

**Metro appoints Roberts**

Former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts returned to public service when the Metro Council appointed her last week to fill an open position representing Portland. The regional governmental interviewed six applicants for the post, which became available when Robert Liberty resigned.

**Office of Equity Proposed**

Portland Mayor Sam Adams proposed the creation of an Office of

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Equity during his third State of the City address Friday. The Office, which would be under the leadership of Commissioner Amanda Fritz, would address the city's social accountability with regards to racial issues as well as those that involve citizens with disabilities.

**Fund for Fire Victims**

A fund to support the family devastated by a fire that killed two children last week has been established

in care of the Milwaukie Christian Church, P.O. Box 22496, Milwaukie, OR, 97269. Personal hygiene items can be donated through the Family Support Center, 6031 S.E. King Road, in Milwaukie. The fire at the Fox Pointe Apartment Complex killed 5-year-old Apollo Lemi and his 4-year-old brother Ladu.

**Pirates Murder Hostages**

Four Americans taken hostage by Somali pirates off East Africa were shot and killed by their captors Tuesday, the U.S. military said, marking the first time U.S. citizens have been killed in a wave of pirate attacks plaguing the Gulf of Aden

and the Indian Ocean for years. U.S. naval forces were trailing the Americans' captured yacht and quickly boarded the vessel after hearing the gunfire.

**Gadhafi Vows to Fight**

Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi called Tuesday for his supporters to take back the streets from anti-government protesters and vowed to fight on and die as a "martyr." Gadhafi spoke as U.S. of-

ficials confirmed reports that part of the east of Libya has "fallen" to the protesters and was no longer controlled by the central government.

**Wu says Stress Did It**

U.S. Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., says he's receiving treatment following concern among his staff about his mental health. Wu gave an interview Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America" saying he was under a lot of stress in the month before his re-election last November.

**Snowboarder Rescued**

A 27-year-old snowboarder who spent Sunday night lost on Mount Hood in below-freezing temperatures was found Monday and airlifted to safety. Clackamas County search and rescue reported that Brantley Acree III, on vacation from Virginia, was located on the mountain's west side by an Oregon Army National Guard helicopter.

**New Zealand Quake**

Search teams using their bare hands, dogs, heavy cranes and earth movers worked frantically on Wednesday in Christchurch, one of New Zealand's largest cities to find survivors of a powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake as officials raised the death toll to at least 75.

## Musician Killed in Car Crash

A Portland blues musician had died in a motor vehicle accident.

Nick Christmas III, known to Portland blues music fans as the drummer for the Norman Sylvester Band during the late 80s and 90s, and more recently as the drummer for Blues Train, had recently retired from the Bonneville Power Administration.

Members of the blues community said Christmas was enjoying spending his time with his children and his drums. A man with a huge smile and huge wrists, who always declared his love for people, his sudden loss leaves a painful hole in the lives of his family and friends. He will be sorely missed.

Portland police said Christmas, 63, was found early Saturday morning in a vehicle that rolled down an embankment off North Portland Road, south of Marine Drive.

Investigators believe he lost control of the vehicle on the icy roadway. The car hit a concrete barrier before landing on its side in a ditch. Police said speed and road conditions contributed to the crash.

Services are pending in care of Terry Family Funeral Home.



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