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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Woman slashes kindergarten teacher in Japan

TOKYO—A woman with a kitchen knife forced her way into a Tokyo kindergarten and slashed a teacher before fleeing Tuesday, less than two weeks after a man stormed an elementary school and stabbed eight children to death. The teacher was taken to the hospital, but her injuries were minor. Recent attacks have prompted calls from Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and others for increased school security.

Israel may reconsider cease-fire if attacks continue

JERUSALEM—Israel warned Tuesday that it will reconsider its commitment to a cease-fire if the Palestinians do not prevent attacks like those on West Bank roads a day earlier that killed two Israelis. A cooling-off period that was supposed to lead to peace talks will not begin Wednesday as planned due to the ongoing violence, Israeli officials insisted. A meeting Monday between security commanders of the two sides, who had resumed cooperation in recent days, ended with no agreement on a timetable for the truce negotiated last week by CIA director George Tenet.

Gates donates \$100M to U.N. group to fight AIDS

BRUSSELS, Belgium—The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Tuesday donated \$100 million to a United Nations health fund to fight AIDS and called on European Union nations and other countries to make further contributions. The fund was proposed by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in April, when he called for a "war chest" of \$7 billion to \$10 billion annually to halt AIDS, which has hit Africa hardest and become the continent's primary killer. The Microsoft founder has also donated \$126 million to an earlier AIDS initiative and \$750 million in the past five years to boost global immunization efforts and to research new medicine.

Philippine military pinpoints rebels

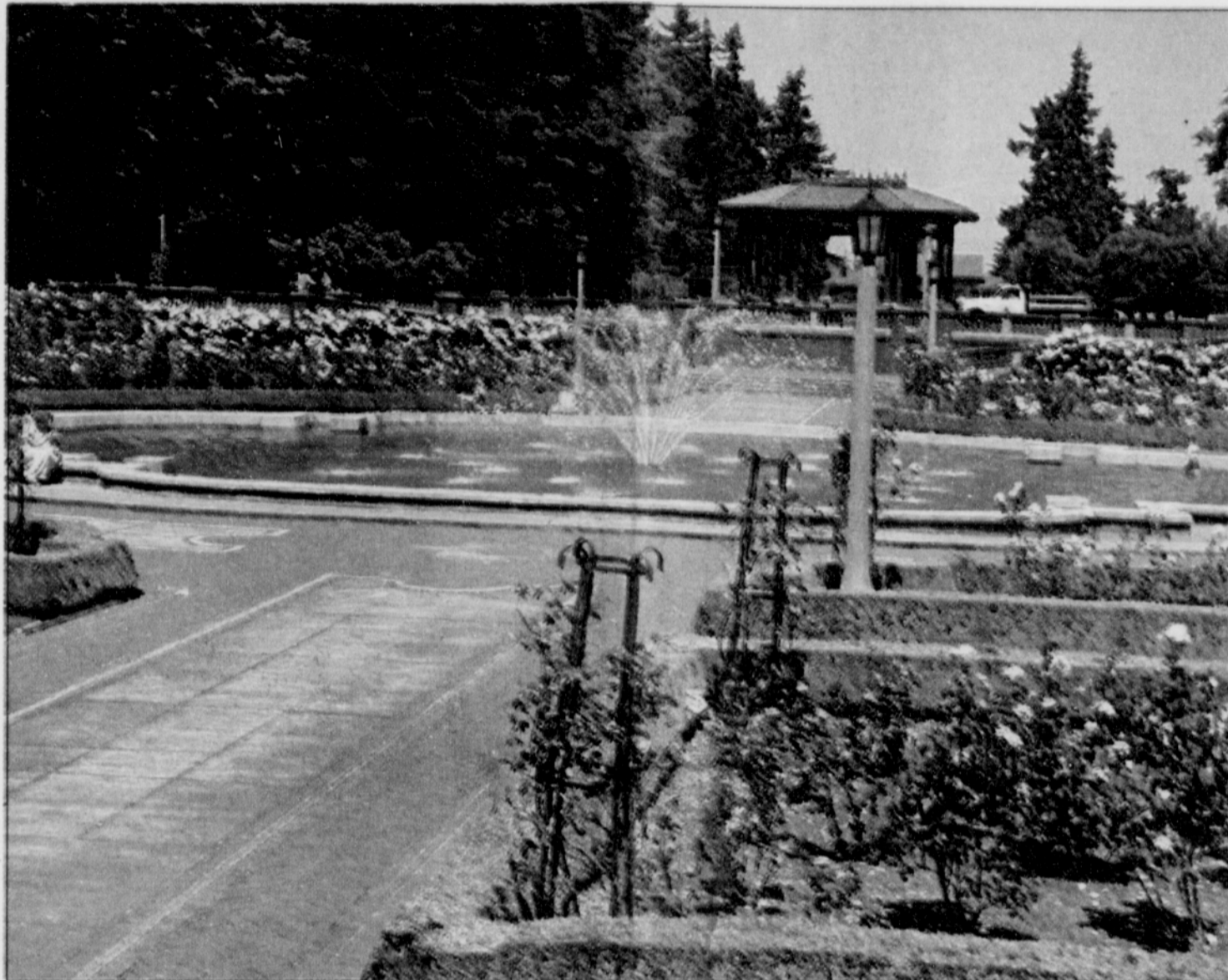
ZAMBOANGA, Philippines—The military said Tuesday it has pinpointed Muslim extremist kidnapers in a southern jungle and were moving in for an attack, despite the guerrillas' call for negotiations. "It's still a game of hide and seek, but their world is getting smaller and smaller," National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said on national television. "We have located them and our troops are closing in." With 5,000 troops reportedly in pursuit, Golez rejected as unacceptable a letter from a leader of the Abu Sayyaf Muslim extremist group offering to release more of its about two dozen hostages if the government calls off the military hunt.

