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PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Sgt. Harry Jackson discusses increasing gang violence in the neighborhood surrounding Peninsula Park at North Albina Avenue between Portland Boulevard and Ainsworth Street with student Anuj Ezekiel, as part of a ride-along activity for Environmental Middle School.

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ately, they're less likely to do that. We're not there to exclude anyone from the park, but we're trying to keep it safe.'

"We're working very closely with the Police Bureau," Park Bureau public safety manager Mark Warrington told the Portland Observer.

"We're meeting with them on a weekly basis, and we're matching their resources with ours. There have been threats, intimidation, the use of weapons, and that's a great concern to us."

Last week the police pulled back their presence in the park.

"We've seen improvements, and we've received lots of good comments," Northeast Precinct Lieutenant Robert Heimbach told the Portland Observer. The gangs are "notthere right now. If we leave, they may come back."

In that event, Jackson says, anyone who witnesses such gang activity should call 911.

Warrington said his bureau was "monitoring" the situation. He was reluctant to concede that Peninsula had become a magnet for gangs.

"All parks are vulnerable to misuse," he says. "There have been two shootings in that neighborhood recently, and we harbor no illusions that we're somehow exempt from what's going on there." He conceded, "Young people are mobile. This is not a localized phenomenon.'

In response to questions at the Piedmont meeting, Jackson said neighbors should not abandon the park, but to be wary of what is happening there. To emphasize the seriousness of the problem he told one nearby resident, "Do you know how far a bullet can travel if it misses? It can go through the walls of your house."

**Boy Killed in Dog Attack** 

## **Shooting Inquest to Air on TV, Radio**

shooting death of James Jahar Perez, 100 people to view the inquest on an unarmed black motorist killed in a closed-circuit television. traffic stop in north Portland, begins Wednesday, April 28at9:30a.m. Less Northwest Cable channel 49 and than 30 seats are available to the public KBOO radio station 90.7 FM. Orat the Multnomah County Court- egon Live is carrying a continuous house, available on a first come-first stream of the inquest at serve basis.

Officials from the district attorney's office are looking into reserving an

The public inquest into the police overflow courtroom, accommodating

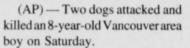
The inquest can also be seen on www.oregonlive.com/special/ policeshooting/.

made Tuesday for Portland Community Media to air a delayed tape of the inquest in its entirely.

"Between the internet, radio and cable television, every citizen wishing to follow the proceeding will have access to it. This will be the most accessible public inquest ever held in Portland's history and that's a good thing," said Scott Farris, a Arrangements also were being spokeman for the mayor.

Inquest proceedings will continue Thursday, beginning at 8:30a.m. with a video demonstrating police training techniques. Witnesses will testify for the rest of the day and continue into Friday, beginning at 9 a.m. and possibly spill into Monday.

After all testimonies are given, the jury will convene and return with the manner and cause of death.



John Streeter was found dead in in Sifton, a small community east of Vancouver.

County Sheriff's Office said the less than 100 pounds. dogs' owner was away from home on vacation at the time.

Police and animal control authorities had no record of any complaints about either dog, both a mix of bull mastiff and German shepherd.

Both dogs are females estimated Dulemba, a spokeswoman for the

#### (AP) - Two dogs attacked and Humane Society for southwest Washington, where the animals

were being held. One dog, Precious, weighs 135 the back yard of a neighbor's home pounds. The other, Diamond, weighs 98 pounds, Dulemba said.

Sgt. John Horch of the sheriff's Sgt. Steve Shea of the Clark office estimated Streeter weighed

> Authorities identified the dogs' owner as Edward Miller, who lives next door to the home where Streeter lived with his mother and two sisters.

Once detectives complete their investigation, information will be sent to the prosecutor's office, which will decide whether any crimito be 3 or 4 years old, said Kate nal charges are warranted. Shea said.

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## **Multicultural Health Administrator Hired**

administrator of the Office of Services. "Mason is well prepared Multicultural Health in the Oregon to organize our efforts and work Department of Human Services.

Since 2002. Mason has been multicultural development officer at ChemeketaCommunity College in Salem.

He is also a senior project consultant at the National Center of Cultural Competence at Georgetown Uni-James Mason

versity. "The Governor's Racial and Eth- agement skills in bringing people nic Task Force has identified per- together to produce change. sistent, significant health problems unique to Oregon's racial and ethnic communities," said Barry Kast, PSU.

James Mason has been hired as assistant DHS director for Health with our public health programs to

confront these problems."

Kast said that key factors in Mason's selection were his ability to relate cultural issues to health policy, along with his experience in behavioral health, an ability to engage communities of color and organizational and man-

During the past 20 years, Mason has been a lecturer and instructor at

### Hiring for Summer Youth Litter Patrols to Begin

wishing to work outdoors and this summer.

to clean up litter along state high-Patrol program. While the crews primarily pick up litter, other duties may also include graffiti removal and general landscape maintenance. A typical crew includes a crew leader and two or old. more members.

for selected applicants may be- vices.

The Oregon Department of gin as early as May. Youth Litter Transportation has jobs for youth Patrols may work up to 12 weeks

Litter Patrol Workers are tem-This summer, ODOT expects porary employees paid on an to hire about 245 youth statewide hourly basis starting at \$7.49 for crew members and \$8.08 for ways as part of the Youth Litter crew leaders. Crew leaders must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver license and good driving record. There is no maximum age for a crew leader. Crew members must be 16 to 20 years

The Youth Litter Patrol pro-To be considered for the job, gram was founded in 1971 to register with your local Employ- help in cleaning up highway ment Department office. A list of rights-of-way and is funded these offices is available at through the sale of custom liwww.workinginoregon.org. De- cense plates available through pending on the area, interviews Driver and Motor Vehicle Ser-

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