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Piedmont Loaves and Fishes opens its newly re-modeled kitchen facility at 5760 NE Cleveland St. The new equipment will make it possible to serve as many as 300 meals to the elderly. (L-r) Donna Shackelford, Florence Terry, Mary-Geneva Savage, Jill Bills, Dick Masterbrook and June R. Key. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Sunshine leaves Union Square

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — The sun has set on one of Union Square's first tenants—Sunshine Pizza—and may set on Ronaldo's Ice Cream Parlor.

According to Bill Brumm, vice-president of operations for Sunshine Pizza, "We have never been able to make enough money. This was too heavy a burden on our company."

Ronaldo Mazyck, proprietor of Ronaldo's Ice Cream Parlor, said negative publicity about the problem of prostitution on Union Avenue has caused him to temporarily close his doors.

"Rather than focusing on the positive aspects of Union Square, the major media outlets concentrated on the negative. An ice cream parlor needs families and families did not want to come around prostitution."

Mazyck also said that Union Square's developer, Howard Glazer, prioritized larger businesses rather than individual businesses. "If he was more in tune to negotiate with me as a

small businessman, I might re-open," he added.

Mazyck believes the rest is too high. "If rent was based on percentage of sales, it would help." If Mazyck can't re-negotiate his lease, he will relocate.



Union Square is subsidized in part by city money because its developer, Glazer, received a low-interest loan to pass on reasonable rent to the tenants. Officials at Sunshine Pizza sent out an S.O.S. for a direct infusion of funds but Steve Peterson, Director of Economic Development for the Portland Development Commission, said the city's loan program did not cover direct involvement in businesses.

Peterson added that a long-term

marketing program and advertising campaign was being developed for Union Square. "But Sunshine Pizza's immediate need was cash."

Sam Brooks, President of the North/Northeast Business Boosters, said Sunshine's leaving would impact the area "greatly."

"Having a restaurant was something the neighborhood asked for," Brooks said he felt the clientele for Sunshine Pizza could have picked up if the restaurant had given that area more time to accept and help shape the menu. "In the first three or four months you are going to lose money. You just hope you can outlast it," he added.

Both Brooks and Peterson said the top priority would be to find a replacement tenant. The lease is still owned by Sunshine Pizza and it is expected that they will have a say in who the new tenant will be. Tom Delvin, President of Sunshine Pizza, was unavailable for comment and Brooks said he would welcome a new advertising and marketing plan for Union Square.

Death squads hit Peru

by Robert Lothian

In a dangerous development, death squad activity has spread to Peru. Amnesty International, the prestigious human rights group, reports the death or disappearance of over 1,000 Peruvians, and human rights abuses occurring on an unprecedented scale.

"Government forces have launched a brutal campaign that has resulted in the 'disappearance' of more than 1,000 men, women and children," Amnesty said in a report released in December. "Hundreds of others have been killed in custody, often after torture," the report continues.

"Human rights violations on this scale are unprecedented in modern Peru," and the true scale of the abuses

by government forces is unknown, according to Amnesty.

The atrocities began after the Peruvian military declared 13 of Peru's 140 provinces an emergency zone and launched a campaign against the Sendero Luminoso ("Shining Path") guerilla movement. The Maoist guerrillas themselves have been for scores of execution-style killings and torture of civilians, Amnesty said.

Relatives of the disappeared in the emergency zone have learned to look for their loved ones in roadside dumping grounds, at the risk of being threatened with death by soldiers patrolling the roads, says Amnesty.

Atrocities have been committed

against peasants, local leaders, even grade school students. "Young people appear to be a favorite target of these vicious attacks," and the death or disappearance of 76 teenagers and children under 18 has been documented, said Amnesty.

"Security patrols have raided schools as well as villages and homes to take away victims. All young people appear to be suspect — and so liable to disappearance — in areas where the guerrillas are active."

Amnesty said documents and testimonies have come directly from families and community representatives, churches, trade unions, human rights organizations and lawyers.

Zimbabwe prepares for elections

by N. Fungai Kumbula

At the end of February, Zimbabwe's Parliament will be dissolved to make way for national elections scheduled for early March. These will be the first national elections to be held since Zimbabwe attained independence almost five years ago. The Constitution calls for elections every five years.

