

# THE WEEK IN REVIEW

## U.S. Jets Bomb Iraqi Air Defense

ISTANBUL, Turkey - U.S. warplanes bombed Iraq's air defense system in response to anti-aircraft fire over the northern no-fly zone. U.S. and British planes have been patrolling no-fly zones in north and south Iraq, set up in the aftermath of the 1991 Persian Gulf War to protect Kurdish and Shiite populations from the forces of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

## Russia Will Stay Course in Chechnya

MOSCOW - Russia says it will continue to battle rebels in Chechnya despite a decision to suspend Moscow's voting rights in the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly. The assembly suspended Russia's voting rights and proposed the suspension of its membership if it does not meet several demands on Chechnya, including immediate talks with the rebels. Assembly members have been critical of what they call excessive use of force and civilian suffering in the Russian campaign against Chechen separatists.

## Company Sequences Human Genome

WASHINGTON - A private company striving to map the human genetic code reported that it has completed a major step in the project - sequencing the genome. Celera Genomics of Rockville, Md., said it has finished the sequencing phase of one person's genetic code and will now begin to assemble the genetic fragments into their proper order. The human genome is a biological map laying out the exact sequence of the estimated 3.5 billion pairs of chemicals that make up the DNA in each human cell.

## Greenspan Defends Rate Hikes

WASHINGTON - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan defended the central bank's five interest rate increases over the past 10 months as necessary to keep inflation at bay. While expressing optimism that the recent upsurge in productivity gains could be maintained, Greenspan said the central bank still needed to move to keep the strong economy from triggering rising cost pressures.

## Judge considers punishment for Microsoft

WASHINGTON - The judge who ruled that Microsoft illegally competed by taking advantage of its monopoly power set a schedule to consider what kind of punishment to impose on the software giant. U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson is scheduled to begin holding hearings on the case on May 24, sources said. He gave attorneys for the Justice Department and the 19 states suing Microsoft until April 30 to submit their proposed remedies. Jackson gave Microsoft two weeks to respond to that proposal, and the government another week for a rebuttal.



# Police News/Vancouver

## Statement by Mayor Vera Katz

### • Regarding Escort Service Ordinance

"Sex escort services operating in the Portland area now number in the hundreds. The Portland Police Bureau has documented that prostitution is associated with escort businesses approximately 80 percent of the time. Just weeks ago, Portland Police arrested an escort service owner for prostitution in the Dunthorpe neighborhood.

"Prostitution is not a victimless crime and it is not a trivial offense. Closely linked to prostitution activities are crimes involving drugs, rape, molestation, kidnapping, child abuse, and other criminal conduct with a devastating impact on women and children. Prostitution and the operation of escort and lingerie services have significant negative impacts on the livability of our city and the safety of our citizens.

"The personal escort/modeling ordinance passed by City Council in September was an attempt to establish some regulatory tools which would help identify and stop those people who persist in violating the criminal laws. Development of the escort ordinance was a long and arduous process. The legal issues are complicated and the standards for regulating sexually oriented businesses under the Oregon constitution are unique in the country. The City took pains to refine the definition of regulated activities to narrowly cover only those persons or entities which sell a product which has or would reasonably be perceived as having a purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of a patron.

"The ordinance was challenged in court immediately following Council approval. In court, the city introduced substantial evidence linking the sex escort industry with criminal prostitution activities. Nonetheless, the trial judge, a seasoned former prosecutor, ruled that the ordinance was invalid under the Oregon state constitution.

"The City Attorney has carefully studied the judge's decision and reviewed the options with me. I am disappointed to report we found the judge's opinion leaves no room for effective civil regulation of the escort industry, and that an appeal would be futile given the courts; interpretation of the Oregon constitution.

"Instead, Police Chief Mark Kroeker will be looking at ways we can make additional resources available to increase criminal investigations of the local sex escort industry. We need to address the abuse of women and children and degradation of our community with the tools that the courts allow us to employ. I am committed to using the tools that are available in the most aggressive way possible and to continuing to look for creative ways to maintain and improve the livability of our City."

## Vancouver issues annual report

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On Thursday, April 6, the City of Vancouver issued its 1999 Annual Report. The 20-page document highlights the accomplishments of the past year by various City services and outlines plans for the current year. Similar to the recent community survey, the Annual Report is part of the city's efforts to communicate with residents as it embarks on a process to update the City's Strategic Plan. "The Annual report is one way to inform citizens about how we are doing, how we hold ourselves accountable and our future plan," says City Manager Veron Stoner. The report identifies many positive results and challenges facing City services. In the area of public safety, both police and fire services met their goals for how quickly they respond to life threatening emergencies. New park and trail development

projects are continuing at a steady pace and several economic development projects were approved that will bring more residents and jobs to the downtown area.

As noted in the Community Survey, solving transportation infrastructure needs and traffic congestion continues to be a challenge.

To address these issues, the City will be involving citizens to identify options as it develops a new citywide transportation system plan this year. "It is impossible to adequately cover all of what we've done or plan to do in a single document," Stoner adds. "This report is part of our continuous conversation with the community. We hope the Public finds the report to be a useful reference as well as a way to hold the City accountable for what we plan to do in the year 2000." Copies of the report can be obtained by calling (360) 696-9821 or visit the City's web site at [www.ci.Vancouver.wa.us](http://www.ci.Vancouver.wa.us)

## Vandals shoot out power line insulators

### • BPA offers up to \$1,000 for information

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The Bonneville Power Administration is offering up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals who caused damage to a power line located about five miles west of Snohomish. The damage to the pole and potential loss or revenue due to the outage is estimated at \$15,000.

