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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Eating My Way to Heaven

Learn about conscious, healthy eating and living on Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m. at Hoffman Hall on the PSU campus. The evening will be a combination of speakers by famous authors and authorities, music, comedy and awe-inspiring graphics. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so come early! For more information, email [Jaclyn@eatingmywaytoheaven.com](mailto:Jaclyn@eatingmywaytoheaven.com)

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual African Culture Night

The Association of Africa Students presents the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual African Culture Night to educate the Portland community about the culture and traditions of Africa. Participants will be able to come and enjoy authentic African cuisine, African dances and drumming, a fashion show portraying elegant African clothing, and a photo display. The event will be held on Friday, May 11 at Portland State University in the Ballroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Smith Memorial Center in Rm. 355.

### The Indigenous Way

Inez Spino Reyes, an honored elder of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, will discuss the importance of Native-American Language, how to maintain indigenous languages as living languages, and why language is critical to culture. Inez is currently involved in education at Umatilla and using computer technology to teach Native language. Reyes will be speaking on Thursday, May 10 at PSU's Multicultural Center, located at S.W. Harrison and Broadway. Call Mary Schilling at 503/675-9424 or the Earth & Spirit Council at 503/452-4483.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Cultural Night

Celebrating Across Generations...A Vision for the Future, sponsored by the Asian Family Center, will be held at the Holiday Inn (Portland Airport), 8439 N.E. Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon, on May 19, from 5 p.m. to midnight. Over five hundred people are expected to attend. The evening will feature dinner, cultural performances, and raffle prizes.

### Historic Bridge Tour

Local historian and author of "The Portland Bridge Book," Sharon Wood Wortman leads this energetic walk via the Central City bridges and the new \$30 million Eastbank Esplanade. See eight Willamette River bridges in all, including the oldest operating lift bridge in the US, a unique double-deck bridge, and the Morrison Bridge. Call 503/823-5132 to register.

### Free Tennis Lessons

Have you ever wanted to learn to play tennis, but weren't sure how to go about doing so? Well, here is your chance! The United State Tennis Association has designated the month of May as "USA Tennis Month" throughout the entire nation! To celebrate, the Vancouver Tennis & Racquetball Center staff, in conjunction with the Vancouver, WA Community Tennis Association, will be offering FREE 1.5 hour introductory group tennis lessons to interested groups and/or organizations. Dates between May 14 and June 9 are open. Free lessons for kids ages 7 to 15 years old. Call 360/696-8123.

### Historic Irvington Home Tour

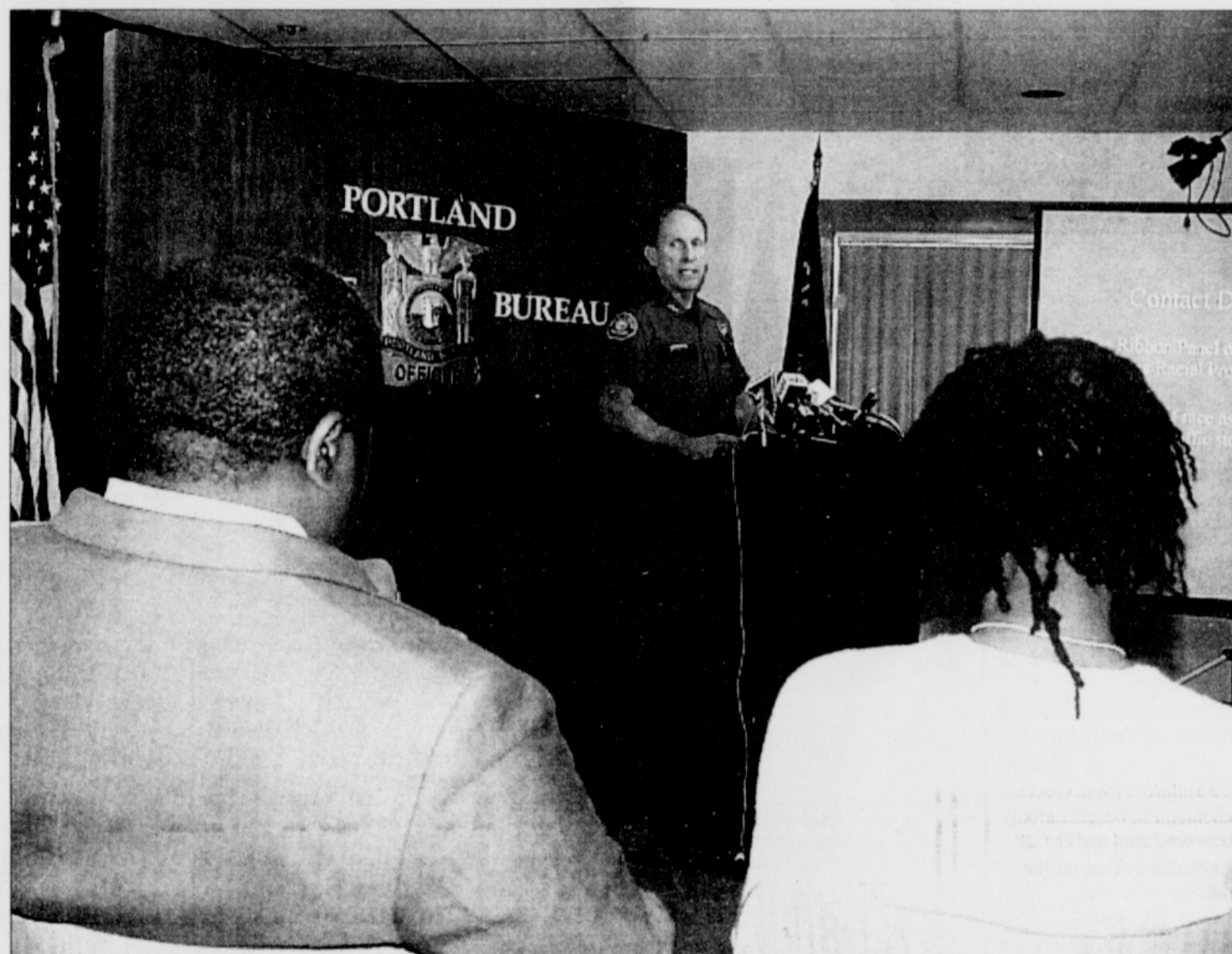
The 2001 Historic Irvington Home Tour will be held on Sunday, May 20 from noon to 5 p.m. This year's Tour will be the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Historic Home Tour organized by the Irvington Community Association. The Home Tour will feature six of Irvington's grand homes, five of which have never been shown in previous Tours. Additional information is available at [www.Irvingtonhometour.com](http://www.Irvingtonhometour.com). On the day of the tour, tickets will be sold only at the White Bed & Breakfast Inn, 1914 N.E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

