

2011 Year in Review

The Portland Observer looks back at some of our top stories of the year



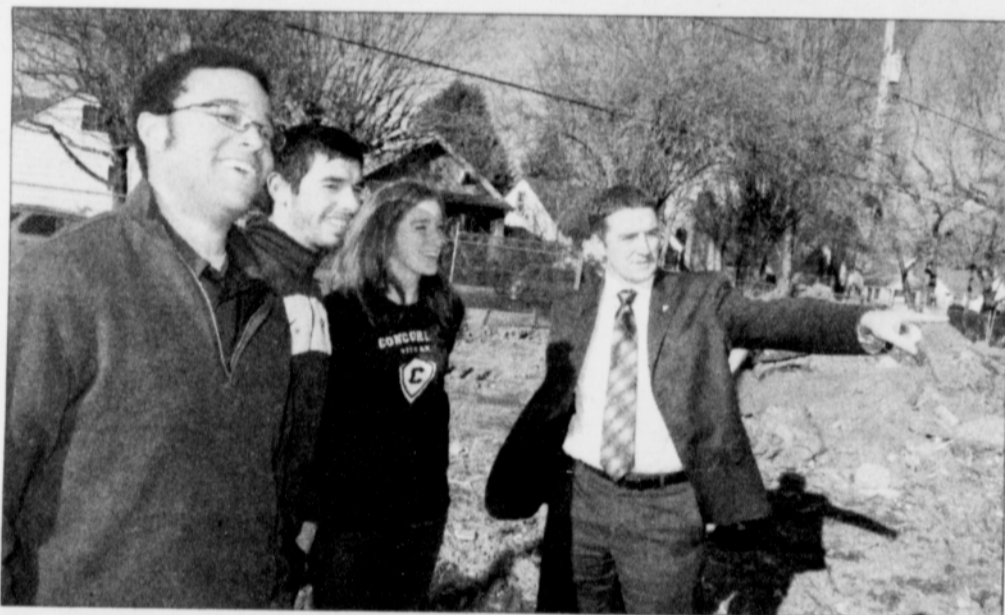
Club Scene Murder

Jan. 5 -- Authorities were investigating a New Year's morning shooting outside Club 915 in downtown Portland that killed Ruben Mata, 32, a security worker at the hip-hop venue.



Free Medical for Hard Times

Jan. 19 -- Dr. Jill Ginsberg sees patients and helps run the free community health clinic North by Northeast. She is one of the volunteer physicians, nurse-practitioners and staff who give up hours each week to help patients in need.



Concordia's Big Step

Feb. 9 -- Concordia University in northeast Portland breaks ground on a new athletic complex and playing fields as the campus, which recently opened a new library, blooms into a new and expanded being of higher education.

Best New Artist

Feb. 16 -- Esperanza Spalding, a home-grown Portland musician, wins the Grammy for Best New Artist during a broadcast from Los Angeles. She thanked her friends in Portland as well as her teachers.



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A Family's Anguish

April 13 -- The face of Yashanee Vaughn appears on hundreds of reward flyers posted by her Portland family and friends as they desperately continue to search for their 14-year-old girl that went missing nearly one month ago. Parrish Bennette, 16, has been charged with her murder.



President Visits Intel

Feb. 23 -- President Barack Obama comes to Oregon to visit a massive, cutting-edge Intel chip-making plant to learn how to make American kids more competitive in math and science and promote an American future that leads in technology.