Vandals shot out insulators on BPA's Snohomish-Beverly Park 115,000-volt line on April 1, causing high-voltage transmission line to fall into another, resulting in a significant power outage on the affected line. BPA's transmission line maintenance crews repaired several insulators.

Service was lost to Beverly Park Substation, which is operated by Puget Sound Energy, due to the vandalism.

"Not only are these senseless acts of vandalism costly, but they are also

dangerous," reported Mike Berg, security specialist for BPA, "Anyone foolish enough to shoot at power lines is taking a huge risk. Downed lines can cause ground voltages that can kill or seriously injure the vandals themselves."

Vandalism accounts for millions of dollars in damage to the Northwest power system each year. These costs get passed on to customers and ratepayers. Above and beyond these monetary costs and inconveniences are the possible disruption of essential services - for departments, police and ambulance - that depend on reliable service.

Since 1994, BPA's Crime Witness Program has generated hundreds of tips resulting in dozens of arrests and thousands of dollars of recovered property, and most importantly, deterrence of future crime. In 1999, a total of 202 insulator units were replaced, representing an 88 percent decrease from the historic average of 1,723 units replaced each year prior to the institution of the program. Cumulative saving since the program began totals more than \$2,000,000. Informants can call toll free 1-800-437-2744. The identity of informants is kept strictly confidential.

# 2000

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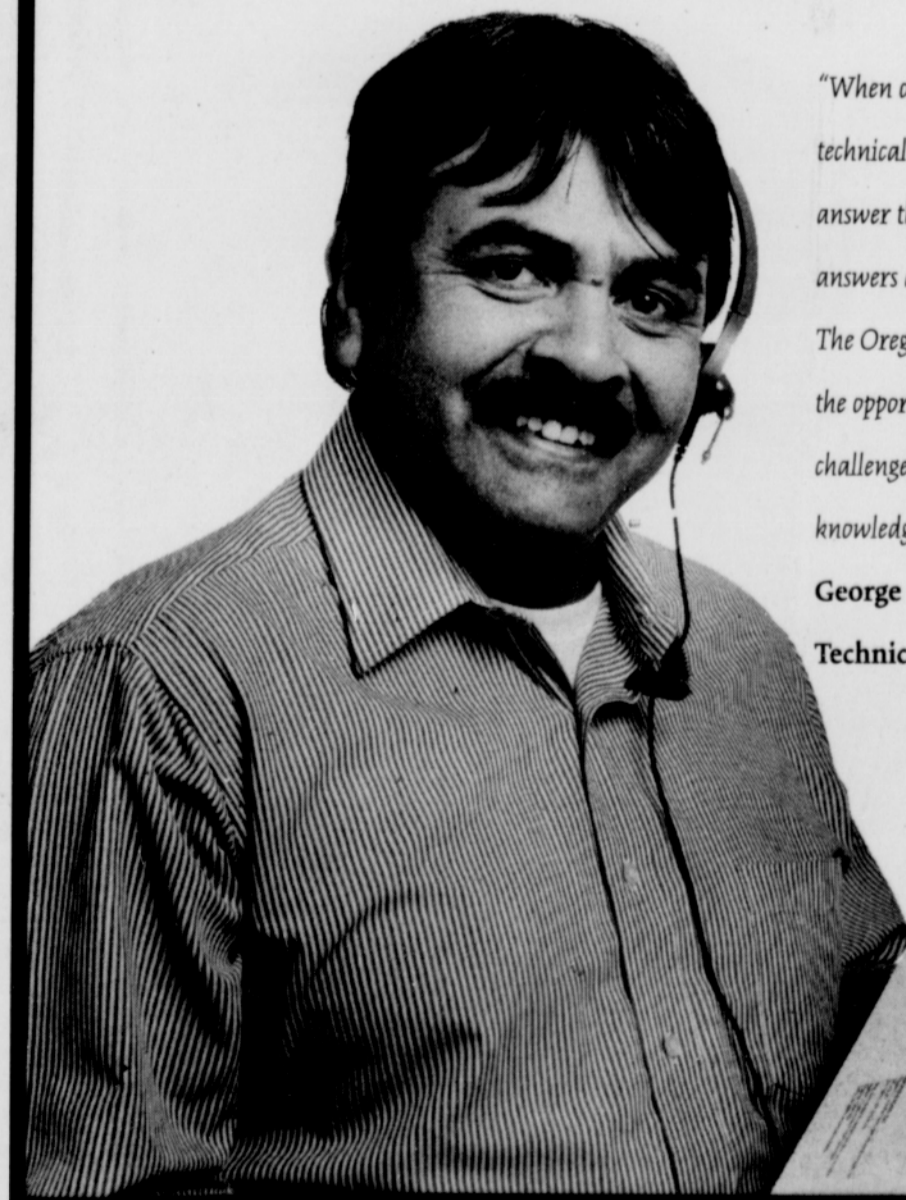
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