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North Portland bed and breakfast may be first of its kind in Oregon.
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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Bush Hitting the Road

WASHINGTON — President Bush is mixing domestic security and politics with a visit to Missouri. He'll pitch his proposed homeland security agency at a water treatment plant in Kansas City before headlining a fundraiser for Republican senatorial candidate Jim Talent.

Final Piece of Pentagon Facade Dedicated

WASHINGTON — Workers fitted the final piece of limestone facade into the rebuilt section of the Pentagon. The blackened stone was part of the original facade damaged during the Sept. 11 attack on the military headquarters that killed 189 people.

Mob Boss John Gotti Dead

NEW YORK — John Gotti, who swagged, schemed and murdered his way to the pinnacle of organized crime in America only to be toppled by secret tapes and a turncoat's testimony, died at a prison hospital. He was 61.

Afghans Optimistic

Assembly Will End the Chaos
KABUL, Afghanistan — The grand council — or *loya jirga* — will choose a government to run the country for the next 18 months. There is an almost reckless sense of optimism that the U.N.-backed assembly will enable the nation to get the things it needs.

Space Station Gets Shields

CAPE CANAVERAL — Two spacewalking astronauts ventured outside and hung a giant handgrip and cosmic-debris shields on the International Space Station. It was the first of three spacewalks planned during Endeavour's weeklong visit to the station.

U.S. Links Kuwaiti to WTC Attacks

WASHINGTON — U.S. counterterrorism officials are focusing on a Kuwaiti lieutenant of Osama bin Laden with links to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing as a key architect of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Bus Blast Kills 16 in Israel

JERUSALEM — A powerful car bomb exploded next to a bus, engulfing it in flames during the morning rush hour. At least 16 people were killed and dozens injured, police and rescue workers said. Israel quickly moved forces into nearby Jenin, a town often used as a terrorist staging area.

India Considers Joint Border Monitoring

NEW DELHI, India — Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said that India would consider jointly monitoring the disputed Kashmir border with its longtime rival Pakistan. Such a move may be a major step to ease tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbors.

Hyperactivity Study Crosses Cultures

OHSU research considers ethnicity in condition affecting youth



Ann Beckett works to open the health care system to more African Americans in a cross-cultural study about the impact of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder on kids.

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Researchers at Oregon Health Sciences University are conducting a cross-cultural analysis of families affected by Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, a serious and debilitating mental illness

affecting kids.

The study by the OHSU School of Nursing is unique in that it will consider equal numbers of children from black, white and Latino families; 150 in all.

It is widely known that ADHD crosses gender lines, cultural lines, and ethnic

lines. However, less is known about minority access to information, treatment and services to help battle the illness.

Ann Beckett, an African American, is one of the study's primary investigators and consultants. She has worked with at risk youth in the inner cities and after

receiving her doctorate degree from OHSU.

Beckett said it is important to have a black researcher doing work with African American families.

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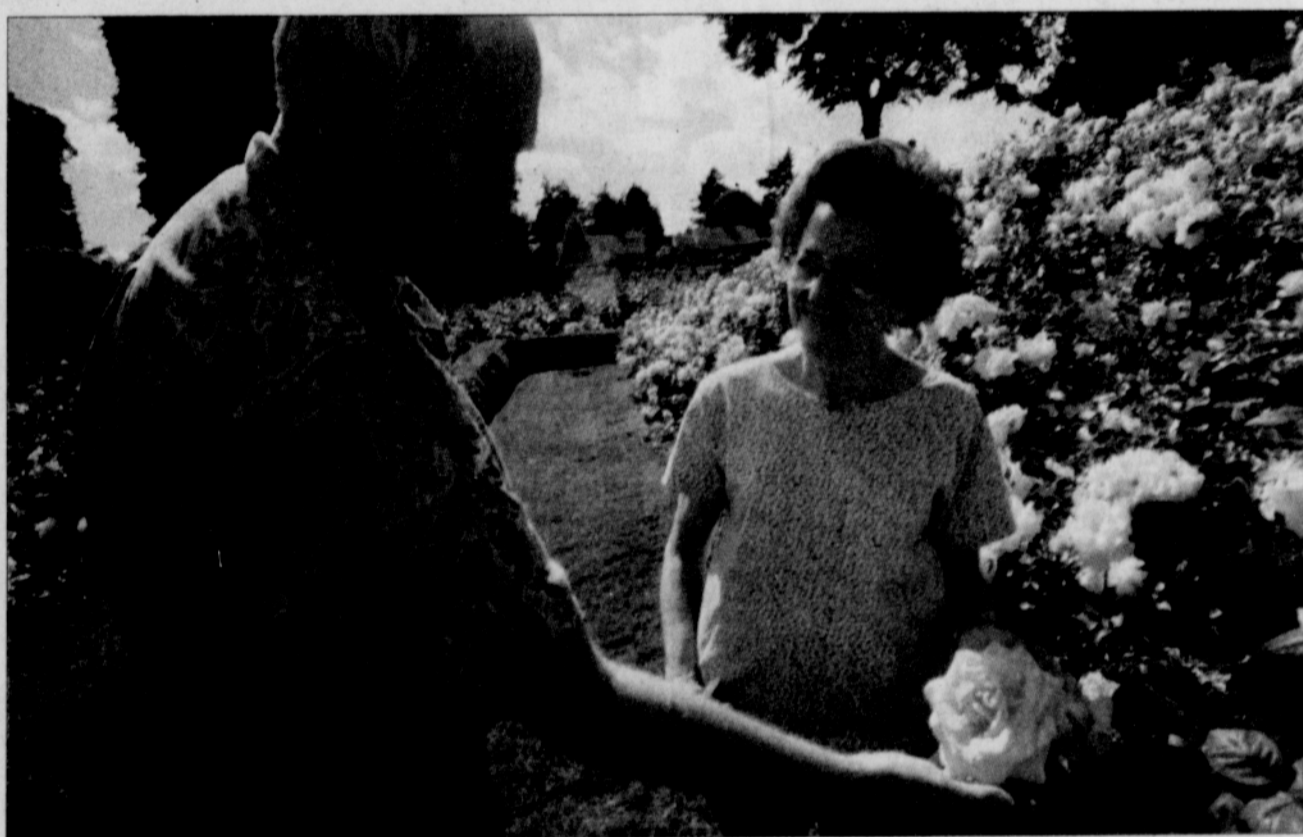


