

# Back to School Ready

Students loaded with school supplies are ready for the first day of classes after Saturdays' school supplies giveaway sponsored by the Links, an African-American civic group, and the Portland Observer.

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# FBI Spied on King's Widow

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was no great problem for us. But we don't put it past the FBI; (then-FBI Director) J. Edgar Hoover hated Martin Luther King and everything that the SCLC stood for."

Andrew Young, a lieutenant of King's during the civil rights movement, agreed. But he said he was surprised that the government would focus on Coretta Scott King. "I didn't know it and I don't think she knew it," Young said. "If ever there was a woman that had the makings of a saint, it was Coretta. I don't know what they were looking for, I don't know what they were expecting to find. I don't know why they wasted the government's money."

Also included in the documents:

- The FBI suggested that Ralph Abernathy, a close aide to Martin Luther King, be made aware of death threats against his life for the benefit of "the disruptive effect of con-

fusing and worrying him."

- An intercepted letter written by Coretta Scott King in 1971 to the National Peace Action Coalition, in which she said the Vietnam War has "ravaged our domestic programs."
- One memo shows that the FBI even read and reviewed King's 1969 book about her late husband, "My Life with Martin Luther King Jr." The agent made a point to say that her "selfless, magnanimous, decorous attitude is belied by ... (her) actual shrewd, calculating, businesslike activities."

There is also evidence that the Nixon administration and then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger were kept informed of the FBI's nearly constant surveillance.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s activities were known to have been monitored by the federal government as he led the civil rights movement in the 1960s. Intelligence gathering on famous Americans and war crit-

ics became so infamous that rules to curtail domestic spying were put in place in the 1970s.

King's nephew, Isaac Newton Farris Jr., said on Thursday that the surveillance of his aunt comes as no surprise.

"We knew she was surveilled," said Farris, who is also chief executive officer of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change. "The only surprise is the intensity of the surveillance after his death. It appears it was as intense as the surveillance on my uncle."

Farris said there was no reason to monitor either one of them, since they were law-abiding citizens who were standing up for their constitutional rights.

"This is a woman who basically was trying to raise four kids and honor her deceased husband," Farris said. "I don't know how that was a threat to anybody's national security."

# Traffic Safety Patrols Begin

Local police are on a mission to provide a positive and safe street environment for children to travel to and from school and to provide a positive and safe school environment for learning.

Every weekday for the next two weeks, officers from all five precincts, the

Traffic Division, the Transit Police Division, and School Resource officers will place special emphasis on enforcing traffic laws in school zones, bus zones, and crosswalks. Officers will also enforce laws regarding parking in and around school zones.

Drivers are asked to remem-

ber that the speed limit in schools zones is 20 mph on school days for 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fines for speeding in a school zone could be as high as \$206 for as little as 11 miles over the posted speed.

Drivers are strongly encouraged to slow down and watch out for kids.

# Fathers Take Children to School

State Schools Superintendent Susan Castillo is recognizing the work of the Black Parent Initiative and its effort to encourage black fathers to take their child to the first week of school.

"The role of fathers in their children's academic success cannot be over-emphasized," Castillo said. "Children whose fathers take an ac-

tive role in their family life and education get better grades, have fewer behavioral issues and are more likely to graduate and attend college.

The event is a demonstration of black men taking public ownership over the educational interests of their children, according to Charles McGee, president and chief executive officer of the Black Parent Initia-

tive. The Portland non-profit is leading the march towards finding solutions to the "achievement gap" among students of color in Oregon's school systems.

"Research shows that children have fewer behavior problems when fathers listen to and talk with them regularly and are active in their lives," McGee said.



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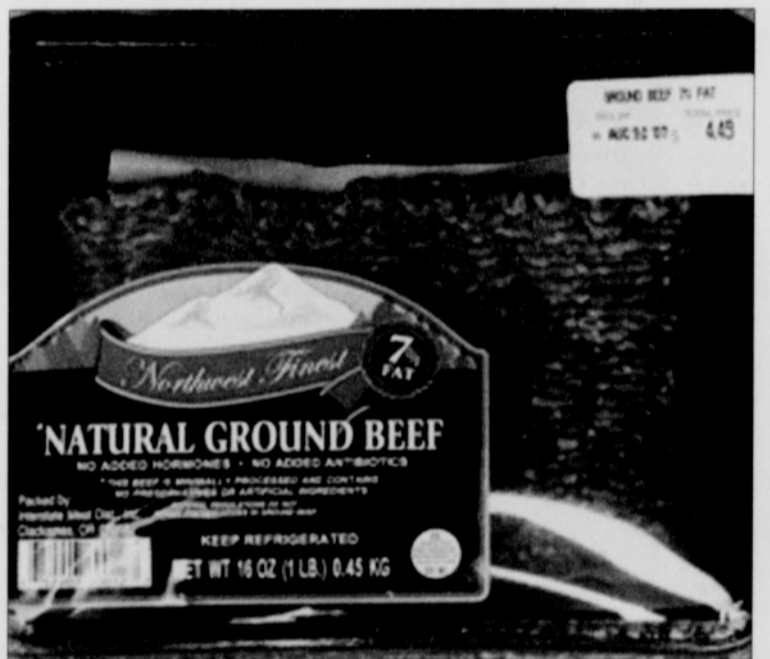
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# Northwest Ground Beef Recalled

Oregon health officials say consumers should discard extra-lean ground beef linked to eight cases of E. coli infection in Oregon and Washington and bearing sell-by dates from Aug. 1 to Aug. 11.

Two affected products were sold under the brand "Northwest Finest." One was in 16-ounce black trays labeled Natural Ground Beef, 7 percent fat with a red and black label and UPC code of "7 52907 60012 7." The other was labeled Organic Ground Beef, 10 percent fat with no UPC code. The packages also bear "Est. 965" inside the inspection mark.

Health officers say the beef was sold at QFC, Fred Meyer and Safeway stores in Oregon and was ground by Interstate Meat Distributors, Inc. in Clackamas County.



E. coli infection was found in ground beef sold in local stores.

# Passenger Killed in Car Chase

An 18-year-old Portland man was arrested and his 21-year-old passenger was killed when the stolen vehicle they were driving crashed into a pole Monday night on Southeast Morrison Street and Grand Avenue.

Police say Dennis Milton Perryman was being pursued by a police officer and was not stopping at red lights when he smashed into a car and then slid



Kristine Hill

into the pole. Authorities said Kristine Lynn Hill died instantly in the wreckage.

Perryman, who tried to flee the scene but was apprehended before he could get away, has been charged with criminal negligent homicide and manslaughter, among other charges.

Investigators believe that alcohol and speed are factors in the collision.

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# Kite Fest at Blue Lake

Colorful kites will fill the sky at Blue Lake Regional Park during a new family kite festival on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The festival will be a great place to fly your own kite and pick up tips from local kite enthusiasts, enjoy interactive kite play and mass ascension, and participate in the kite display and identification contest.

Children's events include teddy bear and candy drops. The Providence Stage Band will perform hits from the big band era.

All kite activities are free with an annual pass or \$4 per car or \$7 per bus for park entrance. Blue Lake is located between Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard off Northeast 223rd Avenue.