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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Gun Control Plan

The Senate recently voted for new restrictions on gun sales which would keep guns out of the hands of unsupervised children. House Speaker, Dennis Hastert said that the House plans to vote on the new gun measures in Mid-June. Senate had already approved laws preventing youth access to semi-automatic assault rifles and a provision that would keep anyone who commits a violent crime as a juvenile from ever legally owning a gun as an adult.

Anti-Spy Security

A Congressional report revealed that China had been stealing nuclear secrets for the past two decades. In response, President Clinton defended the administration's ongoing efforts to prevent the maintenance of alleged Chinese espionage on U.S. nuclear technology. Thirty eight recommendations were unanimously approved by the House of Representatives committee to improve national security.

NATO Air Strikes

NATO warplanes attacked Slobodan Milosevic's villa and other targets across Yugoslavia. A NATO-led peacekeeping ground force may involve 50,000 ground troops with several thousand supplied by the United States. As many as 150,000 refugees were bound for Macedonia. And, reports revealed an increase in sexual violence against ethnic Albanian women in Kosovo.

Tortured Haitian Immigrant

Justin Volpe, a white police officer pleaded guilty to torturing a Haitian immigrant with a wooden stick in a stationhouse bathroom. Officer Volpe confessed to ramming a stick into the rectum of a handcuffed Abner Louima. Volpe said that he acted in a fit of rage because he mistakenly believed Louima had punched him while police tried to quell a brawl outside a nightclub in August 1997. The officer was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Universe Is 12 Billion Years Old

Findings from an eight-year study indicate that the universe is a youthful 12 billion years old and that the universe will probably continue the expansion that began with the primordial explosion known as the Big Bang. Scientists also concluded that matter will probably exist for another thousand billion billion billion years.

Fat Findings

In a scientific study, Americans have been gaining weight on fat-free and low-fat foods consumed without regard to their caloric content. Loading up on added sugars and refined starches is part of the problem. A survey by the Food Marketing Institute revealed that 56 percent of shoppers who had changed their diets were consuming only 15 percent more fruits and vegetables.

Who Will Be Queen Of Rosaria?

The Rose Festival Queen's Coronation will be on Thursday, June 3 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall at 8 PM.



Julia Chan
David Douglas



Etopi Fanta
Lincoln



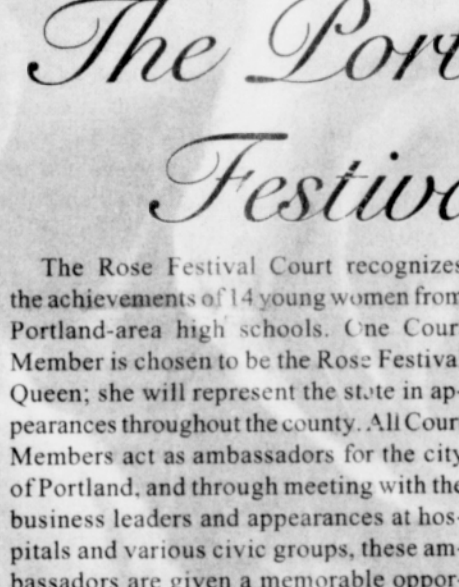
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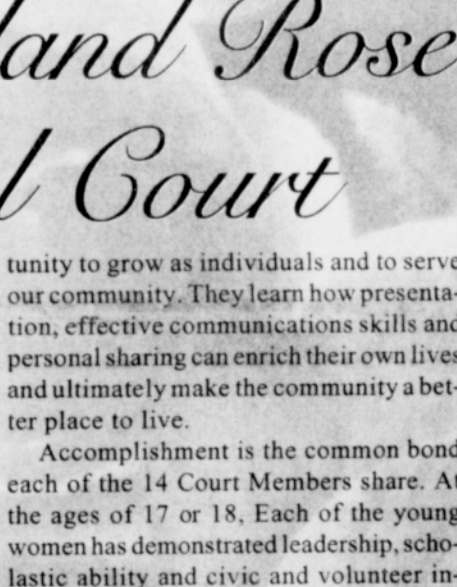
Katie Dulcich
Central Catholic



Lauren Dutko
Wilson



Kari Alsherif
ST. Mary Academy



Amber Starks
Cleveland



Monica Campean
Marshall



Aubrey Isom
Madison



Kylee Nolf
Franklin



Sherani Frazier
Jefferson



Amanda Stutevoss
Benson

The Portland Rose Festival Court

The Rose Festival Court recognizes the achievements of 14 young women from Portland-area high schools. One Court Member is chosen to be the Rose Festival Queen; she will represent the state in appearances throughout the county. All Court Members act as ambassadors for the city of Portland, and through meeting with the business leaders and appearances at hospitals and various civic groups, these ambassadors are given a memorable opportunity to grow as individuals and to serve our community. They learn how presentation, effective communications skills and personal sharing can enrich their own lives and ultimately make the community a better place to live.

Accomplishment is the common bond each of the 14 Court Members share. At the ages of 17 or 18, Each of the young women has demonstrated leadership, scholastic ability and civic and volunteer involvement - and each has her own unique personality. Each must have a grade point average of at least 2.75. The election of each school's Court Member is made by her fellow students.

The Association makes sure that the experience of being selected as a Rose Festival Court member is memorable and rewarding. Along with scholarships and various other gifts, the Court Members begin a mentoring program in which successful business women work with the young women to establish a relationship that will strengthen their roles in the community. Randall Realty Corporation is proud to sponsor the Rose Festival Court scholarship program. Each Court Member is given a \$3,000 college scholarship. The Rose Festival Association thanks Randall Realty for its generous support of the Court Scholarship program.

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