

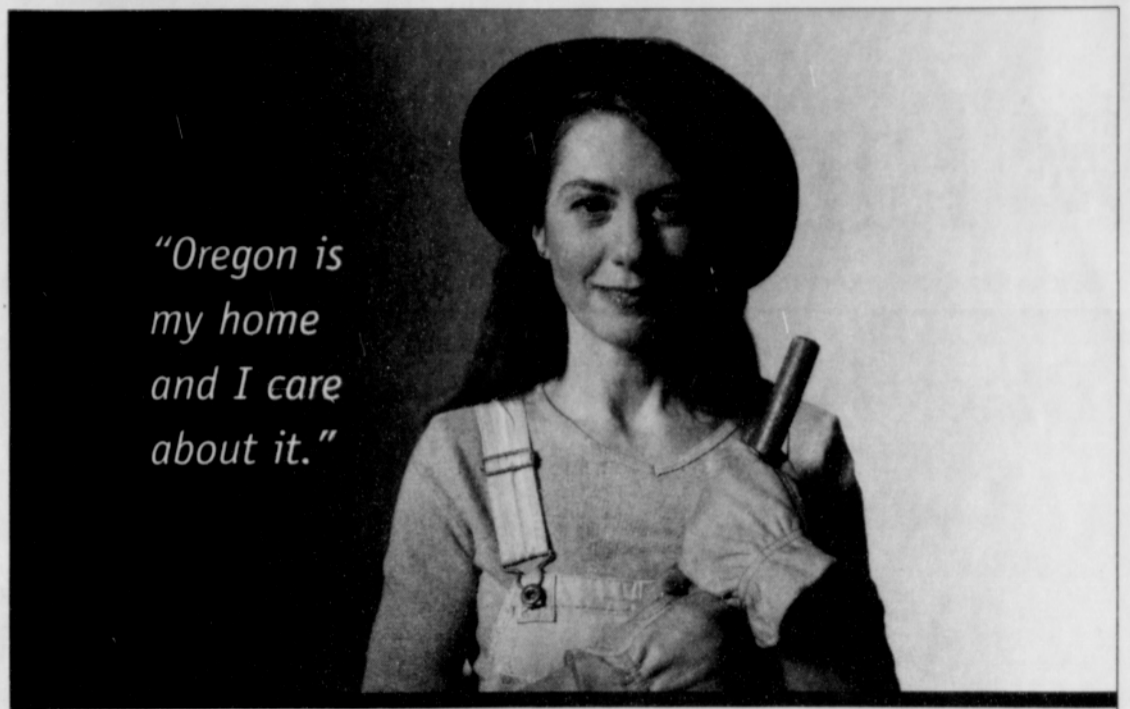


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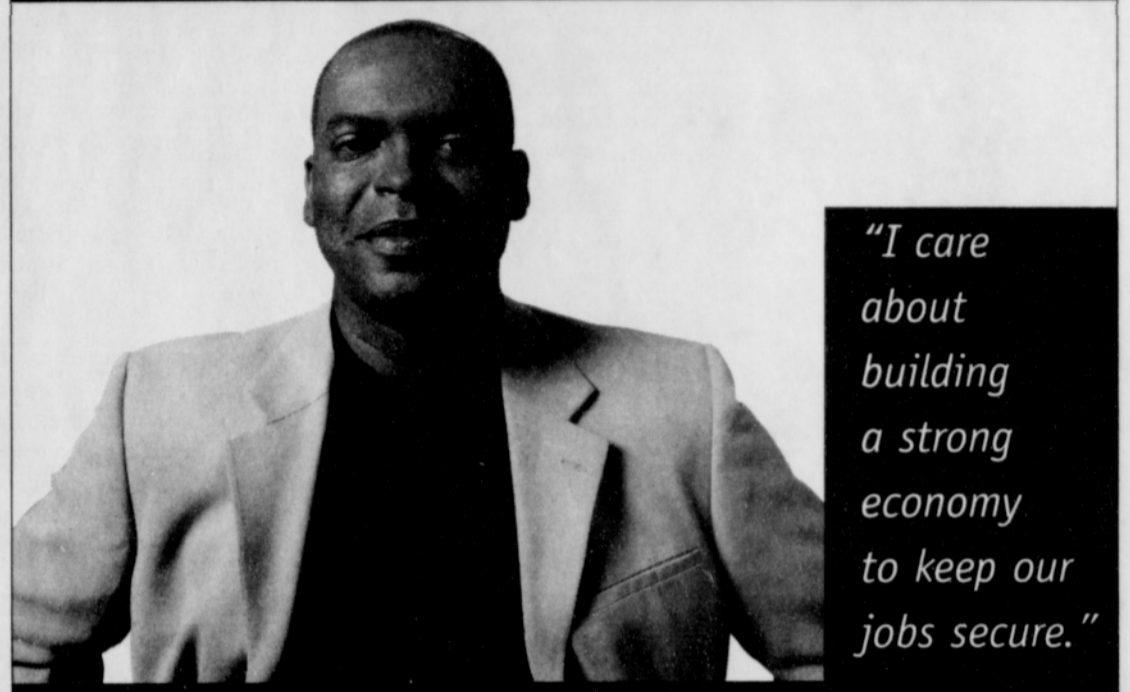
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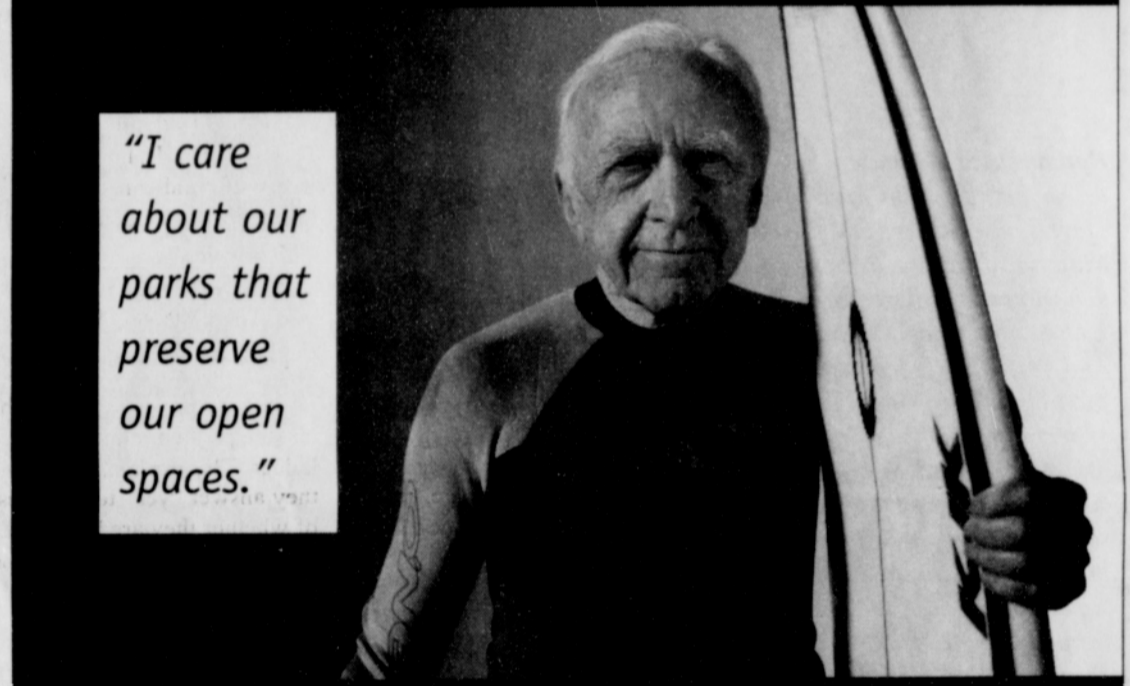
Renaissance Man – The son of slaves, Paul Bustill Robeson earned a law degree from Rutgers University, where he was an All-American football player, Phi Beta Kappa scholar, and valedictorian of his graduating class. Disappointed that the United States failed to treat blacks as equal citizens and thereby dishonored its constitution, Robeson began to speak out against racial injustice. Labeled an agitator, he became a subject of FBI surveillance. Blackballed in the United States, Robeson went to Europe, where he was eagerly accepted and continued his acting and singing career. A supporter of equality and justice, Paul Robeson remained a patriotic American. At Robeson's funeral, his son eulogized him as a "great and gentle warrior."



