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## Week in The Review

### Bias Alleged in Lawsuit

Black employees of the U.S. Marshals Service have filed a racial discrimination lawsuit accusing the federal law enforcement agency of a "good old boys network" that groomed whites for leadership positions while passing up and reprimanding blacks for "trivial mistakes."

### Hispanic Voters Back Obama

Democratic candidate Senator Barack Obama has the support of the vast majority of Hispanic likely voters—70 percent—while Republican John McCain trails with just 21 percent support, a new Zogby International telephone survey of Latinos nationwide shows.

### Obama to Visit Alling Grandmother

Barack Obama is canceling campaign events scheduled for Thursday in Madison, Wis., and Des Moines, Iowa, and flying to Hawaii because his grandmother Madelyn Dunham, 85, has taken ill, his campaign has announced.

### Voter Registrations Surge

Multnomah County has increased its voter rolls by 62,523 people this year, with 59,437 of the potential new voters registering as Democrats. The deadline for new voters to register was Oct. 14. Voters who have not received vote-by-mail ballots because of a recent address change have until the Nov. 4 election to re-register.

### Tampa Bay Favored

Las Vegas oddsmakers favor the Tampa Bay Rays to win the World Series over the Philadelphia Phillies. The best-of-seven series opens Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Tampa, Fla., and will be broadcast by FOX on KPTV Channel 12.

### Agents Take on Mongols

Dozens of Mongol motorcycle gang members were arrested Tuesday by federal agents in six states Tuesday following a three-year undercover investigation in which four agents successfully infiltrated the group. Federal and local agents had 160 search warrants that were being served across Southern California and in Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, Washington and Ohio.

### Local Party Turns to Riot

Police arrested six men Saturday night after putting down a fight involving more than 20 men at the Gresham GSI Community Center. As officers started breaking up the fight, bystanders turned against them. A call for back up sent 38 officers to the center and the disturbance was finally brought under control.

### Magnetic Treatment for Depression Approved

The government has approved the first noninvasive brain stimulator to treat depression—a device that beams magnetic pulses through the skull. The therapy is specifically for patients who had no relief from their first antidepressant, offering them a different option than trying pill after pill.

**38**  
years of  
community service

## No Half Steppin'

Young talent rides  
breakdancing wave

A local talent making waves in the world of funk, soul and hip-hop is sharing his expertise with others by teaching breakdancing fundamentals at Ethos Music Inc., the non-profit organization bringing music education to inner city kids.

No Half Steppin' teaches the rudimentary steps, concepts, and philosophies that are considered to be the foundation of breakdancing.

The class is taught by B-boy Jyant of Moon Patrol Crew, also known as Huy Pham, a 12-year veteran of the breakdancing and DJ scene who has been teaching in the Ethos Urban Music program for eight years.

Jyant, 25, is known as a great performer and teacher. He has taught kids at Woodlawn, Boise, King and Open Meadows schools.

Born and raised in Portland, he graduated from Benson High School and completed a degree in advertising from Portland State University in 2006.

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B-boy Jyant of Moon Patrol Crew is a talented performer and teacher who shares in his success by teaching breakdancing fundamentals.

## Going Street Proposed for Bikes

Bike boulevard  
idea takes off

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THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The Portland Office of Transportation and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance are committed to a seemingly easy proposition—making Northeast Going Street a bike boulevard.

The bike-designated boulevards are local, usually residential thoroughfares where automobile traffic volume is sufficiently low and bicyclists can use them safely without the use of designated bike-only lanes.

Bicyclists would be directed to the Going Street Bike Boulevard by maps and signs and once there, share the road with cars which would be targeted for reduction by other traffic controls.

Since bike boulevards require relatively little infrastructure they cost far less than traditional bike lanes. Because of this, they are beginning to receive more attention than they have in the past from the city and the bicycle community.

They also offer a riding environment that feels safer and more pleasant than negotiating main streets, even with the aid of bike lanes. As such, they seem well-suited to the kind of potential rider that bike advocates are seeking

to attract.

At a recent meeting of the Concordia Neighborhood Association, Greg Lavender of the bicycle alliance divided the Portland bicycling population into four categories.

"Strong and fearless" and "Enthusiastic and confident," were categories that accounted for roughly eight percent

and healthier alternatives than busy, car-filled streets.

So far the city has less than 30 miles of bike boulevards. Northeast Portland, where the BTA claims that 40 percent of the population rides at least occasionally, there is just one boulevard: Northeast Tillamook Street.

City transportation officials and the

are circulating petitions to obtain funding for implementing the route.

However, the simple "share the road" philosophy has some complications.

For bicyclists to safely cross such busy streets as Northeast Seventh, 15th and 33rd avenues, along with Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, there will have to be new traffic signs perhaps a traffic signal or two, which are expensive.

Another issue is that the city and BTA want to attract existing bike commuters to the new routes.

For this to happen, bicycle commuters will need to travel about as fast as they could on higher volume traffic streets. This would mean eliminating some stop signs, possibly making the bike boulevards magnets for cars as well as bikes.

Thus, BTA and the Portland Department of Transportation are proposing to install such improvements as speed bumps, curb extensions and "diversion devices" that restrict auto movement and discouraging through traffic without actually prohibiting cars from using the street.

At the Concordia meeting, longtime community activists Jim Karlock and Terry Parker, who have traditionally objected to restrictions on auto travel in general and speed bumps in particular,

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of the biking population, Lavender said, while "No-how, no-way" riders accounted for 33 percent and "Interested but concerned" riders accounted for about 60 percent of the bicycling public.

The last group would potentially ride, but is concerned about riding in heavy traffic, said BTA leader Scott Bricker.

To attract this critical population, bike boulevards are promoted as quieter, pret-

BTA have looked at 14 possible routes for bike boulevards serving north and northeast Portland.

For now, they have selected Northeast Going Street between North Williams and Northeast 72nd avenues, a distance of 3.5 miles, as their first target.

The route, they say, would come "within a half-mile of 11 schools, nine parks and four business districts." They

## Interstate Firehouse Goes Delirious

Cultural  
Center  
celebrates  
25 years

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center will celebrate 25 years of fabulous art, performance and community involvement with "An IFCC Homecoming: Come Get Delirious!" celebration on Saturday, Oct. 25, starting at 6 p.m.

This ode to the 80s homecoming will feature live music and dancing, multi-ethnic food and



The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

special theatrical performances presented by IFCC alumni, including the eclectic rock music of Portland's own Sneakin' Out; thought-provoking comedy by renowned actress Jennifer Lanier; the Afro-Cuban sounds of Melao de Cuba and dancers from Hurricane Tumbao,

Portland's hottest band from the 80s, The Crazy 8s, will also perform. The group ruled the road from 1983 through 1993 when they opened for The Clash, The Neville Brothers, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Oingo Boingo, The Violent Femmes, UB40, The English Beat and Steel Pulse, to name a few.

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