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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Death Toll at 38 in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM - Ignoring appeals from around the world to cease fire, Israelis and Palestinians waged fierce gun battles throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Palestinian and Israeli leaders exchanged recriminations, blaming each other for the violence. Prime Minister Ehud Barak called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to order his forces to rein in the violence.

### Hurricane Strikes Yucatan

CHETUMAL, Mexico - Coastal residents of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula and northeastern Belize fled their homes as the dangerous core of Hurricane Keith brushed land, bringing strong wind and torrential rain. Heavy rain and flooding throughout Central America caused at least two deaths and forced hundreds to be evacuated.

### Former Leader Trudeau Dies

MONTREAL - Former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, a flamboyant and charismatic political giant who led the country through some of its most tumultuous events, has died at age 80. Trudeau was famous for dating celebrities including Barbara Streisand and actress Margot Kidder, as well as once doing a pirouette behind the back of Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

### Danish Voters Reject Euro

COPENHAGEN, Denmark - A majority of voters refused to adopt the European Union's beleaguered currency as their own, a result reflecting Denmark's traditional go-slow approach toward European integration. With nearly 90% of the vote counted, 53% of those voting in a referendum opposed making the euro Denmark's currency, while 47% favored the switch.

### Cruise Missile Crashes

ELY, Nevada - The Air Force is investigating what caused a cruise missile with a dummy warhead to veer off course and crash during a test in the eastern Nevada desert. The missile launched from a B-52 bomber carried no explosives, a military spokesman said. No one was hurt when it hit the ground about 50 miles south of Wendover, Nevada.

### Ford Turns to Michelin

DETROIT - Ford Motor will rely on Michelin to supply the majority of tires for the most popular versions of the Explorer sport utility vehicle, the company says. The move puts more distance between Ford's flagship product and Bridgestone/Firestone, which had been the sole supplier of Explorer tires.

### Continental Faces Lawsuit

HOUSTON - Air France is suing Continental Airline in connection with a July 25 crash of an AirFrance Concorde jet in which 113 people died. The Houston-based airline said the lawsuit was filed in France earlier this month. A metal strip, 17 inches by 1 inch, found on the runway is believed to have fallen from a Continental CD-10 and may have contributed to the crash.

### Greek Boat Sinking Kills 59

PAROS, Greece - A Greek ferry struck a patch of rocks in the Aegean Sea and sank, killing at least 59 of the more than 500 people aboard. Many of the dead were young children, who were not required to be counted on the passenger list, while victims panicked and jumped off the boat.

## Pro-Choice Forces Win Battle for RU-486

### French Pill Could Make Abortion More Accessible, Private

The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday approved U.S. use of the abortion pill RU-486, a major victory for those who battled for 12 years to bring the early-abortion method to this country.

Proponents say the pill, which has been used by millions of women in 13 countries, could transform abortion in the United States by making it more accessible and more private. But it can be used only in the earliest days of pregnancy.

The Women's Health Clinic at Oregon Health Sciences University was one of 17 sites across the country to test the drug. Dr. Mark Nichols was involved with the tests back in 1994.

In the state of Oregon, a woman under the age of 15 must get a parents' permission before using the abortion pill. It will be available in Oregon in four to six weeks at a cost of about \$300 dollars.

Lois Backus of Portland's Planned Parenthood said the medication will only be given in a doctor's office or clinic. "We knew this was a safe drug. Over 500,000 women in the rest of the world have safely terminated their pregnancies with this medicine," she said.

Gayle Attebery, head of Oregon's Right to Life chapter, said she hoped that George W. Bush would revisit the government's decision if he were elected

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The FDA's approval of RU-486 may encourage more doctors, who don't offer surgical abortions, to offer the abortion pill, making it easier for women entering surgical clinics like the Lovejoy Surgicenter (above) which are often staked out by protesters.

## Gore, Bush Spar In First Presidential Debate

BOSTON (AP) - Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush clashed over tax cuts, Medicare prescription drug benefits and campaign finance Tuesday night in their first debate of the fall, pivot point in the closest White House contest in a generation.

Combative from the outset, Gore charged that his rival's tax plan would "spend more money on tax cuts for the wealthiest 1 percent than all of the new spending he proposes for education, health care, prescription drugs and national defense all combined."

But Bush, standing a few feet away on a debate stage at the University of Massachusetts, said Gore's economic plan would offer tax cuts only to the middle class. "Everybody who pays taxes ought to get relief," he said. At the same time, he said, Gore's blueprint would produce "dramatically" bigger

government with 200 "new or expanded programs" and 20,000 new bureaucrats.

"It empowers Washington," added the governor, who hastened to tell a national viewing audience he was from West Texas - not the nation's capital. Over and over, he accused Gore of "fuzzy math."

The Texas governor played aggressor late in the debate, as well, mentioned the fund-raising scandals of the Clinton-Gore era, the vice president's visit to a Buddhist Temple in California, and his declaration that there was

"no controlling legal authority" when questioning were raised about fund-raising calls he made from the White House.

Gore and Bush met for the first of three presidential debates scheduled for the next two weeks, each man seeking advantage in a race so close that poll after poll shows them within a point or two of one another. Their vice presidential running mates, Democrat Joseph Lieberman and Republican Dick Cheney, debate Thursday in Kentucky.



## Getting Ready For Cold

### Fall is in the Air and Help is Here to Save on Your Energy Bill

Pacific Power, Portland General Electric and the Community Energy Project are teaming up to offer local residents free home weatherization and energy conservation workshops during the upcoming fall months.

Both homeowners and renters are invited to attend 40 Portland area workshops in the coming weeks.

For families on a budget, home energy conservation is a great way to trim monthly expenses. Insulation added to the doors and windows of your home also adds comfort by cutting back on irritating cold drafts.

Portland residents with low incomes can also receive a free kit with do-it-yourself materials worth over \$150. The kit includes reusable vinyl storm windows, door weatherstripping, pipe insulation, a fluorescent light and more.



Anne Lau of the Community Energy Projects shows how insulation around the doors and windows of this Southeast Portland home will add comfort and lower heating bills this winter. (Photo by Michael Leighton/Portland Observer)

A senior program, for people 55 years and older, offers free installation of vinyl storm windows, door weatherstripping, caulking and pipe insulation to qualifying senior citizens, and people with disabili-

ties. For more information on the workshops and these special services, contact the Community Energy Project at 284-6827.

## Support for Business Diversity

Corporations, Civic Leaders maximize opportunities for small, minority and women-owned businesses

See Special Section C, National Minority Business Week, inside.

Metro will be among more than 60 northwest corporations and government agencies gathering this week to maximize opportunities for small, minority and women-owned businesses to compete for and participate in Metro contracting activities.

Week-long activities include a trade fair, reception and awards luncheon.

The annual Minority Enterprise Development Week awards luncheon, recognizing outstanding minority-owned businesses in the state is at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Oregon Convention Center.

Joann Francis, regional administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, will be keynote speaker. Awards will be presented to the year's outstanding contractor and vendor; business achievement; and community achievement.