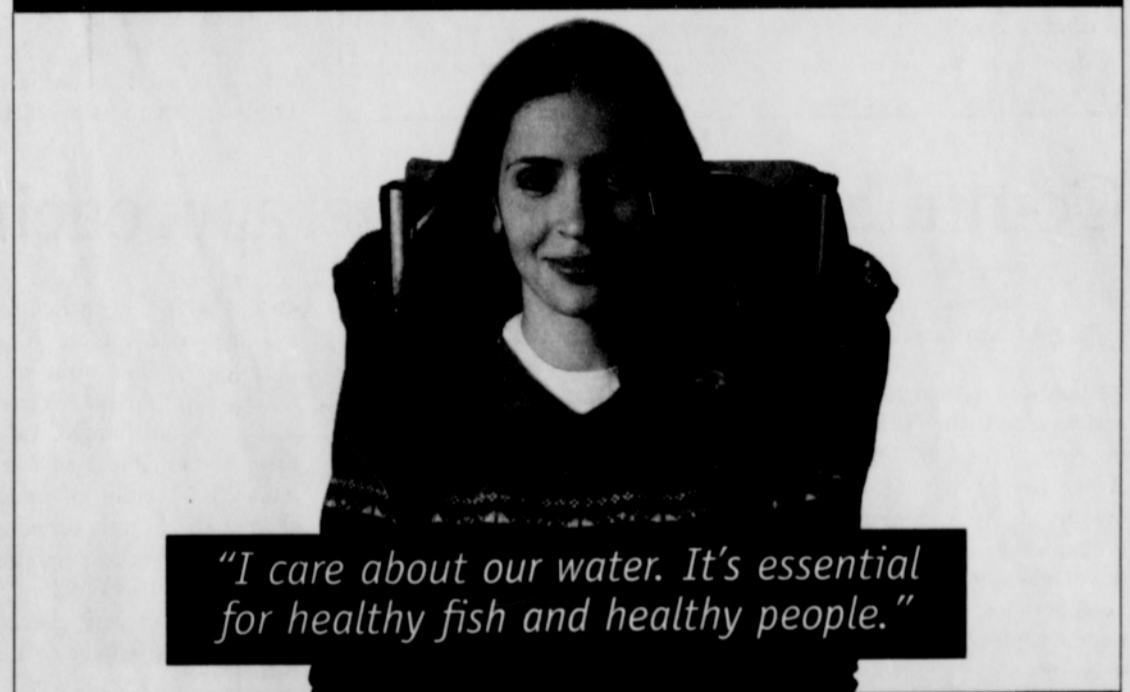
"Oregon is my home and I care about it."



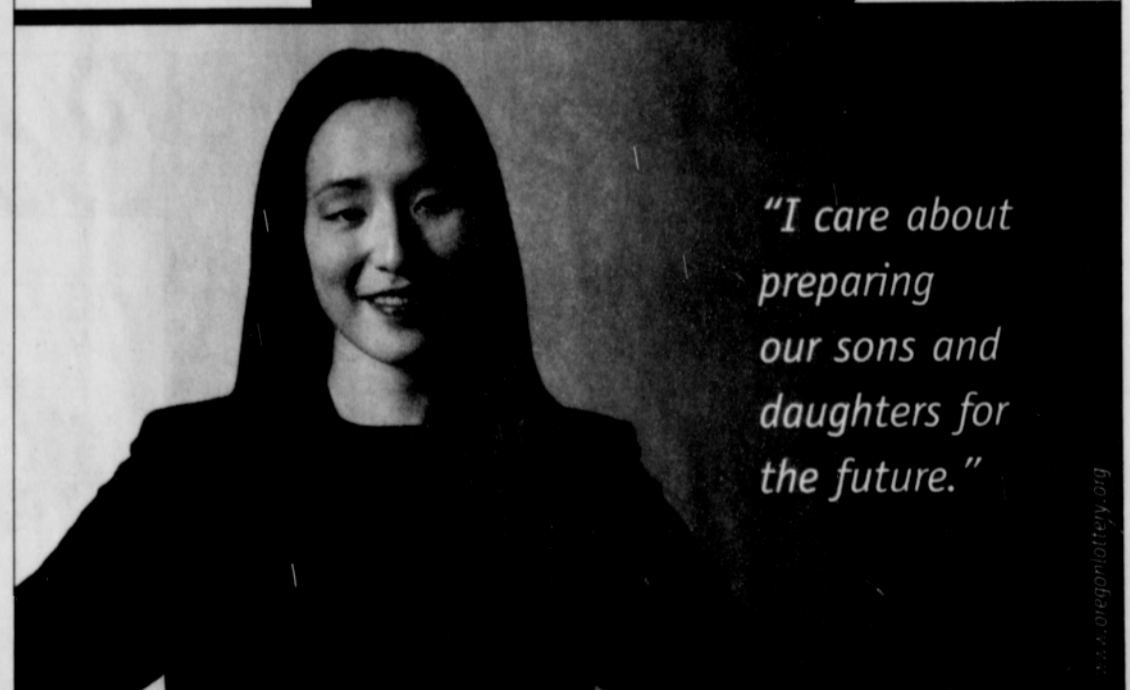
"I care about building a strong economy to keep our jobs secure."



