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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Suspect Charged in Church Attack

LONDON - A man was charged with attempted murder today after police said he stormed naked through a Roman Catholic Mass in a sword-wielding rampage, injuring 11 people. Eden Strang, 26, was charged with attempting to kill Paul Chilton, 50.

Y2K Fears May Bring More Glitches

NEW YORK - Many government and business leaders are concerned about last minute stockpiling during the year's final weeks. Such moves repeated the world over could create bigger problems than computer bugs themselves. They say. Some 55 percent of Americans plan to withdraw from two to six weeks of cash in preparation for 2000.

Judge Imposes Restrictions on IBF

NEWARK, NJ - Federal prosecutors today moved a step closer to achieving a court takeover of the IBF, one of boxing's major governing bodies. A federal judge imposed spending restrictions on the IBF and barred its leaders from concealing funds or destroying records. The action stems from a racketeering indictment and a lawsuit brought against IBF president Robert Lee Sr., accusing him and others of taking \$338,000 in bribes.

President Signs Fiscal 2000 Budget

WASHINGTON - President Clinton today signed a \$390 billion budget package he says represents "real progress" for American families. The omnibus-spending bill includes for more teachers and police officers and money to pay U.N. dues and protect more sensitive lands from development.

WTO Activities Delayed

SEATTLE - Police delayed for two hours the opening of the convention center where the World Trade Organization plans to hold a conference. Wto spokesman Han-Peter Werner told reporters milling around outside the building that someone has tried to break in overnight, and the Secret Service was conducting another security sweep.

Maine Could Be Next With Doctors Assisted Suicide

PORTLAND, MI - Maine could be the second state in the nation to legalize doctor-assisted suicide. The secretary of state in Maine has certified an initiative for the two thousand ballots. The proposal - dubbed the Maine Death With Dignity Act - is similar to Oregon's assisted suicide law.

Christmas Tree Season In Swing

PORTLAND, OR - Oregonians may still be tossing out jack-o-lanterns. But Christmas season is here for Christmas tree growers. Oregon is the largest producer of Christmas tree in the U.S. The state's licensed tree growers expect to harvest eight-point-five million trees this year.

Urban League chooses new interim director

CONTRIBUTED STORY FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Former State Representative Margaret Carter became interim president/CEO of the embattled Urban League of Portland last week. Carter, who also is running for the Oregon State Senate, was selected as the interim director of the 54-year-old organization out of about 20 candidates. Carter, 63, said she believes she can help the organization get back on solid ground.

In October, former Urban League President/CEO Lawrence Dark resigned after a Multnomah County review raised questions about the agency's handling of public and private money under Dark's leadership. As a result of the questions raised, Multnomah County stopped payments on a \$1 million contract to the Urban League. Worksystems, one of the league's largest funders, also canceled its contract and the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette halted their payments, too.

With questions of credibility, financial stability and trust lingering, Urban League Board Chairman Duane Bosworth said Carter was chosen for her ability to communicate with the community. Carter said her goal is to spread the word that the Urban League is a viable organization committed to serving this community.

Carter, a Portland Democrat, served 14 years in the Oregon Legislature as representative of House District 18. But term limits prevented her from running for the position again. She unsuccessfully made a bid for the state schools superintendent. But she is not likely to face stiff opposition in her run for the state Senate. If she wins, Carter would lead Oregon Senate District 18, which represents North and Northeast Portland.

Carter said she sees no problem in campaigning while she is interim director. She said the Legislature does not convene again until January 2001.

Carter, who says she has devoted her lifetime to families and community, started her career as a music teacher in rural schools. She earned degrees in elementary education and education psychology. She was a teacher and counselor for more than 25 years at Portland Community College. She helped thousands of students at PCC find the right career path. As a state representative, she



helped create a permanent Head State program in Oregon. She helped found the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps and was a chief

sponsor of the Oregon Workforce 2000 Act, bringing technology learning centers into Oregon communities.

