

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

INS Won't Force Cuban Boy Home

MIAMI—The Immigration and Naturalization Service says it doesn't plan to try to force 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez to go back to Cuba. The INS had ruled last week that the boy's father in Cuba should have custody, but yesterday, a federal judge ruled that the boy should stay with relatives in the U.S. pending a custody hearing in March. The boy's great uncle in South Florida is also seeking custody.

Judge Upholds Decatur Expulsions

DECATUR, Ill. — A federal judge says the six students in Decatur, Ill., who were expelled for fighting at a football game should stay expelled. The judge said the students did not prove that their rights were violated. The ruling follows weeks of protests led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said his Rainbow/PUSH Coalition would appeal the decision.

Russian Communist Nominated to Run

MOSCOW—The Communist Party named Gennady Zyuganov as its candidate for president, saying that voters should reject Boris Yeltsin's hand-picked successor for the post. Zyuganov has the support of many elderly and poor people whose savings and pensions were depleted by runaway inflation and are nostalgic for the Soviet Union. But most observers say the Communist leader won't be able to upset popular acting President Vladimir Putin. The election was moved up three months to March 26 after Yeltsin abruptly resigned as president and Putin, his prime minister, took over as head of state.

Clinton Becomes Mideast Peace Broker

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. Va. — President Clinton will once again assume the arduous task of brokering peace between longtime foes Israel and Syria. "This is difficult stuff, this is very hard" he said of the nearly weeklong drive for a land-for-peace accord. Clinton returned to the site this morning and began a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Barak and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa after consulting with Cabinet members and the negotiating team. Officials said they had no idea how long talks among the three leaders would last.

Post Office Asks 1-Cent Rate Hike

WASHINGTON—Postal rates may be going up, but if they do, it won't be until 2001. The Postal Service announced the new rates today — 34 cents for letters and 21 cents for post cards. The proposal now goes to the Postal Rate Commission, which will hold hearings before ruling on the request. In addition to the increase in the base rate for a first-class stamp, the charge for each additional ounce would rise from 22 cents to 23 cents. Priority mail would rise from \$3.20 to \$3.45 for the first pound, and the first half-pound of Express Mail would increase from \$11.75 to \$12.30.

'Satisfaction' Named Rock's Best

NEW YORK—The Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" topped the list of the 100 greatest rock songs in a VH1 poll of 700 people in the music industry. The 1965 song about rock's favorite subject — sex — has one of the most recognizable guitar riffs in music. Keith Richards said it came to him one night while he was sleeping. The Beatles had nine songs on the list, easily the most. But their best, "Hey Jude," came in at only No. 9. Aretha Franklin's "Respect" came in second and Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" was third.



Police News/Vancouver

Police search for attempted abductor

On January 7, 2000, at 8:25 am, Officers from the Vancouver Police responded to Discovery Middle School on a report of an attempted abduction of a student. A 12 year old boy reported he was walking to school on 39th street when a white pick up truck pulled up next to him at P St. The driver asked the boy if he wanted a ride and the boy declined. The driver followed the boy in his car another 10 feet before getting out of the truck and grabbing the boy's forearm. The boy pulled away and reported the incident to the school. The driver is described as mid 50's, white male with full mustache and beard, glasses wearing a red and white flannel jacket. The suspect's hair was reportedly short on top and longer down the back of his neck. A search of the area by police was negative.

Crimestoppers

Robbery
The Beaverton Police Department, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the individuals responsible for a robbery. On Wednesday, October 27, 1999, at approximately 3 o'clock in the morning, two male suspects walked into a 7-Eleven store located at 8106 Southwest Hall Boulevard in Beaverton. Suspect #1 removed a knife from his right sock and demanded money from the clerk, while suspect #2 stood nearby holding a handgun. When the clerk told the suspects he was not able to remove money from the safe, the two took beer from the cooler and left the store without paying. Suspect #1 is described as a white male 22 to 23 years of age, 5'8" tall, weighing 165 pounds, with short brown hair, and a tattoo that wrapped around his upper left arm.

