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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Life in Prison for leader of 1995 Gas Attack

TOKYO—A former doomsday cult leader was sentenced to life in prison for the 1995 nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subways that killed 12 people and sickened thousands. Yoshihiro Inoue, 30, was one of five Aum Shinri Kyo agents accused of being directly involved in the gas attack. Cultists spread nerve gas in subway trains as the trains converged on Tokyo's central government district during morning rush hour.

Fighting Delays School

MANILA, Philippines—About 120,000 students, mostly elementary pupils, will be unable to attend regular classes in the southern Philippines because of ongoing clashes between the military and Muslim separatist rebels, officials said. Students elsewhere in the Philippines returned to school, but fighting has forced at least 195,000 people from their homes in the southern Mindanao region.

Prime Minister Taken Hostage

WELLINGTON, New Zealand—Rebels on one side of an ethnic conflict in the Solomon Islands captured the prime minister, put up roadblocks around the capital and overran key installations, including police stations, officials from Australia and New Zealand said. However, the rest of the government remained in power and planned to meet to discuss the future of the prime minister, who had offered to resign last week, the New Zealand officials said.

Police Rescue Hostages in Luxembourg

WASSERBILLIG, Luxembourg—Police stormed a day care center, shooting a hostage-taker and freeing 25 children and three teachers and ending a 30-hour standoff. All those freed were reported safe. Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker said police were forced to take action when the man demanded to flee in a car with three children. On the promise of an interview, the gunman was drawn to a spot where the police had a clear shot. The fake television crew then pulled weapons and shot him twice in the head.

Ethiopia Says War with Eritrea is Over

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia—Ethiopia has retaken all its territory from Eritrea and considers the Horn of Africa war over, a government spokeswoman said. The announcement signaled Ethiopia was prepared to stop fighting after a 19-day offensive that forced Eritrea back from its disputed border and other points Ethiopia said were rightfully its own. In Asmara, the Eritrean capital, the government insisted the war would end only when Ethiopia retreated from all undisputed Eritrean land taken in this month's offensive.

Crucial Space Module Set for July Launch

MOSCOW—A critical Russian-built segment of the International Space Station has passed all tests in plenty of time for its July launch, the Russian space agency said. Launch of the Zvezda (Star) module, which is intended to house the station's crew, has been delayed for more than two years. First, the government was short of funds to build it. Then, Proton booster rockets, the model that will carry Zvezda into orbit, crashed in launches twice last year. Now, officials say, those problems have been resolved.

Unsolved murder cases require public help



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So far this year, a total of 4 murders have been committed in the City of Portland, according to the Portland Police Bureau's Homicide Detail. Of these 4 murder cases currently being dealt with by the PPB, 1 murder remains unsolved. In 1999 there were 38 murders committed in Portland, of which 11 remain still unsolved by the PPB's Homicide Detail. In 1998 there were 31 murders committed here, of which 14 cases still remain unsolved by the PPB.

The four murders so far represent a decrease from the same time period last year, when 14

murders occurred, according to PPB spokesman Sgt. Henry Groepper. The amount represents a 71 percent decrease from last year. Oftentimes people commit the crime of murder for economic reasons like needing money because they are out of work, Sgt. Groepper said. Other reasons might include greed, such as when the murderer wants a person's insurance policy settlement money so he or she murders the victim to get it. However, in economic times that are rosy like the present, murders will sometimes go down. "Oftentimes people who have access to employment don't commit robberies," Groepper said. Gang related murders are more likely to

decrease if the public receives more education about gangs leading to preventative measures against them causing gang related crimes to decrease, Groepper said. According to the PPB's Public Information Officer, Det. Sgt. Mike Hefley, the PPB is unable to solve murder cases often for a variety of reasons, which often include either lack of witnesses to the crimes or lack of information about them. During a homicide case, these two factors often lead to the PPB's Homicide Detail reaching a dead end, Det. Sgt. Hefley said. "There's nowhere to go on the case. Each one is different," he said. Last year in the City of Portland, there were a

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PCC President Dan Moriarty announces retirement

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Dan Moriarty, president of Portland Community College since 1986, announced to the PCC board last week that he will retire effective September 2001. Moriarty told the board he wanted to give them sufficient notice to conduct a search for his replacement and to let the college community know about his plans before the faculty left for the summer. "By the time I leave, I'll have served as PCC president for 15 years, and I can't imagine a better job. I have very much enjoyed my years here, and am confident that PCC is well poised to continue its tradition of outstanding service to the community," Moriarty said. Moriarty will leave the college at a time of unprecedented growth. When he took over as president in 1986, headcount enrollment was 60,000. Today it is more than 90,000. In 1986 the college had just passed an adequate tax base and was in a period of recovery after declaring financial exigency months before. During Moriarty's tenure, the Cascade and Rock Creek campuses became full-fledged campuses and enrollment increased by approximately 66 percent. Thanks to the passage of a \$62 million bond measure in 1992, the college opened two additional workforce-training centers in central Portland and in Washington County to better meet the needs of its growing community. In 1998, the college purchased and renovated property in Northeast Portland,



