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Week in The Review

UN Peacekeepers Killed

A U.N. observer post was hit by an Israeli air strike in south Lebanon Tuesday, killing four peacekeepers, U.N. officials said. A bomb directly hit the building and shelter of an Indian patrol base from the observer force in the town of Khayam near the eastern end of the border with Israel, said a U.N. spokesman.

Portland Marine Killed

A Marine from Portland is one of the latest casualties in the Iraq war. Officials said Capt. Christopher T. Pate, 29, died Friday during combat in the Anbar province of Iraq. Pate joined the Marines in December 1999.

Afghan Violence Rages

A bomb exploded near a taxi on a busy Kabul road Tuesday, killing two Afghans, and a U.S. soldier and seven militants died in fighting in the east - the latest wave of violence threatening Western attempts to rebuild Afghanistan.

Red Ink Swamps Students

More local students are financing their education with larger loans, increasing debt, according to a study by the OSPIRG Foundation. The red ink rose three times faster than the cost of living, the study found. See story, page A3

Woods Wins British Open

Tiger Woods won British Open Sunday and then let his emotions overflow in memory of his father and golfing mentor who recently died. See story, page A6

Civil Rights Politicized

The Bush administration has politicized the Justice Department by changing the composition of Civil Rights Division positions from predominately career jobs into politically appointed positions filled by lawyers with clear conservative ideological agendas, the Boston Globe reported Sunday. See story, page A2.

Bush Acknowledges Racism

President Bush acknowledged persistent racism in America and lamented the Republican Party's abandonment of ties with black voters when he addressed the NAACP's annual convention Thursday for the first time in his presidency. For five years Bush declined NAACP invitations.

Heat Wave Turns Deadly

Authorities in California Tuesday were investigating at least 53 deaths possibly caused by 100-plus-degree heat, most in the Central Valley. Utilities renewed their pleas for energy conservation to avoid rolling blackouts.

Shining a Light

on HIV

Advocates
serve those
hardest hit

BY SARAH BLOUNT
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It's no exaggeration to say the black community is disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS. Meantime, few voices and resources are coming to the table to address the issue.

The number of African Americans who have HIV and AIDS is alarming, even shocking. What is equally disturbing is how little, despite race or gender, the epidemic is discussed among people of color.

Black Americans make up about 12 percent of the U.S. population, but according to the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention, accounted for 50 percent of new HIV and AIDS diagnoses in 2004.

Daryl! Moch, executive director of the Portland organization Brother to Brother, blames stigmas associated with being gay, religious intolerance and the hushed secrecy of HIV infections with compounding the crisis.

Formed in 1993, Brother to Brother serves black men and women through social and spiritual support, health care, networks and advocacy. Its advocacy is not exclusively based on sexuality, but on situations where people are living with HIV and AIDS.

Moch said even though our society is

inundated with safe sex messages, they aren't always tailored for the black community who face social and cultural barriers isolating them from existing education and support networks.

The diagnosis of HIV or AIDS is often a closely guarded secret by many people of color.

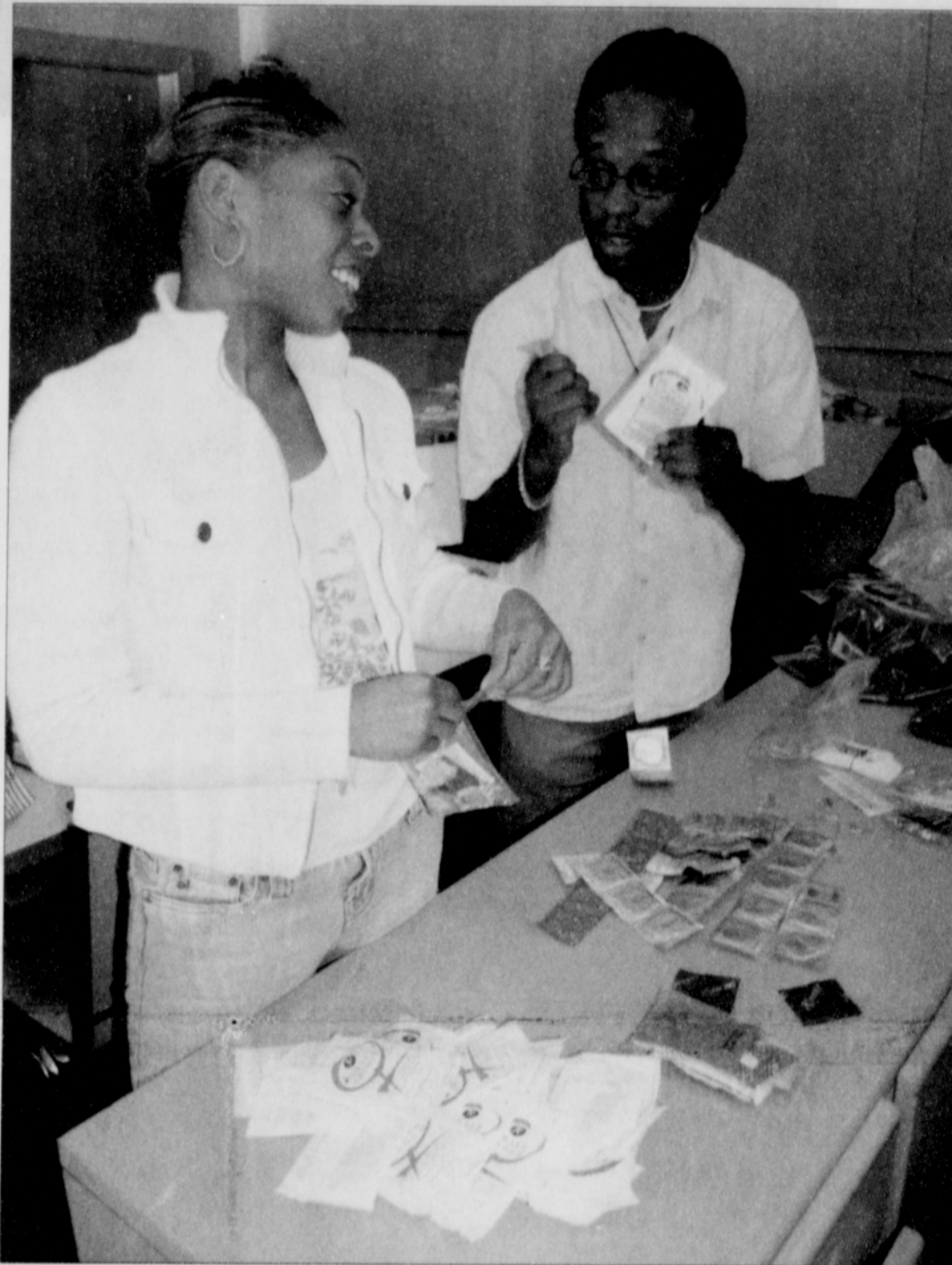
"The words are never mentioned during funerals," Moch explained.

