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**Her mother gave her away**

FRONTLINE takes viewers on a journey across the racial divide.



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**The secret of the lamp**

Aladdin discovers his magic lamp at the Tears of Joy Theater.



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**Community service awards given**

The late Joyce Washington, past publisher of the Portland Observer, was the recipient of the 1996 Neil Kelly Award



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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Clinton eases stand**

President Clinton eased his opposition to a U.S. constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget—a top Republican goal—before a meeting with leaders of the Republican-run Congress. The Democratic president said he could accept such an amendment if it were flexible enough to cope with a recession.

**Mistrial in Kelly rape trial**

The judge in the Connecticut rape trial of Alex Kelly, who was a national symbol of privileged youth in trouble with the law, declared a mistrial Tuesday when the jury failed to deliver a verdict. The jury told Superior Court Judge Martin Nigro they remained deadlocked despite three days of deliberations last week.

**3 Charged at Army base**

Three U.S. Army soldiers at the Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., training base have been charged with sexual misconduct, said the Army. The Army said the three separate cases were pending court martial. Charges against the three noncommissioned officers ranged from consensual intercourse to indecent assault.

**TV talk show verdict**

A jury in Michigan this week found a television talk show guest guilty of second-degree murder for killing a man who revealed a homosexual crush on him during a taping of the show. Jonathan Schmitz, 26, had been charged with first-degree murder in the shotgun death of Scott Amedure, 32. The killing happened three days after Amedure revealed his homosexual affection for Schmitz during a taping of the "Jenny Jones" show.

**Canada may lead Zaire force**

Canada emerged as the likely leader of a multinational intervention force to aid starving refugees in eastern Zaire. U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said he expected more than 12 countries would make up the Canadian-led force and hoped that the United States would provide logistical support in the operation to help some 1.2 million refugees fleeing fighting between Tutsi rebels and Zaire's army.

**100 Million Chronically Ill**

Roughly 100 million Americans suffer from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease or arthritis, researchers said. The experts said the U.S. health care system is not designed to treat their growing ranks and costs because it is based on "an acute care system that emphasizes 'curing' disease."

**3,000 Evacuated in Mexico Fire**

A state oil worker died of burns and more than 3,000 people were evacuated from their homes as firefighters battled an inferno raging in three huge fuel storage tanks that exploded just outside Mexico City Tuesday. At least 14 other people were injured, four of them critically, in yesterday's disaster. The fire flared up when workers from state oil monopoly Pemex were repairing a valve in a tank containing 80,000 barrels of fuel at a storage facility, but the exact cause was not known.

## Black leadership rallies

**A** Texaco shareholder has sued officers of the company, including its chairman, over alleged racist remarks and destruction of documents sought in a discrimination suit, a lawyer in the case said Friday.

The suit, filed in federal court in White Plains, N.Y., where Texaco is based, was the latest fallout from a scandal over tape recordings in which Texaco executives discussed purging key evidence and disparaged minority workers as "niggers" and "black jelly beans."

Earlier this week lawyers said that federal prosecutors had begun a criminal probe into whether evidence had been destroyed by the executives. They also predicted Texaco would be hit with other lawsuits, including shareholder actions.

On Wednesday Texaco Chairman Peter Bijur, who is a defendant in the shareholder suit, announced that the company suspended two current executives and cut the benefits of two former senior employees involved in the matter.

The lawsuit, which was filed Wednesday, is what is known as a shareholder derivative action, in which the plaintiff "stands in the shoes" of the corporation to sue its officers.

The plaintiff, shareholder Nathan Kaplan, alleges he is suing on behalf of and for the benefit of Texaco.

Kaplan's lawyer, Joseph Weiss, of New York's Weiss and Yourman law firm, said the suit sought unspecified damages based on the directors' alleged breaches of trust and fiduciary duty to Texaco and its shareholders.

He said the alleged pattern of illegal conduct has subjected Texaco to negative publicity, the alienation of employees and customers and could possibly cost it revenues, earnings and capitalization.

In addition, the company could also be hit with a large damage award, criminal and civil fines and huge legal fees.

Weiss said the tapes could also open the door to claims by plaintiffs in other lawsuits against Texaco who have suspicions that the company had not produced documents in their cases.

The tapes recently surfaced as part of the legal proceedings in a suit that was filed in 1994 by six black employees who alleged that Texaco had been systematically discrim-



Texaco in North/Northeast Portland may face boycott, over executive tape scandal.

inating against them in promotions and fostering a hostile environment since at least early 1991.

The tapes were turned over by Richard Lundwall, who was the senior coordinator for personnel services in Texaco's finance department. Lundwall was dismissed from the company in August.

He is named as a defendant in the shareholder suit, along with others attending the

meetings, including former treasurer Robert Ulrich.

