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Week in The Review

Foxworth Put on Leave

Police Chief Derrick Foxworth was placed on paid administrative leave by Mayor Tom Potter Tuesday pending an investigation of a complaint brought against him by a woman who claims sexual impropriety and police misconduct. See story on page A2.

Five More Soldiers Killed

The U.S. military reported the deaths of five more soldiers in Iraq, including three killed Tuesday in a roadside bombing north of Baghdad. The latest casualties raised the U.S. death toll so far this month in Iraq to at least 31 - the same for all of March.

Bomb Kills 41 in Pakistan

A suicide attacker detonated a bomb at a mass prayer service in Karachi, Pakistan on Tuesday night, police said, killing at least 41 people, including the top leadership of an influential Sunni Muslim religious group.

Iran Enriches Uranium

Iran has successfully enriched uranium for the first time, a landmark in its quest to develop nuclear fuel for peaceful purposes, hard-liner President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Tuesday. The West is trying to convince Tehran to halt its nuclear program.

Historic Church Reopens



With palm fronds stacked high, pews filled and joyous music, St. Augustine, the historically black Catholic church in New Orleans celebrated Palm Sunday. The service came two weeks after the church was closed amid protests over post-Hurricane Katrina budget cuts. But the re-opening may not last. See story, page B5.

California Flooding

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency Monday in seven California counties that have been battered by storms and flooding.

\$218 Trillion Phone Bill

A Malaysian man said he nearly fainted when he received a \$218 trillion phone bill and was ordered to pay up within 10 days or face prosecution. The man told a newspaper that the phone was disconnected in January and he settled a \$23 bill.

Movement Builds Momentum

Latino families appeal for citizenship

BY SARAH BLOUNT
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Thousands of immigrants and Latino American citizens gathered in downtown Portland Monday, after the collapse of a U.S. Senate bill to put illegal immigrants on the path to citizenship, making way for a U.S. House bill that would criminalize undocumented workers.

The rally began at Terry Shunk Plaza, with speakers addressing a crowd at noon, followed by a march down Southwest Third Avenue, with many passing cars honking horns in support. Hundreds of Mexican and American flags waved as people chanted "Si Se Puede"

Jesus Guerrero waves a flag as his mother Iguene Guerrero looks on at Monday's immigration rights rally in downtown Portland.

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(Yes We Can) in between exuberant cries.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time," said Adrian Martin, a vocal supporter in the thick of the crowd. "Thousands of us pay taxes, we're not convicts. My kids are U.S. citizens."

Alberto Rossales stood on the sidewalk with his son Angel, observing the crowd within the plaza.

"We only come for work," he said, "we're doing nothing bad."

Not everyone present was for the march. Some Portland State University College Republicans watched the rally until only a few lingered.

"My family came here legally from Mexico," said group president Mario Campbell. "They had to jump through hoops, I don't see why they can't follow the rules...what makes them better people than us?"

The Portland protest was one of hundreds across the nation in the past few days, including a crowd estimated at 10,000 in Salem, and tens of thousands in Washington, D.C.

According to the Pew Hispanic Center, the number of illegal immigrants in Oregon in 2004 was 175,000, a 600 percent increase from 1990.

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The Tax Man Cometh

Late filers get two extra days this year

BY SARAH BLOUNT
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As tax day nears, don't let it end in tears. Computer software like TurboTax can streamline the step-by-step process, and those who need face time with tax experts can drop by the walk-in IRS office, downtown.

For the thousands of Americans that would never dream of a volunteer visit with the IRS, Multnomah County libraries also offer tax forms and assistance. Visit www.multcolib.org for more information.

Procrastinators get a lucky break this year - April 15 falls on a Saturday so last-minute filers face a Postage cancellation stamp deadline of midnight on Monday, April 17.

STATE

The Oregon Department of Revenue is offering extended customer service telephone hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Call 503-378-4988 or 1-800-356-4222.

Weekday walk-in office hours at the Port-

land district office, 800 N.E. Oregon St, Suite 505, are 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Monday. You can send an email inquiry to questions.dor@state.or.us or visit www.oregon.gov.

