

11 Percent Unemployed

The latest figures from the Oregon Employment Department show the state had a jobless rate for January at 11 percent, stuck at pretty much the same place it has been since last fall. But revised figures show the peak was a little lower than first reported.

Jobless Benefits Extended



Gov. Ted Kulongoski signed an extension of unemployment benefits Thursday for nearly 19,000

Oregonians who will exhaust their benefits at the end of March. The legislation will provide for up to six more weeks of jobless benefits.

Quake Death Toll at 800

Facing angry earthquake survivors who had little warning of the coming tsunami, and who still are waiting for aid three days after the devastating 8.8 magnitude earthquake, Chile's government used helicopters and boats to step up food deliveries on Tuesday as the death toll rose to nearly 800.

Town Rejects Racism

Hundreds of residents packed meetings Friday to keep racism out of

Week in The Review



John Day, an eastern Oregon town where the leader of a white supremacist group is seeking to make the location a national base of opera-

tions. The idea has unified opposition with people carrying signs such as "One Race: Human," "No to Aryan Nations!"

PCC Student Sues Police

A Portland Community College student, saying her constitutional rights were violated, is suing the Portland Police Bureau. Delease Carter was originally stopped for walking in the middle of the street just a few blocks from the PCC Cascade Campus. Police then took her to the ground when she didn't follow their orders.

Gun Rights May Grow

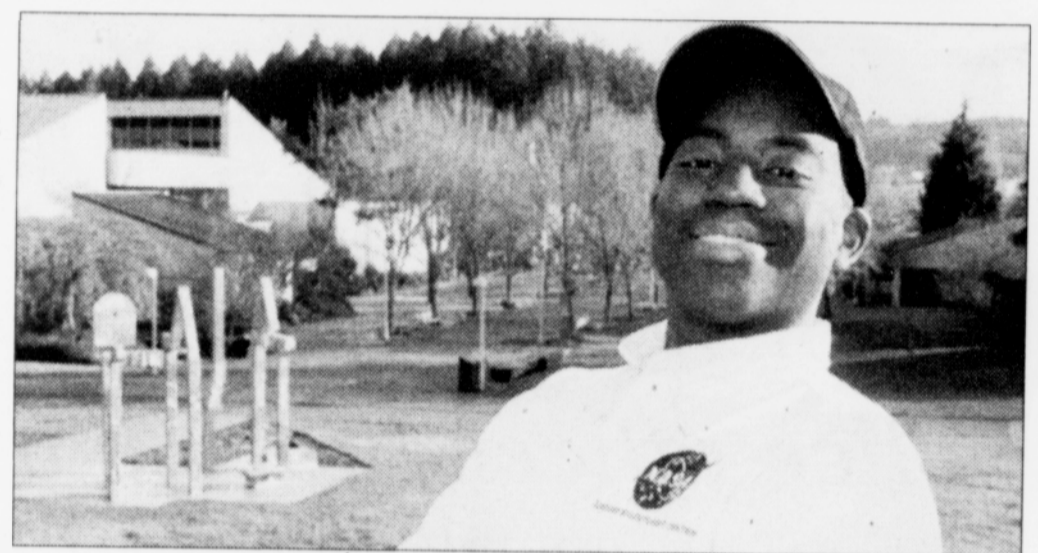
The Supreme Court suggested Tuesday it will strike down the outright

bans on handguns in some cities, a ruling that could establish a nationwide ownership right fervently sought by gun advocates. But the justices indicated less severe limits could survive, continuing disputes over the "right to keep and bear arms."

Saturday Mail Delivery on Chopping Block

The post office is renewing its drive to drop Saturday delivery — and plans a rate increase — in an effort to fend off a projected \$7 billion loss this year. Without drastic action the agency could face a cumulative loss of \$238 billion over 10 years, Postmaster General John Potter said.

