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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Israel Weighs Response to Violence

JERUSALEM—Israeli troops closed off Palestinian communities, paralyzing life in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in retaliation for deadly shooting ambushes that signaled an escalation in seven weeks of fighting. Three Palestinians, including two boys aged 16 and 13, were killed and 15 wounded by Israeli fire in rock-throwing clashes in the West Bank and Gaza, doctors said.

Philippine President Estrada Impeached

MANILA, Philippines—For the first time in Philippine history, the House has sent impeachment charges against the president to the Senate for trial, charging Joseph Estrada with taking millions of dollars in illegal payoffs. There was no vote by the full House, as had been expected. But a vote was unnecessary because more than the required one-third of members signed a petition. Estrada may have enough support in the Senate to remain in office.

President Clinton Salutes Veterans

ARLINGTON, Va. — President Clinton saluted members of the USS Cole for their heroism and sacrifice, and told a Veteran's Day audience at Arlington National Cemetery on the eve of a historic trip to Vietnam that he will press for a full accounting of missing Americans. Citing the stalemated presidential election, he also said the country was honoring its veterans "by cherishing with all our hearts the freedoms they paid such a price to defend."

Opec Rules Against Raising Oil Production

VIENNA, Austria—OPEC decided against raising production for the time being, a decision likely to upset consumer nations where high oil prices are pushing up winter heating bills. The oil cartel warned that supply could soon outstrip demand after four production hikes this year failed to tame runaway prices. Ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will meet again in Vienna on Jan. 17 to review the market situation, the group said after formal talks ended.

France Works to Combat Mad Cow Disease

PARIS — France announced the suspension of animal-based feed for all livestock and the banning of T-bone steaks as part of a series of measures to reduce the spread of cow disease. Prime Minister Lionel Jospin said the temporary ban on the use of animal-based feeds for all livestock—including fish, chicken and pork—would take effect. A decision on a full ban would be made once the French agency for food safety assesses risks associated with such feeds, which could take 3-4 months.

New Discovery of Dinosaur Species

ROME — Italian paleontologists said they have identified a new species of dinosaur, which lived 200 million years ago and is one of the oldest meat-eating reptiles ever discovered. Fossil fragments found in northern Italy show the dinosaur was more than 25 feet long, had a long neck and weighed over a ton.

Divers Retrieved Ship's Log From Kursk

MOSCOW — In addition to notes found on sailors' bodies, Russian divers retrieved a ship's log and more written material from the sunken nuclear submarine Kursk, a top official said. The new findings are the most recent discoveries by divers, who have retrieved 12 bodies and two notes written by sailors as they suffocated to death in a rear compartment of the submarine. The notes told of poison gas from fires and pressure mounting in the compartment.



Tree Towers Above Courthouse Square

This year's holiday tree was moved into Pioneer Courthouse Square Monday. Workers are reattaching the tree's limbs and must string thousands of lights for the annual lighting ceremony, scheduled on Friday, Nov. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

(PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

Readers React To Presidential Stunner

By LATASHA PARKER FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

One of the closest elections in U.S. history and the difficulty of determining a winner, has generated one of the biggest stories of our time. Our readers gave us the following reactions to some of the questions people are asking.

What do you think about this year's presidential candidates?



John Bryant Jr.

John Bryant Jr.: I really don't think that there was much of a choice. I was forced to choose the lesser of the two evils. Bush didn't have much experience, he was the Governor of Texas, but everyone thought he did a horrible job. Gore just seemed like a programmable machine doing what everyone wanted him to do. If Bush is president, the economy will swiftly and surely fall. If I thought there was the slightest chance of Ralph Nader winning, I would have voted for him.

John Bryant Sr.: The candidates really have a lot to be desired. Nader was never a viable option for me, so, I chose Gore. I believe Gore has some of the experience required to be president. But if I had a choice, I'd like to see Clinton as our president again.

Sara Scott: I don't think that any of us had a real choice and that brought the closeness of the race. Gore and Bush are actually two differ-

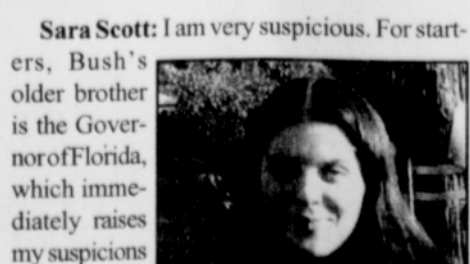
ent people. Bush is very close-minded and he doesn't really seem in charge of himself or his campaign; he seems more like a puppet! I feel that he is incapable of standing on his own and he doesn't seem like a very intelligent person. Gore on the other hand is very intelligent. I think that he was working hard towards his own goals, which shows that he can actually think for himself.

Jose Lettenmeier: Neither of the candidates seem adequate for the job. I won't be happy with either one, no matter who wins.



