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LOCAL NEWS

College Grad Earns Title

Named Miss Black Oregon USA 2011

Helen Kidane took home the coveted title in the "the Crowning Event," of the Miss Black Oregon USA 2011 pageant held at the Scottish Rite Center.

In a marvelous display of intelligence, grace and total theater performance, 12 beautiful, talented and educated young women competed in the Feb. 27 scholarship event. The "Battle Royal" took place in five categories; personal interview, health and fitness, talent, evening gown, and a question and answer segment from the judges.

Kidane, 21, graduated from Portland State University with bachelor's degrees in Health Sciences and Community Health Education.

She will advance on to represent the state of Oregon in the National Miss Black USA Scholarship 2011 competition in Washington D.C.

Emerging from the beautiful harmony of glamour, dance, song, spoken word poetry and intellectual brilliance, the other top finishes in the competition were first runner up Dyvisha Gordan, 17, of De La Salle High School. The second runner up was Sandrina Powell, 17, of St. Mary's Academy. The third runner up was Raynetta Steward, 21, a graduate of David Douglas. The



Helen Kidane is crowned the new Miss Black Oregon USA.

forth runner up was Lauren Lucas, 17, of Grant High School.

The Miss Black Oregon Scholarship Foundation cultivates excellence and awards scholarships to

further the education of deserving young women. The organization is a community-based group advocating and demonstrating community service.

Despondent Man Fires on Police

Critically injured officer expected to fully recover

A 61-year-old man opened fire on police from inside his southeast Portland home Sunday, wounding one officer at the front door and another at a park across the street, authorities said.

According to court documents, Ralph Turner wanted to commit suicide because of ongoing medical problems and hoped police would shoot and kill him.

Two officers checked on Turner



Ralph Turner

after getting a report that he was despondent and threatening to commit suicide by taking pills, Portland Police Chief Mike Reese said.

The officers knocked on the door and were met with gunfire, he said. One of those officers, a nine-year veteran, received minor injuries from shrapnel, and the other retreated to call for help.

A third police officer who responded to the scene was shot by the suspect with a scope rifle, Reese said. Parik Singh, a 13-year veteran of the bureau's East Precinct, was hit in the lower abdomen and underwent surgery at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland. He is expected to make a full recovery.

Negotiators eventually talked Turner out of the home, where police found a handgun, shotgun and

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