



Photo by Randy Thibien

A volunteer walks through one of Dorris Ranch's 250 acres of filbert orchards, which are still commercially harvested.

Local ranch preserves Oregon history

□ Dorris Ranch in Springfield offers tours and historical presentations to its visitors

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SPRINGFIELD — Just travel a mile past Springfield and you'll embark on a journey to 1892.

No, this is not a time warp. It's a visit to Oregon's first living history ranch.

Dorris Ranch, located at the intersection of Dorris Road and Pioneer Parkway in Springfield, is a 250-acre filbert farm that recreates Oregon history for more than 7,000 yearly visitors.

Owned by the Willamalane Parks and Recreation District, the ranch is managed by three staff members and nearly 100 volunteers who strive to restore the ranch to its century-old form.

"The most important thing is that we're preserving a part of Oregon history," said Mary Horvat, Dorris Ranch Coordinator.

A visit to Dorris Ranch might include a tour through 11 filbert orchards, a presentation by volunteers in costumes reflecting various historical time periods and a chance to participate in crafts and special programs.

At the ranch, one can also catch a glimpse of Oregon

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Students of Color presents list of demands

□ Group gives administration until March 12 to meet short-term items

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Students of Color Building Bridges members Monday released a list of demands to the administration, including a request to reopen the director position of the Office of Multicultural Affairs in order to conduct a national search for a

new director.

The group said Wednesday its members would withdraw from the University unless the administration meets their demands. The group will meet with administrators March 12 to evaluate whether the administration has met the group's short-term demands.

If the administration takes no action, the group will mail letters to parents of high school students of color urging them not to send their children to the University. Another batch of letters will be sent to alumni asking them not to contribute

money to the University, said Erika Armsbury, a group member.

"We're hitting them where it hurts," Armsbury said. "I don't see the University caring about anything besides economics."

Marshall Sauceda, multicultural affairs office director, was unavailable for comment. But Gerry Moseley, vice provost for academic support and student services, said he told group members in August he probably wouldn't open the multicultural

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Clinton calls college plan revolutionary

□ President's plan will first be offered to 1,000 students and expanded to 100,000

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — President Clinton pledged Monday to revolutionize college aid by allowing students to repay loans through community work. He cast his ambitious national service plan as a 1990s GI Bill to "change America forever and for the better."

Starting with a modest 1,000 slots this summer and growing to 100,000 or more within four years, the program will make college affordable to all while setting off a wave of involvement in education, health, safety and environmental projects, Clinton said.

"All across America we have problems that demand our common attention," Clinton said. "National service is nothing less than the American way to change America."

The program was a centerpiece of Clinton's campaign, and he chose the 32nd anniversary of President Kennedy's creation of the Peace Corps to formally propose it as president. Congressional approval would be required.

The event was as much symbolism as substance. Clinton's lofty rhetoric aside, aides say many details are still unclear, from how much a student would be able to borrow to how big a stipend to pay young people while they work off their loans.

Clinton's plan is designed to dramatically reshape federal student aid programs and offer young Americans opportunities — and incentive — to perform such community service as working in inner-city children's health and drug clinics, tutoring in literacy programs and walking streets in neighborhood police corps.

The president himself set high expectations for the initiative, framing the announcement as "one I hope will be a truly historic moment in our nation's history." He compared it to the GI Bill's offer of education to servicemen returning from World War II, a program that expanded the nation's middle class.

"One of the things that we have to realize in this country is that an economic investment is not just building an airport or a road or investing in new technologies," Clinton said. "It's also investing in people."

After a pilot project of 1,000 or so students this summer, paid for with \$15 million in Clinton's economic stimulus package, the president proposes spending \$7.4

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WEATHER

Cloudy skies are likely with possible showers later in the day. Highs may reach the lower 60s.

Today in History

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics that limited outside earnings and required detailed financial disclosures by its members.

SUBSCRIBERS CHEATED

GRANTS PASS (AP) — The magazine financed by radio preacher Roy Masters' Foundation of Human Understanding continued to take subscriber's money after it ceased publication, the new publisher says.

At least \$73,000 in subscriptions for *New Dimensions: The Psychology Behind the News* was accepted after it ceased publication in August 1991, new publisher Lee Bellinger said.

Mark Masters, son of Roy Masters, referred comment to his lawyer, Jeffery Boiler of Eugene, who denied any money was accepted by his client after the magazine ceased publication.

"I think he may be mistaken," Boiler said of Bellinger's statements.

SPORTS

GRANTS PASS (AP) — A stock handler died Sunday night after an accident during the bull riding competition at an amateur rodeo held at the Josephine County Fairgrounds.

Dale Fearrien, 34, of Bonanza, was pronounced dead at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford, a hospital official said.

Fearrien, an employee of Flying A Rodeo Co. of Beatty, was hit in the head by a metal gate when a bull named Thundercloud broke out of a chute on its way to a holding pen after a ride, a witness said.

The gate was fixed and the Southern Amateur Rodeo went on after the accident.