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## Week in The Review

### Marines Recalled to Duty

The U.S. Marine Corps said Tuesday it has been authorized to recall thousands of Marines to active duty, primarily because of a shortage of volunteers for duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is no cap on the total number of Marines who may be forced back into service for an anticipated long war on terrorism, the military said.

### Oregon's War Toll Rises

The deaths of a Portland soldier and a Marine from Bend were reported Monday, raising to 67 the number of military personnel with ties to Oregon killed in the Middle East. See story, page A2.

### Spike Lee Documentary

Filmmaker Spike Lee said he hopes his new HBO documentary on Hurricane Katrina and the aftermath will bring attention back to the region, where it's needed. "People are still in dire straits. We want to put the focus back here," he said. See story, page A2.

### Russian Jet Crash Kills 170

A Russian passenger jet carrying at least 170 people—including 45 children—crashed Tuesday in eastern Ukraine after sending a distress signal, killing all aboard, authorities said. Authorities ruled out terrorism saying there was bad weather in the area at the time of the crash.

### Ramsey Confessor Held

John Mark Karr agreed Tuesday to be sent to Colorado to face first-degree murder charges in the slaying of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey. At a hearing in Los Angeles, Karr, dressed in an orange prison jumpsuit, spoke calmly and quietly to affirm his decision to confess to the crime.



### Little Leaguers Advance

Oregon's first entry into the Little League World Series since 1958 advanced to semifinals Monday, winning its second straight game after an initial tournament defeat in South Williamsport, Pa. See story, page B6.

### Anchorman Sues OHSU

Ken Ackerman, a former Portland TV anchorman is suing Oregon Health & Science University for what he described as a botched surgery that left him partially paralyzed. The trial began on Tuesday in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

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Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy (center) welcomes worshippers to the First Service Celebration at the new Highland Christian Center, the former New Beginnings mega-church property at 7600 N.E. Glisan St. Pictured with Hardy at Sunday's service is Deacon Barry Taylor and his wife Trina (left) and congregation member Nykeisha Gardner. See additional photo, page A6.

## Highland's First Service Celebration

### Multicultural church has new home

Highland United Church of Christ, one of Portland's most historic multicultural congregations, has moved from 1737 N.E. Alberta to the

former New Beginnings Christian Center, a mega church property at 7600 N.E. Glisan St.

Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy and his wife Ali welcomed the congregation to a First Service Celebration Sunday at the newly named Highland Christian Center.

Hardy told his parishioners that it was more impor-

tant to become the most effective church serving people of all colors, not the biggest.

The new location will provide space for men's and women's groups, bible study, disciple classes, a bookstore and housing. A formal dedication is coming this fall, and those interested can call 503-287-9567 for more details.



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Neighborhood Schools Alliance member Cindy Young refers to a map held by Jefferson student Rebecca Smith, pointing out recent school closures in the Jefferson attendance area during a protest Monday in front of the school.

## Community Weary of Jefferson Changes

### Protestors give district 'failing' grade

BY SARAH BLOUNT  
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It's still summer break, but the Jefferson High School campus in north Portland was full of activity Monday, as former and current students, parents and interest groups gathered at the school to protest a series of design and curriculum changes for Oregon's second oldest high school. This fall Jefferson will operate as two separate academies.

A host of speakers, organized by the Jefferson Parent Teacher Student Association, made it clear—they are weary of more committees and recommendations

without feedback from the Jefferson community.

"How many re-re-designs do we need?" asked Steve Kayfes, vice president of the Jefferson PTSA.

The pressure to make Jefferson attractive to new students is even more dire than in past years because school district administrators have publicly targeted Jefferson for consideration of closure in 2009 if enrollment doesn't increase.

In a turn of the tables, the parents group presented a report card for the district, criticizing them for curriculum cuts at Jefferson that hurt enrollment, a lack of equity in educational resources toward the school, an inconsistency in a learning environment for students and an absence of

honest communications with the school's families.

"Portland Public Schools, you get an F," Kayfes said.

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## Turning Two Years into 20

### Heart recipient Luther Lockett going strong

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Two milestones are on the horizon for transplant recipient Luther Lockett, 73. He will celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary in 2009, but first comes the 20th anniversary of the heart he received in Feb. 1987.

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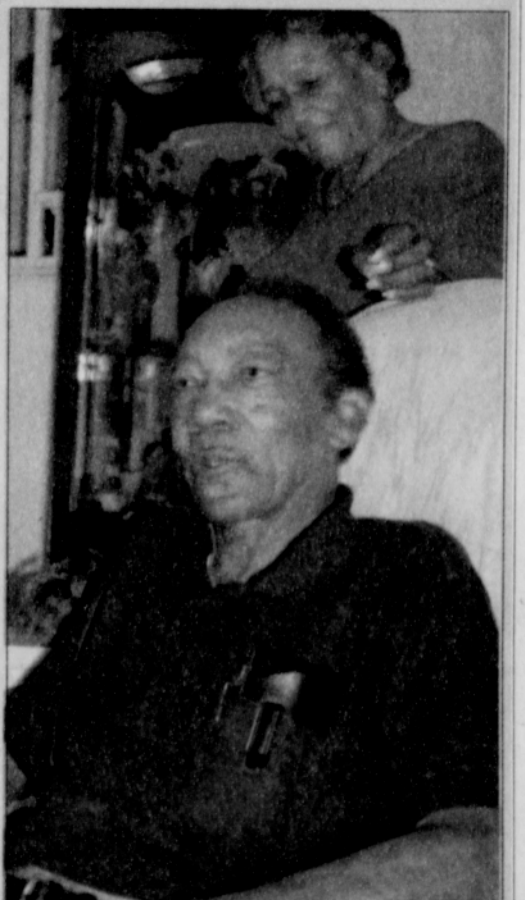


PHOTO BY SARAH BLOUNT/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Heart recipient Luther Lockett, at home with wife Marie, recalls the phone call he received in the same chair nearly 20 years before, alerting him that a new heart awaited him at OHSU.