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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Senate passes gay-marriage ban**

President Clinton says he believes homosexual partners should have certain rights, but legal marriage is not one of them. Clinton now has his chance to stamp this belief into law. The Senate Tuesday passed and sent to the president a bill that would allow states not to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states. No state currently allows such unions, but a pending court case in Hawaii could make that state the first.

**New warning to Saddam**

The Pentagon says the United States will not hesitate to respond with force if the Iraqis threaten American warplanes policing "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq. U.S. officials say they have reiterated a warning to Saddam Hussein against rebuilding Iraq's southern air defenses, which were battered last week by two rounds of cruise missile attacks.

**Perot picks economist for VP**

One political outsider has turned to another political outsider. Reform Party presidential nominee Ross Perot Tuesday named economist Pat Choate as his running mate. He is 55 years old and worked in the Commerce Department during the Nixon and Ford administrations. He was chosen after two House members and a former senator turned Perot down.

**Yeltsin prepares for surgery**

Russian officials say ailing President Boris Yeltsin is making political preparations for his heart bypass surgery later this month. Kremlin officials say Yeltsin has handed prime minister Viktor Chernomyrdin partial control of several top ministries. But officials say Yeltsin, 65, is keeping control over the so-called "red button" for nuclear attacks.

**Clinton touts welfare law**

President Clinton was back on the campaign trail Tuesday, discussing welfare reform in Kansas City. Clinton held a roundtable discussion with six former welfare mothers who now hold jobs with private firms and their employers. The president used the women to highlight his vision of moving poor people from welfare to work.

**Mad at the 'Dole Man'**

The publisher of the classic 1960s song "Soul Man" is asking Bob Dole to stop using the song as his unofficial campaign theme or face legal action. Rondor Music International says Dole did not have permission to use the song popularized by the singing duo Sam and Dave, even though the campaign has changed the lyrics to "Dole Man."

**UN Body OKs nuclear blast ban**

After 40 years of debate, U.N. General Assembly has overwhelmingly approved a treaty that would ban nuclear explosions from the world forever. But the assembly's action is not enough to implement the treaty. India has vowed to block its ratification.

## Oregon executes Wright

BY PAMELA JORDAN  
Following the execution of Douglas Wright, Oregon attorney general Ted Kulongoski sent out a short written statement Friday saying the State of Oregon took Wright's life on behalf of its citizens.

He concluded with a haunting final sentence. "May Almighty God have mercy on us all."

Marietta Jaeger believes Kulongoski's plea for mercy would have been unnecessary had Oregon's citizens not reinstated the death penalty.

"It's racist, it's not a deterrent to crime, it's a political tool politicians use to win votes and it doesn't bring any closure to the victim's family," said Jaeger.

Jaeger should know. She became an expert on the death penalty when her seven-year-old daughter, Susie, was kidnapped and brutally murdered in 1973 while on a camping trip in Montana.

Approximately one year after the crime the killer was apprehended. In that year, Jaeger said she went from wanting to kill him herself to forgiving him.

"My commitment as a Christian and my psychological knowledge of well being helped me work toward an attitude of forgiveness," said Jaeger. "I couldn't do that in the beginning. Forgiveness is hard work, but in God's eyes his life was just as precious as my Susie's."

The Detroit, Michigan, resident came to Oregon to denounce Wright's execution, and to speak at a rally held by Oregon Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

The killer telephoned Jaeger exactly one year after he abducted the child in an effort to "taunt me," said Jaeger. But instead of pleading with him or being angry, she says she asked him about his welfare—wanting to know how he



Marietta Jaeger (above right) speaks to the crowd at the Salem protests this past week.

Timothy Collins

was doing, and what he needed. She said that those words of concern disarmed him.

"He dropped his guard enough to give me enough information that the FBI was able to identify him and bring about his arrest," said Jaeger.

At her request, he was sentenced to life in prison without parole instead of death.

"I had come to believe that to kill someone in my daughter's name would have been to violate and profane the goodness and sweet-

ness of my daughter's life. You don't honor her by killing her killer. She's worthy of something higher," said Jaeger.

According to Jaeger, states with the death penalties have murder rates that are just as high or higher than those without. She also said that a disproportionate number of those on death row are people of color. She believes politicians prey on the public's fears and need for solutions by advocating the death penalty.

