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## Week in The Review



Saddam Hussein

### Death Penalty Wanted for Saddam

Exuberance over his capture still fresh, Iraqi leaders said they want to send Saddam Hussein to a quick trial with an eye toward executing him by summer. But U.S. officials signaled the Iraqis may have to wait.

### Sen. Thurmond Had Illegitimate Daughter

The late Sen. Strom Thurmond's family on Monday said it acknowledges a California woman's claim that she is his illegitimate mixed-race daughter. "We hope this acknowledgment will bring closure for Ms. Williams," the family's lawyer, J. Mark Taylor, said in a brief statement.



Secretary of State Colin Powell

### Powell has Cancerous Prostate Removed

Secretary of State Colin Powell underwent surgery to remove his cancerous prostate gland. "Everything went fine," his spokesman said. "The doctors say he had a localized prostate cancer," spokesman Richard Boucher said.

### Northwesterner Wins \$1M on 'Survivor'

In a "Survivor" contest packed with villains and indelible characters, Sandra Diaz-Twine, a mother of two from the Northwest, had the staying power to win the television game.

### Gov't to Relieve Flu Vaccine Shortage

The government on Monday announced the purchase of 375,000 flu shots for adults, scrambling to ease vaccine shortages in what is turning out to be a harsh flu season.

### Afghan Women Demand Leadership Positions

The opening celebrations over Afghanistan's constitutional council hit its first controversy, with women delegates denouncing their colleagues for trying to shut them out of leadership positions.

## Church Building Back on Track



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Making final plans for the completion of a new sanctuary and education center on North Summer Street between Michigan and Missouri avenues are Emmanuel Temple Bishop A.A. Wells, S.B. Deacon superintendent Billy Ploetz, senior pastor C.T. Wells and chief operations officer Rev. Franklin Alvey.

### Delay ends for Emmanuel Temple dream house

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON  
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One of the most ambitious building projects for a local African American house of worship is back on track.

The Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church will resume work Jan. 5 on a new 33,000 square foot sanctuary and education center in north Portland, church leaders said.

The resumption of building activity comes after a complete halt on the \$3.3 million project that was adding years to the project, first started with site preparation work in 1996 and construction in 1998.

Church operations officer Rev. Franklin A. Alvey said financing to complete the entire project by May of this coming year was made possible by a new bank loan.

The church was recently able to improve its financial standing by completing a transaction with Portland Community College on the sale of the former Renaissance Market property, a store the church operated as a community resource on North Killingsworth Street.

Alvey said the new church site, located just across the street from Emmanuel Temple's existing church on North Summer Street between Michigan and Missouri

avenues, awaits \$1.8 million in construction work.

Concrete foundations already built adjacent to the new sanctuary will provide the building blocks for church administration offices, a daycare and the A.A. Wells Learning Center.

Bishop A. A. Wells is pastor of the church and a long-time community leader.

The sanctuary will provide seating for 1,200 people, making it the largest church in the community, Alvey said.

Towering over the surrounding community and rising above the eastside of I-5, the sanctuary was built during the initial construction phase, but will not open until completion of the entire project.

All construction will be finished in time for a national church convention the church is hosting in June, Alvey said.



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Cheryl Jorgensen (left) and Jensin Albright of the Community Cycling Center take a break from loading bikes for deserving kids this holiday season into the Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium in north Portland.

## Holiday Bike Success

Old bikes chained to poles and in basements got a spit polish and tune up before they were donated this weekend to more than 800 area kids.

The Community Cycling Center provided low-income families with refurbished bicycles and new helmets last Sunday at

Legacy Emanuel Hospital with the help of donations in the community.

The group is continuing the holiday bike drive, looking for roughly 200 more bikes to meet their holiday goal of 1,000 bikes for kids.

## Landing a Career

### High-achieving students on path to corporate success

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI  
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College junior Leah Wyatt was plagued by the nagging obligation to return to the University of Oregon. On track for a career in corporate America, Wyatt had been studying for a year at the University of the Virgin Islands.

Last summer, business news in the states underscored layoffs in major corporations as Wyatt considered lounging in a lush island city on St. Thomas, working at a restaurant and soaking up the sun.

"I was going to look for a permanent apartment in St. Thomas and I could have stayed there and not even gone back to school," she said. "I considered that for a second, but I knew my parents wouldn't go for it."

But it was more than Wyatt's commitment to her parents that brought her back to Portland to finish her senior year at the U of O. Wyatt knew she had an excellent shot at escaping the fate of her job-hunting peers and landing a career. Instead of working at the mall, Wyatt had spent the previous summers interning at large corporations in Oregon. She conducted phone interviews



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Leah Wyatt embarks on her career path as a communications assistant at TriMet.

from St. Thomas and accepted an internship at TriMet.

Upon graduating last summer, Wyatt, 22, began working full-time at TriMet as a communications assistant in the community affairs office. She accredits her smooth transition from student to professional to Inroads, an international internship program ensuring that minority students are prepared for

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