

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Elían's Grandmothers To Fly to Fla.

NEW YORK — The grandmothers of Elían Gonzalez will fly to Miami to meet with their grandson before they return to Cuba, according to the head of the National Council of Churches. Five others are expected to accompany them on the trip. The women stayed in New York and met with Attorney General Janet Reno to plead their case for having the 6-year-old sent home to Havana. They also asked Congress not to introduce legislation granting Elían U.S. citizenship.

Time Warner and EMI in Music Deal

LONDON — British music company EMI and Time Warner announced they would merge their music businesses to become the world's second-largest in the field. The deal, which comes on the heels of Time Warner's \$145 billion merger with American Online, also would enable the merged group to take advantage of increasingly important sales over the Internet, including direct downloading by computer. The new firm would represent 2,500 musicians, including Madonna, Phil Collins and Frank Sinatra.

Indians Seize Ecuador Congress

QUITO, Ecuador — Hundreds of Indian protesters occupied the empty Congress building and declared a new government. The armed forces high command ordered President Jamil Mahuad to resign to avoid "a social explosion." He refused. Interior Minister Vladimiro Alvarez said an "insurreccional movement" led by a group of young army colonels was backing the Congress takeover. Foreign Minister Benjamin Ortiz accused the protesters of trying to exploit discontent caused by an economic crisis.

Gore, Bush Turn to New Hampshire

HUDSON, N.H. — They won easy victories in the Iowa caucuses, but presidential front-runners Al Gore and George W. Bush are already campaigning here in preparation for next week's primary. Polls show the races in New Hampshire to be much closer than Iowa's turned out to be. Some surveys show Republican Bush, who took 41 percent of the Iowa vote, eight times as much as Arizona Sen. John McCain, trailing McCain here. The Democratic race is also tighter in New Hampshire. Vice President Gore nearly doubled rival Bill Bradley's vote total in Iowa, but the margin in this state is slight.

Clinton Eyes Debt Payment by 2013

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will propose a budget plan next month to pay off the government's \$3.6 trillion publicly held debt by 2013, two years sooner than expected, the White House said. White House aides said the strong economy was a major factor for the speed up. A White House spokesman said Clinton's plan would devote the interest savings to Social Security, allowing the program to remain solvent beyond 2050. The total federal debt is \$5.76 trillion, including the \$2 billion held by large government trust funds, primarily the Social Security Trust Fund.

Surprise Storm Hits East Coast

NEW YORK — A fast-moving storm surprised the East Coast by dumping more than a foot of snow, closing airports and thousands of schools and making the morning commute dangerous. Tens of thousands of people are without power. Snow had already fallen 18 inches deep in North Carolina, prompting Gov. Jim Hunt to declare a state of emergency, urging everyone to stay home. The National Guard was activated to help clear streets and rescue stranded motorists. Major Eastern airports are closed, including New York's LaGuardia and Washington Reagan National Airport.



Police News/Vancouver

Community panel speaks out against police abuse

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Racial profiling, martial law and brutality of Seattle Police against anti-WTO protesters, and breaking the arm of a Mumia Abu-Jamal supporter in Portland demonstrate that police violence is out of control. Citizens for Police Accountability Campaign, Workers Organizing Committee and longtime grassroots activist in the African American community, Lisa Clay will join Radical Women to discuss how to hold officers accountable to the community. Everyone is invited to join in the discussion on Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the NW Neighborhood Cultural Center, Lower Level, 1819 NW Everett, Portland. A Cajun supper will be available at 6:30 p.m. for a \$6.00 donation. The Meeting is free and open to everyone. For more information or childcare, call (503) 228-3090 two days in advance. Wheelchair accessible.

Police briefs

Police bureau wants community input in strategic planning process

The Portland Police Bureau is reviewing and updating the community policing strategic plan for 2000-2002, and is asking the community for help. The Police Bureau wants to know what public safety programs are working, what needs improvement and what strategies the Bureau should focus on in the next two years.

This strategic planning effort will have two parts: The first part, from January to March, will be to gather input to develop the working draft strategic plan. During the second part, from March to May the draft plan will be reviewed by community members, Bureau members, city leaders and other agencies. Final adoption of the plan is expected in late May 2000.

Suggestion forms are available by visiting the Police Bureau's website at portlandpolicebureau.com, or by calling 823-0283. Suggestions should be sent no later than March 10.

To view the 1998-2000 Strategic Plan, visit the website or call 823-0283 for a copy.

Westside, yellow/blue parka, serial robber apprehended

S.W. Oleson Road / Canby Street — On Friday, January 14, 2000, at 7:03 p.m., a S.W. businessperson called Police radio and reported that the same suspect who had previously robbed their store was outside and possibly casing the business for another robbery attempt.

Central Precinct Uniform Officers responded and subsequently took 22 year-old Dustin Wade Winn into custody without incident. Winn, a N.W. Portland resident, has been charged with 10 counts of robbery II for a series of robberies that began in November of 1999. Several victims referred to this suspect as having a "babyface" and described him as wearing a yellow and blue parka. Winn is currently under investigation for several additional robberies in the Beaverton and Washington County area.

