

THE ROBERTS REPORT

Oregon's State Government 7th Most Efficient In Nation

BY GOVERNOR BARBARA ROBERTS

Every year, Financial World magazine ranks all 50 states based on how skillfully and efficiently they use their tax dollars--how well they run their state governments to make sure money isn't wasted. This year, the magazine reported that Oregon has the seventh most efficient government in the country!

I'm proud of that ranking, and I know that our state employees and managers have been working hard to give Oregonians the best services possible for every tax dollar.

We've made real improvements in the last three years. In 1990, the year before I took office, Oregon was 37th in the Financial World rankings. In just three years, we've jumped up 30 notches. Last year, financial World magazine even gave Oregon a special award for our outstanding work at making sure our state programs perform well and deliver results.

These are some other signs that our efforts to improve state government and save taxpayers money are taking effect and winning attention:

* I am cutting the number of state employees. For the first time in 10 years, the number of state workers is going down--even as Oregon's population grows. I've already eliminated 2,670 jobs from state government, working especially to weed out extra administration. If the Legislature approves my budgets, we'll cut 4,000 jobs in all.

* I held the line on spending between legislative sessions. When the Legislature is out of session, a legislative committee called the Emer-

gency Board has a fund to use for needs that come up. Between the 1991 and 1993 sessions, I wouldn't let state agencies ask for money or new positions unless it was really an emergency. That saved millions.

When the Legislature came into session this January, the Emergency Board had \$60.6 million left unspent, the Emergency Board's largest ending balance in history. By being tight with our dollars between legislative sessions, we are able to use that money to pay for services in the next two years.

* Oregon is a national model for improving government. The National Governor's Association chose Oregon as a model state for developing plans and measures to make sure we are getting results for the money we spend. That sounds a bit bureaucratic, but it's not.

For example, in our vocational rehabilitation program, we don't measure our success on how much time we spend counseling the disabled workers. We look at the results: How long does it take to find them a job, and what will their income be? We judge our schools' success not by how much they spend on each student, but on how high our student's math and reading skills are. It's results that count in Oregon.

Oregon is a national leader in planning for results, through our Oregon Benchmarks and performance measurements. That's one reason I was asked to serve as vice-chair of the National Alliance for Redesigning Government. This national group is chaired by Red Osborne, who wrote

Reinventing Government. The alliance, formed in March, serves as a clearing house and resource center for governments interested in improving the way they do business.

* I cut my own governor's Office budget. I cut 16 percent from current service levels, the second budget in a row where I took significant cuts. In fact, we cut almost \$700,000 from my office budget alone. I eliminated seven more staff jobs. That means we went from 44 jobs when I took office, down to 34 in the current budget, and to 27 starting July 1. By working more effectively with fewer staff, we have been able to streamline the Governor's Office, cutting our costs significantly.

Our work to make sure state government delivers services as well as possible will never end.

The Legislature is now considering dozens of bills I proposed that will streamline government. Those bills help cut thousands of jobs, eliminate dozens of out-of-date boards and commissions, cut entire divisions of state government, and make some programs private agencies, apart from state government. For example, one proposal consolidates two central government agencies, cuts eight administrative positions and saves \$1 million. I am working hard to make sure the Legislature acts on these bills.

Oregonians support our schools, our police, and services to families and the needy--but we must be sure our tax dollars are well spent. I won't stop working to improve state government until Financial World ranks us best in the nation.

Living Color Opens in N.E. Portland



On Saturday, June 5, Living Color had its grand opening at 5001 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. at Alberta. It was a big success. People from all over the community came out to see the new line of electronics, hair care products, and Dicky Williamson work cloth. Customers were very pleased with the line of Pagenet pagers and Walkman radios at very low prices. Owner and operator Eugene Shin said that he is very happy to be able to bring such a multi-service store to the N.E. community and offer such quality products at such low prices. Mr. Shin said the reason he's able to do that is because not only is he a retail store but he is also an authorized distributor and dealer of Casio Electronics, Pagenet System (Motorola), JVC Electronics, Alpine Care Stereo and Standard Beauty and Hair Care Products. Mr. Shin states that buying direct from the manufacturer means direct savings to his customers. He also notes he will provide employment opportunities for the N.E. Portland area as well as donate 1% of his net profit back into the community in conjunction with the minister of the Union Ave. First Ave. Baptist Church. Mr. Shin says it is very important to put back into the community if you take out. So stop by Living Color, open seven days a week: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

GRAND OPENING!



