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Disaster Aid Flows to Victims



Federal disaster assistance money started flowing to Hurricane Charley's victims in Florida Tuesday, but hundreds of thousands still had no phones, no running water, no diapers for the baby and no gas to fill the tank. At least 17 people were killed by the storm and officials estimate it caused as much as \$11 billion in damage to insured homes alone.

Winfrey Picked for Jury



Oprah Winfrey was picked to serve on a jury at Cook County Criminal Court in Chicago. Winfrey walked into the courthouse Monday through an alternate entrance to avoid crowds. But officials said once inside the courtroom, she wouldn't receive any special treatment.

Shot at Olympic Record Sunk

Australian Ian Thorpe won the most anticipated duel at the Olympic pool in Greece, taking gold in the 200-meter freestyle Monday night and ensuring that American Michael Phelps won't match Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals.

Bush Reassigns Europe Troops

President Bush announced plans to shift as many as 70,000 U.S. troops who are now stationed in Western Europe and Asia in one of the largest realignments since the end of the Cold War. Some of the troops would be moved to posts in Eastern Europe while others would be based in the United States, available for deployment overseas, White House officials said.

Anarchists Consider Voting

A group of anarchists is taking an unusual step to make its political voice heard - going to the polls. Anarchists generally pride themselves on their rejection of government and its authority. But a faction of them fed up with the war in Iraq say they plan to cast anti-Bush votes this fall.

Harry Potter Title Announced

"Harry Potter" novelist J.K. Rowling says her young hero will survive to the seventh book in her series about the young wizard, but refused to say whether he would reach adulthood. She is still working on the sixth book, titled: "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince."

PCC Leaders on Top

Growing campuses under new management

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Portland Community College, under new management, vows to make gains in north and northeast Portland and beyond by becoming a college of the community, not just in the community.

The PCC Cascade Campus at 705 N. Killingsworth, is spilling into its urban neighborhood by expanding its campus by a third. A Public Services Building, providing fire fighting, emergency medical technician and criminal justice training, will open by the fall term. Also opening at Cascade in September are the Technology Building, P.E. Building and an addition to Jackson Hall.

New buildings will be added to the PCC Sylvania, Rock Creek and Southeast campuses as well.

Besides the new accommodations, the Cascade campus and entire college system are also welcoming new presidents.

Dr. Algie Gatewood was hired for Cascade in April and took his post on June 14. Gatewood moved to Portland from North Carolina, where he served as the assistant director of the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority of the University of North Carolina, overseeing health, education and welfare.

Gatewood was hired by Dr.



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Portland Community College President Preston Pulliams (left), the new chief executive of the entire community college system and Algie Gatewood, the new president of the PCC Cascade Campus, tour the greatly expanding Cascade campus on North Killingsworth and Albina Avenues.

Preston Pulliams who became the president of PCC last March. Pulliams previously was vice-chancellor for Community Colleges for the State University of New York in Albany.

Some see the two African Americans, as helping to change the image of the city, which has been

criticized for not appointing people of color to leadership positions.

"I'm committed to diversity," Gatewood said. "We have a very diverse faculty and staff and we are a very diverse campus. We want to build diversity in terms of the student population as well, to address the needs of the community."

Besides increasing diversity among his staff, Pulliams says he will fight for government dollars to support education.

"I have to carry the message to elected officials that we are here to serve the community. I know they have some tough choices to make but a priority should be educa-

tion," Pulliams said.

The bond measure supporting the building renovations has also put minorities, women and small businesses to work.

The college has awarded a third of contracts to minority- and women

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Low Marks for Schools

Momentum for improvement promised

The Oregon Department of Education has released the ratings for Portland schools testing under the No Child Left Behind federal law. Twenty-four local schools were identified as not meeting adequate yearly progress. The number includes all 11 high schools, nine middle schools and five elementary schools.

All of the middle and elementary schools are located on the east side of the Willamette River.

"This report is a window into our strengths and challenges," said Vicki Phillips, the newly appointed superintendent. "The results show that we are making progress in some areas, but it also shows we need to maintain a relentless focus on teaching and learning to reach expectations."

Middle schools not meeting the requirements of the law, include Beaumont Middle School, Gregory Heights Middle School, Whitaker Middle School of northeast Portland; George Middle School, Ockley Green Middle School, Tubman Middle School of north Portland; Binnsmead Middle School, Lane Middle School and Kellogg Middle School of southeast Portland.

Identified elementary schools include Bridger Elementary School, Llewellyn Elementary School, Sunnyside Elementary School of southeast Portland; Vestal Elementary School and Woodlawn Elementary School of northeast Portland.

"Student achievement is the primary focus of the School Board," said Lorenzo Poe, Portland Public School Board co-chair. "We are confident that the hiring of our new superintendent, Vicki Phillips, will result in reforms that will help the school district meet the high expectations set by the No Child Left Behind Act. It is the board's intention to diligently monitor the school district's progress toward these goals."



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Presidential candidate John Kerry salutes at Waterfront Park in downtown Portland Friday during a rally that drew an estimated 50,000 people.

Multitude Greet Kerry in Portland

Bush also visits in election battle

(AP)—Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry ended a two-week cross-country campaign swing in Portland Friday, where he and celebrity supporters got a rousing welcome from the largest crowd to attend a political speech here in at least a decade.

Portland fire officials estimated the crowd at between 40,000 and 50,000 people on the Willamette River waterfront, on a day when President Bush

was campaigning just a few miles away.

When Kerry took the stage in Portland, he focused mainly on national issues — including war and tax reform — that have cropped up often during his "Believe in America" tour that began after he accepted the Democratic nomination in Boston two weeks ago.

Flanked by small-business owners, President Bush touted his economic policies during an invitation-only town hall meeting at Southridge High School in Beaverton.

Bush acknowledged Oregon's high

jobless rate, but said the economy was recovering in the Northwest and nationwide.

The same-day visits by both candidates are a sign of Oregon's status as a swing state and its importance to both parties, despite its scant seven electoral votes.

Kerry was introduced by, among others, actor Leonardo DiCaprio and rocker Jon Bon Jovi. DiCaprio, wearing jeans and a baseball cap, praised Kerry for his environmental policies. Bon Jovi didn't speak, but played the 80s hits "Living on a Prayer" and "Dead or Alive."

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