In the first truly national elections held in December 1979, there were ten Black parties contesting but the number has since dwindled to five. The rest have folded due to loss of members who defected to the remaining five. The biggest beneficiary of such defections has been the ruling ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union) led by the Prime Minister, Robert Mugabe. In fact, ZANU has picked up members from all the other nine parties thus at least doubling its membership.

In the last elections, ZANU won 73 percent of the popular vote and 57 of the 80 seats set aside for the Black majority (out of a total of 100) in the National Assembly. This time around, ZANU is expected to do even better for a variety of reasons.

First, the quiet but firm leadership Mugabe has provided it's popularly acknowledged to be unsurpassable by any of his contemporaries and would-be rivals. It is arguable whether there is anyone on the world scene today who could have done a better

job given the handicaps Mugabe was faced with when he took office just five short years ago.

That he will be returned as Prime Minister, therefore, is not in doubt. The debate centers instead on how large a majority he will win this time. Even his worst detractors grudgingly admit he has done a superb job. Some of his more spectacular successes:

He has successfully molded into one nation a country that for more than 15 years was riven by civil war — the War of Independence — a country that was torn by racial strife and racial hatred (a mini South Africa), and regional animosities stirred by the then myopic regime of Ian Smith. Today we have come full circle: discrimination based on race, creed, colour or sex is illegal. All citizens of Zimbabwe are now protected by the Constitution, even those who formerly practiced discrimination.

Where once there were three separate and mutually antagonistic armies and half a dozen other militias each owing allegiance to some regional leader, there is now one national army: an army that owes allegiance to the state and now some particular leader, organization or clique.

The police force, long used as an instrument of oppression, suppression and repression by successive colonial regimes and one puppet regime (Muzorewa's), has been re-oriented, redi-

rected and retrained to serve the people. Now, instead of harassing, torturing, tormenting and sometimes murdering people merely for demanding equality and justice, the police protect lives and property. When the police visit us, one is no longer tempted to run off in the opposite direction.

Schools, hospitals, clinics, parks, neighborhoods, playcenters, shopping facilities, sidewalks, restaurants, nightclubs, discotheques, libraries, ballot booths, sports clubs, colleges, the university, government ministries, cinemas, playhouses, hotels, tourist centers are now all open to everyone who wishes to visit and/or use them. The change, considering it's been only five years, had to be experienced to be believed. The composition of the governing bodies from the local to the national levels now more accurately reflect the ethnic composition of Zimbabwe. Blacks who constitute 98 percent of the population now control almost all of the country's major district, town and city councils, and, course, the national government. All other ethnic groups are represented in accordance with their numbers.

In the 26 member Cabinet appointed by the Prime Minister, for example, two of the Ministers (Agriculture and Public Service), are white as are two other Deputy Ministers. The names of most all the major cities and (Please turn to Page 10, Column 3)

Dick Bogle settles into assignments, stresses Affirmative Action

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — Balancing competing interests is the strategy employed by Portland's newest City Commissioner, Dick Bogle, as he settles down with his new bureau assignments.

Mayor Bud Clark assigned Bogle as Commissioner of Water, Environmental Services (sewers), Bureau of Personnel and the Office of General Services.

"My success will be measured on how realistic my own philosophy is and how quickly it gets inculcated to those bureau managers. When those managers take action it has to be reflective of the Bogle philosophy," he added.

Bogle has yet to define what his philosophy is, "because it will differ from bureau to bureau. During the campaign I stressed the City's Affirmative Action record. It's dismal. I plan to impact Affirmative

Action. One of the first briefings I had outside my staff was on Affirmative Action."

In addressing Affirmative Action Bogle will run head on into a civil service system that can and has been manipulated by bureau managers who either retire a civil service list (with qualified minorities) or tailor a job description with a certain candidate in mind. Bogle said he would address these institutional concerns one at a time.

With Environmental Services, Bogle said, "There are some really heavy issues with the annexation of East County. Environmental Quality is concerned about groundwater pollution from septic tanks, but we have homebuilders and contractors who want to build homes." Bogle said he would utilize the course of action that addresses the needs of most of the people.

Bogle is unique among City Commissioners because he left City Hall



DICK BOGLE

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)