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Remind motorists of
deaths and injuries
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Week in The Review

Bush Overruled on Lockups

The Bush Administration can't use new anti-terrorism laws to keep U.S. residents locked up indefinitely without charging them, a federal appeals court said Monday. Holding "enemy combatants" was a central tool the administration used to combat terror. "To sanction such presidential authority would have disastrous consequences for the country," the court panel said.

Teen Sex Case Thrown Out

Genarlow Wilson, 21, sentenced to 10 years for receiving consensual oral sex in 2003 from a 15-year-old girl when he was 17, is facing a battle in the Georgia Supreme Court to have his conviction thrown out. Wilson was released Tuesday by a judge who called his sentence "a grave miscarriage of justice." See story, page A2.

U.S. Curbs Human Traffickers

The Bush administration has added seven nations to its human trafficking blacklist for failing to halt what it called the scourge of "modern-day slavery," including U.S. friend Kuwait, joining perennial offenders Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria. Countries on the list are subject to possible sanctions for the yearly flow of some 800,000 people.

Paris Ditches Dumb Act

An imprisoned Paris Hilton said God has given her a new chance and plans to stop acting dumb and put her influence to good use in a telephone interview with Barbara Walters Sunday from the medical wing of a Los Angeles jail. Hilton is being held for violating probation in a drunken-driving case.

Isaiah Washington Booted

Grey's Anatomy star Isaiah Washington will not be returning for the third season. ABC decided not to renew his contract. Washington was shunned by fellow cast members for using an anti-gay slur towards TR Knight at a rehearsal and also a verbal altercation with co-star Patrick Dempsey.

Military Considered 'Gay Bomb'

The Air Force confirmed that in 1994 a military researcher requested \$7.5 million to develop a non-lethal "love bomb" to chemically alter the state of mind of enemy troops, making them want to have sex with each other rather than fight. No money was spent, a spokeswoman said and no such weapons are being considered.

Juneteenth to bring picnics, concerts and a parade

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, originated in Galveston, Texas, to commemorate the abolishment of slavery. Today, Juneteenth celebrations take place all over the country, including Portland.

There will be a Juneteenth picnic hosted by Community Unity this Saturday, June 16 from noon to 5 p.m. at Peninsula Park, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way (formerly Portland Boulevard).

A full day is planned with music, games and activities, plus free food for children, including hot dogs hamburgers and snow cones. Organizers ask visitors to please bring their own barbecue or picnic dinner and leave the rest to them. If you'd like to donate the use of your grill, please call Larry Matthews at 503-709-9017.

Also this weekend there will be a Juneteenth Explosion and Concert, featuring David Sea and Cool Breeze and hosted by Joe "Bean" Keller, at Yam Yam's Southern Cooking and Barbecue, 7339 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. This event begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17. For tickets contact Yam Yam's at 503-709-9017.

On Saturday watch the 20th



Juneteenth Celebration coordinators Larry Matthews (far left) and Woody Broadnax (far right) join Jayden Henderson, Jaileal Roger, Marcus Guntle, Mia Preston and Isaiah Shabazz in anticipation of Saturday's Community Unity Juneteenth celebration from noon to 5 p.m. at Peninsula Park in north Portland.

Annual celebration of the local Juneteenth Community Freedom Trail/Passage Over Parade. The parade will wind its way through northeast and north Portland before ending at the festivities held at

Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby Ave.

The parade will commence at 12:30 p.m. from Northeast Seventh Avenue and Jarrett Street, and will travel south along Jarrett to MLK to North-

east Knott Street before heading back along MLK and up to Killingsworth Street.

The parade will then turn west on North Commercial Avenue before taking a left to where the pa-

rade will disband, allowing all participants to celebrate festivities at the Jefferson High School sports field. For more information about the parade, call Ora Lee Green at 503-283-2724.



A red light camera on Northeast Broadway and Grand Avenue is designed to automatically record a picture of a vehicle when its driver runs a red light.

Robotic Police Force Grows Cameras catch drivers' running lights

The eyes of Big Brother are multiplying. Six additional red light cameras will be installed at selected intersections in Portland in the coming weeks to reduce crashes caused by dangerous and illegal behavior.

