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## Lloyd Center Shooting

### Shiloh Hampton, 14, Dies in Apparent Drive-By; No Suspects

Portland police this morning report that Shiloh Hampton, 14, died Wednesday at an area hospital.

Friends of Shiloh posted a heart-breaking-ly charming tribute to the teen on YouTube before his death.

“Any death from gun violence is unacceptable. It’s even more tragic for our community when the victim is a 14-year-old,” Mayor Sam Adams said.

The mayor’s staff said he visited the hos-

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pital the night of the shooting, and met members of Hampton’s family.

“Shiloh Hampton was loved by his family and friends, and my thoughts and prayers are with them at this time,” Adams said in a statement.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP-4357, leave a tip online at [www.crimestoppersoforegon.com](http://www.crimestoppersoforegon.com), or text 823HELP plus your tip and send it to CRIMES (274697).

“There is no tip too small,” Mayor Sam Adams said. “Please call with any information.”

At this point in the investigation, investigators believe the shooting involved gang-involved people but have not determined the role gangs played, if any, in the life of Hampton.

Detectives say that Hampton was with a group of friends Monday night at the Lloyd Center Mall as a suspect fired multiple shots

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# PALM SUNDAY



Members of Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church's Angel Choir lead everyone in song during the commemorative Palm Sunday Procession, April 17, celebrating the church's historic dignitary-filled opening event 60 years ago.

## Missing Child Exploitation, Part 2

### Northwest charities and businesses make millions from tragedy

By Lisa Loving  
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Yashawnee Vaughn, Kyron Horman, Polly Klaas. When innocents disappear, emotions run high – even among people who have no connection to the lost children or their families.

Polly’s father, California resident Mark Klaas, says the terror and confusion in the aftermath of abduction opens the door to manipulation and hysteria that are used to line the pockets of

inscrutable people.

“When children go missing chaos seems to rule everything – it seems to rule the family, they don’t know where to go or what to do, and I say this from experience,” he says. “You have these people that just exploit that chaos for their own ends, people who really have nothing going in their lives but to wait around for something like this to happen.”

The Skanner News took a closer look at Northwest businesses and charities dedicated to

finding lost and missing children. We discovered that scams, slack operations and consumer rip-offs are costing charitable givers millions a year.

And set alongside the honest attempts of concerned volunteers to help out – it’s almost impossible for law enforcement or state agencies to crack down on the problem.

#### Grey Area of Registration, Money

Michelle Bart, who emerged

in media reports April 3 as the spokesperson for Vaughn’s traumatized mother and grandmother, has not been paid for writing press releases and arranging media interviews for the family – and says she never asked to be (in full disclosure, she arranged an interview with Vaughn’s grandmother for the Skanner News and KOIN television).

Her website, [www.HelpingHeroes.com](http://www.HelpingHeroes.com), lists her contact information for marketing and public relation, but

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## Statistics Feed Unemployment Puzzle

### McDonalds’ hiring blitz isn’t enough to put a dent in jobless rate

By Brian Stimson  
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According to the Oregon Employment department, the economy has been slowly gaining jobs in most industries over the last two years.

But according to state employment economist Nick Beleiciks, every couple hundred jobs added over the last two months has to

be tallied against the large numbers of jobs lost during the Great Recession.

“The (finance) industry added 500 jobs from February to March,” he told The Skanner News. “That comes after major losses ... so they only really added 100 jobs over that period.”

Job losses have been so severe, for example, that McDonalds’ recent advertising blitz to add 50,000 jobs across the country is

really a drop in the bucket for the Pacific Northwest.

Even if Oregon McDonalds hired 1,000 people – assuming there would be an even 50 state split, which is unlikely given that Western Washington’s McDonalds contingent of 121 stores is hiring 640 workers – one industry can’t shoulder the burden

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