Iraq Vet Dies in Police Confrontation

An Iraq war veteran who suffered from related mental-health issues was killed in a confrontation with Portland Police atop a parking garage near Lloyd Center Monday night.

Santiago A. Cisneros III, 32, fired multiple shots from a shotgun before he was knocked to the ground in return fire, police said.

The shooting happened around 10:45 p.m., according to Sgt. Pete Simpson. Two officers in separate cars had drove up the top level of the parking garage to investigate a man with a shotgun.

Cisneros was transported to a hospital by medics where he died Tuesday morning, the Multnomah County medical examiner said. Cisneros was an Iraq war veteran and suffered from related mental-health issues.

Anyone with information about Santiago Cisneros III is asked to contact detectives Rico Beniga at 503-823-0457 or Molly Daul at 503-823-0991.



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, the charismatic leftist who dominated his country with sweeping political change and flamboyant speeches, died Tuesday at age 58,



after a long battle with cancer. Chavez held sway over Venezuela through a cult of personality, government reforms that championed the downtrodden, and an endless stream of rhetoric denouncing capitalism, imperialism and the United States.

Missing Baby Found

A 4-month-old boy was found in the front yard of a Portland home about 10 blocks from where he was reported missing Tuesday morning at 2 a.m., police said. Officers contacted the family's relatives to determine if the child was taken to another family member's home. It is unclear who found him. Police did not release additional details.

Lawmakers Help Schools

State lawmakers have announced a new budget proposal that will help stabilize funding and save money for Oregon schools over the next two years. K-12 schools are expected to receive the funding equivalent of \$6.75 billion, which for Portland would help avoid a \$17 million budget gap that was projected due to federal sequestration funding cuts.

Dow Jones Hits High

The Dow Jones industrial average reached a record high on Tuesday, a key level in its recovery from the 2008 financial meltdown. Since the last record, the housing market collapsed, the economy has stumbled through years of slow growth and high unemployment, and the country has experienced the worst financial crisis since the **Great Depression**

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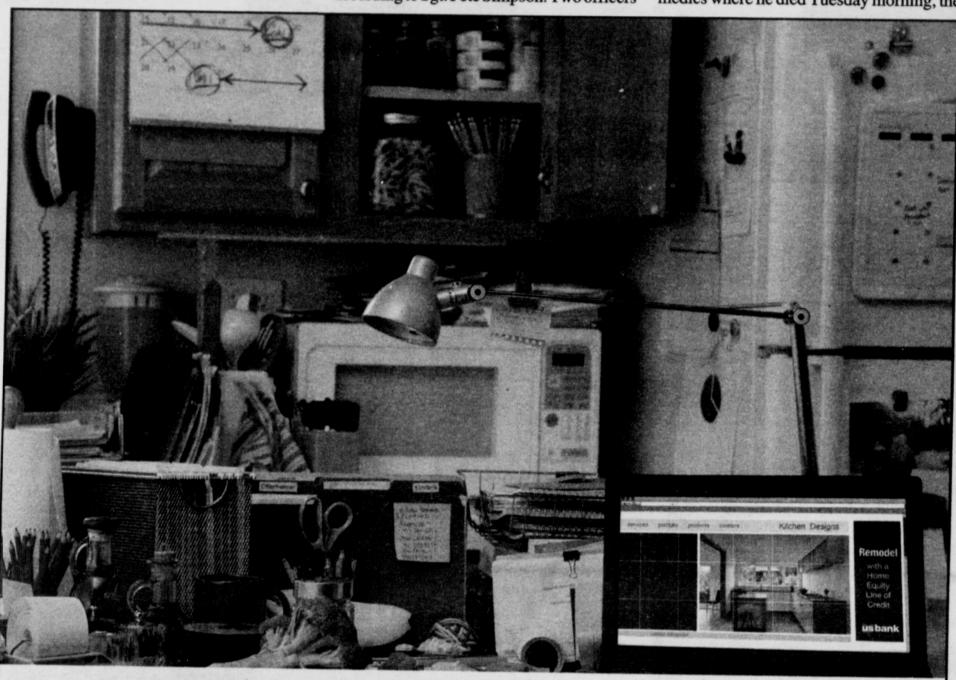
Oregon employment shows no signs of improvement with January's unemployment rate of 8.4 percent essentially unchanged from 8.3 percent in December, officials announced Tuesday. Meanwhile, the national unemployment rate also idles at 7.8 percent.

Jump in CO2 Found

New figures show a dramatic jump in heattrapping carbon dioxide, making it very unlikely that global warming can be limited to another 2 degrees as many global leaders have hoped. Scientists say the rise in CO2 reflects the world's economy revving up and burning more fossil fuels.

North Korea Vows to Cancel Cease-fire

North Korea vowed to cancel the 1953 ceasefire that ended the Korean War, citing a U.S.led push for punishing U.N. sanctions over its recent nuclear test, and ongoing U.S.-South Korean joint military drills. The statement came amid reports that Washington and Beijing have approved a draft of a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for sanctions in response to the nuclear test.



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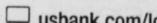
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