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Black Coaches Make History

Washington first Division 1 school to hire two black coaches for major sports
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Talking hip hop and politics with Cool Nutz
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Week in The Review

U S Iraq Death Toll Rises

As of Monday, at least 1,296 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003. In Oregon, flags flew at half-staff for Spc. Jeremy Christensen, 27, who was killed last month north of Baghdad when a roadside bomb destroyed the tank he was driving. Christensen grew up in Portland. On Saturday, Dec. 4, Oregon soldier Sgt. David Mitts was killed by enemy fire in Mosul, Iraq.

Peterson Marked for Execution

A jury decided Monday that Scott Peterson should be executed for murdering his pregnant wife, Laci, whose Christmas Eve disappearance two years ago was the opening act in a legal drama that captivated the nation.

African Woman Awarded Nobel

To the beat of African drums, Kenyan environmentalist Wangari Maathai received her Nobel Peace Prize, telling the audience of royals, celebrities and diplomats that protecting the world's resources is linked to halting violence.

Murders Down 6 Percent

The number of murders dropped by nearly 6 percent in the first half of 2004, an indication that a four-year climb may be ending, the FBI reported.

Foxx Gets Triple Globes Nod

Jamie Foxx, star of a sitcom that aired from 1996 to 2001, earned a record three Globe nominations, including one for best musical or comedy actor for his uncanny portrayal of singer Ray Charles in "Ray."

Jackson, Minor's Prints on Porn

Fingerprints belonging to both Michael Jackson and the boy accusing him of child molestation were found on pornographic magazines seized from Jackson's Neverland ranch last year, the Santa Barbara News-Press reported.

Bush Names Health Secretary

President Bush chose Environmental Protection Agency chief Michael Leavitt to be secretary of Health and Human Services, filling one of the last two openings in his second-term Cabinet.

KWANZAA



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Uniquely African American

Kaiser honors the African-American holiday Kwanzaa with its 8th annual Kwanzaa Celebration thanks to the efforts of Jerrell Gaddis (from left), Sandra Warren, Carmen Pettiford, Vicki Guinn and Anthony Ramsey and the Kaiser Permanente African American Association. Friday's event included entertainment and food for the whole family.

Fred Meyer Boosts Local Pride

Residents grateful for upscale new store

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Just walk through the aisles at the new Interstate Fred Meyer and you'll see that it's providing a lot more than state-of-the-art one-stop shopping for groceries, apparel, electronics and more. It's serving as a community meeting place, where neighbors can stop to chat in a clean and organized environment.

"It's become a gathering place," said Robert Malone, assistant food manager for the store, which opened to crowds on Dec. 1. "It's a place where people can come to do their shopping and meet some old friends." Malone himself is a link to Portland's grocery industry past. He's been in the Portland grocery business since 1964, where he started out as a box boy for Albertsons and worked himself up through the ranks. He was the store director for Albertsons' Killingsworth store and was with the company for seven years.

"I saw it as an avenue to expand myself and other people around me," said Malone.

He says working in the grocery store business can be a path to economic livelihood and sustainability for individuals and neighborhoods.

Eventually, Malone owned and operated



Fred Meyer Assistant Food Manager Robert Malone (left) and Store Director Scott Miller in the bustling new Interstate store.

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E and M. Sentry Market, the predecessor to Renaissance Market.

According to Malone, the grocery business has held his interest for so many years because the work is varied and allows him to reach out to others new to the industry.

"I like to teach. There are many aspects of

grocery retail," he said.

The new store is the sister to the two-level Wood Village Fred Meyer store near Gresham. The Interstate store, a local retail with a two-story, 150,000 square foot presence, replaces an older Fred Meyer at the same location it has served area neighbor-

hoods for decades.

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