Best in jazz

Red Holloway highlights the sounds of music under the St. Johns Bridge.



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All star salute!

Peninsula major little league all-star. play it big, before a heartbreaker in the semi-finals.



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The efforms sounds of the Bronx Mass Choir are dreams come true.



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Versace killer tracked

The search continues for the alleged serial killer suspected of murdering fashion designer Gianni Versace last week in Miami Beach. As the manhunt for suspect Andrew Cunanan continues, the Miami Herald reported that the gun used to shoot Versace is the same weapon used in two other murders allegedly committed by Cunanan.

Summations in Mafia trial

The trial of accused New York mafia boss Vincent "The Chin" Gigante was nearing a close on Tuesday on charges of murder and racketeering. The defense Monday rested its case without calling a single witness. The defense took the risky gamble of calling no witnesses after arguing that the prosecution had not proven its case against the alleged Genovese crime family boss.

Relief due for Mir

Two Russian cosmonauts who are scheduled to relieve the weary crew of the Mir space station are preparing for their mission to repair the crippled orbiting craft. New commander Anatoly Solovyov and flight engineer Pavel Vinogradov are due to be launched into space on Aug. 5. Itar-Tass news agency says the cosmonauts will inspect the Soyuz TM-26 spacecraft that will take them into orbit and the spacesuits they will wear on planned spacewalks to repair Mir's electrical system and the Spektr module damaged in a collision last month.

Greenspan delivers news

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan says inflation may be down but it's not out. Greenspan delivered the first half of his semi-annual economic report to the House Banking committee Tuesday. Analysts say the warning should not be taken as a sign that interest rates are about

Religious freedoms in peril

The State Department is out with its report on religious freedom around the world. The study takes particular issue with China, which it accuses of breaking constitutional pledges by clamping down on all religious activity. It cites strong efforts to stifle Catholic and Protestant movements in the last two years. The report for Congress also criticized Russia for attempting to put limits on religion for the first time since the fall of the Soviet Union.

Clinton calls on merger

President Clinton has called at least one of his European counterparts to discuss the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, the White House said. According to a White House spokesman, the president said the pact "ought to be reviewed consistent with economic competitive criteria and not based on giving one manufacturer exclusive access in the European market.'

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Musical kids meet new PSU president

Daniel Bernstine pays visit to inner city kids.

BY NEIL HEILPERN bunch of youngsters were in the middle of a musical adventure at Portland State University when they were greeted by a special visitor. new PSU president Daniel O. Bernstine.

In the middle of a very busy schedule of meetings and settling into his new office, Bernstine dropped in to visit the summer music camp PSU was conducting with Self Enhancement, Inc., the north and northeast program for inner-city youth.

A few dozen electronic keyboards dotted the landscape of the large music room. Thirty children were poised, waiting to let their fingers dance on the keys and make music.

For many this was the first time in their

lives to have a chance at musical instruction. The camp, in its fourth year of operation, is the brainchild of PSU music professor Mary Kogen, who noted the children would learn

music fundamentals and that "life has options and you can make your dreams come true."

The camp is also an opportunity for the children to be exposed to a college setting while experimenting with music, rhythms and composition, she told the Portland Observer.

The kids took turns playing songs like Knock, Knock, Heart and Soul, Bluebird, Wiggle Worm and Kites.

Most anxiously awaited the moment later in the week when they would appear on stage in recital. Some would be winners of music lesson scholarships and be selected for one of three donated loaner pianos in their homes.

Occasionally, a youngster would hit a wrong note or sourly go off key and Kogen would ask, "What happens if you make a mistake at recital?"

"Just keep goin', said Marline Lincoln, swaying to the side and sheepishly tapping a note over again. "Don't let them know you messed up."

Bernstine, a 49-year-old African-American is the first minority person to head an Oregon university and we will direct PSU's 15,000 students and 400 full-time faculty.

He most recently served as dean and professor of law at Wisconsin. He is a former general counsel for Howard University and hospital in Washington, D.C.

