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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

At least 16 dead in Israeli bus explosion

In Karkur Junction, Israel, a car pulled alongside a commuter bus and exploded Monday, trapping passengers in the flaming vehicle. Sixteen people were killed and 30 wounded in what police said was a suicide attack.

Rule to boost generic drugs

President Bush will soon announce a plan to make it easier to get generic drugs, a move that an administration official says will save consumers and governments \$3 billion a year. The administration hopes it will take effect after 60 days.

Va. shooting linked to sniper; two men held

Authorities linked Saturday night's serious wounding of a man in Richmond, Va. with the sniper killings that have terrorized the region since Oct. 2. And they announced that two men are being questioned over the incidents. Police are also combing a white van for evidence.

Women fare better in recession than men

Women have become more recession-proof than men. For the third economic downturn in a row, the unemployment rate for men is running higher than the women's rate — a flip-flop from the months directly preceding the downturns, when men fared better.

Drug activists to rally against Dior perfume

Anti-drug and addiction-recovery groups plan rallies to persuade Dior to stop marketing Addict, its cosmetic and perfume line that is seen to trivialize a critical public health issue.

Council may allow use of medicinal marijuana

A City Council committee in San Diego, Ca., proposed allowing ailing people to have up to three pounds of marijuana and grow up to 72 plants for their own use. The full Council would have to approve the proposal. The city is trying to implement Proposition 215, a state measure allowing medical use of marijuana.

