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Teen Killed at Bus Stop

Ruben Garcia adds a message to the growing memorial at a bus stop on North Killingsworth Street and Albina Avenue where a teen was shot on Friday.

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High school student dies in street shooting

A 16-year-old north Portland youth, Marcus Mill, was shot to death in broad daylight on Friday afternoon.

Mill attended Hellensview High school, an alternative school in northeast Portland.

He was killed by someone who stepped off a TriMet bus on the corner of North Killingsworth Street and Albina Avenue, according to witnesses.

The gang enforcement team is investigating the shooting, but has made no arrests.

Mill was the second person shot and killed in north Portland over the weekend.

Also on Friday, a 24-year-old Native American man, Robert Or-

lando Holliday, died at Emanuel Hospital, after suffering life-threatening injuries at the 6700 block of North Vancouver Avenue.

Both investigations are ongoing. The public is urged to call Detective Steve Ober at 503-823-4033 if they have any information about the shooting of Holliday and Detective Paul Weatheroy at 503-823-0458 if they have information about Mill.

'Driving While Black' Investigated

Where does aggressive policing end and racial profiling begin? That's a question "Dateline NBC" explored in a report titled "A Pattern of Suspicion," which uncovered some disturbing trends in how tickets for certain misdemeanors were issued in a number of U.S. cities.

What is described as a 14-month investigation begins in Cincinnati, where in April 2001 an unarmed black teenager was shot and killed as he fled from a police officer.

The victim, Timothy Thomas, had 14 outstanding warrants - but almost all of them stemmed from non-moving traffic violations such as failure to have a driver's license. Why had Thomas been stopped so many times? Was he the victim of racial profiling and police harassment?

"Dateline" analyzed 100,000 tickets issued by Cincinnati police, and, in a broader study, 4 million tickets gathered from cities across the country including Boston, Hous-

ton, Denver and San Diego.

In almost every city, blacks got ticketed more than three times as much as whites for non-moving violations, while, for other infractions "Dateline" studied, they were ticketed far more evenly.

A St. Louis accountant and Sunday school teacher who happens to be black describes his driving experience this way: "We keep some bail money at home just in case I get locked up - so I can get out."

Perez Shooting Inquest Delayed

continued from Front page, in a state-quest prior to the grand jury in order to provide the public with complete and accurate information at the earliest possible

date," said Shrunck, in a state-

The secret grand jury investigation will begin on Tuesday, April 20 and is scheduled to take several days, according to

Schrunk.

He said he negotiated with officers because of the state's expansive immunity provisions, which may have jeopardized the officers' full testimony.

Judges Support Reforms to Help Mentally Ill

continued from Front page, County's Mental Health and Addiction Services, presented information showing that the percentage of African Americans in jail is proportionately twice the size of their representation in the community.

"It doubles again when you look at those with major mental illness," he said.

Davidson noted that there was a need for more triage at the front end by mental health professionals, rather than forcing police to decide between jail and an emergency room.

Strong explained that his county-funded program would allow rapid access to Cascadia resources, including mental health assessments, alcohol and drug treatment, hous-

ing resources, medication prescription and management resources, treatment groups, and case management.

"We work collaboratively with Multnomah County and other service providers to make best use of limited resources, for people who may have had difficulty accessing services," Strong said. "Our model includes lots of outreach and customized services, carefully monitored."

The group spent two hours working on developing plans to improve outreach, centralize information and resources, encourage cultural diversity for providers and their workforce, decreasing the stigma of mental health, improving early intervention and access to mental healthcare and other related concerns.

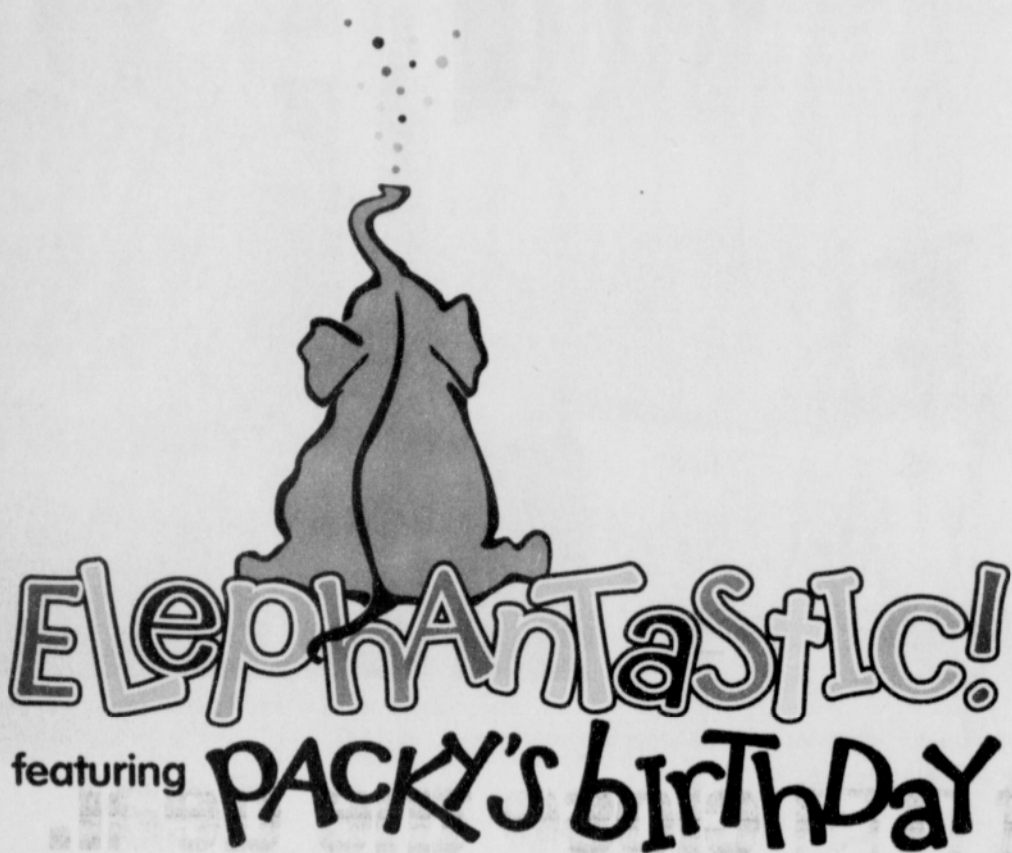
Unity Coalition Forms Alliances

continued from Front page, city officials.

"We've heard from the mayor, but where are the other commissioners? We haven't heard from these people that, in theory, represent us," McGee said.

According to McGee, while everyone should care about a loss of human life, his interest in Perez's shooting is personal.

"I'm an 18-year-old African-American male living in northeast Portland. I have to do this to save my life, my nephew's life, my sister's and brother's life," said McGee. "We as a people have to press that somehow, justice is more than a theory, for the Perez family and for his son."



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