

# The Portland Observer 25¢

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## Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

### THE WEEK IN REVIEW

#### E. Coll Strikes Again

Two Sizzler Restaurants were closed after health officials confirmed that at least seven persons contracted the E. Coli bacterium at the Grant Pass and North Bend restaurants. There are ten Sizzlers throughout Oregon and they are remaining open. However according to company spokesman business has fallen off considerably.

#### After Shock Registers 3.2

Matthew Mabey, an earthquake engineer, said that amid all the after shocks recorded the highest recording was 3.2. According to him we Oregonians can expect lots of earthquakes in our future. Mabey says, "Our future holds earthquakes as large as 6 or 6.5 occurring right beneath our feet."

#### Drexler-Breakfast Of Champions

Clyde Drexler the Trail Blazers all star guard will be sitting on many Oregonians and Southwest Washingtons breakfast tables. The 24oz box will be available at your local grocer. Drexler says, "That's pretty good company, I'm extremely happy about it."

Added note: Drexler is out again with another hamstring.

#### Trojan's First Layoffs

250 employees were laid off from the Trojan plant, the first group to go since PGE announced the closure of the plant. Mandatory notices were given in January. Employees are eligible for separation packages that start from small amounts up to \$50,000.

#### President Clinton And The Timber Conflict

President Clinton promised that in sixty days there would be some action taken about the timber problem here in Oregon. The Northwest Forest Conference was urged to continue talking and to take the argument out of the courtroom. After eight hours of listening to testimony and speeches, Clinton said, "I tell you, I'll never forget what I've heard today."

#### Jack Bierwith

#### Addresses School Cuts

Portland Superintendent of schools, Jack Bierwith wants decentralization for the schools. He explains that he wants to see specific goals set for the district based on the outcomes it wants for the students. Bierwith wants each school to be more autonomous and the central administration to do more supporting. When the goals are determined, each school can carry out their own decisions that best meets the needs of the students at their school. The threatened Vocational Village School will be left open.

#### Clinton Potpourri:

Seeking finance for abortions for poor women; health plan picked apart by various groups; conflicting suggestions offered health industry; pledges help to Yeltsin; health care reform will not make deadline; Senate approves \$496 billion economic plan.

## 22nd Annual "Project Second Wind" Tops 200,000 Pounds

### Spirited Portland Students Raise Record 160,000 Pounds



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Left to Right: Geoffrey DeVere, Linda Collins, Jerry Collin, Olivia Smith, Board Chair, Katie Moreland

Students from Portland Public Schools accepted accolades for their outstanding participation in the 22nd annual Project Second Wind Food Drive at a special Oregon Food Bank awards ceremony on Friday, April 2 at the Port of Portland Berth 106 (2959 NW Front Avenue.)

For the first year in the two-decade history of the event, Tri-county area students topped the 200,000 mark-207,868 pounds of food overall. The ten percent increase from last year is due largely to the efforts of PPS students who vaulted from 137,000 lbs. collected in 1992 to 160,000 lbs. in 1993.

Fifth grader Katie Moreland from Capitol Hill Elementary is the 1993 city-wide champ among all students for raising 800 pounds of food herself. This year's winning school is Beaumont Middle School with 15,726 lbs., upsetting former-champ Jackson Middle School (11,237 lbs.) At the high school level, Wilson (14,708 lbs.) is tops with Vocational Village (1,731 lbs.) in 2nd

place.

Also for the first time, this year's awards ceremony featured a special performance by the Ladies of Rhythm specialty dance team from Lincoln High School against a backdrop of 160,000 pounds of nonperishable food gathered at the event's food sorting warehouse provided by the Port of Portland.

More than 200 schools, businesses and churches in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties participated in the 22nd Project Second Wind Food Drive, March 8-19, bringing in 207,868 pounds of high-quality nonperishable food. More than 50 emergency food box agencies in Multnomah County will distribute the food directly to hungry people. In Multnomah County, Portland Public Schools serves as the primary sponsor for Project Second Wind. Nearly 100 students and nine schools from PPS will receive awards for their outstanding contributions toward feeding Oregon's hungry people.

## Portland Blacks And The Spotted Owl

BY JAMES L. POSEY

The attention of the world was focused on Portland last week as the President came to town to fulfill a campaign promise to help resolve the issue of timber harvesting and endangered species. The question is, what does all this mean for Blacks in Portland? According to many people I talked to, not much. But in fact, while on the surface Blacks seem not to be affected by this issue, the truth is, there is a striking comparison between the condition of Blacks and that of the spotted owl.

Just like the spotted owl, the African-American habitat is being destroyed. Where Black people live and once prospered, in some cases, there is relentless deterioration of every aspect of Black life. And, at the heart of both calamities is pure, unadulterated greed. Greed on all sides. I was once an insider at the Forest Service, and I witnessed many decisions being

made almost exclusively to satisfy timber needs, which ultimately benefited big business interest. While the Forest Service has a clear mission to be stewards of the land, internally the real power and prestige is in the timber harvesting programs.

For years these programs have benefited the largely rural populations of Oregon, which may not have gotten rich but certainly have become accustomed to a certain standard of living. It's almost reminiscent of the era in the South when cotton was king. Its aftermath was the extensive erosion of land followed by the great dust bowls of the twenties and thirties. Surely history repeats itself.

But what's at stake here in Oregon is a way of life that has been out of balance with the environment. While the focus is now on natural habitats, this problem crosses over into issues of race and discrimination. For ex-

ample, the Forest Service has a long history of not employing people of color in any significant numbers. This has been an elite group of white males who have dominated the activities of this agency for years. And in spite of a lot of rhetoric to the contrary, they have worked hard to keep it that way.

This is practically the same situation in many associated corporations and related government agencies, such as, for example, Weyerhaeuser, the Bureau of Land Management, Bonneville Power Administration, etc. The point is there are very few if any people of color, particularly Blacks, in these organizations at the decision-making level. So why is this important to this whole issue of the environment vs. jobs? It's crucial because if Blacks, other people of color, and women were at the



Bill Clinton

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**"Crimes, Genes, Federal Grants And Your Health, Concluded"**

"Sickle Cell Anemia Scanning," side-tracked funds diverted to screen for "Black Crime Genes."

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**"Increase In Fat Free Products Can Help Dieters, But Caution Is Advised"**

A more fundamental way to make a positive diet change would be...

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**"G.I. Joe's Stores Seek Free Throw Experts"**

The man and woman who shoot the most consecutive free throws... will win...

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**"The 1993 Essence Awards"**

The Essence Awards, first held in 1987 was created to focus national attention on distinguished African American women whose exceptional achievements are often publicized

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