

Summer Angels

Portlanders can cruise with the Summer Angels, Somer Are Not musical review.



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A Taste Of Louisiana

Beignet's, in Vancouver, WA., features a cuisine done in a real southern method.



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Minority Youth Initiative

Minority Contractors recruit at risk youth for careers in industry.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Heavy Rain Hits Crash Site

Heavy rain associated with the first tropical weather system of the year doused the Everglades site of the ValuJet crash...

Church Fire Probe Continues

Federal investigators say they have not found any evidence that a national conspiracy is behind a series of fires at southern black churches...

Shuttle Retrieves Satellite

Shuttle Endeavour's 50-foot robot arm reached out and plucked a small satellite from orbit today to bring it back to Earth.

US: Iran Behind Israel Attack

Secretary of State Warren Christopher says there's growing evidence that Iran is using "terrorism" to undermine the Middle East peace process.

Iraq Hails UN Oil Deal, Hits US

Official Iraqi newspapers are combining jubilant reports of an oil export agreement with the United Nations with fierce attacks on the United States.

Rose Festival To Crown Queen



Amy Rodger, David Douglas High School



Ana Campean, Marshall High School



Muang Saeteurn, Madison High School



Sara Wood, Wilson High School



Chala Barrington, Parkrose High School



Shazi Tate, Lincoln High School



Kristin Waldram, St. Mary's Academy



Adrienne Newman, Benson High School



Erin Fuller, Central Catholic High School



Jaimi Jones, Cleveland High School



Rosemary Breihof, Franklin High School



Jennifer Duran, Roosevelt High School



Renee Watson, Jefferson High School



Tami Fitzpatrick, Grant High School

The achievements of 14 young women from Portland-area high schools will be recognized Thursday, May 30, at Civic Auditorium and one will be crowned Rose Queen...

Court members are judged on leadership, scholastic achievement, school activities, civic involvement, volunteer projects, communication skills and the overall impression they make on the judges.

This year's rose court: Amy Rodger, from David Douglas High School, plans to obtain a doctoral degree

after she attends Marylhurst College and receives a degree in Education. An Honor student, Amy has earned an excellent rating at the 1995 Publications Olympics and first place at the 1995 American Scholastic Press Association Competition.

Ana Campean plays varsity volleyball

and is senior class treasurer at Marshall High School. She is a baccalaureate chair and publicity director for Marshall's peer mentors.

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Bias Found In Valor Awards For Blacks

BY JESSE BROWN

The impetus provided by the recently concluded four-year national commemoration of World War II was barely sufficient to lift one of that era's untold stories from obscurity.

In late April, The White House announced it was seeking a congressional waiver so that the Medal of Honor could be awarded to seven black soldiers whose deeds in battle date back to the 1940's

In and of itself, belated awards for heroism are not unprecedented. But in this instance we have more than the usual oversights, paperwork snafus and other lapses that mark earlier redresses of missed recognition.

As a nation that today still struggles with issues of racial division, we tend to chalk-up vivid examples of earlier offenses against people of color to times best forgotten. The

wrongs of yesterday can't be righted, so we hear. Never would such a notion be more plainly misplaced were it to deny the simple truth and justice of honoring these black soldiers.

In an exhaustive and meticulous study of half-century-old documents, a distinguished team of scholars assembled by Shaw University under contract with the army made a compelling case for its recommendations. Clearly concluded was that disparities did exist in the criteria and administrative processes associated with valor awards.

The Historians, noting the nature of segregated military forces and all-white higher command echelons, perceived a form of bias and discrimination; they viewed the outcomes as a product of the times that in many ways relegated blacks to inferior status. The ulti-

mate formation and deployment of all-black combat divisions may have itself allowed the issue of race to prevail over proclaimed objectivity.

Men and now women, in battle confront dangers that are nonselective. War kills and maims without regard to race, gender or creed. It has always been that way and it most certainly prevailed among the 1.2 million blacks who served in World War II.

The medal of Honor for that era was awarded -- many posthumously -- to 432 Americans whose regard for their own safety evaporate in a supreme test of human strength and nobility. Today, only one of the seven new nominees survives. But kin and others seeking to somehow reconcile these now proven instances of prejudice, can inherit the wise morality of President Clinton's decision.

DOLE EXPLORES FUTURE

Senator Bob Dole completed his first full-length foray as a soon-to-be ex-senator Monday - a preview, his aides said, of what Dole might be like as a full-time presidential candidate.

But Dole's campaign schedule was sparse and cobbled-together, as his staff sought to adjust to the candidate's sudden new status, which has forced them to rethink their entire approach.

Dole spoke in Key Largo for a total of four minutes on the subject of education. That was one minute longer than his campaign appearance Sunday night, in which

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