

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Court Sidesteps Elian Gonzalez Case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court rejected an appeal by a disbarred lawyer to order Elian Gonzalez to be returned to his father in Cuba. Robert A. Hirschfeld asked the justices to "cut short" legal and political maneuvering over the 6-year-old boy, whose mother drowned during their effort to leave the Communist island. Hirschfeld, who said he is the founder of the National Congress for Fathers and Children, said delaying the boy's return to his father could cause irreparable harm to their relationship.

Israel Gets Nuke Technology

JERUSALEM — Israel and the United States signed agreements that will give Israeli scientists access to some types of U.S. nuclear technology. The deals will increase cooperation between Israeli and U.S. scientists in 25 nuclear and non-nuclear areas, from particle theory to applications aimed at preventing proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, an Energy Secretary official said.

Ralph Nader Running for President

WASHINGTON — Ralph Nader said he's running once more for the presidential nomination of the environmentalist Green Party. He said he hopes to get on the ballots in as many as 45 states and win as much as 5 percent of the vote, diluting the support of both the Republicans and Democrats. "Politicians of these two parties only look back when you take away their vote," he said at a news conference. Consumer advocate lawyer Nader received less than 1 percent of the vote when he ran in 1996. He spent less than \$5,000, taking no contributions and personally financing his campaign.

Greenspan Cites Inflation Dangers

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan declared the current good times "unprecedented in my half-century of observing the American economy," but he cautioned that inflation dangers still exist and told financial markets to expect further interest rate increases. Ninety minutes before Greenspan presented the Federal Reserve's twice-a-year report to Congress, the Labor Department reported that wholesale prices were unchanged in January and that when the volatile energy and food sectors are excluded, the Producer Price Index fell by .2 percent.

Court to Study Traffic Stops

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed to decide whether police routinely can set up traffic checkpoints and stop motorists in hopes of catching people who sell or use illegal drugs. At issue is the scope of the Constitution's Fourth Amendment and its protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. Police generally need a court warrant or a reason to suspect someone of a crime before detaining them for several minutes.

Clinton Presses Africa on AIDS Plan

WASHINGTON — Citing "thousands of triumphs, large and small," President Clinton defended his Africa policy and pressed African nations to work harder on AIDS prevention before the disease cuts into their own productivity. In a speech before the National Summit on Africa, the president said the United States has worked aggressively on peacekeeping, education and economic revitalization since his 1998 visit. But continued progress depends on whether African leaders put the best interest of their people ahead of political concerns.

Microsoft Debuts New Windows System

REDMOND, Wash. — Microsoft Corp. is launching its newest product, Windows 2000, a new operating system for business computers, as the company tries to maintain its dominance in the worldwide software market. Although some companies have been running Windows 2000 on a test basis for months. The software package will debut at this company's Windows 2000 Expo in San Francisco. Despite its name, Windows 2000 is not a successor to the consumer-oriented Windows 98 but rather to the corporate system Windows NT 4.0.



Police News

Black History Month

BPA still seeking vandals

CONTRIBUTOR STORY FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Vandals who toppled a high voltage transmission tower two days before New Year's Day are still at large. Meanwhile, northwest ratepayers will foot the bill for the incident unless vandals are caught. The incident has cost Bonneville Power Administration approximately \$126,000. BPA is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals. No one lost power during the incident, but it did give the major incident during the year 2000 rollover. The incident occurred near where BPA's transmission line crosses U.S. Highway 20, approximately 37 miles

southeast of Bend, Ore. and 14 miles Northeast of Brothers.

"The power system operated as it's designed to operate during an incident like this," said Mike Berg, BPA security specialist. "Still, ratepayers didn't get away from cost to fix that towers and put the line back in service."

Calls to the BPA's Crime Witness Hot Line are toll free and confidential. The number is 1-800-437-2744. Anonymous calls can be made to the following agencies:
 FBI Bend (541) 389-1202
 Deschutes County Sheriff (541) 388-0170
 Oregon State Police (503) 375-3555
 FBI Portland (503) 552-5346

Shooting results in arrest of business owner

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On Wednesday, February 1, 2000, at 1:50 p.m., East Precinct Uniform Officers responded to a shooting at a laundromat located at N.E. Gilsan Street/79th Avenue. Officers located 31 year-old James Seville Rogers of Portland who had been wounded. Rogers was transported to OHSU hospital where he underwent surgery and is currently in stable condition. While at the laundromat officers were approached by 68 year-old Anthony Stathes the owner of Tune-up Specialties, an automotive repair business located at 8060 N.E. Gilsan Street. Stathes was subsequently identified as the shooter and transported to Detective Division for questioning. A handgun believed to be involved in the incident was recovered from inside his business. The two were acquainted and have reportedly been involved in disputes with each other in the past

Stathes was charged with Attempt Murder and lodged

at Multnomah County Detention Center with no bail.

Portland Police Bureau Homicide Detective Jon Rhodes and Shirley McLaughlin are conducting the investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call (503) 823-0479.

Crimestoppers

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the person or persons responsible for the murder of a cab driver.



Johnathan Johnson

On Saturday, February 5, 2000, at approximately 2:47 in the morning, officers responded to a report of a Broadway cab parked in the street at Northeast 41st Avenue and Prescott Street. The car was reported to have been at the location for about 30 minutes with the engine running.

Inside, officers found the body of 30-year-old Jonathan Gregory Johnson of Southeast Portland. Johnson had died of a gunshot wound to upper body.

Johnson's last known fare was believed to have been picked up in the area of Southeast 17th Avenue and Tenino Street. The fare may have called from a telephone booth at the location.

Crime stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in the case or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

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 8:30am Portland, OR - GI Joe's Shopping Center, On 82nd Ave., Between Taco Bell & GI Joe's
 9:00am Vancouver, WA - Vancouver Mall (Orchards Shopping Ct.) next to Miller's Paint sign in front of Fred Meyer
 9:45am Kelso, WA - Three Rivers Mall, north end of parking lot by Target
 11:00am Arrive Lucky Eagle Casino.
 3:00pm Depart Lucky Eagle Casino.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY
 7:45am Tualatin, OR - K Mart parking lot by Wendy's Restaurant
 8:30am Portland, OR - Hollywood Fred Meyer, west side parking lot behind store, Section C5
 8:45am Portland, OR - Safeway on MLK Ave., north side of parking lot (Cars cannot be left in Safeway's lot.)
 9:00am Portland, OR - Janzen Beach Mall, northeast end of parking lot by Tri Met sign in front of Ross
 9:15am Vancouver, WA - Fred Meyer north side, 78th st exit gravel lot
 9:30am Woodland, WA - Park & ride exit #21

TUESDAY & THURSDAY - CONT.
 9:45am Kelso, WA - Kalama River Inn
 10:00am Kelso, WA - Three Rivers Mall, north end of parking lot by Target & Red Lobster
 10:10am Castlerock, WA - Park & Ride at Exit #49
 11:00am Arrive Lucky Eagle Casino.
 3:00pm Depart Lucky Eagle Casino.

THURSDAY
 8:00am Oregon City, OR - Oregon City Shopping Center, west side of parking lot by shopping center sign
 8:30am Portland, OR - Mall 205 Shopping Center at Tri Met pick up sign, next to Sears
 9:00am Vancouver, WA - Vancouver Mall (Orchards Shopping Ct.) next to Miller's Paint sign in front of Fred Meyer
 10:00am Castle Rock, WA - Park & Ride Exit #49
 11:00am Arrive Lucky Eagle Casino.
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