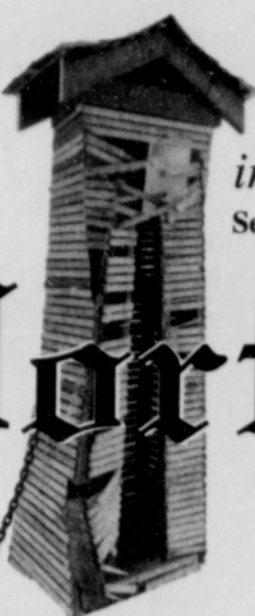


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Artists and businesses showcase creativity in north Portland See Focus section C, inside

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Week in The Review

Soldier Faces Abuse Charge

An Army investigator testified that Pfc. Lynndie England and other members of her unit told him that photos of naked Iraqi prisoners piled in pyramids and other humiliating poses were taken "just for fun." The statement came Tuesday as a military hearing started to determine if England should be court-martialed for her actions at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.



Market Fire Kills Hundreds

The death toll from a weekend fire at a supermarket in Paraguay shot up by more than 100 to reach 464 on Tuesday, as a security guard told investigators he received orders to lock the building's doors just after the blaze began to prevent theft, officials said.

Bryant Transcript Released

Transcripts released from a closed two-day hearing in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case provide rare detail of the fierce battles over evidence, including a candid assessment by the prosecution about its chances should the judge rule on a number of issues.

Study Links Flu to Schizophrenia

A new study adds more evidence to a body of research that suggests the children of some women who get the flu while pregnant are at higher risk of developing schizophrenia.

More al-Qaida Arrests

Pakistani authorities have arrested two high-ranking al-Qaida terrorists - one with a multimillion-dollar U.S. bounty on his head - in a days-long sweep that has netted at least six suspected militants, officials said Tuesday.

Statue of Liberty Reopens

Hailed once again as a "beacon of hope," the Statue of Liberty welcomed back hundreds of masses of tourists for the first time since it was shut down nearly three years ago in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Interior Secretary Gale Norton was on hand to officially open the doors, and a military choir sang George M. Cohan's "It's a Grand Old Flag" before the crowd rose for the national anthem.



Boosting the Vote



Too young to vote, but old enough to make a difference, Davetta Lockett, 15, canvasses downtown, looking for unregistered voters. She is part of an Oregon Action campaign aiming to stir up 30,000 new voters.

Big turnout begins with registration

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Some people with the best intentions for participating in democracy have not registered to vote. If the reason is a lack of knowledge, some information should fill in the gaps.

Registering to vote is as easy as filling out a form online at www.oregonvotes.org or stopping by a designated state agency, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, Post Offices, libraries and other public assistance agencies to pick up a form.

To qualify, voters need to be Oregon residents of at least 18 years old on Election Day.

In the case of the Nov. 2 presidential election, a voter registration card must be postmarked at least 21 days before the election, which is Oct. 12.

To check if your registration is current, drop by Multnomah County Elections at 1040 S.E. Morrison or call 503-988-3720.

You may update your registration and receive a ballot at any time up to Election Day, by going to your county elections office.

You must re-register to vote every time your address changes, your name changes, or if you wish to change your party affiliation. You may update your registration and receive a ballot at any time up to Election Day.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system makes voting simple. If you are living away from

your permanent address, you can request an absentee ballot. Be sure to include your name, residence address and your mailing address in a request for an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available 45 days before any election.

In Oregon, even convicted felons can vote if not currently in custody of the state Department of Corrections. If you are situated in any other part of the criminal justice system, such as county jail, you have not lost your voting privileges and may participate in all upcoming elections. If you are a felon serving a sentence totaling less than 12 months, and you also are not in the custody of the Department of Corrections, you retain your voting privileges. Only those felons currently in the custody of the Department of Corrections may not vote.

A hotline has been set up to answer questions from Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-866-ORE-VOTE (1-866-673-8683).

Nightclub Sprayed with Gunfire

Pregnant woman and four others suffer injuries

Chaos erupted early Monday as gunshots were fired outside a packed private dance hall in northeast Portland.

The International Club, at 322 N.E. San Rafael and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, was hopping with music and dancing at 12:30 a.m. when as many as a 20 shots, possibly from an automatic or semi-automatic weapon were fired, forcing a stream of screaming people to duck under cars for cover.

Shortly after, five shooting victims checked themselves into Legacy Emanuel Hospital, a few blocks away in north Portland.

A member of a rap group performing in the Sunday night party described what he saw.

"I came out, my car was shot up, my brother's car was shot up and my people are in the hospital," a hip-hop artist known as Prophecy told KGW.

Witnesses said an argument erupted between two men outside the hall just before the exchange of gunfire. It appears that none of the shooting victims were the intended target of shooting, police said.

Svesha Harris, a 21-year old pregnant woman suffered serious injuries with a bullet wound to her back and was listed in critical condition. Her baby was unharmed. The other victims were identified as Alexis Campbell, 18, who sustained a bullet wound to her upper-left thigh; 19-year-old Anthony Taylor, who suffered a bullet wound to his left shoulder; Parnell Badon, a 22-year-old with

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Money Strain Halts Mission Expansion

Postponement slows help to homeless, addicted

BY JOHANNA S. KING THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Deep financial strains have caused Union Gospel Mission to put on hold its building plans to drastically expand public services.

Committed to feeding the hungry, restoring the addict and putting an end to homelessness, Portland's 77-year-old Christian outreach program is fervently working to find solutions to these ongoing problems.

Individuals living out on the street have come to know the downtown mission as more than just a welcoming shelter or a place to fill their empty stomachs with a hot, home-made plate of food. Many have identified it as their safe haven from a world that has otherwise labeled them as rejects and failures.

As part of the recovery center's goal to help those in pressing need,



A sign appeals for additional support to complete a new building for Union Gospel Mission at the corner of Northwest Third Avenue and Burnside.

the mission has planned a new 28,500 square foot, five-story building called the LifeChange Center at Northwest Third Avenue and Burnside. The building phase of the project was originally planned to begin this past spring, but is now scheduled to start next summer due to the lack of funds.

Although the project boldly carries a costly price tag of approximately \$5.7 million dollars, raising funds to cover the remaining construction costs of nearly \$2 million dollars is now firmly underway.

"We have the vision. Now we're just looking for the financial support that's needed to fulfill our dream of helping people live recovered lives free from the bondage of addiction," said Bill Russell, Union Gospel executive director.

The new building, which will house a recovery community of men and women learning to overcome addiction, is intended to accommodate twice the capacity of what the mission is currently able

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