Both men are quoted in court papers as making racist remarks and discussing document destruction.

"All of the directors have long known of the wrongful acts at issue and have done nothing cognizable or tangible to remedy the harm to the company," the lawsuit states.

"Instead, the directors have fired the em-

ployee who brought the illegal conduct to light and approved the expenditure of many millions of dollars in legal fees and expenses to attempt to cover-up their wrongdoing in litigation brought by others."

The suit alleges that the directors misrepresented in Texaco's 1995 annual report that the company's commitment to diversity "is an inclusive process, grounded in our core value of respect for the individual and in our long-standing policies of equal opportunity for all employees."

Texaco's stock lost 75 cents to \$95.75 on the New York Stock Exchange.

**The following are remarks by Peter I Bijur (Chairman and CEO, Texaco Inc. November 12, 1996) following his meetings with Kweisi Mfume, Head of the NAACP at the NAACP's headquarters in Baltimore; and with Rev. Jesse Jackson and other National black leaders, as follows:**

"These discussions have been a significant help to Texaco, and I'm gratified that these leaders have been able to make time to join with us.

"I'm gratified because Texaco is facing a difficult, but vital challenge. It's broader than a single lawsuit, larger than any taped conversation. In any organization of 27,000 people worldwide, unfortunately, there are bound to be people with unacceptable attitudes toward race, gender and religion. Our goal is to eradicate this kind of thinking wherever and however it is found in our company. And our challenge is to make Texaco a company of limitless opportunity for all men and women.

"I've already announced a number of steps to start us on this mission, and we are exploring still others. We are reaching out, in meetings like today's, for ideas and perspectives that will help Texaco succeed in our mission of becoming a model of diversity and workplace equality.

"As I also said in the discussions, it is essential to this urgent mission that Texaco and African American leaders work together to help solve the problems we face as a company -- which, after all, echo the problems faced in society as a whole. Discrimination will be extinguished only if we tackle it together -- only if we join in a unified, common effort.

## Furse, Hatfield, Wyden, Blumenauer commended

**C**ity Council awards legislators for protecting Portland's drinking water

Today the Portland City Council and Mayor Katz presented awards to Rep. Furse and three other members of the Oregon delegation for their work in Congress to protect the

Bull Run Watershed, which supplies Portland's pristine drinking water.

"Oregonians have a right to know that when they turn on the tap their water will be clean and pure," said Representative Elizabeth Furse. "I am pleased that the my work with Senator Hatfield, Senator Wyden, Rep-

resentative Blumenauer and the City Council resulted in successful legislation to protect the Bull Run."

The final Omnibus Appropriations Act, which passed in late September, contained a provision to protect the Bull Run, which provides drinking water to more than 750,000

Portland area residents. The legislation was championed in the House by Representatives Furse and Blumenauer, and in the Senate by Senators Hatfield and Wyden.

"There was one person who really kept our eyes focused on this effort...and who kept looking for ways to move this forward

## African Burial Ground: An American Discovery

**A**mericans confront their painful past in The African Burial: An American Discovery, an original mini-series airing on The History Channel this November.

Telling the true and timely story of lower Manhattan's African Burial Ground, recently unearthed in an archaeological dig, this fourpart documentary covers the burial ground's discovery, relates the history of African Americans in early New York, witnesses how modern-day citizens are changing government handling of the area, and delves into the discovery's meaning for modern-day America.

This special presentation airs on History Showcase, the network's forum for local films

about culture, community and tradition, that started on Monday, November 11th, and continues on the 18th and 25th at 9am ET/6am PT.

Narrated by acclaimed actors Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, The African Burial Ground: An American Discovery tells the dramatic story of a people whose history was not recorded or preserved, the African Americans that lived in the New World as far back as 200 years before the creation of the United States and helped build the new nation.

Nearly one out five colonial New Yorkers was African American, most of them enslaved--but until the 1991 discovery of the burial ground deep beneath Manhattan's streets, historians knew little of the way they lived and died.

## Building bridges between Portland and Vancouver

GTE Directories and the Portland Trail Blazers invite the public to take part in "Building Bridges Between Portland and Vancouver" on Saturday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m..

This event will take place at the Georgia Pacific Room adjacent to the Memorial Coliseum.

The activity will benefit the Portland and Vancouver Public Schools.

Spectators can try their hand at bridge-building with yellow legos and help us create a Portland and Vancouver mural, while elementary students construct bridges to be judged by local "celebrities".

Other attractions include bridges built by local university engineering students, and a book drive for the schools.

Parking and food will be available for attendees.

The event is being planned around the launched of the new Portland/Vancouver GTE The Everything Pages telephone directory that is the first to combine the cities of Portland and Vancouver.

The bridge-building theme denotes the building of bridges between Portland and Vancouver, and also GTE Directories building bridges to the community.