

**Ebony Fashion Fair**

The 38th annual Ebony fashion fair "The Power of Color" at the Oregon Convention Center ballroom on Friday, April 19th.



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**Lionel Richie**

Lionel Richie released his debut Mercury Records album, *Louder Than Words* on April 16th.



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Chuck Washington (Coach/Publisher of the Portland Observer), Presents a check from the Oregon Lottery's scratch for charity to Barbara Marquez President of Riverside Little League



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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Bill McCoy Suffers Heart Attack**

State Senator Bill McCoy was listed in serious but stable condition at Legacy Emanuel Hospital after suffering a heart attack. The six-term senator was still in a coma at this printing. "We're optimistic of course. He's in good health and he's a fighter," said his son Paul McCoy. "He's strong, and that's in his plus." McCoy was playing golf at the Colwood Golf Course Sunday morning when the heart attack struck. The senator is 73.

**Norm Rice Will Run For Governor**

Seattle mayor Norm Rice recently launched his campaign for governor of Washington. The Democratic candidate has been in office six years. He was elected in 1989 after 11 years on the Seattle City Council. "As governor I will bring people together to preserve what's best about our state, to help all other citizens achieve their full potential," Rice said at a Spokane conference.

**1,400 Pounds Of Explosives Found In Mosier**

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms officials said more explosives were found at the site of the April 3 blast near Mosier than to blow up the World Trade Center. More than 1,400 pounds of explosives were discovered during an investigation of the area. Fifteen hand grenades, 13 exploding projectiles and a rifle to fire them, 11 canister bombs and about 30,000 rounds of small arms ammunitions was also found. Officials estimate 200 pounds of explosives and 90,000 rounds of ammunition went up in the blast.

**Mayor Bradley Recovering From Heart Attack**

Former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley is reported to be in fair condition after a heart attack he suffered at a fast food restaurant in the LA suburb of Norwalk. The 78-year-old ex-mayor was alert and awake at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Hollywood. Bradley served as Mayor of Los Angeles for 20 years.

**Cell Cordless Calls Ruled Private**

The Oregon Supreme Court ruled last week that calls made on cordless or cellular phones are private. In the case, a Redmond man had been convicted of drug charges based on information from an overheard call over a cordless phone. An unidentified private citizen called police leading to the arrest of four people on methamphetamine charges. The Oregon court of appeals ruled that cordless and cellular calls are public because they are broadcast over the radio spectrum. The Supreme Court ruled that not all radio transmissions are broadcasts. Phone calls are not met for the whole community.

**Asian, African Children Work**

One out of every four children in Ghana, India, Indonesia and Senegal are in the work force and most of them work as field hands or in family businesses according to a UN survey. Work is the main activity for more than one out of 10 children under 15 in those countries. Most are employed at least nine hours a day, often six or seven days a week. "The problem we have in international discussions on child labor practices is to get the governments to admit there is a problem," said UN spokesman John Doohan.

## Rosemont Property Still In Flux

BY LEE PERLMAN  
Central City Concern and the Piedmont Neighborhood Association still don't agree on what to do with the Rosemont School property, but at least they've started to talk about it.

The Burnside-area based social service agency has an option to purchase the 7.6 acre former Catholic girls school at 597 N. Dekum St. They plan to build 75 units of housing there for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts and their families, and another 25 units of housing for AIDS patients. The Piedmont Association says that so much housing for such a "fragile" population in one location would defeat their goal of creating a stable neighborhood for permanent occupants. CCC has invited Piedmont to participate in a master plan process that would consider all "feasible" options for the property. Piedmont claims that CCC is really offering them a limited role in a superficial process that would merely finalize their existing plans.

Instead, Piedmont has called for the city to initiate an independent master planning process for the property that would consider all options and all possible developers. In support of this, during the last month they have canvassed residents near the property and persuaded more than 300 of them to mail postcards in support of this position to Portland City Council members and Steve Rudman, director of the Bureau of Housing and Community Development. The bureau administers federal funds for low-income housing development, and is likely to be approached by CCC for any project it pursues.

Last month Piedmont leaders announced that Rudman had agreed to sponsor a master plan process, and that CCC is prepared to talk about it. Richard Harris, CCC executive director, says talks with Piedmont leaders have



Central City Concerns and the Piedmont Neighborhood Association will consider all feasible options for the Rosemont School Property.

been scheduled. He added, however, that CCC has proposed from the beginning to hold the sort of inclusive study Piedmont says it wants. Rudman confirmed that he, and the city, "support" an open master planning process that is acceptable to both sides, but says, "We didn't agree to finance the whole thing."