"I care about our parks that preserve our open spaces."



"I care about our water. It's essential for healthy fish and healthy people."



"I care about preparing our sons and daughters for the future."

County updates web page with cameras

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Clark County residents now have an easy way to check the Local weather forecast and view traffic on the Interstate 5 bridge. This information has been added to Clark County's Internet home page at www.co.clark.wa.us. The current date, time, and weather appear just below the photographs

on the home page. A click takes you to a local, seven-day forecast. Planning a trip? The site provides forecasts for most of the major cities in the United States. Or maybe you're just traveling across the river? You may want to check out the traffic cams, which show views of the north and south bound lanes of the Interstate 5 bridge. Taken from the Vancouver side, these pictures are provided by ODOT.

Information about other current issues and services-everything from assessments to zoning-can also be found on Clark County's web site and more people are beginning to find it. There were over 19,100 visits to the county's home page in January of 1999. This year more than 42,300 visits were made to the home web page in January.

Need for sports fields discussed

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"Building Sports Fields in Clark County- Where Will Our Youth Play?" is the theme of a public meeting on Wednesday, March 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Wy'East Middle School. Interested citizens and sport group representatives are invited to join Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation staff and advisory commission members in a sharing of information and ideas. Information will be available about the existence of accessible funding for sports fields, including an Inter Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) grant

workshop that is scheduled in our community on Friday, March 24. Parks and Recreation staff will give a presentation on the Sports Fields Master Plan. Discussions will also begin about the possible formation of a Sports Fields Council of Clark County. This would be a cooperative group working to obtain grants and support to build more sports fields in our community. Wy'East Middle School is located at 1112 SE 136 Avenue. The meeting is hosted by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sub-committee on Funding for Special Facilities. For more information contact Jeroen Kok, Regional Parks Planner, at (360) 735-8839.

City seeks aviation advisory committee member

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The City of Vancouver is seeking applicants to fill two vacancies on the Aviation Advisory Committee. This nine-member group is appointed by the Vancouver City Council to advise the city on matters related to Pearson Field. Topics include future plans,

regulations, operations, improvements and special issues. There is no residency requirement for the position. Terms are three years with a three-term maximum. The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon in the Vancouver/Clark Parks and Recreation Department conference room, 603 W. Evergreen.

Applications are available by contacting Peggy Furno, Vancouver City Hall, PO Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668-1995 or by calling (360) 696-8484 (Fax 696-8049). The deadline for applications is Monday, March 13, 2000. For further information about boards and commissions, visit <http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/volunteers/index.html>.

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Questions? Need more information? Call Debra Wartman at 823-2392. View a copy of the Draft Consolidated Plan 2000-2005 at your public library, or online by logging onto www.ci.portland.or.us/bhcd (under "What's New"). Review past performance by clicking on 1998-99 Consolidated annual Performance Report Draft.

Note: The meeting room is accessible to persons with mobility impairments. Please call 823-2375 or 823-6868 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance if special equipment or service is needed.

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