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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Rebel Leader: American Executed

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — Muslim rebels claimed that they killed an American hostage, who was among three dozen captives they hold. The military cautioned that the group has previously lied about such killings. Abu Sabaya, a leader of the Abu Sayyaf rebels, said the rebels had beheaded Guillermo Sobero of Corona, Calif.

### President Bush Arrives in Spain

MADRID, Spain — President Bush opened his first official trip to Europe, eager to sell his missile defense system, support NATO expansion and assure U.S. allies that despite trans-Atlantic tensions, they have a "trustworthy friend" in Washington. Upon landing at Madrid's airport, the president and first lady Laura Bush were greeted by a few Spanish dignitaries, then headed to Zarzuela Palace to meet with King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia. Bush was meeting later with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar at Aznar's ranch.

### Floods Leave 18 Dead in Texas, La.

HOUSTON — Crews scrambled to repair power outages and reopen roads closed by flooding that was caused by as much as 3 feet of rain from the slow-moving remnants of Tropical Storm Allison. The storm was blamed for 18 deaths in Texas and Louisiana, and thousands of people were forced to flee their flooded homes.

### Court Rules for Religious Clubs

WASHINGTON — In a 6-3 decision that lowered the figurative wall of separation between church and state, the Supreme Court said a New York public school district must let the Good News Club hold after-school meetings for grade-school children to pray and study the Bible. The majority found that excluding the club was unconstitutional discrimination based on the club's views.

### Intel Corp. Unveils Fastest Transistor

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Intel said it has created the world's fastest silicon transistors, tiny switches that turn on and off nearly 1,000 times more quickly than those that power today's microprocessors. The technology also shrinks the devices to a width of 80 atoms.

### Germany Seals Nuclear Shutdown Agreement

BERLIN — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and leading energy companies formally signed an agreement to shut down Germany's 19 nuclear power plants, making it the world's largest industrialized nation to willingly forgo the technology. Though it could take decades to complete, the plan underscores the divide between Europe and the United States on environmental policy.

### Idaho Can Try FBI Sharpshooter

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court ruled that an FBI sharpshooter can be tried for manslaughter in the slaying of the wife of white separatist Randy Weaver during the 1992 Ruby Ridge standoff. Judges cleared the way for Idaho prosecutors to charge agent Lon Horiuchi in the shooting; the federal government had declined to prosecute him.

### Half of Absent Dads Face Tough Choices

WASHINGTON — Half of fathers who live apart from their children are tied to at least one other set of kids, researchers said, meaning many dads face complicated decisions about where to spend their time and money. The study, based on a national survey of households, found that fathers with at least two sets of children in their lives were less likely to pay child support and less likely to visit the kids who live apart from them. Researchers examined fathers' lives in a new way in an attempt to measure their competing interests.



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## Improving the Landscape on 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Sybil Kelly of northeast Portland (left) and a group of Whitaker Middle School students shovel bedding materials to fill new planter boxes along Northeast 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The students took donations of soil and seeds and grew starts in the greenhouse on the Whitaker's roof. Meanwhile, Madison High School students built the planter boxes for the street as part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Revitalization Target Area.

## Juneteenth Parade, Celebrations Set for Saturday

A parade and other activities to celebrate Juneteenth and African American history will take place Saturday, June 16.

A special black history program with skits, gospel, rap music, food and other entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. with a "Passage Over Ceremony" and continue all day at Bethel AME Church at Northeast 8<sup>th</sup> & Jarrett.

The "Freedom Trail Parade" will start at 2 p.m. with a march down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Broadway, returning to King School.

Parade participants will first assemble at 1 p.m. at Bethel AME. Highlights of the parade include



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Saturday, a Juneteenth and kids day celebration will fill this lot at Yam Yam's on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. It will be one of many events to celebrate African American history.

the Buffalo Soldiers, units portraying the Underground Railroad and Abraham Lincoln.

At Yam Yam's, the Color Guard of the Buffalo Soldiers will open a special event that begins at noon and continues all afternoon with live music and guest speakers.

Another Juneteenth celebration will be held at 7 p.m. at King School.

Juneteenth was started as a celebration to observe the anniversary of when people learned of President Lincoln's proclamation abolishing slavery. The festivities mark the approximate time, during the "teen" days of June, that the news of independence was delivered by U.S. Troops in Texas.

## McVeigh's Death Divides Americans

(AP) — As much as his crime united the nation in shock, Timothy McVeigh's death left Americans divided. For many, there was certitude and satisfaction that justice had prevailed; others wrestled with moral doubts.

"When a society kills its killers, then we become a little bit more like them," said Craig Hammond, director of a charity program in Bluefield, W. Va.

But from Doc Hardaway, who runs a shoeshine stand in Atlanta: "Like the Bible says, an eye for an eye."

Although witnessed in person and on closed-circuit TV by barely 250

people, McVeigh's death on Monday was a public event in a sense, a national execution.

In scores of communities — people fumbled for a way to mark the occasion appropriately.

There were prayer services, vigils, subdued protests.

It was a wrenching day for many Americans, not least for those who seek to end all executions. McVeigh never gave them ammunition for their arguments — no apology, no testimony of mental distress or an anguished childhood.

Even as she protested against the



Timothy McVeigh

## Budget Trims Access to Police Precincts

Public access to Portland's Northeast Precinct will soon be curtailed due to budget cuts.

The Portland Police Bureau is laying off 21 of the 46 police desk clerks, resulting in a reduction in the level of service provided to citizens.

Effective July 1, the Northeast Precinct's front desk, lobby and community meeting room hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The precinct will be closed on weekends and holidays.

During the hours of closure, the front desk will not be staffed. The front doors will be locked and there will be no access to the precinct. Similar business hours will be in effect for all other precincts except the Central Precinct located at the Justice Center building, which will have

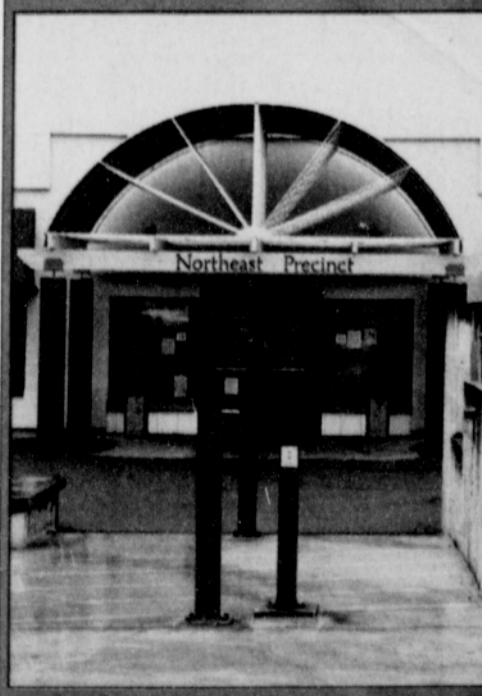


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Public hours of operation at the Northeast Police Precinct (above) will soon get cut back.

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