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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Moscow Building Explosion

At least 23 people have died and dozens more feared dead in a bomb explosion that pulverized an eight-story apartment building in Moscow. Local officials said that the blast was a terrorist act and was caused by a gas leak or explosives possibly stored in the building. More than 200 people have died in explosions in Russia during the past two weeks.

East Timor Evacuation

The United Nations postponed the withdrawal of local and international U.N. staff from Dili despite an escalation of violence in the area. About 2,000 East Timorese had taken refuge on the compound. The United States has no plans to contribute to any peace-keeping force for Indonesia.

Earthquake in Greece

127 people were killed in the deadliest earthquake to hit Greece in more than 40 years. The death toll from the damage is expected to climb to 140 with 13 people missing and presumed dead.

Rwandan Bishop Goes on Trial

Augustin Misago will be the first Catholic bishop to go on trial for genocide. He was accused of participating in the murder of half a million Tutsis in Rwanda that was led by an extremist Hutu government between April and July 1994.

Gun Buyback Offer

A \$15 million federal gun buyback plan by President Clinton will get guns off the streets by giving local police departments up to \$500,000 to buy guns in and around public housing projects for a "suggested price" of \$50. The guns will be destroyed, the White House said.

Global Y2K Readiness

The International Civil Aviation Organization, a U.N.-based group that sets international flight standards, determined that 53 countries had still not responded to a survey of their airport and airline readiness for the Year 2000 computer problem. The organization had asked its 185 members to respond by July 1.

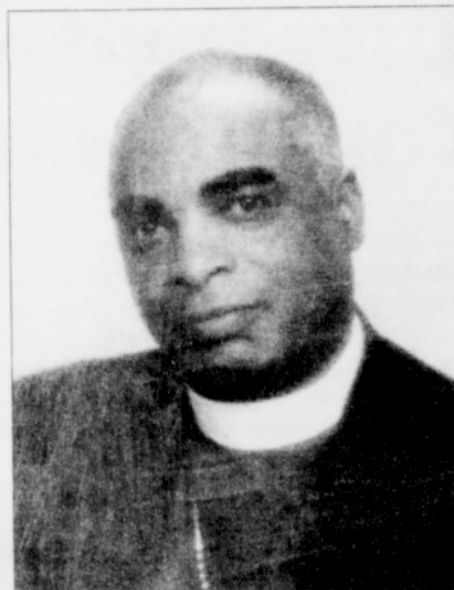
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER offers its sincere apology to Greg Ely for the omission of his photo credit for the photo "MAZE" published in our 9/8/99 issue.

Emmanuel Temple Creates Landmark Expansion

After 20 years of careful visioning and planning, Pastor Bishop A.A. Wells is manifesting his dream of building a new Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church in North Portland (on the corner of

Michigan and Summer). The \$3.5 million facility encompasses an entire block and reflects his holistic, multi-dimensional approach to serving the community. By design, the building will contain a sanctuary to hold 1300 people with an adjacent nurs-

ery, school campus, office rooms, banquet hall with large kitchen, community outreach and health care center. Phase I of the plan which involves the erection of the education and administration wing is near completion.



