

**Santa Fe Roast  
Turkey**  
*The new Southwestern  
Cuisine*



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**Donna Knight  
Crowned Miss  
Black Oregon**  
*Shedding tears of Joy,  
Knight could only mutter  
"thank you" to an ecstatic  
crowd.*



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**Brandy**  
*Her irrepressible good  
humor, perkiness, and  
penchant for shopping make  
her a typical 15-year-old*



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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Voter Shift Expected To Hurt

If history is a predictor of the future, the results of national voting to the political right, portends bad news for American blacks. Historically, Republicans and conservatives have adopted positions ranging from mild opposition to down right hostility to social programs which most blacks believe beneficial. The move to the right appeared to have been led by disaffected white males who felt liberals and Democrats had given too much attention to blacks, homosexuals and to various pro-women issues.

### Bias Continues In Mortgages

A federal agency has reported that efforts to end mortgage loan discrimination against minorities appears to be producing positive results. But the report found that the mortgage rejection rate is still much higher for blacks and Hispanics than for whites and Asians.

### FBI To Investigate Shooting

The FBI says it will investigate the Lexington, Ky. shooting of a black teenager which touch off rioting by over 200 blacks in the city. The white officer involved in the shooting claims his gun went off accidentally. Antonio Sullivan, 18, was shot in the head. When news of the incident spread, rioting erupted, cars were overturned and at least five police vehicles were damaged and seven people were arrested.

### NAACP Reduces Staff

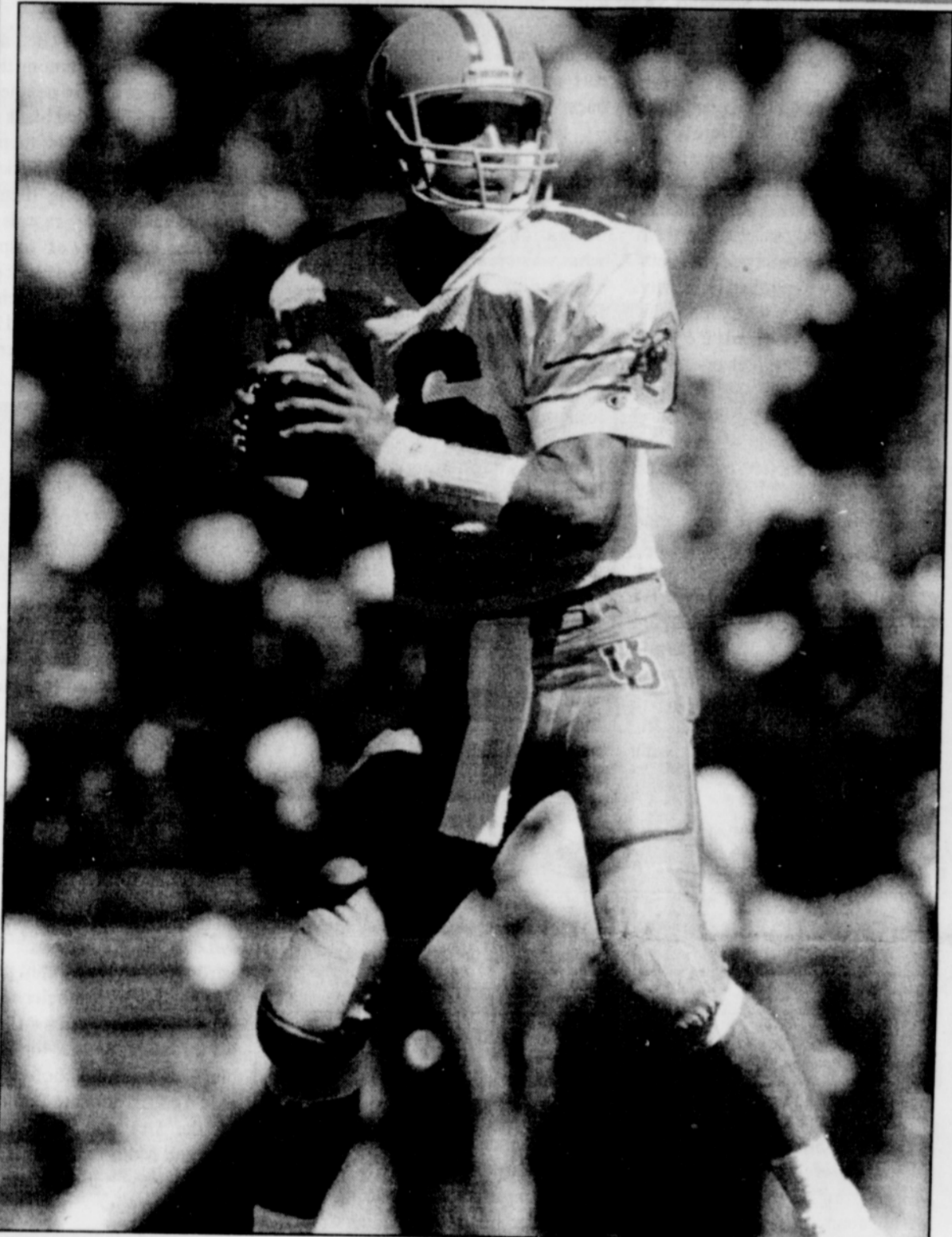
The financial plight of the nation's leading civil rights organization has gotten so desperate that it has been forced to furlough 80 members of its staff because it could not pay them. Interim administrator Earl Shinhoster said the two-week layoff affected all but 29 employees of the NAACP's national staff.

