

# THE WEEK IN REVIEW

## 2 kids killed in bus, train crash

TENNGA, Ga. - Two children were killed and five critically injured when a train slammed into a school bus near the Georgia-Tennessee line, splitting it in two. Officials said the CSX train hit the bus just inside Tennessee and dragged it into Georgia. No one on the train was injured, said a spokeswoman for CSX. The bus had crossed into Polk County, Tenn., to turn around and head back to Georgia when it was hit. The bus driver is in stable condition at a hospital. A witness says the crash sounded like thunder or a bomb blowing up.

## Elian's Miami relatives lash out at INS

MIAMI - Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives lashed out at immigration authorities, saying they had not signed an agreement demanded by the government to promise to surrender the 6-year-old if they lose their court fight. Through a spokesman, they said the authorities vowed to remove Elian if an agreement wasn't signed soon. The relatives met with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and said no agreement had been signed to let the boy return to Cuba if the family loses the court fight. The INS says Elian's temporary permission to stay in the United States would end at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 30 unless the family provided a written guarantee to give him up.

## Court cuts police power to search

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that police generally cannot stop and search someone for a gun based on an anonymous tip accurately describing only that person's location and clothing. The justices said Miami police acted unlawfully in 1995 when they searched and arrested a juvenile, identified in court records as J.L., who was carrying a gun. Police had received an anonymous tip that three black youths were standing in front of a pawn shop and that the one in a plaid shirt was carrying a concealed gun.

## Court sidesteps student bankruptcy

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court steered clear of a dispute over people who file for federal bankruptcy protection and then try to avoid paying back student loans from state-run colleges and universities. The justices rejected an appeal in which Kansas officials said state schools are immune from such maneuvers because the Constitution's 11th Amendment shields them from being sued in federal court. Lower courts ruled against such immunity, but Kansas' appeal was supported by a friend-of-the-court brief filed in behalf of 24 other states.

## Iran holds out on oil production

VIENNA, Austria - Iran is the only OPEC member holding out against an agreement to increase petroleum output by as much as 7 percent, the Saudi Arabian oil minister said. The oil ministers are trying to reach a consensus that could lead to some reductions in gas prices. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have backed a production increase of 1.5 million to 1.7 million barrels a day. Iran has proposed boosting daily production by no more than 1.2 million barrels of crude - an amount that probably would do little to reduce world oil prices.



# Police News/Vancouver

## Crime Stoppers

Arson investigators from the Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Fire Bureau in cooperation with Crime Stoppers are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Humberto Lara Fernandez. A felony arrest warrant is on file charging Fernandez with 14 counts of Arson in the First Degree. Bail has been set at \$3,500,000.



The warrant stems from an incident in which Fernandez is believed to have set fire to an apartment building with 11 occupants inside. Although the residents were safely evacuated, a firefighter was injured fighting the blaze. Damage to the building is estimated at \$100,000. Humberto Lara Fernandez is described as a 31-year-old Hispanic male with a date of birth of August 23, 1968. Fernandez is 5'7" tall, weighing 180 pounds with black

hair and brown eyes. Investigators believe he may have grown a beard. 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 any unsolved felony crime, can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

## Murdock Charitable Trust awards EMO's Hopewell House \$250,000

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The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust has announced a two-year grant of \$250,000 for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Hopewell House. The funding will support care for patients who have no insurance or need financial assistance as well as an expansion of EMO volunteer training and end-of-life care community education program. As part of the grant, EMO has been challenged to raise \$50,000 in matching funds by December 31, 2000.

For over ten years, Hopewell House has provided compassionate and comprehensive end-of-life care to Oregonians. As a part of EMO's compassionate care and education division, Hopewell House also offers grief education and support groups as well as education

training for individuals interested in providing hospice care. A two-day workshop on hospice and end-of-life-care will be held the weekend of June 3 and 4.

Hopewell House is located at 6171 SW Capitol Highway in Southwest Portland. Its specially trained staff members are skilled in the unique needs of hospice patients as well as the emotional, spiritual and practical concerns of patients, families and friends. Hopewell House is dedicated to offering comfort and dignity to patients.

EMO is an association of 15 Christian denominations including Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant religious bodies that work together to improve the lives of Oregonians. For more information, call Melinda Smith, Director of EMO's Compassionate Care Division, at (503) 244-7890.

## Arrest made on 1982 homicide

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witnesses that lead to the indictment and arrest of Mr. Santmyer. Information from Captain Brain Martinek 251-2515; page 271-1217

Police arrested a man Sunday (03/19/00) accused of the murder of Kimberly Kae Basel. Multnomah County Sheriff's detectives obtained an indictment for Murder against John Albert Santmyer (04/22/63) last weeks. Mr. Santmyer was subsequently arrested on that indictment and on two outstanding arrest warrants from Washington County (Probation Violations. Mr. Santmyer is lodged at MDCD and will be arraigned at 10:30 today.

Multnomah County sheriff's detectives re-opened a homicide investigation from 1982 involving the disappearance and death of Kimberly Kae Basel (04/01/63). The case was reopened in February of 1998 when detectives received a tip about the whereabouts of her body. Detectives and OSP crime lab personnel went to a rural sight in Wasco County where they found the remain of Ms. Basel buried there. The medical examiners office was not able to determine the cause of death.

Ms. Basel was living in the Multnomah county area at the time of her disappearance. She was last in contact with her family in October of 1982. During that time the Portland police and the Clackamas County Sheriff's office were investigating Ms. Basel for unrelated incidents. In 1983 a missing person report was filed with the Multnomah County Sheriff's office based on her last address being in Multnomah County on NE 202 Ave. Detectives investigated the disappearance until 1990 when the case was suspended. In February of 1998 the sheriff's office received the tip about Ms. Basel's body and the investigation was reopened. Detectives had identified persons who they believe to be suspects in the murder and/or removal of the body from the murder location to Wasco County. Detectives believe that Ms. Basel was murdered in Multnomah County and transported to Wasco County.

In the past two years Multnomah County Sheriff's detectives, with assistance from Portland Police, Clackamas County S.O. and AFT, followed up leads, Conducted interviews and found evidence and

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## Slide show highlights Vancouver's sister city in Japan

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A Tale of Two Cities - our own and Vancouver's Sister City in Japan - will be featured in a free slide show presentation at the Marshall House

on Thursday, March 30, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The presentation reflects the travels of Vancouver residents David and Dorothy Dee Workman who have often visited Vancouver Replica, which was built as a playground for children and to help

make Joyo City children aware of the Sister City relationship with Vancouver.

The public is invited to see the slides and learn more about the connection we can have with friends halfway around the world.



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