"People think that somehow it should work; they're afraid, and it helps to alleviate their fear. But how can we end violence by perpetuating it and, in effect, validating it," said Jaeger.

She also said the death penalty victimizes family members of murder victims because it does not end their grief and anger.

"I've seen it over and over again," said Jaeger. "After the execution family members are still bitter, and tormented."

## U.S. vows to hit Iraq

The United States vowed on Sunday to hit Iraqi President Saddam Hussein again for any aggression but said it could not confirm reports of an Iraqi role in fresh Kurdish factional fighting in northern Iraq.

"If he continues to behave in a way that is aggressive and continues to use force in that part of the country, we will continue to extract prices," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said.

But top administration officials portrayed the latest fighting between Iraq's rebellious Kurds as a civil war in which it would be a mistake for the United States to intervene.

Republican and Democratic members of Congress urged the Clinton administration to take stronger measures to destabilize and possibly topple Saddam, which has not been a stated U.S. goal since the 1991 Gulf War left him in place.

"Saddam Hussein's regime must be overthrown," said Senator Richard Lugar, an

Indiana Republican and one of Congress's most influential voices on foreign affairs.

Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, the ranking Democratic member of the Armed Services Committee and another respected foreign policy voice, said that if Saddam "continues to repress his people ... we need to hit him and hit him hard." The lawmakers spoke on the ABC programme "This Week."

Brent Scowcroft, former president George Bush's national security advisor, called for abolishing a presidential order that bars CIA officers or other U.S. officials from plotting to kill foreign leaders.

"I think it's past time that we get rid of it," he said on "Fox Sunday News." The ban on assassinations has been U.S. policy since President Gerald Ford first ordered it in 1976.

Panetta made clear that the United States was unlikely to take action in the Kurdish-populated north, where the rival factions have fought among themselves for 20 years while struggling for independence from Baghdad.



Chuck Washington (left) publisher of the Portland Observer, discusses his vision of the future of journalism in Portland with Sean Cruz, consultant and editor of the Portland Observer.

Photo by Timothy Collins

## McDougal goes to jail

Whitewater defendant Susan McDougal said Friday she had no information implicating President Bill Clinton in fraudulent business deals, but would go to jail rather than invent evidence against him.

McDougal, who was sentenced last month to two years in prison for her part in a fraud and conspiracy plot in the mid-1980s, faces another prison term after refusing this week to answer questions before a grand jury over Clinton's role.

A federal judge told McDougal she would give her jail time if she again refused to testify, but McDougal, 41, said on CNN's Larry King Live said she would go to jail on Monday rather than cooperate with prosecutors.

"They are not people who want the truth. They don't want anything from me except

what they can use against the Clintons," McDougal said.

McDougal, her former husband James McDougal and former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker were convicted on a string of charges in the first Whitewater trial in May.

The McDougals were partners of the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in the disastrous Whitewater real estate venture, which lies at the heart of the ever-widening probe into Clinton's personal and political finances.

After James McDougal was sentenced he agreed to cooperate with the prosecution team of independent counsel Kenneth Starr, and his sentencing was postponed until November. It is not clear what information if any he might have implicating the Clintons.

Susan McDougal said she knew of nothing implicating the Clintons. She said she had

come under intense pressure, including threats, to turn witness in a plea bargain deal with Starr's team, but said she planned to stand firm.

"I hope I have the strength of my convictions," she said, adding that she was "angry" about her treatment by prosecutors.

Susan McDougal's convictions stem from an illegal \$300,000 loan she was given in 1986 by an Arkansas banker who testified after striking a plea bargain deal that Clinton, who was then governor of Arkansas, twice pressured him to approve the loan.

Prosecutors said some of the funds went toward paying expenses of the Whitewater project.

McDougal's attorney, Bobby McDaniel, said his client deserved a presidential pardon but she said that would be virtually impossible.

## Teen Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is a daily reality for American teenagers and gender bias shapes their lives, according to a USA Weekend magazine survey.

The survey entitled "The Great Divide: Teens and the Gender Gap," to be published Sept. 8, also found that parents still tended to divide home chores along traditional lines — girls do the dishes, boys do the lawn — and teachers were stricter with boys in school.

The survey of almost 223,000 teen-agers found that three out of four have been sexually harassed, girls believe they behave more responsibly than boys — many boys disagree — and having a sexual relationship hurts girls more than boys. USA Weekend said its non-scientific findings were backed by a 1996 University of Michigan study.