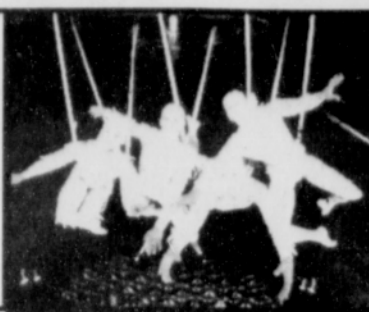




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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

John Paul II Honored with Birthday Stamps

VATICAN CITY—Poland and the Vatican have gone in together on an early birthday present for Pope John Paul II—a special stamp series celebrating his upcoming 80th. The stamps issued, include one showing the pope in profile and another featuring the Black Madonna of Czestochowa, Poland's holiest shrine. John Paul turns 80 on May 18.

Putin Sworn in as Russian President

MOSCOW—President Vladimir Putin pledged to restore Russia as a great power after being sworn in Sunday as the country's second democratically elected president in a ceremony that evoked the country's imperial past. Putin, a former KGB officer who has never held elected office, promised honest and efficient government, saying he wanted to restore the hopes of ordinary Russians and make the country prosperous and strong.

Sri Lanka Invokes War Status

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka—After putting the nation on war status, the Sri Lankan government gave sweeping powers to the military, police and administration to deal with the Tamil rebel threat to split the country. Under the Public Security Act invoked by the government, Sri Lankan authorities can seize aircraft, ships or property without giving any reason, ban the publication of newspapers and leaflets that could harm national security, and prohibit demonstrations and strikes that may hinder the war effort.

Antimissile System May Not Protect Canada

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—If Canada opts out of the U.S. missile defense project had a Canadian city were to come under missile attack, the United States might choose not to shoot it down, a senior U.S. military officer said. Vice Adm. Herbert Browne, deputy commander of U.S. Space Command, said that the United States wants Canada to participate in the antimissile system, which is being developed at an estimated cost of \$20 billion to defend all 50 U.S. states against attack from a small number of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Who will be our next Queen of Rosaria?



Sarah Williams
Parkrose High School



Jeny Hettum
Franklin High School



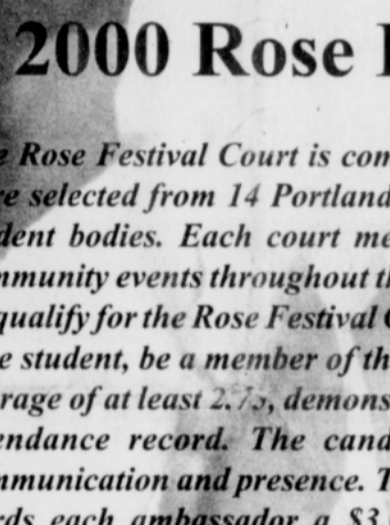
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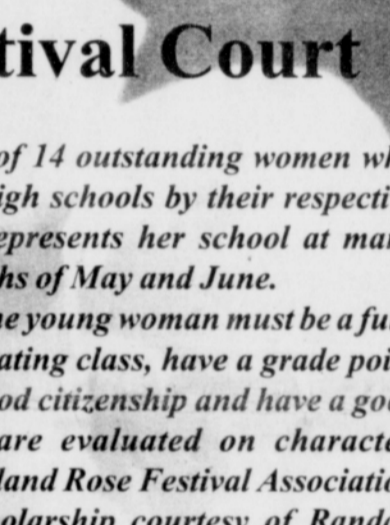
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Cleveland High School



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Grant High School



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Central Catholic High School



Amy Seely
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Madison High School



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Liz Hoffard
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Megan Hall
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2000 Rose Festival Court

The Rose Festival Court is comprised of 14 outstanding women who were selected from 14 Portland-area high schools by their respective student bodies. Each court member represents her school at many community events throughout the months of May and June. To qualify for the Rose Festival Court, the young woman must be a full-time student, be a member of the graduating class, have a grade point average of at least 2.75, demonstrate good citizenship and have a good attendance record. The candidates are evaluated on character, communication and presence. The Portland Rose Festival Association awards each ambassador a \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of Randall Realty Corp.

Weather

Through the weekend

Today
Rain 56°F/13°C
49°F/9°C

Friday
Showers 61°F/16°C
48°F/9°C

Saturday
Scattered Showers 63°F/17°C
47°F/8°C

Thursday
Rain 57°F/14°C
45°F/7°C

Sunday
Partially Cloudy 63°F/17°C
49°F/9°C

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This Week in History

On May 10, 1869, a golden spike was driven at Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.
On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.
On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court issued its landmark Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka ruling, which declared that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal.