

Jefferson dancer excels

She's college bound for the arts with a presidential merit scholarship.



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Restoration on target

The McMenamins will throw a party with an open house at the former Kennedy school.



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Tiger Woods takes

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

McVeigh defense continues case

Lawyers for convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh Tuesday resume their effort to save him from execution. So far, McVeigh's lawyers have called 21 witnesses in the penalty phase of his trial. With testimony from a succession of witnesses Monday, McVeigh was portrayed as a cheerful teenager, a good student and a model soldier. The defense is trying to convince the jury to send McVeigh to prison for life.

Fourth Kevorkian trial set

Jury selection began Tuesday in the fourth trial against Dr. Jack Kevorkian. The crusader for assisted suicide is going to trial in the small town of Ionia, Mich. He's accused of four felonies for his role in the death of a woman who suffered from multiple sclerosis. The retired pathologist also faces a charge of practicing medicine without a license.

Penalty phase in Megan case

The penalty phase of the trial against the killer of 7-year-old Megan Kanka continues Tuesday. Prosecutors in Trenton, N.J., said Monday that Jesse Timmendquas should die for the rape-murder of Kanka, a killing that led to the so-called Megan's Law for convicted sex offenders.

Ex-Black Panther due in court

Former Black Panther leader Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt is due in a Santa Ana, Calif., court Tuesday in his effort to win his freedom after 25 years in prison. The Los Angeles County district attorney says it will appeal a judge's ruling granting a new trial for Pratt. Pratt was imprisoned after being convicted of the 1968 murder of a woman in Santa Monica. Pratt has campaigned for years for a new trial, arguing that he was 400 miles away in Oakland when the murder took place and that the FBI knew it because he was under surveillance.

Tobacco settlement talks proceed

Tobacco settlement negotiators are making a last-ditch effort to reach a deal this week, but several sources close to the talks warn their efforts could unravel in the next few days. A large meeting of attorneys general that had been scheduled for Tuesday in Dallas has been canceled. Instead, core negotiators are now in Washington. They are still struggling to solve several critical civil liability problems that may prove to be unsurmountable. At issue is whether the parties can devise a plan that would give cigarette companies some certainty about damages they would have to pay without depriving individuals of their right to sue the industry.



Sweet smell of success

'I'm just a little rose bud. But I will grow into a beautiful rose,' is just one of the themes at Humboldt Elementary in north Portland as kindergarten children don cap and gowns and receive congratulations from principal Laverne Davis on their promotion to the first grade.

(Photos by Mark Washington)

Betty Campbell building dedicated

Housing ready for new tenants in historic Mississippi District

BY LEE PERLMAN
Longtime Boise-Eliot School principal Betty Campbell received a living memorial last week, as Housing Our Families dedicated its newest building in her name.

The Betty Campbell Apartments, 3987 N. Mississippi Ave., contains one one-bedroom handicapped-accessible apartment, four two-bedroom and four three-bedroom units, with the larger units having bedrooms on both the second and third floors of the building. The one and three-bedrooms, targeted to those earning 50 percent or less of median income, rent for \$335 and \$495 a month respectively, while the two-bedrooms, slated for tenants earning up to 60 percent of median, are \$525 a month. Two of the two-bedroom units are still available, HOF executive director Gretchen Dursch says.

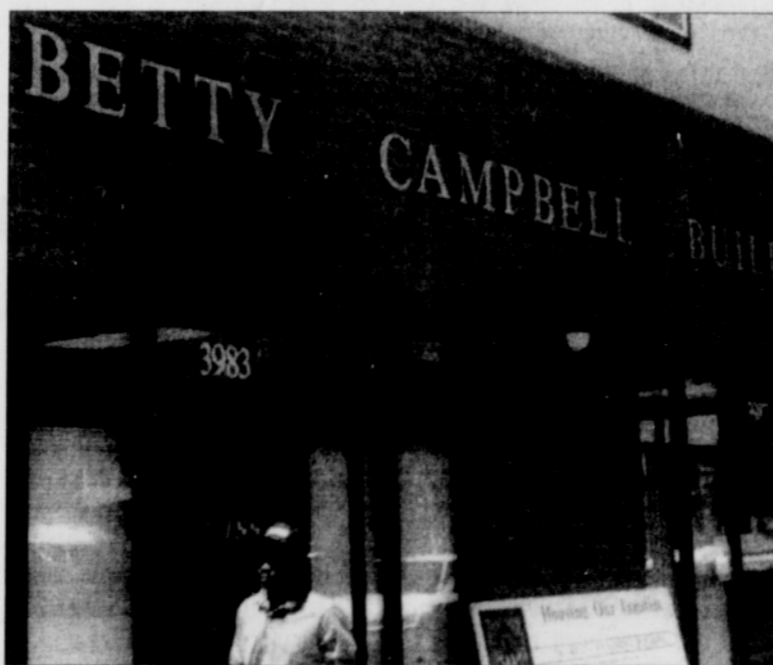
The ground floor contains the non-profit agency's own offices and those of Total Staffing Solutions, an employment and training agency. As part of its rental agreement, TSS will provide training for HOF tenants, Dursch says. The arrangement represents

