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## Week in The Review

### Economy, Credit Worries

Wall Street snapped back Tuesday after its biggest sell-off in years amid growing expectations that lawmakers will salvage a \$700 billion rescue plan for the financial sector that was defeated in a House vote on Monday. But the seized-up credit markets where businesses turn to raise money showed no sign of relief.

### Voting Starts in Ohio

Voters in the crucial swing state of Ohio began casting absentee ballots in the presidential election Tuesday, a day after state and federal courts upheld a disputed early voting law.

### Obama Office Vandalized

The FBI is investigating an act of vandalism that occurred at a Barack Obama campaign office in Gresham. The incident follows the hanging of an Obama effigy from a tree at George Fox University in Newberg. See story, page A2.

### Oden, Blazers Start Practice

After a season of waiting for their No. 1 draft pick, the Portland Trail Blazers opened pre season practice with Greg Oden eager to go. "It's going to be amazing and I'm going to be ready for it," said the 7-foot center whose rookie season was over before it started when he had knee surgery last September.



### Oregonian Protest

About 75 demonstrators from various organizations and faiths, including Sen. Avel Gordly, an African American lawmaker from Portland, gathered at the Oregonian Monday to protest the newspaper distributing a DVD called "Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West" as a paid ad insert in Sunday's paper. The protesters said the DVD was an attempt to incite fear of Muslims and blur the lines between Islam and terrorist organizations.

### TriMet Boosts Security

TriMet announced Monday that it will take new steps to enhance security measures, including hiring more police officers, increasing fare inspections and adding more cameras to MAX stations. See story, page A3.

### Janet Jackson Hospitalized

A representative for Janet Jackson says the singer has been hospitalized after falling ill shortly before a concert. A spokesperson said she "got suddenly ill" during her sound check Monday in Montreal and had to be rushed to the hospital.

### Motorcyclist Killed

A motorcycle hit a curb and crashed in north Portland late Monday night and the driver was killed, police said. The crash happened just after 11 p.m., near the intersection of North Willis Blvd and North Wabash. No one else was involved in the collision.

