

**Bonofide stardom for LL Cool J**

Award winning rapper and TV star emerges as cross-cultural phenomenon.



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Gov. John Kitzhaber puts focus on emergency energy assistance.



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**Make yourself known at KBOO's Boo Ball**

The costumes will put you in a festive mood and the music will get you dancin'.



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**THE WEEK IN REVIEW**

**Chinese leader visits**

Chinese President Jiang Zemin toured historic buildings in colonial Williamsburg Tuesday on the eve of his summit with President Clinton. Jiang watched colonial dancers and shook hands with the performers. About a dozen protestors, kept 250 yards away, held signs reading "Free Tibet" and "Human Rights Now."

**Stock market rebound**

Wall Street rallied Tuesday as The Dow Jones industrial average soared 337.17 points, its biggest one-day gain ever, and closed at 7,498.32. Shrugging off a historic plunge, investors jumped at cheaper prices. A slump in Asian and European financial markets had led to three days of heavy U.S. losses, including Monday's record 554-point Dow drop.

**World markets shaky**

Spooked by the plunge on the New York Stock Exchange, overseas markets fell even more Tuesday with Hong Kong's posting its largest selloff since 1989. The London exchange skidded before recovering most of its loss on the heels of a big rally by U.S. stocks.

**Clinton orders guidelines**

President Clinton sought anew to build support for national testing standards, urging more school districts to promote children on the basis of academics rather than for social reasons. In a speech at Oscar Mayer Elementary School, the president said Chicago has been able to turn failing schools around in part because of its decision to stop advancing children from grade to grade based on their social development.

**Albright confident**

Though concerned about delay, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright expressed confidence Tuesday that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wants to reach a new agreement with Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority. Albright told reporters she had talked to Netanyahu on the telephone and was convinced "the prime minister wants results."

**Jury gets murder case**

Jurors have begun deliberating the case of a British au pair charged with killing an American infant. Defense attorney Barry Scheck, part of O.J. Simpson's Dream Team, says prosecutors "did not even come close" to proving that nanny Louise Woodward killed 8-month-old Matthew Eappen by shaking the boy or slamming his head. Prosecutor Gerard Leone Jr. said 19-year-old Woodward killed Eappen in frustration over the child's fussing and the demands of her job.

**School drug use cited**

A survey of schools by a private drug-control program found increases in drug use among junior high students, while use in senior high held steady. The 10th annual survey by Atlanta-based PRIDE - Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education - found a 5 percent increase in the junior high students who reported that they used illegal drugs monthly.

**Artists on Diana album**

Paul McCartney, Michael Jackson and Bruce Springsteen are among 35 major artists who have agreed to contribute songs to a charity double album in memory of Princess Diana, her lawyers said today. The album - "Diana, Princess of Wales-Tribute" - goes on sale Dec. 1 and also includes songs by U2, Eric Clapton, Rod Stewart and Mariah Carey. Elton John's "Candle In The Wind 1997" will not appear on the album.



Area youth practice theatrics at a Smart Start program at the Portland Police Activities League Center in northeast Portland.

**Art auction takes aim at violence**

A little peace of mind--and a great deal of art--will be auctioned Nov. 8 in an event that hopes to ultimately make Oregon a safer place grow up.

The first annual Smart Start Art Auction, from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, offers collectors and the public a chance to bid on an eclectic range of art and help fund a new program aimed at lowering violence among

youth. (The cultural center, located at 1819 NW Everett, was formerly known as the Northwest Service Center.)

The event will benefit Smart Start, Inc., a non-profit organization which teaches youths how to resolve conflict and express themselves through the visual and performance arts.

The fundraiser is co-chaired by Portland Mayor Vera Katz, Portland Chief of Police Charles A. Moose, Portland art collector

Gordon Gilkey and Oregon artist James Lavadour. Jackie Gamble, director of the Touchstone School in Lake Oswego, is also co-chairing the event.

