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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Area Kids Enjoy Pacific Youth Camp



A group of kids from the Portland area enjoyed a vacation on the Oregon Coast, thanks to the northeast Portland youth program "Reaching in Serving Kids" or RISK. See related story on page A3, inside.

Cocaine on Florida Governor Bush's Daughter
ORLANDO—Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter was found with cocaine at a rehabilitation center where she is undergoing drug treatment, police said. Police were called to the Center for Drug Free Living in Orlando, where workers gave them a substance they said they found on Noelle Bush, 25.

Janet Reno, Others Face Tough Primary

MIAMI—Janet Reno made a last-minute pitch to voters as she tried to stop political novice Bill McBride from pulling off a major upset in the race for the Democratic nomination for governor of Florida. In all, 12 states will select candidates for governor, House and Senate.

Europe Wants U.N. on Iraq

Foreign leaders pushed for a non-military solution as the Bush administration finalized a proposal to offer the United Nations later this week for dealing with Saddam Hussein. U.S. allies warned that any go-it-alone action by Washington could create a dangerous precedent and further enflame Arab-Israeli tensions.

Arafat Calls for Elections in January

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Yasser Arafat told the Palestinian parliament that he condemns "every act of terror against Israeli civilians" and called for new elections in January. He also said he is willing to give up executive power, but it was not clear whether or he was serious.

Violent Crime Rate in USA on the Decline

WASHINGTON—The number of people who were victims of all violent crimes except murder fell by 9 percent in 2001, sending the crime rate to its lowest level since it was first tracked in 1973, the government reported.

Mutual Funds Dying Off at Record Rate

A record number of mutual funds are headed in a new direction: oblivion. Since the bear market began in March 2000, 414 stock mutual funds have been liquidated, says Morningstar, the mutual fund tracker. That's half the liquidations in its database.

From Gangs to Grace



Nicole "Nicky" Taylor, author of "Ask Nicky: A Young Person's Workbook for Building Dreams."

Woman gives back after destructive gang life

BY DAVID PLECHL

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Nicole "Nicky" Taylor wants people to know the truth about life in inner city gangs.

The 30-year-old, single mother of one, grew up in northeast Portland. She was "just a kid" when her father left a home where drinking and drug use had become the norm. At 13, Nicky felt alone, abandoned, and

set out on making a name for herself. But how she chose to pursue her dreams was violent, hurtful, and downright dangerous.

In 1987, Nicky said she wanted a sweet 16 party that she "would never forget."

And she never would forget it, but not in the happy way she had imagined.

Nicky invited 40 of her best friends to the party, but news of the celebration traveled fast.

At 10 p.m. on the night of the party, she counted about 125 people, most of them were older teens and friends of friends.

Among those in attendance were members of both the Bloods and the Crips. Nicky had friends in both gangs. She didn't think it was a problem. To her knowledge, no one had been shot and killed and "most of the conflict was just talk."

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Witnesses Dispute Shooting Accounts

Bystanders say ambulance delayed by police action, not crowd

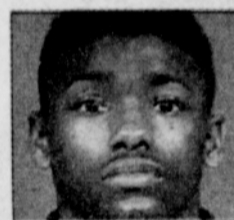
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Witnesses are disputing police accounts of a deadly shooting in the early morning hours of Sunday, Sept. 8.

Anthony Duane Brown, 25, died of gunshot wounds in the vicinity of Northeast Russell Street, near Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. His death was declared shortly after 3 a.m.

No one has been named as a suspect in the murder.

Bystanders tell the Portland Observer that attempts to bring medical help to Brown, as he was sprawled across a sidewalk and driveway, was hindered by police action.



Anthony Duane Brown

Police reported that a crowd of people, estimated as many as 300, blocked access to the body.

However, several people who talked to the Portland Observer on the morning of the incident say the crowd was closer to 75 and was cooperative.

Some of the witnesses had spilled out into the street from an after-hours party at Doris' Lounge on Russell.

"There was no confrontation whatsoever between police and bystanders, actually, just the opposite, people were trying to help," said one of the witnesses.

"The only people blocking the intersection were the police and patrol cars themselves," said Alicia Byrd.

Another witness said he asked the

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Sept. 11 Anniversary Brings Action Pledge

Lee Craig-Arnold of northeast Portland takes a pledge from Oregon Red Cross executive Sue Hildick in a Portland Fire and Rescue ceremony Monday that encouraged people to observe the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks by preparing for emergencies at home and taking action to build a safer, more secure future. Craig-Arnold's son, Maurice "Meaux" Craig, a former Portland resident, narrowly survived the attacks on the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Vanport Classic Saturday

Game honors Local African Americans

Portland State University will host North Carolina A&T for the second Vanport Invitational at PGE Park Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:05 p.m.

The football game pays tribute to the people of Vanport, a town washed away by Columbia River floodwaters in 1948. It housed thousands of African Americans and was the site of Vanport College, now PSU.

The Vanport Invitational celebrates the diversity of the Portland community while paying tribute to the college's unique past and its present as Oregon's most diverse and largest university.

"The Vanport Invitational provides a unique opportunity for PSU to celebrate the early days of the university as well as the contributions of African Americans to the city of Portland and the state of Oregon," said PSU President Daniel O. Bernstine.

Portland State will go into the game at 1-0 after a season-opening win over Stephen F. Austin, 31-23 in PGE Park. North Carolina A&T is a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and is coming off an 8-3 season.

Once again, an outstanding marching band, NCAT's "Blue and Gold Marching Machine" will perform at halftime.

Last year's Vanport Invitational was truly a classic as 15th-ranked Grambling State and 16th-ranked Portland State played a game decided on the final play. Grambling State won 30-29 on a two-yard quarterback boot-

leg on the final play. A season-high crowd of 16,171 attended the game and was thrilled not only by the play but by the Tigers Marching Band halftime show.

Sportswear giant Nike has gotten behind the Vanport Invitational this year, sponsoring the game with the intention of maintaining it as a long-term Portland event. Nike has purchased 750 game tickets that it is contributing to the Portland Trailblazers Boys and Girls Club, Self Enhancement Inc., and the African American Chamber of Commerce.

Established in 1942, Vanport City, located just north of Portland, was Oregon's second largest city and the largest federal housing project in the United States.

Vanport City, built on the flood plains of the Columbia River slough, provided more than jobs to thousands of wartime laborers working in the local shipyards. Vanport offered many people the opportunity to leave the poverty and inequities of the South to pursue a better life in the Northwest.

In addition, Vanport was also a huge social experiment with its own fire departments, libraries, police and schools, including Vanport College.

More than 25,000 of the city's residents were African-Americans. Vanport College was founded in 1946 with the intent of serving many of Vanport's residents.

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