

Isley Brothers At House Of The Blues

The legendary Isley Brothers performed at the House of the Blues at the Soul Train 10th Annual Music Awards after Party.



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Kukatnon

Woodburn Elementary African Dance Troupe will give a benefit performance for the school May 15.



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Good Kids Program

The Urban League campaign honors kids who chose to "do the right thing."



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

New Mexico Fire Out Of Control

A fire burning through New Mexico's Carson National Forest has grown to 7,000 acres and a spokeswoman says it's "definitely out of control." The fire has already destroyed 25 homes. Two thousand people from nearby villages have already evacuated their homes. Officials say gusty winds are making the firefighters' job difficult.

Trader Joe's Recalls Crab Meat

The Trader Joe's market chain said that it is recalling all packages of imitation crab meat regardless of code and urges customers return them for a refund. The packages have been contaminated with the Listeris bacteria. Oregon Health Division said no cases of illnesses have been tied to the Trader Joe's product in the past four months. The bacteria can cause fever, headache stiffness nausea and diarrhea. It is highly dangerous to people with weakened immune systems.

Marines Open Fire In Liberia

U.S. Marines opened fire in Liberia's capital of Monrovia again today after fighting between rival factions reached the street outside the embassy. U.S. Ambassador William Milam says someone fired at the Marine emplacements and the Marines fired back. He said there was no signs of casualties. U.S. Marines shot three Liberians on April 30 after they came under fire when fighting between rival ethnic factions moved close to the embassy.

AIDS Risk Raised With Birth Control Drug

Researchers found that giving female monkeys progesterone, a drug found in birth control such as Norplant, dramatically increased their risk of getting AIDS, opening the possibility that women given the same synthetic hormone should face the same increased risk. A small study of women in Nairobi, Kenya showed that women using hormone implants were five times more likely to become infected with the AIDS Virus in intercourse than women taking no contraceptive.

U.N. Questions Israeli Bombing

Israel is coming under new criticism for its bombing last month of a U.N. base in southern Lebanon. Video broadcast today shows that an unmanned Israeli reconnaissance aircraft was flying near the U.N. base when 102 civilians were killed by Israeli artillery. The U.N. soldier's video reportedly has formed the basis of an unpublished U.N. report that alleges Israel deliberately shelled the camp. Israeli officials admit there was a drone in the area but say it had not shown the 500 civilians in the compound.

Clinton Backs Adoption Credit

President Clinton has thrown his support behind Republican legislation that would allow many adoptive parents to claim a \$5,000 tax credit to defray the cost of adopting a child. Clinton wrote to House Speaker Newt Gingrich today to endorse the bill, saying he also favored its provisions to end "the historical bias against inter-racial adoptions."

FDA Okays Prostate Device

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a device to treat enlarged prostates without the use of drugs or surgery. The device uses a computer-controlled system to destroy excess prostate tissue with microwave heat therapy. The FDA says the procedure takes an hour and can be done on an outpatient basis with local anesthesia. Enlarged prostates affect more than half of all men over age 60.

Ceasefire Oregon Fights Gun Epidemic

BY LEE PERLMAN

Two years ago, a seven year old student at Applegate School decided that the way to deal with bullies who harassed him daily was to bring his parents' gun to school.

Two weeks ago, a shoving match on a Tri-Met bus escalated into a shooting spree that left one young man dead, another injured, and two facing criminal felony charges.

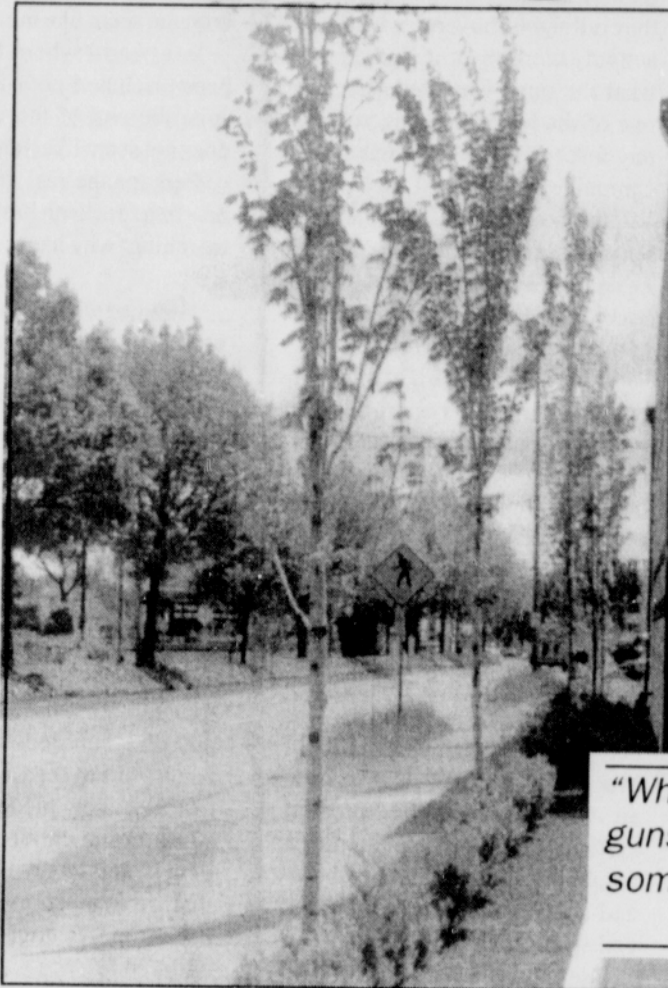
In both cases a routine conflict, an unfortunate part of urban living or growing up, turned into something deadly, or potentially so, when those involved turned to guns as a way to deal with the issue.

