

# Investments to Boost Northeast

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The federal monies will also help fund a mixed development of businesses and housing on MLK at Fremont Street, the cleanup and revitalization of the abandoned and once heavily polluted Grant Warehouse, and other run-down properties contributing to the blighting of surrounding neighborhoods.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Mayor Vera Katz (from left) joins community leaders Ray Leary, Noell Webb, Carl Talton and Wyman Winston at the announcement of \$100 million in tax credits and loans to be filtered into northeast Portland development projects.

## Hate Crime Victim's Grave Defaced

(AP) — The tombstone of a black man who was dragged to his death was found broken with a racial epithet carved into the granite, Jasper, Texas police said.  
"We hoped he could rest in peace," said Stella Byrd, the mother of 1998 dragging victim James Byrd Jr. "They've done enough to him already."  
Police Chief Stanley Christopher said the desecration is being investigated as criminal mischief, he said. There have been no arrests.  
Byrd was on his way home from a party June 7, 1998, when he crossed the path of three white men who had been out drinking.  
Two were convicted and sentenced to death; one received life in prison. Jasper is about 110 miles northeast of Houston.

# Goldschmidt's Secret

## Former mayor confesses child sex abuse

(AP)—Neil Goldschmidt, a former Oregon governor and transportation secretary under President Carter has admitted to a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old girl in the 1970s, when he was mayor of Portland.  
Goldschmidt, 63, who served as governor from 1987-1991, told The Oregonian about the relationship on Thursday after hints of his sexual impropriety was disclosed by the Willamette Week.  
Earlier in the day, citing only heart arrhythmia and blocked arteries that put him at risk of a heart attack, Goldschmidt relinquished his posts from the Oregon Board of Higher Education and a firm that has been trying to acquire Portland General Electric.  
According to Oregon laws in 1975, sex with a girl under 16 constituted third-degree rape, but the statute of limitations expired in 1979.



Disgraced former Portland Mayor and former Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt

Goldschmidt said he has lived with "enormous guilt and shame" in the 30 years since the relationship, which started in 1975 when he was 35. He was married at the time.  
Goldschmidt said he agreed to a \$250,000 financial settlement with the woman in 1994.  
"How can such behavior be erased when the damage to others and to myself lives on?" he said in a statement. "I have sat in places of worship each year at Yom Kippur, the day of atonement in my religious tradition (Judaism), reading in silence, searching for personal peace. And I have found that the answer to that question is that it cannot be erased."  
"The pain and damage that I have caused have been with me constantly. I have known all along that my private apologies and actions, deep and true though they were, would never be enough. I apologize now, publicly and completely."

# American Beheaded

## Called revenge killing for prisoner abuse

(AP) — A video posted Tuesday on an al-Qaida-linked Web site showed the beheading of an American civilian in Iraq in what was said to be revenge for abuse of Iraqi prisoners.  
The video showed five men wearing headscarves and black ski masks, standing over a bound man in an orange jumpsuit - similar to a prisoner's uniform. The man identified himself as Nick Berg, a U.S. civilian.

that we offered the U.S. administration to exchange this hostage with some of the detainees in Abu Ghraib and they refused," one of the men read from a statement.  
"So we tell you that the dignity of the Muslim men and women in Abu Ghraib and others is not redeemed except by blood and souls. You will not receive anything from us but coffins after coffins ... slaughtered in this way."  
Photographs of Iraqi prisoners



A video from an al-Qaida affiliated website shows a group of five men standing over a bound man who identified himself as Nick Berg, a U.S. contractor in Iraq, shortly before he was beheaded. (AP photo)

The men were seen pulling the man to his side and putting a large knife to his neck. A scream sounded as the men cut his head off, shouting "Allahu akbar!" - "God is great!" They then held the head up to the camera.  
The slaying recalled the kidnapping and videotaped beheading of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl in 2002 in Pakistan. Four Islamic militants have been convicted of kidnapping Pearl, but seven other suspects - including those who allegedly slit his throat - remain at large.  
"For the mothers and wives of American soldiers, we tell you

being humiliated have reverberated throughout the Arab world and have intensified anti-Western sentiment.  
Seven soldiers from the 372nd Military Police Company face charges in the mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison. The first one to go to trial, Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits of Hyndman, Pa., faces a court-martial in Baghdad next week.