Government bans protests after massive march

ALGIERS, Algeria—The Algerian government has banned all demonstrations in the capital following the fierce rioting that broke out last week during a massive pro-democracy demonstration. The unrest began among ethnic Berbers in the eastern Kabyle region but has since spread to the capital, Algiers, and other parts of this North African nation. In a statement released late Monday, the government said it was determined "to tackle serious excesses ... during the tragic and painful events that have taken place in recent days."

U.S. embassy attack averted

WASHINGTON—FBI and Navy investigators in Yemen looking into the bombing of the warship USS Cole were pulled out of the country because of a security threat, an FBI official said Monday. The move follows a June 9 State Department warning of an increased threat of terrorism against Americans and U.S. interests in Yemen. The department authorized non-emergency embassy staff and their families to leave the country and urged Americans to postpone trips to Yemen.



Park's Grandeur Sparkles During June

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Many people are enjoying a beautifully restored fountain at the historic Rose Garden in Peninsula Park. The fountain was completed last year as part of a complete renovation of the park at North Albina between Portland Boulevard and Ainsworth.



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I-5 Project Closes Ainsworth

Closure of the Ainsworth Street overpass at I-5 in north Portland began Monday and will remain closed for three months. The closure will allow construction crews on the I-5 Preservation Project to raise the structure several inches and give the freeway below more room for a new surface which will be added later. In another big I-5 construction note, the freeway in the vicinity of the Rose Garden will be closed for the resurfacing project every weekend beginning in July for 12 weekends.

Students Lose to Shoppers

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Tri-Met's decision to expand Fareless Square has disappointed a group of local students.

Sisters in Action for Power represent minority and low-income women and girls who want monthly student fares reduced from \$31 to \$10.

Instead of alleviating the burden on students, Tri-Met, leaders of the group charge, has catered to shoppers and tourists.

Beginning in September, the downtown Fareless Square will be expanded to Lloyd Center with the aim of increasing the economic potential of the Lloyd District.

"Tri-Met says that they are investing in businesses and we say, 'why not invest in youth?'" said Terenie Faison, a recent graduate of Jefferson High School.

However, according to Tri-Met, the Fareless Square expansion also came about because the city offered to subsidize the free service to help curb automobile air pollution.

Most high school students in Portland rely on public transportation.

Sisters in Action has conducted research through surveys and the Internet and found that 10 percent of students drop out of school because they cannot get there.

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Youth outraged over Tri-Met's decision to expand Fareless Square