HOF's first experiment in retail space rental. The new building brings the agency's inventory of rental housing units for low-income women and families in north and northeast Portland to 161. It began in 1993

Scott Burns, co-chair of the Boise Neighborhood Association, feels the new structure is "an exciting turning point in the revitalization of the Mississippi Corridor. It's an important cornerstone." HOF and the Boise Association have co-sponsored projects such as neighborhood cleanups and "paint-a-thons" for low-income owner-occupants, and Burns says he hopes this continues in the future. HOF board member Brenda Jackson first proposed naming the building for Betty Campbell, but the idea was strongly supported by people throughout the community, Dursch says. She retires this year after 30 years with the Portland School District.

At the dedication, Campbell said that two of her students have told her, "We're moving into your house, Betty!" Characteristically, she urged those present to lobby the state legislature for better school funding.

The apartment site, once a pool hall had been vacant for eight years, and seized by Multnomah County for non-payment of taxes, before it was donated to HOF as part of its affordable housing program. The project was financed in part by three loans.



Clinic founder honored

Mariah Taylor, founder of the north Portland clinic known as "The Clinic of Last Resort," for its help to largely uninsured and poor patients, will be honored Sunday in Portland during the convention of the National League for Nursing.

Taylor has lived in Portland for 50 years. She is a former welfare recipient and single mother of three who worked her way through college, earning a Masters degree in Nursing in 1979. It serves about 2,000 patients per year, providing vaccinations, screening, referrals, prescriptions, emergency care, pantry services and, when possible, house calls.



Rose festival fun

Lead marcher for the flag and drill team at northeast Portland's Sabin Elementary keeps balance as one of many school entries in Portland's Junior Rose Festival Parade.

(Photo by Yvonne Lerch)

Hiring outburst at PSU

Uproar doesn't shake new president, peers call imaginative and innovative

A Wisconsin law school dean who brings a reputation as an advocate for diversity and an easygoing management style has been named the new president of Portland State University.

Daniel O. Bernstine, currently dean and professor of law at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, Wisconsin becomes PSU's seventh president.

"Daniel Bernstine brings to Portland State University a sense of acceptance and tolerance," said Oregon Board of Education Chancellor Joseph Cox.

"He is entrepreneurial, imaginative and innovative, and has a record and reputation as an excellent fundraiser, Cox said. "He recognized the fact that higher education must be responsive to the social and economic needs of the local community and society as a whole and he is a staunch advocate for achieving excellence through diversity."

A 49-year-old African American, Bernstine will become the first minority to head an Oregon university when he comes to

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PSU later this summer.

His appointment was a surprise to many on the PSU campus. He wasn't the top choice of a panel of faculty and student leaders who had endorsed another candidate.

When the selection was announced before a expectant crowd Thursday there was a moment of stunned silence and then protests. Some people walked out of the room.

Later, faculty and student leaders said they would work with the new president.

Before working at the University of Wisconsin, Bernstine served as general counsel for Howard University and Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

He has served as a visiting professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law and the University of Bridgeport School of Law; a faculty participant at the Inter-American Comparative Giessen in the Federal Republic of Germany; and a lecturer at the International Customs Academy in Taipei, Taiwan. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from the University of California, Berkeley in 1969 and earned his law degree from Northwestern University School of Law in 1972.

Bernstine and three other finalists for the position, Michael A. Baer of Northeastern University; Lindsay Ann Desrochers of the University System of Georgia; and Peggy Gordon Elliott of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities visited the campus and met with faculty, administrators, students and community and alumni members before the board met with each candidate.

The selection of a new president capped a four-month search process which drew 76 applicants.

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HOUSING.....A4
FAMILY.....A5
EDUCATION.....A6
HEALTH.....A8
ARTS & ENT.....A9
METRO.....B1
SPORTS.....B3
CAREERS.....B5
CLASSIFIEDS.....B7