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Peninsula Little Leaguers meet Miss America

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Palestinians Leave Church

JERUSALEM — Israel decided to block a U.N. inquiry into the fighting at the Jenin refugee camp, while 27 Palestinians emerged from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. It was the largest number to exit the church since the standoff began nearly a month ago.

4 Sue Los Angeles Archbishop

Four men who say they were abused by a California priest decades ago filed suit Monday against Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, the nation's largest archdiocese, under a federal law originally aimed at busting organized crime.

New Jersey Couple Hits Big Game Jackpot

TRENTON, N.J. — A husband and wife claimed a \$58.9 million share of the Big Game lottery jackpot. Jorge M. and Joanne S. Lopes, of Englishtown, held one of the three winning tickets from the \$331 million prize drawn on April 16, the second-biggest lottery prize in U.S. history.

Tornadoes, High Wind Kill Six

Tornado-ravaged cities from Missouri to Maryland picked up the pieces after an unusually wide swath of thunderstorms weaved their way through the eastern half of the nation, killing at least six people. A tornado in Maryland caused at least three deaths and 93 injuries.

ADA Restricted

WASHINGTON — In a setback for disabled workers, the Supreme Court ruled those employees are not always entitled to premium assignments intended for more senior workers. Justices said the Americans with Disabilities Act does not pre-empt company seniority systems.