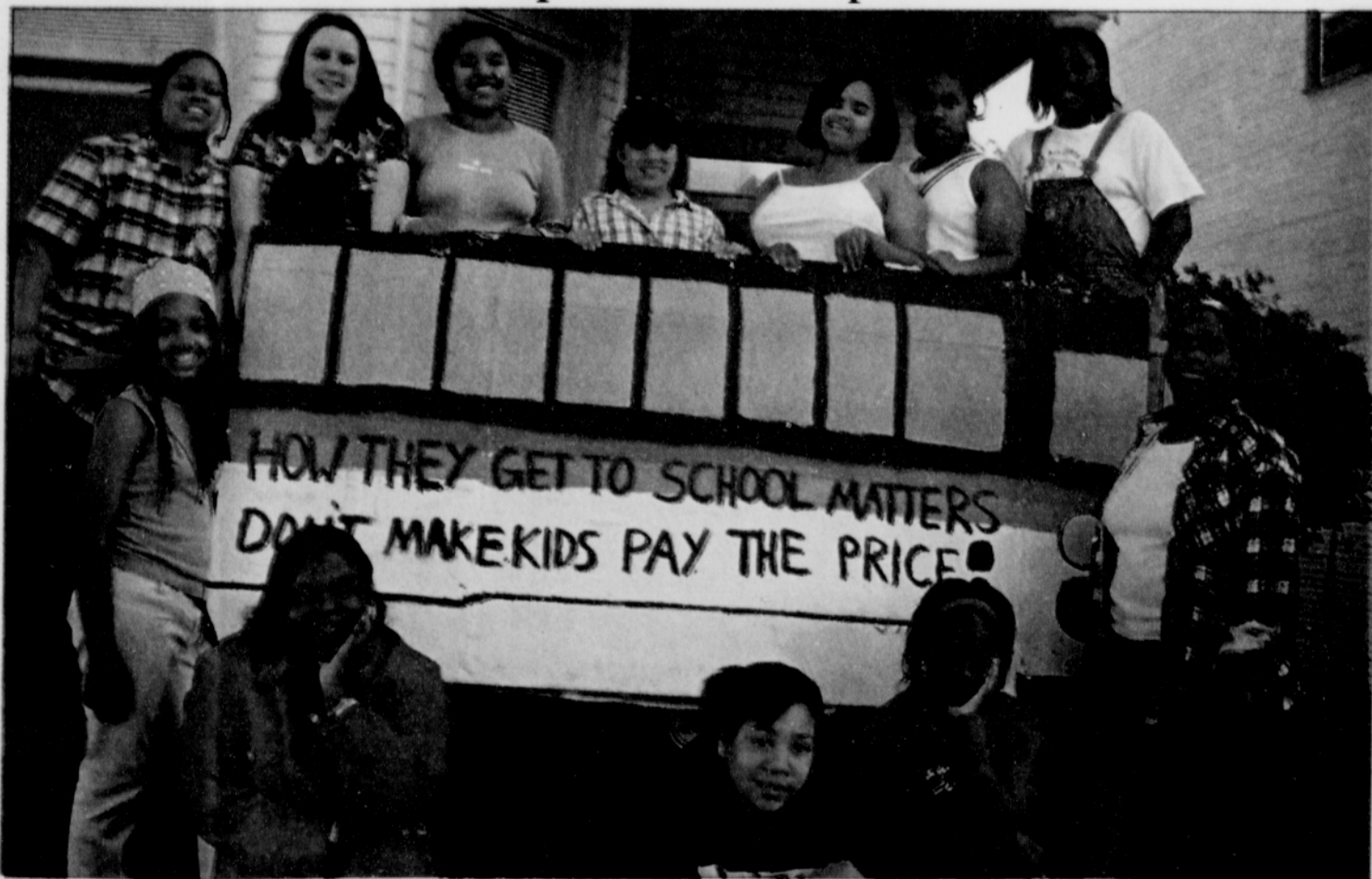


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Members of Sisters in Action for Power are behind a proposal to reduce student fares on Portland's public transportation system to help kids get to school and stay in school.

Garza Executed in Same Gurney as McVeigh

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP)—With an apology for "the pain and grief that I have caused," murderer and drug kingpin Juan Raul Garza was executed Tuesday, eight days after Timothy McVeigh became the first federal inmate put to death since 1963.

Garza died at 7:09 a.m. by chemical injection, strapped to the same gurney where McVeigh was executed last week.

He nervously flexed his feet as Warden Harley Lappin tied the curtains back on the witness rooms. As the chemicals entered his veins, he kept his head cocked to the left, toward the room assigned to his own witnesses. His eyes slowly closed half way and his lips turned a light blue.

He went to his death calmly and unlike McVeigh, with remorse. "I just want to say that I'm sorry, and I apologize for all the pain and grief that I have caused," he said. "I ask your forgiveness and God bless."

As Garza was being executed, about 50 anti-death penalty activists outside the U.S. Penitentiary sang "We Shall Overcome" and other protest songs.

The scene was in stark contrast to the buzz of media activity that met McVeigh's final days. Dan Dunne, a U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokesman, said only about 75 reporters had registered for credentials to cover Garza's death. More than 1,000 reporters had credentials for the McVeigh execution.

Garza, 44, was convicted of murdering a man by shooting him five times in the head and neck and ordering the deaths of two other men. It was all part of Garza's marijuana smuggling operation, which federal prosecutors say he ran ruthlessly.

He was the first person to be executed under the 1988 federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act, which imposes a death sentence for murders stemming

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