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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Pick up a fly rod

Women can receive hands-on training in fly-fishing, shotgun safety and shooting, survival skills, wildlife identification, archery, walleye fishing and waterfowl hunting during an Oregon Outdoor Women Seminar, Saturday, Aug. 2 at the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. Any woman who is interested in learning outdoor recreation skills is encouraged to call 872-5274, extension 5367 for more details.

Gang solutions addressed

All citizens are invited to discuss future services for gang-affected youth and their families during a series of meetings at the Multnomah County Department of Juvenile and Adult Community Justice, 1401 N.E. 68th Ave. The meetings are July 23, Aug. 6 and Aug. 21, all at 2 p.m. For more information call Meganne Steele, 248-3961.

Camps for kids

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation has a selection of sports camps for kids this summer, including pee-wee soccer, coed basketball, t-ball, toddler sports, pee-wee basketball and coed basketball. Costs and dates vary. Call the recreation department at (360) 696-8016 for information.

Bluegrass on the gorge

The Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival takes place this weekend, July 25-27 at the Skamania County Fairgrounds in Stevenson, Wash. Along with the good music you'll find contests for prizes, workshops, a gospel show and dances.

Take charge over TV

A workshop to help parents take charge of their television and make TV viewing a more interactive and educational will be held Aug. 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Mt. Hood Community College. Participating in the session will be representatives from Paragon Cable, Multnomah County Community Television and the Oregon Parent Teachers Association. Call MCTV at 667-7636.

Downtown sounds

Singer-songwriter Mark Mosnian and his band will be performing at Esther Short Park at Eighth and Columbia in Vancouver, Wednesday, July 30 from noon to 2 p.m. as part of the city's "downtown sounds" concert series.

Internet info help

Here's your chance to learn more about the World Wide Web, ask questions about the internet or just browse for information. Portland Cable Access invites the public to attend an Internet Open House, Aug. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the public television production facilities at 2766 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Music at St. Johns

The Nailers and musical guests will perform a benefit Friday, Aug. 1 at Duffy's Pub, 8203 N. Ivonhoe in St. Johns. The music will start at 8 p.m. in the ballroom. All proceeds will benefit Outreach Ministry, which provides family support for people with mental illness, physical disabilities or late-stage chronic alcoholism.

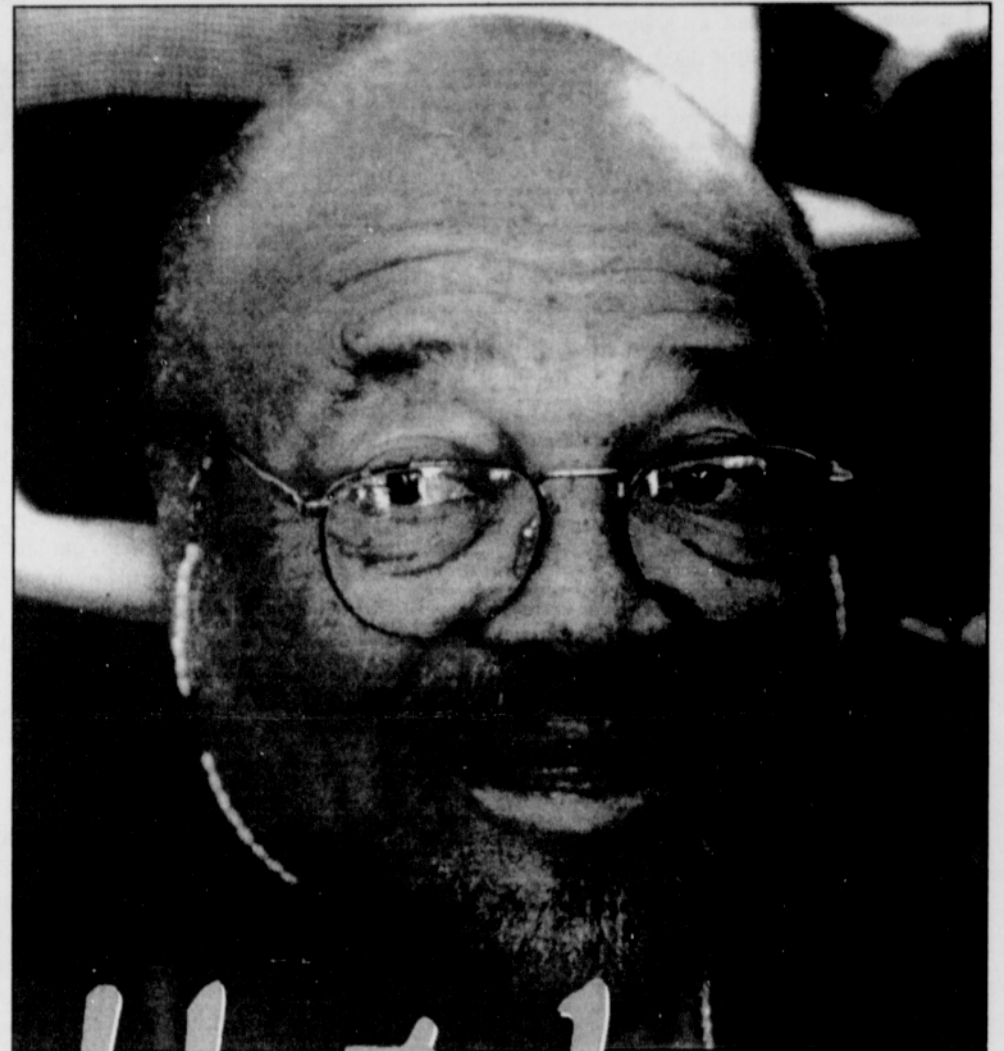
Boost your nurturing

A parent and family nurturing program to encourage effective discipline habits, communication, self-esteem and overall family unity will be held on consecutive Wednesdays at Lutheran Intercity Ministries, 4219 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The sessions begin July 23 and conclude Aug. 20. There is no cost to attend. Call Jonathan Cleveland for more information at 281-7036.

