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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Peace Talks

A partial peace agreement was finally reached on Kosovo. The agreement called for providing autonomy to the southern Serbian province. The Serbs decided against full independence for Kosovo and a refusal to allow NATO troops to oversee a peace agreement. Their conflict over the province has killed nearly 2,000 people and left 250,000 ethnic Albanians homeless.

China Satellite Sale

The Clinton administration rejected a \$450 million satellite sale to a Chinese-controlled consortium. There were concerns by critics that the sale would threaten American's national security and be a great boon to China's military capability. According to the administration, sales of the satellites to the Chinese government may improve their missile-launching capacity.

White Supremacist Found Guilty

John William King was tried before court and convicted of capital murder for chaining a black man to a pickup truck and dragging him to his death. King will either face life in prison or execution. The body of the victim, James Byrd Jr. was torn in two - a head and right arm severed from his torso - when he was pulled nearly three miles while tied by his ankles with a 24 1/2-foot logging chain.

Gingrich's Seat

Johnny Isakson, 54, a real estate millionaire won the House seat that was formerly held by Newt Gingrich. Isakson was a state lawmaker for 17 years. The closest contender was Christina Jeffrey, a university professor. Isakson, a Republican is known for his ability to cooperate with Democrats

Medicare Fraud

The federal government is urging Medicare beneficiaries to spot Medicare fraud by doctors and hospitals. Rewards of up to \$1,000 will be offered for information that leads to the recovery of Medicare money lost to fraud and abuse. Many critics of this program believe that this practice would undermine the physician-patient relationship. A total of \$12.6 billion in payments were given for Medicare services that were not medically provided or necessary.

Online Shopping

Forrester Research has predicted that the Web, which accounted for less than 1 percent of retail sales last year, will account for 6 percent in 2003. Many merchants can no longer ignore the advantages of selling through the Internet. Some of the most popular Web shopping sites are Barnes & Noble, Macy's, a unit of Federated Department Stores, and Wal-Mart.

Commemorating The 1980's

The Postal Service allowed for public balloting for postage stamps to commemorate the 1980's. Fifteen stamps will be selected. The top five choices to represent the past decade are video games, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Vietnam Memorial, "E.T.", personal computers and compact discs.

Youth Anti-Gang Outreach Program launched



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From left to right: Brother Donald R. Green, Sports Program Coordinator, Minister Chuck McCloud, Director, Bishop Johnny Pack IV, Reverend J.W. Friday, Administrative Assistant to Pastor Pack

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church under the direction of Rev. Johnny Pack IV, pastor; announces the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Youth Anti-Gang Outreach Program.

This ministry was born out of the desire Pastor Johnny Pack IV who wanted to do more than officiate at the funerals of young people who were victims of gang violence. He wanted a place to

come before it was a tragedy. The ministry's program is designed to reach out to the youth that are affected by gang violence in their community. The Youth Anti-Gang Outreach Program will be a beacon in the storm of gang violence. Y.A.G.O. will hold Saturday night "HOLY GHOST PARTIES" with local youth choirs, praise dance teams, speech choirs, gospel rap groups, giveaways, door prizes and refreshments.

Young men of God who have been called to preach will deliver the word. Local businesses and celebrities have promised support.

Field trips to correctional facilities are planned to create a dialogue with those incarcerated to deter a life of crime. Basketball teams and competitions are also planned, along with "Kick it sessions" for youth to talk about their issues, and their concerns.

Mentors will also be matched with youth according to their interests.

Y.A.G.O. has created a jobs bank for youth seeking summer employment, matching youth with senior citizens who need light household chores, lawns and errands done.

Stay tuned for a future announcement regarding the kick off of "HOLY GHOST PARTIES", the first in a series of services designed especially for youth.

By LEE PEARLMAN
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People have proposed putting a big league baseball park, a Buddhist retreat, a nudist colony, a McMenum's or a regional Head Start headquarters on the former Rosemont School property. Many people would like to see a Catholic high school there. However, for now at least, those in charge of considering the fate of the 7.65 acre former Catholic girls school at 597 N. Dekum St. will concentrate on putting housing there. The Rosemont Planning Committee, composed of neighborhood and city representatives, received two types of public input last month: feedback from a February 4 workshop attended by 47 people, and 14 formal proposals for the re-development of the property by groups and individuals. The latter included one anonymous, and presumably facetious, proposal to build a major league baseball stadium on the Rosemont site and nearby "drug zoned property." If the former historic convent is used, the writer said, you could eliminate unruly behavior "by reminding the fans that this is sacred ground."

