

**Minority Donors Urgently Needed***Shortage of life saving transplants hurt local community*

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The Review****Hurricane Aims at Mexico**

Hurricane Emily swirled across the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday and took aim once again at the Mexican coastline, forcing thousands in the northeast and in southern Texas to seek higher ground. The storm was gathering strength as it barreled toward the coast, a day after ripping roofs off resort hotels and stranding thousands of tourists along the Mayan Riviera, which includes the resort of Cancun.

Pakistan Nabs Bombing Suspects

Police rounded up seven Islamic militants in Pakistan to determine whether the London bombing plot stretched to South Asia. Investigators want to find out whether the bombers received training, encouragement or other assistance from extremists in Pakistan leading to the July 7 attacks aboard three subways and a bus that killed at least 56 people.

Tony Blair Appeals to Muslim Leaders

Britain Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed to Muslim leaders on Tuesday to combat the "twisted logic" of terrorism and offered to help them counter extremism with reason.

Lil' Kim Sues Witness

Lil' Kim has filed a \$6 million lawsuit against one of the two men who gave wounding testimony at her recent trial on perjury and conspiracy charges. She was sentenced to one year and one day in prison for lying to a federal grand jury about her involvement in a 2001 gun battle outside a Manhattan radio station.

Integra Makes Top of Most-Stolen Vehicle List

The 1999 Acura Integra coupe was the most-stolen vehicle last year and Integras from other model years weren't far behind, likely the targets of street racers who want their fast engines, according to a report released Tuesday. The 2002 BMW M Roadster was No. 2 on the list and the 1998 Acura Integra was third.

Hewlett-Packard to Slash 14,500 Jobs

Computer and printer maker Hewlett-Packard Co. said Tuesday it will cut 14,500 jobs and overhaul its retirement program in a restructuring plan designed to save \$1.9 billion annually and bring costs closer to those of competitors. The cuts - about 10 percent of its global work force of 150,000 - will occur over the next 18 months.

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Eugene, OR 97403-1205**Rebuilding Lives****Revitalization for Iris Court in the works**BY KATHERINE BLACKMORE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

It's like a mini-version of New Columbia, the north Portland neighborhood built from scratch after scores of outdated and rundown houses and apartments were demolished. The new housing complex expected to undergo a major facelift is the Iris Court housing cluster, consisting of four public housing projects located near the intersection of North Vancouver Avenue and Sumner Street.

"We spent a lot of time meeting with residents and neighbors and folks in the community and we've come to appreciate more fully the need to revitalize this core of the neighborhood. We thought the Iris Court Cluster would be a great jumpstart," said Mike Andrews, director of community revitalization with the Housing Authority of Portland.

With a possible \$16.4 million Hope VI grant for redevelopment, turning the distressed area into a place where children can safely play could become more of a reality.

Like Columbia Villa, now New Columbia, Iris Court is outdated not only in the way it's designed, but in the age of the buildings themselves. Built in the early 1940s, two of its biggest problems are the overabundance of concrete and the lack of security. There aren't enough green areas for recreation, and the design of the property allows for poor management in keeping outsiders out.

"The social side is that a lot of

PHOTO BY KATHERINE BLACKMORE/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Nichole Padilla lives in the Iris Court housing cluster in north Portland with her two daughters, 2-year-old Savana Dailey and 9-year-old Marena Padilla. She's expecting a baby boy in October.

folks are just very low-income. There are a lot of single moms trying to raise kids, yet they only make minimum wage. Their economic stability is not good at all. Hope VI is not just money to build buildings, but to provide job training and education to help people get back on their feet," said John Keating, assistant director for community ser-

vices at HAP.

The building plans include the addition of a community center, computer lab and Albina Head Start classrooms. A Community Supportive Service plan would provide support services for residents with the hope of increasing household income through training, education and skill-building.

While construction is being completed, the families in the pre-existing homes will be relocated. There is some weariness about the displacement, but HAP wants to make a genuine effort to bring back everyone who will leave temporarily. It's a necessity for the program to keep this area affordable among the growing area around it, with hous-

ing prices skyrocketing due to gentrification. Full assistance will be provided financially and mentally to residents for 4 1/2 years.

"A couple of years ago I headed up the team that relocated 382 families in 6 months," Keating said. "We were able to do that success-

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**Local Team Advances to State**

The Peninsula-Riverside Girl's Major Little League team from north and northeast Portland is playing for the state championship this week in Eugene. The 11 to 12 year-olds won the Oregon District 1 championship by defeating Scappoose 17 to 1 on July 12. Coach Mark Washington (second row, left) stands next to assistant coach Shay Washington, and Mary Dunn, president of the Peninsula-Riverside league. The team's assistant coach Andre Preston is in the second row at far right.

PHOTO BY CHARLES WASHINGTON/
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER**More Schools Fail: Notices explain transfer options**

More of Portland's public schools serving low and moderate income families have failed to meet targets mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Parents of students at four of the Portland middle schools were notified on Friday that their children's

school had failed to meet the federal standards, bringing to half the number of middle schools failing in the Portland area.

The parents of 2,097 students at Binnsmead, Gregory Heights, Kellogg and Portsmouth middle schools now have the chance to

transfer their children to a different neighborhood middle school. The letter said the children are eligible for free transportation.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, schools are required to show yearly progress for all students each year, including those with disabili-

ties. Last school year, 50 percent of students had to pass the English test and 49 percent had to pass the math test to meet the federal requirement. Students in special categories — such as those with disabilities or those learning English as a second language — are also

required to make progress, but their scores can be lower.

The four middle schools new to the list failed to meet standards for certain groups of students.

A school spokeswoman said their status may change after test scores are rechecked this summer.