"Because we're able to hide it, when someone gets sick they go off to live alone or with family. It's kept quiet," he said.

In an effort to fight that silence, Brother to Brother campaigns to promote greater awareness, sometimes with shock value.

Take the message "Untreated sexually transmitted disease - the best way to sterilize and eliminate the black community," as an example. This public service campaign has been printed onto a postcard-sized information sheet and targeted to people engaging in at-risk behavior.

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Cherrell Edwards and Daryl! Moch gather HIV and sexually transmitted disease prevention materials for distribution to the community. Moch serves as Brother to Brother's executive director, and Edwards joined the organization this spring to take their message to women and children impacted by HIV and AIDS.

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A Win for the Environment



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Robert Kral fills up for a customer at a 76 Station on North Killingsworth Street and Interstate Avenue. Beginning next July, new city regulations will bring more environmentally-friendly biodiesels and gasoline with ethanol to all tanks within city limits.

Portland makes cleaner fuels mandatory

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Portland is going green with new mandates for cleaner fuels aimed at reducing foreign oil dependence, lowering greenhouse emissions and creating new jobs in the bio-deisel production industry.

The City Council recently approved an ordinance that will make biodiesel mandatory at all Portland diesel pumps. The new requirements, spearheaded by Commissioner Randy Leonard, take effect July 2007.

Biodiesel is a renewable fuel made from plant oils,

used cooking oils and waste animal fats. The ordinance requires stations with diesel to offer fuel blended with at least five percent biodiesel and 95 percent diesel fuel, which is called B5, or offer one pump of a high-grade blend of 20 percent biodiesel (B20). The responsibility to provide a biodiesel blend will fall to individual gas stations and distributors.

In addition, gas stations must provide regular gasoline with 10 percent ethanol, a substitute for gasoline that decreases carbon monoxide emissions (Portland already requires gas to have 10 percent ethanol during winter). City Council members will also require all city agencies to fuel their vehicles with a mix of traditional fuel and renewable alternatives.

The new mandate has its share of critics, with petroleum producers noting the possibility of high prices due to biodiesel shortages.

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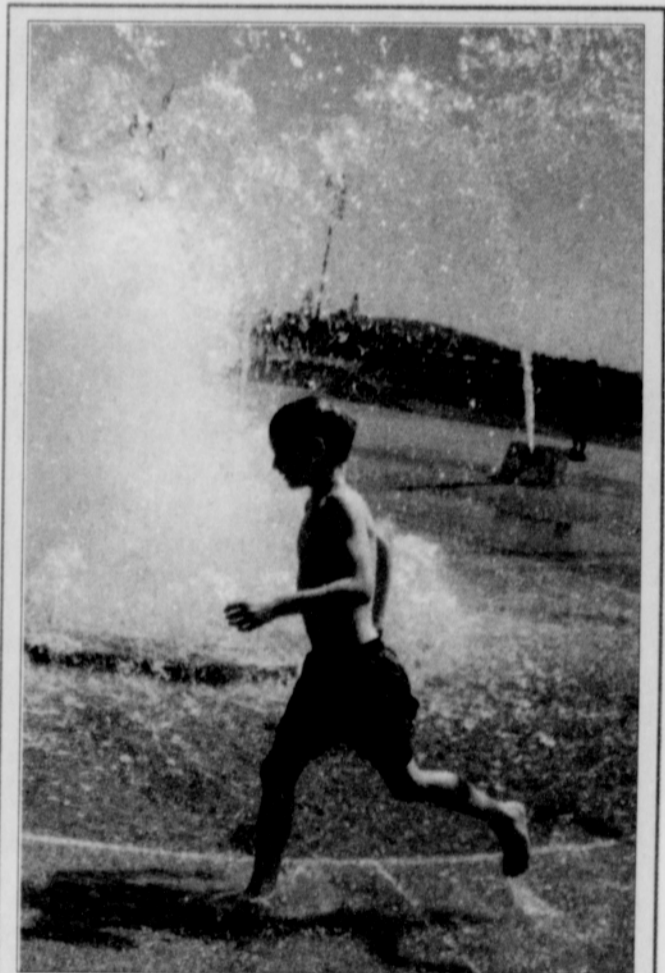


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Downtown Cool Down

The Salmon Street Springs fountain at Tom McCall Waterfront park, downtown, gives Henk Allen a perfect place to cool down from the summer heat. Temperatures are expected in the 70s and 80s for the next few days, down from the record setting 90 and 100 degree readings of the past few days.

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