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Week in The Review

Airliner Hijacked from Darfur
Hijackers in Sudan's war torn Darfur region seized a jetliner carrying nearly 100 people Tuesday, including local Darfur officials, and forced it to land at a World War II-era airfield in the heart of the Sahara Desert in neighboring Libya.

Russia Stuns the West
Russia stunned the West on Tuesday by recognizing the independence claims of two Georgian breakaway regions, and U.S. warships plied the waters off of Georgia in a gambit the Kremlin saw as gunboat diplomacy.

Gene Upshaw Dies



Gene Upshaw, a towering lineman on the football field who went on to win untold millions of dollars

for NFL players as their union leader, died last week from pancreatic cancer at the age of 63. He had a Hall of Fame career for the Oakland Raiders.

Tubbs Jones Remembered



Tributes from political allies and even one-time enemies came

pouring in for Democratic U.S. Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones after her death last Wednesday from a ruptured aneurysm. The 58-year-old was the first African American elected to Congress from Ohio. Her energy and outspokenness made her a dynamic leader.

Track Coach Charged

A Portland area youth coach was arraigned Monday on charges of sexually abusing a teen runner. Askia Brown, 33, was arrested after the 14-year-old girl told police that he molested her during a private coaching session.

Instant Replay for Baseball

Umpires will be allowed to check video on home run calls starting Thursday after Major League Baseball, guardian of America's most traditional sport, reversed its decades-long opposition to instant replay.



Olympic Basketball Victory

Culminating a three-year mission to end years of embarrassment, the U.S. Olympic team survived a huge challenge from Spain, winning 118-107 Sunday in the gold-medal game on the final day of the Olympics in Beijing.

Boise Neighborhood Guttled

Authorities and residents of a Boise, Idaho subdivision assessed the damage Tuesday after a wind-whipped wildfire burned as many of 10 homes. Officials tried to determine whether the blaze killed a Boise State University professor whose body was found in a damaged house.

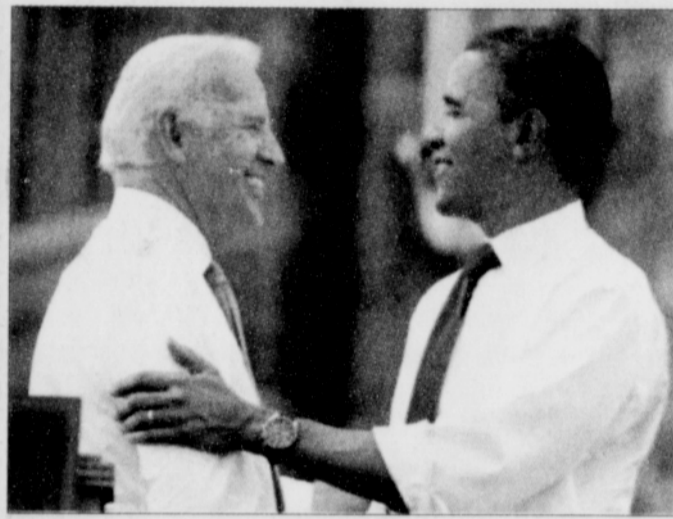
Cows Have Built-in Compass

Talk about animal magnetism, cows seem to have a built-in compass. No bull: Somehow, cattle seem to know how to find north and south, say researchers who studied satellite photos of thousands of cows around the world.

Democrats Back Obama-Biden



Michelle Obama, wife of presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, and daughters Malia, 10 (left), and Sasha, 7, wave to the audience at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.



Presidential candidate Barack Obama (right) introduces U.S. Sen. Joe Biden has his pick for vice president Saturday in Springfield, Ill. Biden is a savvy debater, willing attack dog and blue-collar champion.



Barack Obama's brother-in-law, Craig Robinson, introduces his sister Michelle Obama at the Democratic National Convention Monday. Robinson is the new basketball coach at Oregon State University.



Sen. Edward Kennedy, struggling with brain cancer, makes a triumphant appearance at the Democratic National Convention in Denver to endorse Sen. Barack Obama for president.



Kevin Duckworth

Blazer Great Dies

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'Soulful Stutters' Make it Count

Portland's 'Soulful Stutters' reach the finish line in Seaside Saturday in the Portland to Coast Walk Relay, part of the annual Hood to Coast relay to support the American Cancer Society. Pictured (from left) are Maxine Fitzpatrick, Lori Steen, Kawana Vincent, Tammie Swinson, Bernadine Clay and Jackie Jones.

Rebounding from Defeat

Activitsts try again for Chevez street honor

BY LAURA MEEHAN
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A warrior must spend a lot of energy preparing for battle—in training, in research, in strategy. But what happens when you didn't know you would be attacked? And having been beaten, how do you recover the energy to fight again?

Last fall, the Portland City Council rejected a proposal to rename North Interstate Avenue after Cesar Chavez.

The proponents, Latino community leaders and volunteers who had rallied for the change since April were sorely disappointed. They hadn't followed a formal process for getting the street renamed—but hadn't thought they



Cesar Chavez

needed to. When Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Naito Parkway and Rosa Parks Boulevard became part of Portland's geography, the changes may not have gone unopposed, but the renaming procedures had been lax, even nonexistent.

In the past, any Portland street could be renamed as long as no significant organized opposition arose.

The Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard Committee must have assumed the same would be true for Interstate Avenue—but significant opposition arose.

Marta Guembes, co-chair of the committee, says that the group did not prepare as much as they should have, but their real shock came more from the animosity they faced than the failure to have the street renamed.

"We faced a lot of anger, a lot of hate, a lot of very very painful things," she says.

City Commissioner and Mayor-elect Sam Adams feels the failure had more to do with timing, and that the effort failed "in part because they chose a street that had been dug up for years with the light rail, and people were tired of their street being in turmoil."

Adams says while the group had the best of intentions, "They thought they had more support than they really did."

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