

Serena Cruz Looks Into Needs That Challenge the Latino Community



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Shuttle Landing

Eileen Collins, the first woman to command the space shuttle Columbia landed the craft safely after a short trip into orbit to drop off the world's most powerful X-ray telescope. The commander and her Columbian crew had difficulties at first during take-off, possibly from hydrogen fuel leaks and a short circuit.

Aid to Kosovo

The United States government is providing up to \$500 million in food, shelter and other humanitarian aid for Kosovo civilians, but U.S. officials said "not one penny" will go to Serbia so long as Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic remains in power. The funds would be applied to care for ethnic Kosovo Albanians and establish an international police force of about 3,100 officers, including 450 from the United States.

Milosevic Protected

According to a top Yugoslav general, President Slobodan Milosevic would be militarily protected against any attempts to unseat him. Gen. Nebojsa Pavkovic explained, "The Yugoslav army will...give its unconditional support to the state institutions and their legally elected representatives, from the lowest officials to the president of the republic," he said. There is a growing concern that army intervention could le-

Minority TV Shows

ABC, a major TV network, will be adding ethnic characters to at least five of its shows for their fall series. This was in response to criticism for not making their programs more culturally inclusive. As presented in a pilot form this spring, none of the 27 new comedies and dramas set to premiere on the top four networks had minorities in a leading role, and few had them in supporting roles.

Raising Children

Maine was voted the best state to raise a child, says a children's advocacy group that assessed each state in the country. Other top states included in the listing after Maine are Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire. North Dakota, Maryland, Kansas, Wisconsin and Iowa rounded out the top 10.

Panda Dies

Dudu, the world's oldest giant panda in captivity died in a zoo in central China's Hubei province. The 37-year old panda's death may have been from hot summer weather. Most pandas live in captivity for 25 years. China only has about 1,000 wild and captive pandas left.

PACIFIC POWER PRESENTS \$50,000 Gift To SEI's In-School Program



PacificCorp Foundation partners with SEI's in-school program. Pictured from left to right are Deshé Mangum, Tony Hopson (founder of SEI), Kristin Wilkes, Kenyatta Richmond, LeLa Roberts (Principal of Jefferson High School), John Millhouse, Ernest Bloch (Executive Director of PacificCorp Foundation).

Self Enhancement, Inc (SEI) announced that it will receive \$50,000 from the PacificCorp Foundation over the next four years that will fund a partial class sponsorship for Jefferson High School students. The in-school program for thirty incoming SEI freshmen to Jefferson High School will be partially underwritten by the foundation's contribution on behalf of Pacific Power. LeLa Roberts, principal, Jefferson High School, was on hand to receive the check with SEI

President Tony Hopson. Student representatives of the Jefferson High School Class of 2003 who will benefit from the donation were also present at the event. In addition to its monetary support, Pacific Power is investing human resources by encouraging its employees to volunteer in SEI summer '99 programs. Other Pacific Power employees are getting involved in the effort as well by participating in a book drive to collect books for the growing library at the Center for Self Enhancement. Since 1993, the PacificCorp Foundation, on behalf of Pacific Power, has donated more than \$140,000 to SEI. Over the past ten years, the foundation has invested more than \$25 million in communities in the Pacific Power and Utah Power six-state service area. In 1998 alone, more than \$3 million was given to 354 non-profit organizations in 120 communities. The foundation uses its permanent, self-sustaining endowment to make grants to qualified non-profit organizations. PacificCorp Foundation is focusing its 1999 philanthropic resources on children. Founded in 1981 by Tony Hopson, SEI is a non-profit organization committed to helping Portland's inner-city youth make positive choices to achieve their full potential.

OAME Considers Housing Addition

By LEE PERLEMAN

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs may soon build housing on top of its incubator campus. OAME president Sam Brooks says the agency, which provides commercial

space for startup minority and women-owned businesses, is considering building one or two floors, and up to 80 units, of housing on top of its 40,000 square foot campus at 4134 N. Vancouver Ave. "We're in a feasibility stage now," Brooks says. "The engineers and the architects say it's doable." The next stage would be to see if the project is feasible in terms of economics and other factors, he says. This should be completed shortly.

in talking about it," Brooks says. "If it is, we want to invite everyone who has a stake in it to discuss what they'd like to see there. It should be a lot of fun. I get credit for getting things done, but it's because I listen to people."

For himself, Brooks would like to see a mixture of income levels. "We want to make northeast a composite community that's not all poor or all rich," he says. Condominiums are "a thought, and certainly consistent with our vision for the Williams-Vancouver corridor." He would like in particular to see minorities, women and youth involved in the development. He sees an agency specializing in housing management, rather than OAME, running the finished project if it is rental.

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Sam Brooks, OAME President

"I hope that by this time next year, we'll see some dirt and structures move," he says.