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Adidas opens public campus at former Kaiser Hospital

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## Sisters Rally Against Displacement

Protest tackles neighborhood 'revitalization'

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## Week in The Review

### Urban Surveillance System

The Pentagon is developing an urban surveillance system that would use computers and thousands of cameras to track, record and analyze the movement of every vehicle in a foreign city. Dubbed "Combat Zones That See," the project is designed to help the military protect troops and fight in cities overseas. But experts say the unclassified technology could easily be adapted to spy on Americans. The project's centerpiece is groundbreaking computer software that is capable of identifying vehicles by size, color, shape and license tag, or drivers and passengers by face.

### States Without Budgets

The fiscal year began Tuesday with Oregon lawmakers approving a short-term spending plan allowing government to operate while a budgetary debate continues. For the third consecutive time, California began the fiscal year beginning in July without a state budget after lawmakers were unable to break a partisan impasse over spending and taxes. Five other states also took their budget deliberations to the June 30 deadline without reaching a final agreement. California faces a record \$38.2 billion budget shortfall and is operating for the first time completely on borrowed money.

### Ricin Stockpile Could Kill

A computer technician from Spokane, Wash., accused of making a biological weapon, had enough powdered ricin in his work cubicle to kill as many as 7,500 people. Prosecutors said Kenneth Olsen, 49, spent more than a year researching undetectable poisons on the Internet, and hinted that he researched ways to kill his wife of 28 years so he could continue an extramarital affair. Investigators found about 3 grams of ricin powder in two test tubes and a jar in Olsen's locked file cabinet, enough to kill 75 to as many as 7,500 people, depending on how it was delivered, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie Whitaker said.

### Endangered Fish Saved

Biologists and volunteers used buckets, nets and an electric-shock device this week to remove a rare species of fish endangered by ash and other debris from an Arizona wildfire that destroyed hundreds of mountaintop homes. More than 600 Gila chubs, a minnow-like fish proposed for protection under the Endangered Species Act, were taken from the Sabino Creek and put aboard pickup trucks to be taken to the safety of a hatchery and research centers.

## Shooting Forum Fills Mt. Olivet Church

### African Americans demand justice, change in police policies

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African Americans and other residents packed into a north Portland church Tuesday to attend a forum on the police shooting of Kendra James, an unarmed, African-American woman who was killed May 5 during a traffic stop.

Black leaders called for the session with police and prosecutors after a secret grand jury acquitted North Precinct Officer Scott McCollister of any wrongdoing in the death. They also see the results of a police bureau's internal investigation into the shooting as another in a long list of miscarriages of justice.

Last week, Police Chief Mark Kroeker recommended suspension for McCollister, who shot the 21-year-old as she tried to drive away and escape arrest.

"We've seen cases where people have had weapons, guns, knives, and have been apprehended with no problems. The question remains whether this would have happened if Kendra James was not black," said Rev. Roy Tate, Albina Ministerial Alliance president, who attended the forum.

Tate was not satisfied with Kroeker's disciplinary decision.

"Scott McCollister made poor judgments by putting himself and the other officers in harm's way. We think he should have been terminated," Tate said.

The stage at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church was divided in half by three rows of nearly all white representatives from the city, county and police bureau on one side and mostly African American leaders on the other.

