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## Week in The Review

### Race Factor in Youth Poll

From their relationships to their jobs to their money, young white Americans are happier with life than their minority counterparts. According to a survey by the Associated Press and MTV, 72 percent of whites say they are happy with life in general, compared with 51 percent of Hispanics and 56 percent of blacks. See story, page A2.

### Obama: Redeploy Troops

Democrat Barack Obama said Tuesday the recent increase in American troops in Iraq may well have helped tamp down violence, but he insisted there is no military solution to the country's problems and U.S. forces should be redeployed soon. See story, page A2.



### Vick Admits Dogfighting

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick said through a lawyer Monday that he will plead guilty to federal dogfighting conspiracy charges, an admission that likely will mean prison time. See story, page A2.



### Knights Pledge \$100 Million

Phil Knight, Nike co-founder and alumnus of the University of Oregon, and his wife, Penny, have pledged \$100 million to form an athletic endowment at the school with the ultimate goal is to sustain Oregon's athletic department in perpetuity. In the short term, it will jump-start the university's plan to build a \$180 million basketball arena.

### Spanking Case Settled

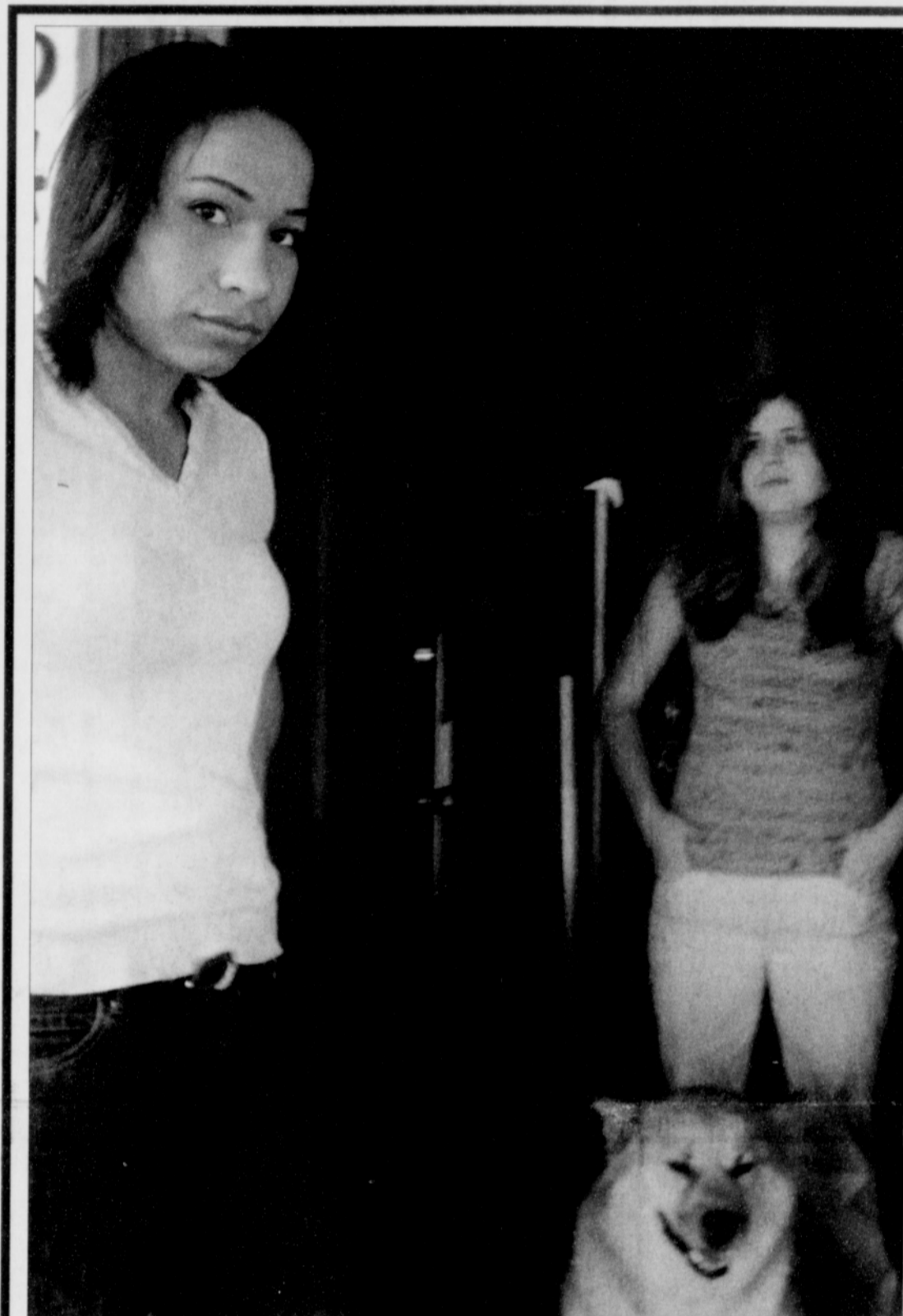
Two 13-year-old McMinnville boys accused of slapping girls' bottoms and poking or cupping girls' breasts at school apologized on Monday as a judge dismissed charges against the two, ending a six-month case that drew national attention.