At the time, he was wearing a baseball hat, short-sleeve button-down shirt, and dark colored pants. He was armed with a knife described as 12-inches long, with a black handle and jagged blade. Suspect #2 is described as white male 20 to 22 years of age, 6'0 tall, weighing 210 pounds, with short brown hair, a round face, and long sideburns. At the time, he was wearing a long-sleeve winter sweater with a snowflake design around the mid-section, a white T-shirt under the sweater, white shorts, and sandals with no socks. He was armed with a small black handgun, which he carried in the waistband of his shorts. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call CrimeStoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Police Briefs

Murder suspect apprehended

8600 Block N.E. Brazee Street
On January 5, 2000, at 2:42 p.m., 26 year-old Thearone Giles was taken into custody on a Multnomah County arrest warrant for Murder. Giles is the suspect in the shooting death of 32 year-old Ronald Anthony Johnson. The shooting took place at 1:30 a.m., on August 26, 1999, at Cisco and Poncho's Restaurant, located at 107 N.W. Fifth Avenue. Giles was taken into custody by East Precinct Uniform Officers, Detectives and Special Emergency Reaction Team Officers at a residence located in the 8600 block of N.E. Brazee Street. Portland Police Detectives have been periodically checking residence where Giles was believed to frequent. On January 4, 2000, Detectives thought they may have observed Giles at an apartment at S.E. 112nd Division Street. Surveillance was maintained on the apartment and Giles was seen leaving the apartment complex in the back of a U-Haul truck. The truck was followed to the Brazee residence where Giles entered. When he left the residence to enter a

Fatal traffic accident

S. E. 39th Avenue/Franklin Street
On January 6, 2000, at 7:58 p.m., Traffic Officers responded to a fatal two-car collision at S.E. 39th Avenue and Franklin Street. A male, driving a 1991 Jeep Cherokee was proceeding northbound on S.E. 39th Avenue, possibly with his headlights out, according to witnesses. A female, driving westbound in a 1986 Toyota Tercel, stopped at the stop sign on S.E. Franklin Street at 39th Avenue. She then pulled out onto S.E. 39th Avenue and was struck by the northbound Jeep. The female was pronounced dead at the scene. Both drivers were alone in their vehicles at the time of the collision. The male was not injured. The deceased is 49 year-old Catherine Ann Waibel, a resident of S.E. Portland. Michael Theodore Young, 25 years old, who resides at 3630 S.E. 39th Avenue, Apartment #23, was arrested and charged with Negligent Homicide and Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Bail has been set at \$5,654.

Public asked to help design East Vancouver Civic Campus

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The City of Vancouver invites the public to help develop a master plan for the East Vancouver Civic Campus, that will include a parks and recreation community center, a police precinct and a public works maintenance compound. The proposed location is at Haagen Park, on NE 136th Avenue between 9th and 15th streets.

Input will be sought at a series of public forums to be held Thursday evenings at Cascade Junior High School, 13900 NE 18th St. Meetings are scheduled for Jan. 27, 7 to 9 p.m.; Feb. 24, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; and March 30, 7 to 9 p.m. those who may use the new facility, or have an interest in the development of civic facilities in our community are encouraged to participate. Childcare will be available at these forums.

Annexation of the area east of I-205 in 1997 brought 58,000 residents into the City of Vancouver. By 2004, 105,000 residents are expected to live in the area. To meet the long-term growth demands the Vancouver City Council approved funds in 1999 to support the design of a master plan for a combined facility to bring city services and activities closer to our eastside residents.

Representatives from neighborhoods, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, East Police Precinct Advisory Commission, local businesses, Chamber of Commerce, the Evergreen School District, ADA, and youth were appointed as a citizen steering committee to work with city staff and consultants to develop the master plan. Ideas generated from this process will also be considered in a subsequent public engagement process to design Haagen Community Park.

For more information, please call the East Vancouver Civic Campus Info Line at (360) 735-8767.