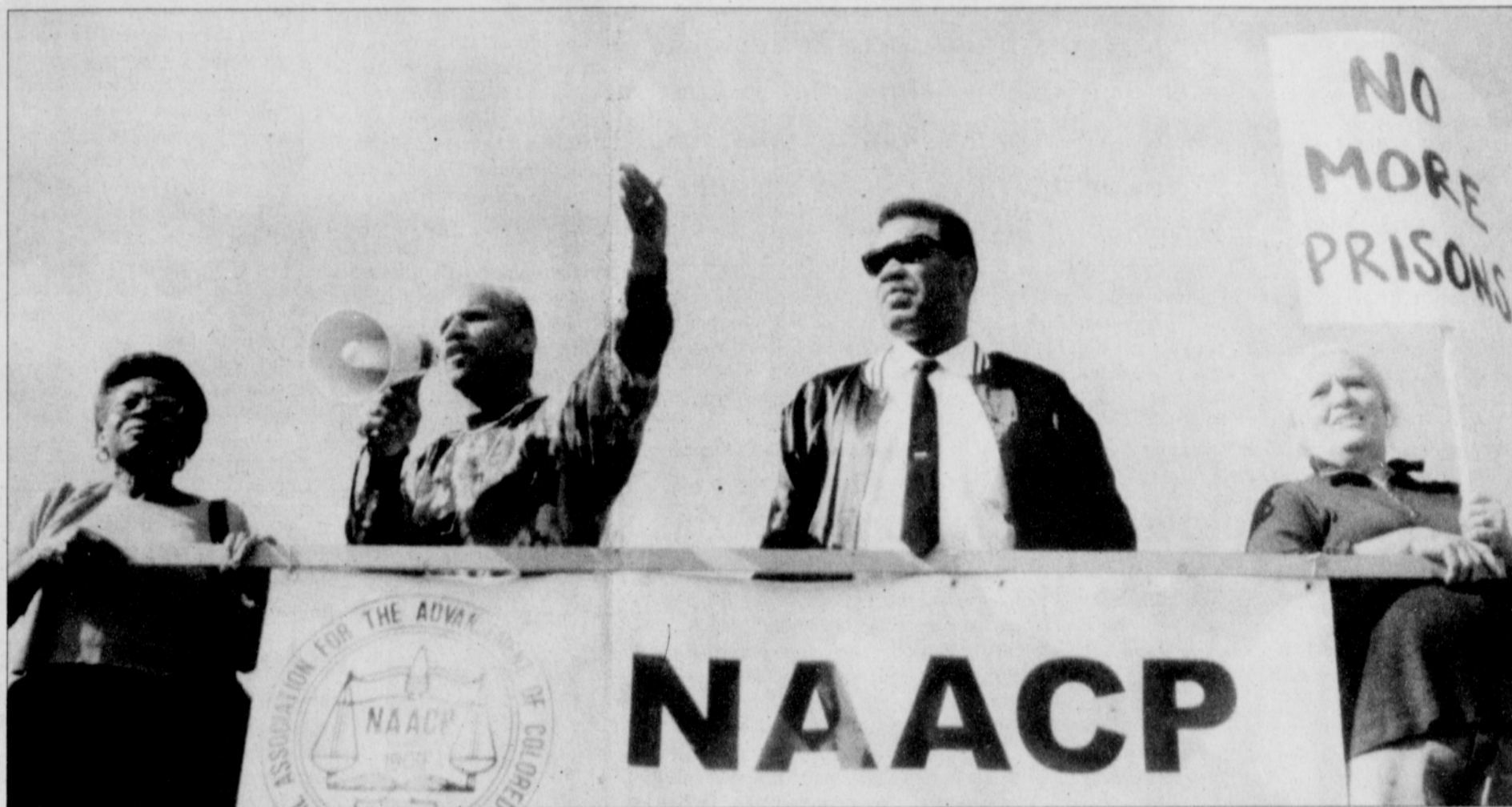
Parvo outbreak in Salem

Wildlife officials said local pet owners should vaccinate their dogs against Parvo virus after two raccoons died of the disease at an animal rehabilitation facility in West Salem. Parvo virus can kill dogs by attacking the lining of the digestive system and causing dehydration.

Ill. hearings could spare 167 on death row

Illinois will begin two weeks of clemency hearings that could spare all 167 murderers on the state's death row from execution. Death penalty historians say such mass commutations would be unprecedented.

Marchers Demand Equality



Helen Sherman, A.L. "Skipper" Osborne, LC Oddie, and Frances O'Holloran rally to protest racial inequities in the criminal justice system. The peaceful demonstration and march was followed by an open "mike" session at Irving Park where marchers asked for greater police oversight and decreased targeting of African Americans.

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Grievances include police harassment, drug free zones

BY DAVID PLECHL
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Over 100 demonstrators marched through northeast Portland Saturday calling for an end to racially biased police practices and unequal treatment.

Speakers questioned the fairness of the city's drug free zones, harassment by police and continued racial profiling.

A.L. "Skipper" Osborne, president of the local chapter of the NAACP organized the march in cooperation with the Police Accountability Campaign.

Osborne thinks minorities are unfairly targeted by police and incarcerated by a racially biased justice system.

"The whole purpose of this march is our protection under the 14th Amendment," he

said.

The amendment guarantees equal protection under the law.

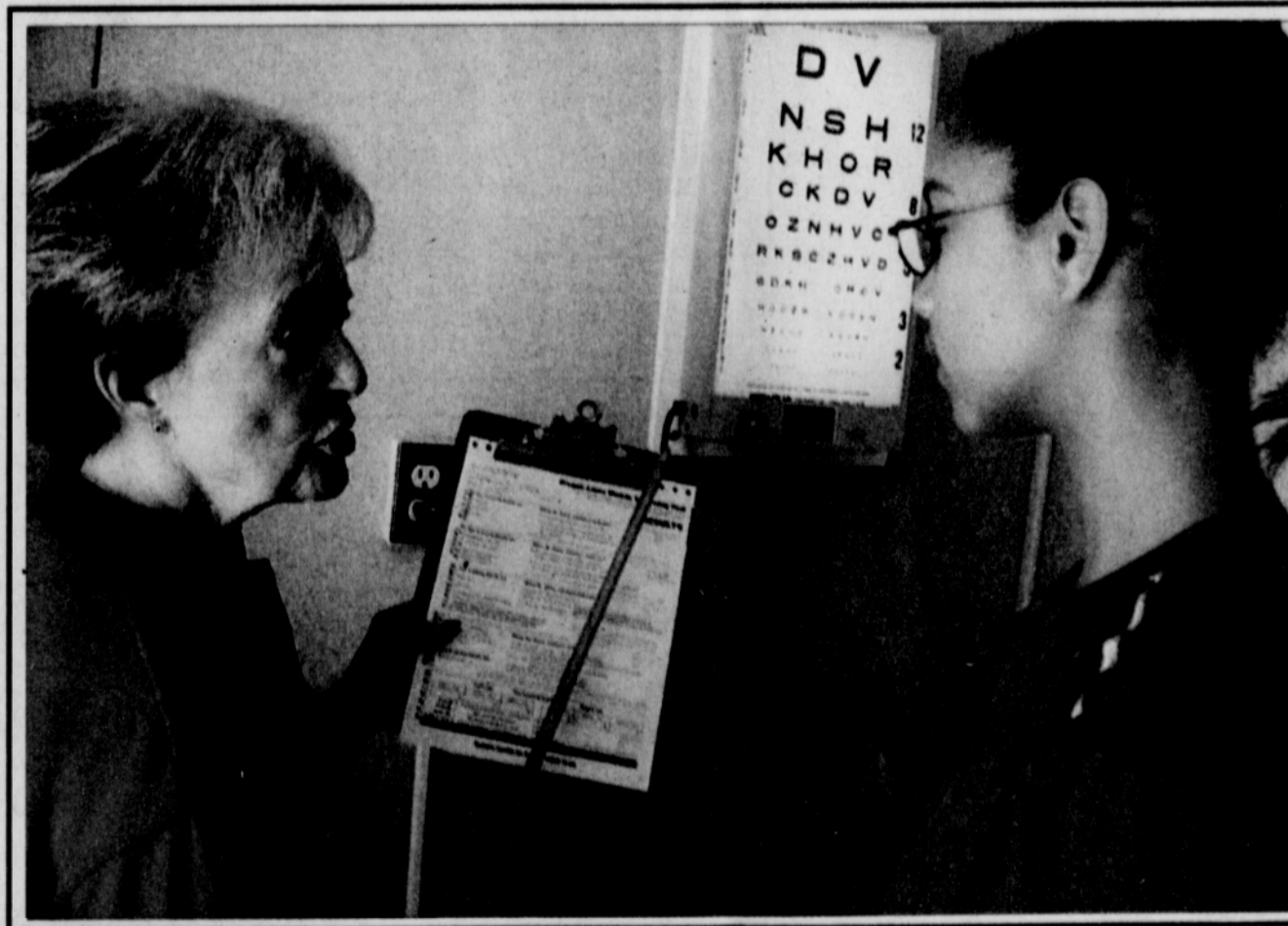
Area residents Lisa Clay and close friend Billie Jean McCrae, both toting canes and wielding megaphones, led marchers with booming chants.