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North Portland Show Stopper

Area residents and visitors to Peninsula Park at North Ainsworth and Albina are dazzled by the brilliant colors of the city's largest rose garden in full bloom.

Oregon Lawmakers Meet Third Time Under Duress

Consensus on plugging Oregon's state budget deficit remains elusive

(AP) — Lawmakers bracing for a special session starting Wednesday are under duress from the governor and from anti-tax interests as they wrestle with an \$880 million budget shortfall.

Gov. John Kitzhaber on Monday called the session although lawmakers hadn't reached an accord on how to plug the budget hole without further cuts to schools and social services.

Kitzhaber said timing is important because a cigarette tax increase needs to be passed by Friday to maximize revenue from that step.

Legislators of both parties generally are supporting raising the cigarette tax. But the Oregon Republican Party has turned up heat of its own by erecting roadside signs urging legislators to reject tax increases.

In another development Monday, Kitzhaber officially imposed a hiring freeze for agency positions financed with general funds.

"It formalizes stuff we've done earlier," Kitzhaber spokesman Bob Applegate said.

Kitzhaber also barred out-of-state

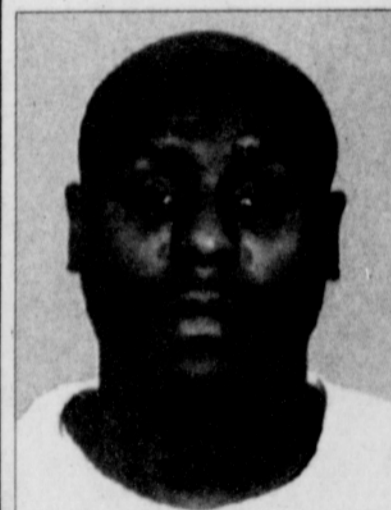
travel that would spend general funds, which makes up about one-third of the total state budget.

Kitzhaber's budget-balancing plan is centered on a three-year income tax increase. He also proposed a 50-cent per pack cigarette tax increase.

Lawmakers are considering a plan first advanced by House Speaker Mark Simmons, R-Elgin, that includes a 75-cent cigarette tax boost but no income tax hike.

The minority Democrats dislike added budget cuts, on top of \$450 million slashed in earlier this year.

Murder Suspect Pleads Not Guilty



Ladon Andre Stephens

The man accused of killing a 14-year-old northeast Portland girl and of raping four other teen-aged girls in the city's north and northeast neighborhoods has pleaded innocent to the charges.

Ladon Andre Stephens, 33, entered the not guilty plea during his arraignment Monday.

Stephens is charged with multiple counts of murder, attempted murder, sodomy, rape, kidnap, burglary and assault.

Police and prosecutors say DNA evidence linked Stephens to the murder of Melissa Bittler. Investigators continue looking into other unsolved cases involving sexual attacks in the Portland area.

Bittler's body was found in the back yard of a neighbor's home last December.

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