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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Brazilian Oil Rig Sinks, Raising Fears of Leaks

RIODE JANEIRO, Brazil — An oil rig billed as the world's largest sank in the South Atlantic, and state oil company Petrobras raced to prevent 400,000 gallons of crude and diesel fuel still aboard from spilling into the sea. The 40-story-tall rig, 75 miles off the Brazilian coast, was ravaged by explosions and fire that killed at least two workers. Eight others were missing and presumed dead.

Second Day of Rolling Blackouts Hits California

LOS ANGELES — State power managers ordered rolling blackouts across California for a second straight day as demand for electricity again exceeded supply. The same factors that collided to strap California's power supply hit again. Those include reduced electricity imports from the Pacific Northwest, numerous power plants offline for repairs and higher-than-expected demand because of warm temperatures.

Macedonian Army Tanks Move Into Besieged City

TETOVO, Macedonia — The Macedonian army sent four tanks rolling into the country's second-largest city Monday, signalling the military was ready to engage ethnic Albanian rebels fighting for greater rights and recognition in Slav-dominated Macedonia. The tanks entered Tetovo as clashes decreased in intensity after a night of bombardments.

U.S. Borders on Alert

CHANTILLY, Va. — Dogs trained to sniff luggage greeted travelers from London and other European points as inspectors tightened U.S. defenses against foot-and-mouth disease. The disease, harmless to humans, could be devastating to the huge U.S. livestock industry.

New Space Station Crew Moves Into Orbiting Outpost

SPACE CENTER, Houston — The international space station reached another milestone as its first replacement crew finished moving into its new home. The new three-person crew — made up of Susan Helms, astronaut Jim Voss and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev — will do a four-month stay on the orbiting outpost.

U.S. Expands Import Ban on Livestock Disease

WASHINGTON — A U.S. ban on imports of livestock and fresh meat was expanded to all 15 countries of the European Union after a case of foot-and-mouth disease was found on a farm in France.

N. Korea Denounces Bush Administration

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea strongly denounced the Bush administration, saying it has adopted a hostile policy aimed at "stifling" the communist country. The criticism comes just a week after President Bush met with South Korea's president and laid down a hard line toward the North, ruling out an immediate resumption of Clinton-era negotiations with the communist government.

Cities Boom Once Again

For the first time in decades, population is booming in many urban centers, a historic reversal of decline that has plagued the nation's oldest cities. Other cities are experiencing the smallest declines in 30 years, according to an analysis of Census 2000 data.

Church Construction Back on Track

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Looming large and in the final push for completion is the construction of the new Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church on North Sumner St.

Building work has resumed after having fallen behind schedule. Now back on track, the church and its adjoining centers are expected to be "up and running" by Christmas time.

Bishop A.A. Wells of Emmanuel Church explained that construction delay was from financing another related project — the renovation of Renaissance Market, located at 909 N. Killingsworth. According to the church leader, several millions of dollars has gone towards making improvements to the community store. Now in its fifth year of operation, Bishop Wells proudly announced that Renaissance Market has finally "arrived." It is a more cost-efficient and profitable business.

So far, work on the church has moved into its second phase: the city has deemed Missouri and Sumner, where the church is located, as super blocks. Super blocks are technically regarded as being larger than a city block. Instead of keeping them as through streets for vehicle traffic, the sidewalks will be resurfaced and converted into a path for biking and walking.

Craftsman for Christ construction company is currently busy at work on the church's adjacent building that will become the A.A. Wells Learning Center — part of Emmanuel Church's Early Childhood Education program. Once completed, the 43 young students of the program will relocate to the new location. The other remaining work left to do is the construction of the east administration wing. Plans are underway for the creation of a gymnasium within the next 10 years. This will comprise the third phase of construction. The structure will be an 8,000 sq ft, 2-story facility to be built for youth and located just across the street. Approval of the new church



Bishop A.A. Wells of the Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church looks over the construction of a towering new church building that shadows North Sumner and Missouri along the east side of the I-5 Freeway.

(PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

has come from all around. According to Bishop Wells, he has received good reviews from within the community and outside of it. With the city, they've already met building standards of compliance. And financially, all is well. Funding for \$2 million will be available

within 45 days from a national investment banking group. Other monies have poured in through the generous support of the Emmanuel Temple congregation.

The greatest intent by Bishop Wells is that Emmanuel Temple be a medium and extension

of other valued services. He regards building the new church as a challenge from God where it is all about partnerships and building community out of love. "It's a symbol of people coming together, overcoming challenges and persevering to overcome," he said.

Squaring Off For County Chair



Diane Linn, from her southeast Portland office, looks to become the chair of the Multnomah County Commission.

(PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)



JoAnn Bowman sets her sights on the Multnomah County Chair position by resigning from the Oregon House of Representatives.

The race to fill Multnomah County government's top position has drawn two seasoned political figures.

Multnomah County Commissioner Diane Linn and Rep. JoAnn Bowman, D-Portland, have both resigned from their respective positions to run for the county chair seat left vacant by Beverly Stein's decision to run for Oregon Governor.

Bowman has served in the State Legislature since 1995 and served 8 years as a staff assistant in the county chair's office. Linn was elected to a second term on the county commission in November.

Bowman says her experience and commitment to serving the people of Multnomah County and working with Gov. John Kitzhaber make her a strong candidate who can make sure the county gets its fair share of state revenues.

Linn also cites budget issues, saying her experience and familiarity makes her the right person for the job.

Officers Fired for Beating Inmate

Four Multnomah County corrections officers have been fired in a case of excessive force against a man in jail.

Multnomah County Undersheriff Mel Hedgpeth said the county has taken steps to avoid a repeat of the problem and apologized to the community.

The prisoner, Dennis Poe was arrested last July 11th.

Hedgpeth said the department learned that Poe might have been struck while he was secured to a restraint board in a separation cell.

Sergeant Jeffrey Ristvet, one of the four dismissed, has been charged with assault, harassment and official misconduct after a criminal investigation by detectives. His trial is pending. A sheriff's department investigation found that Ristvet used unnecessary force, did not report the use of force and was untruthful when questioned about it.

For the other fired officers, the probe concluded that deputy Rodger Cross also used excessive force and lied when questioned. It said the force used by Deputy James Borja was not excessive but that he failed to report it and lied when asked about it.

Deputy Wallace Montoya was accused of not reporting the force he saw or heard about and was evasive and untruthful.