

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Bush Angered by McCain Comments

CLEVELAND — George W. Bush criticized Republican presidential rival John McCain's efforts to paint him as anti-Catholic as spiteful, and said he expects to win the nomination and unite the party. Bush said he was "winning overwhelmingly" among Republicans and said "things are coming my way" as voters cast ballots in GOP primaries in Virginia, Washington state and North Dakota. McCain's success so far has relied on the help of independents and Democrats voting in open primaries.

Philippine Volcano Erupts Again

LEGAZPI, Philippines — Belching a column of ash and molten rock four miles high, Mayon Volcano erupted again, forcing scores of nearby residents to grab their clothes and cooking pans and run for their lives. Glowing red lava shot like fireworks into the sky. There were no immediate reports of casualties after the explosion, which experts said was the most powerful since Mayon began erupting earlier last month. The initial explosion was followed by lightning and continuous rumble, said Ernesto Corpuz of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.

Senegal Holds Presidential Elections

DAKAR, Senegal — International observers gave a thumbs up to Senegal's presidential elections, saying scattered violence and logistical problems failed to tarnish voting in one of Africa's oldest democracies. The head of observers from French-speaking nations, however, declined to predict whether the count — still underway — would be entirely fair, or the results accepted by the 2.7 million registered voters in this country of 10 million people. While many African countries hold elections, very few are considered truly free and fair. In West Africa, where votes often take place against the backdrop of military coups and civil wars, Senegal is one of few countries to hold regular ballots.

White House Releases Medicare Study

WASHINGTON — President Clinton released a new state-by-state study that he hopes will convince congressional Republicans to back away from a large tax cut and adopt his plan to overhaul Medicare and add a prescription drug benefit. He said the report will make it clear to lawmakers that if they pass "huge, risky tax cuts," there would be no money available to extend Medicare's life. Plus, he said, the report illustrates that their inclination toward limiting prescription benefits to only the poorest Medicare recipients would lock out a large number of elderly people with modest incomes who also need that coverage.

EU Endorses Force

SINTRA, Portugal — European Union defense ministers endorsed a timetable for creating a security force that will enable Europeans to defuse crises beyond their borders without American troops. The minister reiterated their pledge to create the so-called rapid reaction force of 50,000 to 60,000 troops by 2003. However, no nation stepped forward to contribute to the force, and officials said a "contributors' conference" will not be held until later this year. Beyond the commitment to lessen Europe's reliance on U.S. diplomacy and firepower to quell European conflicts, money was an issue of concern. The ministers acknowledged that success of a credible European security stance hinges above all on adequate funding.

U.S. May See Higher Gas Prices

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department says that continuing low stocks of gasoline and oil probably mean more gasoline price increases in the coming months. Although gasoline prices already have increased sharply, "We will likely see even higher prices this spring," John Cook of the Energy Information Administration told a Senate hearing. Cook said low inventories of crude oil and heating and diesel stocks led to the extremely sharp and sudden price increases in late January and early February, when average heating oil costs in the Northeast jumped 66 percent.

Police News

CrimeStoppers

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying apprehending the suspect in a robbery. On Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at approximately 10:15 in the morning, an individual known to store employees as "Robert," walked into Pacific Orient Traders, that sells oriental objects. The suspect waited until he was alone in the store with the female victim, at which time he displayed a handgun

and demanded the wedding ring she was wearing. When she refused, the suspect beat her with a gun and took the ring from the finger. The suspect is described as a white male, 35 to 40 years of age, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, weighing 150 to 160 pounds, clean shaven, with

reddish blond hair and cleft lip. He was armed with a small silver colored handgun. The stolen ring is described as white gold, with a 1.55-carat solitaire diamond surrounded by 18 baguette diamonds. 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 Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.



