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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Winners Claim Shares of Powerball Jackpot

Three of the four winners of the \$294.8 million Powerball jackpot claimed their shares, including a Maine couple who hid their winning ticket in a box of cereal, a medical records clerk from Minnesota and a 46-year-old ex-convict from Kentucky.

Bush Vow on Social Security 'Symbolic'

WASHINGTON — The White House is backing away from its pledge to protect every cent of Social Security reserves. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office says the government will have to use \$9 billion of Social Security reserves to cover the fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

Israel Seizes Positions in Palestinian Town

BEITJALLA, West Bank — In response to massive Palestinian fire on a Jewish neighborhood, Israeli forces entered this Palestinian town, took up positions in several buildings and imposed a curfew.

Drugs Trigger Withdrawal of Student Financial Aid

This year an estimated 28,230 college students were denied federal financial aid because they have admitted to a drug conviction. This is the first time aid is being denied to applicants who leave the drug-conviction question blank on their applications. That could keep 11,417 more students from getting aid.

Study: CEOs Rewarded for Layoffs

WASHINGTON — As the economy slowed last year and companies laid off workers, major chief executives were rewarded for making job cuts, according to a study. Top job-cutters got an average increase in salary of nearly 20% last year, compared with 3-4% raises for salaried employees.

Employers ban dialing-and-driving

NEW YORK — Fearing multimillion dollar lawsuits, many firms are banning their employees from using cell phones for work purposes while driving.

Prosecutors: Pharmacist Tampered with IV Bags

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — At least 150 intravenous bags of cancer drugs used by 30 to 35 patients may have been altered for profit by a greedy pharmacist. Each dilution could count as both a "misbranding" and an adulteration under federal law, prosecutors said in a civil court filing.

Toddler of Fugitive Found Dead

SACRAMENTO — The 3-year-old son of a missing man suspected of murdering his wife and four relatives in two Sacramento suburbs was found dead. Authorities were led to the location by a note written in Russian.

Beloved Nurse Shaken by Prison Visit

Mariah Taylor is arrested for trespassing after complaining about drug detector

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A woman well loved for her work on behalf of women and children in the north/northeast community has been left shaken from an incident at the Federal Correctional Institution in Sheridan.

Mariah Taylor, a nurse practitioner who has earned national praise for her work providing medical care to low-income residents, was arrested at the prison Friday and cited with criminal trespassing.

Taylor said it happened after she tried to visit her son, an inmate of the federal facility.

The visit was denied because a sensitive scanner detected drug traces on her body.

Taylor says she is drug-free and has never used narcotics.

To back up those claims, she took a blood and urine sample at Legacy Emanuel Hospital a few hours after her arrest. The results came back Monday and were negative.

"I was humiliated, handcuffed and treated as a criminal," Taylor said.

She described the ordeal as being "profiled guilty" with no opportunity to prove her innocence.

"The privilege of visiting with my son was denied on the basis of false and erroneous drug charges," she said. "I was not guilty of the charges and I stood up for what I thought was right."

Taylor said she cried, pleaded and begged for the staff to call people she knew who could vouch for her credibility



Nurse practitioner Mariah Taylor wonders how many more people have been subjected to the same humiliation she says happened to her at the federal prison in Sheridan and did not protest or stand up for their rights.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

and character, including Gov. John Kitzhaber.

Instead she was denied visitation, handcuffed and escorted to the outside where a sheriff's car was waiting for her.

Taylor said sheriff's deputies from Yamhill County took her to a detention facility in Wilsonville.

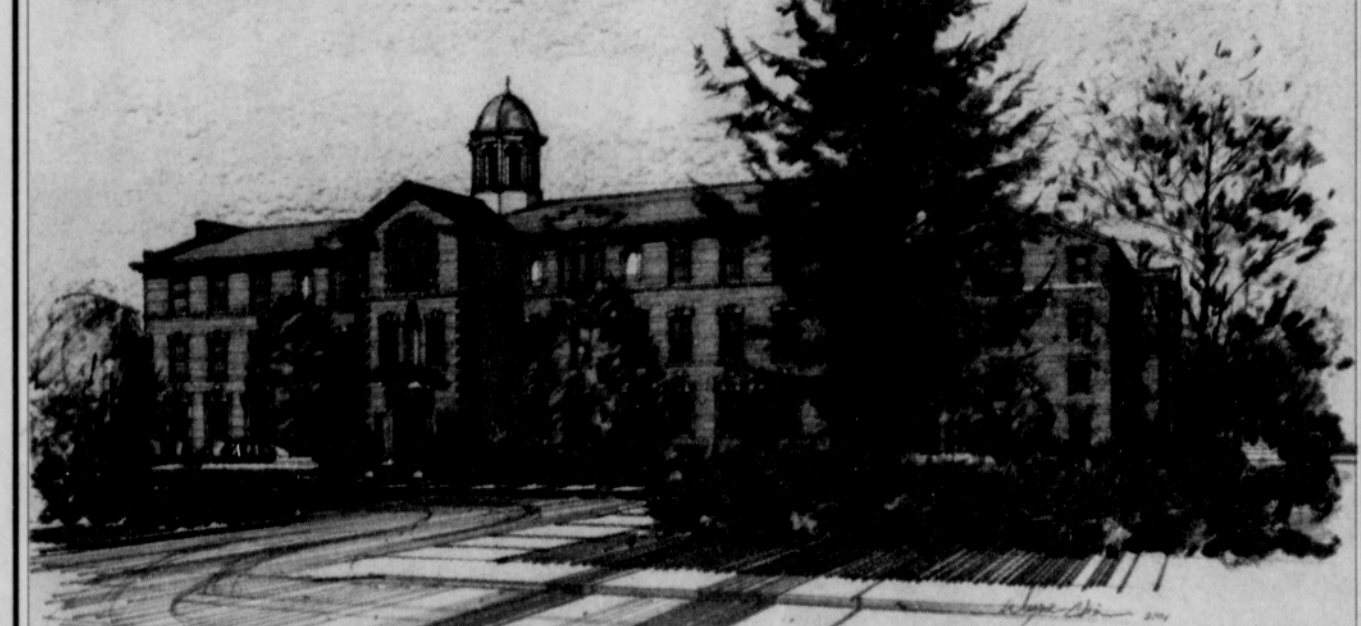
But because the facility was closed, she was returned to the parking lot at the Sheridan prison and released.