Kenyette Lettenmeier: I think that Bush is a racist, a murderer, and a sexist. Gore is definitely a step-up from Bush who seems so bent on taking away women's rights. Gore is more open-minded pertaining to people's suggestions and the issues.

What is your opinion on the vote counting in Florida?



Sara Scott: I am very suspicious. For starters, Bush's older brother is the Governor of Florida, which immediately raises my suspicions of a possible fixed ballot. The fact that Bush stated

Third Time Charm for PCC Bond

A big part of the \$144 Million Bond will go to improve the Cascade Campus in north Portland

The third time was the charm for the Portland Community College bond measure. In its third attempt on the ballot, district voters approved the \$144 million bond in the Nov. 7 General Election with about 61 percent of the voters saying "yes."

PCC president Daniel Moriarty said that the victory was due to the excellent reputation of the college and the many services that it provides.

"That is the bedrock on which we won this election," Moriarty said. "I want to thank all of our communities for the tremendous show of support. The victory belongs to the people; the everyday people who come to the college."

College Board Director David Kish, who chaired the Friends of PCC advocacy campaign, said the vote is a reflection of the importance of education in this election. People focused on what was important and voted on targeted improvements for schools.

The bond will provide for more classrooms and laboratories, help upgrade technology and repair and maintain aging buildings. The bond will cost property taxpayers an estimated average of 11 cents per thousand of assessed property value, spread over a maximum of 23 years. Voters actually approved the measure in the May Primary in an earlier election, but the measure did not pass because turnout in the elections was slightly under the needed 50 percent.

The largest share of the newly approved bond will go to improve Cascade Campus in North Portland, approximately \$57 million. The Rock



Mildred W. Ollee, executive dean of the Cascade Campus at Portland Community College, stands next to one of the campus's oldest buildings. A voter-approved levy will bring major new construction to the north Portland campus.

(PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

Creek Campus will receive \$35 million; Sylvania, \$42 million; and the Southeast Center will receive \$8 million. Moriarty said the college must now decide which projects to start first. "We will most likely issue the bonds in December. Then, we can begin immediately to work on some of the upgrades to existing classrooms and labs, and begin repair and renovations," he said.

Moriarty said the projects are likely to be spread out over the next 10 years.

Florida Gives Bush 300-Vote Lead

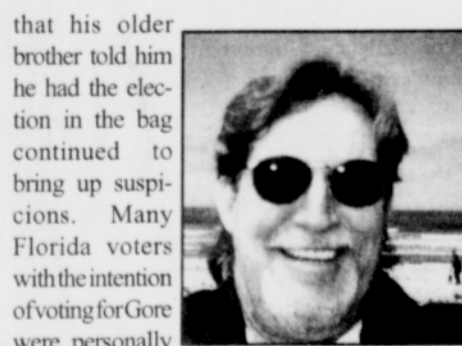
Overseas Ballots, Lawsuits Could Change Result

(AP) — Florida's top elections official announced Tuesday night that Texas Gov. George Bush holds a 300 vote lead over Al Gore based on returns submitted by all 67 counties. She said she would consider updated submissions from three counties where the vice president has requested manual recounts.

One week after the election, Republican Secretary of State Katherine Harris said Bush has 2,910,492 votes and Gore has 2,910,192 — a difference of 300 votes out of 6 million cast. An unknown additional number of overseas absentee ballots remain to be counted by Friday night, she added.

The unofficial tally by The Associated Press, which includes some hand counts, showed Bush with a 286-vote lead.

Hours after a Florida judge issued a complicated ruling on the controversy, Harris said her office was requiring officials in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties to explain the "facts and circumstances" that support their desire to proceed with manual recounts. She set a 2 p.m. Wednesday deadline for the counties to reply.

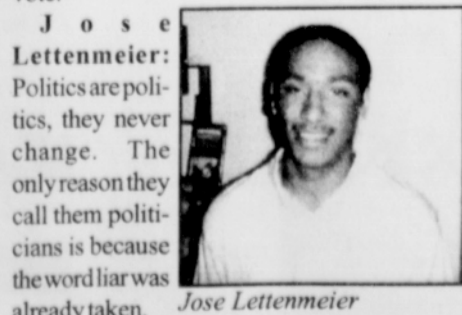


John Bryant Sr.: when they had voted for a completely different candidate altogether. This was due to the fact that the Florida ballots were so confusing.

Jose Lettenmeier: I'm almost certain that the problems in Florida stem from some form of dishonesty going on behind the scenes in the presidential election.

John Bryant Jr.: I don't necessarily think it would be wise to jump to conclusions over the problems going on with the election in Florida, currently. They should just issue a revote in Florida, and count the results.

Kenyette Lettenmeier: I feel that they should just redo the election, because they can't possibly get an accurate outcome with the first vote.



Jose Lettenmeier