

IN REVIEW

Top Stories



Free on All Counts
June 15 — Michael Jackson was acquitted of child molestation charges by a California jury who said the accusations of a young boy and his family were not credible, a legal victory that triggered jubilation among the pop star's fans and embarrassment for the district attorney's office.



Jefferson Loses One-Third of Staff

May 11 — Jefferson High School students walk out of classes to protest a dramatic cut in teachers and staff. The school board plans to cut 20 full-time positions, about a third of its entire staff because of the loss of state desegregation monies.



Gulf Coast Misery

Aug. 31 — Two levees broke and sent water coursing into the streets of the Big Easy a full day after New Orleans appeared to have escaped the widespread destruction from Hurricane Katrina. An estimated 80 percent of the city was under water, up to 20 feet in some places. Rescue boats were bypassing the dead as hundreds, if not thousands of people were stuck on roofs and in attics.



Hurricane Victims Welcomed

Sept. 14 — Volunteers stand among pews at the Powerhouse Temple Church of God filled with donations for Hurricane Katrina victims. Church Pastor Mary Overstreet brought 22 displaced Gulf Coast residents to Portland to help them with housing and utilities. A Welcome Oregon Committee was organized by community groups and faith-based organizations to help other hurricane victims gain a footing in Portland.

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