

African American Heads Gladstone Police Department



Incoming Gladstone Police Chief Frank Grace (center) receives congratulatory support from Beaverton Police Chief Dave Bishop (left) and Lt. Gordon Dodson.

Frank Grace has been named new police chief for the Gladstone Police Department, south of Portland. Grace was sworn in during ceremonies on May 14 attended by his friends and family. He has served the city as a Reserve Police Officer Commander since 1988.



Mentoring Kids for Success

Walter Butler (from right) of Portland House of Umoja and Emily Somervell of Big Brothers Big Sisters provide information about mentoring programs to a child in the community during a rally for quality education at Self Enhancement, Inc. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Portland enhances the positive development of youth ages 6 through 15 by matching them with caring adults for friendship, encouragement and support.

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Collecting Spare Change for Schools

The Associated Students of Portland Community College and other student volunteers are launching a campaign to raise money for Portland Public Schools.

Rowan Wolf, a member of the PCC faculty, is working with the

student volunteers.

"We panhandlers believe that the education budget has been reduced beyond any sane point," Wolf said. "The most recent cuts harm our community, the children of our community and the future of our city and state."

Wolf and students hope to send the message that students deserve a good education in safe environments and the resources necessary to learn.

For more information, contact Wolf via email at srowanwolf@hotmail.com.

Klansman Convicted

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Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley.

The blast exposed the chilling depth of racial hatred that black protesters faced in the Deep South and helped bring racial moderates off the sidelines of the civil rights struggle.

Cherry always denied involvement in the bombing. But prosecutors reopened the case in 1995 and found five estranged

family members and acquaintances who said Cherry boasted of his involvement in the infamous crime, the deadliest single attack in the civil rights era.

"All Americans of good will are glad to be able to close this final chapter of one of our nation's greatest tragedies," said Kweisi Mfume, NAACP president and chief executive officer. "Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the families of the innocent young girls."



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