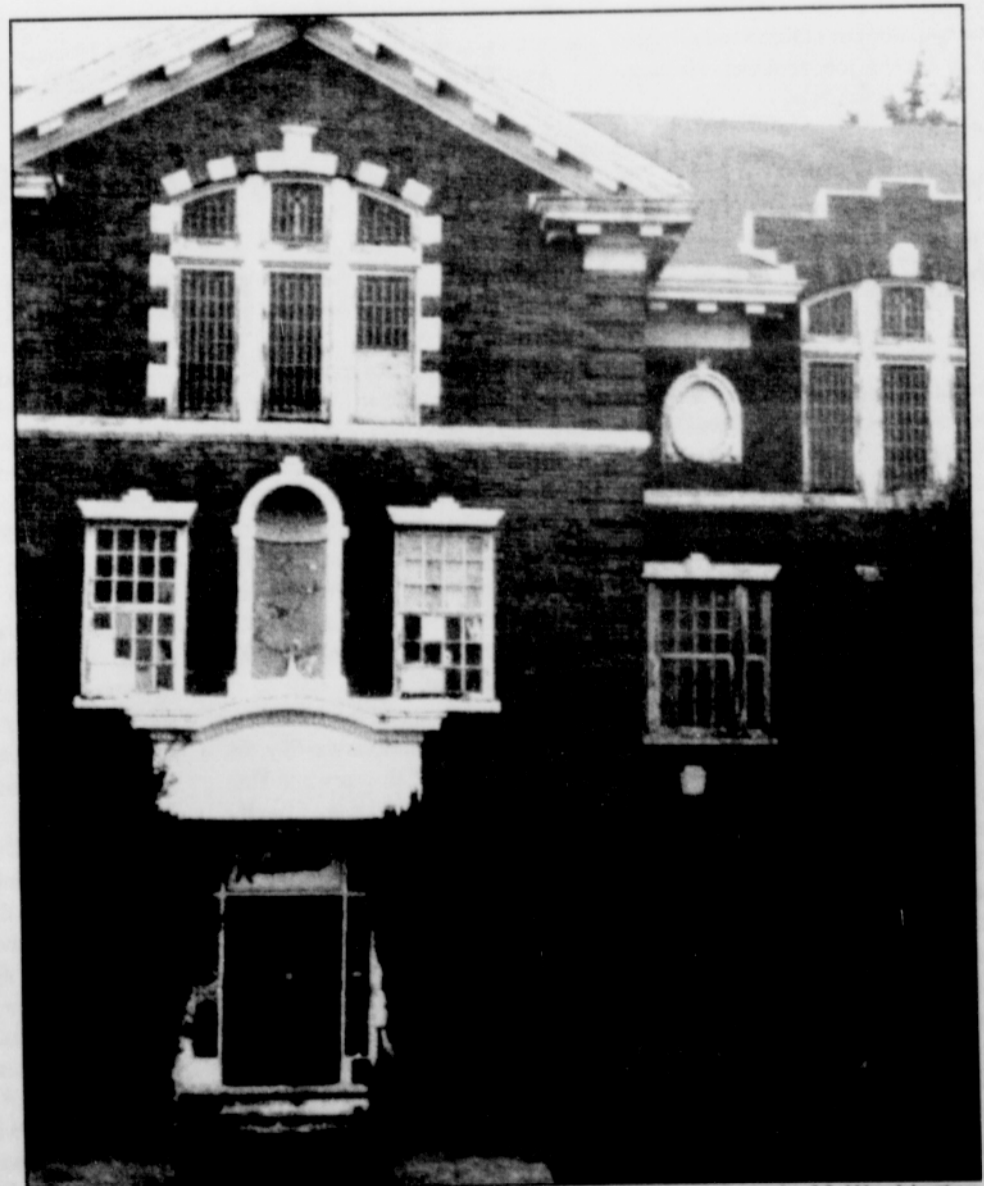
There were also serious proposals for private schools by Portland's Waldorf School and Milwaukie's LaSalle High School, and a regional headquarters for the Head Start program. At the workshop there were proposals for a Buddhist retreat (the subject of a few informal inquiries but no formal proposal), a community center and a nudist camp. There were many calls for turning the property into a Catholic

High School, prompted by the urgings of Piedmont Neighborhood Association president Tom Markgraf and other proponents. Baruti Artharee of the Portland Development Commission, a committee member, said he was "a little taken aback" by people who said, "We were told to come out to support a high school."

Despite this, Artharee reminded the committee, PDC purchased the property last year for the express purpose of creating housing there. "If housing doesn't work out, we can put the property on the market for a high school or anything else," he said. "But for us to just put this property to some other use would be totally inappropriate. We'd have to go back to City Council and reverse every decision we've made about this property in the last year."

Moreover, although La Salle did submit a formal proposal for the property, it also attached a letter saying it was not yet ready to commit to establish a school there or anywhere in north-northeast Portland. There were constraints against other proposals. Committee member Patricia Waterfield, director of Peninsula Community Center, said there was no chance the city would create a new center at Rosemont. Planner Michael Harrison said the site's residential zoning, and location on local streets, would preclude any major commercial use. There could be a small social service facility there, serving a housing development on the site or surrounding neighborhood, but not the sort of regional headquarters Head Start envisioned.

Public Developers give Ideas for Rosemont Property Use



Rosemont Property Bombarded with possibilities

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