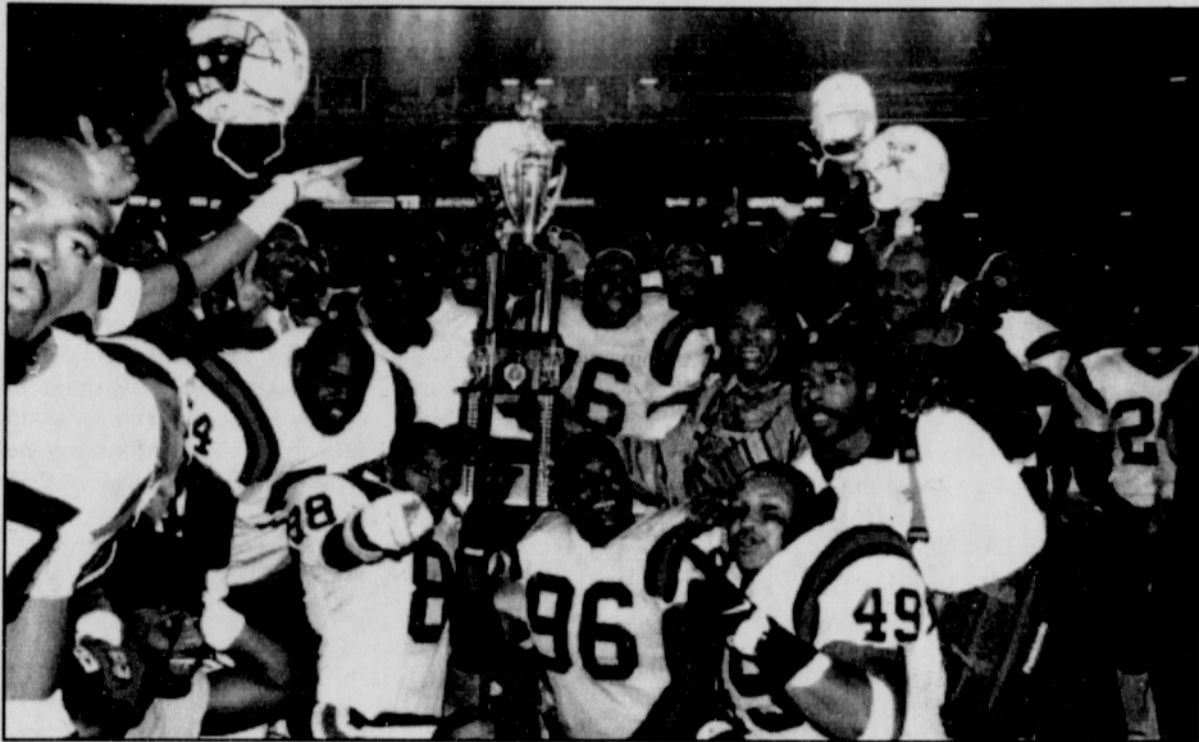




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Celebrating victory in the annual Gold Coast Classic.

Excitement Grows for San Diego's Gold Coast Classic

The Fourth Annual Gold Coast Classic is a reality with all the excitement of black college football, scheduled for San Diego, Calif., Nov. 12-18. This year, Texas Southern University will meet Norfolk State University at Qualcomm Stadium, Saturday, Nov. 18. Qualcomm, the home of San Diego Chargers and Padres, is the only place big enough to accommodate the expected crowd which in the past three years has exceeded 22,000 attendees. But, the Gold Coast Classic is more than a football game and it's open to everyone, not just African-Americans, who dominate this only presentation of black college football on the West Coast each year. Other highlights of the six-day cele-

bration include a scholarship pageant with cash prizes to the king & queen of the Gold Classic, a college fair and career expo that not only attracts representatives from historically Black Colleges and Universities, but thousands high school and college students from Southern California. There will be a Celebrity Golf Tournament at beautiful Torrey Pines, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. This event fills quickly as there are only 144 prime positions for participants. While celebrities are at Torrey Pines the Friday morning before the game, the annual coaches luncheon will get underway at the Sea World Pavilion Park where both teams will enjoy an exciting pregame tradition.

Those looking additional excitement will find it at the Battle of the Bands and Step Show which takes place at the Cox Arena at San Diego State University, for the third year in a row. A capacity crowd of thousands is anticipated for this event. Game day starts with a community parade of floats, marching bands and motorcades of all kinds. The Marching Bands of Norfolk State and Texas Southern University will lead this tradition which draws thousands along the parade route. The pregame shows and game itself will take place at Qualcomm Stadium, ending with fireworks display that will make the day complete. For ticket information and group sales call (619) 262-2244.

