

Singer-Songwriter-Comic Jamie Anderson to perform in Oregon



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Maya Angelou returns with poetry

She pulled words from Shakespeare, Dickinson, Terence, and Dunbar out of her magical grab bag.



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A tip from Tiger

Tiger Woods conducted the first in a national series of youth clinics launched by the Tiger Woods Foundation.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Simpson seeks new trial

O.J. Simpson's lawyers have filed a motion seeking a new wrongful death civil trial. Tuesday was the deadline for Simpson's lawyers to file an appeal or any other motions relating to the civil trial that ended last month with a jury awarding the plaintiffs \$33.5 million in damages. The jury found Simpson responsible for the murders of his former wife and her friend. The documents filed with the Los Angeles Superior Court also asked Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki to reduce the damages awarded in the case.

Break for bomb trial victims

The judge in the Oklahoma City bombing case has agreed to allow victims of the bombing to attend the trial even if they plan to testify in the death penalty phase of the case. Tuesday's ruling marks a complete reversal for U.S. District Court Judge Richard Matsch, who earlier had barred the attendance of anyone who might testify in any phase of the case.

Clinton: crack down on doctors

President Clinton says the best way to prevent fraud in the Medicare and Medicaid programs is to keep crooked doctors from getting into the system in the first place. Clinton Tuesday proposed stiffer screening of health care providers who receive government payments. Clinton is asking Congress to pass a bill that would help ber unscrupulous doctors and medical firms from the government health care programs for the elderly and poor.

Gore meets Chinese officials

Vice President Al Gore met senior Chinese officials Tuesday to begin the highest level U.S. diplomatic talks in Beijing in eight years. Members of the U.S. delegation say little was achieved to bridge the gap between the two countries on human rights, but talks on the issue were less acrimonious than in the past.

Army sex scandal charges

The sexual misconduct scandal at the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland is worsening. The Army says it has charged two more drill sergeants at the base, bringing to 10 the number of soldiers charged in the scandal. Officials say Staff Sgt. Wayne Gamble, 36, is charged with adultery, sodomy, assault, desertion and other violations. Officials say he abused 14 female soldiers.

Electric chair misfires

Florida Governor Lawton Chiles says he does not plan to suspend executions of prisoners despite the malfunctioning of the electric chair at a state prison in the town of Starke. Witnesses say a bolt of flame and smoke shot from the head of convicted murderer Pedro Medina during his execution Tuesday.

Statewide school computer refurbishing



Oregon public school students like those above benefit from the upgraded computers, and related equipment donated by Intel through the STRUT program created by State Schools Superintendent Norma Paulus (right).

State Schools Superintendent, Norma Paulus announced on March 20 a statewide program to refurbish computers and other technology for schools, as a part of Oregon's commitment to NetYear 97.

Named STRUT, for Students Recycling Used Technology, the program includes 29 Oregon school districts where students will evaluate, repair and refurbish donated computer systems. These "recycled" systems will be donated to school districts for student use. "This is an exciting opportunity for students to learn computer repair, business management and team building skills, while bringing thousands of computers into Oregon's classrooms," said Paulus. "Business, schools and communities are working together to bring the tools of technology to students."

Paulus was joined at Jefferson High School in Portland, one of three Portland schools participating in STRUT, by representatives of the project's founding partners. John Young, superintendent, Northwest Regional Education Service District and Wendy

Hawkins, K-12 Manager, Intel Corporation.

The STRUT program began three years ago when Intel Corporation was looking for a way to locally recycle its outdated and surplus computers. Hawkins contacted the Northwest Regional Education Service District to explore a partnership with local schools. Forest Grove High School became the first school to establish a curriculum and to receive free computers for refurbishing. In the past three years, four high schools in Washington County have refurbished more than \$4 million dollars worth of computers, peripherals and equipment donated by Intel. The corporation also provided \$140,000 in cash contributions to support start-up costs and statewide training. More than 1,200 computers have been distributed to schools throughout Washington County.

Tigard High School created the most sophisticated program, converting an 8,000 square foot wood and metal shop area into TigerNet, a student-run computer refurbishing "corporation." Forty computers are recycled through TigerNet each week and the statewide model is based on this one devel-



oped by students, teachers and the alternative school program in Tigard. According to John Young, NW Regional ESD superintendent. "The first student "CEO" of TigerNet has graduated from high school and now serves as a technical contractor/consultant to Intel."

Business, government and individuals are being asked to donate PCs, monitors, keyboards, hard drives, printers, networking devices, modems and even copiers to participating schools in their counties. As many parts as possible from each donation are recycled and used to build refurbished equipment. In many of the programs, students who complete two years of training will receive technician certificates and/or advanced placement credits toward computer technology programs at community colleges.

"Intel is proud to be a founding partner of this project and delighted to share its success with schools throughout Oregon," explains Wendy Hawkins. "It is a perfect use of corporate resources and we encourage other businesses to get involved."

