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Week in The Review

Depleted uranium said safe

Depleted uranium used in U.S. weapons and armor poses no significant danger to Iraq's people, U.S. military officials said Tuesday. "There is not really any danger, at least that we know about, for the people of Iraq," said Lt. Col. Michael Sigmon, deputy surgeon for the U.S. Army's V Corps. He said children playing with expended tank shells would have to eat and then practically suffocate on the depleted uranium residue before any health problems occurred.

Malvo confession admitted

Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo's laughing confession to two of the deadly attacks can be used against him at trial this fall, a judge ruled Tuesday in a decision experts say gives prosecutors a key weapon in their push for a death sentence. Virtually the entire statement Malvo gave to police Nov. 7 can be admitted as evidence, Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush ruled over defense objections that Malvo was denied access to a lawyer.

Midwestern tornadoes kill at least 32

Swarms of violent thunderstorms and tornadoes crashed through the nation's midsection, killing at least 32 people in Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee. Eight people were missing. Houses across the region were blown apart by Sunday's storms, trees were uprooted and power lines and other debris blocked roads. Travelers were evacuated from the terminals at Kansas City's main airport and given shelter in tunnels.

Iraq bioweapons scientist captured

Coalition forces have captured one of Iraq's top biological weapons scientists, defense officials said Monday. Huda Salih Mahdi Ammash, among the 55th most wanted member of Saddam Hussein's fallen regime, was taken into custody on Sunday, a Defense Department official said. He had no other details about her detention.

Tape Shows Exhausted, Confused Saddam

In what is purported to be his last known wartime speech, a video never before televised, shows Saddam Hussein appearing exhausted, at times confused and seemingly resigned to defeat, but he tells Iraqis that God, somehow, will help them expel the American-British occupiers. "The faithful will be victorious over the sinners, regardless of the duration of the struggle and the forms it might take," Saddam says. With patience, the "ordeal" can be overcome, he says, and the invaders driven from Iraq.

Concordia Awards Green Honorary Doctorate

Work with youth earns degree for Portland son and NBA star

A.C. Green, the former basketball standout at Benson High School and Oregon State University who became one of the top stars in the National Basketball Association, has earned a Doctor of Laws degree from Concordia

University.

The northeast school presented Green with the honorary degree on Saturday during the college's spring commencement ceremony.

Green was recognized for his dedication and commitment to children and the community as evidenced by his years of service through his basketball day camp and the A.C. Green Foundation.

Green's talents on the court have long made him famous among basketball fans. After graduating from Oregon

State University with a degree in communication, he was the Los Angeles Lakers' first-round selection in the 1985 college draft. He went on to become the first rookie to appear in every game since LeRoy Ellis during the 1962-63 season.

During the 1986-87 season, Green moved into the starting lineup for the final 72 games. He also led the club in rebounds that season, with an average 7.6 rebounds per game. The NBA coaches selected Green for the league's All-Defensive Second Team

in 1988-89 and in 1990 his fans voted him in as a starter in the NBA All-Star Game. In addition to the Lakers, Green has played for the Phoenix Suns and Dallas Mavericks, and on January 15, 1994, Green recorded a career-high 35 points.

Currently Green owns the NBA Iron Man title for playing in a record 1,192 straight games.

Over the past 17 years, Green has returned to his childhood neighbor-



A.C. Green

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—Urban League President Vanessa Gaston on her experience as Principal for a Day at Jefferson High School

Up Close and Personal



PHOTO BY RON WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Urban League of Portland President Vanessa Gaston works beside Jefferson High School students while serving as "Principal for a Day." Gaston was one of more than 80 business and civic leaders that participated in a program designed to engage business and civic leaders in the challenges faced by the city's schools.

Civic leaders see challenges faced by local schools

Community leaders walked the walk last week when they served as "Principals for a Day" at Portland Public Schools.

Vanessa Gaston, president of the Urban League of Portland wore her principal hat at Jefferson High School.

"They have some work to do at Jefferson, but I left with a very positive impression," she said.

Daniel Bernstine, president of Portland State University, ran Roosevelt High School in north Portland for the day.

Roosevelt recently partnered with PSU to help its students realize their higher education dreams. Students meeting PSU's entrance requirements will automatically receive \$1,000 scholarships, renewable for three additional years if

they maintain full-time status and a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

In a study last fall, data indicated that Roosevelt had the lowest percentage of high school graduates attending the state's public universities.

"Roosevelt High School has a high proportion of first generation and low-income students. These are students who will be supported by this program," said

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Minority Group Wins Parking Bid Recommendation called 'history making' for people of color

A group of minority chambers of commerce, in association with Star Park, will take over management of six city-owned downtown Smart Park garages if a recommendation made Monday is approved by the City Council on May 21.

Awarding the \$1.2 million contract to Star Park in alliance with the African American, Hispanic Metropolitan and Philippine American chambers of commerce means the Portland Business Alliance, a powerful group of downtown business owners, would lose the contract it has held for the last 20 years.

"This is long overdue," Roy Jay, president of the African American Chamber of Commerce, told the Portland Observer Tuesday. "We are making history. This is the first time people of color have been involved in something of this magnitude."

When the city made a request for proposals to operate the parking garages in January, five proposals were submitted. Of those five, only two — The Portland Business Alliance's and Star Park — were for full service of all aspects of day-to-day garage management.

An evaluation committee consisting of various local citizens and city officials reviewed the proposals, interviewed the submitters and then scored the proposals. The minority proposal received a 91.4 out of 100 compared to The Portland Business Alliance's score of 88.1.

Of the five categories for which the proposals were scored, The Portland Business Alliance scored higher on one — staff

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African American Chamber of Commerce President Roy Jay.

Dedication to Education

Humboldt principal honored with prestigious \$25,000 award

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When Humboldt Elementary School Principal Judy Bryant found out she'd won the prestigious Milken Family Foundation Award — a \$25,000 gift given to out-

standing educators across the nation — she couldn't believe what she heard.

"I didn't know I got to keep the money," Bryant said. "I thought the money was for the school — I didn't know it was for me."

When the reality set in for Bryant, who is credited taking one of the lowest performing schools in Oregon and getting Humboldt onto the state's "strong schools" list in just seven years, she began to think about what to do with the money.

Luxury cars, home remodels and romantic getaways aren't in

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the cards for Bryant, but she might take a trip across the Atlantic.

"I'm going to build a church in Africa," the Maranatha Church of God member said. "First I'll give unto Cesar and then I'll give unto the Lord. The taxes are Cesar."

Declining to state specifics, Bryant said building a church is her way of giving back — a philosophy she takes with her to work each day as she works to close the achievement gap for her north Portland elementary

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Humboldt Elementary principal Judy Bryant was one of 50 schoolteachers and administrators in the nation this year that received the Milken Family Foundation award for excellence in education.