Rudman adds, "We don't believe there's been open communication on this by either side. They've been talking around each other."

Of CCC's current plans he says, "This is a very ambitious project, and we're not convinced that it can work." The property is not for sale at a "bargain" price, he says. The original Villa

St. Rose School building is a potential historic landmark, and either renovating it for use or removing it will require time and additional money, he says. Development of exclusively low-income housing there could make it eligible for government assistance, but would also limit the revenue the property could generate.

## New Report On Patriot Groups Released

### Dees Warns Another Oklahoma City In The Making

The Southern Poverty Law Center has released a new report that identified more than 800 groups, including 441 self-proclaimed militia units, that are part of a growing patriot movement of organizations that operate independently but are linked spiritually - and often electronically - by hatred of the federal government.

SPLC chairman and civil rights attorney Morris Dees is advocating for the establishment of a joint federal and state task force to reduce the threat of domestic terrorism.

Dees warned Attorney General Janet Reno in a letter along with the report that the threat has sharply increased in the year since the

federal building in Oklahoma City was bombed killing 168 people.

"Unless we take decisive steps now to respond to this threat, it's only a matter of time before the county endures another nightmare like the Oklahoma City tragedy," wrote Dees.

He said he sent copies of the report to President Clinton, FBI director Lewis Freeh, and the attorneys general of all 50 states.

The Montgomery, AL, center's report provides a detailed overview of the patriot movement describing it as a "potpourri of the American right" that includes white supremacists, Neo-Nazis, Skinheads, Ku Klux Klansmen, Freemen, militant opponents of

abortion rights and followers of Christian Identity that claims white people are superior and that Jews are the children of Satan.

The report said that members of the group are generally white, male, Christian and disappointed in America.

Randy Trochmann, of the Malitia of Montana called the report ridiculous and accused Dees of using the issue to "Stir the pot, get exposure and raise money to line his own pockets."

"They need a task force to police themselves," Trochmann said of law enforcement. "Malitias have a better track record than they do."

Dees letter said that most people in the

patriot movement had no intention of committing crimes. But the report lists 30 criminal cases in 16 states since 1994 involving people connected with patriot groups.

Dees urged Reno to take more steps to reduce terrorist threats and suggested the task force develop a plan for gathering information and sharing it with all law enforcement at all levels of government. The report issued 14 other recommendations.

A Congressional committee has been working for more than a year on a counterterrorism bill that would address many of the concerns raised by the report.

## Liberia Peace Tentative

African peacekeepers fanned out timidly Sunday to start taking back the streets of the Liberian capital Monrovia after a week of tribal militia killings and looting, residents said.

The United States wound up the first stage of its military rescue mission in which helicopters have ferried more than 1,500 foreigners from Monrovia in over 50 sorties. As Monrovia's urban warfare narrowed to around the army barracks at the center of the violence, the evacuation switched to the sea, with a U.N. boat landing 300 people in Freetown, in neighboring Sierra Leone.

Africa's oldest republic, founded by freed American slaves in 1847 has been driven by civil war for the past six years. More than 150,000 have been killed, the economy is in ruins and half the population is displaced. Samuel Doe was elected president in 1985, but students, trade unions, and human rights groups called his government repressive. In

December 1989 Liberian fugitive Charles Taylor launched a coup against the Doe regime and declared himself president. Doe was captured and tortured to death in 1990.

The country has been carved up by armed factions, notably the National Patriotic Front, The Liberation Movement for Democracy in Liberia and the Liberian Peace Council.

On August 20, 1995 the main factions signed a peace deal in Nigeria, agreeing to share power in a transitional government leading to elections in a year's time after the disarmament of guerrillas. However, the Economic Community of West African States contends failed promises of cash and more troops have delayed disarmament and the clashes escalated leading to the US led evacuation.

A spokesman for ECOMOG, the 8,000-strong Nigerian-led peacekeeping force, said units had taken control of the central commercial district around Broad Street. "ECOMOG is still pushing in, taking control of some of the areas," spokesman Frank Akinola said.



The city of Portland threw a thank you party at Pioneer Square Saturday for flood volunteers. It was also a fundraiser for flood victims who are still dealing with the aftermath of the disaster.