

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

China Reacts to Taiwan Arms Buy

BEIJING - Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi said the government is urging the United States to stop all arms sales to Taiwan, including long-range warning radar, "so as not to obstruct the improvement of China-U.S. relations." Beijing has long protested sales of any kind of weaponry to Taiwan, which it considers to be a renegade province that should reunify with the mainland. The two sides split amid civil war 51 years ago. The United States is one of the few nations that risks China's ire and sells Taiwan defensive weapons.

Protestors Scuffle With Police

WASHINGTON - A small group of protesters tried in vain to disrupt international finance meetings, but most of the delegates had already been transported to summit sites before daybreak. The protests were much smaller than those intended to disrupt the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings. Demonstrators clashed with officers in riot gear and dozens of arrests were made. At one intersection, helmeted police fired pepper spray to disperse demonstrators who were trying to storm barricades. But the feared massive traffic jam didn't materialize as many federal workers followed the advice of superiors and took the day off.

Third World Wants Spread of Wealth

HAVANA - Representing 80 percent of Earth's population, leaders of developing nations called for a New Global Human Order to spread the world's wealth and power. The three-day summit was the first by the Group of 77, which has expanded to 133 countries since its founding in 1964. Dozens of presidents and prime ministers complained that globalization of the world's economic and information systems had done little but damage their countries, despite their great promise.

U.S. Warplanes Bomb Iraqi Sites

ISTANBUL, Turkey - U.S. jets bombed Iraq's air defense system after being fired upon by Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery in the northern no-fly zone, the U.S. military said. Iraq does not recognize the no-fly zones set up in the north and south of the country in the aftermath of the 1991 Persian Gulf War to protect Kurdish and Shiite populations from Iraqi forces.

Court Rules on Search Ramifications

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court ruled that police are conducting a search, and therefore must comply with constitutional requirements, when they squeeze someone's luggage to determine if drugs might be inside. The decision in a Texas case said a U.S. Border Patrol agent who felt a bus passenger's bag violated the Constitution's Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable searches. The bag later was found to contain drugs. The recent decision reverses the conspiracy and drug-possession convictions of Steven Dewayne Bond, who was a passenger on a Greyhound bus stopped at an immigration checkpoint in Sierra Blanca, Texas.

Petroleum Cos. Sued Over Additive

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. - A lawsuit filed on behalf of well owners in 16 states accuses the nation's largest petroleum companies of knowing about the potential dangers of the gasoline additive MTBE for nearly two decades. The lawsuit asks that the companies be ordered to pay for the testing of wells and either the installation of filtering systems or connection to alternative water supplies. The attorneys claim that once MTBE contaminates groundwater, a foul taste and odor leaves the water virtually unusable and unfit for human consumption.



Police News/Vancouver

Volunteer and learning opportunities scheduled for Earth Day 2000

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In celebration of Earth Day 2000, the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Americorps volunteer are inviting the public to an Earth Day event at Crown Continental Park. The event is on Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The park is located at NE 9th Ave. and 105th St. Volunteers will have the opportunity help remove English ivy and Himalayan blackberries; and plant trees and shrubs to protect the habitat and help restore the Salmon Creek watershed.

There will be games and art projects for kids and adults, as well as a guided tour of the evergreen fishery. Commemorate the day by creating a beautiful fish-print, Earth Day shirts and paper mache salmon!

Americorps Spring Events Calendar:

Americorps has additional volunteer opportunities this spring. All events are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. Wear waterproof shoes and long pants. Bring water and a snack. Bring your own gloves and a shovel, or use the small supply of gloves and shovels provided by Americorps. When looking for the sites, watch for "volunteers at work" sign

April 8th: "Restore Your Watershed", Jorgenson Park, NW Anderson Ave., NW 72nd Circle Remove English Ivy and blackberry in a wetland area, and plant native plants. April 15th: "Get wild in the Park", Frenchman's Bar 8 miles west of I-5 Lower River Rd.

Left on SR 501. Planting a hedgerow of native shrubs and trees to provide food and shelter for birds and mammals.

May 20th: "Spring Cleaning", Salmon Creek Park, meet at sports complex parking lot at 117 St. walk along Salmon Creek to learn about the watershed and clean up the stream.

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Arrest made in cab homicide

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Arrest In Broadway Cab Homicide On Saturday, February 5, 2000, at approximately 2:47 a.m., Northeast Precinct officers responded to a call of a Broadway cab parked in the street in the 4500 block of N.E. 41st Avenue. The cab had reportedly been there with the engine running for approximately 30 minutes. Upon arrival officers found the driver, 30 year-old Jonathan Gregory Johnson, deceased from a gunshot wound to the upper torso.

Portland Police Homicide Detectives Cheryl Kanzler and Paul Weatheroy, who have been conducting an

ongoing investigation into the Murder, developed information that pointed them to a suspect.

On Tuesday, April 11, 2000, the suspect, 27 year-old Morrice Abdul James, was arrested by the Clark County Sheriff's office on Assault IV (domestic violence).

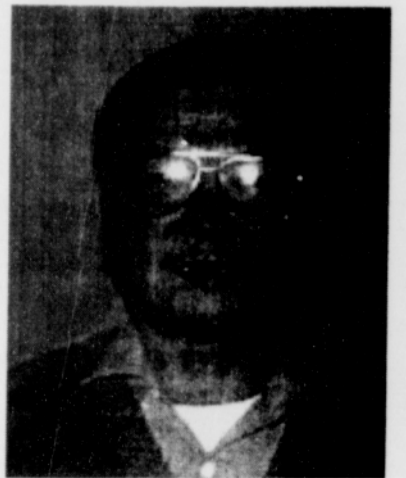
Since then, detectives presented information to a Multnomah County Grand Jury which resulted in a indictment against James on three counts of Aggravated Murder, one count of Robbery in the First Degree, one count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and one count of Tampering with Evidence. Morrice Abdul James was arraigned on Tuesday, April 18th, at the downtown Justice Center.

Burglary

The Portland Police Bureau's, Youth Gun Anti-Violence Task Force, in Cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in solving a series of burglaries in which a large number of firearms were taken. The burglaries occurred in February and March 2000, at the Shooters Service Center, located at 8242 North Lombard Street.

Firearms taken in the burglaries are believed to have been sold to individuals living in the Saint Johns area of North Portland. Investigators would like to hear from anyone who may have information on the burglaries or the location of stolen firearms.

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.

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