# Local Man Put Under Suspicion in Terror Case

## Lawyer linked to attack in Spain

(AP) — The first American arrested in the deadly train bombing in Madrid is a former Army lieutenant and a convert to Islam who lives in a nondescript suburban home and faithfully attends a nearby mosque.  
Family members say Brandon Mayfield is innocent and has never even been to Spain. But law enforcement officials there said Friday that his fingerprints had been found on bags containing detonators of the kind used in the March 11 attack, which killed 191 people and injured 2,000 others.  
Two senior U.S. law enforcement officials in Washington said Mayfield had been under FBI sur-



Brandon Mayfield

veillance for several weeks after a single fingerprint was found.  
Mayfield was arrested by FBI agents Thursday at his office in suburban Portland. He is being held as a material witness, which allows the government to detain him without filing formal charges, to allow time for further investigation.  
"I think it's crazy - we haven't been outside the country for 10 years," said his wife, Mona. "They found only a part of one fingerprint. It could be anybody. He was in the Army and they're just trying to fit a certain profile."  
Brandon Mayfield's father, Bill, agreed, saying "They picked him out because they wanted someone who fit this profile. This was the closest they had, and he was a Muslim."

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# Historic Murder Case Reopened

## Mississippi death galvanized civil rights movement

(AP)—The federal government said Monday it is reopening the investigation into the 1955 murder of Emmett Till, a teenager whose death while visiting Mississippi was an early catalyst for the civil rights movement.  
Till was abducted from his home in Money, Miss., on Aug. 28, 1955. The mutilated body of the 14-year-old from Chicago was found by fishermen three days later in the Tallahatchie River.  
Pictures of the slaying



Emmett Louis Till

shocked the world. Two white men charged with murder — Roy Bryant and his half brother, J.W. Milam—were acquitted by an all-white jury. Both men have since died.  
The NAACP and other individuals and groups have called repeatedly for reopening the case, which has been the sub-

ject of documentary films and books. In a 2003 letter to Mississippi officials, NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said it was "time to address what remains an ugly mark" in state and U.S. history.  
Other civil rights-era killings in Mississippi have been reopened with mixed results.  
In 1994, Byron de la Beckwith was convicted of the 1963 murder of NAACP field secretary Medgar Evers.  
But there has been little progress in an effort to bring murder charges for the 1964 slayings of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Miss. Those killings were chronicled in the film "Mississippi Burning."

# New Columbia Construction Begins

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First, the streets will connect with the Portsmouth neighborhood, breaking the physical and economic isolation its residents once experienced.  
The project also has plans for public art, a "main street," a park, the name of which will be announced later this month and possibly a library and an elementary school, which are still in planning stages.  
The main street will feature commercial retail space, classrooms for Head Start, workforce training and youth development, a community center with meeting places and connections to social services.  
The project is also creating approximately \$100 million in economic opportunities to stimulate the economy. It's taking strides to ensure that no one is left out by awarding 20 percent of construction and professional services contracts to minority- and women-owned businesses and emerging small businesses.  
Last month, an established



New Columbia Resident-liason Leslie Esinga and New Columbia Construction Superintendent Chuck Moore stand on newly constructed streets in the future new neighborhood of affordable homes on the site of the now demolished Columbia Villa. The project also has plans for public art, a main street with stores, a park, and possibly a library and an elementary school.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

home development company and a non-profit home developer entered into collaboration with New Columbia to build the first 76 homes for sale.  
Legend Homes Corporation and Home Ownership a Street at a Time (HOST) Development will build 27 homes in New Columbia's first phase of residential housing.

The lots, ranging from 2,280 to 3,500 square feet, averaged \$42,000 per lot, which is higher than the approximately \$31,500 average lots price set by the agency in its original proposal.  
This marks an early success for New Columbia.  
"Clearly, this proposal is a vote of confidence by home builders

that the concept of a neighborhood that mixes homes for sale with rental housing that is affordable to people at different income levels is a viable one," said Kandis Brewer Nunn, chair of the housing authority's board of commissioners.  
This will be Legend's first venture into north Portland, while

HOST has considerable experience in the market with its Charleston Place development, also in north Portland.  
"This is a great opportunity to work on a community venture that we believe will have a tremendous positive impact in north Portland," said Jim Chapman, president of Legend Homes.