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Sleepless Summer Underway

Getting a jump on the traditional post-Labor Day presidential campaign season, Democrat Howard Dean is promoting himself like a rock star with an eight-city road trip that began Saturday, with a stop in Portland. The trip is called the "Sleepless Summer Tour," a swiipe at President Bush's lengthily vacation at his ranch.

Muslim Militants Suspected of India Blasts

A pair of car bombs ripped through lunchtime crowds in India's financial capital, Bombay, on Monday, killing 44 people and wreaking havoc at a crowded jewelry market and a popular historic landmark. Police were focusing their investigation on Muslim militant groups. But victims from the explosions were almost certain to include both Muslims and Hindus.

Priest's Killing Planned

The suspect in the prison cell slaying of defrocked pedophile priest John Geoghan hated homosexuals and planned the killing weeks in advance, a prosecutor said Monday. Joseph L. Druce, a fellow inmate in the maximum security Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Shirley, even tore apart a book to make a tool for jamming the door of Geoghan's cell, Worcester District Attorney John J. Conte said.

Treatment Targets Tumor

Thousands of breast cancer patients are opting for a week of radiation instead of the usual six weeks, thanks to new methods that target cancer-killing beams at the tumor site instead of the whole breast.

Judge Upholds Fines in Fatal Nightclub Fire

A judge would not postpone collection of a \$1 million fine on owners of The Station nightclub for failing to carry workers' compensation insurance before February's deadly fire. The blaze killed 100 people, including four club employees, and injured nearly 200 others.

Deficit Swells to \$480B

The federal government is heading toward a record \$480 billion deficit in 2004 and will rack up almost \$1.4 trillion in red ink over the next decade, according to analysis by the Congressional Budget Office. CBO Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin added that deficits over the next decade could more than double if the Bush administration tax cuts become permanent and Congress fails to control spending.

Scathing Report Blasts Police Bureau



PHOTO BY JAYMEE R. CUTI/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Denise Stone and four other members of the Citizens Review Committee announce their resignation from the police watchdog group, which oversees complaints about the Portland Police Bureau.

Police Watchdogs Resign

Auditor rejects change despite mass resignation

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

City officials have no plans to overhaul a citizens review team, despite the resignation of five of the nine members.

The Citizens Review Committee, which oversees complaints about the Police Bureau, lost five members Thursday who resigned in indignation, calling the committee a "public sham" and a mockery of attempts to restore public trust in government.

The committee was created in 2001 to process complaints about the Police Bureau. It replaced an internal police investigation committee.

City Auditor Gary Blackmer, who supervises the citizen review team, said that the resignation of the review team's chair Hector Lopez, co-chair Denise Stone and members Mia Butzbaugh, T.J. Browning and Douglas Montgomery lpt its punch because the resignations came one month before the expiration of three of the members' terms.

"The mayor is happy with the work the CRC does," said Tommy Brooks, a spokesman for Mayor Vera Katz. "A lot of the folks that quit were not happy with the old system and are not happy with the new system, and they'll probably never be happy."

Denise Stone, former vice chair of the committee, said that while the committee had a strong working

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Experts say city needs policies that support human life

(AP)—Experts hired by the city have found major problems with the way the Portland police investigates officer-involved shootings.

The findings, issued in a report Monday by the Police Assessment Resource Center, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit agency, were based on a study of 32 police shootings and two deaths of people in custody that occurred from January 1997 to June 30, 2000.

The experts said their examination supported the statements of a senior officer who told them: "There's no administrative review in this organization. People are afraid to ask hard questions. People are afraid to hurt feelings."

To minimize the incidence of police shootings, the experts call for 89 changes in bureau policy, tactics, investigations, internal reviews, and written report and case-filing requirements.

Among those, the center suggests the bureau revise its deadly force policy to underscore the bureau's "reverence for the value of human life" and its view that deadly force should be used "only where no other alternatives are reasonably available."

The report recommends that the bureau develop a new review system; create a civilian oversight audit of police shootings and custody deaths; end Portland's practice of waiting three days before interviewing officers; stop untaped "pre-interviews" of officers before taping their statements; and prohibit police from firing at moving vehicles.

Chief Mark Kroeker said he agreed with 92 percent of the recommendations and would submit them to Community Police Organizational Review Team for further discussion.

There has not been a Portland officer indicted for use of deadly force since an on-duty officer shot and killed his girlfriend's husband in 1969.

And, from what the center's experts could glean, all shootings and in-custody deaths during the 3 1/2 years reviewed were considered justified by the bureau.

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Protesters Square Off in North Portland



Police keep thousands of protestors from the north Portland campus of the University of Portland where President George Bush was raising money Thursday for his re-election campaign. Bush's visit was followed three days later by Democratic challenger Howard Dean's presidential campaign stop in the Rose City. See stories and additional photos, page A6. (AP photo)

Harvest Party

The St. Johns Woods community of north Portland shares their bountiful harvest from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30 with a Back to School Harvest Party. The event will entertain with games, awards, African dance performances, a Native American Roots Rock and fresh food.

St. Johns Woods Garden Project,

in partnership with Janus Youth Programs and Cascade Management, is a multicultural project fighting hunger by helping low-income families grow their own food and take leadership in the community.

Celebrate the fruits of the bounty at St. John's Woods Apartments, 8652 N. Swift Way. For more information, call 503-286-2099.

North Portland kids gather around Asha Gebibo, an East African woman who is an expert in agriculture, as she cuts greens grown from the St. Johns Woods community garden.



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