A tool of law enforcement, the automated equipment captures vehicles and their drivers running red lights. Currently, there are six red light cameras operating at five intersections in and around Portland.

"The most serious crashes that occur at intersections are caused by someone running a red light," said Sergeant Dan Costello of the Portland Police Bureau's Traffic Division. "Adding six more cameras will further decrease these types of crashes."

Police say the city's red light

camera program has proven to deter people from going through a red light and has increased traffic safety.

Opponents worry about the enforcement being used primarily to create added revenue for local jurisdictions. When a red light camera catches a person running a red

light, the city mails a copy of the photo to the offender along with a fine of more than \$200.

The Oregon Legislature cleared the way for even more red light cameras in the future. Restrictions on the use of the cameras were lifted last week.

In 1999, the Oregon Legislature approved the use of 12 red light cameras in Portland. The first six were installed between Oct. 2001 and April 2003. The installation of the six new cam-

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eras will begin this month and will be completed by the end of August.

Signage will be posted to alert drivers of the cameras.

Bracing for Returning Veterans

Local health providers think proactively

BY RAYMOND RENDELMAN
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The largest deployment of Oregon National Guard in 60 years is returning home from Afghanistan. These men and women may or may not be sent back to a war zone in the not too distant future, but one thing is certain: They need health care now.

Even a healthy guy like Fred Washington, who served toward

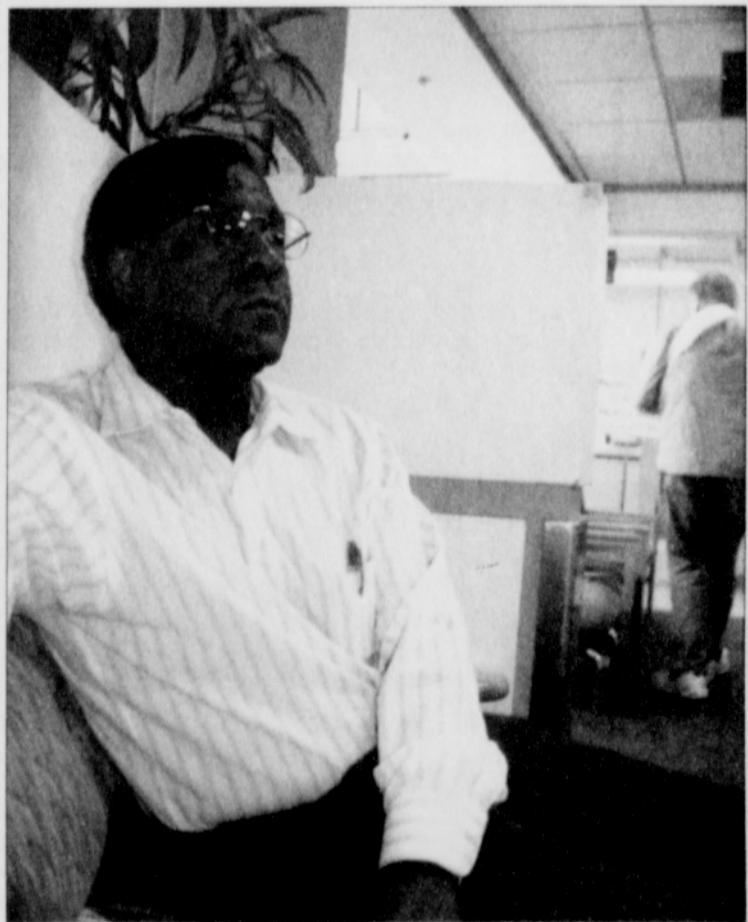
the end of the Vietnam era, needed to get an eye exam last week.

Like many local vets, he finds decent services at Southwest Portland's Veterans Affairs Medical Center in southwest Portland, which has avoided many of the problems that were recently exposed at Walter Reed in Washington, D.C.

"The VA compensation process needs to be improved and better funded, but I think in general the VA system is getting better," Washington said.

Even with the available quality

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Fred Washington waits for an eye exam at the Veteran's Administration hospital on Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard.

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