### Groups Say Civil Rights Movement Failed

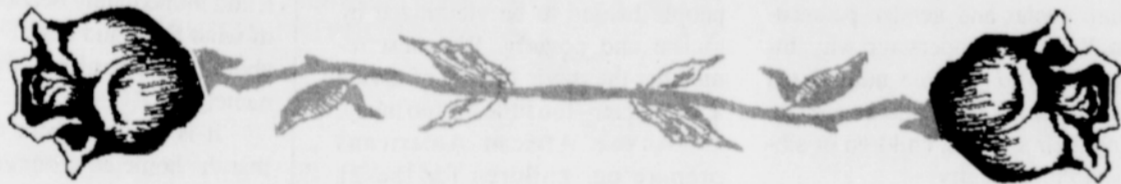
A group of civil rights activists from the 60s and early 70s recently gathered at a Connecticut college to reflect on the progress of the movement. The conclusion emerging from the gathering was that there was little to celebrate. University of Wisconsin professor Herbert Hill told nearly 250 people assembled that the high point of the civil rights movement was the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and that "there has been a massive retreat ever since." He concluded, "abolishing legal racism did not produce racial equality."

### Aristide's Premier Accepted

Haiti's Parliament has approved President Jean Bertrand Aristide's selection of Smarck Michel, a 57-year-old businessman, as the country's prime minister.



Danny O'Neil, Quarterback for University of Oregon Ducks, leads the team to the Rose Bowl, Jan. 2 in Pasadena, California (see story on sports, B2).



## Racketeering Law Takes Aim At Gangs

BY PROMISE KING

**T**he fortress of the inner north and northeast gang world may be crumbling as the Multnomah County District Attorney's office prosecutes 17 suspected gang members before Oregon Circuit Court Judge Robert Redding.

Sources reveal that some gangsters have made inquiry about the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act [RICO] being used in their arrests. They realize the law has a legal punch that could put them behind bars for a very long period.

The Portland Observer has learned that those who used to pound their chest as gang lords are bailing out to Seattle, Tacoma and California.

Others are seeking places to hide, pending the prosecution.

It has also been learned, that some gangsters are hoping to fan up support among African-American organizations, but black leaders appear to support the criminal indictment recently filed against them.

James Posey, a community activist, said the African-American community in Portland does not support the gangs.

Roy Washington, program director at the Minority Youth Concerns Action Program (MYCAP) said police deserve every cooperation from the community.