Founded by Rebecca Singer, an actress, artist and youth counselor with more than 15 years experience in teaching at-risk youth how to creatively overcome violence, Smart Start works to build self-esteem, success and self-expression among youth.

**Portland's many cultures**

**Local jews dance with their Torah**

By NEIL HEILPERN

Tambourines jangled, and drums vibrated as dozens of people danced around the room with their beloved Torah.

These were the people of P'Nai, Hebrew for "Faces of Light", one of several Jewish congregations in the Portland metropolitan area celebrating last week's holiday of Simchat Torah, "Joy of Torah".

Held at the Smile station in Sellwood, the event capped a month long cluster of major Jewish holidays, including Rosh Hashanah, The Jewish New Year, in late September, Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, Oct. 10, and Sukkot, "The Feast of Ingathering" or "Tabernacles".

As with most Jewish holidays, this was a family affair, and the children started the evening with an arts and crafts project to make their own paper Torahs.

Shulamit Levine asked the youngsters what Simchat Torah was all about and young Jonathan Irwin answered, "To rejoice about the holy scrolls."

When Levine asked, "What is a Torah?" Leeba Laviolette blurted out, "a paper that keeps on going."

Aki Fleshler, another adult leader of the event, noted that the scrolls -- which include the first five books of the Bible -- told the children it was not paper, but either parchment or animal skin.

Most youngsters knew a portion of the Torah is read each week, until the entire



Kids are astonished by the handwritten Torah, a scroll of the first books of the Old Testament. (Photos by Neil Heilpern)



Karen Irwin leads grandson Jonathan as he dances with the Torah.

**People vote on dying**  
**Question is repeal of law allowing Physician assisted suicide**

By NEIL HEILPERN

If a terminally ill person is racked with uncontrollable pain and suffering, will society allow that person to ask a doctor to provide a prescription for a lethal dose of drugs to end his or her life?

That is the question once again before voters this Tuesday.

Measure 51 would repeal the Oregon Death With Dignity Act.

The act was titled Measure 16 in 1994 and passed by voters.

A "Yes" vote on Tuesday means the voter is against physician assisted suicide and wants the current law wiped off the books.

A "No" vote means the voter wants people to have the freedom to choose when, where and how to end their lives when faced with a terminal condition, thus keeping the 1994 law on the books.

While the courts affirmed Measure 16's constitutionality, earlier this year, state legislators decided to send the measure back to the voters.

Current law provides specific conditions under which patients can request lethal drugs and protects participating physicians from legal repercussions. Physicians are not permitted to inject the drugs or take an active part in the final act.

The law requires a 15-day patient waiting period, two oral and one written request, a second physician's opinion and counseling for patients with impaired judgement due to depression.

Patients may choose whether to notify next of kin. Health care providers have the right to refuse participation.

Measure 51 supporters argue mandatory counseling and notification of families should be required and complain that physicians aren't allowed to indicate on death certificates a death was an assisted suicide.

Opponents of the current law also complain about lack of state residency requirements, expressing concern of a flood of people coming from other states to die.

"When Oregon's legislature sent the Death with Dignity law back to the ballot, they told us that we just didn't know what we were doing when we passed Measure 16," said that measure's chief petitioners Barbara Coombs Lee, Elven Sinnard and Dr. Peter Goodwin in a current voters' pamphlet statement.

"When life has deteriorated to the point of a miserable, agonizing existence, we would like the choice to hasten the inevitable end, and to do so with the advice and help of a willing physician," said terminally ill patients Barbara Oskamp, Penny Schlueter and Tom Shuck.

"I believe an individual should have control, should be able to make choices about the end of their life," said Gov. John Kitzhaber.

Supporters of the repealing measure 51 argue lethal drugs may not be effective and may increase discomfort in dying.

Ballots have been sent to voters and must be received by county election officials no later than 8 p.m., Tuesday. Postmarks do not count.

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