## **Big Terrorism Drill Coming**

#### Staging at raceway, other locations

(AP) — Portland will be at the center of the biggest terrorism exercise ever staged nationally when TOPOFF 4 begins with a fictional "bang" from an imaginary "dirty bomb" to test the emergency response of local, state and federal agencies.

But Gov. Ted Kulongoski says next week's drill will also prepare the state for inevitable natural disasters, such as a major earthquake.

Short for "top officials," the

fourth TOPOFF exercise since the military leaders in Salem to andrill was established by the Clinton administration and Conin a five-day test of their preparations and response to a staged terrorist attack.

at Portland International Raceway north of the Kenton community in north Portland, but it will also spread out to other areas of the Portland

This is a big deal for Portland, terrorism. this is a big deal for Oregon," said Portland Mayor Tom Potter, who joined Kulongoski and a host of government, law enforcement and need to do," Pearlstein said.

nounce the exercise.

Security experts said one of the gress will involve more than 50 main problems during a crisis is local, state and federal agencies maintaining effective communications, which the latest drill is designed to test extensively.

One of the other difficult ques-Much of the event will be staged tions in disaster planning is how the public will react to a real emergency, and that involves mostly guesswork the drill is not designed to answer, said Gary Pearlstein, a Portland State University expert on

"One of the things we're lacking is, nobody is really educating the public on how to do the things they



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### Rally Confronts Skinhead Visit

Twin sisters Sylvia (left) and Olivia Arinze brave the cold with about 200 others in Lents Park in southeast Portland Saturday for an anti-hate rally sponsored by the Portland NAACP and several other civil-rights organizations. The event was in response to a gathering of 100 Hammerskin Nation racists converging to the Portland area for a convention. The skinheads were later kicked out of the Sherwood Elks Lodge when club officials learned of their purpose.

## Looking Back at Little Rock

The Mt. Hood Community Col-stopped by an angry mob and the can students to class. lege Historians' Roundtable kicks Arkansas governor. President off the fall season with a commemo- Eisenhower ordered the 101st Air- Central, will share his personal recolration of the 50th anniversary of the borne Division to Little Rock to lection and insights; Dawkins, who Civil Rights clash at Little Rock guarantee the students' safety. Central High School.

to integrate, the nine students were year escorting nine African-Amerifree and open to the public.

The year was 1957 and nine Af- Barnes, history instructor, and Larry tive recounting his memories of this rican-American students tried to Dawkins, speech instructor, were turbulent time. enroll at the all-white Central High both there at Little Rock Central School. Even though the Supreme during the 1957-58 school year when Thursday, Oct. 25 in Room 1308, Court had ordered public schools the 101st Airborne spent the entire from noon to 1 p.m. This event is

Barnes, an alumnus of Little Rock knows several members of the Little Two MHCC instructors, Jim Rock Nine, is another Arkansas na-

The discussion will be held on

# Support Grows for Minority Owned Media, FCC Confronted

gress have endorsed FCC Commis-Rep. Hilda Solis, D-N.Y., endorsed sioner Jonathan Adelstein's call for the creation of a task force in public ment recommendations have been an independent, nonpartisan task statements and letters to FCC Chair- collecting dust at the FCC since as force to address the disgracefully man Kevin Martin. The national, low levels of media ownership by nonpartisan media reform group

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., contact the FCC in support of the

Three leading members of Con-Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. and new task force. Free Press is urging the public to justice deferred is justice denied."

"Dozens of diversity enhancefar back as 1992," Adelstein said. "I believe 15 years is long enough --

At the national level, according

to research by Free Press, people of sibility of the FCC to advocate on graceful state of ownership by color make up 33 percent of the entire U.S. population yet own 7.2 percent of all full-power radio and TV stations. While women comprise 51 percent of the entire U.S. population, they own less than 6 percent of full-power commercial radio and TV stations.

"It is clearly in the best interest of our democracy that media ownership reflects the wealth of this nation's diversity," Sen. Menendez wrote in a letter to Martin. "As a public trustee of the broadcast and ment. wireless spectrum, it is the respon-

industry by working to remove the which "It is unacceptable for the FCC

to move ahead with plans to allow for more media consolidation without first addressing how to increase Judiciary Committee, said in a state-

"We need to deal with the dis- could make things worse."

behalf of minorities and women in women and people of color first," the radio and television broadcast said Joseph Torres of Free Press, coordinates increasingly onerous obstacles to StopBigMedia.comCoalition. "The ownership these groups currently FCC has ignored these issues for far too long. Unchecked media consolidation makes it nearly impossible for anybody but the largest conglomerates get on the public airwaves. We need an independent, minority ownership," Congressman honest and thorough accounting Conyers, the chairman of the House of how FCC policies have impacted women and minority owners before even considering any changes that





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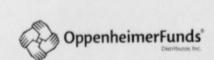
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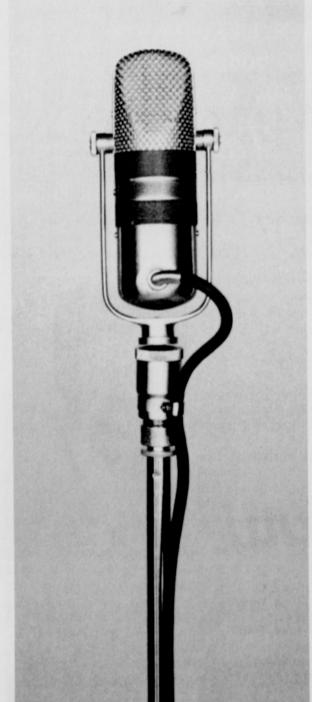
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