

# United Grocers Honors Long-Time Members



Alan Jones, president of United Grocers, presents Wayne Strohecker, owner of Strohecker's in Portland, with his award for 80 years as a United Grocers' member.

United Grocers, Inc. recently awarded its member stores with plaques commemorating their membership anniversary year with United Grocers. The special plaques were awarded at United Grocers' annual stockholders meeting in Portland, Jan. 13.

In order to qualify for recognition, the stores had to be members for at least five years. There were 31 mem-

ber stores recognized this year from Oregon, Washington, and northern California, 14 of which were celebrating anniversaries of 15 years or greater.

Strohecker's in Portland, celebrated its 80 year membership anniversary, the oldest among the anniversaries this year. Other long-term membership anniversaries included Milltown Thriftway in Portland,

50 years; and P&G Thriftway in Scappoose, 35 years.

United Grocers, Inc. is a retailer-owned cooperative serving more than 390 member stores throughout Oregon, Washington and California. The company operates distribution centers in Portland and Medford and recently acquired three more centers from Market Wholesale in California.

# Rosalyn McMillan "Knowing"

She'd read an article in the newspaper during Black History Month about how Black women should treat their men. We should treat them with the utmost respect, love, kindness, and recognition... We should encourage them to seek brighter horizons beyond merely being athletes, to strive to become scientists, attorneys, and congressmen, the article had told her. But what of our hopes and dreams? Ginger wondered. Were they insignificant? Who would help the women?...

Rosalyn McMillan, an exciting new voice in contemporary fiction, will touch, thrill and tantalize readers with her powerful, poignant and provocative debut, *Knowing* (Warner Books Hardcover; January 22, 1996). Exploring the lives and loves of a middle-class African-American family, McMillan cuts to the heart of challenges facing all women and men today: how to balance the bonds, burdens and demands of family with the need to nurture the self.

At the center of *Knowing* stands Ginger Montgomery, 36, an attractive and intelligent woman suffocated by material trappings and self-doubt. On the surface, Ginger seems to have it all: a comfortable home in the Detroit suburbs, a lucrative factory job at Champion Motors, four beautiful children, and plenty of passion with Jackson, her intoxicatingly-sexy second husband. Ginger knows

she should be happy, yet she's restless and troubled: all the perfect parts of her life add up to an aching emptiness. Through McMillan's detailed, true-to-life depiction, readers come to know the real Ginger -- and experience her confusion, her frustration, and her pain.

As *Knowing* soon reveals, beneath his suave facade Jackson is spoiled, jealous man, who seizes every opportunity to sabotage his wife's dream of breaking free from the factory tedium to pursue a career in real-estate. Ginger also realizes that, despite their ever-burning desire, the only place she and her husband truly connect is in bed. To complicate matters, Ginger suffers from alopecia areata, a disease that causes recurring hair loss, each time shaking her sense of sexuality and self-esteem. Torn apart by conflicting impulses -- to give everything to her man and family, to preserve something for her own unique identity and fulfillment -- Ginger grapples with life's most difficult choices, unaware of the irrevocable changes to come.

Brimming with heartfelt emotions, scintillating dialogue, surprise revelations and steamy sex, *Knowing* is above all a novel rich in character. Surrounding, encouraging and, at times, exasperating Ginger, the memorable cast includes:

Kim Lee, Ginger's tough-talking young cousin and closest friend,

whose single-minded determination to climb the corporate ladder obscures what's most important -- family, faith and self-respect -- until the brink of disaster;

Katherine Lee, Ginger's widowed mother, a strong-willed, vibrant woman of 58 who sips frosty glasses of colt 45 as she longs for a hard-working and hard-loving man to share her days;

Maie Thelma Collins, Ginger's cousin-in-law, a "God-fearing" southern temptress who sets her sights on Jackson as her salvation from loneliness while her husband serves time in jail.

"An engaging, vividly rendered story," (Kirkus Reviews), *Knowing* presents a compelling, bittersweet lesson about when to compromise, when to stand firm, what choices to make and how to make peace with the lives we choose. Writing from the heart -- with immediacy, humor, insight and honesty -- McMillan captures the dreams, dilemmas and everyday realities of African-Americans, and of all women who strive to blend family responsibilities with personal goals to build a better tomorrow.

