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# LAW&JUSTICE **Speaking up for Immigrant Justice**

Cardinal's plea: 'Make room' for newcomers

launched a "Justice for Immigrants" campaign, appealing to President Bush and congressional leaders for a legalization program, sharply criticizing a bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in December to tighten border controls.

When Cardinal Roger Mahony Roman Catholic leaders to embrace immigrants regardless of legal status, he wasn't just reiterating the church's long tradition of reaching out to the downtrodden.

Mahony and other U.S. Catholic into the debate over what to do immigrants living in the United grants. States - a development that's being met with criticism from groups push- ply adhering to Catholic teachings

(AP) - Catholic leaders have ing for tougher immigration law enforcement.

> Among other things, the bill now before the Senate - would obligate churches and other social organizations to ask immigrants for legal documentation before providing assistance.

A handful of bishops have deof Los Angeles last week called on nounced it. Mahony, the leader of the nation's largest archdiocese, went a step further. He promised to defy it if it's passed into law.

"I would say to all priests, deacons and members of the church that we are not going to observe bishops are increasingly weighing this law," Mahony said after an Ash Wednesday Mass calling on about the roughly 11 million illegal Catholics to "make room" for immi-

Church leaders say they are sim-



about compassion. But groups pushing for a crackdown on illegal immigration accuse them of trying to bolster their flock by catering to Hispanics, who comprise the majority of undocumented newcomers.

U.S. and Mexican bishops issued a statement on migration in2003 saying that "more powerful economic nations, which have the ability to protect and feed their residents, have a stronger obligation to accommodate migration flows."

The bishops also said that nations were obligated to respect the dignity of migrants "regardless of their legal status."

Cardinal Roger Mahony marks the forehead of parishioners during Ash Wednesday services March 1 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. (AP photo)

## **Thousands March for Immigrants in Portland**

### Many protest postions of GOP candidates

peaceful march of about 4,000 unions, church and social groups. demonstrators opposed to pendthrough downtown Portland on

(AP) - A boisterous but panic organizations, labor read some signs.

They were opposed to pending stricter immigration legisla- ing legislation in Congress that tion drummed and chanted would bring stiff increases in migration enforcement. They also Saturday, bringing together His- protested the position of Ron

School Board member and attorney who is seeking the Republican gubernatorial nomination in May's primary.

"Saxton, we pick your food,"

Saxton has said that as governor he would stop supplying state benefits and driver's licenses to people living in Oregon illegally and has pledged "zero tolerance." His two GOP opponents have

The number of illegal immigrants in Oregon is not certain and probably varies by season. Some estimates put the number in the 150,000 range, part of an estimated 11 million in the nation.

Saturday's demonstrators paraded for an amnesty, similar to one granted in 1986, or other moves that would let them stay in the United States legally.

Saxton, the former Portland aired views along the same lines. last year and is now in the Senate, to a national data base to verify would beef up border security with the help of local law enforcement and military technology and Senate would make it a crime impose tougher penalties for to help illegal immigrants or prosmuggling and re-entry.

> It makes drunken driving a deportable offense and make unlawful presence in the United crime versus God," said David States a felony.

ployers to submit Social Security "The House bill, which passed numbers and other information a part of a caring world."

Wanted Robbery Suspect

the legal status of workers.

Some predicted the bill in the vide for them in church soup kitchens.

"A crime versus people is a Leslie, executive director of the It also would require all em- Ecumenical Council of Oregon. "It undercuts what it means to be



## **Identity Theft Suspect on Camera**

Vancouver Police need help identifying this woman who presented a stolen credit card to make a purchase at Sears at the Vancouver Westfield Mall on Jan. 26. The photo was captured from surveillance video. The woman is a suspect in over \$50,000 in theft due to credit card fraud. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Troy Price at 360-735-8826.

On Feb. 7, 20-year-old Robin and has outstanding warrants for in the 4600 block of Southeast bail of \$287,000.

CRIME

anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP (4357).

Detec-Lamont Thompson, and another multiple counts of robbery, assault, tives would man, robbed two people at a house kidnapping and burglary with a total like to identify the sec-

STOPPERS

#### **Toxic Riverfront Restored**

continued A from Metro and black hawthorn will emerge, with a lush understory of swamp rose, Oregon grape, red-flow-

shrubs.

provide food for native animals, partment of Environmental and hopefully, peaceful natural



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ering currant and other native areas for people to enjoy as well. Mikell O'Mealy, outreach

These plants and trees will coordinator with the Oregon De-Quality, said the neighborhood volunteers were vital in making the plantings a success.

"A special thank to all of you who planted trees," she said.

Individuals and groups interested in touring the site this spring and summer to check on the trees and talk about potential future uses for the property are welcome to contact O'Mealy at 503-229-6590.

#### Taylor Street.

whipped, bound with duct tape, has long braids. He has lived in crimes. and one of them was shot when he Northeast Portland, but his current tried to get away.

Multnomah County Grand Jury dangerous.

He is about 5'10", 150 pounds, The victims were pistol- with black hair and brown eyes and t h e s

ond man in Robin Lamont Thompson

He is described as a black male address is unknown. Thompson between 18 and 25-years-old with a Thompson was indicted by a should be considered armed and stocky build. He is about 5' 10" with short hair or even a shaved head.

**Teens Attack, Curfew Considered** 

are increasing patrols in northeast Portland after a couple riding their bicycles to a friend's house were laughed and yelled. confronted and attacked by more than two dozen teenagers.

Jason Maxfield, 27, said he attempted to avoid the group on Northeast Garfield Avenue between Going and Skidmore streets by riding up the sidewalk, but he could not escape. Several rushed toward him and pushed him into a wall. He fell to the ground, and

(AP) — Police police said they when he looked up, found at least five young teens, ages 13 to 16.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime

Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you may remain

"We need some bikes," they

Maxfield said when he reached to grab his bike, he was punched repeatedly in the face and head and kicked in the back and sides. After his wife, Julie, yelled for the group to leave, one boy waved what appeared to be a gun at her.

'We live in your neighborhood, please don't hurt us," Maxfield happen when teenagers leave an pleaded to the boys, who scattered event and feel strength in numbers.

when a patrol car started to approach.

Portland Police Chief Derrick Foxworth said there have been similar cases reported recently, with groups of teens attacking bicyclists and pedestrians. He said police are considering special curfew crackdowns and other enforcement to address the problem.

Northeast Precinct Cmdr. Bret Smith thinks some of the incidents

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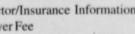
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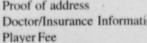
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