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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Peacekeepers in Place Soon

**LONDON** — The first international peacekeeping troops could be in Afghanistan by the end of the week. Officials said the lead elements of a stabilization force were expected to be in place by Dec. 22 when an interim administration is scheduled to take power.

### India Blames Pakistan for Parliament Attack

**NEW DELHI, India** — India's government accused Pakistan of trying to wipe out the Indian leadership by sponsoring the terrorist attack on Parliament. Home Minister Lal K. Advani called it the "most alarming act of terrorism in the history of two decades of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism."

### USA's Largest Cathedral Burned

**NEW YORK** — Fire broke out at the historic Cathedral of St. John the Divine, with flames shooting from the Episcopal church that has been under construction for more than a century. Fire officials said they expected widespread smoke and water damage.

### Tax Cuts Hinder Stimulus Plan

**WASHINGTON** — Progress on tax cuts and help for the unemployed has foundered in Congress because of fallout from last spring's tax cuts. To Democrats who opposed the previous cuts, granting President Bush more of the same poses even greater risks to the government's financial stability.

### Retail Sales Plunge

**WASHINGTON** — Retail sales plunged a record 3.7% in November as consumers, buffeted by huge job losses, terrorist attacks and a recession, got the holiday sales season off to a dismal start. The record drop in retail sales followed a 6.4% surge in October, also a record.

### Israel Cuts Ties with Arafat

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip** — Israel severed all contact with Yasser Arafat, launching airstrikes and sending troops to Palestinian towns after a bus ambush that killed 10 Israelis. The new strikes today killed one man and injured 40 in Gaza.

### U.S. to Void 1972 Nuke Treaty

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush will soon give Russia notice that the United States is withdrawing from the 1972 nuclear treaty that bans testing of missile defense systems, U.S. officials said. Bush has said the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have heightened the need for missile defense.

### Dozens of Workers at Salt Lake Airport Arrested

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Dozens of airport workers were arrested and charged by prosecutors with using false information to get jobs at Salt Lake International Airport. Federal attorney Paul Warner said there were no known links to terrorism, but called the indictments important to U.S. security.

## Sharing the Magic of Christmas



Kaylea Mazurek (left) and Egbevedo Ananouko (right) were among the many deserving kids sharing a day with Santa Claus at the sixth annual Holiday Bike Drive at legacy Emanuel Hospital Sunday. The Community Cycling Center on Northeast Alberta sponsored the bike drive, with volunteers restoring donated bikes and giving them to 1,000 underprivileged kids in the Portland area.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

## Oregon Linked to 9-11 Terror Attacks

Senator says perpetrators of terrorism find aid and comfort here

(AP) - Classified information indicates there are people linked to the Sept. 11 terror attacks in Oregon, said U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith. It is the first time such a connection has been publicly made by a high-ranking official.

"I can't tell you classified things, but I can tell you we have a problem present in Oregon," the Republican said in a Monday interview.

"I don't have any reason to believe that somebody's going to pull the trigger in Oregon," Smith said.

"But," he added, "I have reason to believe that there are some finding aid and comfort here in the state of Oregon who have been a party to terrorist activities that found ultimate expression in New York City."

Pressed for details, he said, "I better not go any farther."

The FBI, Gov. John Kitzhaber's office and the state Attorney General's office refused to discuss specifics of Oregon's role in the nationwide anti-terror investigation.

Previously, no one of authority has publicly drawn a direct connection between the terror attacks and potential suspects in Oregon. Of the 1,200 people who have been arrested or detained across the nation since the attacks, none are held in Oregon.

Beth Anne Steele, the FBI's spokeswoman in Oregon, said "We know of no direct threats in Oregon."

The FBI has said publicly that "there is certainly an infrastructure for terrorists located throughout the country, particularly in terms of fund-raising," Steele said.

But she would not say whether that infrastructure is thought to have extended into this state.

"Anything specific on Oregon, we're not going to get into," she said.

Smith spoke about the investigation into the Sept. 11 attacks while commenting on Portland's rejection of the U.S. Justice Department's request to participate in the nationwide interviewing of about 5,000 foreign men.

Portland said its police officers might be violating state law by posing the questions the Justice Department wants answered.

Smith said he didn't want to criticize Portland city officials.

He added, "I do not underestimate the terrorist threat, even in Oregon. While we have the right to object (to the interviews), we have the duty to work it out because public safety is in the crosshairs."

"I'd have to tell you something classified, so I can't. But I don't want you to think this (the interviewing) is idly done," he said.

"A crime has been committed in America's neighborhood, and there may be people here who wish to harm Americans, Oregonians and otherwise," he said.

"I want some people apprehended. I want every part of law enforcement to work cooperatively within the bounds of our constitution to make sure that dangerous people are no longer given safe harbor in our country," Smith said.

Smith spokesman Kerry Tymchuk said the senator has "no information" on why authorities haven't detained the people he's talking about.

Bob Applegate, spokesman for Kitzhaber, said he had no knowledge of the information cited by Smith.

"This is completely out of the blue," Applegate said. "And even if we knew something about it, we wouldn't be able to discuss it with you."

## Consortium Gets Interstate-Max Work



Tri-Met General Manager Fred Hansen is honored by the Northeast Urban Trucking Consortium for his efforts to include minority firms in Interstate MAX light rail construction. Hansen was presented the award from James Posey (left), a member of the trucking group that is working on the Interstate MAX project. Tri-Met was recognized for exceeding its goal of 16 percent involvement from disadvantaged business enterprises.

## Airport Max Moves Holiday Travelers



The new Airport Max light rail train has turned into a popular choice for getting to the airport.

Area residents are finding Tri-Met's Airport MAX line a convenient way to get to and from Portland International Airport during the December holiday season.

The Airport MAX Red Line is the West Coast's first train to the plane, running every 15 minutes, every day, from 5 a.m. until the last train leaves the airport at 11:30 p.m.

Commuters are finding the transportation fast, convenient and inexpensive — taking 38 minutes from downtown Portland and stopping 150 feet from the airport's baggage claim. The trip costs \$1.55 each way.

Quick drop sites are located at MAX stations on Northeast 82nd Avenue, Lloyd Center/Northeast 11th Avenue, Old Town/Chinatown, Galleria, Gateway Transit Center and the Parkrose/Sumner Transit Center.

Ticket vending machines are located in the airport lobby and at all MAX stations. A Trip-Planning Kiosk in the airport lobby also helps with transit connections.

## OHSU Nurses Go On Strike

Subs brought in on charter buses to keep hospital open

(AP) - Nurses walked off the job at Oregon Health & Sciences University on Monday morning.

The 1,500 registered nurses at the Portland hospital - which also houses the state's only medical school - went on strike after a majority of nurses voted to reject OHSU's latest contract offer.

The hospital's nursing director said the hospital will continue running at full capacity, with replacement nurses filling all positions. "Our mission is unchanged," said Bonnie Driggers. "Our mission is to care for our patients here at the hospital

and continue our research activities."

The substitute nurses began arriving over the weekend on charter buses. They have come from several states as well as the Portland area, all are licensed to work in Oregon and meet OHSU standards, Driggers said.

After negotiations with a state mediator broke down, members of the nurses' union on Saturday night overwhelmingly rejected what Driggers called OHSU's financial offer.

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