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Brrrrr! It's Cold

Forecast calls for possible snow by late week or weekend.

**Student of the Game**

University of Portland coach shares his knowledge of life and sport. See Metro, page A10



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Week in The Review

Aid Plane Crashes into Herd

The main airport at Indonesia's tsunami-battered Sumatra Island was closed for much of Tuesday after a relief plane hit a herd of cows, hampering the world's still-fragile efforts to get aid to victims of the disaster.

Aid to Boost U.S. Image

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the outpouring of American aid and humanitarian help in the region devastated by the tsunami may also help Muslim nations see the United States in a better light.

Social Security Cuts Outlined

Future Social Security benefits could be cut almost in half for some younger workers under a plan President Bush is considering for overhauling the nation's retirement system. Investments in personal accounts would be counted on to make up the loss in income.

Air Travel Deaths Down

Only 34 people have died in U.S. commercial airline crashes in the past three years, making it one of the safest periods in aviation history even as more Americans than ever travel by air.

Mad Cow in Canada

A new case of mad cow disease discovered in Canada poses no threat to human health or trade, and the United States has assured Canadian officials it will not block beef imports, the country's agriculture minister said Monday.

Iraqi Governor Assassinated

Insurgents assassinated the highest-ranking Iraqi official, gunning down the governor of Baghdad province and six of his bodyguards, and a suicide truck bomber killed 10 people at an Interior Ministry commando headquarters, the latest in a string of violence ahead of Jan. 30 elections.

Troubles Grow for Krispy Kreme

Troubled doughnut maker Krispy Kreme will restate earnings for the last three quarters of fiscal 2004 in the wake of allegations the company padded shipments to hide declining sales. Its shares sank nearly 13 percent. The company also warned it could be on the brink of major credit problems.

HOTEL RWANDA

Hotel Manager Stands Tall Against Rebels

BY RON WEBER

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Behind his quiet manner, gentle dark eyes, and soft round face I would not guess this man had stood face to face with murderous barbarians, negotiating for the lives of over a thousand people.

Paul Rusesabagina, a dutiful hotel manager in Kigali, the capitol city of Rwanda, Africa, told me that he was merely "doing his job" when he helped 1,200 survive one of the worst genocides in African history.

As manager for the Belgium-owned Hotel Des Mille Collines, Paul went far above and beyond the call of duty.

In 1994, Rwanda's president was literally blown out of the sky when a missile destroyed his plane. Almost immediately, angry Tutsi rebels declared war and began annihilating their political rivals, the Hutus.

While the rest of the world looked on, tens of thousands of men, women, and children were slaughtered on a daily basis for months. Paul said much of the world turned its back on the troubles in Rwanda because of a lack of cultural understanding, stating that if the genocide "had been in America or western Europe, the world would have

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acted much sooner."

After United Nations security personnel evacuated all non-Rwandans, Paul's grand hotel sat empty except for Paul, his family, and a small group of employees. Everyone simply stared at Paul,

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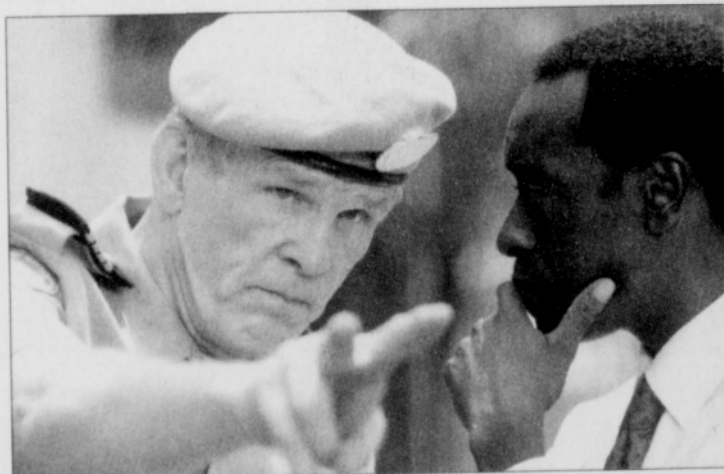


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Actors Nick Nolte as Col. Oliver (left) and Don Cheadle as Paul Rusesabagina, the man who fought to save everyone he could from genocide, discuss the dangerous conditions outside Hotel Rwanda, a major motion picture opening nationwide Thursday.

