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## Week in The Review



### Big Name, Little Experience

Arnold Schwarzenegger's leap into the recall campaign against Gov. Gray Davis gives the Republican Party a candidate with name recognition that is second to none - but also one with little previous political experience.

### Liberian Leader Flees

Vowing "I will be back," Charles Taylor fled into exile Monday, leaving Liberia in ruins after his 14-year fight for power, and a new president to deal with rebels laying siege to the capital. Three U.S. warships briefly appeared in view off Monrovia within minutes of Taylor's ceding power to his vice president, Moses Blah.

### Do-Gooder Returns Cash

Fledgling rockers generally don't make much money, so when a good Samaritan found and returned \$7,000 belonging to pop-punk band Eleventeen, he was smothered with thanks.

### 9/11 Anniversary Ceremony

Children whose loved ones died in the attack on the World Trade Center will help recite names of the nearly 2,800 victims during a ceremony marking the two year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

### Agent Orange Plagues Vietnam

Decades after the wartime defoliant Agent Orange was sprayed over Vietnam, toxic chemicals continue to contaminate Vietnamese people and the food they eat, according to a new study.

### High Cost of Post-War

The U.S. bill for rebuilding Iraq and maintaining security there is widely expected to far exceed the war's price tag, and some private analysts estimate it could reach as high as \$600 billion.

### Students Get Health Report Card

A school program that sends home health report cards with student weight and fitness information has helped get parents of overweight children involved in trying to address the problem, a study found.

## Coalition Shines Light on Community Health

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—Corliss Mc Keever, president of the African American Health Coalition



African American Health Coalition President Corliss Mc Keever makes plans for the Sept. 6 Wellness Walk to promote a healthy community.

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### Stage set for Northeast Portland Wellness Walk

Final details are in place for the first "Wellness Within REACH Walk," expected to draw more than 500 people to the streets of north and northeast Portland.

The Saturday, Sept. 6 event is an effort by the African American Health Coalition to encourage area residents to exercise and improve their overall health.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of African Americans in Oregon. Health records show black Americans are twice as likely to die from a stroke and almost one and a half times as likely to die from a heart attack than white Americans.

"We're dying from preventable diseases," said Corliss Mc Keever, president of the African American Health Coalition.

The idea behind the Wellness Walk is to shine a light on the issue. Area health providers have pledged their support to the effort.

"When I learned about the African American Health Coalition and what it was doing

in this community to combat death and disease I was excited to get involved," said Baruti Artharee, Providence regional director of diversity initiatives for Oregon. "Anytime you can increase awareness on the issues of health is a positive and the African American Health Coalition is actually getting people moving."

The event will begin and end at Dawson Park across from Legacy Emanuel Hospital in north Portland. Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. The walk includes

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## Waterfront Plans Sidestep Disadvantaged

Massive city venture fails to promote minority and women workers

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The city's largest development project should have included minority and women construction workers and contractors, a group of advocates contend.

The \$1.5 billion South Waterfront Central District project, a joint venture of Oregon Health and Sciences University, developer Homer Williams and the Portland Development Commission, will occupy 30 acres of formerly industrial land along Southwest Macadam Avenue and include a satellite bio-research campus and more than 2,200 housing units.

The Portland City Council is expected to act on the controversial proposal Thursday.

Local neighborhood groups are unhappy with the prospect of buildings up to 325 feet high cutting off views of the river, an aerial tram for transportation to OSHU passing overhead and traffic clogging roads. Critics also question if PDC's proposed \$109 million contribution is money well spent. They wonder if plans to make the site a national medical research center are realistic.

A coalition called Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good, composed primarily of church-related groups, housing advocates and labor unions, wants to be sure that at least some of the housing is affordable and that the project's 5,000 construction jobs will offer living wages.

Builder Andre Baugh argues that some of those jobs go to minority and women workers and contractors.

Baugh spoke on behalf of the African-American Chamber of Commerce, the Native American Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and the African American Federation of

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## Parks Host Summer Field Day!

Students and mentors from north and northeast Portland enjoy some time at the park as the last weeks of summer vacation wind down. The Portland Parks and Recreation 'Rec 'N' Roll' bus met the field day participants from both the University Park and Matt Dishman Community Centers.

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## Failing Oregon Schools List Released

### Portland high schools do not meet standards

More than 360 schools in Oregon, including every public high school in Portland and six north and northeast Portland middle

schools, have been told they need to improve student performance or face a range of consequences mandated by the federal government.

Rigler and Sitton Elementary schools in north and northeast Portland also placed on the low-achieving schools list. The area's

middle schools with failing grades are Fernwood, Gregory Heights, Whitaker, George, Ockley Green and Tubman.

The designations were made under the new federal "No Child Left Behind" law.

Schools that fail two years in a row would have to pay transportation costs for stu-

dents who want transfer to higher-achieving schools. After six years of stagnation, teachers and principals could lose their jobs.

This year, only about 40 percent of students were required to score at or above

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