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*Colorado's tough defense stopped the Ducks dead in their tracks at the Cotton Bowl*

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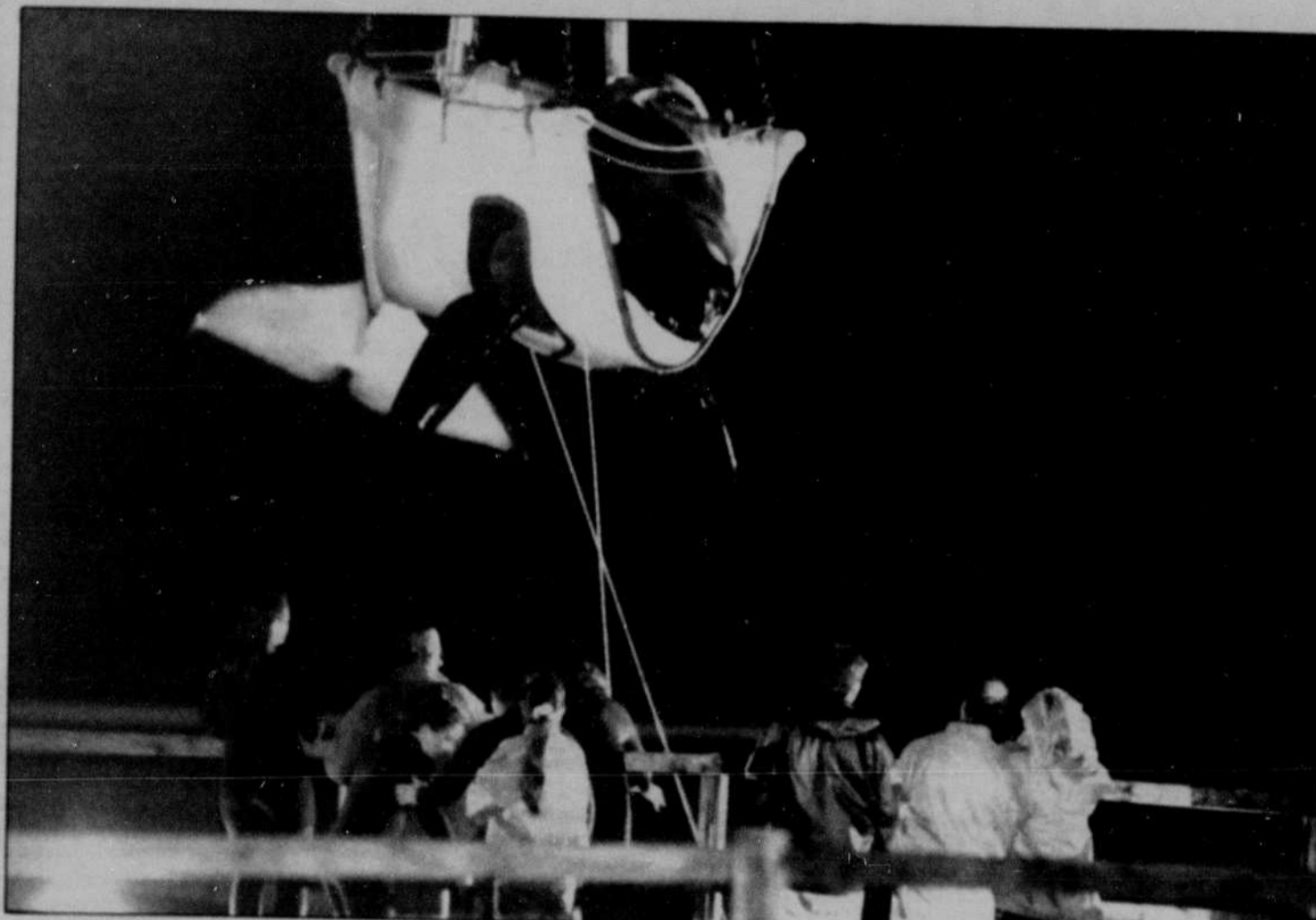
**WEATHER**

*Rain today with highs in the mid 50s*

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Thanks to numerous donations by children and corporations across the nation, the 7,720-pound Keiko safely arrived at Newport's Oregon Coast Aquarium Sunday. Experts hope Keiko's new home will prepare him for release into the wild within two years.

## Keiko splashes into Oregon

*Star of "Free Willy" arrives safely in Newport after a 20-hour journey*

**By Anne Moser-Kornfeld**  
*Entertainment Editor*

The biggest movie star in the world was greeted by cheering, sign-waving children and adults along Highway 101 Sunday. The crowd stood for hours in the pouring rain just to catch a glimpse of Keiko, the killer whale, as he moved into his latest home at the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport.

Keiko, the star of Warner Bros. Free Willy and Free Willy 2, arrived safely at the Newport Municipal Airport and was transported by police escort three and a half miles on a flatbed truck.

At the aquarium, the truck stopped beside Keiko's new rehabilitation facility and a crane lifted him from the box. Using a canvas sling donated by a San Diego sail maker, the 7,720-pound Keiko was raised to the pool's perimeter, 14 feet



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Local residents line the streets to watch the end of Keiko's long journey which began in Mexico City and ended in Newport. Signs throughout the town welcomed Keiko to his new home at the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

above the ground. Then he was lowered onto a slide-out arena where his trainers and veterinarian quickly examined him before he slipped into the water.

David Phillips, Earth Island Institute president and head of the Free Willy-Keiko Founda-

tion, said the event was the end of a "most incredible odyssey."

"Nothing comes close to the outpouring of support for Keiko. We were really thrilled to have successfully taken Keiko 3,000 miles to up here," Phillips said.

In Newport, local businesses displayed signs greeting Keiko. From businesses as diverse as a local pizzeria to a car wash sign that said "Keiko gets a free wash," the excitement local residents felt about the arrival of Keiko as the newest member of their "pod" was evident.

Until his transport to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Keiko had lived in a Mexico City amusement park called Reino Aventura since 1985. Keiko performed with dolphins and other marine life at the park.

His trainers said the dolphins were Keiko's best friends and he will miss them. But Dr. Lanny Cornell, a veterinarian from San Diego overseeing Keiko's care, said in a short while other marine mammals may join Keiko in his tank.

Keiko's arrival in Newport followed a nearly 20-hour transport. In Mexico City, more than 50,000 people stood along the streets at 3 a.m. to

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## Education receives windfall in award

■ **SCHOOLS:** \$4.2 million award creates a new program that will push for educational equality

**By Jennifer Schmitt**  
*Higher Education Reporter*

The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded a five-year contract of \$4.2 million per year to the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory.

It is the department's largest award to date aiding educators and policy makers in using research to improve schools and provide educational equality for all students, according to a news release.

The new contract will help all students meet challenging educational standards.

The organization, which serves Alaska, Idaho, Montana,

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## Book exhibit, video festival honor Martin Luther King

■ **CELEBRATION:** MLK events are designed to honor Eugene-Springfield's diversity

**By Kristin Bailey**  
*Student Activities Reporter*

The University's month-long Martin Luther King Jr. celebration begins today with two events designed to document and honor diversity.

These events, a portrait and book exhibit and a video festival, will feature works and video footage of King.

"The dream of Martin Luther King Jr. was that people of all backgrounds could live and work together in harmony and with respect for one another while appreciating the contributions that our individual differences make to the rich tapestry of our lives," said event coordi-

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