Police most wanted web page snares felony suspects

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Vancouver Police Services' Most Wanted web page, launched in late 1999, has already led to the arrest of at least four criminal suspects. The offenses of those caught by the local web page include failure to register as a sex offender and possession and sale of narcotics. Vancouver's Most Wanted web page features criminal suspect being sought for felony offense. Many are repeat offenders. "This web page is another important tool for fighting crime," observes SGT. Dave King. "It has helped us to catch wanted criminals faster than we would have otherwise. It's real success." One felony suspect was caught when someone recognized him from the web and called Vancouver Police with information on where and when the suspect worked. When police showed up at the suspect's place of employment, he peacefully surrendered. Another was caught after a Clark PUD employee, who had recently visited the web page, recognized a suspect while on a work-related service call. The web page has also been used by other local agencies who may have information of use to Vancouver Police Services. The Police Most Wanted web page is updated regularly and includes pictures and details of 25 to 30 criminal suspects. It currently receives an average of 525 visitors per week. Citizens with information are urged not to attempt to apprehend the suspect but, rather, to call Vancouver Police Services. The Police Most Wanted web page is part of the City of Vancouver website, which offers some 200 pages of information on City services and programs. The Most Wanted page can be found at: <http://www.ci.Vancouver.us/vanpd/wanted.htm>

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- 9:00am Vancouver, WA - K-Mart at Andreson & 4th Plain, park next to Millers Point Building.
- 9:45am Kelso, WA - Three Rivers Mall, north end of parking lot between Target & Red Lobster.
- 11:00am Arrive Lucky Eagle Casino.
- 3:00pm Depart Lucky Eagle Casino.

TUESDAY

- 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 C-5.
- 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 gravel parking lot, 78th St. Exit.
- 9:30am Woodland, WA - Park & Ride Exit #21.
- 9:45am Kalama, WA - Kalama River Inn.
- 10:00am Kelso, WA - Three Rivers Mall, north end of parking lot between Target & Red Lobster.
- 10:10am Castlerock, WA - 49er Restaurant parking lot, Exit #49.
- 11:00am Arrive Lucky Eagle Casino.
- 3:00pm Depart Lucky Eagle Casino.

WEDNESDAY

- (Starts March 15th)
- 8:30am Scappoose, OR - Fred Meyer by Fred Meyer sign.
- 8:45am St. Helens, OR - Park & Ride on Milton Way, between Columbia Rd. & St. Helens St.
- 9:15am Rainier, OR - Crazy B's back of parking lot.
- 10:00am Longview, WA - Triangle Mall parking lot east of Cowlitz Bank.
- 11:00am Arrive Lucky Eagle Casino.
- 3:00pm Depart Lucky Eagle Casino.

THURSDAY

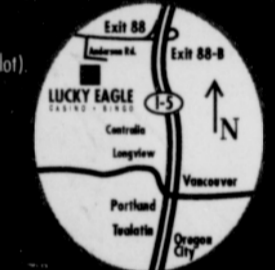
- (New change March 9th)
- 7:45am Wilsonville, OR - Call for details.
- 8:00am Oregon City, OR - Oregon City Shopping Center, west side of parking lot by shopping center sign.
- 8:30am Portland, OR - GI Joe's Shopping Ctr. on 82nd Ave. between Taco Bell and GI Joe's.
- 9:00am Vancouver, WA - K-Mart at Andreson & 4th Plain, park next to Millers Point Building.
- 10:00am Castle Rock, WA - Three Rivers Mall north end of parking lot between Target & Red Lobster.
- 11:00am Arrive Lucky Eagle Casino.
- 3:00pm Depart Lucky Eagle Casino.

FRIDAY

- (Starts March 17th)
- 8:00am Hillsboro, OR - Far east side of the Target Shopping Center by Burger King.
- 8:30am Beaverton, OR - On 110th, public parking on street, (do not park in Wards parking lot)
- 9:00am Portland, OR - Safeway on MLK Ave. North side of lot (no parking in Safeway lot).
- 9:45am Kalama, WA - Kalama River Inn.
- 11:00am Arrive Lucky Eagle Casino.
- 3:00pm Depart Lucky Eagle Casino.

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