



City Champs Open Against Glencoe

Franklin carries a league title victory over Lincoln into the state tournament

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Bush Addresses Ex-Soviet States

WASHINGTON — President Bush compared Afghanistan's terrorist-harboring regime to the totalitarian leaders who enslaved Europe for much of the last century. He also said terrorists are seeking chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, posing a threat "to civilization itself."

Patriotic Emmys Take 'Wing'

The Emmys wrapped themselves in the flag in a third try at handing out awards for prime-time TV. Most of the attention was focused on the awards, including *Sex and the City*, named best comedy series, and NBC's *The West Wing*, named best drama for second straight year.

Anthrax Found in Pentagon

WASHINGTON — Two postal boxes at a U.S. Post Office inside the Pentagon have tested positive for anthrax. The facility was scheduled for testing because it gets its mail from a contaminated post office in the District of Columbia.

Eight Western States on Alert

LOS ANGELES — The FBI has alerted eight western states that it has unconfirmed information terrorists may be targeting suspension bridges on the West Coast. However, the FBI had not yet corroborated the information but decided to issue a warning.

U.S. Closes in On Russia Arms Pact

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld visits Moscow this weekend to try to close a deal that would let President Bush press ahead with a national missile defense. The negotiations will set the stage for President Bush's Nov. 13-15 with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

'Dirty' Bombs Latest Fear

The U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency warned that terrorists may steal radioactive materials to build "dirty bombs" aimed at public places. Such a device could kill hundreds through radiation poisoning and could contaminate large areas.

House Passes Own Air Bill

WASHINGTON — The House passed its own version of an aviation security plan, taking issue with the Senate over whether airport screeners should be federal employees.

Jobless Rate Jumps to 5.4%

WASHINGTON — The nation's unemployment rate soared to 5.4% in October, the biggest one-month jump in more than 21 years. Manufacturing, airlines, travel agencies, hotels, and retailers were among those posting big losses.

States Told to Make Megan's Laws Tougher

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The federal government has ordered Ohio and 13 other states to make their Megan's laws stronger or risk losing millions in grant money. States had until last month to change their laws to require sex offenders to register with local authorities for life.

Terrorism Watch Grows More Personal

Reported threats to West Coast bridges adds police and military patrols; brings school evacuation plans



Traffic moves between Vancouver and Portland on the twin spans of the Interstate Bridge in the wake of a warning of possible terrorist attacks on West Coast bridges.

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The threat of possible terrorist attacks has gotten more personal for Portland area residents.

Local police have been seen keeping watch beneath city bridges as Coast Guard and sheriff's department boats cruise off the downtown waterfront, responding to reported terrorist threats against West Coast bridges.

In addition, Portland schools within three-quarters of a mile of any bridge have sent home evacuation plans in the unlikely

event that an incident occurred.

The schools involved are Lincoln High, Buckman Elementary, Metropolitan Learning Center, Boise Eliot, Tubman Middle, Benson High, CSC, Abernathy Elementary, Brooklyn Elementary, Sellwood, James John Elementary, Astor Elementary and Roosevelt High.

Last week, the Justice Department warned that West Coast bridges could be targeted by terrorists. And California Gov. Gray Davis announced that federal officials have "credible evidence" that terrorists may be targeting California bridges.

Tuesday, the FBI concluded that the warning wasn't credible, but still wants law enforcement to remain on high alert.

Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber said there was no evidence of a direct threat against Oregon. But he ordered stepped-up police patrols of the state's most heavily traveled bridges, mainly those in downtown Portland.

The Coast Guard has been checking the undersides of Portland's bridges since the Sept. 11 East Coast terror attacks, but has increased the number of patrols it sends out, and the length of time they stay on the water.



Portland's main post office is one of 600 across the country to be tested for possible contamination of anthrax.

Post Office Awaits Anthrax Testing Results

A hazardous materials team will test for anthrax spores at Portland's main post office Wednesday as a precaution, health officials said.

The Portland facility is one of 200 post offices to be tested nationwide. It was selected because it is the major mail hub serving Oregon and Southwest Washington. Results could take up to 10 days.

Postal officials stressed that they did not expect to find any anthrax in Portland.

"We don't suspect any contamination in the Portland facility," Postal Service spokesman Peter Hass said Friday, adding that the facility will remain open during testing.

The tests were ordered after anthrax-tainted letters surfaced on the East Coast and anthrax spores were found at postal centers in five states.

Portland district manager Dallas has asked to have a mail-processing center near Portland International Airport also inspected as a precaution. That will be done later, he said.

Meeting Emergency Food Demands



Volunteers from Tektronix work in teams at the Oregon Food Bank warehouse on North Williams to prepare boxes of emergency food for people in Oregon and Southwest Washington. More than 300 Tektronix employees volunteered last week as part of a Food Bank "Helping Hands" program that focuses on getting people involved in their neighborhoods and community.

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Widespread Job Losses Reported

(AP) - The nation's unemployment rate soared to 5.4 percent in October, the biggest one-month jump in more than 21 years, providing the most dramatic evidence yet that economic fallout from the terror attacks probably pushed the country into recession. Over 400,000 jobs were eliminated during the month.

"It's not good news for America," President Bush said Friday, urging the Senate to quickly pass an economic revival package. After meeting with economic advisers, Bush said the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks had not only taken thousands of lives but had also "threatened the livelihoods of thousands of American workers."

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Portland Area Residents to Consider Whitaker Plans

District may keep kids at other schools, redevelop the northeast school

Interim Superintendent Jim Scherzinger presented his recommendations for northeast Portland's Whitaker Middle School building and Whitaker students to the Portland School Board Monday night.

The district will hold two community-wide meetings in November to review the recommendations and the other options. The meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 20 at Rigler Elementary School, and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Vernon Elementary School.

The Whitaker building is not in use and classes are being held at other locations

this year. Mold was found in the old building over the summer and repairs could not be completed in time for the start of school.

Two weeks ago the school board received a report indicating it would cost at least \$8.3 million to repair the Whitaker building, which originally housed John Adams High School.

The report recommended the building not be repaired. It cited the cost, excess space in the district, and the fact that even if repaired the building still would not be well-suited to a middle school.

Scherzinger's three-part recommenda-

tion would keep 7th and 8th graders together at the Whitaker Lakeside site on Columbia Boulevard where they currently attend classes. The 6th graders will stay at Rice unless enrollment exceeds capacity.

But instead of scraping repairs and selling the John Adams site, the school chief recommends studying possible re-development of the Adams High School site.

One possible option could be a mixed-use development including a smaller school, should it be needed in the future.

Scherzinger said Whitaker's current

educational structure, with 7th and 8th graders together at Lakeside and a separate 6th grade center at Rice, is working well.

"I am pleased with the anecdotal evidence of how well the students are doing in their new locations," he said. He noted that moving students again would take focus away from improving achievement.

Scherzinger said he had been urged by principals to make a decision soon so students, teachers, staff and parents could focus on raising achievement and not continue to worry about where their school will be located next year.

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