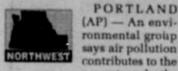
THIS MORNING'S HEADLINE

Premature deaths linked to local cities' air pollution levels

PORTLAND



premature deaths of hundreds of people each year in Portland, Medford and Eugene.

The locations were among 239 U.S. cities studied by the Natural Resources Defense Council for levels of dust, smoke and microscopic particles formed from emissions of sulfur and nitrogen oxides as well as from volatile organic compounds.

The study says the pollution contributes to an estimated 307 premature deaths from heartand lung-related illnesses occurring annually in Portland, 96 in Medford and 89 in Eugene-Springfield.

Medford, with a history of air pollution resulting primarily from wood stoves, ranks 11th nationally for its death rate from particulate air pollution. The high ranking comes even though the city has reduced its pollution levels by nearly half since the mid-1980s.

Medford ranked ahead of such major cities as New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit for daily particulate readings in 1994

Eugene was not ranked among the top 50 for death rate but did rank in that range for daily particulate readings in 1994.

Whitewater court hears president's videotape testimony

LITTLE ROCK. Ark. (AP) — In dramatic video testimony to a NATIONAL hushed courtroom, President

Clinton insisted Thursday he had nothing to do with a \$300,000 loan at the heart of the criminal case against his former Whitewater partners.

"These things are simply not true," the president said, disputing, as he always has, the account of the prosecution's chief witness.

A witness for the defense, Clinton was questioned in the White House on April 28 and the tape was shown to rapt jurors, some of whom took notes.

Although Clinton is not charged in the case, his videotaped appearance marked one of few times in history that a sitting president has testified in a criminal trial.

And it thrust Clinton into a criminal case involving issues from his days as Arkansas governor that have dogged him since the 1992 political campaign. James McDougal and Gov. Jim

Guy Tucker are being tried on charges of conspiring to defraud McDougal's savings and loan of nearly \$3 million in governmentbacked loans in the mid-1980s. including one to McDougal's former wife, Susan. The McDougals are former business partners of the Clintons; Tucker is Clinton's successor in the statehouse.

India's Congress Party concedes in election to Hindu nationalists NEW DELHI.



India (AP) guiding After India's 50-year transformation from a colonial

backwater to a rising Third World power, the secular Congress Party conceded Thursday that it lost a parliamentary election to Hindu nationalists.

Political blunders and social changes combined to topple the **Congress Party and Prime Min**ister P.V. Narasimha Rao who, for a reputed political sur-vivor, proved surprisingly inept at keeping his party in power.

Rao began preparing his resig-nation. The biggest winner in three days of voting, the Bharatiya Janata Party, started seeking partners to form a coalition government.

But incomplete election returns - and troubles the party could have in forming an alliance - left it unclear who would govern this nation of 920 million people, the world's most populous democracy.

Rao met President Shankar Dayal Sharma and told him he would resign, Indian media reported. Rao is expected to submit his resignation after a Cabinet meeting Friday.

Because no party won a majority, the president has some discretion in choosing which party gets the first chance to form the next government.

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Culture: Festival showcases black art

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dents filtered in and out of various booths Thurs-day, Cobi Smith, the festival coordinator, said things couldn't be better.

"I think it's going really good," she said. "We got so lucky [with the weather]."

"I'm really happy."

The booths and performances are open from noon to 6 p.m. in the courtyard today. Jazz, gospel, R&B and rap groups will perform on a revolving basis

"We've got a little bit of everything," Smith said. "It's almost like a street fair," BSU Director Kenya Luvert said. "It's featuring black artists and black culture."

An exhibit of various paintings, sculpture and photography in the Multicultural Center features the work of black visual artists. The display includes work by University artists as well as local high school students.



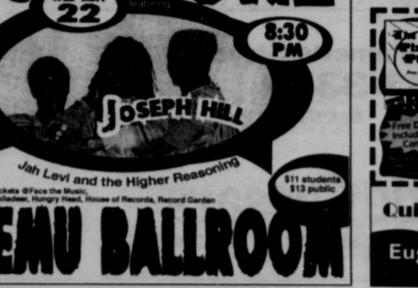
To wrap up the festival, students will perform in "An Evening of Black Entertainment" from 7 to 9 tonight in the EMU Fir Room. Performances will include a skit, singing, an instrumental duet, poetry and storytelling. Various sororities will also present the "Unity Dance," a traditional celebration.

"Historically, black sororities come together on one accord," Luvert said about the dance.

Luvert said all the festival's events, which are free, highlight an area of black history not always discussed or featured.

Smith said she hoped students will come away from the festival with an increased awareness of all cultures

We're trying to expose UO's culture to something different for once. There's more than one culture on this campus," she said. "Hopefully, it's working."





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