Student is NASA Scholar



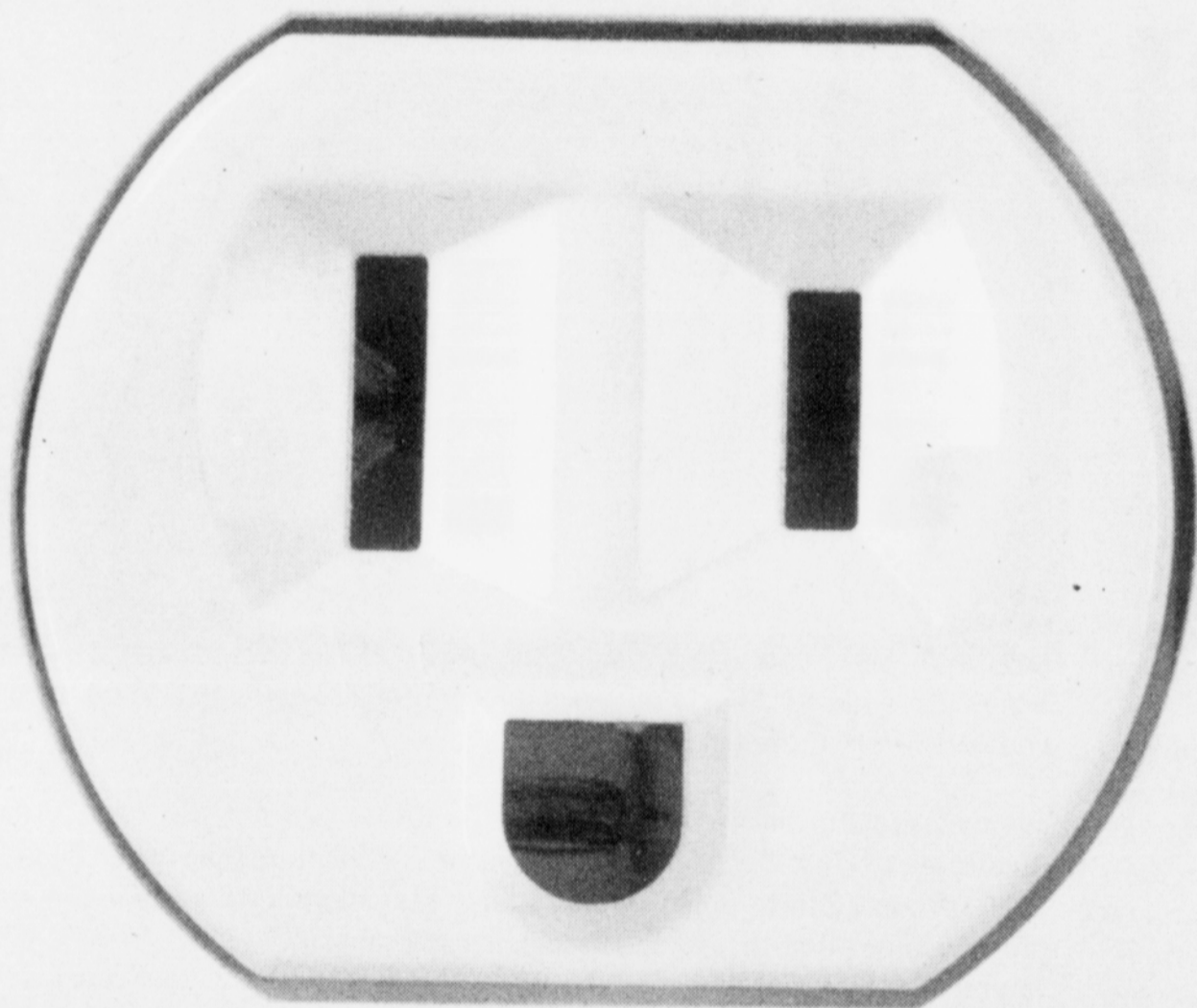
Damani Proctor is pursuing a high tech career with NASA.

Portland Community College student Damani Proctor has been selected one of 105 students nationwide for the NASA Student Ambassador Program.

Ambassadors will interact with the agency while sharing information, making professional connections and collaborating with peers. They also will represent NASA in a variety of venues and help the agency inspire and engage future interns and fellows. Proctor is working on his associate's degree in

Microelectronics Technology Program at the Rock Creek Campus. After college he aspires to use his two degrees to find work in the solar electronics industry.

Last spring Proctor, 36, found out he'd been accepted to the Oregon Space Grants Program and was an intern at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. He spent three months testing, programming, and troubleshooting a system to convert power from 120 to 28 volts.



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