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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Festival of Reuse on Mississippi



The Back to Scrap Festival included performances by local musicians and a 20-foot scrap metal man. See story, page A6, inside.

Bus Driver Attacked; Two Killed in Crash

FRESNO, Calif. — A passenger slashed the throat of a Greyhound driver as he traveled down a California freeway, causing his bus to careen out of control, authorities said. At least two people died and dozens were injured.

Congress: War Could Cost \$9 Billion a Month

WASHINGTON — Fighting a full-scale war with Iraq would cost up to \$9 billion a month, congressional budget experts said as the Senate prepared to open debate on a resolution authorizing President Bush to wage that war.

Sharon Met by Wall-to-Wall Criticism

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon came under wall-to-wall criticism at home for the bungled 10-day siege of Yasser Arafat's compound, which was aborted under intense U.S. pressure.

Second Trial for Einhorn Set to Begin

PHILADELPHIA — Former hippie guru Ira Einhorn will be the center of attention in a Philadelphia courtroom this week as he faces trial for allegedly bludgeoning his girlfriend to death more than 20 years ago. Opening statements have been given.

AIDS Cases Could Swell by 100 Million by 2010

LANGLEY, Va. — A wave of HIV/AIDS cases sweeping through five of the world's most populated countries could, by 2010, swell the global case toll by 100 million new cases, says a report released by the CIA.

CEOs May Be Liable for Losses in 401(k)s

In an action that could prompt companies to beef up oversight of 401(k) plans, the federal government issued a court brief this month that said former Enron chief executive officer Ken Lay and other top executives could be personally liable for millions of dollars in retirement plan losses.

Census: Number of Uninsured Increases

A struggling economy and higher health insurance costs caused 1.4 million more people to go without medical coverage last year, bringing the total uninsured to 41.2 million, figures to be released today by the Census Bureau show.



Gospel Singer Debuts 'Passion'

Local gospel singer and writer Renee Ross fills the Augustana Lutheran Church at 2710 N.E. 14th Ave. with uplifting music Saturday. The free concert featured a handful of songs from Ross' new CD "Passion" and performances by the gospel troupe "The Disciples in Song." A native of Pine Bluff, Ark., Ross has made Portland her home since 1966.

PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Shoppers Twist Through Construction

It's business as usual for the Safeway store at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Ainsworth Street. A new "during construction entrance" on the southwest side of the building makes for easy customer access during the nearly \$5 million renovation. Safeway decided to keep the store open during the remodel because of the wishes of loyal customers.

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Yes Vote Urged on Children's Initiative

The Portland Children's Initiative, which will provide much needed additional support for Portland's kids, will appear on the 5 ballot.

Passed, Measure 26-33 will raise approximately \$10 million annually through a ear property tax levy. The money would be used to create a Children's Investment to target investment of early child development, after school and spring programs and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, who got the measure referred to the ballot by the City Council, said, "simply put, the

Children's Initiative is a smart, cost-effective idea that solves an important problem."

He said the investment in proven programs for kids will make children a higher priority, help ease the burden on schools, make our community a stronger, healthier and better place to live, and create tremendous long-term savings to taxpayers."

The Children's Investment Fund is modeled after successful programs in San Francisco and Seattle that took the local investment from their levies and leveraged significant additional federal and private dollars.

In San Francisco, where the first levy passed in 1991 and where the city was able

to match local taxpayer monies with federal and private dollars by almost a 7 to 1 ratio, the successes have been staggering.

Saltzman said the city was able to reduce juvenile felony arrests by 24 percent, decrease reports of child abuse and neglect by 25 percent, decrease the foster care population by 19 percent, increase the high school completion rate by 11 percent and decrease emergency mental health hospitalizations by 32 percent.

Portland measure has won key endorsements from the Portland Business Alliance, the Citizens' Crime Commission, The Urban League of Portland, the Portland Association

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