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Week in The Review

Obama Salutes Victims

Somberly reciting 13 names and 13 stories, President Barack Obama Tuesday saluted the Americans killed in last week's massacre at the Fort Hood, Texas Army post as heroes who died for their country -- and promised a nation demanding answers that "the killer will be met with justice."



Blazers on All Star Ballot

Four Trail Blazers were named to this year's NBA All-Star ballot Tuesday, including two-time All-Star Brandon Roy, LaMarcus Aldridge, Andre Miller and Greg Oden.

No Clemency for Sniper

Virginia's governor refused to spare the life of John Allen Muhammad and cleared the way for his execution Tuesday night for the sniper attacks in 2002 that left 10 dead and spread such fear people were afraid to go shopping, cut grass or pump gas.

Iran Charges Americans

Iran accused three Americans, including one from Oregon, of spying Monday, signaling Tehran intends to put them on trial. It drew a sharp U.S. response that the charges are baseless because the hikers strayed across the border from Iraq.

Abdul-Jabbar has Leukemia

NBA great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is being treated for a rare form of leukemia. The 62-year-old Abdul-Jabbar said his doctor didn't give any guarantees, but informed him: "You have a very good chance to live your life out and not have to make any drastic changes to your lifestyle."



Duck Player Reinstated

Oregon running back LeGarrette Blount, who was suspended for the season after punching a Boise State player in the season opener, has been allowed to rejoin the Ducks. The university requested Blount's reinstatement, which was approved by Pacific-10 Conference commissioner.

OxyContin Holdup
A Walgreens pharmacy in Troutdale was robbed for the painkiller OxyContin Sunday by a white man in a ski hat, sunglasses, and a scarf wrapped over his face. He got away with nearly \$4,000 worth of the drug.

AIDS Top Killer of Women

In its first study of women's health around the globe, the World Health Organization said Monday that the AIDS virus is the leading cause of death and disease among women between the ages of 15 and 44. Unsafe sex is the leading risk factor in developing countries for these women of childbearing age.

Fire Destroys School

Marysville students safely evacuate

BY JAKE THOMAS
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Students and staff were able to safely evacuate a burning southeast Portland school Tuesday as fire quickly engulfed the building.

Officials said it took just two minutes to empty Marysville Elementary School of its 460 students and staff. The fire broke out about 11:40 a.m. A few minutes later, flames were seen ripping through the 87-year-old landmark at 7733 S.E. Raymond St. in the Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood.

Kenton Rush, a sixth grader at the K-8 school, recalls sitting in class when a large cloud of smoke rushed past his classroom.

He quickly fled along with his peers through the front door, and was then taken by his teachers to a library on Holgate Boulevard where he texted his mother.

"Schools don't catch on fire



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Emergency personnel go to work after a major fire erupts during the school day Tuesday at Marysville Elementary at 7733 S.E. Raymond St. Students and staff safely evacuated the building with no injuries reported.

very much," said Rush, who was frightened by the fire.

The roof on the east side of the school collapsed in flames and was reduced to a

blackened hole.

More than 100 Portland firefighters battled the inferno. By about 12:30 p.m. the fire appeared to be under control, but

flames could still be seen dancing along the edge of the roof as fire fighters climbed a ladder to spray it with a hose. Onlookers lingered outside the yellow

tape as water streamed out of the front doors of the school. Nearly two hours after the fire

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Hang Up and Drive

State gears up for cell phone ban

(AP) -- As of Jan. 1, you can get slapped with a \$90 fine if you use a hand-held cell phone while driving in Oregon. Will that be enough to encourage motorists to keep their full attention on the road? And how well can the law be enforced?

Oregon will become one of seven states that have banned driving while talking on a

handheld cell phone, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The ban, approved by the 2009 Oregon Legislature, does not apply to drivers using a cell phone equipped with a handsfree device. It also has exceptions for certain drivers, including those working in public safety, and for others



Driving with a hand-held cell phone will become illegal Jan. 1 bringing a \$90 fine for violations.

who are "operating a motor vehicle in the scope of the person's employment."

Highway safety officials and law enforcement agencies are

gearing up to publicize and enforce the law, which they say will make roads safer.

Salem resident Jim Allhiser, who owns a home inspection

business, isn't waiting for Jan. 1. He's already making arrangements to get rid of his hand-

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In Focus: Blacks and the Film Industry

BY AMANDA GREAR
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African American films have been around since the early 1900s -- not that I have been around that long.

According to the Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance, William D. Foster of Chicago, formed the first black film company, Foster Photoplay. From 1909 to 1913 he produced the first black cast film shorts, such as The Pullman Porter (1910) and The Railroad Porter (1912)-which was his 10-minute debut film.

Foster organized his company to specialize in "non-degrading Black cast comedies," challenging the black face -- blacks portrayed by white actors -- depictions of African Americans, and offering his characters complex issues to face. Foster Photoplay Company folded in 1918 due to financial and distribution problems.

A legend writer, director, and producer Oscar Micheaux was



Portland filmmaker Ron Craig will participate in an inaugural African American Film Festival this weekend at McMenemy's pubs and theaters.

the founder and president of Micheaux Film Corp. He was the first black man to produce a full length, eight-reel, all Negro movie.

Micheaux completed 44 of the 82 so-called "race movies" that were produced during the time. His first, Homesteader (1919) was a silent motion picture, and The Exile was his first feature film with sound. The Betrayal (1948) was his last film before his death.

Two local men, 2008 Oregon Media Arts Award recipient David Walker, and Ron Craig,

2009 Emmy nomination recipient, have joined the black filmmaker ranks with films such as Uncle Tom's Apartment and Searching for York.

Walker has a unique take on black films in particular, views that some people may take issue with. He says the average person tends to only think of two black producers, Spike Lee and Tyler Perry.

"They are neither the beginning or the end," Walker said. "[I've] never seen a Tyler Perry

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Film Festival Opens Friday

Portland kicks off an inaugural African American Film Festival, with screenings all weekend long at McMenemy's pubs and theaters, starting Friday, Nov. 13.

The festival will showcase films from the 20's through the 80's. Films such as Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Do the Right Thing, Super Fly,

and Imitation of Life.

Forums will speak to the history of African Americans' involvement in film and what it takes to be in this business.

Participating McMenemy's Pubs and Theaters are the Bagdad Theater & Pub, St. Johns Theater & Pub, Mission Theater, and Kennedy School.

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