

Always the great singer and performer

Gladys Knight to perform in Lincoln City at the Chinook Winds Casino.

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Streets to fill with Rose Fest fun

Portlanders head downtown Saturday to enjoy Saturday's Starlight Run and Parade.



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The Legendary Sweetheart of Soul

Candi Staton is once again proving her versatility with a new album.

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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Paula Jones Suit Can Proceed

The Supreme Court handed down a defeat for President Clinton Tuesday, ruling that Paula Jones sexual harassment suit against him will not have to wait until he leaves office. The justices unanimously rejected the argument that the president has temporary immunity from civil lawsuits related to events that occurred before he took office. Clinton has denied that he made unwanted sexual advances toward Jones in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991 when he was governor of Arkansas and she was a state employee.

### Yeltsin's nuclear surprise

Russian President Boris Yeltsin gave NATO leaders more than they expected at meetings in Paris. After signing a pact that creates a stronger ties with the Western alliance, Yeltsin made a surprise announcement that Russian nuclear missiles will no longer be aimed at NATO member states.

### NATO, Russia sign agreement

NATO leaders and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an historic treaty in Paris Tuesday consigning the Cold War to history. Although Yeltsin said again today that Russia has a negative view of NATO expansion, the accord clears the way for the alliance to add new members from the former Soviet bloc.

### Marv Albert goes to court in Virginia

NBC sportscaster Marv Albert went to court in Arlington, Va., Tuesday to face charges of sexually assaulting a Virginia woman. Albert's lawyer told the judge the sportscaster would eventually plead not guilty but that he was not ready to enter a formal plea until "a number of analyses" have been carried out on Albert's behalf. A Sept. 22 trial date was set. Albert showed up for the hearing with his fiancée and did not speak to the throng of reporters awaiting him.

### Israel, Egypt hold summit

Egypt and Israel said at a Middle East peace summit they need more time and consultations with the Palestinians to restart peace talks stalled by differences on Jewish settlements. "We need another meeting and we need more deliberation," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told a news conference after three hours of talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

### McVeigh defense plows ahead

Defense lawyers in the Oklahoma City bombing trial are renewing their counterattack to the prosecution's case against Timothy McVeigh. Testimony resumed Tuesday after a three-day break for the Memorial Day weekend.



Mad science experimenter Troy McElhenny brings clouds of smoke, bubbling potions and exciting experiments to youngsters at Self Enhancement, Inc.

(Photo by Neil Heilpern)

## Mad science on rise at SEI

By Neil Heilpern

Clouds of smoke hovered over the crowd of children at Self Enhancement Inc. when Mad Science representatives showed them the science found in magic.

Kim Holti, 9, huffed and puffed her breath into a long cloth container in an effort to see how long it would take to blow the sack up like a long sausage. She scrunched the material together and blew into it until she was out of breath.

"Mad Scientist" Sue Theissen gathered the material together until she trapped all of Kim's air into an area only one fifth the size of the long tube. "Now let me show you how to use science to get the job done quicker," she said.

Theissen told the group of almost 100 youngsters about air pressure and promptly pulled her mouth back a good eight inches away from the tube's opening. As she blew, the surrounding air was also sucked into the tube and the looks of amazement on the

children's faces, were accompanied by oohs and aahs.

Theissen and her partner Troy McElhenny bring their scientific demonstrations around to schools, park and recreation departments and other groups interested in educational entertainment. Their territory is the greater Portland and Vancouver areas.

The youngsters at SEI were also treated to experiments with dry ice, balls floating on top of air currents from hair dryers, squeezing an egg into a tiny opening in a bottle, etc.

Why do Theissen and McElhenny do this?

"We are concerned that turning youth on to the wonders of science early in their educational process will spark their interest to pursue the sciences in their high school and college years," said Theissen, who studied engineering at Portland State University.

So, they continue taking their bubbling potions and exciting experiments to new places. And, the SEI youngsters headed home to show their parents and siblings the new things they had just learned.



Northeast fire clouds skyline

Firefighters believe a smoldering cigarette in an outdoor dumpster may have caused this 4-alarm fire Friday that destroyed a warehouse on Northeast Sixth and Couch.

(Photo by Mark Washington)

## Jefferson documents viewed

### Presidential papers arrive at JHS library

Thomas Jefferson never made it to Oregon, but reproductions of his handwritten papers arrived Friday at Portland's high school named in his honor, thanks in part to efforts by former Senator Mark Hatfield.

Hatfield and State Schools Superintendent Norma Paulus joined Jefferson High Principal Alcena Boozer and students in the school library to celebrate the arrival of a new educational publication, The Presidency of Thomas Jefferson, and to discuss Jefferson's accounts of major events of his presidency.

The National Archives is sending free copies of the Jefferson teaching package to high schools across the state, with funding for the publication coming from sponsors whose gift honors Hatfield's contributions to education.

The Jefferson materials are high quality facsimiles of his messages to Congress and other documents that feature common historical threads extending from Jefferson's time to our own.

The publication includes essays on events including the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark expedition and the end of slavery. Lessons plans and other materials also are included with the exhibit.

## Neighborhood groups lose in budget battle

By Lee Perlman

Although the impact was less than it could have been, Portland's neighborhood offices and coalitions emerged from the city's budget process with decrease money and influence.

In a compromise vote, the city's budget retains 11 of the 15 full time equivalent crime prevention specialist positions in the city's seven neighborhood offices. However, the personnel occupying the positions will henceforth be city employees under the direction of the Office of Neighborhood Associations, rather than working for the semi-independent, non-profit corporations.

The Northeast Neighborhood Office suffered a further loss when it lost its \$62,000 contract for graffiti removal to the Private Industry Council.

Crime prevention specialists helped organize block watch networks, foot patrols, business watches, and other grass roots volunteer crime prevention efforts.

The mayor's draft budget called for the neighborhood program to be merged with the Portland Police Bureau's crime prevention activities, placed under the Police Bureau, and its workers housed in police precincts.

In addition to the budget issues, part of the motivation for the change was rumored to be dissatisfaction by the city with the management of the program by the coalitions in some cases.

Neighborhood leaders argued that placing the crime prevention staff in precincts under police control would make them less accessible and responsive to the community they were supposed to serve.

A counter-proposal developed by the Southwest Neighborhood Coalition and endorsed by Central Northeast Neighbors, the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and Southeast Uplift, would place the merged crime prevention program under neighborhood jurisdiction.

After extensive lobbying Katz agreed to consider the proposal, but insisted that the police programs such as Womenstrength, senior and children self-defense training must be done by sworn police personnel.

The budget assigns three full time crime prevention specialists to Southeast Uplift, two and a-half to the Northeast Coalition, one and half to North Portland, one each to Central Northeast, East Portland and Southwest, and half time positions to West/Northwest and a "roving" jurisdiction.

## Festival, fun day set

### Albina Rotary sponsors 11th annual event Saturday at Peninsula Park

Albina Rotary is sponsoring its eleventh annual Spring Festival and Family Fun Day at Peninsula Park on Saturday from 1 PM to 4 PM.

The Rotarians are planning a full afternoon of fun, food and entertainment for the whole family.

The festivities start with a picnic provided by Albina Rotary, then check out the face painting and bingo. Everybody loves a parade and what a parade is planned! Groups from local schools, churches and other organizations will provide the afternoon's entertainment.



## Memorial Day '97

Flowers are left in memory of loved ones on a hilltop overlooking Portland.

(Photo by Mark Washington)

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