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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

World Leaders Mourn at Assad's Funeral

DAMASCUS, Syria - Pallbearers in scarlet berets and combat fatigues carried the body of Syrian President Hafez Assad through the mourner-thronged streets of his capital, in a day of funeral ceremonies fraught with national grief and filled with political portents. In dark mourning suits or flowing Arab robes, world leaders and other dignitaries paid tribute at the flag-draped casket of Assad, who died at age 69.

Man Who Shot Pope Pardoned

ROME - Italy's president pardoned the Turkish gunman who wounded Pope John Paul II in a 1981 assassination attempt, the Justice Ministry said. Justice Minister Piero Fassino immediately signed an order that will send gunman Mehmet Ali Agca to Turkey to serve a prison sentence in an unrelated killing there. The Justice Ministry's announcement of the pardon noted John Paul himself already has publicly forgiven Agca from the May 13, 1981 attempt on his life.

UNICEF: 1 in 6

Children Live in Poverty

LONDON - One in six children in the world's richest nations live in poverty, with the United States and Britain among the worst examples, according to the U.N. Children's Fund. Despite rising incomes in the 29 nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development - a Paris-based group of the world's wealthiest countries - 47 million live in families so poor that their health and well-being is at risk, said a UNICEF report published recently.

Philippine Military

Pounds Rebel Position

COTABATO, Philippines - Thousands of villagers fled their homes as the military bombarded four villages occupied by Muslim separatist rebels in the southern Philippines. Bombers, helicopter gunships and artillery struck rebel positions in the villages as two army battalions backed by armored vehicles moved in, said an army spokesman.

U.S. Reaches

Compromise with Lebanon

NAQOURA, Lebanon - The U.N. verification of Israel's troop withdrawal from southern Lebanon was postponed for a day on the Lebanese side, a U.N. spokesman said. Lebanon's objection was over a border line drawn by the United Nations and its demand for technical help, said a spokesman for the 4,500-member U.N. force conducting the verification process.

Large Blast Rocks Greek Island

RHODES, Greece - A large explosion near the site of Turkish naval maneuvers broke windows and panicked residents, police said. The Greek Defense Ministry said the blast occurred off Rhodes, about 280 miles southeast of Athens. Turkey is conducting a naval exercise near the island. It was not immediately clear whether the blast was linked to the Turkish warships, but the explosion occurred in the general area of the maneuvers.

Blazers give \$70,000 in grants to local organizations



Team leader Scottie Pippen presents Self Enhancement Inc., Lisa Manning and Youth Participant Taylor Allen with this year's grant award.

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Blazers Community Ambassador Nick Jones and Blazers forward Scottie Pippen

announced today the Blazers' second year renewal of \$70,000 in partnership grants to local non-profits youth organizations. The announcement took place at the Garlington Albina Head Start Center.

The Blazers gave seven \$10,000 partnership grants to non-profit youth organizations. The grants will enable the organizations to continue specific Blazers programs that serve more than 5,000 Portland-area kids and

• *Blazers Community Builders and Portland-area youth participate in community service project*

emphasize youth community services. Each of the seven organizations will match the Blazers \$10,000 grants, creating a total budget of 20,000 for each program.

"We believe that it is important to encourage kids to give back to their community through volunteer service and our programs with each of these organizations does that," said Jones. "We look forward to creating more positive changes in our city in the coming years."

The seven non-profit organizations receiving grants include: Albina Head Start, Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation, Committed Partners for Youth, Police Activities League, Salvation Army Moore Street Center, Self Enhancement Inc. and YMCA Midnight Basketball.

In addition, the Blazers Community Builders employee volunteer program, along with youth from all seven organizations, will clean-up and landscape around Garlington Center. Supplies for the project have been donated by Integrity Landscape.

PPS plans team driven revisions

BY LORRAINE-MICHELLE FAUST
OF THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

On Monday, June 12 at 1:30 p.m., the Portland Public School District Board met to hear from different teams presenting the Strategic Plan. This was the second of five meetings that will discuss the possible adoption by the Board of a Strategic Plan.

"We will present an action plan that allows us to stay focused on teaching, learning and the success of all children with a particular emphasis on poor children," said Benjamin Canada, Superintendent of Portland Public Schools.

The Strategic Plan for the Portland Public School District (PPS) proposes to address the problems within the education system and the needs of all school children. Seven action teams following the recommendations of a strategic core planning team are developing the Strategic Plan. These seven teams are in charge of devising a strategy that targets the seven main goals of the Strategic Plan.

Team one is working to create a culture in PPS reflects an ethic of service and respect. Team two addresses the need for partnerships. They want to use the strengths and resources that already exist in the community to improve

the learning environment. Additionally they want to see more partnerships between students, teachers and parents, as well as partnerships between schools. "We believe

these resources and these partnerships are critical in addressing the issues of schools in poor communities and of children of color," said David Wynde, Vice President of

Commercial Banking at US Bank and member of team two.

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Billboard draws fire from public and is removed



A recent billboard at Interstate and Skidmore recently drew fire from outraged citizens and was subsequently removed. The billboard depicted two young black men drinking and getting 'real'.