Cardinals Agree on Abuse Policy

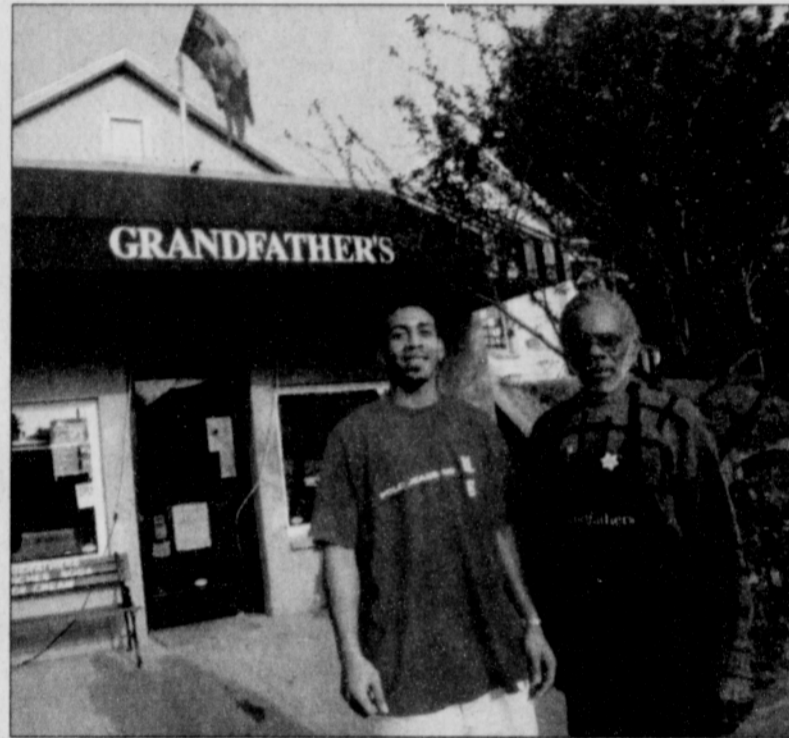
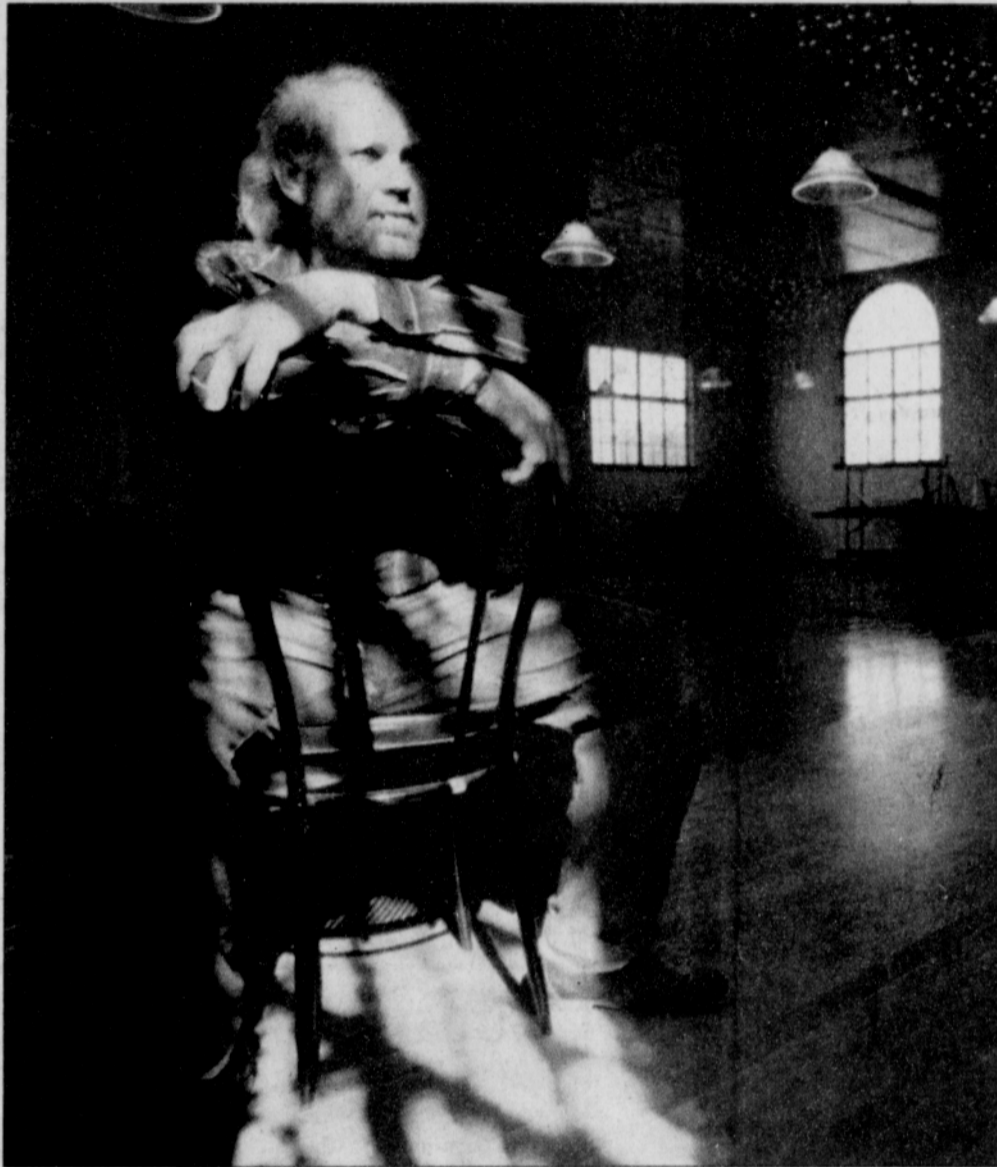
VATICAN CITY — American Cardinals meeting with Pope John Paul II agreed to adopt a "one-strike-you're-out" policy for any priest involved in a future sex abuse case, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick said. It was uncertain whether a similar policy would be applied to current cases.

Growth Overwhelms State Schools

Fast-growing Sun Belt and Western states are running out of room at flagship campuses. Money discourages building new ones. So states are toughening admission standards, building satellite campuses and beefing up academic reputations at their other schools.

Parents Warned About 24-Proof Gelatin

A national anti-drug coalition is alerting parents about the rising popularity of Zippers, which are packaged cups of fruity-flavored gelatin and alcohol. Zippers are being marketed as the first commercially produced version of "Jell-O shots."



Leonard "Grandfather" Smith (above right) outside his recently reopened North Mississippi Avenue deli with Antonio Jackson, a business and marketing outreach student from Portland State University.

Jerry Van Horton (left) sits in the ballroom of Mississippi Rising. A once neglected space he has renovated with help from his daughter.

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Mississippi Rising

The color, face and energy of Mississippi Avenue is changing

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Mississippi Avenue in north Portland stretches only a few blocks from Skidmore to Fremont. It has always been a business district in one way or another, but its colorful past is full of dramatic change.

Seventeen years ago, Leonard "Grandfather" Smith, an African American businessman, opened his first fish house and

lounge at the corner of Mississippi and Shaver.