Pastor Bishop A.A. Wells

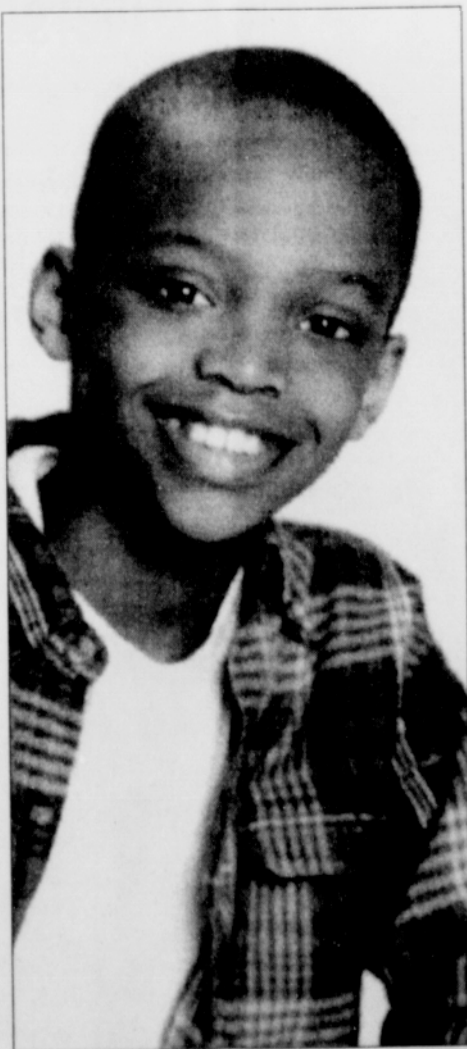


Local Kid Makes Acting Debut!

Local actor, Edward Elias Jemar Mashia, was selected to portray "Jackie" in the 20th Century Fox production, Navy Diver, currently filming in Portland, Oregon and surrounding areas. Navy Diver, starring Robert DeNiro and Cuba Gooding, Jr. is the story of Carl Brashear, the first African-American Navy Diver. The role of "Jackie," the son of Carl Brashear, is the youngest principal role in the film and is featured in a pivotal courtroom scene with DeNiro, Gooding, Charlize Theron, and Aunjanue Ellis. Navy Diver is directed by George Tillman, Jr. (Soul Food).

Edward has expressed interest in the entertainment industry when he decided he wanted to be the next Macaulay Culkin after watching Home Alone 2: Lost in New York. Edward is also featured in a Fred Meyer Back to School television commercial currently airing. He has participated in the Portland Actors Conservatory Summer on Stage program and theatrical courses through the City of Portland, Parks and Recreation. Edward, age 10, is a 5th grader at Richmond Elementary School, where he has been learning to read, speak, and write Japanese in the school's Japanese Language Immersion Program for the past five years. He is looking forward to the school's annual 5th grade trip to Japan next summer. Edward enjoys watching television, playing the piano, basketball, and riding bikes.

Edward is represented by Brown Sugar & Spice Talent Management. Other talent from Brown Sugar & Spice Talent Management with extras role in Navy Diver



include William Hunter, Adrian Mashia, Jumah Fahnbulleh, Kamaria Caldwell, Leisha Jackson, Cynthia Brooks, and Nathan Hamilton.

Florida Braces for Hurricane Floyd

Residents Told To Evacuate As Hurricane Approaches With 150 Mph Winds

By TRACY FIELDS © THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI (Sept. 14) - Authorities urged nearly 2 million people to evacuate coastal areas stretching from Florida to North Carolina today as Hurricane Floyd, one of the most powerful storms to ever threaten the United States, roared through the Bahamas.

Floyd's eye was expected to pass within 90 miles of southern Florida today, and perhaps come within 50 miles of north Florida's coast by Wednesday morning, before striking land somewhere farther north.

"If this thing parallels us, it could act like a weedeater going up the coast," said Craig Fugate of the Florida Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee. "It's going to be pretty devastating."

Floyd's top sustained wind eased slightly this morning to 145 mph - making it a Category 4 storm, the second most powerful designation for a hurricane - but forecasters said fluctuations in speed were expected. It would reach category 5 if wind speed reached 156 mph.

Storm surges in the Bahamas were reported at 20 feet above normal tide levels as trees were snapped by the

wind and communications lines were knocked out, and rain showers from the 600-mile-wide storm reached the Florida coast today.

At 11 a.m. EDT, Floyd was about 215 miles east-southeast of Palm Beach and moving to the west-northwest at about 14 mph. A gradual turn toward the northwest was expected later today.

The Miami area appeared to have escaped the brunt of the storm. "Tropical storm force is probably about all we'll see here in Dade and Broward counties," hurricane specialist Miles Lawrence said at a morning briefing at the National Hurricane Center.

Floyd was most likely to make landfall in Georgia or the Carolinas, but "we're so close to the coast that just about any small deviation could bring the hurricane onshore anywhere from central Florida northward," Lawrence said.

Hurricane-force wind of at least 75 mph extended 125 miles from the hurricane's center. And tropical storm-force wind was expected to reach the Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach County areas by early afternoon, forecasters said.

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