



# Health/Education

## Citizens Lobby for Water, Air and Land Protections

More than 300 Oregonians from across the state gathered at the state Capitol recently to ask the legislature for stronger environmental protections.

Attending from northeast

Portland were Pat Clancy, Bob and Dawn Wilson, Betsy and Mark Winslow, Rebecca Perry and Bob Belcher.

They took the day off from work to get their voices heard in support of protecting Oregon's environment.

The delegation met with both Rep. Jackie Dingfelder and District 10 Sen. Avel Gordly.

Despite the state's revenue shortfall, the citizen turnout asked elected officials to plan wisely for the environment and to cut funds for programs

that are wasteful or even damaging to the environment.

Gov. Kitzhaber echoed this theme in his speech to the group. He insisted, "We must fund conservation programs that protect Oregonians' health, our water, our air and our land."

We have an obligation to our children to leave a legacy of protecting our natural resources."

At the rally, the Governor, a medical doctor, received a giant "conservation" scalpel symbolizing the need to end wasteful spending on pollu-

tion control tax credit in the face of a budget deficit.

1000 Friends of Oregon member Bob Belcher said, "We are here as constituents to urge the Legislature to act wisely for our children, neighbors and Oregon's future, and we will be back."

## 'Revolutionary Math' Honored for Excellence



Nia Gray (from right) and Stanford Killingsworth accept the Best of Video Award in the education category at the 2001 Videographer Awards. The northeast Portland residents are the photographers and producers of 'Revolutionary Math: I can Think,' a product of Portland video production company Grassroot News. The firm, headed by executive producer and editor LaNita Duke, specializes in programs for children and at-risk youth.

## New Labor Contract for School Workers

Portland Public Schools and the Portland Federation of Teachers and Classified Employees have reached a tentative agreement for a new two-year contract, effective July 1.

School officials said the contract is a fair settlement that is fiscally responsible and supports the district's strategic plan.

The tentative agreement provides for a 2.9 percent salary increase for 2001-2002 and a 2 percent increase for 2002-2003. The tentative agreement

also includes a new salary schedule for sign language interpreters, which provides incentives for increased education and training; and a one-time \$200 bonus for employees with 15 or more years with the district, recognizing long-term service.

"We had the opportunity to work with an exceptional group of employees," said PPS Executive Director of Human Resources Steve Goldschmidt. "It is one of the most collaborative negotiations efforts I have participated in."

## 'Heart Watch' is Dose of Medical Reality



Lucelia Hernandez (from left) and Yanez Mendoza from Grant High School look over materials with Karolina Puk from West Linn High School prior to observing open heart surgery as part of "Heart Watch," a program at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center that enables high school students to get a dose of medical reality. Spearheaded by world-renowned cardiac surgeon Alberta Starr, M.D., "Heart Watch" was launched at Providence St. Vincent in 1995, in an effort to raise awareness about what it takes to save a life, to encourage healthy lifestyles and to show teamwork involved in open heart surgery.

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