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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Search Teams Find Plane Wreckage in Scotland

LONDON—Search teams have spotted wreckage and a body in the Scottish Highlands where two U.S. F-15 jets were reported missing, the Royal Air Force said. The wreckage, identified as an F-15, was found near the summit of the 4,296-foot Ben Macdui, the tallest peak in the Cairngorm mountains.

### 'Gladiator' Wins Best Picture

LOS ANGELES—*Gladiator* won five Academy Awards, including best picture and actor—Russell Crowe. Julia Roberts won the best actress trophy for her portrayal of a law assistant in *Erin Brockovich*.

### Comair Pilots Strike

HEBRON, Ky.—Comair pilots went out on strike early after talks for a new contract with the regional airline broke off. The airline, which also flies under the name Delta Connection, canceled most of its flights in preparation for the strike.

### Michigan State, Arizona Make Final Four

ATLANTA—The Michigan State Spartans defeated the Temple Owls 69-62 to win the NCAA South Regional. Arizona bested Illinois 87-81 to win the Midwest Regional and complete the Final Four.

### Louima to Get \$9M in Police Lawsuit

NEW YORK—A \$9 million tentative settlement has been reached in a lawsuit brought by Abner Louima, the Haitian immigrant tortured in a New York City police station in 1997. Under the proposal, Louima would receive the payment but would drop his demand for reform in the way the New York Police Department deals with officers accused of crimes.

### Foot-and-mouth Spreads to Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland—The first cases of foot-and-mouth disease have been confirmed in Ireland, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said. Ahern's announcement means the deadly livestock disease has now been detected in four European countries. The disease is highly contagious, capable of being spread even by the wind.

### USDA Agents Seize

### Possibly Infected Sheep

GREENSBORO, Vt.—Agents arrived early to seize sheep feared infected with a version of the mad cow disease, flock owner Houghton Freeman said. Freeman's flock is one of two that has been at the center of a storm of protests since the U.S. Department of Agriculture ordered that they be seized and destroyed. The department says the sheep, imported from Belgium, could be carrying a disease akin to mad cow disease.

### Brazilian Oil Rig Leaks Fuel Into Atlantic

RIODE JANEIRO, Brazil—The state oil company Petrobras said some of the 300,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board the P-36 oil rig that sank had apparently already started to leak. A cleanup flotilla of 11 ships with floating barriers and oil-dispersing chemicals surrounded a slick at the spot 75 miles off the coast where the 40-story-tall rig sank.

### U.S., Asian Leaders Discuss N. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea—U.S., Japanese and South Korean officials met to coordinate their policy on North Korea, amid growing concern in South Korea that the new American stance on the North might derail their own engagement with Pyongyang. During talks with South Korean President Kim Dae-jung in Washington earlier this month, Bush said he was skeptical of North Korea and would not immediately resume talks on the communist country's missile program.

## Oregon Takes Measures Against Outbreak



Oregon is taking precautionary steps to stave off a foot-and-mouth outbreak that could cost the state's livestock industry millions if unchecked early.

PHOTO BY DAVE GIEZYNG/PORTLAND OBSERVER

Foot-and-mouth disease is getting very close to becoming what animal health officials call a panzootic a disease found throughout the world. With the recent and rapid spreading outbreak in the United Kingdom, only the con-

tinents of Australia, Antarctica, and North America remain free of what Oregon's star veterinarian calls perhaps the worst disaster that could happen to the livestock industry. And Dr. Andrew Clark is not one to exaggerate.

Now it is up to everyone from cattlemen to veterinarians to international travelers to help keep foot-and-mouth away from the U.S. and Oregon. In mid-February, the disease was first reported northeast of London by a veterinar-

ian inspecting pigs at a slaughter plant. It is believed the virus was introduced through the feeding of contaminated waste food to swine. The disease quickly spread to two other counties, then exploded in a matter of days to more than 73 areas throughout Great Britain. A ban on animal movements has been ordered. The outbreak is serious enough that large events and gatherings have been canceled, including horse races and livestock shows. Even zoos have been closed in hopes of containing the infectious spread of foot-and-mouth disease.

Now other European countries have been affected. While not seen in the U.S. since 1929, multiple outbreaks in Asia, Africa, and South America have been reported in the last couple of years. Foot-and-mouth is a severe, highly communicable viral disease of cattle and swine. It also affects sheep, goats, deer and other cloven-hoofed ruminants. The disease is characterized by fever and blister-like sores on the tongue and lips, in the mouth, on the teats and around the hooves and between the toes. Most affected animals recover, but the disease leaves them debilitated, causing severe losses in meat and milk production. It is not a food safety problem, but a production problem.

Although humans are not susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease, they can serve as carriers. The virus can exist on a person's clothing or hair even respiratory system for many days. That's why anyone who has recently traveled to the U.K. needs to be aware that they can unwittingly transmit the disease.