**About the Author:** Rosalyn McMillan spent twenty years working for the Ford Motor Company in Detroit before retiring to write professionally. She lives with her husband and children in Southfield, Michigan. *Knowing* is her first novel.

# OJ Simpson Interview Quotes

**On the Brown family and Fred Goldman:** "I have compassion for Fred Goldman for losing a son," Simpson said. "I lost a daughter (referring to the death of Aaren Simpson, who drowned at his Rockingham estate in 1979). And now I've lost, what I feel, as I have stated before, next to my mom, my most favorite person on this earth Nicole."

"I have a side of me that's very angry at Fred Goldman and the Browns because I know if the shoe was on the other foot and I felt the way they felt, I would save at least five or 10 percent and say 'just in case I'm wrong, Gil Garcetti, what the hell are you doing closing this case?'"

"We know that some of your people lied and why did they lie? So, that's a side of me that's a little pissed at Fred Goldman and the Browns, for that portion of it."

"Even if they think I'm 100 percent guilty, and they're going to do what they're going to do, and if I was in their shoes I would probably do exactly what they're doing right now. But I know if I was in their shoes, I wouldn't let the LAPD, Gil Garcetti and these people off the hook. I'd say 'hey there still may be a killer out there.' I know there is. I feel in many ways they're handicapping whatever efforts have been made right now to find who may have done this."

**On suggestions he should keep a low profile:** "How much lower do I have to lay?" Simpson asked. "I'm at home 99 percent of the time."

I was accused of a crime. I feel vindicated in a court of law. I shouldn't be called anything but O.J. Simpson at this time. I didn't kill anybody. I could not kill anybody. Nicole Brown Simpson was the moth-

er of my kids. She was a great mother. It hurts me today to know that my kids will not know her as a mother."

**On his career as a well-known pitchman:** "I don't think I will ever be doing ads on TV," he said.

"I'm not looking to regain anything. 'What I'd like to do is raise my kids, spend as much time as I can with my family, especially my mom ... and play golf."

"I would just like to be left alone, raise my kids, and as I said, my hobby and passion is golf, play a little golf."

**On his children:** "I think the toughest thing I have to deal with right now is the thought that maybe I'm going to have to fight for them, which is amazing to me because one of the things Nicole was always quite adamant about is that I was a great father. I suspect that we may see them try to take my kids from me."



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The fool wonders, the wise man asks.  
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# Mark Your Calendar Now!

It's Coming. Only the serious need to attend the Music Seminar at Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center on Saturday, June 8, 1996.

Get the inside scoop on what it takes to be in the music industry. The 3rd Annual Northwest Black Music Month Celebration will hold its 1996 celebration June 6-9 in Portland, Oregon. The four-day event will offer a 1-day seminar on songwriting, putting a demo together, understanding contracts, artist showcase and other important aspects of the music business. The music seminar and private networking events are restricted to registered badge holders. The panels are a variety of industry experts speaking on a variety of topics. Stay tuned for additional information.

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# Low-Income Project Fund

The Department of Community and Family Services, Community Action Program Office, has announced a new grant initiative to assist low-income persons.

The innovative Project Fund will support local projects which use new approaches to counteract poverty in the community.

These methods include, enhancing self sufficiency, and increasing public education about and support for anti-poverty strategies. "The purpose of the Innovative Project Fund is to acknowledge local agencies which use tools such as community advocacy to empower low-income citizens to achieve self-sufficiency, to increase economic opportunities, and to protect their rights," stated Lorenzo T. Poe, Jr. Director of Multnomah County's Department of Community and Family Services. "In Multnomah County, our vision is to increase safe, affordable housing for families with children; these grants address that goal," added Poe.

The Innovative Project Fund has awarded two \$75,000 grant Oregon Housing NOW and Catholic Charities: El Pro-gra-ma Hispano each grant is \$75,000 for the first year and continues for a total of three years.

In addition, eight \$15,000 grants were presented to CAMINO: Feasibility Study and Business Plan, Center for Third World Organizing (CTWO)/SPIRIT: Campaign for Race and Gender equity, Central City Concern: Homeless Video Project, Franciscan Enterprises: Tenant Outreach Project, Neighborhood Health Clinic: Self Care Program, Oregon Human Rights Coalition: Community Works Project, ROSE Community Development Corporation: Child Care Neighbor Network, and Visions in Action: Sisters of the Road Cafe, each grant is funded for one year. Grant applications were reviewed by a panel of community members and county staff.

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