Goodbye BlazerVision, Hello BlazerCable

The Portland Trail Blazers have announced they will move non-network televised games to cable. A partnership formed between the Blazers and AT&T Broadband means games previously available only on pay-per-view will be on basic cable service. "We are thrilled to be able to reach more fans and give them access to more TV games," said Harry Hutt,

Blazers Senior VP of Marketing. Twenty-four games will be seen through AT&T's Standard Cable package and will not require additional fees. Blazer fans can also watch another 24 games on KGW. The Blazers made big bucks last year when their pay-per-view games sold so well, but AT&T couldn't fill all the orders.

Several last minute subscribers got blank screens when they tried to watch games down the stretch run. BlazerCable broadcasts will resemble BlazerVision, with live pre- and post-game shows. Games will also be re-broadcast in a late-night time slot. The first BlazerCable regular-season game will be broadcast Nov. 2 against the Phoenix Suns.

Knee Injury Sidelines Blazers Star Sabonis

Portland Trail Blazers center Arvydas Sabonis could miss the first few weeks of the NBA season after arthroscopic surgery Friday revealed torn cartilage in his left knee, the team said. Sabonis, 35, had been practicing despite being slowed by off-season

surgery on his injured right foot. The knee injury apparently occurred earlier this week during routine drills. The Blazers said Sabonis had a small tear of the meniscus in his left knee and was expected to be out "several weeks." The foot injury occurred in a game

against Detroit on March 22. Sabonis was lightly shoved underneath the basket by the Pistons' Christian Laettner, and Sabonis crashed to the floor, his right foot pinned underneath him. His right foot was sprained, and Sabonis missed nine games.

Ducks Up to No. 7 in AP Poll

They're ranked up there in the same neighborhood with traditional powers such as Florida State, and even within sight of No. 1 Nebraska. Heady stuff for the No. 7 Oregon Ducks, who have earned their highest national ranking since they also were seventh 36 years ago.

Oregon jumped two places in the poll with a 28-17 victory over Southern California on Saturday. The Ducks are 5-1 overall, with their only loss coming at Wisconsin, and the 3-0 Pac-10 start is their best since 1957. If they continue to roll, they may get to pay a return visit to the Los Angeles area, to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. "We feel we can beat anybody, but I haven't heard anybody in this locker room talk about the Rose Bowl. We are always so focused on the one game each week," said Oregon's Keenan Howry, who had eight catches for 126 yards against the Trojans.

Oregon, which has beaten Washington, UCLA and USC in a single season for the first time since 1948, plays Arizona this Saturday in Eugene in a match of the only teams with unblemished Pac-10 records. "This win is really going to give us a lot of momentum going into the next game," Maurice Morris said after he turned in a blue-collar workday—32 carries for 87 yards—as the Ducks beat USC for the third straight time. Joey Harrington, who shredded the Trojans' secondary for 382 yards and four touchdowns, thought the Ducks' performance was their best so far.

Walking For Fitness at Lloyd Center

Millions of Americans can take strides to help reduce their risk of developing heart disease by joining a unique health and fitness initiative that will be launched in Portland and more than 30 cities across America. WalkSport America is a one-of-a-kind health and fitness program to help fight heart disease by launching a heart disease prevention mall-walking program across the United States. Women and men in Portland will participate in the kick-off event at Lloyd Center Mall on Friday at 12 p.m. WalkSport America promotes exercise and a healthy diet as the first steps in helping to reduce the risk of heart disease, which afflicts more than 58 million Americans and remains the number one cause of death in the United States. The Lloyd Center walk will feature Sara Donovan, WalkSport founder and nationally recognized walking expert.