"The streets were infested with drug dealers," he said. "It was overrun with prostitution."

At that time, only one other business, a small convenience store, existed on the avenue. The other buildings were primarily vacant and crumbling.

Smith calls himself a community activ-

ist who single-handedly ran most of the drug dealers away. Though he admits, he couldn't have done it without the help of a pair of Portland cops who he befriended about a decade ago.

"The officers used to just drive by and wave at the drug dealers," he said. "I invited these two cops to get out of their cars and just sit with me. In five minutes, all the drug dealers were gone."

Leonard looks sidelong and pauses. As an afterthought, he adds, "I was determined."

So were others who have followed in his footsteps, like Jerry Van Horton who has completely remodeled and restored the ballroom on the same corner.

In the 30s, the airy space, now called

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Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes

TLC's Lopes Remembered

Rapper-singer killed in Honduras car crash

(AP) - Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, one of the members of the R&B chart-topping group TLC, was tragically killed in a car crash in Honduras on Thursday. She was 30.

Laura Swanson, a spokeswoman for Lopes' record label Arista Records, explained that Lopes was in Honduras on a vacation. She was one of seven people involved in the accident and suffered the only fatality.

"No words can possibly express the sorrow and sadness I feel for this most devastating loss," Arista president L.A. Reid said.

Reid was instrumental in bringing the Atlanta-based R&B group to the forefront and helping it become one of the best-selling female groups in history.

TLC, which includes other members Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins and Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas, broke out on the scene in 1992 with their album *Ooooooh...On the TLC Tip!*

Philadelphia-born Lopes was the rapper of the group and was nicknamed "Left Eye" because she wore a trademark condom as one of the lenses of her glasses during performances.

In 1994, the group scored big with its album *CrazySexyCool*, which won the women two of their four Grammy Awards.

"Lisa had one of the biggest hearts of anybody we know," Thomas said in a tearful phone call to MTV's Total Request Live Friday. "She did charity work for kids all the time for Lupus disease that people don't know about."

Lopes' life was not without personal controversy, either. In 1994, she pleaded guilty to arson after she set fire to the mansion of her boyfriend, former Atlanta Falcons receiver Andre Rison. Lopes was sentenced to a half-way house and five years' probation as well as a \$10,000 fine.

Blazers Forced Into Summer Retirement

Lakers sink Blazers again in NBA playoffs



Shaquille O'Neal shoots over the Blazers' Rasheed Wallace (left) and Ruben Patterson in the second half. (AP photo)

(AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers used to have a bitter rivalry with Portland. Now the only intrigue is watching how many points the Lakers can spot the Trail Blazers before coming back to torment them.

Robert Horry took a pass from Kobe Bryant and made a 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left to cap a furious last-minute comeback, and the Lakers completed their second straight three-game sweep of the Blazers with a 92-91 victory Sunday.

"Did I want the ball? No, I was kind of scared," said Horry, a veteran of four NBA championship teams with Los Angeles and Houston. "I just threw it up there, and I didn't know if it was going in or out."

Bryant knew. "It's cash," Bryant said when asked what he thought when the ball left Horry's hand. "He's done it so many times, it's cash."

The finish was reminiscent of Game 7 of the 2000 Western Conference finals, when Portland blew a 15-point fourth-quarter lead and lost 89-84. Including that surreal game, the Lakers have won seven

straight postseason meetings with the Blazers.

Portland had a much smaller lead Sunday, but there was less time to watch it slip away.

Rasheed Wallace's follow-up slam on a miss by Scottie Pippen put the Blazers up 89-84 with 39 seconds left, and Wallace's free throw made it 90-86 with 17.1 seconds left.

Bryant immediately made a 3-pointer with 12.7 seconds to go, and Pippen missed one of his free throws after being fouled. With the Lakers trailing by two, Rick Fox inbounded the ball to Bryant, who was guarded by the self-proclaimed "Kobe Stopper," Ruben Patterson. Bryant went right and flung the ball to Horry, who was waiting in the corner off to Bryant's right. Pippen, trying to help out with Bryant, was late in running at Horry, and Horry swished the jumper.

"Kobe made a big shot - that 3-pointer to give us hope - and Scottie missed a free throw, and the door was open," Horry said. "I was surprised that Pippen bit that

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