



Locals Find Adventure at Sea

Qweenie Samuel enjoys 'African Attire Night' on board the Carnival cruise ship Destiny. See story, Page A5.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Dissidents Take Over Iraq's Berlin Embassy

BERLIN — An Iraqi opposition group said it occupied the Iraqi Embassy and called for the overthrow of the country's leader, Saddam Hussein. Police moved in force to the embassy and sealed off the street around it.

Israel Hands Over Bethlehem to Palestinians

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Israeli troops began withdrawing from Bethlehem as Israel and the Palestinians took steps to carry out the first security agreement reached without U.S. help in nearly two years. The deal is seen as a test for Israel to possibly hand to Palestinians other towns.

Study Finds Flu Shots OK for all Adults

PHILADELPHIA — Despite the cost, even healthy adults benefit from an annual flu shot because they don't lose as much work time and they spend less on treatment, according to a study in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Pope Says Mass as Trip Home Ends

KRAKOW, Poland — Pope John Paul II concluded his nostalgic journey home with a Mass at a mountain monastery where he and his father prayed. Some 60,000 people chanted, "Your people welcome you, John Paul II." More than 2 million Poles greeted the Pope.

U.S., Russia Tussle Over Anthrax

SERPUKHOV, Russia — Russia has repeatedly balked at turning over a genetically engineered strain of anthrax that is resistant to vaccines. U.S. officials worry that the strain may defeat inoculations given to troops and medical workers.

Kids Find Marijuana Easy to Buy

WASHINGTON — Few teenagers say they've tried marijuana, but teens say it's easier to purchase than cigarettes or beer, according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse. It marked the first time since the study began six years ago that marijuana edged out cigarettes and beer as easier buys for kids.

Four-year-old Calif. Girl Found

LOS ANGELES — A 4-year-old girl who disappeared from a city park had a joyful reunion with her family after she turned up at a medical clinic complaining of a sore throat. She was dirty and barefoot, and her hair had been cut short, but authorities say she was unharmed.

Palestinian Officials Say Abu Nidal is Dead

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Abu Nidal, the Palestinian renegade whose name became a byword for international terrorism, was found dead in Baghdad, Palestinian officials said. Abu Nidal's body was found three days ago with several bullet wounds, and the assumption is he committed suicide.

Florida Leaves Chads Behind

On Sept. 10, the Florida primary will mark the first statewide election since the voting debacle of 2000. Florida has made broad changes since then. The 30-year-old punch-card technology that was used is now banned.

Flying High

Air Commander Watches Over the West

Portland pilot gets outside comfort zone to find success

BY DAVID PLECHL
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

National Guard Air Base Commander Colonel Garry Dean wanted to be a doctor when he was a kid. But while studying medicine in college, he was given a chance to take a flight in a F-15 fighter jet.

"It was one of those incentives to keep you motivated," Dean told The Portland Observer in an exclusive interview from the air base he commands in northeast Portland.

That first heart-stopping ride kept Dean motivated all right, but it also changed the direction of his motivation.

It set him on a new path and it no longer involved medicine. He wanted to fly jets.

Today, Dean runs the nation's 142nd Air Wing, supervising 1,000 men and women and 10 pilots responsible for round-the-clock air defense of the entire Pacific Northwest. He is the first American American to command the Portland base.

Dean is thankful that his grandfather helped put him on his career path by stressing the importance of setting goals.

Even if you come up short, his grandfather told him, you'll still be close.

His mentor also stressed a good education.

"Nobody can argue with results. Those grades get you in the door. Take advantage."

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Col. Garry Dean commands the men and women who protect the Pacific Northwest airspace out of the National Guard's 142nd Air Wing in Portland. PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Sept. 11 Tested Portland Fighter Pilots

BY DAVID PLECHL
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Twenty-four hour air defense of the Pacific Northwest is the first and primary mission of the Oregon Air Guard, a mission that hasn't changed in over 50 years.

The base keeps two fighters on alert at all times. Its F-15 fighter jets can be up in the air in a matter of minutes.

That mission was tested Sept. 11 when three hijacked planes were used as bombing weapons to attack America on the East Coast.

While still at home in Portland, watching the second plane hit the World Trade Center in New York, Dean had the "screws turning" and security tightening at the base in Portland. He ordered an immediate

set up of 24-hour command posts and brought all fighter jets to full alert status.

His crews scrambled to intercept any plane that was in the air without proper identification and communications.

One fighter jet quickly intercepted a China Air jetliner on an unaccounted flight

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Gardens for Early Head Start Dedicated



Rashon and Sydnei step onto the playground at a new garden park for the Early Head Start Family Center on North Mississippi Avenue, just north of Skidmore.

Willie Mae Turner is accompanied by her son, Fred Flowers and his wife, Regina (far left), at Thursday's dedication of the Willie Mae Turner Mississippi Avenue Children's Corner. The site serves as a garden park for Early Head Start kids. It was named in Turner's honor for her many years of service as a community volunteer and advocate for children.

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The Early Head Start Family Center of Portland dedicated two new garden parks on North Mississippi Avenue Thursday.

The parks were completed in June for children in the neighborhood and families

in the Early Head Start program. They are named in honor of Willie Mae Turner, a longtime Boise Neighborhood resident who has been an active volunteer advocate for children in north and northeast

Portland for many years.

The \$225,000 project was made possible by donations from the Glen Boyd Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Fred Meyer Founda-

tion.

The Early Head Start center serves low-income families in north, northeast and southeast neighborhoods with education programs, health and social services.

Slavery Compensation Called Long Overdue

(AP) — Hundreds of African Americans rallied in front of the Capitol on Saturday to demand slavery reparations, saying that compensation is long overdue for the ills of that institution.

"It seems that America owes black people a lot for what we have endured," Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan told the crowd. "We cannot settle for some little jive token. We need millions of acres of land that black people can build."

"We're not begging white people," said

Farrakhan, one of several speakers at a rally organizers billed as "Millions for Reparations." "We are just demanding what is justly ours."

While Farrakhan and Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., did attend, many major names in the black civil rights movement were absent, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

"The people on the ground are the ones we want to give exposure to," said one speaker, Hannibal Afrik, 68, of Port Gibson,

Miss. "If it's grounded in the people, it will be victorious."

Conyers, who has proposed a commission to study the institution of slavery for the past 13 years, urged the crowd to pressure Congress.

"Only the Congress can do what we want done," Conyers said. Lawmakers are now on their summer break until September.

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Demonstrators hold hands in a circle before joining a rally in Washington, D.C. for slavery reparations. (AP photo)

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