### Hurricane Hits Mexico

Hurricane Dean slammed into the Caribbean coast of Mexico on Tuesday as a roaring Category 5 hurricane, the most intense Atlantic storm to make landfall in two decades. It lashed remote Mayan villages as it raced across the Yucatan Peninsula to the heart of Mexico's oil industry.

### Shuttle Lands Safely

Space shuttle Endeavour returned to Earth safely Tuesday, ending a nearly two-week orbital drama that centered on a deep gouge in the shuttle's belly and an early homecoming prompted by a hurricane.



Cyreena Boston (left) talks with Angel Williams as she goes door to door in her campaign for State Representative in House District 45, covering parts of northeast Portland and Parkrose.

## Activist Makes Legislative Run

Cyreena Boston  
files to 'get  
things done'

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Inner-city activist Cyreena Boston wants to redirect Salem lawmakers' focus on quality-of-life issues concerning the part of Portland best known for its proximity to the airport.

Boston, 27, has identified as a grassroots activist since she joined St. Andrews' Portland Organizing Project at the age of 10, but only

north and northeast Portland.

"This neighborhood has been identified by so many geographic hallmarks: the airport, the Grotto, the Sandy/82nd intersection, but it's an interesting area to live in, because it really, truly is to me the heart of central northeast Portland," she says. "This district has its connection with traditional, central northeast Portland, but it's also the connecting factor as you head eastward towards Parkrose."

In redefining her district as a crucial link, Boston hopes to draw legislative attention and funds for the education, transportation, health and public-safety issues that

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recently has she considered a seat in the Capitol the best means of affecting change.

Monday she formally announced her run for Oregon House District 45, a position that could make her the youngest and only African-American member of the Oregon House of Representatives.

Acknowledging how easy it has been for lawmakers to ignore her district, squeezed between the airport and Interstate 84, she hopes to highlight how this semi-urban area is starting to experience the same problems that had been previously associated with the areas between

she believes are critical to such a community in transition.

She and her neighborhood may "have the most to benefit from good government," but she believes in being a Democrat not out of a need for the system to do something for her. Rather, she claims to have learned how to use the system to get things done, a sentiment that has already attracted dozens of high-profile supporters.

Before quitting her job this month as a Democratic Party outreach director, she began the work

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## Marijuana Advocates Defend Law

Strict rules  
protect  
controversial  
medicine

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

If medical-marijuana activists were fazed by the latest political onslaughts, they did their best to hide their feelings.

Business proceeded as usual at this month's cardholders' meeting with no overwhelming sense of dread in losing the right voters gave them in 1998 to use doctor-prescribed cannabis for a certain set of medical conditions.

A conservative Oregon Republican is attacking the law with a referendum to appeal the statute. The Drug Enforcement Administration has also stepped up enforcement of federal laws against marijuana.

Most cardholders respond by expressing support for a strict interpretation of the state law.

Oregon's top advocate for marijuana legalization defended her organization's continued effort to keep the program tightly controlled as federal agents investigate another high-profile medical marijuana promoter Don DuPay for growing more plants than the law allows.

The DuPay case "is a fluke in the system," says Madeline Martinez, executive director for the state chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "We



Melodie Silverwolf categorizes a wide variety of marijuana plants for sampling by the Oregon members of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws at a medical-marijuana cardholders' meeting.

have to make sure that we are always, always covering our behinds."

DuPay has claimed that the DEA overstepped its authority by reeling in his concerted efforts to provide for eligible patients, but Martinez refuses to take any chances as her group develops a

political game plan.

NORML's staff accordingly kept close watch over the happenings at the cardholder meeting this month. The members were allowed to offer cuttings from marijuana plants, but no exchange of money or any other type of consideration was permitted.

"If you are caught doing so, you will be asked to leave with your membership revoked, effective immediately," Martinez said.

Medical-marijuana cardholders may only reimburse licensed growers for the cost of the utilities that

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## Katrina Evacuees Still Hurting

Black coalition  
takes up aid effort

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN  
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Joe Scott abandoned his once-cozy house destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, and he hasn't reclaimed the quality of life that he left behind.

Having nearly given up on ever gathering enough money for a down payment on a new house, Scott is one of the many Katrina evacuees in Portland who are still having trouble paying for basic needs like clothing.

When Katrina struck the Gulf Coast less than two years ago, the Portland chapter of Catholic Charities stepped in to serve those affected, but the organization ended its relief effort last month due to lack of funding.

"When I first got here, we were getting our paperwork filed through Catholic Charities," says Scott, who has never been able to hold back his emotions when talking about the disaster. "I'm a veteran, so I'm financially OK, but basically my problem is getting started all over again from scratch."

Catholic Charities is now transferring the more than 100 transplants still in need of as-

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