

**Strong support for a community problem solver**

The vital health services of the Garlington Center are praised at annual dinner and awards banquet.



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**Seahawks miss field goal, playoffs still possible**

It's a heartbreaker in the Kingdome as Seattle falls to the Kansas City Chiefs.



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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Iraq crisis not over**

U.S. officials are questioning Baghdad's promises of cooperation despite unhindered search of Iraqi 11 sites by U.N. weapons inspectors. Defense Secretary William Cohen said the strong U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf will remain until Saddam Hussein proves he is committed to getting rid of his weapons of mass destruction.

**Agent killed in shootout**

Up to a dozen men armed with semiautomatic weapons attacked Mexican customs agents who were holding people suspected of smuggling money from the United States. A Mexican customs agent and a gunman were killed in the gunbattle, said an officer at the Mexican consulate along the Arizona border.

**F-15 crashes, pilot saved**

An F-15 fighter crashed into the Atlantic Ocean Monday and the pilot ejected safely and was quickly rescued, the Air Force said. The plane went down off the coast from Oceana Naval Air Station.

**Report: Iran eyes nukes**

Iran is reportedly trying to buy part of South Africa's nuclear program. The Jerusalem Report magazine said Iran is interested in portable uranium-enrichment facilities and knowledge that would speed up its drive to build nuclear weapons. Iran is one of Israel's most implacable foes, and Israel has warned that Tehran is just a few years away from reaching nuclear capability.

**FDA approves obesity drug**

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first in a new class of obesity drugs, the first prescription alternative since two powerful diet drugs were banned in September. Knoll Pharmaceutical's Meridia appears to cause a modest weight reduction when taken together with diet and exercise. But the FDA urged doctors to use caution in prescribing Meridia, warning that some patients may experience a dangerous rise in blood pressure.

**Ban on ivory relaxed**

The European Commission has relaxed bans on importing live elephants and elephant products from three African countries. Under the new EU regulation, travelers from Zimbabwe can bring ivory and elephant-skin souvenirs into the EU as long as they don't try to sell them. Hunters will be able to import elephant trophies from Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia. The three nations say successful conservation efforts in recent years have produced more elephants than their land can sustain.

**Leaders eye Asian bailout**

President Clinton and Pacific Rim leaders are trying to devise a financial bailout plan for Asian governments struggling with market and currency turmoil. It promises to be one of the most complicated financial bailouts in history. In advance of this week's opening of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference, President Clinton suggested that the economic problems are a "few little glitches in the road."

**Reno urged to end probe**

U.S. Justice Department officials say prosecutors have recommended that Attorney General Janet Reno not request an independent counsel to investigate fundraising calls by President Clinton and Vice President Gore. The officials say prosecutors from the Justice Department's public integrity section recommended that Reno end a preliminary investigation without taking any further action — because there are no "reasonable" grounds for further investigation.

## On the abuse of power



Anita Hill gives a historical perspective on the abuse of power as she speaks to a crowd at Portland State University. (Photo by Neil Heilpern)

### Hill warns of resistance to hearing victims

By NEIL HEILPERN

When Anita Hill came to town last week, it would have been tempting to express her anger against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas for alleged sexual harassment and relive the gory details.

Instead, she used her experiences as a stepping stone to give an audience at Portland State University a historical perspective

me, but an opportunity to clear Clarence Thomas' name."

Accused of creating a "sleazy campaign," Hill recalled feeling "I had been slimed and felt completely isolated."

Hill pictured herself as a victim who was re-victimized in the press, by politicians and people who insisted she take a lie detector test when her accused abuser was not asked for the same.

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tion on the abuse of power.

Her story goes back to the 1991 Senate confirmation hearings when Thomas was nominated to the high court.

In a controversial case where it was her word against his, Hill accused Thomas of repeatedly harassing her with suggestive and lewd remarks when she was his assistant at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

His supporters claimed Thomas was the victim of "a high-tech lynching for uppity blacks" and attacked the African-American woman.

"It is painful to be heard," said Hill, noting the necessity of talking against abuse of all kinds, because "we are a society capable of growing."

"I was denounced by people who never actually heard from me," she said. "They weren't looking for an opportunity to hear

This was the "pain of not being heard after going through sexual harassment" which many women have suffered for centuries, said Hill, determined to raise the consciousness of America by continuing to speak out.

"Today it is reported daily in the press, and I keep talking," she said, pointing out that a recent 1,022 page law text book only devoted 12 pages to sexual harassment.

"Sexual harassment is not new and neither is the resistance to being heard," she exclaimed.

She told of a slave woman, repeatedly raped by her white slaveholder, birthing three of his children and eventually killing the man.

"She had a public defender but we will never hear Celia's voice," said Hill. "As a

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## Governor reads to children at Applegate

By NEIL HEILPERN

When a governor finds himself in a room full of school children and a humongous book in his hands, what's he supposed to do.

If it's John Kitzhaber, he pushes aside the chair provided him for the day's story tell at Applegate Elementary School and hunkers down on the floor, cross legged, just like one of the kids and starts his story.

The governor was one of several notables to visit the school last week as part of the Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) program. Earlier in the week Police Chief Charles Moose was the reader.

"Goodwill student ambassadors" Stone Moala and Noah Powell, both fifth graders, greeted Kitzhaber in the parking lot and ushered him inside to meet Principal LaVerne Davis.

