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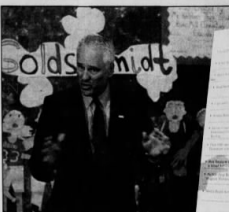
Governor takes another step for kids

\$68 million package awaits his successor

By Shawn Wirtz The Statesman Journal
Linn-Dick Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, hoping to see his Children's Agenda continue beyond his term, on Thursday unveiled a \$68 million second phase aimed at helping kids succeed.
The package of educational and social programs was well received but poorly funded during the 1989 legislative session.
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under the federal poverty level. Goldschmidt had announced that portion during his State of the State address in January, but since has abandoned his plan to pay for it with lottery money.
House Speaker Vera Katz, D-Portland, was more blunt.
"We told him it was a lousy idea," Katz said. Instead, he aimed to come up with \$44.3 million in general fund money, \$11.9 million in federal money and \$11.8 million in other money such as fees to pay for his 10 programs.
Other elements of his plan included:
■ \$5 million to pay for Great Start, a variety of programs such as child care, child abuse prevention and health care for children from birth to age 6, coordinated at the county level.
■ \$2.1 million to provide drug and alcohol treatment for all pregnant women and children 18 and younger who seek it.
■ \$800,000 to try relief centers, an early intervention program for children who otherwise would be taken from their parents and placed in foster care.
■ \$10 million to hire more certified teachers

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About taxpayer work on the Children's Agenda



Gov. Neil Goldschmidt unveils the second phase of his Children's Agenda in front of a poster made by students.

Senate GOP chief faults ethics panel

Brenneman says all should resign

By Christine Decker The Statesman Journal
Senate Minority Leader John Brenneman broadened his attack on the state Ethics Commission by calling for the resignation of all commissioners.
"it is clear to me that not one of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission commissioners can conduct a fair, unbiased hearing on any legislator or local official throughout the state of Oregon on any matter whatsoever," he said in a written statement.
On Wednesday, Brenneman, R-Newport, pushed for the resignation of Commissioner James "Dart" Dierdorf after hearing a tape recording of a July 10 meeting.

"Of course I want to win," he said. "I wouldn't have wanted to find probable cause to investigate unless I thought there was something out there that doesn't mean I don't want your process."
Commission chairman Chris Pryor said, "The issue about winning cases is not the Vice Lionelli approach to win at all costs. I'm talking about not winning frivolous cases. We only pursue cases which merit our attention."
He said he was unable to ask for the resignation of the entire commission.
"I don't believe the entire commission should be treated as if it had a lousy record," he said. "There are six commissioners. I encourage commissioners to have different points of view."



John Brenneman

Dierdorf said during the meeting, "The Legislature has no business not having the guts, pardon me, to take us on if we are winning cases against their colleagues. The first priority is to win cases."
Commissioner Margaret Wright said Thursday that she was not over at the meeting when Dierdorf made the comment about winning cases.
The meeting began at 9 a.m. and the left for a dentist appointment at 1:30 p.m. — hours before the meeting ended.

Linn County teams continue search for missing girl, 13

ALBANY — The fifth search this month for a missing person in Oregon is under way in Linn County.

Linn County sheriff spokesman said Thursday that he had Thursday looking for a 13-year-old Linn County girl who was reported missing Wednesday morning.

Corvallis boy finds a friend

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People see refuge plan for Siletz

1,900-acre area will protect wildlife

By Frank King The Statesman Journal
LINCOLN CITY — Plans for the Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge were unveiled here Thursday.
People from Lincoln City, Newport, Gleneden Beach and Tillamook looked at plans, maps, aerial photographs and documents on the proposed 1,900-acre refuge during a six-hour open house that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said.

Ben Harrison, the Fish and Wildlife Service's study manager, said that if his agency could secure the necessary property and easements for the \$13 million project, it could be opening by the fall of 1992.
Palmer Nelson, the manager of the Western Oregon National Wildlife Refuge Complex, said plans called for the agency to take responsibility from the state for 1,100 acres of surface water and tidelands in the Siletz Bay area. The agency also would acquire about 800 acres of land from private landowners.

Kids warm up to furry friends

Children's Petting Zoo in Corvallis benefits day-care center

By John Bagg The Statesman Journal
CORVALLIS — For Andre Spycher, one trip to the Children's Petting Zoo was not enough.
The 4-year-old Corvallis youth wrapped his arms around the neck of Peanut, a piglet pig.

Information about zoo
The petting zoo will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday. To get to the park and petting zoo, take U.S. 20 through Corvallis toward Philomath. Turn left on W. 18 Street into Avery Park, after crossing the overpass, and follow the signs to the zoo on the south side of the park.

at the day-care center, volunteer Alice Kluge said. The animals include miniature horses, piglets, sheep, lambs, a calf, guinea pigs, ducks and a parrot. They are provided by local residents.
The petting zoo opened July 7, when nearly 1,000 visitors came to pet, feed and ride the tame beasts. Peanut and the other animals didn't appear to mind the constant attention from tiny hands.
For a small fee, children can buy or dress some dolls, apple wads and grain to feed the animals.
Some children ran from pen to pen, checking out as many of the animals as they could. But Andre was content to give all of his attention to Peanut, about whom he had knowledge beyond his 4 years.
"His name is Peanut, and he's a piglet," Andre said. "That means he's not a stallion. He's been named."

Salem

Task force will help revamp Umattilla depot
Gov. Neil Goldschmidt has created a task force to help plan for the future of the U.S. Army Depot at Umattilla in light of federal proposals to close the depot sometime after 1995.
Goldschmidt said the task force would represent state and local interests in negotiations with the federal government on closing up contamination at the depot, which has housed nerve gas and other weapons.
The panel also would develop recommendations about future ownership of the land.

State approves sale of insurance business

Oregon Insurance Commissioner Ted Kolmogoroff says he has filed a March order that suspended Greater Oregon Health Services Inc. of Grants Pass from writing policies.
Kolmogoroff said Thursday he has signed an order approving a \$2 million purchase of the company's Portland area business — about 14,000 health insurance policies — by Qual-Med Oregon Health Plan Inc.
The purchase will bring Greater Oregon's assets in line with state law.
Greater Oregon insures about 47,000 people.

Portland

Police investigate stabbing of jeweler
Police are investigating the stabbing death of retired jeweler Henry James Thalman, whose body was found Wednesday in his apartment.
Squadman Dave Simpson of the Portland Police Bureau said an autopsy performed Thursday showed that Thalman, 52, had died of multiple stab wounds two or three days previously.
Thalman's car, a gray and silver 1987 Cadillac sedan bearing Oregon license plates QMT-011, had been stolen.

Oregon

Panel acts to protect historic gorge sites
HOOD RIVER — The Columbia River Gorge Commission has adopted a process to protect gorge sites that have cultural or historical significance.
Proposed developments must be evaluated for their cultural or historical value. If a project threatened an area, the developer would have to make a plan to lessen the impact.
Native Americans and other affected groups would be asked for advice on development projects.

Hillsboro man accused of running distillery

HILLSBORO — Washington County deputies accused Paul L. Vandenberg, 55, this week of manufacturing and operating a distillery without a license.
Sheriff spokeswoman Sherre Calvert said that detectives, acting on an informant's tip, seized three gallon bottles, a half-gallon bottle and three fifth of corn alcohol, plus ingredients and equipment for manufacturing and bottling alcohol. A small amount of mash was destroyed.
— From staff wire reports

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