

Mayoral Candidates Address Police Shooting

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The debate among mayoral candidates was lively, with hopefuls exchanging barbs, mostly aimed at Francesconi and what was viewed as "the administration." Francesconi has been in public office as a city commissioner for six years.

Tom Potter, a former Portland police chief, said he ranked children as his first priority. He criticized the current administration for having a lack of goals and vision. He vowed to demand stable education funding from Salem and listed comprehensive health care and affordable housing among his

list of goals in office.

Francesconi, the frontrunner candidate emboldened by powerful endorsements and close to \$1 million in fundraising, delivered the most polished and informed answers to questions ranging from attracting and keeping families in the city to supporting small businesses and many issues affecting African Americans.

Referencing the slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Francesconi said, "We need to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children by embracing diversity in schools, and funding after school programs."

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expanded school day including after school activities and homework help, within two years.

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can Americans.

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Fish and Adams appeared to have a friendly rivalry, and both spoke passionately and knowledgeably about city politics.

Fish, swearing at ideas such as kickbacks and other smarmy political practices, spoke boldly about the need for voters to get behind funding education through tax dollars and said he will work to restore the citizens' trust in government by "thinking small."

"We need to do the fundamentals better," Fish said, re-

sponding to citizens' complaints about a need for maintenance in parks and city streets.

Adams, often referencing his upbringing of modest means, said he was proud of his endorsement by the African American Alliance, has and will continue to champion issues benefiting minority contractors and said the city needs to confront its capacity for racism, bigotry and stereotyping with regard to policing as well as small business support and access to continuing education. He says he'd like to organize nonprofit efforts to create a one-stop shop for families in need.

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— James Posey, African American candidate for mayor

made it clear that he was running for office to provide contrast from his white opponents. His self-appointed role in keep-

lies with the ability to raise their own children," he said, stating that young people need more models of high-achieving Afri-

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The field of candidates to become president of the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College has been narrowed to two finalists.

Algie Gatewood and Wayne Williams will be in town for interviews and campus forums next week.

Williams, the dean of business and continuing education at Tacoma Community College will stop by the north Portland campus on Tuesday, April 13 to attend a 9:15 a.m. forum in Terrel Hall, Room 122 followed by an informal community 4 p.m. forum in the West Dining Room of the Student Center Building.

Gatewood, the assistant director of the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority of the University of North Carolina, will attend a 3 p.m. forum on Wednesday, April 14 in Terrel Hall 122 followed by a community forum at 4 p.m. in the dining room. All of the forums are open to the public.

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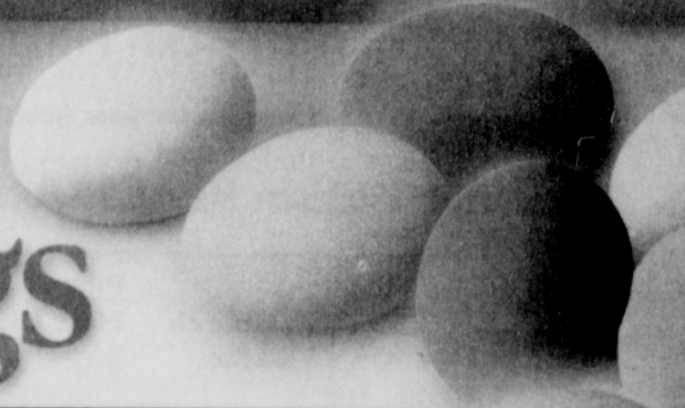
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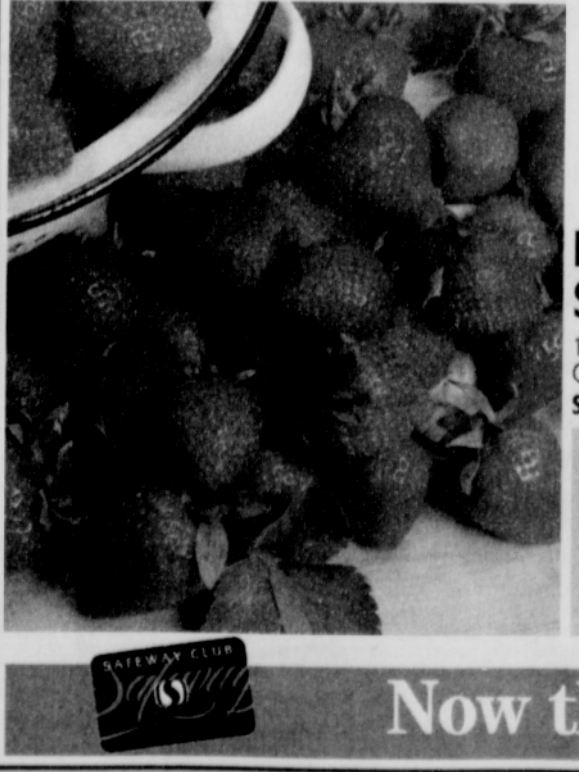
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