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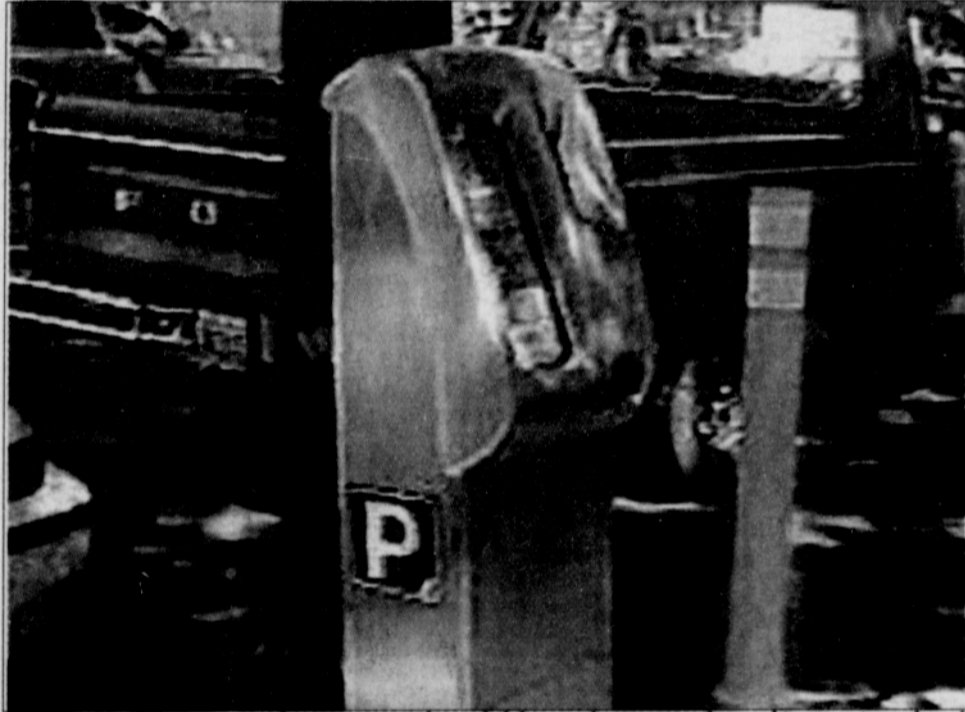
## Parking Crunch Drives City Proposal to Install Pay Boxes

By RANDY NEVES AND ABE ESTIMADA, KGW

Eventually, you may need some plastic for more than a new outfit or a meal in northwest Portland. After 10 years, free parking is ending at the shopping district on NW 23rd and NW 21st streets. But instead of installing unpopular parking meters, the city transportation department wants to introduce a new concept: computerized pay stations. Drivers may have already seen them around downtown Portland for the last six months. These box-like contraptions take coins, but eventually, the city wants to purchase pay stations that have the technology to accept credit or debit cards.

Driving the pay station idea is the cramped parking situation in the popular shopping district. "This is what we're shooting for—the ability to use something other than a roll of quarter, such as a debit card or a Master card," said Toby Widmer, from the city's transportation department.

Pay stations on 23rd would be the first radical concept to hit downtown Portland



Computerized pay stations that accept credit and debit card payments for parking are introduced in the shopping districts along NW 23rd and NW 21st streets.

since double meters arrived in 1963. It would also be the latest aesthetic innovation since Portland's so-called meter maids donned new fashions.

"It removes a number of parking meters and poles from the urban landscape," Widmer said. According to results from a preliminary survey, the public liked the pay stations once they got used to them. But you wouldn't know it, judging from some of the responses from NW 23rd shoppers on Monday.

Most of them told KGW they didn't like the idea of paying to park. Others said they wouldn't come to NW 23rd as much if they had to shell out more money for parking. With PGE Park expected to draw record numbers this spring and a streetcar coming through in the summer, northwest Portland needs something to relieve the parking crunch, said pizza entrepreneur Phil Geffner. "Hopefully people will be more induced to use mass transit," he said. If the city can find a bidder, the parking stations could sprout in northwest Portland within a year.

## Concordia Students Participate in GM Internship



Concordia students participate in an internship provided by General Motors. As part of the program, they will compete with other colleges and universities for the best marketing plan.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER

Concordia University has been invited to partake in a unique project worthy of special attention. Joined together with one of the premiere automakers in the world, Concordia has agreed to a partnership with General Motors and Weston Buick Pontiac GMC. GM, a U.S. leader in car, truck, and sport utility innovation, is allowing several Concordia students to serve as interns and gain practical, on the job training while earning an education. Professor Eric Freeman is heading the business brigade and providing his students with a partnership and inside look into operations at GM. The goal on behalf of the two sides is apparent: for students at Concordia to acquire practical experience and General Motors to attract a younger, hipper audience in which sales could increase and provide a potential customer base for Weston Buick Pontiac GMC. While working in subgroup style, the students will combine their efforts to form a presentation that will highlight the whole campaign from start to finish.

The Concordia students (or 9 a.m. Marketing) recently threw a carnival displaying the newest product vehicles General Motors has to offer, while conducting a food and clothing drive for the Union Gospel Mission on the Concordia University campus. Before GM hands over the entire budget, 9 a.m. Marketing must propose its marketing plan to representatives from both GM and Weston for approval.