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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

China Cleared to Join World Trade Organization

World Trade Organization negotiators formally agreed to terms for Chinese membership after 15 years of tough talks, chief WTO spokesman Keith Rockwell said.

Arafat Announces Cease-Fire

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip—Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat announced that he is unilaterally enforcing a cease-fire, and Israel responded by ordering a halt to military operations. Both sides have been under pressure from the United States to work out a truce.

Major Airlines Cut Flights 20%

Hoping to avoid bankruptcy after the terrorist attacks, Continental, American, Northwest and Delta airlines are all reducing their schedules by 20%. Continental said it also is laying off 12,000 employees.

Fed Cuts Rates Half-Point

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate by one-half point to 3%. The rate cut was the eighth this year in the Fed's effort to stave off a recession. The Fed's Open Market Committee acted in advance of its regularly scheduled interest-rate session, Oct. 2.

Bin Laden Handover Considered

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The supreme leader of Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban will let a grand council of Islamic clerics decide whether to hand over suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden to the United States, the Taliban-run radio said.

Stocks Plunge

NEW YORK — Clearly nervous investors sent stocks falling sharply in the opening minutes of trading on Wall Street, the stock market's first day back since last week's terrorist attack. The fall came despite the latest interest rate cut.

Senate Approves Using Force, \$40B in Emergency Aid

The Senate approved \$40 billion in emergency aid to help the victims and hunt down the perpetrators of Tuesday's attacks in New York and Washington. Federal investigators also have identified as many as 52 potential conspirators in the hijacking attacks.

NATO Vows Military Support

NATO declared that the catastrophic terrorist attacks on the United States were an act of war against the entire alliance, and it pledged military support for any U.S. retaliation. The declaration marked the first time in the alliance's 52-year history that it has invoked a clause to come to the defense of a member that has been attacked.

Son Escapes World Trade Center Attacks

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Painful worry turned to a great joy for a northeast Portland mother whose son escaped New York's World Trade Center after hijacked planes were used to destroy the buildings Sept. 11.

Dee Craig-Arnold said her son, Maurice "Moe" Craig, 37, worked on the 97th floor in the center's No. 2 tower. He was employed as an insurance underwriter for Aon Financial.

Dee said it was excruciating watching the devastation on TV in the hours after the attacks, not knowing if her son was dead, alive or badly injured.

Finally, sometime after 11 a.m., through a friend's daughter, she found out he was able to get out.

She has since been able to talk with her son and knows he's okay, though she's sure he's suffering traumatic mental anguish from being a witness to one of the most devastating attacks ever against the United States.

He told her some of people in the office towers were sucked out of windows; others were confused and hid under desks.

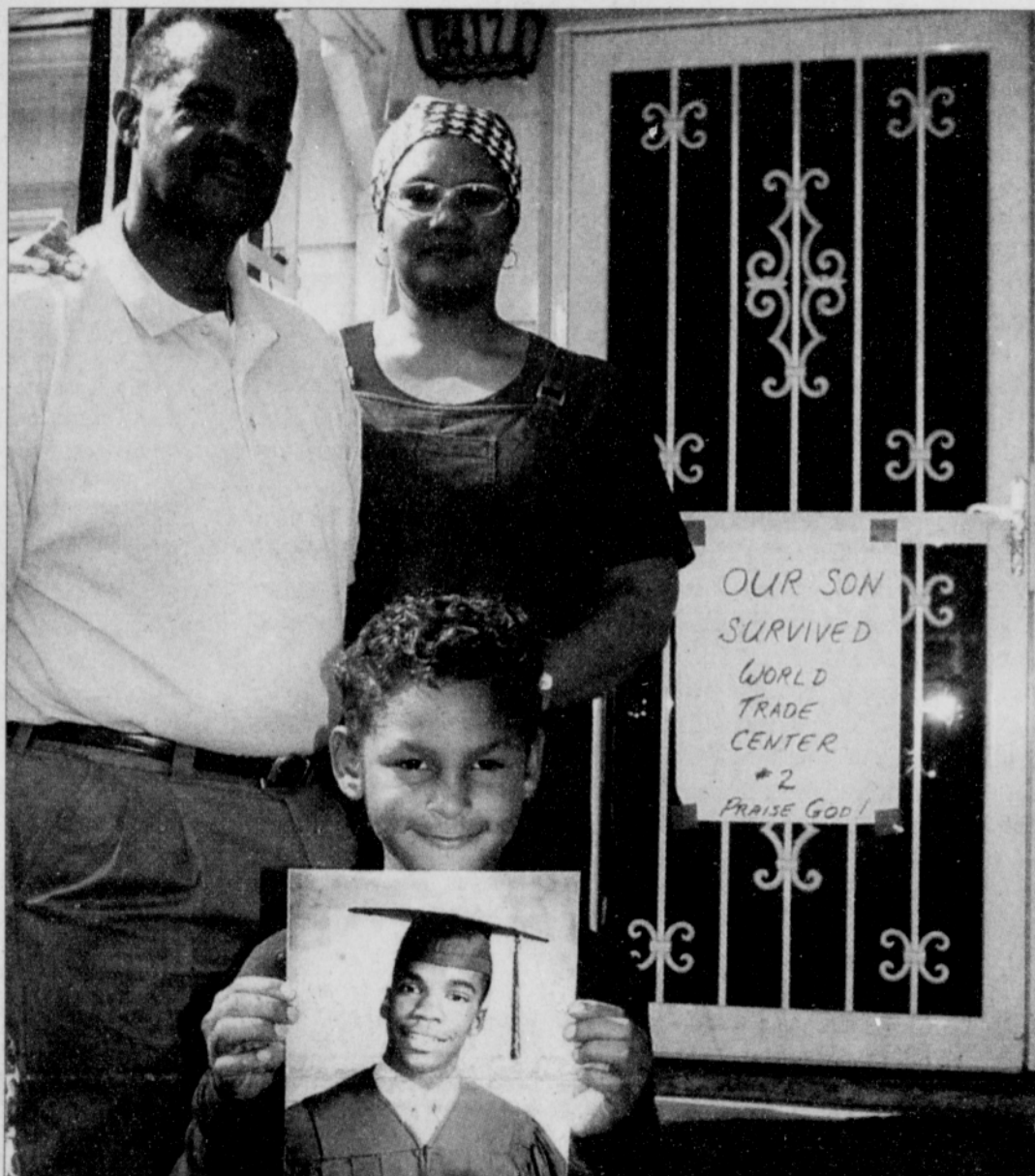
He decided to exit the building after the attack on the first tower, giving a helping hand to a woman crouched on the stairway.