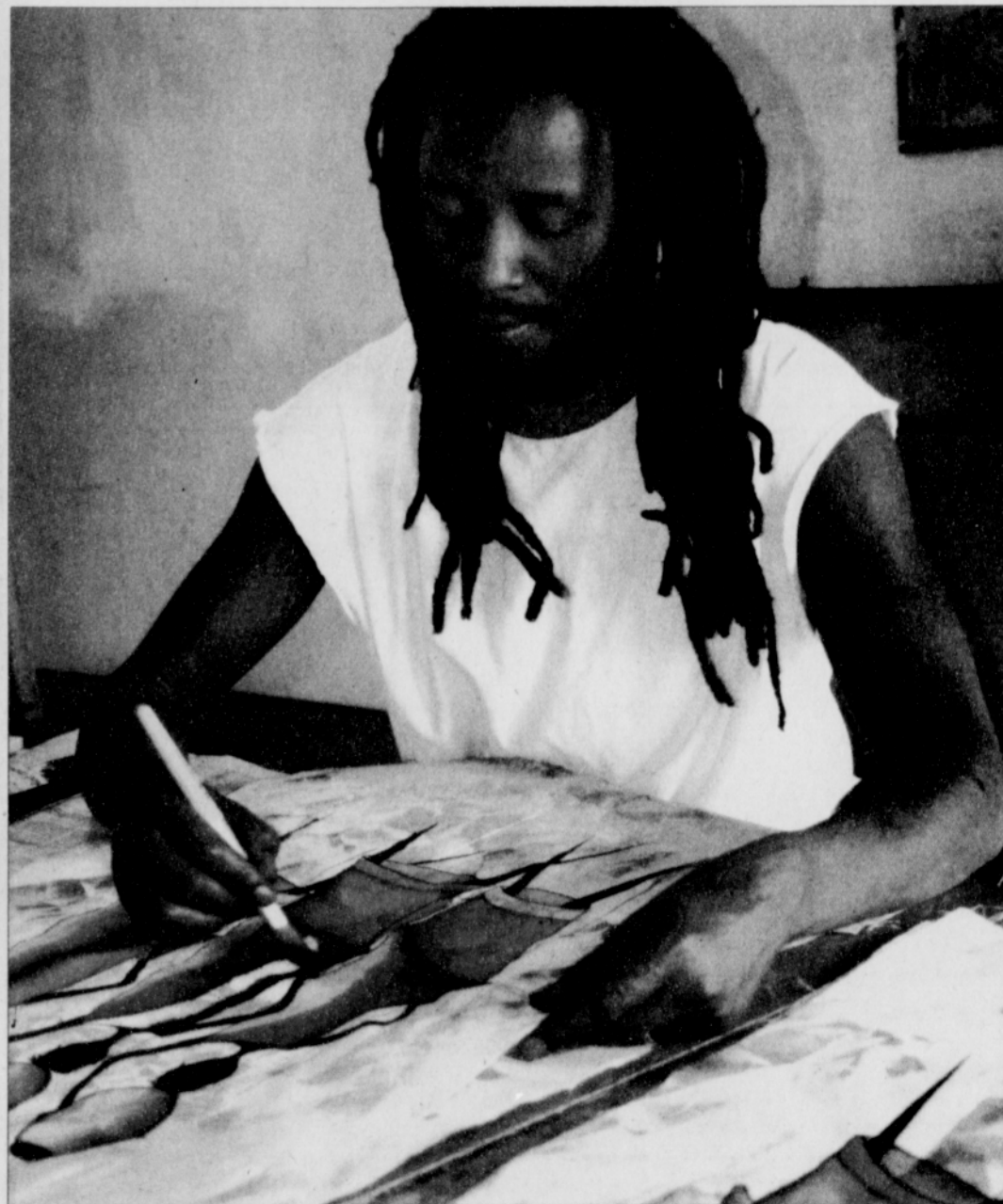
### Jobless at 7 Year High

New claims for unemployment benefits jumped last week to their highest level in seven years due to the impact of a slowing economy and Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, the Labor Department reported.

**38**  
years of  
community service



'Muslim American Woman' is the name of a self portrait by Sabina Haque, an artist who uses her skills to educate and break down stereotypes.



Martin Owino shares stories of his Kenya homeland through his art. He is one of the diverse lineup of artists participating in Portland Open Studios, where the public can watch artists at work.

## Watching Artists at Work Open Studios brings multicultural lineup

Local residents are encouraged to be a tourist in their own community by discovering a diverse and multicultural lineup of neighborhood artists opening their doors to the public during the annual Portland Open Studios tours.

You can go behind the scenes to see where, how, and why art is made in an up close and personal view at 98 locations in the neighborhoods throughout metro Port-

land. The artists are a friendly lot -- you can engage them in conversation as well as watch them at work. Children are also invited and they won't be ignored or bored.

Not only are all art media represented -- encaustic painting, marble sculpture, batik, blown glass, and mixed media works made with things that weren't originally intended as art materials, to name a few -- the artists



An iron is used to get the wax out of Martin Owino's painting.

themselves are diverse.

Emerging artists in their 20s and 30s; mid-career and well established artists are all part of the tour. Many artists have moved here from other countries, have a strong ethnic identification or are influenced by cultures other than the ones of their birth.

Pakistani-American artist Sabina Haque resides, in her words, "on the rim" of the coin whose faces are her two cultures. She has explored this space in between worlds by fusing cultural symbols and icons in a variety of visual media ranging from painting to video projection to a

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## Council Candidates Drawn Into Debate

### Tackling racial profiling

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Oregon Action, a citizen-run public interest lobbyist group, has put the issue of racial profiling by local law enforcement in front of voters in a race for the Portland City Council.

The subject was the topic of an Oregon Action debate in northeast Portland between Amanda Fritz and Charles Lewis, the two candidates vying for a seat on the five member council in the Nov. 4 General Election.

Both candidates acknowledged in last week's forum that racial profiling is a real problem, one that must be addressed.



Amanda Fritz



Charles Lewis

Lewis, the founder of Ethos, Inc., a provider of music education to minority and disadvantaged populations, said being singled out and discriminated against are "hard on a person's spirit."

Although he did not believe the vast majority of Portland's police officers were involved in racial profiling, he said there were definitely a few bad apples out there.

Fritz, a registered nurse, volunteer leader and public schools activist, said the city was very good about studying things and making committees, but that the time has come to implement recommendations to curb racial profiling.

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## One Student, One Cause

### Senior has passion for healing, speaking out

Shantel Monk has a passion for healing and speaking out.

The De La Salle North Catholic High School senior has taken on a cause to help others despite her own personal struggles.

She is raising awareness for lymphoma and leukemia in honor of her beloved chemistry teacher, Mr. Joseph Holloran, a lymphoma and transplant survivor.

After working at Oregon Health Sciences University with cancer pa-

tients through the school's Corporate Internship Program, Monk became an activist in raising awareness on blood cancers.

She will be walking Friday in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Light the Night" event to commemorate those afflicted with deadly blood cancers.

Monk likes to refer to her teacher as a soldier, but she herself is a representation of soldiering on and overcoming a multitude of obstacles.

At the age of 10, she became a foster child when she was taken from her 25 year old mother who was then struggling with drug and abuse issues.

Her story is that of courage and perseverance. Not only is she one of the top seniors in her class, planning on attending Stanford or Loyola Marymount University, she is an active member of her community.

She spoke at the Portland Youth Conference with First Lady Laura Bush last year, while also taking part in the Multnomah Youth Commission, as well as the Youth Advisory "Speak Up, Speak Out" event where she was an advocate for foster children.

Monk describes Holloran as a "strong soul," a person and teacher

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High School Senior Shantel Monk draws inspiration from her De La Salle North Catholic teacher Joe Holloran.