The federal prison has been the subject of complaints about the drug detector before.

Critics say the ion scanner detects tiny quantities of drug residue from currency, taxi seats or other sources.

Just last week, the Portland Observer ran a story about flaws in the system. The American Civil Liberties Union reported that it has received complaints about the scanner from around the country.

Party Opens New Era for Landmark



Rosemont Commons is the centerpiece of the refurbished Villa St. Rose, a beautiful, historic and abandoned convent at 597 N. Dekum. Northwest Housing Alternatives, Inc., helped design the project which contains 165 units of new housing with homeownership and rental opportunities across a 7.6 acre parcel. A grand opening celebration hosted by the Portland Development Commission, Northwest Natural, State Farm Insurance and Wells Fargo Bank will be held on Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Court Upholds Clegg Murder Conviction

(AP)—The Oregon Supreme Court has upheld the convictions of a Portland man found guilty of aggravated murder in hiring two men to kill his wife.

Prosecutors said Grover Clegg Jr., plotted the July 30, 1993, death of Christina "Tina" L. Clegg. She was shot when two masked men burst into the north Portland Head Start office where she worked.

Authorities said Clegg wanted to escape a troubled marriage, keep his two

sons and to collect a \$100,000 life insurance policy on his wife.

The Supreme Court unanimously rejected Clegg's claim that hearsay evidence was improperly used against him. The court said the evidence was justified under an exception to the general rule against hearsay testimony.

Clegg, his brother, Randall Clegg, and Reschard Steward were convicted of aggravated murder and sentenced to life in

prison without parole.

A fourth man, Larry Matthews, was killed in an unrelated crime in Alabama before police could arrest him.

The jury found Steward guilty of being one of two gunmen who burst into the office and began shooting. Police said Matthews shot Tina Clegg five times.

The state said Clegg's phone statements were intended to ensure his wife was at the office when the gunmen arrived.

Aaliyah Remembered as Rising Star

Plane crash in the Bahamas takes life of 22 year-old singer, actress



Aaliyah was filming for her next video before her death.

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From the moment the 15-year-old Aaliyah burst onto the scene in 1994 — an R&B singer whose sultry voice, striking good looks and sexy attitude belied her young age — it seemed as if everything she touched became a success.

Her debut album sold more than 1 million copies, she was nominated for a Grammy twice and even her foray into the movies yielded a surprise hit.

"I was trained since I was a little girl to be able to do it all," the 22-year-old artist said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Her career had barely begun to peak when she was killed in a plane crash in the Bahamas on Saturday.

Eight others on board also perished when the twin-engine Cessna they were traveling in went down shortly after it took off; Aaliyah had been filming a video for the next single off her album.

A statement released Sunday by the singer's publicist, PMK, said: "Aaliyah's family is devastated at the loss of their loving daughter and sister. Their hearts go out to those families who also lost their loved ones in this tragic accident."

She is survived by her mother, father and brother.

Aaliyah Haughton was born in Brooklyn on Jan. 16, 1979, and was raised in Detroit. A career in entertainment appeared to be predestined: Her mother, Diane, was a singer, and her uncle, Barry Hankerson, was an entertainment manager who was once married to Gladys Knight. By age 6, she was already on stage, appearing in a production of the musical "Annie."

"I was an orphan, I had one little line," she recalled. "But what I loved about it was just putting the production together, being in the chorus, learning the routines, singing, and doing a little bit of acting."

"That's when I said, I've got to do this forever," she added.

By the time she was 11, she was polished enough to earn an invitation from Knight herself to perform with her in Las Vegas.

But the singer who would have the greatest impact on her career was R&B superstar R. Kelly, best known for hits such as "I Believe I Can Fly," and for writing and producing for performers such as Michael Jackson.

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