By the time he made it to the 42nd floor, the second plane hit his building.

When he reached the lobby, it was littered with glass, broken light fixtures and blood.

He ran up the street, thinking the city was under attack by fighter jets and that he was going to get shot, she said.

Upon hearing the thundering noise when the second tower collapsed, he looked back to see the massive and deadly



Terrorist attacks survivor Maurice "Moe" Craig in a 1993 family photo.

Dee Craig-Arnold spreads the word and thanks God for her son's escape from the attacks on the World Trade Center, along with her husband Jim Arnold, and grandson, at their Northeast Portland home.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

destruction, but never looked back again, she said.

He then walked across New York's

Manhattan Bridge and another 7 miles to his home in Brooklyn.

Moe Craig grew up in Portland, attend-

ing Ockley Green, Portsmouth and Jefferson High Schools. He graduated from Howard University in 1987.

Tragedy Inspires Local Patriotic Response



State Sen. Margaret Carter and Portland Mayor Vera Katz are at the podium with several religious leaders behind them to help lead a day of mourning for the victims of last week's deadly terrorism. An estimated 5,855 people died when four hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon and into a field in Pennsylvania. PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER



American flags decorate a horse driven wagon ride at Saturday's Alberta Street Fair. Flags can be seen all over Portland as people show their patriotism in the wake of last week's terrorism attacks on the East Coast. PHOTO BY DAVID GIEZYNG/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Oregon Mental Health Workers Assist New York

(AP)—A team of Oregon mental health professionals flew to New York Tuesday to help victims and rescue workers involved in last week's terrorist attack. It will be the first time in 700 missions that Northwest Medical Teams has sent a group focused solely on providing counseling assistance after a disaster.

Two of the six group members are making their first trip for the organization. The other four have taken part in previous missions, including earthquake relief in Turkey and India and assistance for Kosovan refugees in Albania.

"The psychological impact on every-

one associated with this will be enormous," said Bas Vanderzalm, president of the Tigard-based emergency relief group.

The initial call from New York requested a team of mental health workers to go to Nyack College. About 25 students from the school's Manhattan campus were reported missing late last week. The mission has since been expanded to include working with rescue workers and others off the street who seek counseling. The need for emotional help after a disaster can't be overstated, said team member Deborah Pack-Patton, a West Linn High School psychologist. She cited a study

done five years after the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, which showed a marked increase in suicide, divorce and alcohol and drug abuse among rescue workers.

"These folks need to talk about what they are seeing and going through, or face severe personal consequences down the road," she said.

As the number of confirmed dead rises, other groups are also focusing efforts on counseling.

Laurel Hughes, a clinical psychologist from Beaverton, is already in the thick of things. The 48-year-old American Red

Cross volunteer has been dispatching mental health workers from a command post in Princeton, N.J., since Sunday morning.

On Saturday, the Portland-based humanitarian group Mercy Corps rushed 700 grief guidebooks to New York City. With titles like "Helping Children Cope with Death" and "When Death Impacts Your School: A Guide for School Administrators," the guides will be given to teachers, day-care workers, parents and others.

The guides came from the Dougy Center, Portland's nationally known organization for grieving children and families.

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