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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Hurricane Gert

No injuries were reported after Hurricane Gert smashed the walls off seaside cottages and washed away three miles of Bermuda's prime beach. Top sustained winds slowed to 105 mph and extended up to 140 miles from the hurricane's center.

East Timor Refugees

Dili refugees of East Timor returned to their home city to find it looted and burned and having no available water or electricity. About 3,000 multinational troops from 10 countries will be entering the province to restore order where thousands of people were driven from their homes and killed by militias.

Mikhail Gorbachev's Wife Dies at 67

Raisa Gorbachev, the spirited and outspoken wife of the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev died at 67 of leukemia. Mrs. Gorbachev was admired in the West and long resented at home, died of circulatory and inner organ failure after undergoing chemotherapy at Germany's University Hospital.

Locating 911 Calls

The Federal Communications Commission wants cell-phone companies to implement technology that allows emergency dispatchers to automatically locate someone who calls 911 from a cell phone. Landline phones currently have that technology. The FCC hopes cell companies will begin providing phones with call-locator technology within two years.

Motorola Buys General Instrument

Motorola made a bold bet on the future of cable television, announcing it had agreed to pay about \$11 billion in stock for General Instrument, the largest producer of cable TV set-top boxes. With the new equipment available today, the televisions of tomorrow can offer many more "broadband" cable services, including Internet access, interactive video games and telephone services.

Long Distance Prices Rise

Leading consumer groups determined that a majority of U.S. consumers are paying more, not less for long distance telephone service since Congress overhauled the nation's communications laws in 1996. Long distance carrier companies have imposed minimums of \$3 to \$5 per month on almost all customers, even to those who make no calls. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) wants to prohibit the long distance companies from charging monthly minimum fees.

Board Responds to Concerns

uane Bosworth, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Portland, announced that the Board unanimously approved the following actions:

The Board has voted to engage an independent fiscal auditor, to conduct an audit of all League fiscal matters. This auditor will report directly and only to the Board of Directors. As soon as that engagement is completed, the name of the auditor will be released and the audit will commence.

The Board has agreed to contract with Volunteers of America for the immediate provision of management of all day-to-day financial operations and control. In addition, the Board accepted the offer from the Volunteers of America to serve as a lead agency in service contracts, with the urban League as subcontractor.

The Institute of Non-Profit Management and the Division of Public Administration at Portland State University will conduct a management and procedures audit concerning all operational procedures and administrative-

management practices of the Urban League. This audit will commence immediately. These auditors will report only and directly to the Board of Directors.

In addition, the Urban League confirmed once again that it would provide the County with responses to all questions raised in the County's letter, to be delivered as requested, on or before September 23, 1999, both to the County and to the public. The urban League is also delivering the requested management letter tomorrow.

The Board met with President Lawrence Dark in executive session, and Mr. Dark has expressed his firm support for each of the actions taken by the Board.

Bosworth emphasized that "the Board's commitment is to the community, including youth, the unemployed, families in poverty, and seniors, which the Urban League has so successfully served throughout its history in Portland."



Lawrence Dark

Gates Gives \$1 Billion for Minority Scholarships

The Gates Millennium Scholarships Will Be Given To 1,000 Students a Year

Reuters SEATTLE, Wash. (Sept. 16) - Microsoft Corp chairman Bill Gates will announce plans on Thursday to donate at least \$1 billion to fund full college scholarships for minority students, by far his biggest charitable contribution to date.

The Gates Millennium Scholarships will cover room, board and tuition for at least 1,000 high school students a year over the next 20 years in the fields of education, math, engineering and science, according to a source close to the \$17-billion Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Students covered by the scholarships will be fully funded for their entire college education including any graduate work, according to the source, who asked not to be identified.

News of the scholarship program first was reported in The New York Times ahead of a news conference where Gates



and his wife, Melinda, were scheduled to announce it formally.

The commitment is by far the largest for any single cause by Gates and is among the largest ever for any charitable purpose, matching a \$1 billion pledge to the United Nations by Cable News Network founder Ted Turner.

Gates, the world's richest individual with a fortune worth nearly \$100 billion, has stepped up his charitable activities dramatically in recent years, donating a significant portion of his Microsoft stock

to the foundation, now the nation's wealthiest.

Gates has indicated he wants to use his wealth to improve education and health, particularly in the developing world.

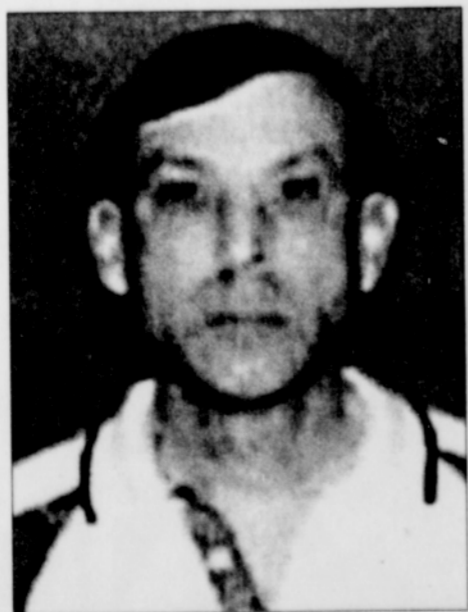
Prior to the scholarship program, Gates' biggest single contribution was \$200 million to libraries in the United States and Canada, largely to bring Internet access to poor communities.