TLC's top-rated shows trauma: life in the E.R. and paramedics

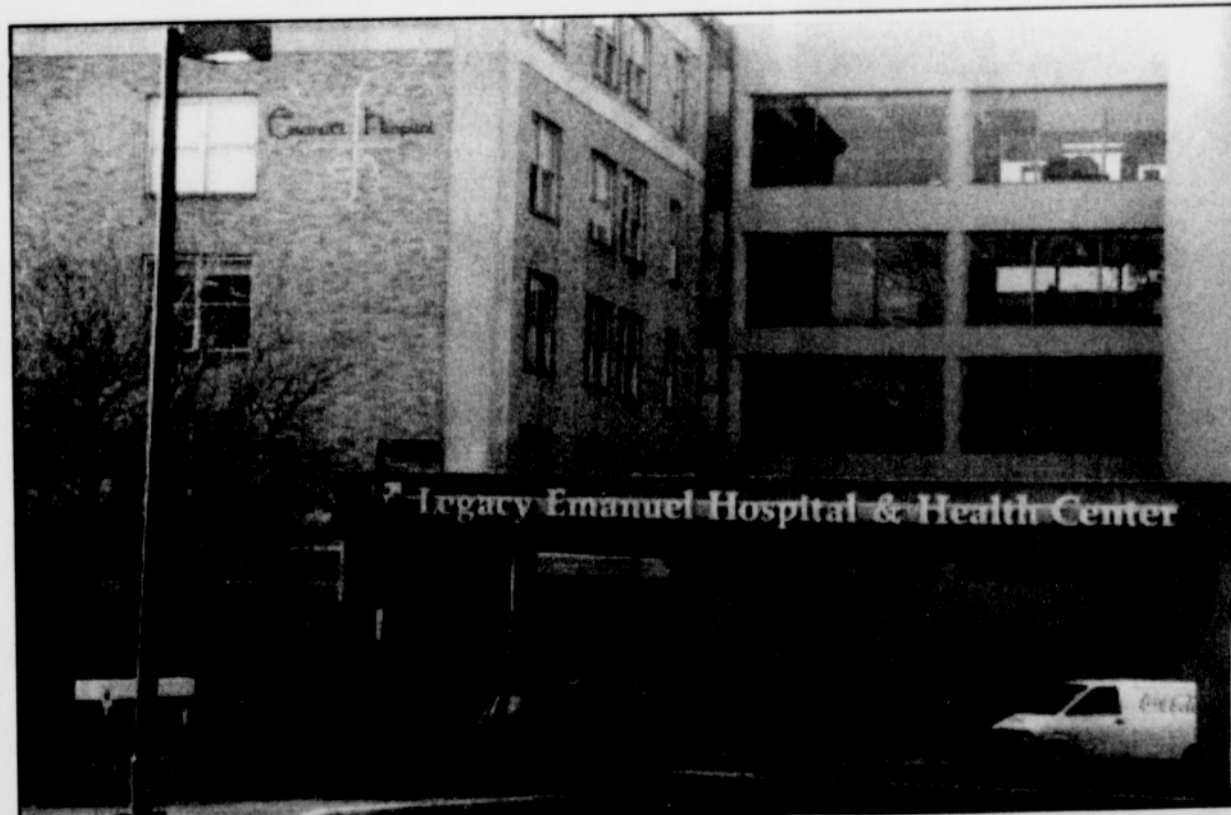


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To feature local Portland heroes

Legacy Emanuel Hospital Featured on Trauma: Life In The E.R. on December 7 American Medical Response Northwest Featured on Paramedics on December 6 Have you ever seen the inside of a Portland emergency room? Or captured the roller-coaster ride of medical crises on Portland's streets and highways? Emergency rooms and

emergency medical services harbor more drama-per-minute than most places. TLC's Trauma: Life In The E.R. and Paramedics take viewers behind the scenes at Legacy Emanuel Hospital and American Medical Response Northwest to capture the life and death urgency inside the real world of emergency medicine.

Trauma: Life In The E.R. offers tense, on-the-scene dramas filmed at Legacy Emanuel Hospital's level one trauma center. The Long Haul airs Tuesday, December 7 from 8-9 PM (PT) and features a road worker struck by a

reckless driver; a heroin overdose; a logging accident that claims a man's leg; a 7-month old who suffers a head injury; and a nurse who is the victim of an overdose. Actor Mike McGlone (The Brothers McMullen, She's The One) narrates the Trauma: Life In The E.R. series. Paramedics plunges into the lives of the paramedic and rescue units of American Medical Response Northwest. Portland Pioneers premieres Monday, December 6 from 8-9 PM (PT) and documents the everyday trauma and tragedy on Portland's streets. A woman is trapped in her car after a motor vehicle accident; a man suffers from unexplained seizures; a churchgoer collapses during services; a woman experiences a severe allergic reaction to antibiotics; a traveler has a severe heart attack at the airport; and young women is beaten during the course of a robbery - and the paramedics of American Medical Response Northwest are always first on the scene.

NAACP looks into denial of opportunity in tv industry

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The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), under the leadership of Kweisi Mfume, President and CEO, convened a public hearing today to examine the pattern of discriminatory treatment by the television industry against African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, Native Americans and other minorities.

Mfume said, "The hearings today are designed, not so much to determine whether or not there continues to be a severe problem with respect to equal opportunity in network television, but rather to develop a public record on why the denial of opportunity for people of color continues to go virtually unabated."

The probe is a part of the NAACP's ongoing investigation of diversity at the major TV networks, ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX. It was highlighted by testimony from CBS Television CEO Leslie Moonves, the only network president to attend the hearing.

Actors Blair Underwood (City Of Angels, L.A. Law), Apesanahkwat (Northern Exposure), actresses Ann Marie Johnson (JAG, In The Heat of the Night), Erika Alexander (Cosby, Living Single), and producer/director Yvette Lee Bowser (Living Single) presented their personal testimony.

Former Congressman Esteban Torres of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, Sonny Skyhawk, Executive Director of American Indians in Film and Television and Karen Narasaki, Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium joined Mfume and the NAACP's General Counsel Dennis Hayes, and Assistant General Counsel Debbie Liu as the panel officers who queried the guest witnesses about experience and/or perceptions of the industry.

The seven-hour public hearing drew a crowd in the Westside Room of the Century Plaza Hotel & Tower in Los Angeles, California. Also on hand to testify were industry insiders representing management and talent agencies, network executives, civil rights, advocacy, actor and writer guilds and trade unions.

Unable to testify at the originally scheduled time, representatives from ABC, NBC and FOX left the hearing without testifying. Mfume said, "We tried to rearrange the schedule to hear from the network representatives, but time did not allow. They can't treat this like a drive-by hearing. Stop two or three hours and then move on."

"We have made every attempt to meet the four major networks more than halfway on this issue of diversity, but there is a limit to even the NAACP's patience. This issue will not disappear and this movement will not go away," said Mfume who brought this problem to the forefront last summer after lambasting the fall prime-time lineups for excluding people of color from starting or leading roles in the 26 new shows. The NAACP has monitored the opportunities of African Americans in the television industry since 1951.



Kweisi Mfume PHOTO BY CHARLES W. BUSH