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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

U.S. Diplomats Meet Again with Crew

HAIKOU, China — Two American diplomats met with all 24 crew members of a downed U.S. spy plane. Meanwhile, China stood firm in its demand for an apology over the collision of a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet, showing no reaction to a statement that the U.S. side was "sorry" for the loss of the fighter pilot.

Bush Sends Budget Details to the Hill

WASHINGTON — President Bush sent Congress the full details of his \$1.96 trillion budget, promising to restrain what he considers the excessive growth of government spending by trimming a multitude of government programs, from energy conservation to putting police on the streets.

Hawaii's Public Education Shuts Down

HONOLULU — Nearly 13,000 public school teachers and 3,100 University of Hawaii faculty members prepared to go on strike after last-ditch negotiations with the state failed to produce new contracts. The walkouts will shut down public education in Hawaii, affecting 182,328 public school students and 41,933 university students.

Biological Father of 'Internet Twins' Seeks Custody

NEW YORK — The biological father of the twin girls at the center of an international custody dispute said that he is "in a good position to take care of my daughters." A British court ruled that the girls, born in America and adopted by a British couple through an online service, should be returned to Missouri to have a court decide who should raise them. Aaron Wecker, the girls' father, told NBC's *Today* show that he wouldn't characterize his estranged wife's competing claim to the children, but "I think I make a better parent."

Philippines' Estrada Faces Corruption Charges

MANILA, Philippines — His presidential immunity stripped, Joseph Estrada was indicted on charges alleging he amassed \$82 million from kickbacks and payoffs in 2.5 years in office. Among the charges leveled were plunder — a non-bailable offense that could lead to Estrada's arrest. Plunder, illegally accumulating more than \$1 million while in office, is a capital crime, but it is considered doubtful Estrada would get the death penalty. The charges follow a unanimous Supreme Court vote, that reaffirmed the legitimacy of his successor, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

Cosco Hit with Record Fine

Cosco, the world's largest maker of children's products, will pay a record \$1.3 million to settle charges that it failed to report 300 injuries and a death caused by five recalled products.

Students Score Just Above Average in Math, Science

WASHINGTON — Eighth-graders in suburban Chicago and Colorado Springs, Colo., scored among the best in the world in a test of math and science knowledge. On the whole, though, students in the United States scored just above average, lagging behind 16 other countries. All 50 states did not participate, so broad comparisons between them cannot be made. Also, the United States' results are only representative of the participating states and not students throughout the country.

Study: Media Coverage of Youth Crime Unbalanced

WASHINGTON — Even as violent crime rates shrink, news outlets unfairly focus on young Latino and black men who commit acts of violence, a media think tank says. The result of the skewed coverage is a public that believes youth crime is on the rise and supports policies based on that notion, the Berkeley Media Studies group asserted. Media groups said the report revealed offenses that were mostly unintentional.

Internet Connection

On-line Journey Brings Young African to Portland

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THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A growing friendship that blossomed on the Internet across racial, religious and continental barriers has brought a student from Tanzania, Africa to Portland.

In March 2000, Donovan Pacholl of Lake Oswego was planning a trip to Europe and Africa. While researching on the Internet, Pacholl was introduced to Chiss Kisanga.

Surprisingly, Kisanga had posted his name on a Holland Hostel Internet website in the hopes he would meet people from Holland.

The two men corresponded several times, each one inquiring about each other's country.

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— Donovan Pacholl of Lake Oswego

"It was so amazing... to have that connection with someone that's completely different from you," Pacholl said.

Pacholl finally met Kisanga in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's capital last June. He spent two weeks in Chekereni, a village of mud homes at the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro where Kisanga grew up. The village is agriculturally-based and has no running water, no electricity and no supermarkets.

When Pacholl returned home in August, he decided Kisanga should see what life is like in the United States. So he threw a party at a friend's house and charged \$10 at the door. Between donations at the party and from relatives, Pacholl raised

\$2,000 for Kisanga's airfare to Portland.

