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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

U.S. Deports Hussein's Stepson
MIAMI — Saddam Hussein's stepson has been deported to New Zealand after being detained on immigration violations when he arrived at a Florida flight school attended by one of the Sept. 11 hijackers. Mohammed Nour al-Din Saffi, 36, will be sent to New Zealand, where he is a naturalized citizen.

Bush Calls for Corporate Crackdown
NEW YORK — President Bush called for stiff new penalties for corporate criminals and a crackdown on boardroom scandals, promising in a speech on Wall Street that his administration would "end the days of cooking the books, shading the truth and breaking the law."

Winnie Mandela Pleads Innocent
PRETORIA, South Africa — Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, the ex-wife of former president Nelson Mandela, pleaded innocent to 85 counts of fraud and theft charges involving nearly \$100,000. If convicted, she could be sentenced to 15 years in prison.

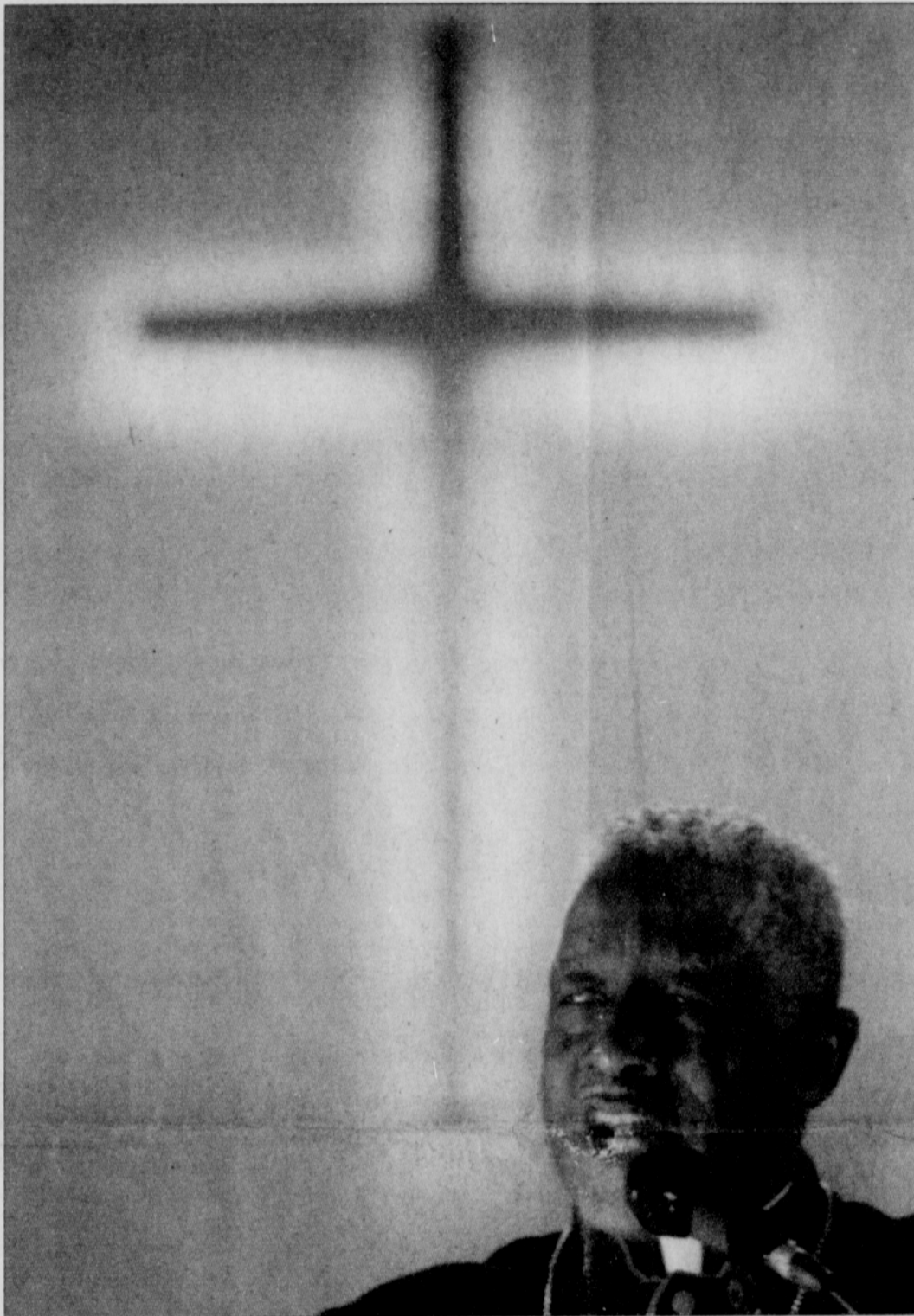
Hormone Therapy Study Stopped
In a rare move, the government has halted a major study of hormone therapy three years earlier than planned because of a slightly increased risk of invasive breast cancer. Researchers concluded that the long-term risks of taking hormones outweigh the benefits for a woman who still has her uterus.

Pilot Given Contradictory Orders
BERLIN — A Russian pilot received contradictory instructions before crashing into a cargo plane over Germany last week, German investigators said. Voice recorders show that a Swiss controller's order for a Russian pilot to descend contradicted the cockpit warning system's command.

China in Dark About AIDS
BARCELONA — The vast majority of Chinese do not know how AIDS spreads, what causes the disease or how to protect themselves from it, researchers said. An estimated 850,000 people in the 1.3 billion country already carry HIV, the AIDS virus.

NAACP Head Again Assails Bush Administration
HOUSTON — NAACP board chairman Julian Bond criticized the Bush administration, saying it had failed to enforce civil rights laws, and he denounced the FBI's use of increased surveillance powers in fighting terrorism.

