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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Supreme Court Ends Ban on Virtual Child Porn

WASHINGTON — In a 6-3 ruling, the Supreme Court struck down a congressional ban on virtual child pornography, ruling that the First Amendment only protects pornography or other sexual images that only appear to depict real children engaged in sex.

### Arafat Demands Israeli Pullout

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat rebuffed Secretary of State Colin Powell's demand for a halt to violence, saying Israel first must withdraw its troops from the West Bank. Israel's Ariel Sharon also is resisting Powell's mission to gain a cease-fire and resumption of peace talks.

### Astronauts Test Space Station's Railcar

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts got mixed results during the first test of the international space station's new railcar. The flatcar traveled 173/4 feet to its designated work station. The car was latching into place when a software message indicated a failure, just 10 minutes into the test.

### Bin Laden Shown on Tape by Al-Jazeera

CAIRO, Egypt — Osama bin Laden, his top deputy and a man identified as a Sept. 11 attacker were shown in brief video excerpts aired Monday by the pan-Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera. An Al-Jazeera official told The Associated Press the tapes were received a few days ago.

### Study: Welfare Reform Hasn't Helped Kids

WASHINGTON — Mothers facing new welfare rules are finding jobs and earning more money. But they haven't improved their parenting skills, they still have trouble paying rent, and they spend less time with their kids, according to a three-state study that examined details of family life.

### IRS Paid Out Millions by Mistake

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service mistakenly paid out more than \$30 million to tax filers seeking nonexistent slavery tax credits in 2000 and 2001. Last year, the IRS discovered that some erroneous refunds were being issued but was only partly effective in stopping them.

### Mystery Oak Disease May Threaten Nation's Forests

SAN FRANCISCO — Oak trees along the Northern California coast have been dying for more than two years, and scientists are having a hard time getting ahead of the problem. Some tree experts even fear the disease could even spread to the forests of the interior United States.

## Rose Festival Court ♦ 2002



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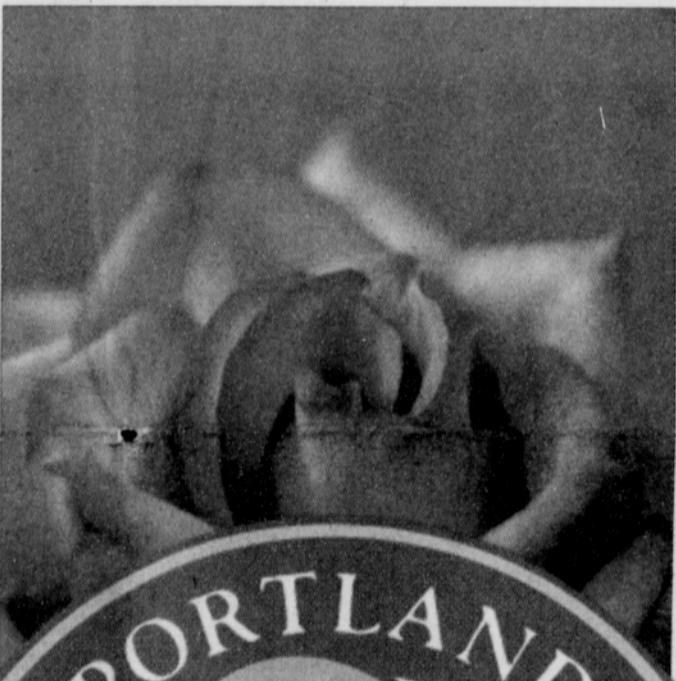
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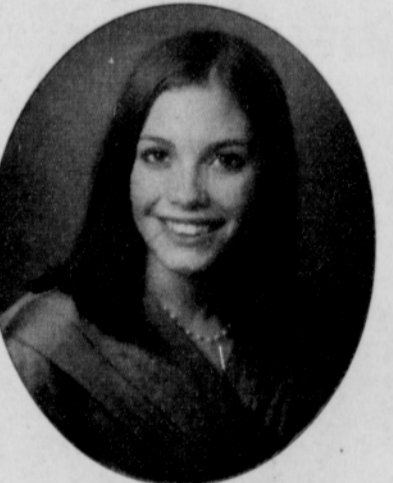


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## Ambassadors Begin Tour Court in place for 2002 Rose Festival

BY JOY RAMOS

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Since 1930, the Rose Festival Queen has been a Portland high school senior, selected from the Rose Festival Court.

This year's Queen of Rosaria will be chosen at a coronation event on Thursday, May 30, at 8 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Peers who represent their respective

high schools introduce members of the 2002 Rose Festival Court.

Each court member presents a brief speech and is featured in a video. Wesley Grout, last year's Rose Festival Queen

and graduate of Lincoln High School will be presenting the crown.

The court is comprised of 14

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