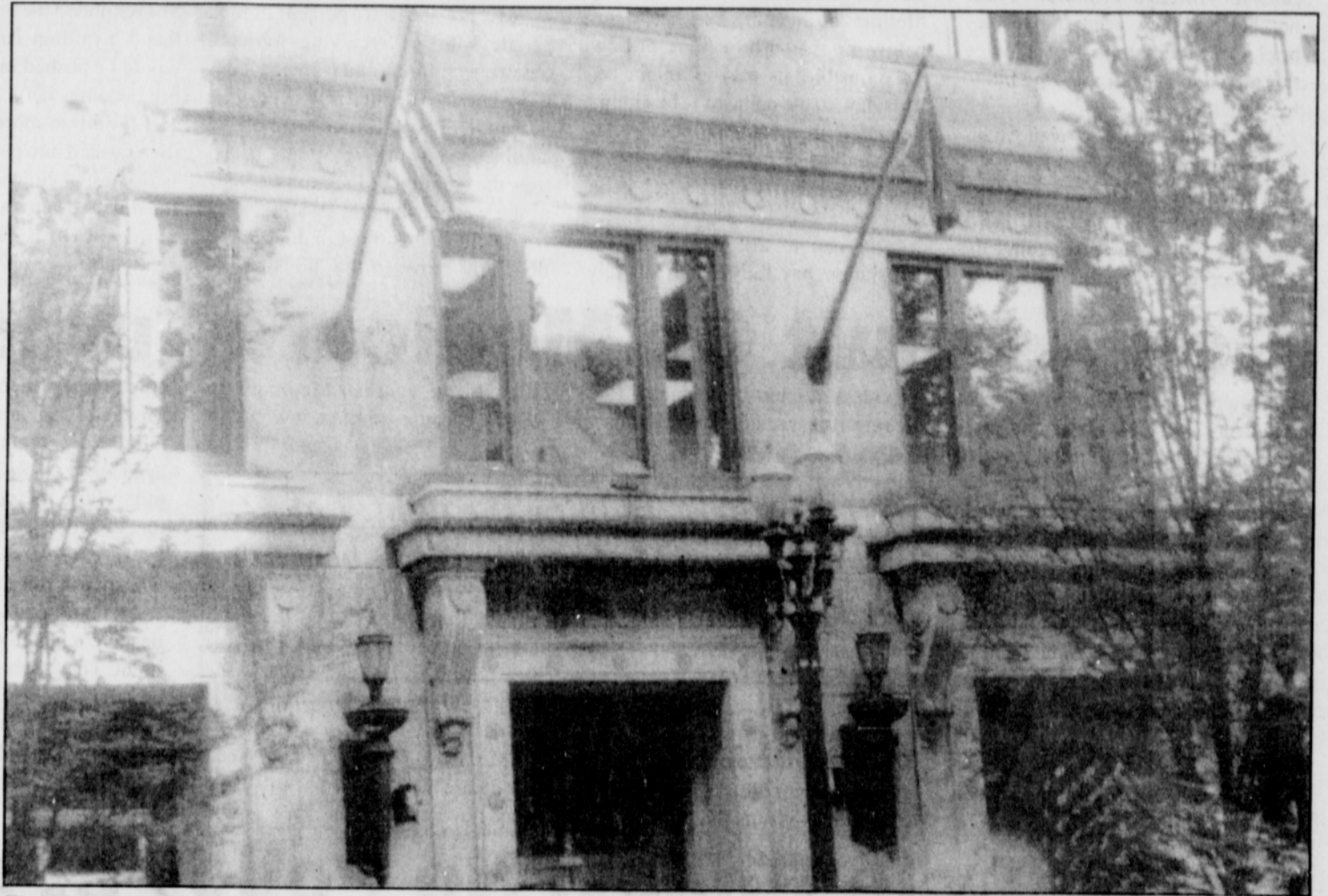
"The election hinges around these 61 ballots," OPEU President Karla Spence said.

Most of the 61 ballots are "challenged on the basis of questions about the appropriateness of bargaining unit status," an OPEU press release said. However, eight votes are challenged because workers voted in person at the Employment Relations Board, the organization conducting the election, or voted by metered mail instead of the postal service.

The ERB opened 342 previously challenged votes July 19 as ordered by the Court of Appeals.

The votes were challenged because workers brought them to the OPEU, which then delivered them to the ERB said Dave Stiteler, an ERB board member.

"The employer alleged votes shouldn't be counted because ballots were gathered by the



The Multnomah County Courthouse, maintained by some of Oregon's judicial employees that are hoping to unionize.

union and hand-delivered to the ERB," Stiteler said, "we initially agreed with the employer, but the union appealed."

Of the 342 votes previously challenged, 322 were for unionization, and 20 were against.

OPEU and court workers claim the ERB

has been "less than neutral" in this election. They feel the ERB showed favoritism towards management in their handling of management's appeals.

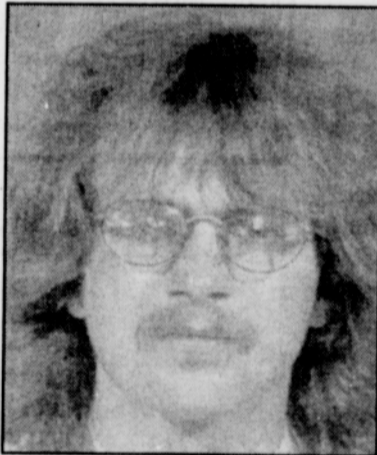
"ERB is supposed to be neutral and they've been anything but," judicial assistant Colleen Miles said. "They've been leaning toward the

management and it's been very obvious."

