



Facing Mekka

Choreographer turns Hip hop on its head
Hot dance troupe performs this weekend. See story, page A8

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Saddam's face uncertain

For U.S. leaders, the latest airstrike aimed at Saddam Hussein has returned the Iraqi president to the limbo he had occupied after the first bombs nearly three weeks ago. Officials just don't know if he is alive or dead. After videotapes were aired last week in which Saddam seemed to refer to wartime events, officials said he probably had survived the March 20 strike aimed at killing him.

Three journalists die in Baghdad attacks

U.S.-led military strikes in the Iraqi capital Tuesday hit a hotel filled with hundreds of journalists and an Arab television network, killing three journalists and injuring three others. Two Arabic-language television networks said their offices were intentionally targeted by American-led forces - claims military officials denied.

Camel named as LA County deputy

He's been on the job for a while, but it became official last week: Bert the camel is now a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy. Bert, who weighs in at 1,700 pounds, got his sheriff's ID card after a swearing-in ceremony Saturday during a festival in this city 30 miles east of downtown Los Angeles. Bert, a public relations representative who travels with his handlers to local schools, joins other members of the sheriff's four-footed force that also includes dogs and horses.

Lion tamer runs off from the circus

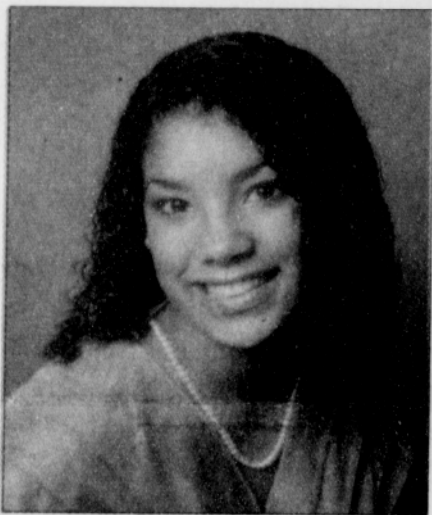
A woman lion tamer has run away from a circus in Germany with eight lions, two tigers and the circus director's son. The woman, in her late 40s, is believed to have developed a close relationship with the 20-year-old man she was training to become a lion tamer. The couple eloped with a truck containing the animals and is still on the run, since disappearing on Monday night. "If she can handle lions and tigers she shouldn't have trouble with a 20-year-old man," said police spokesman Georg Dongowski.

Drugs in the manger

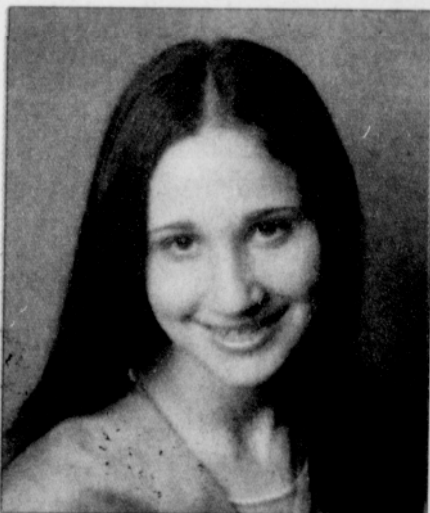
Customs agents at Rome's Fiumicino airport have seized a nativity scene made entirely out of pure cocaine with an estimated street value of almost \$3 million. Airport officials said the parcel aroused suspicions because it had been sent from Peru. Police have arrested the recipient - a 50-year-old man with a police record who was posing as a collector and an expert on sacred art. He reportedly claimed he was collecting a unique piece of art from South America.

2003 Rose Festival Court

Ambassadors to usher in
Fun, Fantasy & Fanfare



Cezanne Surratt, Madison



Kira Lesley, St. Mary's Academy



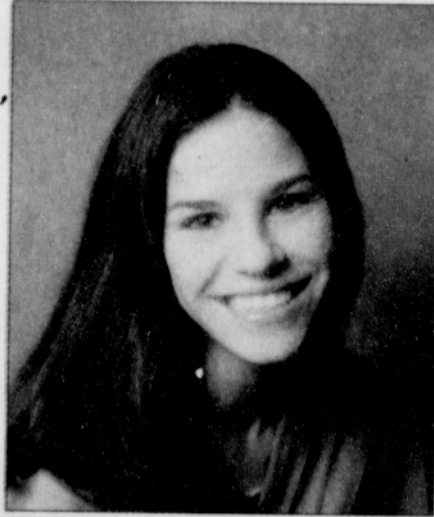
Pricilla Chandler, Benson



Kali Sanders, David Douglas



Lisa Sheridan, Central Catholic



Andrea Mears, Grant



Pricilla Isaacs, Franklin



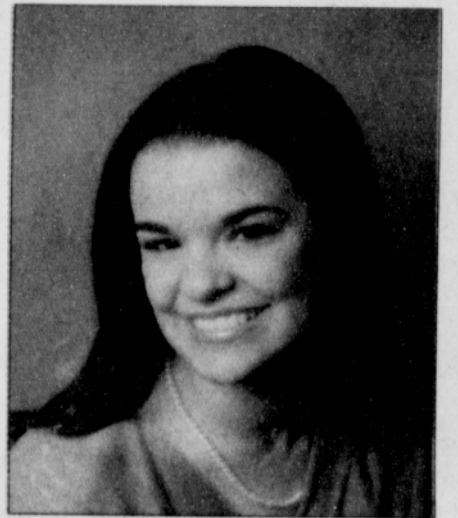
Phoebe Keever, Roosevelt



Autumn Dones, Wilson



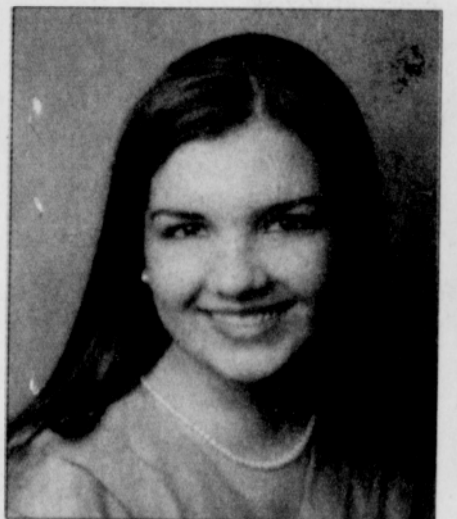
Myleen Roberts, Jefferson



Kristen Acheson, Lincoln



Mimi Danh, Parkrose



Vatiana Nasteka, Marshall



Brandy Gump, Cleveland

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Ambassadors from 14 Portland high schools are now in place for activities leading up to the Portland Rose Festival.

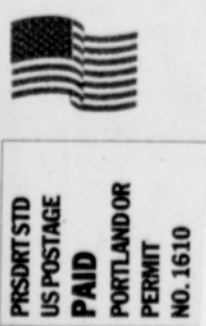
The high school seniors will kick the world-acclaimed celebration the theme "Fun, Fantasy and fare" during the Fred Meyer

Queen's Coronation on Thursday, May 29 at 8 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

The Portland Rose Festival bursts into bloom each June to celebrate the City of Roses with special events, excitement and entertainment for all ages.

The festival's Southwest Airlines

Grand Floral Parade is the second-largest all-floral parade in the nation and just one of three colorful parades. Add to the mix an 11-day waterfront festival, the high-speed thrills of a Champ Car World Series Race, and a fine arts and crafts festival, and you have just the tip of the rosebud.



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