### Baby Sitter Training at the Red Cross

Red Cross will offer Babysitter's Training at University Park Community Center, located at 9009 N. Foss in Portland. The class will be held on Saturdays, May 19 and 26, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Babysitter's Training is an eight-hour Red Cross course that teaches youth ages 11 to 15 the skills needed to be responsible childcare givers. Call 503/823-3631 to register.

## Evidence of Racial Profiling Exposed

Figures mirror other studies revealing an overrepresentation of minorities in the criminal justice system



Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker releases data showing blacks are more likely than whites to be stopped by police, sharing the data with a panel on racial profiling that he assembled last year. (PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER)

(AP)-Blacks were 2.6 times more likely than whites to be stopped by police in the first quarter of the year, but black motorists were ticketed or arrested at about the same rate as whites, according to data released Thursday.

Between January and March, Portland police stopped 4,849 blacks, or 130 per 1,000 black Portland residents. That compares with 20,086 whites stopped, or 49 per 1,000 white Portland residents.

When stopped, blacks were about twice as likely to be searched as whites. Yet when searched, blacks were no more likely than whites to have drugs, weapons, alcohol or other con-

'The numbers come out telling us what we already know,' — Rev. Ronald Williams, of Bethel AME Church

traband on them. The Portland Police Bureau said the figures are incomplete because motorcycle officers - who make an estimated 50 percent of all traffic stops - were not included in the results. The 33 motorcycle officers, as well as bicycle officers, mounted patrol and walking-beat police, did not participate because they do not have the mobile digital computers used to file data, said Police Chief Mark Kroeker. Kroeker released the data and later shared it with a panel on racial profiling that he assembled last year. "We wish to use the data to open up a discussion with the community," Kroeker said. Kroeker and Assistant Chief Bruce Prunk were reluctant to draw any conclusions until the bureau can consult with independent analysts.

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## Ceasefire Oregon Gun Turn-In Saturday

By LORRAINE-MICHELLE FAUST  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The goal is preventing gun violence like the altercations at Columbine and Thurston High Schools.

On Saturday, May 12, Ceasefire of Oregon will be holding their annual gun turn-in at 8 sites around the state. Locally, guns can be turned in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on an empty lot on the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Jarrett Street.

Over the eight years this event has taken place, Ceasefire has collected 5,139 guns. However, the participation has been weak in northeast Portland.

"We really want to bring up the turn out at the northeast site," said Diana Madarieta of Ceasefire Oregon.

Out of the several hundreds of guns turned-in every year, only between 20 and 50 guns are collected in northeast Portland. The highest turnout in the local area is usually in East Multnomah County and Hillsboro. Madarieta says that Ceasefire Oregon's doesn't want to take away citizen's right to own guns, but to collect the guns that go unused, or are not needed or unwanted.

Guns left in the home create a safety hazard, can be misused by a child, stolen and used for crimes against the community, Madarieta explains. Ceasefire Oregon accepts guns with a "no questions asked" policy.

Every gun turned-in will earn the owner a \$50 gift certificate for merchandise in local stores. All guns collected are destroyed.

The group also provides educational programs about building safe communities, and how to prevent gun violence. "For years we were the only group talking about this," Madarieta said.



The Portland Fire Department and members of Ceasefire Oregon prepare a vacant lot at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Jarrett for Saturday's gun turn in event. (PHOTO BY ANDREW WHEELER)

## PCC Expansion Will Mean Some Displacement

By LEE PERLMAN  
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Portland Community College needs room to grow and rebuild. Unfortunately, there are people living and working on the ground they want to move to. And a community that wants them to stay.

PCC's Cascade Campus is preparing a proposed Impact Mitigation Plan for review by the Portland Bureau of Planning. The plan sets out how and where the school's growth and expansion will proceed over the next 20 years. Unlike earlier master plans, the IMP does not bind PCC to building a particular structure at a particular location, but it does set out where growth will occur, and how it will deal with such impacts as traffic and parking on the adjacent neighborhood. Cascade's IMP calls for eventually adding several blocks to its campus. The land in



The PCC Cascade campus in north Portland could almost double in size, moving into the blocks west of Albina Avenue (above) in a proposed expansion.

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