Bernstine must have been reminded of the rapid-fire cross examinations in court when the children started asking one question after

"What's a law school?" one child asked. Before Bernstine could complete his answer in his laid-back, friendly manner, another blurted out, "How old are you?"

They grilled him on the specifics of being a lawyers, with one asking, "Have you ever

When he replied, "Oh, no! Never," the

Photo by Neil Heilpern

youngster quickly shot back a follow up question that elicited laughter from the numerous adults in the room: "Have you ever

"Are you famous?" another asked.

When they discovered that his children were old enough to be away from home attending college, and that Bernstine was divorced, they wanted to know if he was

"My days are long, filled with meetings all day," he explained, describing how he has many opportunities to share with people before getting home "in time to go to bed."

Steering the conversation back toward the subject of music, Kogan asked Bernstine what part music plays in his life.

"I used to play the trumpet in my high school band," he explained. "I wasn't a very good musician, so I stopped playing and started listening.'

Handy Food stays with liquor battle

Defeated by courts, north Portland grocery is before OLCC again

BY LEE PERLMAN ne thing you have to give the Dewald family: They don't give up easily.

After six years and thousands of dollars and defeats before Oregon's highest courts the owners of Handy Food Mart at 705 N. Portland Blvd. are still battling an Oregon Liquor Control Commission order to rid their store of malt liquor, and all alcohol in containers larger than 40 ounces.

The OLCC Commission imposed these, and nine other restrictions in late 1992. The Dewalds challenged the action - a challenge that ended earlier this year when the Oregon Court of Appeals upheld the order without comment, and the state Supreme Court refused to review the ruling.

Now the family is asking that the restrictions on product sales be lifted, contending that the problems that caused them to be imposed have been reduced. In response, OLCC investigator Rich Miller has launched an investigation that he says should be completed by September.

The Portland Bureau of Licenses and the Piedmont Neighborhood Association are both opposed to the lifting of the license.

Mike Sanderson of the License Bureau says, "After fighting this long to have these restrictions imposed, to lift them now would send the wrong message. It's up to the licensee to prove that conditions have improved, not up to OLCC to show that the restrictions

point, even if they are mistakes, we can't allow them to happen," Miller says.

Manager Glenn Dewald says he never received the letter, and that the sales involved large bottles of wine cooler and ice beer. "Those weren't covered by the restrictions, and (Miller) knows it," he says.

"Portland city and OLCC officials, and the Piedmont Neighborhood Association, have contended that Handy Food Mart is a source of drinking and gang activity in Peninsula Park across the street. They cite repeated OLCC violations and crimes, including fistfights, within and near the store."

In fact, from the Dewalds' point of view, the process is going in reverse. Miller says OLCC inspectors have found the store selling malt liquor twice, on June 9 and July 8, and they were sent a letter of warning as a result. One more violation could mean revocation of their license, he says.

"People do make mistakes, but at this

OLCC often asks stores to restrict their operations with regard to liquor sales, and sometimes imposes restrictions, especially in inner northeast Portland. What has distinguished the Dewalds from other operators is

their refusal to go along with the program. Portland city and OLCC officials, and the Piedmont Neighborhood Association, have contended that Handy Food Mart is a source of drinking and gang activity in Peninsula Park across the street. They cite repeated OLCC violations and crimes, including fistfights, within and near the store.

The Dewalds deny thre is any connection between product sales and gang activity, that crime problems are a reflection of the area rather than their store, that HFM is better managed and more trouble-free than other stores nearby, and that crimes that are not alcohol-related are not a concern of OLCC.

In 1991, the License Bureau recommended to City Council that the store's license be renewed with restrictions on sale of malt liquor and beer in 40-ounce containers. Asked if he would accept such conditions Glenn Dewald replied, "No. Why should I?" Council voted instead to recommend that the license not be renewed.

Later that year, when OLCC reviewed the case, the Dewalds mounted a legal defense they claimed cost them over \$40,000, and utilizing expert witnesses brought in from

OLCC hearings examiner David Slansky sided with them, and ordered the license

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