



## Kwanzaa in Portland

Maisha Fuller tells the story of Kwanzaa to community children.

Patrece Smith helps make music with Bruce Smith, Kamau Sadiki and Art Alexandar.

Cindy Phillips and her baby, Chinara.  
(Photos: Richard Brown)

## Gun purchasing increase

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Quite a different view of self-defense is held by Terry Dobson, who is writing a book to be titled "Safe and Alive." It is based in part on principles derived from the martial art of Aikido, which he has studied and taught for many years.

Dobson turns around the gun advocate's favorite argument, which is that "guns do not kill people, people kill people." that is so, he agrees. Consequently, self-defense should be a matter of people dealing with people rather than a matter of guns.

The possession of guns "rein-

forces paranoia," says Dobson. "Don't worry about the increase of guns -- just be alert to danger," he advises. "If you are faced with a gun, don't resist it."

The form of self-defense that Dobson teaches requires a person under attack to seek to protect not himself but his attacker -- from the harm that would come to the attacker from commission of the act. The by-product is self-protection.

Instead of being based on resistance, this process calls for an acceptance of the on-coming force, a blending with it and its redirection in such a way that no injury occurs.

Says Dobson: "No gun law will stop a person who is determined to lay down his life to kill somebody." However, he holds, many deaths could be avoided by stemming the proliferation of handguns.

Though gun control advocates are not optimistic about chances for federal legislation in the coming Reagan years, Orasin notes: "No one is safe in this country. The randomness of killing is increasing and it has spread nationwide. The next administration have to face that somehow."

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