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Editor says media is out of touch

The Associated Press
PORTLAND — The public generally feels left out of the U.S. political system, and the media hasn't done much to remedy the situation, the national editor of *Rolling Stone* magazine said at a national conference.

"Democracy is in serious decay. And my accusation is to the press, or more generally the media, are implicated in that decay," William Greider told 750 people Friday at the Investigative Reporters and Editors conference.

U.S. citizens often feel that their views are dismissed in upper reaches of political debate as uninformed lay or dumb, Greider said. He is the author of *Who Will Tell the People: The Betrayal of American Democracy*.

He said that journalism largely had abandoned its ties to the working class as reporters became better educated and more sophisticated. The media now gravitates toward people in power.

He said that journalists were able to see the upper levels of esoteric government policy-making and implementation in a way that ordinary people did not.

"I think this has produced a gradual shift in the way newspapers look not just at government, but also at the people at large," he said.

Greider thinks this is part of the reason for the public resentment against the media.

"People know they could feel when they are being addressed in a condescending manner," he said. "And a lot of the American media addresses its own audience in what is essentially a condescending manner."

Greider cited a recent *Philadelphia Inquirer* series — *America: What Went Wrong?* as an example of journalism that avoided this pitfall and explained the U.S. economy in a way that was meaningful to the reader.

"Those stories, if you read them, speak with what I call a representative voice," Greider said. "You can't read two paragraphs without understanding that they are speaking for people and they're speaking to power."

"The average reader doesn't need a college degree to understand that, you read those stories and you say, 'These guys are in there for us.'"

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Pair charged with murder of woman 13 years ago

The Associated Press
Two men have been charged with murder in the disappearance 13½ years ago of a Eugene woman who had rented a cabin on the Mendocino River for a Christmas holiday.

John Arthur Ackroyd of Sweet Home and Roger Dale Beck of Porterville, Calif., both 42, were indicted by a Jefferson County grand jury.

The men were charged with slaying Kaye Turner, who disappeared the morning before Christmas 1978.

Jefferson County authorities said they began gathering new information in the disappearance after Ackroyd's 15-year-old stepdaughter, Rachaela Lee Robbs, vanished in July 1990.

Ackroyd was arrested after getting out of work Friday night at the state Highway Department maintenance shop in Corvallis. He was being held in the Linn County jail.

Beck was arrested May 31 on a Jefferson County warrant charging him with a single murder count. He was being held in the Tulare County Jail in Visalia, Calif., and was expected to be returned to Oregon next week.

Turner was 33 when she vanished. She was the staff resources manager for the Lane County Office of Community Health and Social Services, a well-known runner, and a former executive director of the Planned Parenthood Association in Eugene.

Ackroyd was among those who reported seeing Turner the morning she vanished.

Searchers found no trace of Turner until Ackroyd led investigators to her remains about eight months after the disappearance.

Democrats select 31 delegates

The Associated Press
PORTLAND — Oregon Democrats selected 31 delegates Saturday to participate in their party's presidential nominating convention in New York City in July.

Nineteen of the delegates are committed to Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton. 12 are pledged to former California Gov. Jerry Brown.

The 31 delegates were chosen by precinct representatives at meetings in each of the five congressional districts.

The number of delegates committed to each candidate reflects the percentage of the vote that each candidate received by congressional district in the May 10th primary.

The remaining 17 delegates will be chosen next week at the party's state convention in the Portland area.

Here are the Clinton delegates:

- 1st District:** Cheryl Roper, Lane County; Jennifer Peterson, Wasco; Barbara McWhorter, Madras.
- 2nd District:** Darly Long and Ernie Yabon, The Dalles; Arthur Wilkins, Astoria; William McQuinn, Clatsop; Steve Linn, Prineas; William Brown, Seaside; and Mike Linn, Portland; Robert Parks, Rainier; Steven...
- 3rd District:** Harry Orens and James Davis, Clatsop; Barbara Taylor and Jeff...

Here are the Brown delegates:

- 1st District:** Joyce Stearns, Thomas Woods and Lisa Ann, Portland.
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