Ceasefire Oregon, a program sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, is asking people to turn in another direction. From 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 11, they will provide an opportunity for people to turn in guns at three locations in Portland, including the Lutheran Inner City Ministries Community Center at 4219 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd.

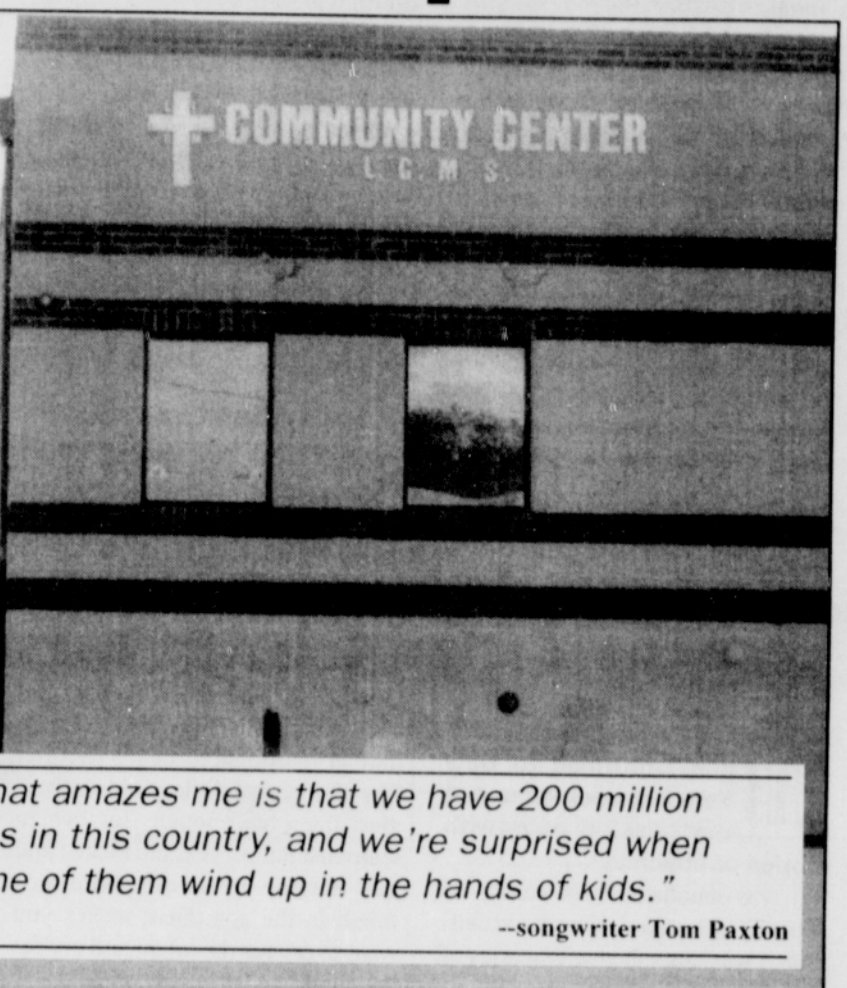
The police will help supervise the operation, but no questions or identification will be asked of those who participate. Participants will receive a gift certificate good for \$50 worth of merchandise at Fred Meyer, Food for Less, Thriftway, McCormick and Schmick's Restaurant, and McCall Heating and Cooling on a first come-first served basis. The guns will not be used as evidence, resold or used by the police. Instead, they will all be destroyed.

In two previous turn-ins, nearly 1,000 guns were removed from the community in this way.

Ceasefire spokesperson Lee Husk says that police may suspect, in some cases, that the guns were involved in violent crimes, but



Portlanders will have another chance to turn in their guns, Saturday May 11th from 1-4pm.



"What amazes me is that we have 200 million guns in this country, and we're surprised when some of them wind up in the hands of kids."

--songwriter Tom Paxton

the "no questions asked" rule is firm. The program did put its foot down when they found a professional gun dealer going to various turn-in sites to exchange cheap used guns for certificates.

"That's not what this program is about," she says.

