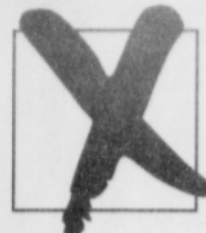


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Hip-hoppers with 'Cred'
Portland rap artists Cool Nutz and DJ OG One excel in a tough industry. See Metro for stories and photos.



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Tonita Cabrera, Wilson

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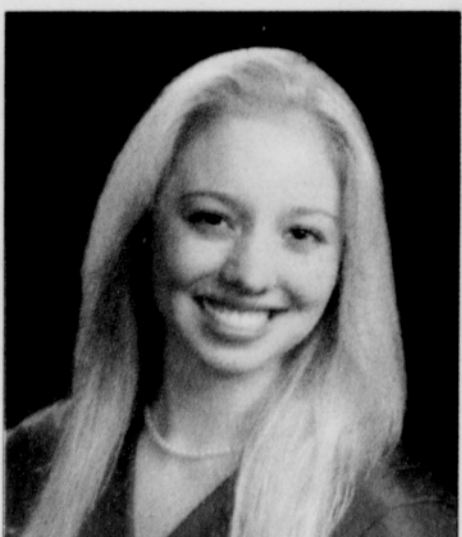
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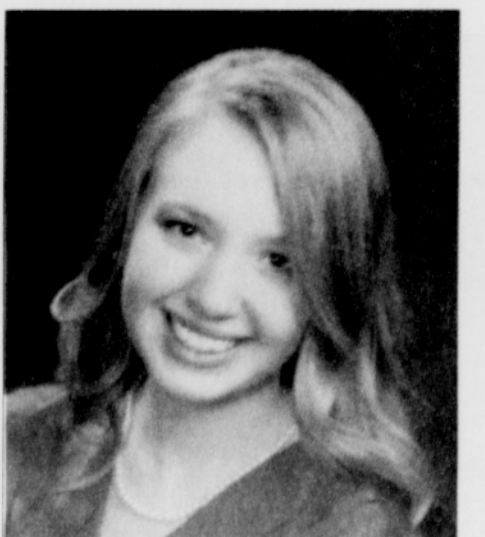
Jill Tremblay, Madison



Taylor Smith, St. Mary's



Kim Pham, Marshall



Molly Ronan, Lincoln

Princesses represent area schools

The 2008 Rose Festival Court is comprised of 14 outstanding women who are seniors from 14 Portland-area high schools.

Each court member represents her school throughout the months of May and June at many community events, including meetings

with business leaders and civic groups, and visits to hospitals and senior living centers.

The court provides scholarships for higher education, promotes community outreach and volunteerism and offers networking and mentoring opportunities.

Next year, the court will be expanded to include an at-large position comprised from schools in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties, as well as the opportunity for high school juniors to participate.

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Week in The Review

Injury Called Career-ending

The Portland Trail Blazers have requested waivers on injured forward Darius Miles, a move that would save millions of dollars under the NBA salary cap. It comes after an independent medical examiner determined the damage to Miles' right knee is severe enough to qualify as a career-ending injury.



dent last week, just ahead of the platform convention for the state's Democratic Party.

Strip Club Manager Shot

A man shot the bartender-manager of a strip club in southeast Portland Sunday during a robbery. Police say he got away with more than \$5,000. The victim was in stable condition and expected to survive the attack at Soobie's Adult Entertainment Club.

Former Govs for Obama

Barbara Roberts and John Kitzhaber, governors of Oregon from 1991 to 2003, endorsed Sen. Barack Obama for presi-

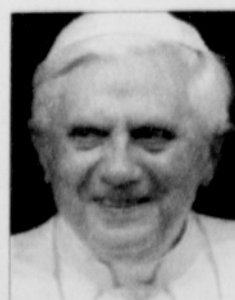
Papal Visit

Pope Benedict XVI said Tuesday he was "deeply ashamed" of the clergy sexual abuse scan-

dal in the Roman Catholic Church and will work to keep pedophiles out of the priesthood, addressing the toughest issue facing the American church as he began his first papal trip to the U.S.

Spreading Iraqi Violence

Car bombs ripped through crowded areas in Baghdad and former insurgent strongholds to the north and west of the capital on Tuesday, killing nearly 60 people and breaking a recent lull in violence in the predominantly Sunni areas.



Cosby's 'Unflinching' on Hip-hop

Bill Cosby announced this week the completion of a hip-hop album, described as an "unflinching look at

life in the 21st century, but without the profanity, misogyny, violence and bragadocio," designed as a companion to his provocative book "Come on People: On the Path From Victims to Victors."

Costly Oil's Shifting Blame

Struggling to boost their slumping popularity, leaders in the U.S. and Britain blame OPEC for record high oil prices that have exacerbated a global economic slowdown, but analysts believe the cause for oil's run-up may lie closer to home by a battered dollar, weakened by a U.S. housing market collapse and credit crunch.