"This is like a dream," Kisanga said.

He has now been in Portland for four

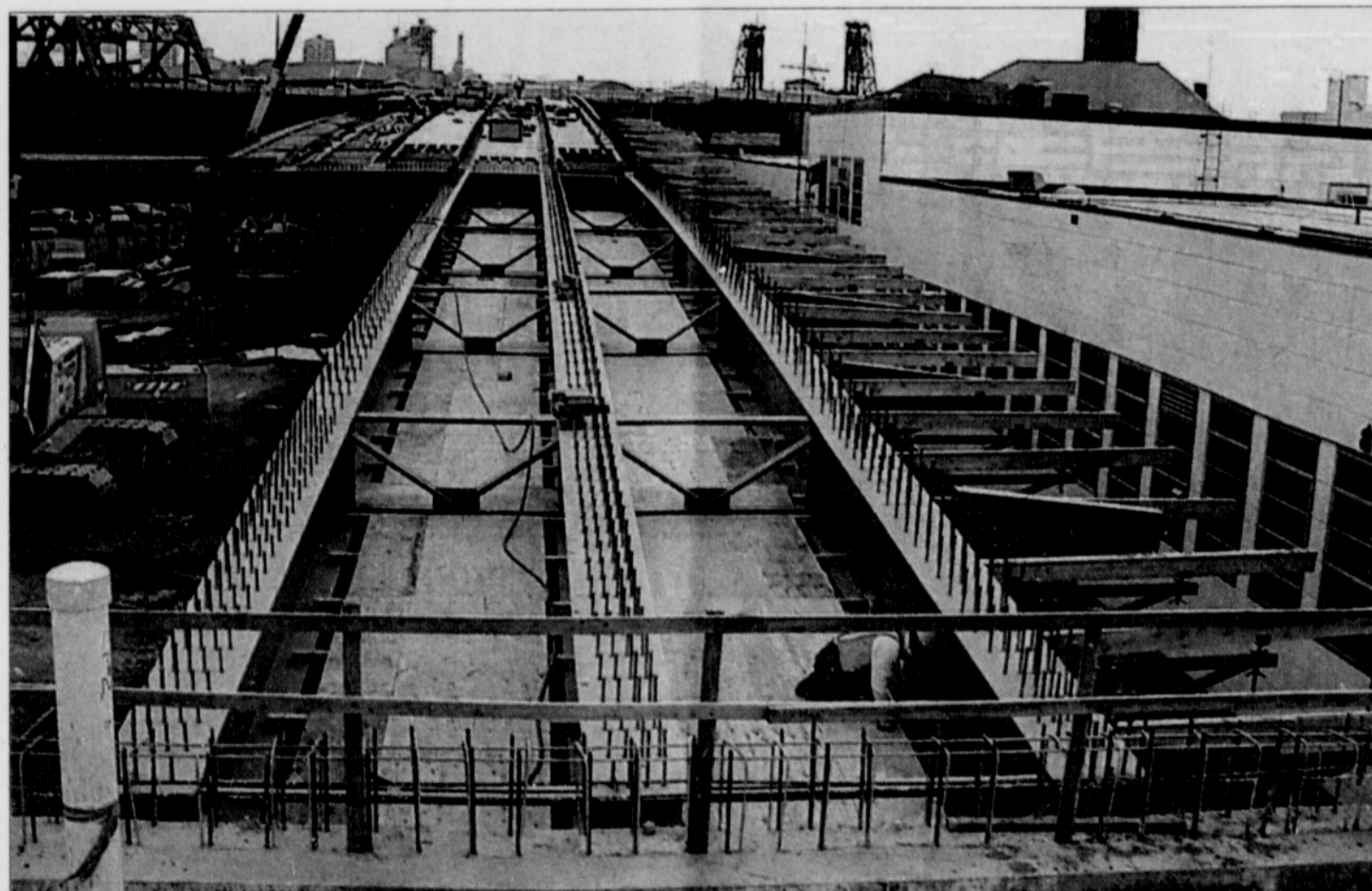
months.