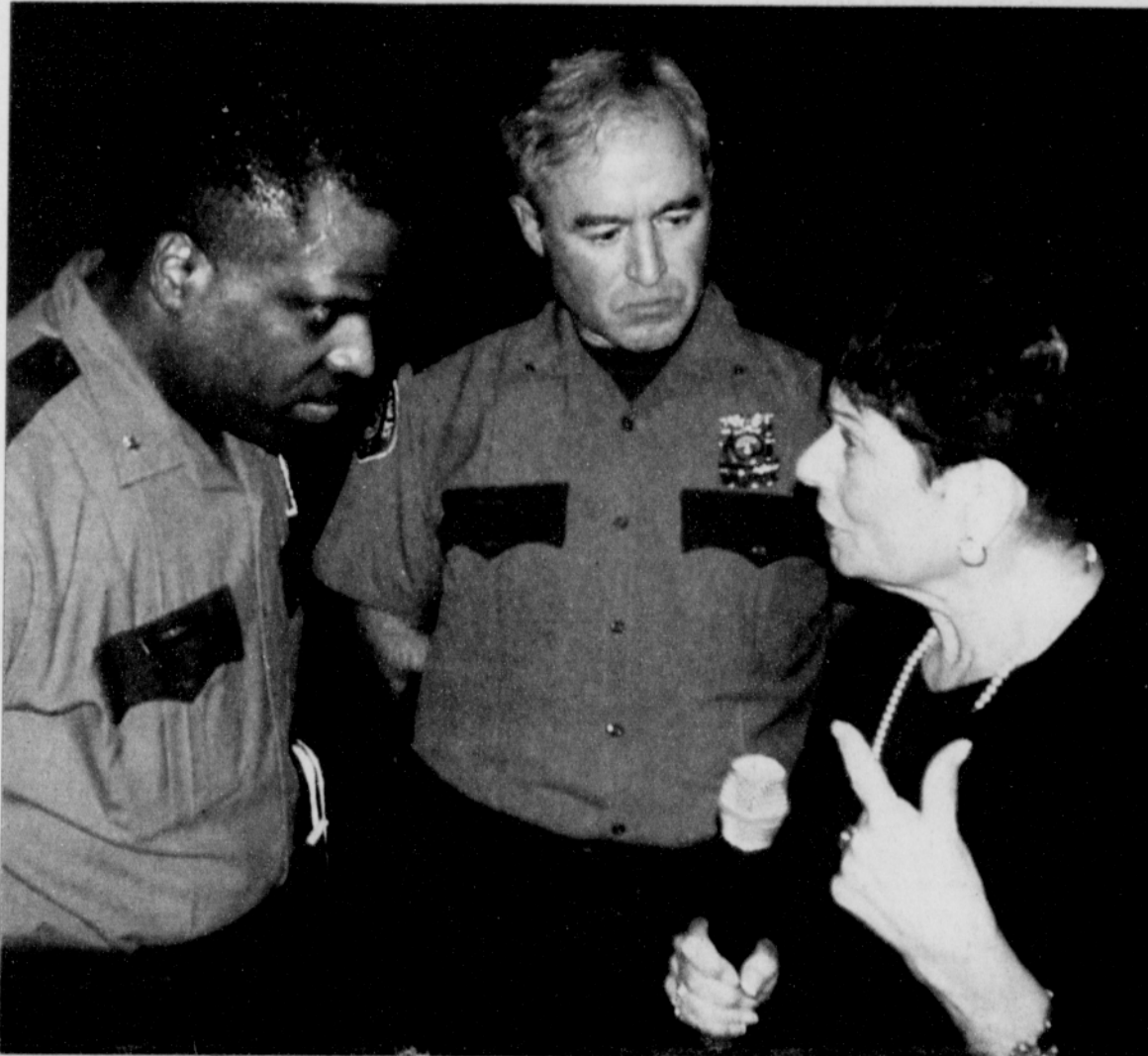


PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Derrick Foxworth and Scott Anderson, both assistant chiefs for the Portland Police Bureau, confer with Mayor Vera Katz during a public forum on the police shooting death of Kendra James at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in north Portland Tuesday.

Some arrived at the forum seeking social change and justice.

"I expect that people will stand up in Portland and everywhere where police are taking advantage of their jobs," said Dorothy Stone, a local African American resident. "We're told that if we commit a crime we pay for that crime. When they commit a crime, it's a coverup."

Others came seeking closure.

"I think the disciplinary action is very light and I want to see that something will be done," said Lee Thomas, an African American TriMet bus driver.

Lucifer Arnold, a black Portland resident of 33 years, said unemployment is pushing black communities out of their homes and he's getting tired of encountering racial profiling on the street.

Unity was another focus of area resi-

dents.

"We've got to be able to live together feeling we're safe," said Pat Lenzen, a white retired nurse living in Portland for 39 years. "We didn't work it out 50 years ago, we didn't work it out 25 years ago, we have to work it out now."

Silenced behind a shroud of impending investigations, union meetings and a civil lawsuit from the James family, very few white leaders and city officials have stepped forward to publicly support the James family and demand changes in the police department.

Mayor Vera Katz was on vacation when the police bureau announced the completion of the internal investigation and did not issue a statement.

Friday, the mayor's liaison for the police department, Elise Marshall, spoke for Katz in her absence. She said, "The mayor agrees with the proposed disciplinary action."

Neither Kroeker nor Marshall elaborated on how long a "lengthily suspension is" or what is meant by "serious discipline."

City Commissioner Erik Sten declined to comment on the discipline to remain neutral in the event that the issue comes before the City Council.

"The event certainly underscores the fact that we have a long way to go to truly implement community policing," Sten said. "I certainly share the chief's conclusion that it should have never come to the place where deadly force was necessary."

Commissioner Jim Francesconi who has also been absent from public events sur-

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## July Fourth Blast!

Joy Johnston (left) and Lidiko Plesko help customer Taricia Hampton decide on the perfect fireworks for her Fourth of July celebration at the Interstate Fred Meyer store parking lot in north Portland. The forecast calls for temperatures in the low 80s for Friday's national holiday.

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## Blues to Rattle Downtown Waterfront

### Waterfront celebration is one of the biggest

Four days of top drawer entertainment will delight crowds during the Fourth of July holiday weekend when Portland hosts the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival.

The Year of the Blues and Women in Blues are themes for the second-largest blues festival in the nation, held Thursday, July 3 through Sunday, July 6 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park, downtown.

The stellar lineup includes roots-music icon Taj Mahal, young blues-belter Susan Tedeschi, legendary R&B diva Etta James and blues-rocker Steve Miller, performing as a special guest with slide-guitar master Roy

Rogers and harmonica ace Norton Buffalo. "We're very jazzed," said festival spokesperson Jean-Kempe Ware. "We've been told that this is the best line up of any blues concert across the country."

The festival is a fundraiser for the Oregon Food Bank. Admission is a daily donation per person of \$5 plus two cans of nonperishable food or \$15 for a four-day pass.

This year's festival also celebrates the Year of the Blues by offering more musical workshops, blues cruises on the Portland Spirit, films and special programming. The event's signature fireworks display is scheduled the evening of July 4.

The festival kicks off Thursday with a high-wattage lineup that includes Taj Mahal and the Hula Blues Band,

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Oregon Food Bank promoters expect jam-packed fun once again this Fourth of July weekend as the Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival takes off from the downtown Portland waterfront. The 16<sup>th</sup> annual event starts Thursday and continues through Sunday. photo by Valerie K. Davis Photography

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