Back by demand

The Big Throw Down II and III, a bid whist, dominoes, cards, dance, food and fun extravaganza will be held July 19 and Aug. 2 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Mecca Temple, 722 E. Burnside. Music provided by The Man in Motion. Aaron Pruitt. Admission is \$5.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.



Hot Jazz AT CATHEDRAL PARK

Red Holloway (above) with Portland's own Jazz legend Leroy Vinnegar on bass (left) belt out the entertainment at north Portland's Cathedral Park Jazz Festival Sunday underneath the St. Johns Bridge.

Photos by Yvonne Lerch

Slain officer stuns city

Man's rage leads down path of deadly violence

Sarge, I don't think I'm going to make it."

Those were the last words heard from Portland Police Bureau Officer Thomas Layton Jeffries who was shot and killed in the line of duty Sunday.

The slaying left Rose City residents and its public servants numb.

Officer Jeffries was gunned down Sunday night while chasing a man who had earlier riddled a seven-year-old boy with gunfire. The youth, Benjamin Ballentine, survived and was in serious condition Tuesday at Oregon Health Sciences University.

Police apprehended the shooting suspect, identified as Antonio Eufronio Hernandez, 22, but authorities were still trying to validate the name.

It was the first fatality for a Portland police officer since 1979.

Jeffries, 35, a four-year veteran of the bureau, was shot in the back yard of a house at northeast 160th and Glisan. The bullet that killed him grazed the top of his bulletproof vest and struck one of his main blood vessels near his collar bone.

The man, hiding behind a house, fired a gun at least twice at Jeffries, also striking him in the left leg and left hand.

Flags ordered to half-staff

Mayor Vera Katz ordered flags at half-staff on Monday morning July 21, 1996 to honor Portland's first police officer killed in the line of duty since 1979.

Having talked with the officer's widow at the hospital, following the incident, Katz issued the following statement.

"This is a heartbreaking day for the city and me, both as mayor and personally.

"It is one of those things you hope you never see during your tenure as mayor. As Police Commissioner, I have the joy of shar-

ing our officers' pride in every accomplishment, but I also share their grief with every tragedy.

"As a mother myself, I mourn for the family that will never be. Talking to the officer's widow, I was overcome with sorrow for the child who will never know its father, and for the father who never got to hold his firstborn. To the family I want to express both my condolences and my thanks, for lending us for four short years a man who gave his life honorably for all of us he served to protect."

As he lay bleeding, Jeffries fired back, police said, hitting the man in the leg. Jeffries knew he was in trouble and radioed to police dispatchers that an officer was down.

The deadly episode began when Hernandez got in an argument with a 17-year-old female at 2600 S.E. 174th, police said.

He allegedly shot the youth after becoming agitated over the fact he could not find the 17-year-old, identified as a girlfriend who was protecting her safety in a nearby apartment, according to the boy's mother.

Police said Hernandez began shooting at the girl and ended up hitting Benjamin. But the boy's mother said Hernandez aimed the gun at her son and shot him twice.

Hernandez left the apartment before police arrived and jumped into a white Honda Accord, driven by another man.

Jeffries spotted the car a few blocks away and gave chase.

A visibly emotional Mayor Vera Katz called the officer's shooting "heartbreaking."

"This is a tragedy for the officer's family. This is a tragedy for the city," said Katz.

"We're very upset, very concerned for his family," Portland Police Chief Charles Moose said. "It's very sad."

The officer's wife, Vicki, is expecting the couple's first child this fall.



Howard "Devil" Patterson, of Portland's Brothers Free Motorcycle Club, tries to get a bite of the course ending hot dog chomp in Saturday's skills ride.

Photo by Neil Heilpern

Motorcyclists try skills

BY NEIL HEILPERN

Try riding a big gnarly Harley in and out of a bunch of orange traffic cones as slow as you can and see if that foot doesn't come down to regain your balance.

That's what members of several Northwest motorcycle clubs did last week when they met in northeast Portland for a Motorcycle Skill Ride.

Brothers Free, a Portland club, hosted the Magic Wheels and Brothers of the Sun motorcycle clubs from Seattle for the event. Several independents joined in the fun.

Walt "Iron Horse" Holland, road captain of the host club, instructed each participant about the course, which started with a zig-zag roll through the cones, followed by in-and-out riding in which the rider attempts to drop tennis balls down cylindrical "candlestick" cones, balancing on a set of boards that get narrower and narrower, and

ending up trying to bite a piece of hot dog dangling from a string.

The slower, the better. Yet, if a rider went so slow that he had to put a foot down for balance, it cost points. Other points were deducted for knocking down cones or leaving the wooden planks.

To individual winner for the day was Dan "Edge" Winden of Portland; he and daughter Linda Deibert, 12, also took the top honors in the doubles competition. Linda rode on the back and was the only rider of the day to sink her teeth into the hot dog.

"I had to almost come to a complete stop so my daughter could get a piece of it."

Later that evening the group had a dinner and dance at the Brothers Free clubhouse at 222 NE Alberta Street.

For further information about club activities call the clubhouse at 282-6847 or "Edge" at 335-0626.