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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Milosevic's Court Plea Caps Showdown

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — The ousted dictator spent his first full night behind bars as the people he led through a disastrous decade of war and impoverishment absorbed the news of his arrest. Milosevic, 59, who surrendered in the pre-dawn hours after prolonged negotiations, appeared later in front of a judge and pleaded not guilty to charges of corruption and abuse of power.

### Officials to Destroy 21

#### Cattle, Test for Mad Cow

AUSTIN, Texas — A handful of cattle imported from Germany before a 1997 ban on European livestock will be destroyed to test whether the animals were exposed to mad cow disease, officials said. The 21 animals from five ranches around the state will be killed and their remains incinerated while samples of their brain tissue will be sent to a national laboratory in Ames, Iowa. The cattle are being destroyed as a precaution because of public concern over mad cow disease.

### Germany, EU Focus on Global Warming

BERLIN — German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder will urge President Bush not to back off a key accord against global warming when the two leaders meet for the first time in Washington. Schroeder will also use the one-day trip to raise European concerns about American plans for a missile defense and U.S.-Russian tensions, a German government official said.

### EU Approves British Vaccination Plan

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union veterinary experts approved a request from Britain for authorization to vaccinate up to 180,000 dairy cattle against foot-and-mouth disease in an effort to contain the epidemic in the worst-hit areas, an EU official said. The European Commission must still formally approve the measure before vaccinations in Britain can go forward, but that is regarded as a formality.

### Dutch Law Allowing Same- sex Marriages in Effect

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Four gay couples exchanged rings and vows at City Hall early, the first of hundreds planning to wed under a new Dutch law allowing same-sex marriages. The ceremony capped a 15-year campaign to award gay couples equal rights under civil law. It began at midnight, when legislation approved last year took effect.

### Jackson Group Cleared of Financial Wrongdoing

CHICAGO — The Illinois attorney general's Charitable Trust Bureau examined the financial records of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and found no irregularities. Attorney General Jim Ryan asked for scrutiny of the group's finances after Jackson acknowledged the group paid \$35,000 to a former top staff member who bore the civil rights activist's child out of wedlock. "The evidence is they are in compliance with the law," Ryan said.

### California Regulators Raise Rates by Up to 46%

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Public Utilities Commission unanimously approved electricity rate increases of up to 46% Tuesday to try to head off blackouts this summer and keep the state's two biggest utilities from going under. The increases are the largest in California history.

### China Says Population at 1.3 Billion

BEIJING — China announced that its first nationwide census in a decade puts its population at 1.3 billion, including rival Taiwan. The figure, reported by the official Xinhua News Agency, was substantially lower than independent estimates that put the number of Chinese as high as 1.5 billion.

## New Columbia Villa on Drawing Board

### \$150 million development would transform World War II era project



Members of the Columbia Villa Resident Council support a proposal to reconstruct Portland's oldest and largest housing complex into a new and inviting neighborhood with homes to rent and purchase. (PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER)

By LEE PERLMAN

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The Housing Authority of Portland plan to replace its oldest and biggest project - Columbia Villa - with a community that is even bigger, more modern, and much more diverse.

The plan calls for gradually rebuilding the 470-unit residential community near University Park in North Portland's Portsmouth neighborhood. The finished product would have the same number of very low income tenants, plus 230 units for people earning 40 to 60 percent of median income, 75 units available to anyone and renting at "market rate," and 75 units to be sold to first-time home buyers, for a total of 850 units on the 70 acre property.

In addition, the site's winding suburban-style streets would be remade into a grid pattern reflecting the surrounding neighborhood and a new community center and commercial services, designed to serve the entire community, would be added.

The price tag for all this is estimated at \$150 million. HAP is looking at a variety of sources for the funds, including money from the new Interstate Urban Renewal district for new public infrastructure, according to spokeswoman Jolene Columbo.

However, the biggest single source would be a \$35 million grant from the federal Housing and Urban Development "Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere" (HOPE VI) program.

HUD will submit an application for the project on June 22, and a decision will be made by September, Columbo says.

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## China Allows Visit with U.S. Plane Crew

Secretary of State Colin Powell hopes diplomatic move is the beginning of an end to an international crisis

(AP) — American diplomats met with the crew of a stricken American spy plane Tuesday on an island in southern China where it made an emergency landing.

"I hope that is the beginning of an end to this incident," said Secretary of State Colin Powell. "I'm encouraged by the fact that that the meeting is taking place.

It shouldn't have taken this long to happen. But, now that it has happened, I hope this starts us on a road to a full and complete resolution of this matter."

"Hopefully, it will not affect the overall relationship" between the United States and China, Powell said.

He also said the incident would have no bearing on President Bush's decision, expected later this month, on the composition of an annual arms package for Taiwan. Powell said the meeting between two U.S. officials and all 24 crew members was expected to last about 40 minutes. "I hope that it is the beginning of the end to this incident," he said. Earlier Tuesday, Chinese President Jiang Zemin called for an end to U.S. surveillance flights off China's coast. China has blamed the collision on the United States.

Powell did not address those Chinese concerns. U.S. officials continue to call the collision an accident. China blames the United States.

Bush, who said Monday that China was not responding quickly enough to U.S. requests, declined comment on the situation during a trip to Wilmington, Del. But White House officials indicated he might have more to say after the diplomats' meeting with the plane crew.

The Bush administration hoped the delayed meeting — two days after the U.S. surveillance plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet — would lead to the end of the standoff with the Chinese government. "I hope that this meeting will lead to the rapid release of all of the members of the crew back to the United States so they can be returned to their families," Powell told reporters.

Speaking at a news conference in Key West, Fla., Powell also said he hoped that the Chinese would also permit the "rapid return of our aircraft."

He said he did not see the incident as necessarily damaging U.S.-Chinese relations. Still, Powell complained that the Chinese had waited too long to permit a U.S. team to visit the crew members.

## Police on Leave After Shooting Mental Patient

Portland police have placed three officers on paid administrative leave following the shooting death Sunday night of a mental patient.

An officer shot the 29-year-old man at Pacific Gateway Hospital, a mental health facility, after he became violent and threatened others.

Officers Jeffrey M. Bell, Christopher A. Davis and Jeffrey E. Nelson are on leave - a standard police procedure following a shooting.

Twenty-five-year-old Bell, who fired the weapon, has been with the Portland police for more than one year. Davis has worked with the force for two years; Nelson 10 years. Hospital officials say the patient became violent. Police at first helped officials place him in a locked room, but he escaped. The shooting happened after the police returned a second time.

Police say they are working with officials of the Mexican Consulate to notify the man's family in Mexico.



## Fashion Sensation

A luxurious red skirt and woven wool top by Jacques Fath of Paris is just one of the many fashions that will excite a Portland audience when Ebony Magazine brings its 43rd annual "Fashion Sensation" to the Rose City. The show will support educational opportunities and scholarships for Links, a Portland organization.

(ADDITIONAL PHOTOS AND STORY IN FOCUS, INSIDE.)