John Canda of the Portland Police Bureau

Neighborhood Response Team, a Ceasefire volunteer, says that if people use the turn-in to get rid of "hot" guns, "At least that's one less gun on the street."

Dr. Linda Erwin of the Legacy-Emanuel Hospital Trauma Center says that the turn-in is an easy opportunity for people to get rid of guns they have around the house, don't real-

ly want anymore, but don't quite know what to do with.

Don't guns in homes provide needed protection in violent inner cities? Canda says, "Just having guns around puts you more at risk than it does protect you. Many times the

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Society Aids Children For Over A Century



(Above) Loa Jordan, Supervisor of Shelter Care.

(Left) Candice Becker shelter care specialist and Charles Lawrence, Specialist Councilors.

BY CHARLES WASHINGTON & CC JACKSON
More than 100 years ago a train went across the country finding homes for orphans.

After it reached Oregon, however, there were children left over. The Oregon Pioneers, wanting to help and find homes for the children, founded what is now the Boys' and Girls' Aide Society.

The organization started in 1985 as an adoption agency and home for orphans. Now with a broader vision, they help child abuse victims, runaways, delinquents, emotionally disturbed youth, and pregnant and parenting teens.

The agency first evolved into the Glisen House, a home for young pregnant women during the time that being young, pregnant and unmarried presented a "terrible moral issue in the community."

"Not that many young ladies need that service now," said Loa Jourden the agency's supervisor of shelter care. "More of the young ladies need us after they have had the child and are trying to parent."

The agency provides counseling for young pregnant women including a 24-hour toll-free "Pregnancy Talkline." It also offers housing and works with teen parents and their children as well as those choosing adoption. It maintains a full service adoption program.

The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society has evolved again -- into juvenile justice work, handling kids 12 to 18 and younger. They still want to give the children a new start. Often they are leftover kids. Kids another agency, for one reason or another, have had to reject.

They provide 24-hour intervention services to runaways and care for those waiting for

long term treatment. They even offer care for juvenile sex offenders. Many times children have to be placed late at night and any of the 76 shelter homes in eight counties can provide safety and support.

There are more boys than girls in the juvenile justice part of the agency. Usually three boys to one girl and during the current "spring swing" the ratio is now five to one. "Judges still don't send females into care as often as males," Jourden says. "I just think it's an old left over thing where girls don't seem as dangerous."

Most of the kids haven't been in school much or have been expelled. The Society has a public school on its grounds. "It's kind of like the old one or two room school houses where the kids all work at their level. It allow us to get the children back into an educational opportunity quickly. Otherwise, we'd have to work with different school systems." They educate as many kids as they have in care.

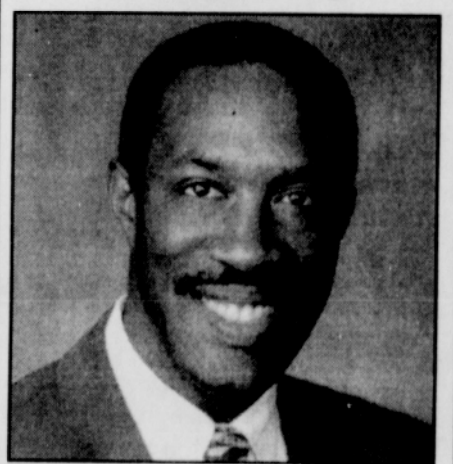
The agency is always looking for new foster parents. The staff recruits at fairs and festivals, at speaking engagements and through publications. They say they need to keep a substantial list of prospects in order to match children with adults so that it will be a positive experience for both.

"We're looking for people who are very flexible and would like to see what parenting is like. We'll take single people. We'll take couples. We'll take same sex couples. Gay foster parents, straight foster parents -- we want people who will give loving care to the children."

The agency requires five references and home study for prospective foster parents. There is a criminal history check and they check driving records but an applicant doesn't have to be perfect. The kids do require 24-hour care and often people aren't willing to renovate their lives that much but the agency is happy for volunteers who donate even a small amount of time.

She says it is easy to recruit from communities of color with their extended family systems. "Any one with a strong since of family will make a great foster parent."

McCoy Political Legacy



Paul McCoy

Paul McCoy says he's running for Portland City Council because he wants to serve the people. He said he once asked his father why he ran, and Senator Bill McCoy replied because it was an "honor and a privilege."

"You have to listen to what people want. -- not just what looks good on your political resume. My campaign theme is 'leadership that listens' and I mean just that," McCoy said.

McCoy chose to run against Charles Hales, the incumbent and former lobbyist for the Home Builders Association, who has held the seat since 1992.

"People came and said 'Paul you've got to run against this guy. He won't let people have a voice in what's going on in Portland'" McCoy said. "When I looked at what was behind Hales' record and exactly how he was making changes in city government, I saw a pattern that concerned me. Once average citizens learn how Hales' 'streamline' of the process truly affects

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