



Roosevelt is BACKDROP for Health Initiative

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adjusting the current asset limit for enrollment in the Children's Health Insurance Plan from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

"There is no reason why our children shouldn't have open coverage to public health care," he said. "My goal is to make public health care coverage accessible for all, regardless of the limits that currently linger over the system. In truth, the public health care system in Oregon is beginning to broaden its horizon to meet the needs of our youth, insuring the health of future generations."

The governor was also at Roosevelt to pay tribute to the school's health clinic, which has greatly expanded access to health care for its students.

North Portland residents Vesta Geer (from left), Jerrica Geer, Tejara Brown, Danielle Harris, Curtis Wilson and Linda Huth give serious thought to the comments of Gov. Ted Kulongoski during a visit to Roosevelt High School.

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Senator Stands up for Minorities

The appointment of a state employee to the department of human services sparked a civil rights issue for one state senator.

Sen. Avel Gordly, D-Portland, objected to the confirmation of Gary Weeks as director of that department, scolding the governor for neglecting to appoint people of color to top-level agency posts.

The African-American senator said this is the first time in two decades that no minorities are serving as director or deputy director.

Since Gordly's objection, the governor's office released a seven-page list of women and minorities serving on boards and commissions, though not neces-

sarily in leadership positions. That list included more than 50 African Americans.

"Having Sen. Gordly say something about it on the floor of senate is very helpful because it gets out the word even more that we're looking for minority appointments," said Mary Ellen Glynn, a spokeswoman for Gov. Kulongoski.

'SUN UP TILL SUNDOWN'

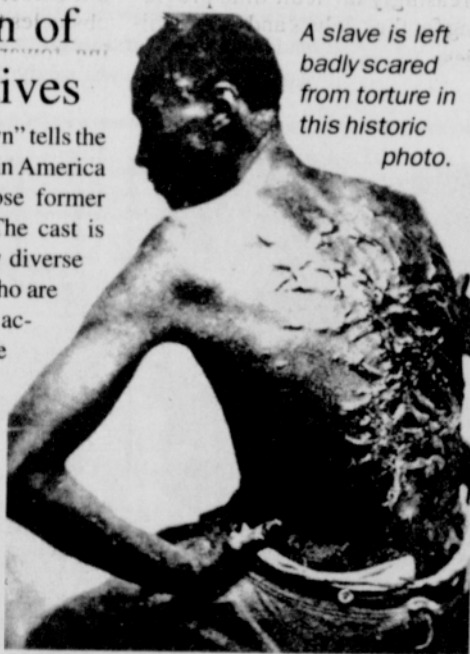
A collection of slave narratives

"Sun Up Till Sundown" tells the painful story of slavery in America from the voices of those former slaves who survived. The cast is comprised of ethnically diverse community members who are not trained professional actors, whose ages range from 8 to 92. For several of these actors, this will be their first stage experience.

The goal of the local performance by Storytellerz Readers Theater is to bring theater to everyday folks who do not believe they

would ever be able to perform, either because of a lack of formal theater training or the inability to learn lines. Nevertheless, they wish to be on stage, bringing their love of the theater to an audience that

A slave is left badly scared from torture in this historic photo.



does not necessarily embrace the experience of live theater.

"Sun Up Till Sundown," adapted by LaVerne Springer-Green, comes to the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340

N. Interstate Ave., at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17 and 4 p.m. Sunday, July 18. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students and matinee prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students, plus 3 cans of food.

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Iraq Soldier Promoted at Home

Portland native Ed C. Stallworth Jr., a lieutenant commander in the Navy Reserves who recently served 10 months in Kuwait and Iraq, has returned home with a promotion in his career as a banking executive.

Stallworth has been named assistant manager of the Wells Fargo bank at 522 A Ave. in Lake Oswego. In his new position, he is responsible for sales, coaching, operations and cash control.

He began his financial services career in 1999 at Salomon Barney and Merrill Lynch in Portland where he was a financial consultant. Prior to that he served seven years in the



Ed C. Stallworth Jr.

Navy where he was named Officer Recruiter of the Year for a 12-state region.

Already having earned a bachelor's degree in applied physics from Southern University, he is currently studying at Portland State University to earn a masters degree in business administration.

An active member of his community, Stallworth serves as board secretary for the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center at Rosemary Anderson High School in north Portland. He is also a member of the Omega Psi Phi service fraternity.

Thurmond's Daughter Added

(AP)—South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford has signed a bill to add the name of Strom Thurmond's biracial daughter to the list of his children engraved on a monument to the late

U.S. senator, once an avowed segregationist.

Essie Mae Washington-Williams announced last year she is Thurmond's daughter.