States Add Clergy to Sex-Abuse Laws
More state legislatures are responding to the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church by changing laws to make it a crime when church officials don't report allegations of sexual abuse of minors. Massachusetts, Illinois, Missouri and Colorado have passed such laws this year.



Bishop Samuel Irving preaches to the faithful of the Albina Christian Life Center as he has for the last 32 years. PCC expansion has forced his congregation to relocate. On Sunday, he held the last service at the church's location on Albina St. and led marching parishioners to their new church at 2149 N. Willamette Blvd.

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Church Holds Final Service On Albina

Parishioners march to new location

BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
With the closing of one chapter, another begins. So it is for Bishop Samuel Irving and his congregation at the Albina Christian Life Center.

After 32 years on Albina Ave., the church has bowed to PCC expansion and will move to a new location at 2149 N. Willamette Blvd. Irving has been pastor that whole time. He recently delivered a moving sermon Sunday to parishioners that came out for the last service at the Albina location.

"Some of us are emotional," he said, "but it is a happy emotion." The move has not come without frustration. Irving says the church was "forced to accept less than what it wanted" for the property.

"Nobody likes to be forced to move anywhere," he said. But now that the property has been sold, Irving says the move to the bigger space on Willamette Blvd. has "proved to be a blessing."

"We are ecstatic about the building," he said, "our volunteers have worked very hard."

The 27,000 square foot building was purchased in April, and the first service will be held this coming Sunday at 11 a.m. and an evening service at 6 p.m.

Irving encouraged his parishioners to keep their faith and to continue to strengthen their personal relationship with God.

"There is something about walking with God that makes you so excited," he exclaimed.

Parishioners were on their feet through much of the sermon, singing and shouting amens and hallelujahs as Irving's voice rose and fell over the worshippers.

The emotion of the service brought some to tears. Following the service, the faithful gathered outside the church and prepared to march to their new location on Willamette Blvd.

A police escort led the singing, waving parishioners down Killingsworth St. to Willamette Blvd., where they were greeted by supporters who shouted and clapped enthusiastically at their arrival.

Though times have been tough for the church and their path ahead sometimes unclear, Irving says he will never lose his confidence in the guidance of God.

"Everything you do," Irving said, "you do by faith."

Custodians Lose Jobs in School Board Vote

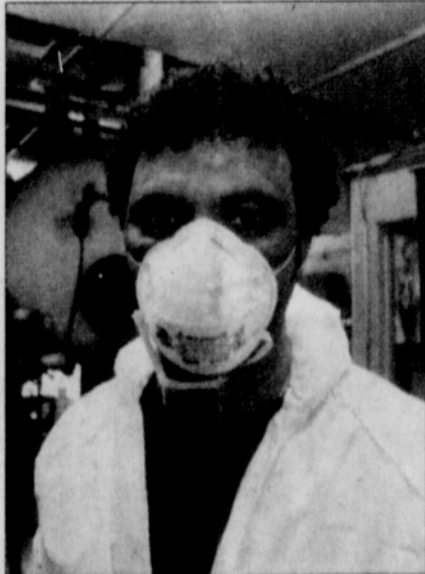
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Custodians for Portland Public Schools will not be returning to their jobs next fall. The school board's 5-to-2 vote Monday to replace school custodians with a private low wage contractor, crushed the hopes of the custodians and their supporters.

During an emotional public comment period at the meeting, one of the custodians' backers, Chad Debnam of the Civil Service Board, refused to give up the podium when his time expired.

"You better get away from me, man," said Debnam when a board member asked him to step down.

A security guard finally escorted Debnam from the podium.

The move to hire the Portland Habilitation Center to replace the custodians will save the district \$36 million, but cus-



One of the many Portland Public Schools custodians who will be losing their job this fall.

todians and their supporters think that the safety of students will be jeopardized.

Long time custodian Dan Strong has said, "The School Board is not putting the safety of the kids first."

Board member Lorenzo Poe said his "yes" vote was painful, but cuts in the classroom would hurt more.

"In the end, it comes down to this: what is in the best interest of the young people that I ran for this position to serve," said Poe.

Three-quarters of PHC's workers are physically disabled. The non-profit group will have to hire 300-plus employees to fill the district's custodial needs.

A PHC executive said most of the savings for the schools would come from lower pay.

"It's in wages, it's also in benefits and it's also in overhead costs," said Deb Houston, PHC Vice-President.

The school board's vote capped the end of six-months of negotiations with the custodians' union. The union offered salary and benefit cuts. Still the board contended that it was not enough.

Now, custodians like Mark Schnoor will be looking for work.

"I'm tired of holding my kids, crying themselves to sleep, wondering if their dad's going to have a job or not," said Schnoor.

Questions have been raised about hiring the mentally disabled to work around children.

The district said the new PHC employees would have to undergo two sets of background checks, including the mentally disabled.

For the long time custodians, some of whom have worked in the district for decades, there was little consolation. Their careers with the district are over.

Teams Compete for Best Sand Sculpture

Sculptures like this one loom large at last year's Sand in the City competition at Pioneer Courthouse Square.



Fantastic sand sculptures designed by 17 corporate teams will compete at the 7th annual Yoshida's Sand in the City. This is a fun event for the whole family

that will be held at Pioneer Courthouse Square, from July 12-14. Activities are available for children, as well as food and live entertainment. Proceeds from

Yoshida's Sand in the City fund free educational puppet programs that Kids on the Block offers to schools throughout the Portland tri-county area.



The Prescott Market is the site where investigators are looking into a shooting that occurred on Monday evening.

Drive-by Shooting Leaves One Man Wounded

Investigators are looking into a possible gang related, drive-by shooting that occurred on Monday at 10:38 p.m., in front of a store, at the corner of N.E. 15th and Prescott.

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