Stiteler disagreed. "I don't think those allegations are accurate," he said, "we've performed the same act in hundreds and thousands of other cases."

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Gresham cross burning arrests



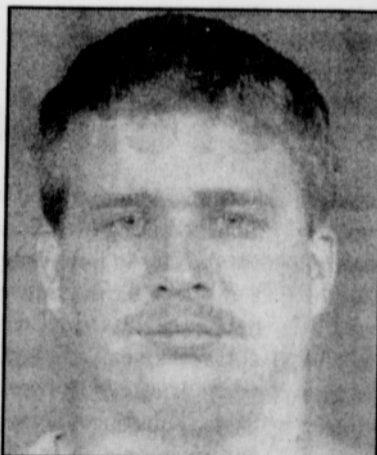
BY PAMELA JORDAN

The father of one of the men arrested Thursday for burning a cross in a black man's yard apologized for his son's actions.

Without admitting nor denying his son's guilt, Stephen Shuman expressed remorse for the June 16 cross burning at the home of Billy Ballard of Gresham.

"My family, we apologize to him. It's a terrible thing to do to someone," said Shuman. "Your home is supposed to be your sanctuary. I really feel for him."

"I don't know if he did it, but to go to all this trouble the authorities must have some



Troy Harlow, and Michael Shuman were arrested for the recent cross burning in Gresham.

pretty credible evidence," said Shuman.

FBI agents and Gresham police arrested Michael Scott Shuman, 24, of Gresham, and Troy Allen Harlow, 25 of Fairview Thursday afternoon. The two were charged in federal court Friday, July 26, 1996, with two counts each of conspiracy to deny civil rights and violating the Fair Housing Act by force and threat.

"Investigating and prosecuting cases of racially-motivated violence is a high priority," said U.S. Attorney Kris Olsen. "Cross-burning at a residence is a well-known symbol of racial hatred and is essentially a terrorist act."

Authorities believe Harlow and Shuman

met with an unspecified number of others in the parking lot of the Rockwood Seventh Day Adventist Church in Gresham. The group constructed a wooden cross, doused it with gasoline, took it to Ballard's home on S.E. 179th and set it on fire.

Ballard was watching television when he saw the fireball through his livingroom window. He reportedly said he is relieved that someone has been arrested in the case, and that he does not know the suspects.

The two men are in federal custody. If convicted they could face 10 years in prison and 250,000 fines for each count.

Both men have criminal records with minor offenses dating back to 1992.

Shuman works as a mechanic at a trucking company in Portland. He is the father of a toddler daughter and lives with his parents. Harlow has a newborn girl and a six-year-old daughter.

Authorities aren't saying what specifically led to a break in the case. But Gresham police officials say publicity prompted people with information to come forward with tips. The case is still open as officials search for other suspects.

Shuman's father said he knew his son harbored racist views, but was dumbfounded by the arrest.

Multicultural Fair attracts diverse Crowd

BY JOEY MURPHY

Cuisine from hot dogs to du du bo kho. Performances from Native American drummers to African American gospel singers. Rowdy teens. Quiet families.

Such was the diverse scene at the second annual Neighborhood Cultural fair last Sunday, sponsored by the Central Northeast Neighbors and the Southeast Asian Vicariate.

Although the crowd was predominantly Asian, most said the multicultural element was valuable.

"If we understand each other's culture, we will live in harmony," said Father Vincent

Minh, Episcopal vicar of Southeast Asians in the Portland area.

The fair was held outside the Southeast Asian Vicariate at NE 54 and Alameda.

"It's a very international neighborhood," Minh said, "on Sandy Boulevard there are many cultural restaurants: Italian, Vietnamese, Mexican and German."

Many agreed with Minh's sentiments.

"Learning about other cultures helps us better understand each other," Youth Gang Outreach director Halim Rahsaan said.

Even the vendors at the fair valued the variety.

"It's good advertising," Michelle Ngo, manager of the photography studio Joelle

Concepts, said. "I'm interested in all races."

Police attended the event. Sergeant Jim McDaniel, a member of the gang team, was there because Southeast Asian gang members were among the crowd.

"When they see us here, it eliminates a lot of the problem," McDaniel said. "If they had weapons, once they saw us they'd take them back out."

Jangchup performed in the Tibetan dance routine. Part of the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association, the group practices about once a month. Jangchup said she enjoyed the performance, though the group wasn't able to participate in the rest of the fair.

Other performances included traditional

Middle Eastern dance, Mexican mariachi music and dancing, Cambodian dance, a magician, and Ukrainian music.

Vendor Isabel Campbell described her du du bo kho, a dish of shredded papaya and beef jerky, as "fabulous."

Campbell was at the fair last year, and said business was better then.

Many said attendance was down this year due to the weather. It had been raining intermittently through the day.

The hot dog vendor, however, refused to comment on his dogs. They weren't selling very well. Jenny Trinh was just there "to see my friends and eat ice cream," she said. "It's fun, and the multicultural thing is cool."