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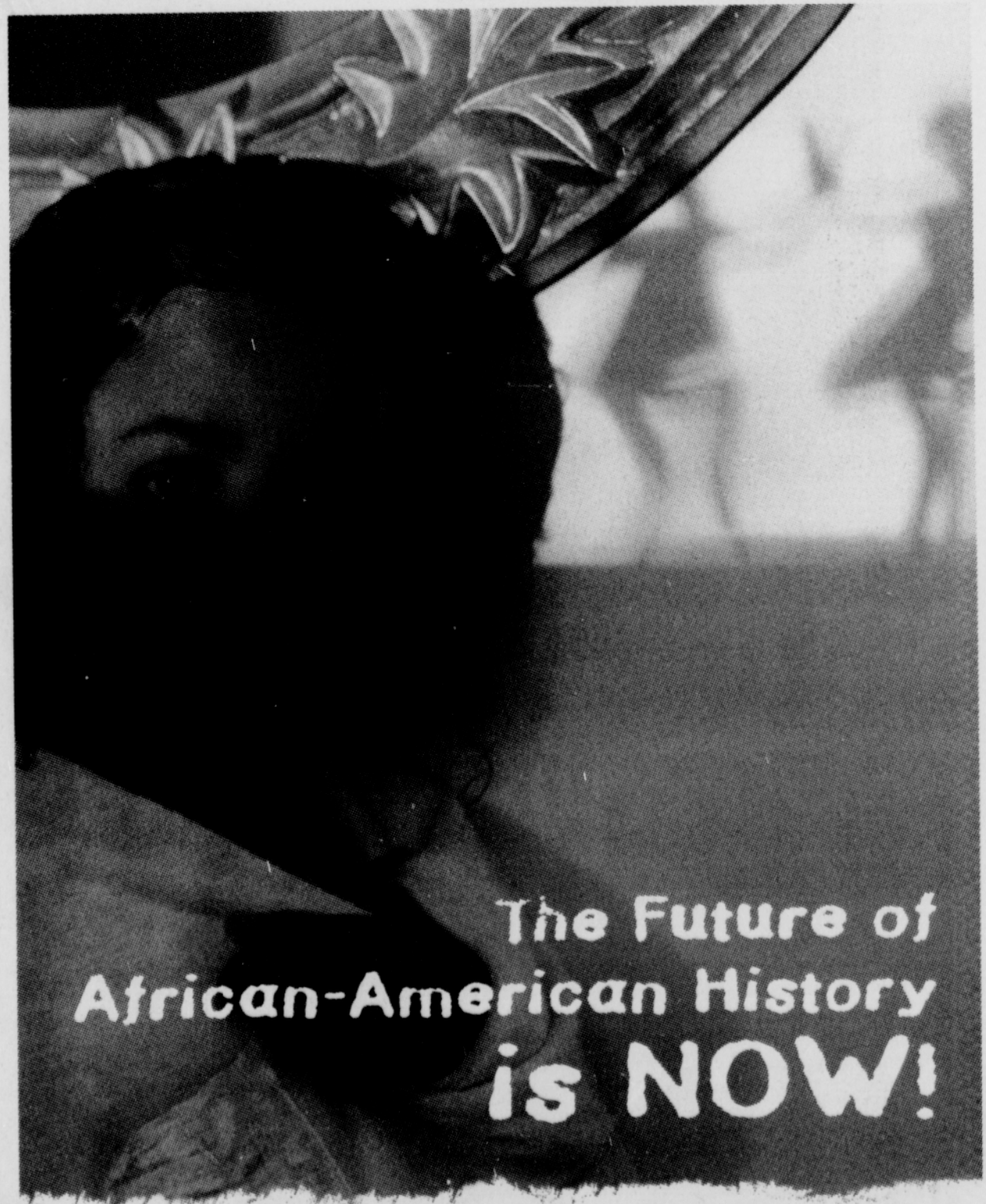
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