

# Family Living

## "Dangerous Evidence: The Lori Jackson Story"

While preparing for her honeymoon, civil rights activist Lori Jackson (Lynn Whitfield) receives a plea for help from Lieutenant Corporal Lindsey Scott (Richard Yearwood), an African-American marine accused of raping a white woman near Virginia's Quantico military base. Although lacking any previous experience with such a high-profile case, Lori agrees to look into the circumstances and quickly discover that the military has no tangible evidence linking Lindsey to the crime. Driven by her passion for justice, Lori convinces her husband Paul (Richard Lineback) to postpone their honeymoon so that she can help Lindsey's lawyer prepare for the court martial in two weeks.

Scott's attorney Ervan Kuhnke feels that he can get the case thrown out of the court due to lack of evidence and much to Lori's dismay, doesn't even attempt to round up any witnesses who can support Lindsey's alibi. The trial is a disaster and Lindsey is sentenced to 30 years in prison. Feeling that the military is railroaded Lindsey because of his color, Lori is unable to give up the fight. Without an appointment, she marches into the offices of Howard and Howard a prestigious Washington D.C. law firm and convinces John Leino (Jeff Clarke) and Gary Meyers (Geordie Johnson), two young attorneys, to take on the case pro-bono. While they work through the painstakingly slow lab-

rynth of military law, Lori works to drum up media attention - which culminates in a "60 Minutes" interview.

As the coverage grows, so does the conflict in Lori's own family who must continually wrestle with the fact that she is more consumed with the case than with them? This, along with the stress of the racially charged death threats she and her family are receiving, causes Lori to collapse one day. After being rushed to the hospital for a battery of tests, the doctor tells her that she has terminal liver cancer - and though she begins fighting for her life, Lori never stops fighting for Lindsey's rights. For her unwavering faith and belief in his innocence she is vindicated when the case is overturned five years later and he is set free.

Lori Jackson died peacefully in her sleep nine months after Corporal Lindsey Scott was found not guilty.



## Our Children's Store successful in New Space

Our children's Store board announced that 1998 was a huge success for Portland area children's charities. This gift store, open October through December each year, is a collaborative partnership between many hard working volunteers, local agencies and corporate sponsors.

The store earned a 40 percent margin on sales for each of the 51 children's agencies. This is great news for these agencies since 100 percent of the profit goes directly to helping children.

A total raised was \$182,000, less than previous years but benefiting more agencies because the entire Store's inventory was sold during the three months it was open. During the past six years, Our Children's Store has raised more than \$1.5 million for Portland-area children's agencies by selling an exciting array of gift items including housewares, toys, gourmet foods, books, gardenware and decorations.

Run by volunteers and supported by sponsors Delta AirLines, B.U.L.L. Session charity Golf Tournament and NIKE, Our Children's Store aimed also at increasing the public's aware-

ness of these agencies.

By hosting private parties, children's book readings, Saturday spotlight of children's agencies and preview of Portland Center Stage's "A Christmas Carol," the Store was able to celebrate the role these agencies play in helping the children of greater Portland.

In 1998, Our Children's Store 1999 is set to open in October and is looking for space for the store.

The non-profit agency needs about 2,000 square feet of retail space from September 1 through December 31, 1999, and help draw shoppers with its loyal following. For more information about donating space, please contact Lori Cloninger Sweeney at 725-5761 or

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To volunteer for the 1999 season, please contact Carolyn Becker at 524-3786.

Our Children's Store mission is to benefit Metro area children in need. The non-profit organization accomplishes this through: Partnership with non-profit organizations:

Public awareness and education Community Collaboration, Holiday gift store and other fund-raising efforts.

## 100,000 Area Kids Will Fight Hunger With Massive Food Drive

Some kids will collect food from their neighbors, some from their own pantries. Some parents will send their children to class with a bag of canned food, others send along a check. Some schools will make it a competition, some emphasize collaboration. Any way they do it, area school children expect to raise enough food and money next week to provide 200,000 meals to hungry people.

Project Second Wind, Portland's oldest and largest food drive celebrates its 28th anniversary from March 1-5. Kids in Portland and Washington county schools will collect food and learn about hunger during the drive.

Project Second Wind concentrates on kids helping kids. One in five children in America lives in

poverty. More than 40 percent of the 137,870 people who received food boxes in Multnomah, Clackamas, Clark and Washington counties last year were children.

Their efforts are particularly critical now. High rents, low wages and benefits changes sent 8.5 percent more Portland area residents to emergency food agencies in 1997-98 than previous year.

