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## **Big Easy Building Plan Finished**

### Rights given to all residents

Nagin finished work Monday on a be replaced with parks and that the plan to rebuild New Orleans, en- city take a go-slow attitude in redorsing a proposal that would allow all residents to rebuild their homes in neighborhoods shattered and outrage at public meetings. by Hurricane Katrina.

sion, formed after Katrina struck himself from that plan, which in-

(AP) New Orleans Mayor Ray that some flooded neighborhoods building low-lying areas. But that suggestion was greeted with jeers

Nagin, who is running for re-The mayor's advisory commis- election on April 22, distanced Aug. 29, recommended in January cluded a proposed moratorium



Jason McCleod, of Albany, Ga., spends his spring break from Georgia Southern University by removing debris from a home in New Orleans. (AP photo)

on building permits in some Nagin told hundreds of residents neighborhoods.

On Monday, he offered to let residents rebuild anywhere, but warned that homeowners in floodprone areas would do so at their own risk. "I'm confident that the citizens can decide intelligently for themselves," the mayor said.

The report also recommended a host of other ideas, from revamping schools to consolidating some city offices. The wish list of projects included new light-rail systems, new riverfront development and better flood protection.

who gathered to hear about the plan. "It has been controversial in some respects, but I am pleased by the results."

The release of the report came hours after civil rights groups took aim at the state's plan for rebuilding, which includes spending billions of federal dollars to buy flooddamaged homes.

Critics said that plan gives short shrift to poor and low-income victims, focusing too much on bailing out homeowners and encouraging high-end development at the expense of low-income renters.

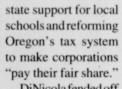
"We have worked tirelessly,"

**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.

Support for the Af-Jim Hill rican American chal-

lenger came one week after another event that Kulongoski emerges from major public employees union, the the May primary as the Democratic



DiNicola fended off questions about whether the union would come to Kulongoski's aid in a November general election race in the likely

"SEIU members are energized about Jim Hill's entry into this race, and the opportunity to have a real leader step up for Oregon," he said. "All of our focus is on winning the Democratic nomination for Jim Hill

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Oregon Education Association, refused to back Kulongoski in the primary and instead adopted a "no endorsement" stance.

Joe DiNicola, president of SEIU Local 503, said Hill was the "overwhelming" favorite of union members because of his support for and making sure he is on the ballot affordable health care, increased in November."

### **Soldiers Welcomed Home**

Oregon National Guard soldiers Sens. Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden, tossed their hats in the air to punc- Rep. Greg Walden, and Major Gen. tuate the end of their mission to Afghanistan.

Roughly 2,000 people, including a host of politicians, filled the Pendleton Convention Center on Sunday to welcome home members of the D Company, 113th Aviation Battalion. The unit, based out of the Pendleton Armory, left home in January 2005 for training at Fort Sill, Okla., before heading to Afghanistan for more than a year.

"You left first-rate soldiers, you return first-rate heroes," said Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who was joined at

(AP) — With a joyful shout, 92 the demobilization ceremony by Fred Rees, the adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard.

Special tribute was made to the families of Staff Sgt. Tane Baum and Warrant Officer Adrian Stump, members of the unit who were killed last September when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed in Afghanistan after being struck by enemy fire.

The families of the fallen were presented with a flag, and Kulongoski spoke of the sacrifice made by all the soldiers and their families.

### Man Dies after Taser Shot

Portland police used a taser on a male into custody. man who witnesses say was speaking gibberish, foaming at the month a drive-stun mode to try to facilitate and running into traffic around Northeast 24th and Sandy Boulevard Monday. He died on the way to the hospital.

Police said they struggled in an attempt to take the 46-year-old white

"The officer did use his taser in the custody," police spokesman Paul Dolbey said.

A major crimes team is trying to determine what happened and whether the taser contributed to the man's death.

### Man Killed for Walk on Lawn

say was devoted to his meticulously kept lawn was charged with murder in the shooting of a 15-yearold boy who apparently walked across his yard.

Charles Martin called 911 in Batavia, Ohio on Sunday afternoon, saying calmly: "I just killed a kid."

Police, who released the call's contents, said Martin also told the with neighbors walking on his lawn.

(AP) - A man who neighbors dispatcher: "I've been harassed by him and his parents for five years. Today just blew it up.'

Larry Mugrage, whose family lived next door, was shot in the chest with a shotgun. The high school freshman was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Martin, 66, allegedly told police he had several times had problems