Humble Public Servant

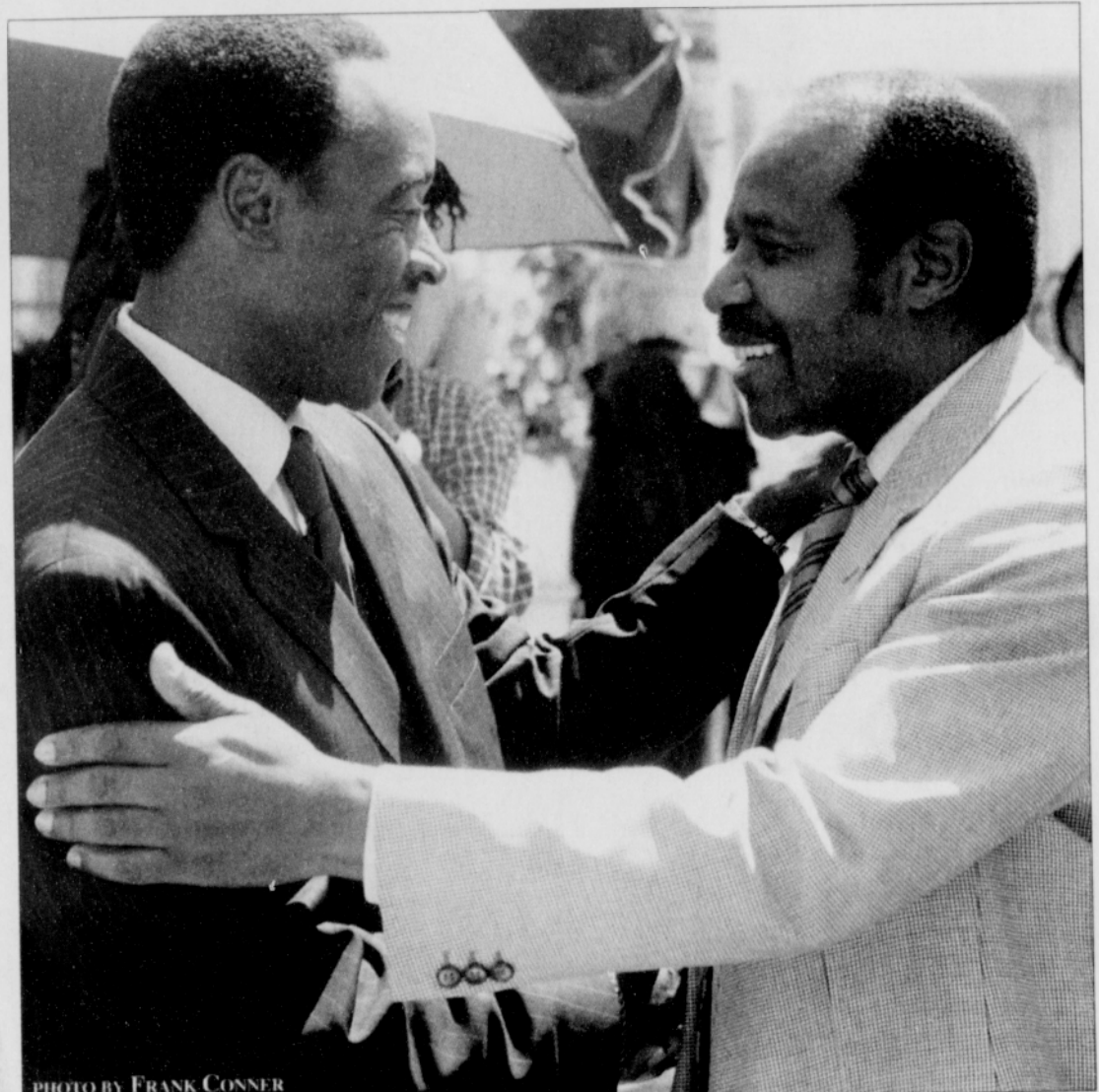


PHOTO BY FRANK CONNER

Don Cheadle (left) greets Paul Rusesabagina, the man he portrays in Hotel Rwanda.

Movie Shines Light on Genocide

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In Hotel Rwanda, viewers find themselves right in the middle of a genocide of epic proportions. The movie's well-rounded crew includes Don Cheadle, "Devil in a Blue Dress," "Sophie Okonedo, Dirty Pretty Things," Joaquin Phoenix, and Nick Nolte. As always, Nolte does a stellar job.

Cheadle plays Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who struggles to keep 1,200 Rwandan civilians alive, while 10,000 people a day are being killed outside the hotel compound. In a three-month period, almost a million citizens of the African country are gunned down or slaughtered with machetes.

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PHOTO BY BEID ALSBIRK
Red Cross worker Pat Archer (Cara Seymour) and Tatiana Rusesabagina (Sophie Okonedo) search for nieces and nephews in a refugee camp in Hotel Rwanda.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL RUBENSTEIN/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Potter Begins Term as Mayor

Portland Mayor Tom Potter takes the oath of office Monday from Circuit Court Judge Sidney A. Galton during a multi-cultural ceremony at David Douglas High School in southeast Portland. The event included Native Americans, local African-American leaders and the Jefferson Dancers from Jefferson High School.

Portland's Tsunami Response Donations to Charities Urged

The American Red Cross Oregon Trail Chapter and other local relief agencies are making an urgent appeal for cash assistance for immediate and long-term recovery for countries impacted by the devastating tsunamis in countries bordering the Indian Ocean in south Asia.

The sea waves triggered by a 9.0 mega earthquake has left millions of people homeless. The death toll is expected to climb to 150,000 people in the next few days.

Checks made out to the American Red Cross Oregon Trail Chapter must indicate that you want your donation to go to the International Response Fund for tsunamis victims. Call 503-284-1234 or visit www.redcross-pdx.org to make an online contribution. Donations can also be mailed to the American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter, PO Box 4125, Portland, OR 97208.

To donate to Mercy Corps, send checks to P.O. Box 2669, Portland, OR 97208, call 800-852-2100 or visit www.mercycorps.org.

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