Winn was lodged at the Multnomah County Detention Center with a bail of \$2,500,000. Winn will be arraigned on Tuesday, January 18, at 2:00 p.m., at the downtown Justice Center. The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information concerning these robberies is asked to call the Portland Police Bureau Detective Division at 823-0400 and speak with Robbery Detective Sergeants Steve Christensen or Robert King.

Park alert — two women attacked

Brooklyn Park/Laurelhurst Park — On Saturday, January 15, 2000, at 8:00 p.m., a 32 year-old woman was attacked from behind and dragged by the hair from the sidewalk into Brooklyn Park. She was then struck several times in the head and choked unconscious. Approximately three hours later the victim regained consciousness and walked home, where a friend transported her to a hospital. The suspect robbed the victim of \$10. The victim described the suspect as a white male in his 30's, 5'11", 150lbs, with a thin build, brown hair, unshaven, wearing a blue top, dark jeans, a stocking cap, and "smelled bad."

On Sunday, January 16, 2000, at 8:00 p.m., a 32 year-old woman was attacked from behind while jogging through the north-end of Laurelhurst Park. She was struck several times in the head and may have suffered a broken nose. The victim was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The suspect screamed, "I'm going to kill you, I'm going to kill you." The victim replied, "No your not," and kicked the suspect in the groin. The victim described the suspect as a white male, 6'4, thin build, brown hair, wearing a blue top, and appeared to be a transient.

Anyone with information is asked to call Sergeant John Cordell in the Portland Police Bureau Robbery Detail at 823-0405.

North, Northeast community courts succeeding

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The North/Northeast Community Court Project continues to serve as the community forum for a majority of the misdemeanor crimes committed in North and Northeast Portland. Since March 1998, 959 defendants have been scheduled to appear at Community Court: 754 (79%) have

appeared, 614 (64%) have been sentenced to 8, 16, or 32 hours of community service, and 465 (78%) have successfully completed their sentences. Eighteen cases are currently active.

Four crimes make up 94% of the cases heard at Community Court: Theft/Shoplifting (53%), Drug or Prostitution-Free Zone Trespass (28%), Prostitution (8%), and alcohol-

related offenses (5%).

The court continues to offer the following on-site social services: low-income health insurance, housing, employment counseling, GED courses, emergency food, shelter and clothing, alcohol, drug, and mental health evaluation, parenting skills, disability services, prostitution alternatives, and Spanish-language social service resources.

Vancouver Police Briefs

Life Insurance Fraud Scheme — Arrests and Seizures

Detectives of Vancouver Police Services, Fraud and Forgery Unit, completed a lengthy investigation into a Life Insurance Fraud Scheme totaling over \$237,000.00 in claims with just over \$37,000.00 realized in payoffs.

The two ex-Vancouver residents, Felicisima B. Felina, 44 and her daughter Felda Camacho, 21, were taken into custody, following the January 19 late afternoon raid at their Portland address. Members of the Portland Police Bureau Fraud & Forgery Unit, Patrol Division officers, and Vancouver Detectives conducted the successful raid and service of arrest warrants, including a vehicle seizure said to have been purchased with profit of the crime.

The two suspects are suspected of filing a total of 6 death claims including that on an ex-husband of Felicisima, Lyle R. Leach (55); Felicisima's son,

Orlando Labor, Jr. (5); and claims on Felicisima's own life.

Documents provided to the insurance companies as proof of death included counterfeit Philippine traffic accident reports, death certificates, funeral home receipts and other documents believed to have been produced in the Philippines by a relative and co-conspirator.

Subject Arrested After Police Standoff

On January 20, 2000 at 2:04 a.m. a search warrant was executed at 2212 Carlson Road #A1. This search warrant was issued to search the listed residence for a subject named Michael E. Martell, born December 03, 1967.

The reason for his arrest was two outstanding felony warrants from Oregon charging him with narcotics violations and listing him as a dangerous person.

The search warrant was a result of an investigation conducted by Street Crimes Detectives Wilken and Price.

The two detectives received information that Mr. Martell may be staying at this address. On January 19, 2000 at about 7:00 p.m. the detectives began watching the residence. Two hours later they observed a vehicle associated with Mr. Martell arrive at the residence. A afterwards they confirmed that he was inside and was the sole occupant of the apartment.

Additional officers were summoned to the area and several attempts were made to contact Mr. Martell. All attempts were met with negative results. After three hours, several on duty SWAT officers were called to assist. Street Crimes detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence and turned the incident over to SWAT.

At about 2:04 a.m. SWAT officers deployed the SAGE Less Lethal Weapon and fired one round striking Mr. Martell in the chest. Mr Martell promptly gave up without further incident. Mr. Martell was taken to the Southwest Washington Medical Center for treatment and later transported and lodged in the Clark County jail.

Picture yourself in the career of your dreams at the

Northwest Career Fair & Job Expo

Saturday, January 29th
Oregon Convention Center
10 am - 4 pm
FREE ADMISSION
Meet over 100 companies!
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