PCC President Dan Moriarty

which, with the existing Southeast Center, now comprises four workforce-training centers across PCC's district. Moriarty has been active in local, state and national educational organizations and issues. He served as chair of the board of directors of the American Association of Community Colleges in 1995-98 and as a member of the executive board of the American Council on Education and its Commission on Teacher Education. He is currently a member of the board of the Northeast Association of

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Schools and Colleges, which accredits educational institutions. He has been president of COMBASE, an educational consortium of community colleges and president of the National Council of Instructional Administrators. Moriarty has also served on the board of the Portland Chambers of Commerce, the Private Industry Council, Portland Leaders Roundtable, City of Portland Future Focus, the St. Vincent Hospital Advisory Board and the Business Education Compact. Moriarty holds a doctoral degree in higher education from George Washington University. His master's and bachelor's degrees are both from Catholic University in Washington, DC. His career spans 39 years in education, both at the community college and K-12 levels. Before coming to Portland, Moriarty served as president of Triton Community College and was faculty member and student affairs administrator at Baltimore County (Maryland) Community College. Moriarty and his wife have three grown children who live in Chicago, New Jersey and San Francisco. PCC board chair Harold Williams said he expects the board will do a national search to find a new president for PCC. "This college is one of the finest in the nation," Williams said. "Dan Moriarty's shoes will be hard to fill, and the board is sorry to see him leave. But he's ready to do some different things with his life and we respect that decision. So, we will definitely take our time to make sure we can find the best person for the next period in PCC's history." Moriarty is PCC's third president. Founding President Amo De Bernardis served from 1961 to 1979. John Anthony was president from 1980 to 1985. Jim Van Dyke served as acting president during 1985-86, and Moriarty took over in the summer of 1986.

Lewis testifies in murder trial

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ray Lewis placed a laser pointer in his fist and showed jurors Tuesday how his friend held a knife and described striking a man repeatedly during street brawl that left two men dead after the Super Bowl. The NFL star, testifying one day after murder charges against him were dropped, said he asked Joseph Sweeting what happened in the hours after the Jan. 31 fight. Sweeting said, "Every time they hit me, I hit them." Lewis testified, showing how Sweeting brandished a knife in a closed fist and moved it back and forth in a punching motion. Lewis said the fight, which happened outside an Atlanta club after a Super Bowl party, was over so quickly he couldn't tell if Sweeting or defendant Reginald Oakley—who still faces murder charges—had stabbed the two men. Lewis said the knife was not bloody and Sweeting had no blood on him when they returned to their hotel. Lewis testified that Oakley, whom Lewis had met only a few times, told him he didn't stab anyone. Sweeting and Oakley are charged with murder and assault in the stabbings of Jacinth Baker and Richard Lollar. They face up to life in prison if convicted. Murder and assault charges against Lewis were dropped Monday after he pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and agreed to testify about what he saw. "I never did anything," Lewis said after leaving court. "I was nothing in this whole case but a witness the whole time. And what I just said today is to prove to the world that I've always been a witness." When asked whether Lewis' testimony was going to hurt the remaining defendants, Lewis' lawyer Ed Garland said, "I think it both hurt and helped them. ... It was a mixed bag." The Baltimore Ravens linebacker testified that he left the Cobalt nightclub with his friends around 4 a.m. when Oakley got into an argument with a group of men. Lewis said he tried to break up the argument by taking Oakley back to his limousine. "Reginald was the aggressor at the time that I was walking up," Lewis said. "He was really hostile toward the other two guys." A few moments later, the group of men walked past Lewis' limousine and then turned around and came back. Oakley jumped out of the limousine, and one of the victims, Jacinth Baker, smacked him in the head with a champagne bottle. "Honestly, all hell broke loose from that point," Lewis said. Sweeting tried to help Oakley, but never made it because two men attacked him and dragged him behind a tree, Lewis said. Then he saw Sweeting regain his footing and start throwing punches and fighting back. Lewis said he saw Oakley and another member of Lewis' group, Carlos Stafford, fighting with Baker. He said Oakley punched Baker four or five times in the chest while Stafford was kicking him. "That was a frantic fight," Lewis said. "They were really going at it." In his opening statements, prosecutor Paul Howard told jurors that both victims were stabbed several times in the chest. He told jurors the killers held their knives in their fists and delivered the death blows in a punching motion, so witnesses could not see the weapons. Lewis admitted obstructing the investigation by telling his party to keep quiet and then giving a false statement to police. The 25-year-old Lewis will serve a year's probation under Georgia's first offender law. His record could be cleared if he successfully completes his sentence.