"People are tired of the shooting, people are tired of funerals and are tired of the drugs. There must be a stop and there should be a stop to

all these problems," Washington said.

After nine months of investigation, the district attorney's office and Portland Police, used the racketeering law to slam the indictment against the 17 suspects of the Bloods gang, operating in north and northeast portland.

The main face of the act was patterned in 1970 after a federal law to contain the mafia.

The law applies to people who commit or conspire to commit a pattern of crimes as part of a group for which a key characteristic is criminal activity. Racketeering carries a maximum prison sentence of 20 years and/or a \$300,000 fine.

Racketeering can include an act or threat involving, murder, kidnapping, gambling, arson, robbery, bribery, extortion, dealing in obscene matters, or dealing in narcotic or other dangerous drugs.

The question of whether the racketeering enterprise needs to be accompanied by an underlying economic motive, has kept prosecutors from using the act against street gangs who may not have financial motives.

But the Supreme Court has cleared the air, ruling early this year that prosecutors don't have to prove economic motives.

"RICO contains no economic motive requirement," the court ruled.

Chunk French, a deputy district attorney, said the authorities are battle ready.

"The law has been used before," he said.

## Apartment Burns, Man Charged

An early Sunday morning fire in an apartment complex at Northeast 29th and Killingsworth has resulted in the arrest of a man charged with arson.

Kenneth Bernard Bevens, 35, is accused of starting the fire inside the stairway of the 8-unit complex at 5517 N.E. 29th. He was taken into custody and lodged in the Multnomah County Justice Center jail.

Fire department officials said the building's occupants were able to escape unharmed. When firefighters arrived about 3:30 a.m., flames were shooting out a doorway and upstairs window.

## Study Predicts Urban Ills

**T**he Willamette Valley will see more urban sprawl, more traffic and higher housing costs in the next 20 years, according to a new survey by University of Oregon researchers.

The study documents how growth has affected the livability of the valley from 1970 to 1990 and projects future trends.

"You're seeing the valley struggle with historic and projected population growth," says Matt Malone, lead author of the study. "The growth is likely to continue and will increase the pressure to develop land that is now set aside for farm and forest uses."

Another trend will put pressure on social services. The study shows that per capita income in Oregon is three percent below the national average. The number of people living below the poverty line increased by 150,000 during the study period.

"If these trends continue," Malone says, "20 years from now we will see the number of Oregonians living in poverty increase by another half million people."

Malone says he was surprised by the kind of development that has occurred in the urban growth boundaries around incorporated cities. The state

of Oregon set up a land use management system for the entire state in 1973 based on the notion that urban area zones would conserve land by concentrating dwellings and businesses into smaller lots.

That hasn't happened. Instead, the study shows, new developments generally are spread out over larger lots than the land use planner expected.

This trend means that cities will use up the land within their urban growth boundaries much sooner than anticipated, Malone said.

**Other findings about the 1970-1990 trends include:**

- Population increased by 500,000 and is growing even faster now. The study projects another 700,000 Oregonians by 2012.
- Urban sprawl increased by 91 percent. Mixed farm and forest land decreased by 43 percent.
- Traffic nearly doubled.
- Median housing values increased by more than 400 percent. Median rent increased about 650 percent.

• Willamette Valley residents drank, bathed, washed and sprinkled their lawns with an estimated 1.1 billion gallons of water per day in 1990.

## PCC Opens New Library

**A** new library and classrooms on the Cascade campus of Portland Community College opened Monday.

The \$4.5 facility was made possible by voter-approved bonds in May 1992.

The library is a two-story, 25,000 square foot structure, which can seat 317 people, more than four times as many students as the old library. The addition contains a state-of-the-art multi-media classroom, a faculty multi-media production area, a conference room and seven small study rooms.

A third story, with five classrooms and faculty offices will be ready for winter term classes.

SRG Partnership architects created the library's design with classic features, an atrium skylight and a dramatic circular staircase.

The library faces North Killingsworth Street across from Jefferson High School.