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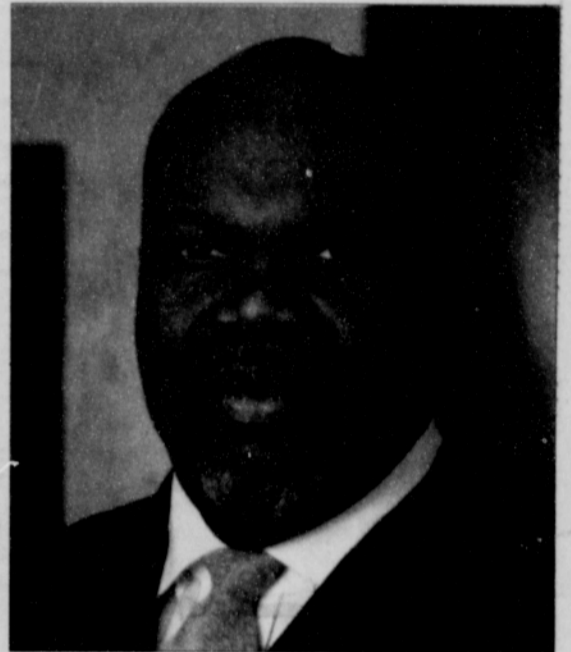
Creative Expressions Siren's Echo backs student show See Metro, inside

UNITED FRONT AGAINST WAR



PHOTO BY SARAH BLOUNT/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

One of the largest protests in Portland history, and the largest anti-war rally in the world marking the third anniversary of the Iraq War, fills Waterfront Park. Portland Police estimated nearly 10,000 participated in Sunday's downtown rally and march. See story and additional photo, page A6



Bishop T.D. Jakes will speak at New Beginnings Christian Center on Saturday, March 25.

Bishop T.D. Jakes to Visit Portland Considered one of the most influential pastors

BY SARAH BLOUNT THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

New Beginnings Christian Center is taking their congregation in a radical new direction this summer, moving to a new 60,000 square-foot home on 24 acres at 3300 N.E. 172nd Place in Gresham.

The church will celebrate the move early, with an appearance by Bishop T.D. Jakes on Saturday, March 25. Last year Time magazine named Jakes as one of the 25 most influential evangelicals in America. He is the pastor of The Potter's House, a multiracial, non-denominational church in Dallas, with more than 50 outreach ministries.

Doors for the event will open at 9:30 a.m., and the program starts 10:30 a.m. Jakes will share his "word with the Northwest" shortly after.

New Beginnings is at 7600 N.E. Glisan St. and the special appearance is open to the community. Childcare is available for infants to 12 years of age.

The church, which has been in northeast Portland for the past 12 years, will relocate to the Gresham property they purchased in 1995. Senior pastors Larry and Tiz Hutch left last year to launch a worldwide ministry out of Dallas. New Beginnings' senior pastors are now Brad and Lisa Makowski.

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Electronic monitoring equipment would be installed the front dash and back end of vehicles participating in a mileage counting study by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Drivers Offered \$300 for Study

ODOT recruits 300 volunteers

The Oregon Department of Transportation will offer up to 300 volunteers a minimum of \$300 guaranteed with the opportunity to earn more with price breaks on gasoline to help it test mileage-counting equipment.

Residents of northeast and southeast Portland who drive 1996 or newer cars may qualify in the Road User Fee Pilot Program, a program to test options for replacing Oregon's gas tax.

The participants in the pilot program will need to purchase their gas

at one of two stations in northeast and southeast Portland at least twice per month, ODOT officials



said. During one six-month period, most volunteers will not have to pay the gas tax thereby saving 24

cents on each gallon of gas.

The program will run for one year starting in May. Like a mileage odometer, hardware installed in the volunteers' vehicles will count the number of miles they travel in Oregon. Electronic devices will have the ability to record and transmit mileage information between the car and the gas pump.

Potential volunteers can immediately see if they are eligible by visiting <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/> and click on "Road user fees."

Potential volunteers may sign up for the program by contacting Alex Nydahl at 503-423-3837.

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Week in The Review

Man Dies after Taser Shot

Portland police used a taser on a man who witnesses say was speaking gibberish, foaming at the mouth and running into traffic on Northeast Sandy Boulevard. He died on the way to the hospital. See story, page A3

Challenger Endorsed

Former State Treasurer Jim Hill has picked up a major endorsement from the Service Employees International Union in his race for governor in the May 16 Primary against

incumbent Ted Kulongoski. See story, page A3

Iraq War Defended

President Bush said Tuesday there will be "more tough fighting ahead" in Iraq, but added, "We're making progress" and denied claims that



Jim Hill

Iraq is in the grips of a civil war. He also rejected accusations that he was determined to wage war in Iraq from early in his presidency.

Iraq Prison Stormed

Insurgents stormed a jail around dawn Tuesday in the Sunni Muslim heartland north of Baghdad, killing 19 police

and a courthouse guard in a prison break that freed dozens of prisoners and left 10 attackers dead.

Santana Speaks Out on War

Carlos Santana quoted his old friend Jimi Hendrix in lashing out against President Bush in an anti-war message Monday. "There is more value in placing a flower in a rifle barrel than making war," Santana said. "As Jimi Hendrix used to say, musical notes have more importance than bullets."



Carlos Santana calls for peace over war.

neighborhoods shattered by Hurricane Katrina. See story, page A2

Teen Killed for Walk on Lawn

A man in Ohio who his neighbors say was devoted to his meticulously kept lawn was charged with murder in the shooting of a 15-year-old boy who apparently walked across his yard. See story, page A2

Chrysler Vehicles Recalled

Chrysler is recalling 268,800 vehicles from the 2005-2006 model years to replace a faulty front windshield wiper motor, the company said Monday. The vehicles include the Dodge Durango, Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, and Chrysler Town & Country.

Big Easy Rebuilding Plan

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin finished work Monday on a plan to rebuild New Orleans, endorsing a proposal that would allow all residents to rebuild their homes in