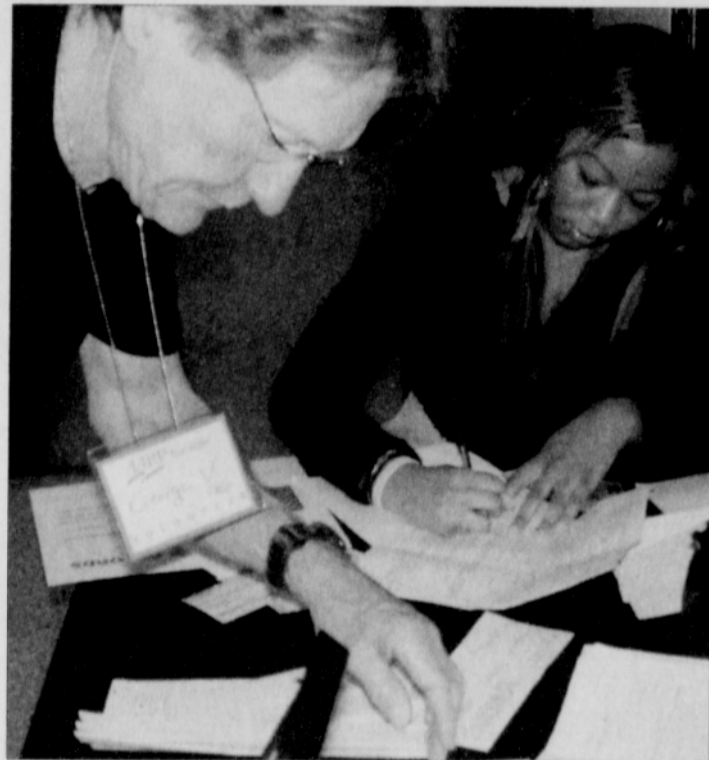
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IRS tax specialist Steve Matthews said late filers can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for general assistance, or stop by the walk-in office at 1220 S.W. Third Ave. - open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for people to get last minute forms, advice and assistance.

It's likely to be too late for most taxpayers to order publications or forms, but Matthews reminds unprepared filers that the most important thing is to gather your records and file an extension Form 4868, available at www.irs.gov.

You have to estimate tax liability and indicate what payments have been already sent in, he said. However, any monies due after April 17 could have interest - to avoid

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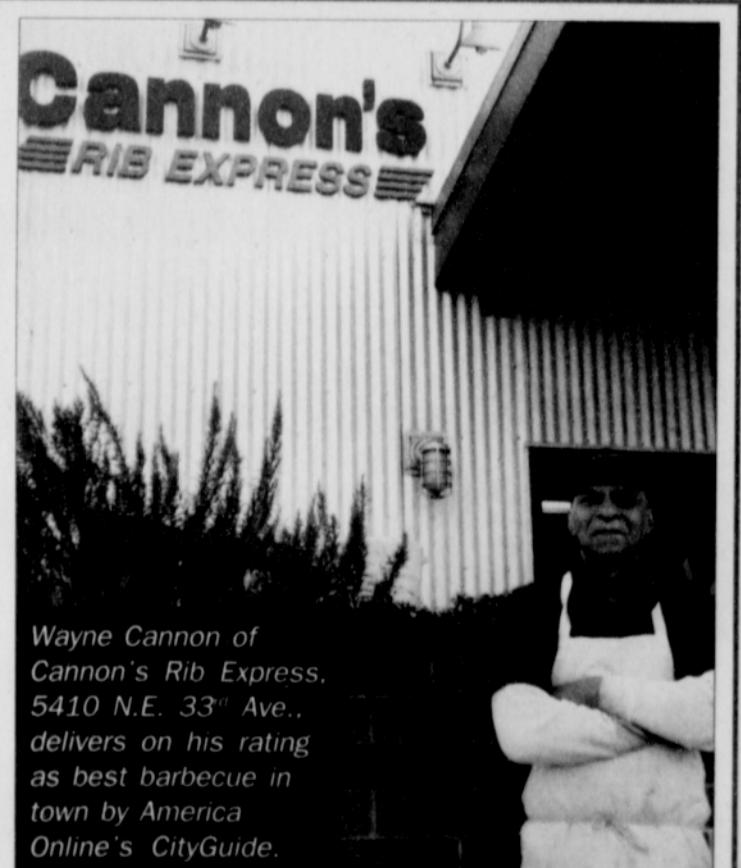
Yolanda Millage receives tax help from George Vance, an AARP volunteer tax consultant, at the Multicultural Senior Center located on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Killingsworth Street.

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Best Barbecue in Portland

Bridgit Ngim-charoen (left) joins friends for lunch and a bucket of barbecued ribs as the scent of hickory-smoked meats waft through the Cannon's Rib Express patio along Northeast 33rd Avenue next door to the Concordia New Seasons Market.



Wayne Cannon of Cannon's Rib Express, 5410 N.E. 33rd Ave., delivers on his rating as best barbecue in town by America Online's CityGuide.

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