

Accident Kills passenger

A passenger in a pickup truck died after the vehicle crashed into a tanker truck on Columbia Boulevard and North Hurst Street. It happened around 1:30 a.m. The driver of the pickup was rushed to a local hospital in critical condition.

Warming Shelter May Open

The Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross says it is prepared to open an emergency warming center for the city's homeless community if temperatures dip low this weekend, as forecast. The center will be located at Imago Dei Community at 1302 S.E. Ankeny and will be open from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

**Rangel Violated Rules**

New York Rep. Charles Rangel, a longtime power in the U.S. House, violated its rules with financial misconduct, brought it discredit and will be punished, fellow lawmakers sitting as jurors ruled on Tuesday. Protesting the stain on his congress-

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sional career, the 80-year-old Democrat said he was treated unfairly for "good faith mistakes."

Leaf Fees Opt Out

City officials have simplified a requirement for leaf district residents who clean up the leaves in front of their properties and wish to opt out of new fees. No proof will be needed if an affidavit is signed. The form is available at portlandonline.com.

O.J. Simpson Files Appeal

O.J. Simpson's lawyers are asking a

Nevada Supreme Court panel to consider their appeal of Simpson's Las Vegas armed robbery and kidnapping conviction. A clerk with the state high court said the request for a rehearing was received Tuesday.

Diamond Brings \$46 Million

A rare pink diamond smashed the world record for a jewel at auction in Geneva Tuesday,

selling for more than \$46 million to a well-known gem dealer. The 24.78-carat "fancy intense pink" diamond was purchased by London-based

jeweler Laurence Graff.

**Royal Wedding Planned**

Britain's dashing helicopter-pilot prince William — second in line to the throne — will marry Kate Middleton, the lovely commoner who may someday become queen. The engagement was announced Tuesday after more than eight years of dating. Their wedding will be next spring or summer.

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Dwayne Baird, a spokesperson for the Transportation Security Administration's Western Region said he cannot give a specific date when the scanners will be implemented, but does tell travelers to check the TSA's site before heading to the airport, to check what stricter security measures are in place for the holidays.

He said that there will be an increased amount of screeners to accommodate the extra passenger lode, and also stressed the importance of valid IDs. He said that the Secure Flight Program, which was fully implemented nationwide Nov. 1, will cut back on Flight Watch List misidentification incidents, so that travelers should have fewer problems going through security.

"We're here to ensure that your holiday is a safe and secure one," Baird said.

At downtown's Union Station, Amtrak is adding 11 more trains — not just cars, but entire train routes — to the Cascades route, which runs from Vancouver, British Columbia to Eugene, for the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving to the Sunday afterward.

With over 740,000 riders in the fiscal year 2008, Cascades is the seventh most heavily traveled corridor in the country, and Portland is the 15th busiest station in the national Amtrak System.

Vernae Graham, Amtrak's Western Regional spokesperson, said this is the busiest time of year for the rail company.

She said there were more than 17,000 riders nationally this past weekend, and that they are expecting "record ridership" Nov. 24-28, as each of the last few years has topped the previous record. Amtrak sees 127,000 passengers a year systemwide, and Graham says that the Thanksgiving holiday is even busier than Christmas.

This will be the first time a midnight train will be offered for Cascades-route Thanksgiving travelers — he train will leave Seattle at midnight and arrive in Portland at 4:14 a.m., non-stop, for interested early arrivers, so that they can help with food preparations.

Graham says that there will be some tighter security for travelers.

"Passengers may experience some Amtrak police, random baggage checks, and screenings at some stations," she said. "And be sure you can provide a valid ID at all times."

Jeff, Lincoln Advance at State

Jefferson and Lincoln high schools will each enter a second round playoff game Friday in their respective divisions.

The undefeated Democrats scored a resounding win last Friday in the state 5A football championships with a 28-0 win at home against Liberty High School of Hillsboro. Jefferson will face Sherwood High School in Sherwood at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19.

Portland Interscholastic League crosstown rival Lincoln squeaked out a victory in the Oregon 6A football playoffs with a 35-31 victory over South Medford. The Cardinals will face Aloha High School in Aloha at 7 p.m., Friday.

Grant, the only other PIL team in championship play, lost their first round 6A game last Friday to Roseburg, 42-28.

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