Justin Goe Out Of Intensive Care

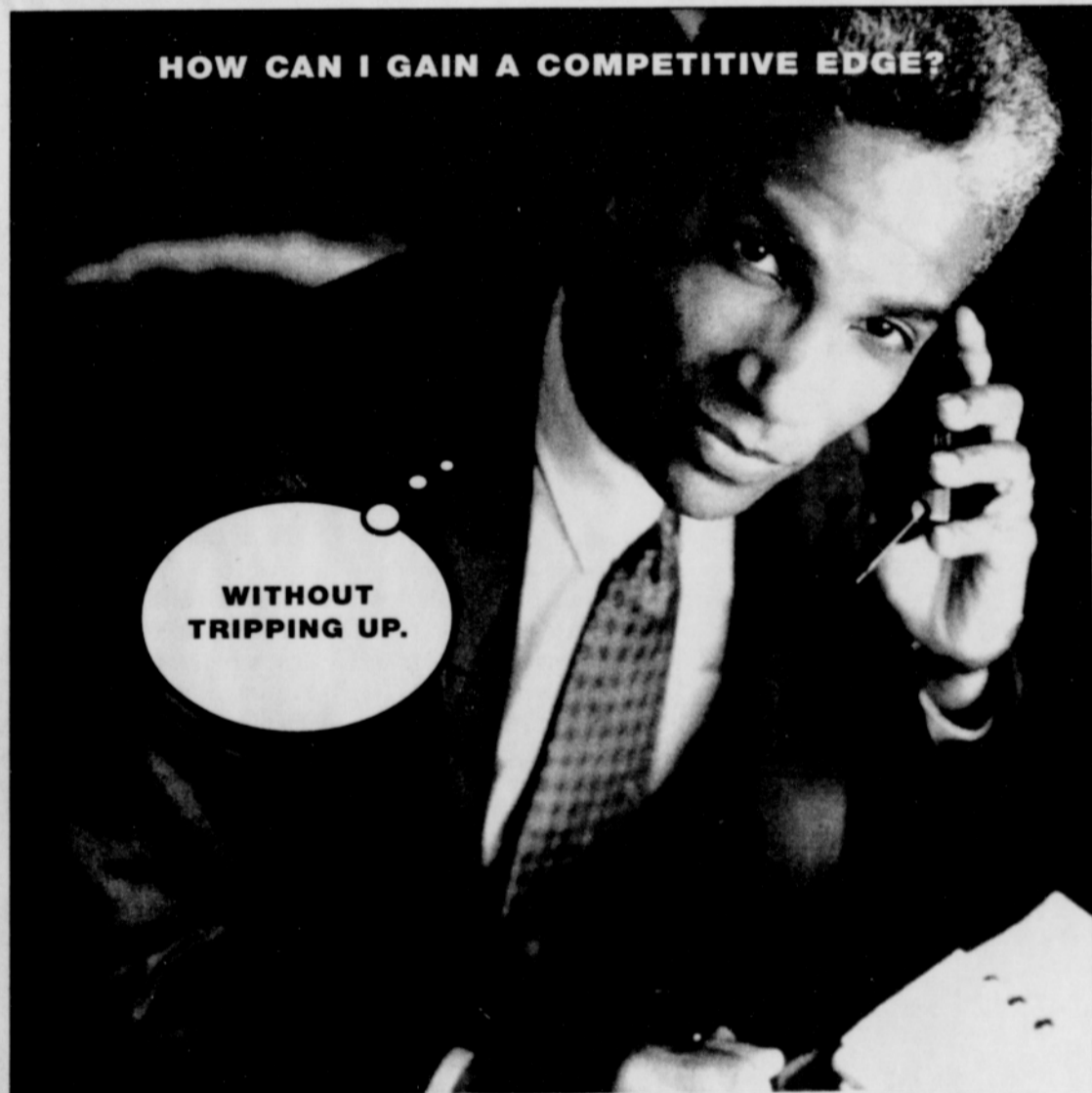
Justin Goe was moved out of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Oregon Health Sciences University's Doernbecher Children's Hospital last week and is in fair condition. Justin suffered a subdural hematoma and a compressed brain stem during a high school football game on Sept. 28. His parents say he is now moving all of his extremities, has stood up with the help of two people, washed his own face, brushed his own teeth and is answering questions in short sentences. Justin will be transferred to Legacy Rehabilitation.

Former Power Guard To Coach

Falisha Wright has been hired as an assistant coach for the Portland State Women Basketball team. Wright is no stranger to Portland as was a member of the Portland Power from 1996-1998. With the Power, she was starting point guard and helped the team go from a last-place finish in 1996-97 to a Western Conference Championship the following year. She led the power in assists and steals and shot 35.5% from beyond the three-point percentage and minutes before the league ceased operations in December 1998. Before playing professional basketball, Wright attended San Diego State University. She was a four-year starter on the basketball team and was twice voted team captain. She helped the Aztecs to three straight NCAA post-season appearances and was a three-time All-Western Athletic Conference first-team selection and a three-time All-American honorable mention pick.

Ailment Ends Mourning's Season

Alonzo Mourning, one of the league's top centers and the key player in the Miami Heat's quest for an NBA title, will sit out this season to undergo treatment for a kidney ailment. Doctors treating Mourning said that the illness that had sidelined him indefinitely was focal glomerulosclerosis, which leads to kidney failure in more than half the cases.



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