"Project Second Wind helps students learn to understand and respond to hunger-related problems in their community," said Rachel Bristol, Executive Director of Oregon Food Bank.

The drive was initially begun by students and it continues to be driven by their efforts. Project Second Wind is an influential part of many students' education. The

collaboration between students, teachers, parents and neighbors makes the food drive a public effort, in addition to being an educational experience for students.

Kids in 91 Portland Public Schools reached out to their neighbors in need last year, collecting more than 134,000 pounds of food and \$16,000. Washington County schools and area businesses also participated in Project Second Wind, raising 57,844 pounds of \$1,063.

Oregon Food Bank's Most Wanted Foods include canned meats and meals like chicken, tuna, soups, stews and chili; boxed rice and pasta meals; canned fruits and vegetables; powdered milk; peanut butter; and pasta, rice and beans of all kinds. No glass, perishables,

or home-processed foods, please!

Oregon Food Bank is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting hunger and its root causes. The hub of the nation's only statewide food banking network, Oregon Food Bank distributes food to 250 hunger relief agencies in Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, and Clark counties as well as to 18 regional food banks around Oregon.

Oregon Food Bank depends on the food donated during Project Second Wind to help provide meals for the one in eight Oregonians who are hungry. Donated food benefits hungry families in the Portland area through the agencies of the Oregon Food Bank network.

## Child Support for Children SCHOLARSHIP

CHILD SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships to graduating students statewide who wish to further their education, but are having difficulty doing so due to the ongoing payment of child support.

These scholarships may be used to attend any accredited four-year college/university, two-year community college, or vocational/ trade school. Funds are to be used for tuition, books and/or on campus room and board, are paid directly to the college, and are not renewable beyond the freshman year.

Students interested in applying should contact their high school counselors. All applications must be received no later than April 1, 1999. Two boys and two girls will be selected. Business and individuals interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to our scholarship fund may contact Barbara Hansen, Executive Director, at (503) 622-3588.

CHILD SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN is a statewide non-profit organization which deals with issues of child support through education and advocacy to all individuals in need of assistance.

## National Pageant seeks Oregon Representatives

**THE SEARCH IS ON**...Pageant Officials have begun the search for young women to take part in the excitement and glamour leading to the title of MISS TEEN ALL AMERICAN 1999...you could win fame, fortune and great prizes! This is the premiere National Pageant for teenagers in America! The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual MISS TEEN ALL AMERICAN Pageant will be staged Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at the Magnificent Miami Airport Hilton & Marina in world-famous Miami, Florida.

Contestants are judged in Evening Gown, Swimsuit and One-on-One Personal Interview there is no talent competition and no experience necessary. To qualify as a Delegate-at-Large, a young woman must be age 13 thru 19 as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999; never married and a U.S. resident. To apply, young

women must send a **RECENT PHOTO** along with **NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH** and a **SHORT BIO** by FAX or MAIL to:

DEPT. A - MISS TEEN ALL AMERICAN

603 SCHRADER AVENUE -

WHEELING, WV 26003-9619

FAX: 1-304-242-8341 -Phone:

1-304-242-4900 - E-MAIL:

[teenallam@aol.com](mailto:teenallam@aol.com)

MISS TEEN ALL AMERICAN 1999 will receive a fabulous Prize Package that includes \$5,000 CASH, a Personal Appearance Contract, Jewelry, Luggage, Travel Opportunities, a Fur Coat, a \$500 Shoe Wardrobe, Fitness Programs and more! All Contestants will be interviewed by representatives from the TV/Film Industry and Model-



ing Agency Personnel...THIS COULD BE YOUR BIG BREAK!!! MISS TEEN ALL AMERICAN 1998 IS Alita Dawson of Hamden, Connecticut.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 19, 1999

## In Her Image Gallery

Weya is a "communal area" in the eastern part of Zimbabwe, an agriculturally marginal area set aside by white settlers for blacks during the days when the country was called Southern Rhodesia.

In the late 1980s women were taught art by a development project as a way to help increase their abilities to support their families. Four different techniques are used by the artists; painting on boards and other hard surfaces, painting on fabric (known as "sadza painting"), applique and embroidery.

Becoming artists has given these women a new sense of themselves as creative people, and as providers for their families. It has broadened their sense of women's roles in rural Zimbabwe. One sadza painting titled "Equal Rights" even goes so far as to depict the menfolk helping with chores and childcare.

In Her Image Gallery is honored to have sadza and board paint-



ings from fourteen Weya women artists represented in this unique exhibit.

The gallery is located at 3208 SE Hawthorne Blvd, and is open Weds-Fri 10-6 and Sat/Sun 10-5.