Kisanga says there is nothing to compare his village with the United States.



Pastor Rozell Gilmore (from left) of northeast Portland's Redeemer Lutheran Church nurtures an international friendship with Chiss Kisanga of Tanzania and Donovan Pacholl of Lake Oswego.

Ramp to Carry Bridge Traffic



A new shorter ramp off the Broadway Bridge is taking form on the city's westside. The ramp will replace the old Lovejoy viaduct which was torn down to make room for new housing. It's due for completion this fall. (PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER)

Jackson offers to work for release of U.S. plane's crew

(AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson has offered to go to China to work for the release of 24 U.S. servicemen and women. "If a delegation appealing to the Chinese directly would help, we'd be willing to do that," Jackson told the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper. "We've done

it before, and each time we were successful." Jackson, the leader of the Chicago-based Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, made the offer to National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice a few days ago. Jackson said he was not criticizing President Bush's efforts, but pointed to inter-

national disputes he has successfully mediated, including helping free Americans in Syria, Iraq and Yugoslavia. "In each instance, we had to make a moral appeal," Jackson said. "You do it in a way that does honor to our country. Somehow, religious people can be a bridge."

"Everything is different," he said.

Kisanga had never seen skyscrapers or supermarkets. He never experienced a cold sunny day. When Pacholl took him downtown, Kisanga was amazed they could park the car "inside of a building."

Kisanga, whose father is a Lutheran pastor in Tanzania, attends Redeemer Lutheran Church on Northeast 20th and Killingsworth.

With the help of the church and Pastor Rozell Gilmore, Kisanga started classes at Portland Community College last Monday. He is studying Internet website design.

"I chose web design because I saw the world go on this technology and I think my country needs it," Kisanga said. "I want to be the one who brings it." Kisanga plans to open an Internet café and a computer school when he returns to Tanzania. He is very thankful to be able to study in the United States and is grateful for the friends he has made here. Going to college, even at PCC isn't cheap. Each credit hour costs \$175 for an international student, compared to \$39 per credit hour for Oregon residents. That means one-year at PCC will cost him about \$10,000.

It's a financial obligation that Pastor Gilmore has stepped in to help.

"I did what I call a faith journey," Gilmore said. "We take one step at a time, by faith, and things will happen."

Pastor Gilmore has sent letters to the surrounding churches to help raise the \$20,000 Kisanga will need for a year of expenses, including room and board, tuition and his ticket home. So far they have raised \$17,000 dollars from individuals' donations.

Kisanga, Pacholl and Gilmore are all excited about how the Internet is connecting the world.

"On the Internet, there's no color, there's no religion. It just breaks people down to their voice,"

Pacholl said. "You don't have preconceived ideas. It makes people extremely approachable."

Woman Poses as High School Student

Story stuns former classmates and the Vancouver families who thought they were helping a troubled street teen who had been abused

(AP) — She earned a D in drama, but her acting was great.

Police say a 31-year-old woman posed as a student at Vancouver's Evergreen High School, where she was a member of the Class of 2000, played on the tennis team and attended the senior prom.

Students knew her as Brianna Stewart. Now, she's known as Treva Throneberry and is in the Clark County Jail awaiting a May 23 trial on charges of first-degree theft, second-degree theft and perjury.

Throneberry is accused of defrauding the state Department of Social and Health Sciences of \$3,620 that was paid for her foster care. She also is accused of defrauding Clark College, when \$1,050 in tuition was waived after she claimed to be a homeless teen. The perjury charge alleges she illegally obtained a state identity card under the name Brianna Stewart.

And a Camas man, convicted of having sex with a minor after a 1997 encounter with "Stewart," may get his record cleared. Police say the woman was 28 at the time.

Clark County Superior Court Judge Edwin Poyfair on Monday called Charles Wesley Blankenship's situation a miscarriage of justice. Poyfair said when he's presented with a

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