He also has donated \$100 million toward bringing vaccines to children in developing countries, \$50 million to develop a vaccine for malaria and \$50 million to help reduce maternal deaths in developing countries.

Gates has been criticized for not giving more of his wealth away sooner, although he has said he ultimately plans to give away most of his fortune, leaving a relatively small portion for his two young children.

Church Shooting Victims Mourned

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A gunman shouting anti-religious curses and ordered his victims to "stay still" then pumped a hail of bullets into hymn singing teen-age worshippers in a Baptist church last Wednesday, killing seven people and wounding seven others, three of them seriously. The gunman then killed himself.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Friends and strangers both hurting and hopeful turned to Scripture on a Saturday "of phenomenal sadness and mourning" to remember victims cut down in the most sacred of places - a house of worship.

The funerals for four of the victims were the first held as a result of Wednesday night's massacre at Wedgwood Baptist Church. Gunman Larry Gene Ashbrook killed seven people before committing suicide.

Those mourned were a Sunday school teacher studying to be a youth minister, a seminary student with a bright smile, a favorite church soloist who taught inner-city youth and a high school student who dreamed of owning a film and sound production company. Three of the services were at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, while the funeral for the high school student was held at a Methodist church.

More than 1,000 people packed the seminary auditorium for the funeral of Shawn Brown, the 23-year-old Sunday school teacher.

Pastor Al Meredith told those grieving to breathe deeply and focus on their faith "to get your mind off the pain, and just hang in there."

"Don't expend too much energy trying to understand what happened ... the other night," said Meredith, who called the funerals "a day of phenomenal sadness and mourning."

Shawn Brown was studying at the seminary for his master's degree and hoped to become a youth minister. He was eulogized as fun-loving and eager to learn, studying guitar and sign language.

"He was always ready to laugh and make you laugh," Biaz said.

"Shawn ran the race victoriously, all the way to God's arms," she said.

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Taiwan Quake Kills More Than 1,700

Rescue Workers Continue Search for Survivors

By WILLIAM FOREMAN
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TAIPEI, Taiwan (Sept. 21) - Twenty-four hours after a powerful earthquake hit Taiwan, toppling high-rise buildings and destroying homes across the island, rescue workers pulled bodies from the ruins one by one. The death toll topped 1,700 early Wednesday.

More than 100,000 Taiwanese were left homeless by the quake, which shook millions awake at 1:45 a.m. today (1:45 p.m. EDT Monday), buckled roads, severed bridges and cut off electric service.

By early Wednesday, officials said 1,712 people were dead, more than 4,000 were hurt and almost 3,000 were believed trapped in the rubble. Another 216 were missing, according to the Interior Ministry's disaster management center.

"We're pulling the dead out one by one, but it's hard to get an overall picture of the number of fatalities," said Chen Wen-hsien, a rescue official in the central city of Fengyuan. In the hills above the city, a concrete Buddhist temple folded in on itself during the quake, killing at least three people.

With a preliminary magnitude of 7.6, the quake was the strongest to hit Taiwan in a decade and was about the same strength as the devastating tremor that killed more than 15,000 people in Turkey last month.

The quake's epicenter was 90 miles south of Taipei, near the central city of Taichung. More than 700 people died in Taichung County and about 500 died in nearby Nantou County. The area has seen a burst of development in recent years, often with shoddy construction.

Most of the structures that collapsed in Taiwan were new high-rises. The foundations of some of the apartment blocks in the cities crumpled into piles of concrete boulders, sending the structures crashing into neighboring buildings. Soldiers raced out of buildings with bloodied victims moaning in pain on stretchers.

In Taipei, the capital, the quake wrecked the 78-room Sungshan Hotel, collapsing the bottom stories and setting the badly damaged structure leaning on a neighboring commercial building. About 100 people were rescued and 80 were trapped inside the concrete structure, which also housed a bank and several apartments, officials said.

One 81-year-old survivor said he "crawled like a mouse" through the rubble of his ninth-floor apartment to his balcony, where rescuers pulled him to safety.

"You can't imagine how terrible it was," said survivor Chen Chih-yun, who only suffered bruises.

Fire crews turned hoses on the wreckage as smoke poured from fires raging in several destroyed rooms. A woman pulled from the building urged rescuers to keep looking for survivors.

"Hurry, go rescue people. They're in there. They're inside," said the unidentified woman, who was dressed in street clothes and did not appear to be seriously injured. "I lived on the ninth floor, but now it's the 4th floor."

Today's quake was Taiwan's worst since a 7.4 magnitude temblor hit the island in 1935, killing 3,276 people. Taiwan is hit by dozens of quakes each year, but most are centered in the Pacific Ocean east of the island and rarely cause damage.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin extended condolences following the quake, and today offered aid to the quake victims, even though the disaster occurred at a time of tense relations between China and Taiwan. China considers Taiwan a breakaway province.

The quake "hurt the hearts of people on the mainland as the Chinese people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait are as closely linked as flesh and blood," China's state-run Xinhua News agency said in a paraphrase of Jiang's remarks. China's Red Cross said it would provide \$100,000 in disaster aid and \$60,000 in relief supplies.