Delegates chosen for this year's Miss Black Oregon

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# Week in The Review

#### **Oprah Network Deal**

Discovery Communications announced a cash-free transaction Tuesday



where the Discovery Health network will be turned over next year, becoming

OWN - the Oprah Winfrey Network in exchange for her website.

#### **Another Troop Surge**

The U.S. military announced Tuesday it was sending 3,200 additional Marines to Afghanistan in an effort to counter an expected offensive by the Taliban militia and help train Afghan national soldiers.

### Clinton, Obama Truce

Democratic presidential rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama stepped back from a controversy over race Monday, agreeing that a prolonged clash over civil rights could harm their party's overall drive to win the White House. See story, page A2.

### **School Tax Endorsed**

Portland School Board members on Monday approved charging developers a construction fee with the expectation of bringing in \$2 to 4 million a year for education by covering a portion of maintenance

### **History Making Governor**

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, the nation's first Indian-American to lead a state, moved into of-



fice Monday with a slate of hefty promises to clean up the state's corrupt image, rebuild after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and reverse what he called "decades of failure in government."

#### **Lebanese Attacks Reemerge** As President Bush toured the

Middle East, the first attack on U.S. diplomatic interests in Lebanon since the '80s struck with an explosion targeting the embassy's armored SUV Tuesday in Beirut, killing at least three locals and injuring an American.

## **MySpace Restrictions**

MySpace agreed Monday to take steps to protect youngsters from online predators, including searching for ways to better verify users' ages. Skeptics say age-verification technology is difficult to implement and predators are good at circumventing restrictions.

## **Economic Worries Escalate**

Stocks skidded Tuesday after tumbling consumer spending and disappointing quarterly reports signaled no end in sight for Wall Street's concerns about the economy. The Dow Jones industrials fell almost 200 points.



# 'What's Going to Happen when the Mayor Leaves?'

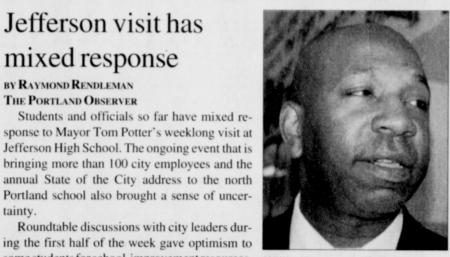
# Jefferson visit has mixed response

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Students and officials so far have mixed response to Mayor Tom Potter's weeklong visit at Jefferson High School. The ongoing event that is bringing more than 100 city employees and the annual State of the City address to the north

Roundtable discussions with city leaders during the first half of the week gave optimism to

some students for school-improvement resources. "What I'm hoping to happen is that the city will



Willie Homes, Jefferson administrator



Tyrisha Blake, Jefferson junior

stay more involved," Jefferson senior Tyrone White told the Portland Observer on Monday afternoon, sitting down for lunch in the school's small gymnasium. "I'm thinking that there's a 75 percent chance that this will happen with some of the government people here.

Keen to get a summer job, Jefferson sophomore Anthony Blackmon took advantage of the officials' presence by walking the hallways asking for business cards. Blackmon pointed out that the rarity of a mayor temporarily relocating offices "could really help the school realize its full potential" by drawing interest to Jefferson's unique needs and talents.

Speaking to the entire makeshift lunchroom,

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Jefferson High students and community leaders sit down for roundtable discussions Monday in the school's small gymnasium. Pictured (from left) are senior Tiana Rasin, sophomore Robert Gill, Portland Community College Cascade Campus President Algie Gatewood, ReBuilding Center founder Shane Endicott and Mayor Tom Potter.

PHOTOS BY MARK WASHINGTON/ THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

# **Emanuel to Build Patient Tower**

# Addition planned on hospital's north side

Legacy Health system announced plans Tuesday to build a seven-story tower, adding 230,000 square feet for patient services and constructing a new parking garage on the north side of its Emanuel Hospital campus at 2801 N. Gantenbein.

Approval of the project by the Legacy Board of Directors is welcome news for a hospital community that has operated near functional capacity for several years, officials with the not-for-profit healthcare system said.

The board's decision comes after months of research on inpatient demand projections through 2025 for Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital. Emanuel is home to six intensive-care units: neonatal, pediatrics, trauma, burn and medical-cardiac. It also provides such services as those for complete surgical and acute care; and specialty care for children.

"Emanuel offers services that are vital to the community's health, and this expansion will allow us to continue to meet the growing need for highly specialized medical care," said Pam Vukovich, interim president and chief executive officer of Legacy Health System.

When completed on the north side of the existing hospital, the new patient tower will house inpatient care for children as well as the children's emergency department. The tower will offer single room occupancy with a variety of benefits for young patients and their families.

The existing west wing and current patient tower will be remodeled and offeradditional adult ICU and acute care beds at Emanuel Hospital.

Legacy hopes to begin construction on



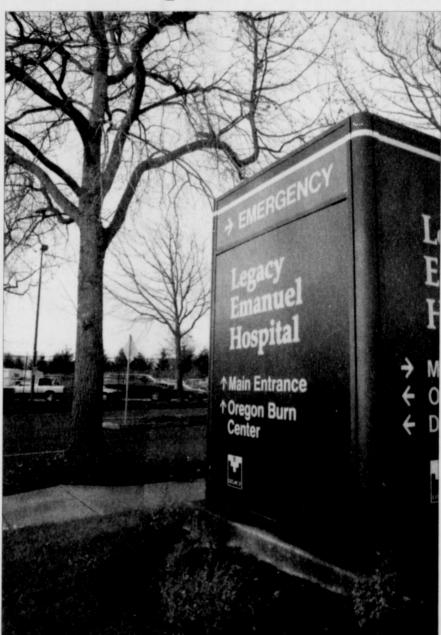


PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Legacy Emanuel Hospital's north Portland campus will soon expand with the addition of a seven-story tower for patient services and a new parking garage.

# History Comes Alive

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

In honor of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day, professor, producer and actor Julianne Johnson will present her 46-minute documentary Grandma Zula's Legacy for the first time to the general public in a free screening.

Grandma Zula's Legacy tells the story of African-American family's struggles and triumphs throughout their journey from Southern slavery to their Julianne Johnson effort to find a



place in Oregon society. Along the way, they attempt to farm in the South, commit themselves to cross-country migration and lose their home in the 1948 Vanport Flood.

Inspired by family matriarch Grandma Zula Mae Kiser, Johnson wants to display her family's long tradition of building community and transcending racial barriers to meet needs. She channels the spirit of her great grandmother by interviewing relatives, historians that knew the family and friends that shared their experiences.

Johnson argues that the traditional story

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