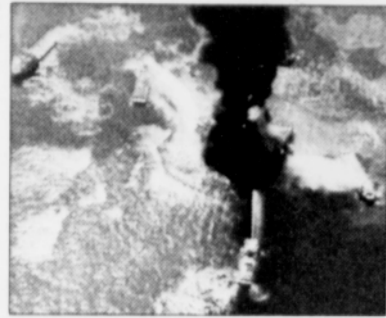


Oil Leak 'Kill' Readied

BP will begin a key procedure to stop the flow of a leaking undersea oil well in the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday at the earliest, but the timing "could extend on from there," a company executive said Tuesday. If "top kill" and other short-term efforts fail, it will take BP several months to drill a relief well to stop the leak.

Bus Driver Not Charged

The TriMet driver who hit five pedestrians near downtown Portland just before midnight April 24 has been cleared of a criminal charge. A Multnomah County Grand Jury voted last week not to indict the driver of a

criminally negligent homicide for two deaths in the accident, but the driver will face several misdemeanor traffic violations.

Obama on Diplomacy and Military

The U.S. must shape a world order as reliant on the force of diplomacy as on the might of its military to lead, President Barack Obama said Saturday as he outlined a foreign policy vision that repudiated the go-it-alone approach forged by his predecessor, George W. Bush.

Muslim Family Scare

A bomb scare at a Tigard home early Sunday

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morning left a Muslim family shaken. Mas Kamawal, 30, was awakened by footsteps and the smell of gasoline. He found a sparking device and threw it out the door. Police said it was not a bomb, but they are not ruling out the possibility of a hate crime.

Ex-Mayor Gets 5 Years

Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was sentenced to up to five years in prison Tuesday for violating the terms of his probation stemming from his conviction for lying under oath about an affair with his chief of staff. Kilpatrick, 39, asked Judge David Groner to show him compassion during the hearing, but Groner

said "that ship has sailed."

Housing Struggles Grow

In 2007, nearly 13 million low-income persons paid more than half their monthly income for rent, lived in severely substandard housing, or both. In a report to Congress Tuesday, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development found that these "worst case housing needs" grew significantly between 2001 and 2007.

Compromise on Gay Ban

Defense Secretary Robert Gates gave lukewarm support Tuesday to a White House-backed plan for a congressional vote as early as this week to repeal the "don't ask don't tell" law against gays serving openly in the military. Gates indicated he'd prefer more time to study the sweeping change before Congress acts.

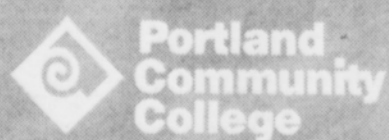
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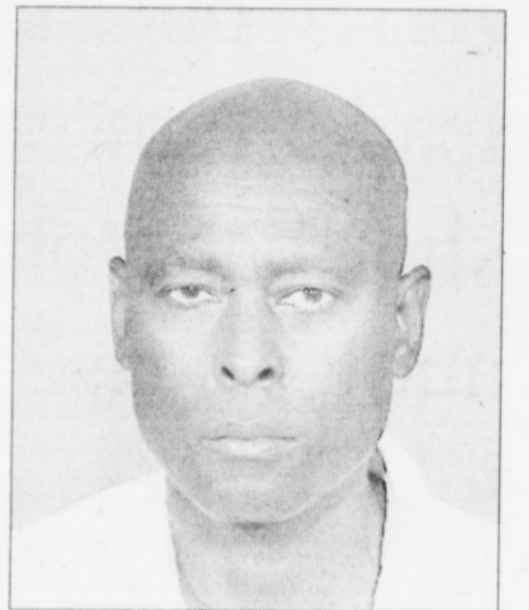
Cocaine 'Kingpin' gets a 13 Year Sentence

A Portland man described by law enforcement as the kingpin of a Crips gang cocaine-trafficking ring has been sentenced to 13 years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Robert E. Jones on Monday called 58-year-old James "Lonnie" Yoakum the brains behind an operation that gang investigators say used Yam Yam's, a well-known Portland barbecue restaurant, as a front to launder money. Authorities say that each month the ring sold about 10 kilograms or \$300,000 worth of cocaine.

Arrested last August, Yoakum pleaded guilty in February to conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine.

Yoakum is the first of eight defendants to be sentenced; the rest followed his lead, pleading guilty to



James 'Lonnie' Yoakum

various drug conspiracy charges.

Yam Yam's owner Larry Matthews was not indicted in the case, but investigators say he helped provide money for a least one drug deal.

Crime Rates Fall

FBI statistics released Monday show crime falling in Oregon's four largest cities.

Violent crime dropped in Portland, Eugene and Gresham in 2009 while it remained essentially unchanged in Salem. Portland, Eugene and Salem all saw a large decline in property crime while it was up slightly in Gresham.

There were 19 murders in Portland

last year—seven fewer than in 2008.

The dropped in Oregon crime follows a national trend. The FBI says the violent crime rate in the United States has gone down three years in a row. The property crime rate has fallen for seven consecutive years.

The statistics released Monday are only preliminary. Final figures are due this fall.

Governor Orders Budget Cuts

Gov. Ted Kulongoski has ordered across-the-board cuts in state spending to make up for a jolt of bad budget news for Oregon.

Kulongoski said Tuesday that state spending will be trimmed 9 percent for the rest of the current budget period.

The governor ordered the cuts after state economists said their revenue forecast has fallen by \$500 million.

The shortfall was attributed to greater job losses and lower personal income than expected last year.

The budget for the Oregon Department of Human Services reportedly will be cut by \$154 million. State police funds will be cut by \$10 million. The Department of Corrections will get \$50 million less. And the budget for the Department of Education is being sliced by \$252 million.