People are strong when they stand together for a cause," McCrae said. "Human

rights have been something we've been fighting for, for years. A change can come if we work together."

Clay met the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when she was just 10 years old. Tired of what she sees as police brutality against young people and people

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Wellness Village Checkup

Dr. Nathalie McDowell Johnson consults with patient Cecilia McCoy at the African American Health Coalition's Wellness Village. The free health screening event drew hundreds of local residents to the Blazers Boys and Girls Club on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Saturday. The coalition was formed to improve the health of local African Americans. See related story and photo, page A6.

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Jazz Club Ties Past to Present

New venue mixes nightly music and African American ties

BY WYNDE DYER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
A new jazz club opens this week on southeast Belmont that gives tribute to Portland's jazz glory days when some of the most popular nightclubs in the Northwest lined north Williams Avenue.

The Blue Monk, 3341 S.E. Belmont, will feature live music every night after 9 p.m. and the beginnings of Portland's 'Unofficial Jazz Museum.'

Owner Tim Gallineau, who shot a documentary on Portland's jazz glory days, has collected hundreds of photographs from the 40s, 50s and early 60s when the various nightclubs lined Williams Avenue, serving as popular stopping grounds for traveling musicians on the jazz circuit.

"There was pretty much no place else to

stop between San Francisco and Seattle," Gallineau said. "Everybody knew it was a jumpin' scene. Downtown Portland was still so segregated at the time, but there was a 10 to 12 block radius around Williams Avenue, where all the African-Americans would gather each night and spend their money from working in the shipyards, or wherever. It was just night club after night club and without a doubt one of the most exciting places to be for jazz at the time."

Gallineau, who also runs a website called PortlandJazz.com, felt compelled to get together photos and narratives from the musicians, friends and families from the hey days of jazz because he believes their story is of serious importance to Portland's cultural history.

A vintage photograph of Sweet Baby James Benton, from Portland's jazz glory days on North Williams Avenue, line the walls of the Blue Monk on Southeast Belmont in what owner Tim Gallineau calls his 'unofficial jazz museum.'

"A lot of these guys are in their 70s and 80s," he said. "I want to give people this knowledge that would otherwise be lost. Much of this first hand information may not be around much longer."

Anyone who wants to get that first-hand information can come hear The Original Cats



play at The Blue Monk for the grand opening Friday, Oct. 25. The Cat's lineup consists of violist Sweet Baby James Benton, trombonist Cleve Williams, Bob Hernandez on sax and Bobby Bradford on trumpet. Benton is

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