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## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Phil Reynolds Scholarship Awards Announced

### THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Russian Occupation**

A second group of 29 Russian soldiers had arrived in Kosovo. Their presence, according to NATO has increased the tension between Russia and the alliance. So far, about 200 Russians have occupied the Pristina airfield. While insisting that Russia is welcome to help keep peace in Kosovo now that the Serb forces are leaving, NATO has so far refused to cede a separate patrol zone to Russia.

**Earthquake in Mexico**

A strong earthquake hit central Mexico killing one person, injuring hundreds, damaging historic buildings and sending tens of thousands of residents fleeing into the streets as buildings swayed. The quake was centered near Huajuapán de León, about 125 miles southeast of Mexico City.

**New South African Leader**

Thabo Mbeki's nomination for president was unopposed and the new leader of South Africa will be inaugurated in Pretoria. The governing African National Congress won in a landslide this month and controls 266 of the 400 seats in Parliament. Mbeki will be naming his cabinet soon after his taking office.

**Portland's Livability Ranking**

A study by Penn State University ranked Portland as fourth in the top five of good places to live in the nation. Heading the list is San Jose, California. Seattle ranked fifth. The key factors that determined good livability were climate, educational opportunities, a low crime rate and the arts.

**Skin Patch For Women**

A scientific study revealed that a testosterone skin patch made by Procter & Gamble can help to increase the sex drive of women who lost their libido after hysterectomies. More than half of the fifty seven women who wore the patches on their belly for nine months reported an increase in sexual desire.

**Phil Jackson Coaches Lakers**

Phil Jackson was offered a four-year, \$24 million deal to coach the Los Angeles Lakers. They reached an agreement only in principle. Other teams such as New York Knicks and New Jersey Nets courted Jackson as well to be their head coach.

The Phil Reynolds Scholarship announces four scholarship recipients for 1999. The selections were made from eight deserving Afro-

American High School Seniors applicants aspiring to continue their education in a College or University. These gifted students are from the Portland Public School

System. The Phil Reynolds Scholarship Fund was established in 1983 in memory of Phil Reynolds, a Portland Pioneer, who believed education for our young men and

women was the way of the future, enrichment of our culture and building a community. We are proud to present:



Miss Tiffany Skinner

Miss Tiffany Skinner is a Wilson High School graduating senior with honors. She would like to major in communications and pursue a career in the Public Relations field. She demonstrates strong leadership ability and publications. Tiffany plans to attend University of Oregon to continue her interest in communications.



Miss Awen-Lue Kante

Miss Awen-Lue Kante is a Benson Polytechnic High School Honors student. She is currently the student body president. Awen-Lue will be attending Hampton University to continue her education in the area of Physical therapy and eventually a doctorate degree.



Miss Etopi Fanta

Miss Etopi Fanta is a graduating senior from Lincoln High School. She represents her student body as Princess in the Royal Rosarian Court. She will further her education in the area of Pre-Law, and Ethnic Studies leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree.



Miss Megan Johnson

Miss Megan Johnson is a Benson Polytechnic High School Honors Graduating Senior. Megan is prepared to take another step toward her future career by attending Oregon State University campus this fall pursuing studies in General Science and Spanish.

These young women will achieve success in their chosen fields of endeavor, of this we are confident. The Phil Reynolds Scholarship Committee extends our best wishes to each one of the candidates and say "well done".

## Strong Quake Hits Southern Mexico

By MICHAEL CHRISTIE  
REUTERS

MEXICO CITY - At least one person was killed, 200 were injured and 12 others were trapped under rubble in the Mexican city of Puebla on Tuesday after a powerful earthquake shook the south of the country, TV Azteca reported.

The quake, measuring 6.7 on the open-ended Richter scale, was felt in Mexico City, where panicked office workers ran out of swaying buildings, but Puebla, 55 miles to the east, was much nearer the epicenter, officials said.

The quake, which occurred at 3:41 p.m. (4:41 p.m. EDT), felled a church spire and damaged several other buildings in the historic center of Puebla, local media reported.

It was also felt strongly in Mexico City, where Reuters witnesses said glass windows shattered and thousands of panicked office workers streamed out onto sidewalks as buildings swayed sickeningly.

No serious damage was immediately reported in the sprawling capital, where at least 10,000 people died in a massive earthquake in 1985.

"We have preliminary data that it was a 6.7 on the Richter scale and the epicenter was between (the southern states of) Guerrero, Oaxaca and (the central state of) Puebla," National Civil Protection official Juana Palma said.

The National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colorado, also said it appeared the quake had registered 6.7 on the

open-ended Richter scale.

"We've upgraded it to a 6.7," center director Waverly Person said. The center earlier estimated it at just over 6.5 on the Richter scale.

A magnitude above 6 can cause severe damage, while 7 means a major earthquake, capable of causing widespread, heavy damage.

Puebla, a major industrial center of 4.8 million people where Volkswagen produces the new Beetle, was filled with the sound of ambulance sirens, and power was cut off, television reports and officials said.

"There is a lot, a lot of damage, especially in the historic center and in some outlying communities," an official at the Civil Protection service in Puebla said.

Large parts of Mexico City were flat-

tened by the 1985 earthquake, an 8.1 on the Richter scale, which measures the energy earthquakes release.

Bruce Presgrave, of the National Earthquake Information Center, said the epicenter was in a town called Tehuacan in the extreme southeast of Puebla state, about 135 miles southeast of Mexico City.

"This is quite an unusual location. Most of the big quakes occur along the coast and this is inland," Presgrave said.

The earthquake was also felt in Guerrero state, where it provoked widespread panic and damage, according to the Televisa network.

TV Azteca said the quake was also "felt quite strongly" in the central state of Mexico but no damage was reported.

## Sailors From Rose Festival Fleet Lend A Hand

Four Sailors and one Marine from the Rose Festival Fleet came to the aid of four motorists involved in a two-car accident at Rosslyn Lake Saturday outside Sandy, OR.

The service members were volunteering at the Free Fishing Day project hosted by the Police Activity League that involved local 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> graders and Sailors from the Rose Festival Fleet. The ideal fishing conditions were interrupted by the sounds of squealing breaks and a loud crash.

Without hesitation, Signalman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Christopher Lardie from Naval Station Everett, Wash., Marine Cpl. Orson Middleton from USS Mount Vernon (LSD 39), Cpl. Gene Rombough and Master Seaman Doug Bacon from HMCS Vancouver (FFH 331), and Boiler Technician 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Matt Nickles of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18 at Fort Lewis, rushed to the scene in less than three minutes. They found a small pickup truck had struck another car pulling out of a parking lot near the lake. The car had flipped down a small embankment and came to rest 10 feet from a large tree. A witness at the scene and another sailor made 9-1-1 phone calls.

The driver and passenger were still inside the car, although they had not been wearing seatbelts at the time of the acci-

dent. Both appeared to be in a great amount of pain.

Rombough, who has over 13 years experience as a medical assistant and is his ship's instructor in basic trauma and life saving, quickly took control of the situation.

"At an accident scene such as this," Rombough said, "the most important thing is to make sure the victims' heads and necks are immobilized to prevent further injury."

Both

Rombough and Bacon provided that neck support, keeping the injured from moving until members from the Sandy Fire Department arrived. Middleton kept the driver and passenger from the pickup calm while they

awaited medical attention. Lardie, who has assisted at accident scenes in the past, was glad they were nearby to lend quick aid.

"We didn't even take time to think

about what just happened, we just reacted," he explained. "We were happy to be able to help out in any way we could."

Names and the conditions of the injured were not available at the time of the accident.



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