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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Smokers pack up before tax hike

Oregon smokers bought cartons of cigarettes by the armload last week before Friday's 60-cent-a-pack state tax increase. The state tax went up from 68 cents to \$1.28 a pack after voters approved Measure 20 in September by a two-to-one margin. A pack-a-day smoker now will pay \$219 more a year—or \$467.20 in taxes—for the habit.

Yemen leader urges al-Qaida to repent

Yemen's president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, urged al-Qaida members Tuesday to "repent" and renounce violence following the weekend attack in which a U.S. Hellfire missile fired from a CIA plane killed the terrorist movement's top operative in the country.

OHSU tests new HIV drug

Eighteen Oregonians are participating in the trial of a promising new drug to treat HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The experimental drug called T-20 stops individual viruses from reproducing, slowing the disease's progression. In that way it's like AZT, another HIV drug. But T-20 works by interfering with an entirely different step in the virus' life cycle. That means no HIV infection has learned to resist this drug.

Skater fired up over hot sauce

Tonya Hot Sauce features an unflattering caricature of disgraced figure skater Tonya Harding outside a dump truck, cigarette in mouth, ice skates in one hand and a hubcap in the other. Harding's San Diego attorney William Markham, says the spoof defames Harding and unfairly conjures up memories of what he says are disturbing and misunderstood events that foiled her dreams of an Olympic championship.

Coast Guard looks for migrants

The Coast Guard said Tuesday it has stepped up sea and air patrols in response to a possible increase in the flow of illegal migrants from Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Cuba.

Godzilla on the loose

Godzilla was found wandering the streets in Norwalk, Calif., but Mothra wasn't his biggest adversary—cars were. The 105-pound, 55-year-old African spurred tortoise, named after the horror movie icon, was found several blocks from his home, three days after he escaped from his home of 30 years with Chuck and Frances Gil.

Man threw feces, police say

The owner of World Famous Autos, a Medford car dealership, faces assault charges after police say he hurled feces at two Jackson County deputies during a drunken fit.

Mental Health Services Take Cut

Funds end for walk-in crisis services, patients will be sent out of Northeast

BY WYNDE DYER
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The mental health crisis just got worse for north and northeast Portland residents, public health care professionals say.

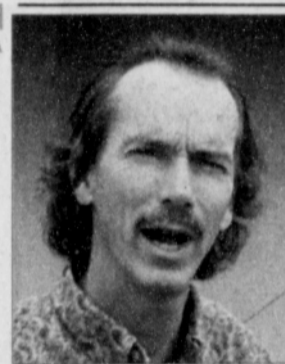
A loss of county funding to provide walk-in crisis treatment for new clients at Tualatin Valley Centers' Center for Community Mental Health and three other Portland area clinics, will cause CCMH workers to divert all new acute care clients from their clinic on the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Beech Street to a 24-hour, 7-day a week walk-in clinic on Southeast 43rd and Division as of Nov. 15.

"This decision is not at all sensitive to the needs of the community," said Rick Stanek, a mental health therapist for CCMH. "Easily 50-percent of our clients are African Americans from this neighborhood and they come

here because it's convenient. Now do they just expect these people to migrate over there?"

Of the 700-plus individuals who have utilized the walk-in clinic since inception last November, Stanek estimates probably half return for further stabilization through therapy, case management, medication services and support groups.

He said the walk-in clinic model has proved highly successful because people can get in for a basic mental health assessment and, if necessary, have medications prescribed that day rather than go through the intake process



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which can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. Once the walk-in clinic closes in November, clients will have to make the trip across town or be put on the waiting list for traditional intake.

"It has been a valuable resource for this community," Stanek said. "Do they expect a

poor, single, African American, mother in crisis who lives on food stamps with no money to take two—if not three—buses after dark, in the winter, out to 43rd and Division? Is that sensitive?"

CCMH and the other emergency walk-in clinics in southeast and downtown Portland, and in Gresham, began offering services last year with seed money from the county. Before that, Providence Medical Center had operated a crisis triage unit under a five-year grant. Because the overhead for providing psychiatric services within a large hospital system is so high, Providence suffered a loss of nearly \$1 million a year. When their contract was up, the county decided to decentralize the mental health system by spreading out treatment clinics in an effort to

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CONCORDIA Looking Good

The development of the New Seasons Market block on Northeast 33rd Avenue and Killingsworth has brought more customers than ever to Wayne Cannon's Rib Express.

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Concordia's New Seasons Market, under the direction of store manager Carley Curtis (left) and Stanley Jackson, customer service manager, will mark its one-year anniversary next month with northeast Portland residents giving the store good reviews.

First anniversary for New Seasons Market, revitalized neighborhood noted

BY LEE PERLMAN
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What makes the one year anniversary for the New Seasons Market at 5320 N.E. 33rd Ave. a plus for the Concordia neighborhood and Portland in general? Let us count the ways.

It is a full-service grocery in a residential neighborhood that had been begging for one for seven years. It provides both fresh-

made goods and natural foods, plus cheaper generic products. It provides a market for locally produced products, and jobs for neighborhood people. It is a reliable supporter of local charities and causes. It even takes the trouble to be pet-friendly. Above all, it is a good neighbor whose owners listens and responds to local concerns.

"They've been great neighbors," said Hector Roche, land use chair for the

Concordia Neighborhood Association. "They're very attentive to our concerns."

As part of the development of the New Seasons site, new quarters were built for Wayne Cannon's Rib Express, a liquor store, and most recently Figaro's Pizza.

"It's been wonderful," Cannon said. "I kept all my old clientele and got a whole new one from New Seasons. They're wonderful; I couldn't ask for a better neighbor. They're

always there to help."

New Seasons employs 150 people at its Concordia store.

Manager Carley Curtis said about 70 percent of the workforce lives in inner northeast Portland.

Stanley Jackson is a local African American resident and works as the store's cus-

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Fighting for Solidarity

As Heurta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers along with Cesar Chavez, rallies the on Saturday at the All Saints Catholic Church in northeast Portland. Huerta delivered a rousing speech about sources of inspiration in her life and encouraged solidarity for Willamette migrant farm workers. "It's up to us, we have got the power," she told the crowd. "We all justice but we're not going to get it if we're just sitting at home."

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African American Chamber Hosts Networking Event



Lisa Manning and Paul Knauls of the Oregon African American Chamber mingle at a reception introducing them to some of Portland's top lawyers.

BY LOU MILLER
FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The African American Chamber of Commerce does everything with style and first class one attendee said at the VIP reception held last Wednesday at the law offices of Bullivant, Houser and Bailey, one of Portland's most prominent law firms.

Roy Jay, president of the chamber, termed the reception as an informal networking event to enable African American business owners and professionals to meet

some of Portland's top lawyers.

The Chamber is trying to open up more opportunities for business contacts beyond what Jay calls the "minority certified" arena.

Harold Williams, Chairman of the Board for the African American Chamber of Commerce gave a welcoming message that laid down the ground rules for those that want to be involved with the chamber. Williams said all applications for chamber membership are taken under consideration, but

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