

Week in The Review

Food Cart Alcohol Approved

Despite opposition from the city of Portland, the Oregon Liquor control Commission voted Friday to approve a liquor license for a group of food carts at 8145 S.E. 82nd Ave. Among other rules, the food vendors must designate an area where alcohol consumption can take place and monitor customer activity inside and outside the area.

More 7-Eleven Rejections

Another Portland neighborhood is coming out against a new 7-Eleven. The King Neighborhood Association last week opposed the corporation's proposal to build on an empty lot at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Sumner Street. Earlier proposals to build 7-Eleven stores at Northeast Killingsworth and 14th Avenue and in the St. John's neighborhood also drew opposition.

Caught Red Handed



A man with a bloody hand was arrested hours after a robbery and murder in the Pearl District of northwest Portland. Charles Lake, 21, is accused of killing Charles K. Morton, 63, who was beaten and stabbed at his apartment on Friday. Lake had

Morton's wallet and watch in one of his pockets, authorities said.

Bias Crime Investigated

Police arrested Paul Martinson, 39, and are looking for another man in connection with a bias crime against two men who were holding hands as they walked towards a gay nightclub, downtown. Police said anti-gay slurs were made, followed by an assault and vandalism to a vehicle. It happened on March 14 at about 11:20 p.m. at Third Avenue and Oak Street.



Heavy Rain Tests System

The roughly 3.5 inches of steady rain last week tested Portland's new combined sewer tunnel system, but the system performed well and there were no combined sewer overflows to the Willamette River, city officials said. Before the West Side and East Side big pipes were in service, one-tenth of an inch of rain in 24 hours was enough to cause sewer overflows.

Spring Break for Malia

The elder daughter of President Obama is spending her spring break in the historic Mexican city of Oaxaca in the company of 12 friends, a state police official said. Malia Obama, 13, and her friends are guarded by 25 Secret Service agents as well as Mexican police, the official noted.

Florida Teen's Shocking Death

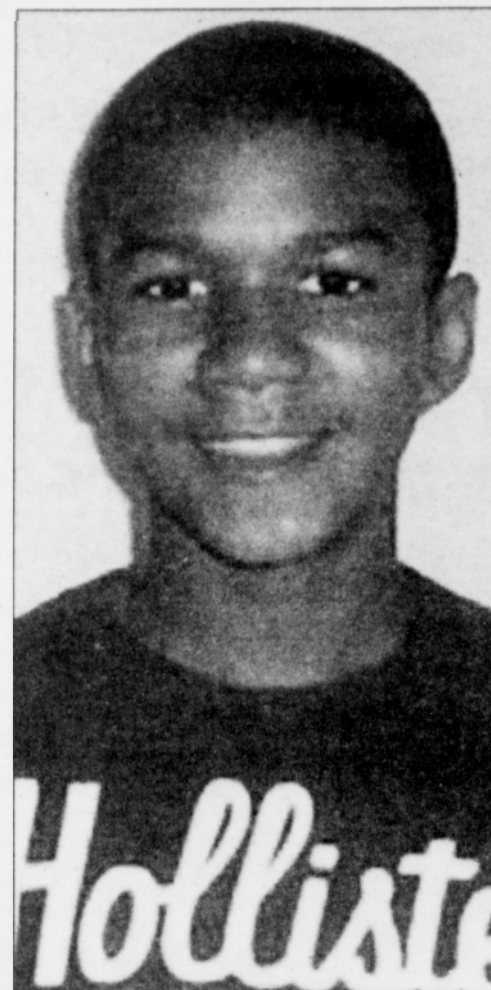
Justice Department to investigate

(AP) — The attorney for the family of a black teenager fatally shot by a neighborhood watch captain said Tuesday that the boy was talking to his girlfriend on his cell phone when the confrontation began. She did not hear the shooting.

Their phone call was discussed at a news conference that followed announcements that the U.S. Justice department would probe the death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin and that a local grand jury will also consider evidence in the case.

George Zimmerman, 28, claims he shot Martin in self-defense during a confrontation last month in a gated community in Sanford, Fla. Zimmerman spotted Martin as he was patrolling his neighborhood on a rainy evening and called 911 to report a suspicious person. Against the advice of the 911 dispatcher, Zimmerman then followed Martin, who was walking home from a convenience store with a bag of Skittles in his pocket.

Police have described Zimmerman as white; his family says he is Hispanic and not racist.



In this undated photo, Trayvon Martin poses for a family photo.

Attorney Benjamin Crump, who represents Martin's parents, said the teenager was on the phone with his girlfriend back home in Miami when he told her he was being followed. She said Martin told her someone was following him and that he was going to try to lose him. He thought he had lost Zimmerman but hadn't.

"He says, 'Oh he's right behind

me, he's right behind me again,'" Crump says the girl told him. "She says run. He says I'm not going to run I'm just going to walk fast. She hears Trayvon say, 'Why are you following me?' Other voice says, 'What are you doing around here?'"

She told Crump they both repeated themselves and then she heard a scuffle begin "because (Martin's) voice changes like something interrupted his speech." She heard an altercation and then the phone call was cut off.

Within moments, according to Crump's timeline, Martin was shot. She didn't hear the gunfire.

Crump is not releasing the girl's name to protect her privacy.

Crump said he plans to turn over information about the call to federal investigators who are looking into the case. The Justice Department announced their involvement late Monday.

"The department will conduct a thorough and independent review of all the evidence and take appropriate action at the conclusion of the investigation," the agency said in an emailed statement.

The federal agency said it is sending its community relations service this week to Sanford to meet with authorities, community officials and civil rights leaders "to address tension in the community."



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