New Store in Your neighborhood will have Grand Opening on June 5th, 1993.

You are cordially invited to join and enjoy our Grand Opening party on Saturday the 5th, starting from 11:00AM till 3:00PM. Free hot dogs and soft drinks are served and no purchase is needed to join our Grand Opening party. Just come and experience the new line of product, you will have most exciting choices.

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- Authorized Dealer of PageNet Paging Network of Oregon (Mortorola Pager)
- Authorized Dealer of JVC electronics.
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AAA Announces Safety Poster Contest Winners

AAA recently announced its Oregon Safety Poster Contest winners.

The theme for this year's contest was "Bicycle Safety." The Second Annual contest generated 4,612 entries from around the state. In 1992, 509 posters were submitted to the contest.

Final judging was done from a distinguished panel representing the Oregon Department of Transportation Bicycle Programs, Oregon Department of Human Resources Child Injury Prevention and the AAA Oregon Safety Department.

Poster contest winners were selected in each of the three categories:

K-2, 3-4, and 5-6 grades. First place finishers will be awarded with mountain bikes and helmets; second place winners receive roller blades, helmets, and pads; and third place winners will be awarded with bicycle helmets.

First place prizes were awarded to: Elizabeth Nies, second grader from St. Agatha School in Portland; Cameroon Davis, fourth grader at Farmington View Elementary in Hillsboro, and Nick Gillett, fifth grader at Lyle Elementary in Dallas.

Second place finishers included: Shawn McConnell, kindergartner at Madrona School in Grants Pass; Debra Bartlett, third grader at Home School

in Oregon City; and Molly Clafin, fifth grader at Phoenix Elementary in Phoenix.

Third place finishers are: Dane Teachman, second grader at Duniway Elementary in Portland; Danielle Davies, fourth grader at Yaquina View Elementary in Newport; and Havilah Anne DeBell, sixth grader at Corner Stone School in Roseburg.

In addition, all contestants received specially designed AAA Oregon water bottles. Also, teachers of the first place winners will receive gift certificates to any AAA Oregon Approved Accommodation.

Clinton Appoints Sainsbury ASCS Director

After speaking with the Administration today, Rep. Ron Wyden (D-OR) announced the selection of Jack Sainsbury to the position of State Executive Director of the Oregon State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

Sainsbury has served in key positions with the ASCS on the County and state levels for several years. He has acted as District Director for the Oregon ASCS as the agency representative between the State ASCS office and the seven county offices in the first district for eight years. Sainsbury has also served as the County Executive Director for the Umatilla County and Stevens County ASCS Offices, as well as Chief Clerk and Field Supervisor for the Franklin County ASCS Office.

Sainsbury's appointment follows a recommendation from Rep. Ron Wyden supporting his nomination as well as a delegation letter organized by Rep. Kopetski and Wyden and sent to the Administration. "Jack's background makes him

uniquely qualified for the position of ASCS Executive Director. As District Director for the Oregon ASCS, Jack has a proven record of management skill, a wealth of experience with farm programs and sensitivity to the needs of Oregon's farmers," Wyden said.

"I am very pleased that Jack has been appointed to head up ASCS. Jack's lifelong commitment to the agricultural community shows. Farmers are comfortable with him and I have every confidence that he will administer the ASCS programs fairly for everyone concerned," Kopetski said.

The Oregon State ASCS is responsible for developing agricultural programs to aid the economic and social conditions of Oregon's rural and farming communities. In 1991 Sainsbury received a USDA/ASCS Administrator's Award for Service to Agriculture.

Sainsbury's nomination was also supported by Governor Roberts and the Oregon Farm Bureau.

The Guinier Affair

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the so-called hate crimes and violence that you can see and take actions against. It undermines and subverts the good intentions of decent, caring and fair white folks. Don't let the Bob Dole's, the Pat Buchanan's or, for that matter, the Bill Clinton's get away with this stuff. In Oregon and clearly in Portland, that goes for the Cedric Hayden's, the Chuck Norris's, the Larry Campbell's and anybody else who can't seem to understand the necessity to change the system to be inclusive and representative of all its citizens. Beware, in many ways the Lani Guinier affair reflects the attitude of the country, including Portland, towards civil rights. Let's don't fool ourselves.

James Posey is a local, small-business owner with a background in social work and community activism.

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