In addition to the founding partners, Eastern Oregon Fast Freight, Piper Jaffray and Portland General Electric are supporting STRUT with significant financial and in-kind donations.

According to STRUT projections, a minimum of 10,000 computers will be refurbished in the coming school years. Calculating based on current market value of refurbished computers, STRUT will donate \$5.25 million in computer equipment to Oregon's schools by June 1998. STRUT plans a statewide technology collection on April 25-26.

The educational ranch herd is restless

BY PROFESSOR MCKINLEY BURT

The following potpourri of educational news and comments does not attempt to prioritize or establish any gradient of concern. These days, any or all information in this area could be valuable.

The most overriding concern of all involved is in the area of school finance and funding; this obtains (?) with school administrators, teachers, parents and those who would benefit most directly from an improved economic climate -- the students themselves. And, not to be left out of this key equation, is the public at large which, traditionally, has borne the education burden through property taxes.

It was passage of Measure 47 last November that threw a monkey wrench into the best laid plans of all the mice and men who

heretofore had thought a solution to be within easy reach of any group of dedicated and sufficiently informed citizens. That tax-cutting initiative, the brain child of tax activist Bill Sizemore, promised to derail all of Oregon's plans to reverse a decade of inadequate public schools support.

At this date, the week of March 24th, we find the Oregon State Legislature busily (and frantically) at work on a revision of Measure 47 that can be placed before the voters in May. Even with Bill Sizemore helping (?), it is a toss up whether or not this corrective legislation can restore the education process just to where it was before last November, e.g., shaky.

These "corrective measures" will have quite different impacts, to whom you talk is the key. With the temporary ballot designation, "House Joint Resolution 85," we have

from some quarters an estimate that this resolution will see Portland property owners receiving about half the tax cut promised by Measure 47 (according to the Multnomah Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission). But, clearly, this estimate startled Bill Sizemore, who may or may not continue to cooperate with the legislature.

All things considered, it now seems very doubtful if the grandiose plans for school systems operating at the 20th century level can be achieved -- even by the year 2010. There is little remaining talk and hyperbole about implementation of the "Year 2000 Standards" for elementary and secondary schools. But, there is considerable alarm voiced that the earlier prospect of an ever-expanding technology in Oregon could fall flat on its face if the state is unable to provide a well-educated workforce.

Readers have long known that over a span of decades, I have expressed a special appreciation for the role of the state's (and nation's) community colleges. So, it is with great delight I see that this past Friday, the state legislature did not cut as many of the system's positions as previously announced. Though this two-year system cannot, of course, begin to replace the university as a provider of highly trained scientific personnel, community colleges can and do furnish a great deal of the supporting technical workforce. Also, in a great many cases, they have been a stepping stone to a four year degree. But the reprieve may be temporary.

The ethnic cards are very much in the game as the educational vise tightens. Nation-wide, both the black and white media

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Youthgangs program gets \$200,000 grant

BY LEE PERLMAN

The Northeast Coalition of Neighbors' Youth Gang Outreach Program, denied a contract with Multnomah County last year, has received a \$198,000 grant from Meyer Memorial Trust.

Ben Priestley, executive director of the coalition, announced the grant award at his board's March meeting, and Victor Merced, program officer of Meyer Trust, confirmed it. The funds, together with cash reserves and an existing United Way grant, will enable the program to continue at least until next spring.

"This is a turning point in how we are

funded," Ron Laster, a coalition board member, said. "This is the first time we've received private funding for an entire program." The coalition receives most of its funding from contracts from government agencies, including \$250,000 from the Portland Office of Neighborhood Associations for support for citizen involvement and volunteer activity.

The Youth Gang Program was created by the coalition in 1988. It provides outreach workers who provide counseling to African-American, Asian, Hispanic and white youth gangs, gang members and at-risk youth. They work with the Portland Police Bureau and Portland Public Schools to defuse poten-

tial gang violence. They also provide public education about youth gangs, and how to combat their influence, to civic and community groups.

Until last year the program was funded primarily by a \$280,000 appropriation from Multnomah County. Last fall the county awarded the contract to a consortium of agencies headed by the House of Umoja in an attempt to take a more "broad-based" approach to youth gang issues.

The coalition board decided there was an ongoing need for their existing program and decided to try to find other funding sources for it.

Coalition board member Charles Ford

said that an on-site visit by Merced and Warren Nunn of Meyer Trust "was the selling point. They left very impressed. They were bold enough to say that they had been told by some people that we shouldn't be funded, but after coming and seeing for themselves they disagreed."

Merced says that the trust was influenced by the program's "track record," and the feeling that "there's still a need for this kind of activity. We look forward to working with them and seeing positive results."

Youth Gang Program director Halim Rahsaan says he is "ecstatic" at receiving the grant and hopes to pursue other such funding.

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