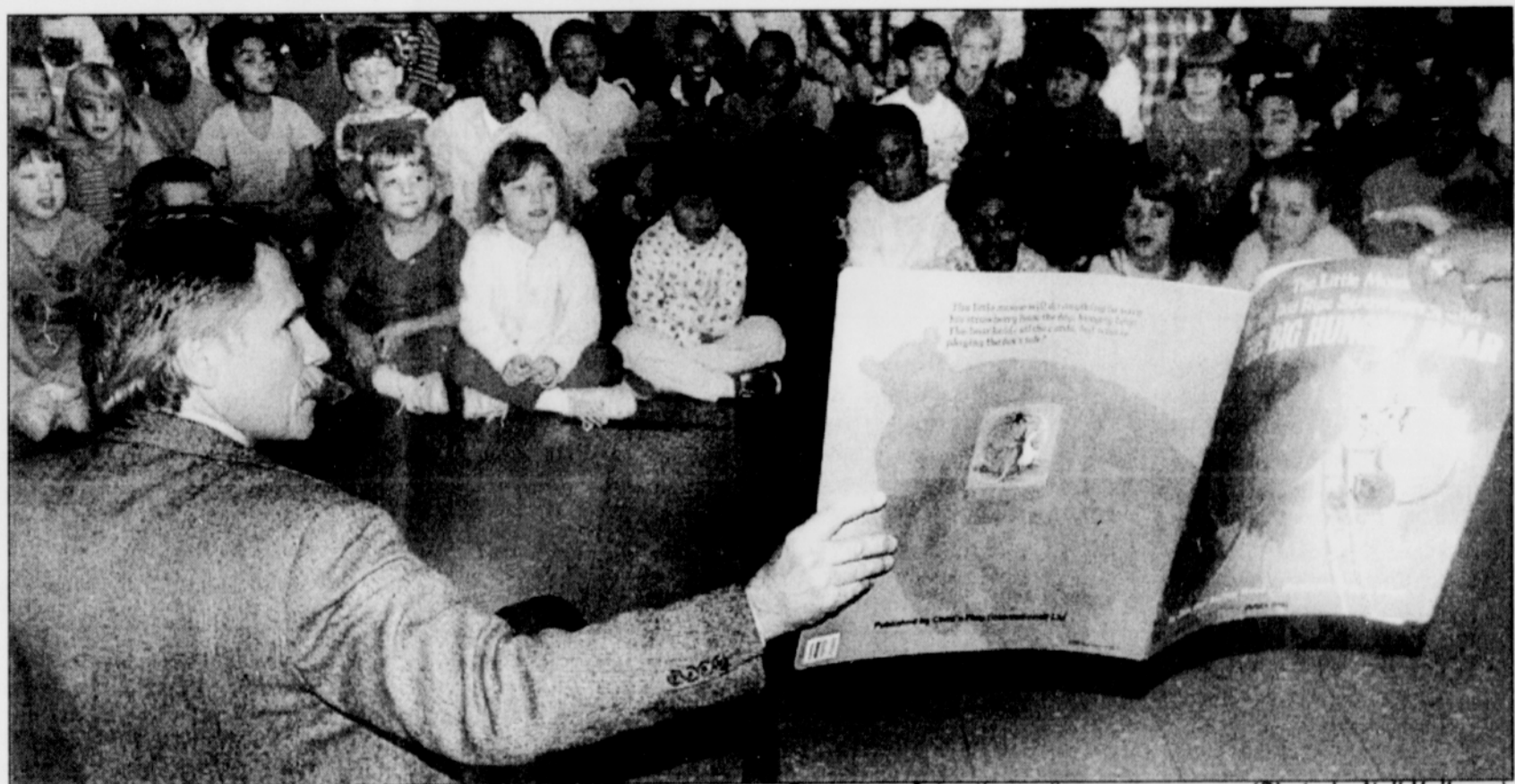
In the library, the governor's face lit up at the site of children poring over volumes. As part of the Reading is Fun program during National Children's Book Week, donated books were provided for the children to select and keep.

Marvin Francisco (2nd grade) showed Kitzhaber his "Just Go to Bed" book, and Alea Johnson (4th grade) shared "The Box Car Children" story with him.

Kitzhaber admired art work on classroom doors, depicting each class's favorite book.

Inside the gymnasium, a few hundred high-pitched voices squealed, "High Governor!"

Kitzhaber read from a book that was so large it looked like a child reading a book



Gov. John Kitzhaber visits north Portland to read to students in Applegate Elementary School's reading program. (Photo by Neil Heilpern)

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larger than himself. It was "The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and the Hungry Bear."

He stopped reading occasionally to comment. "Share! That's an important word kids."

Principal Davis invited the children to ask the governor questions.

A moment of silence followed as they pondered topics. Finally, a voice blurted out "Do you have a bodyguard?"

Kitzhaber pointed to a male aide in the back of the room.

A barrage of questions followed, like a press conference of the most seasoned reporters digging for truth. They ranged from the frivolous "Do you like strawberries?" to one that stopped the Governor and most of the adults in the room cold.

"Can you change Measure 11 and let my brother out of prison?" asked kindergarten student Willie Miller. Kitzhaber deferred to the legislature for that one.

Second grader Arthur Nelson wanted to

know if the governor lived in a house as big as the president's.

As the children headed back to their rooms and the governor was preparing to leave, kindergarten student Alex Johnson broke ranks, ran down the hall, pushed adults out of the way and looked up at the governor.

"What is your new baby's name?" the youth asked.

Kitzhaber later told The Portland Observer that he has been reading to his infant son, Logan, "but he isn't responding yet."

The governor left, and most of the children were back in their classrooms — except for Christino Lopez who couldn't wait to get home, plopping down in the hallway and starting to read his new book, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice."