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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Russia, China Denounce U.S. Missile Shield

BEIJING — The Russian and Chinese presidents denounced U.S. plans to build an anti-missile shield, saying such a system poses "the most grave, adverse consequences." Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Russian President Vladimir Putin issued joint remarks after a three-hour meeting behind closed doors. They said that the 28-year-old Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty prohibiting missile defense shields should not be changed.

Spaniards Hold Rallies to Protest Violence

MALAGA, Spain — Hundreds of thousands of people marched in Malaga and other Spanish cities to protest a string of attacks blamed on Basque separatists, including the slaying of a politician. By far the biggest rally was in Malaga, the southern city where town councilor Jose Maria Martin Carpena was shot dead recently. His death was the sixth blamed on ETA since the group ended a 14-month truce in December.

OPEC Signals It May Boost Production

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC's president has advised members of the group to be ready to implement their part of a 500,000-barrel-a-day production increase by the end of July, the official OPEC news service said. Under OPEC's so-called "price-band" mechanism, the producers are to raise output targets by 500,000 barrels per day if the price of the reference basket of OPEC crudes remains above \$28 per barrel for 20 consecutive trading days.

Plane Crash in India kills Nearly 60

PATNA, India — A jet smashed into two homes just over a mile from its destination, killing nearly 60 people on board and on the ground and leaving weeping relatives digging through flaming wreckage in search of survivors. The Alliance Air plane crashed while making a second attempt to land at an airport in Patna, an eastern Indian city. What was left of the plane came to rest against a brick house, smashing the house's ceiling and wall.

Bashar Assad Sworn in as Syria's President

DAMASCUS, Syria — Bashar Assad took over Syria's presidency from his late father, quickly rejecting Western-style democracy and saying his father's strategy has "proved a great success until this very day." Just as Hafez Assad had planned, his son became Syria's 16th head of state, beginning a seven-year term with a swearing-in ceremony and an inaugural address.

Legacy of AIDS: Millions of orphans

DURBAN, South Africa — By 2010, the total orphan population in Africa, Asia and Latin America will reach 44 million, creating a child-care crisis never seen in a war, famine or tragedy of any kind, says a report out Thursday. Two-thirds of those children (about 29 million) will have lost either one or both parents to AIDS, says the report, sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

'Tre' descends from perch

• Michael J. Scarpitti's timber-sale protest staged on a downtown office ledge ends

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After blowing kisses from the 9-inch-wide, third-story ledge he's called home for 11 days, the man who called himself Tre Arrow rappelled 30 feet down the agency's regional office Monday and into the arms of his supporters. Chalk slogans on the sidewalk and smudges on a window were all that remained of the dramatic occupation that began July 7 in downtown Portland and focused new attention on a controversial timber sale in the Mount Hood National Forest.

"This is not over by a long shot," said Arrow, whom police identified as Michael J. Scarpitti, 26.

In the final moments he spent on the ledge before the television cameras and cheering supporters, Scarpitti urged others to climb buildings or sit in trees to protest logging. "I'm not going to have time to sign autographs," Scarpitti said after he packed a roll of toilet paper into a cloth bag and dropped it to his support team.

Although he appeared to enjoy the attention, he told a crowd that filled the sidewalk and spilled into the street that this was never about "a guy on a ledge."

"We are destroying our land. It's time we realize we can no longer take the slaughter of our rights, the slaughter of our health, the slaughter of our planet in the name of greed," he said, speaking through a bullhorn, which was among the last items he sent down.

Scarpitti had vowed to remain on the brick ledge until the Forest Service reversed its decision to allow logging on 1,030 acres that include century-old trees in a watershed that drains into the Clackamas River. The river provides drinking water for more than 185,000 people. About 40 percent of the sale has been logged by the contractor, Vanport Manufacturing of Boring. Protests have halted further cutting.

Last week, the building's owners filed trespassing complaints, and a judge ordered Scarpitti off the ledge. His lawyer, Greg Kafoury, said Monday that negotiations during the weekend ended in a deal allowing Scarpitti to descend on his own and surrender to police.

Scarpitti was booked on contempt of court and two counts of trespassing. Kafoury said he expected Scarpitti to be released Monday night on his own recognizance. He is to be



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arraigned today. Scarpitti praised Portland Mayor Vera Katz and the Police Bureau for resisting calls to remove him from the ledge. In a letter last

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MLK Jr Blvd. goes to the pooches

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The North-Northeast Business Association is letting much of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard go to the dogs, in the hopes their owners will follow. The association's second annual Dog Days of Summer celebration, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 29, will feature dog-related activities at three locations along the boulevard.

Many others will be holding sidewalk sales to showcase the retail services MLK has to offer.

The activities are as follows:

*Beer Garden and Music Tent, with free pet sitting by the Oregon Humane Society. The funk and ragga group Melodious Funk, and the marimba band Sharimba will provide free entertainment. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Stellar Coffee parking lot, Northeast Ainsworth Street.

*Dog Wash. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers will give your dog a professional bath at the Chester Dorsey set car wash at Northeast Fargo Street.

*Doggie Obstacle Course. Noon to 2 p.m. See how fast your dog, with your guidance, can run over, under, around and through obstacles in a mini-olympics of speed, athleticism and intelligence. Northeast Stanton Street.

*Pet Parlot. Noon to 3 p.m. A show-and-tell for the pet care business - vets, groomers, trainers and animal shelter representatives. Northeast Fargo Street.

*Pet Tricks. 4 p.m. Anything goes! Funny, creative, whatever. Stellar Coffee, Northeast Ainsworth Street.

*Dog/Owner Look-Alike Contest. 4:30 p.m. Overall appearance, hair, nose, face, movement all count here. You can also give nature a hand with matching costumes. Northeast Ainsworth Street.

*Doggie Fashion Show. 5 p.m. A true opportunity for puttin' on the dog! Stellar Coffee, Northeast Ainsworth Street.

Each entry for each activity costs \$5. Owners are asked to send checks in advance to the North-Northeast Business Association, P.O. Box 11565, Portland, 97211, and include the name, breed, age and sex of the dog(s). However, day of event registrants will be welcome. In the case of the Doggie Wash, the proceeds will benefit a local animal shelter.

N-NEBA president Phyllis Gaines hopes this year's event will differ from last year's in one respect: more people and dogs. "We want to involve the whole community," she says.

Maggie Gibson Plaza provides affordable housing

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On Friday, July 14, Maggie Gibson Plaza was opened to the Vernon neighborhood in Northeast Portland, adding nine units of affordable rental housing and a 6,200 square feet of retail space to the area. Franciscan Enterprise of Oregon was the project's developer.

The housing serves individuals and families at or below 50 percent of area median family income. Providing a mix of unit sizes, Maggie Gibson Plaza features one studio, two one-bedroom units, five two-bedroom units and one three-bedroom unit. In addition, the project's retail space contains the Maggie Gibson Neighborhood Network Center, a computer-based learning center that will offer training to plaza and community residents.

"This is a significant project for the Franciscan Enterprise of Oregon as it furthers our goal to help those most in need," said Gerald Uba, Franciscan Enterprise Board Chair. "This housing complex and training center should improve the lives of residents in the Vernon neighborhood and surrounding communities."



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Maggie Gibson stands next to Portland City Commissioner Charlie Hale

Located at 1700 N. E. Alberta Street, Maggie Gibson Plaza's grand opening began with remarks at 11:00 a.m. and an open house until 1 p.m. Featured speakers at the event included Karen Voiss, Executive Director for Franciscan

Enterprise of Oregon, Gerald Uba, Board Chair of the Franciscan Enterprise, Commissioner Erik Sten from the City of Portland; Noell Web, Portland Development Commission; Roz Barnes, Oregon Housing and Community

Services Dept; and Maggie Gibson herself, neighborhood advocate and Franciscan Enterprise Board Member. Maggie Gibson Plaza is a \$1.2 million renovation of the former Texas Lounge. After sitting vacant for many years, this project recaptures the building to bring new vibrancy to the neighborhood.

Project funding came from the Enterprise Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank, Portland Development Commission, Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, State Housing and Community Services Department, The Network of Oregon Affordable Housing, City of Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development, Federal Home Loan Bank and Key Bank.

Named for long-time Northeast neighborhood resident and community advocate, Maggie Gibson, the project promotes quality housing and self-sufficiency through education and training. Gibson, a member of the Franciscan Enterprise Board, received the Distinguished International Academy of Nobel Achievement award for her exemplary community service last year. The completion of Maggie Gibson Plaza brings Franciscan Enterprise's total affordable housing portfolio in North and Northeast Portland to 116 units.