

People: Leadership

40 Years of Service



Bernie Foster is a friend, a dedicated publisher, civic leader and newsman. He's a leader who loves to serve. A servant who doesn't mind doing the little things.

In my nearly forty years of knowing Bernie Foster, I have seen him lend a hand when another is burdened and extend a kind word when a heart is low. Bernie Foster's leadership of The Skanner Newspaper Group for the last forty years has been a beacon of hope and inspiration to millions of readers and supporters.

We, here at The Observer, the Lee Family and others extend our best wishes and love to Bernie and all of The Skanner family on this their 40th Anniversary.

May the good Lord bless you to see many, many more celebrations.

—Dr. William Lee, The Lee Family and all of The Observer Family



(L-R) Harold Williams, Jackie Belcher and Phillip Aaron at Doris' Cafe



Roosevelt Robinson (right) being sworn in as Multnomah County judge



Diversity generates more power.



helping to grow opportunities

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Let's turn the answers on.



Humboldt's Very Special "Magic Place"



"Magic Place" is a very special place for Humboldt students. The children had planned to turn the nearby vacant lot owned by the school district into a vegetable garden and forest. Part of the lot was allowed to revert to the wild so that the children could study the weeds and insects they attracted. Recently, "Magic Place" was snatched by a series of vandals who tore up the children's few vegetables and trees. The Humboldt staff decided to turn what could have been a disheartening experience for the children into a lesson in survival, hope, and perseverance. The staff bought new trees and the children planted them (each class has its own tree). So far, the trees have remained, and the children are enthusiastically looking forward to their forest once again. "Maybe they learned a lot from the vandalizing, because now they're really turned on and are protecting it," said Principal Irene Langston.

Minority Students Win Scholarships

This week, THE SKANNER celebrates outstanding Roosevelt and Benson High School students who will be graduating at the top of their classes. All of them leave high school with records of hard work and achievement and look forward to futures of promise. CONT on page 8