



Jazz & Hip-Hop 101

Free concert to put emphasis on cultural and artistic knowledge
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Locked Out

African Americans say they're routinely passed over as boxing officials
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Deejay Kevin Berry says the old school sounds he played on KBOO made his 'Time Sound' show popular in the African American community. But the lyrics of some of the rap music he played is cited as one reason for his dismissal after 23 years.



Deejay Yanked at KBOO

'Time Sound' host fired; rap lyrics faulted

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"Time Sound," a long-running radio show on KBOO 90.7 will no longer provide a forum for news, information, music and discussion about issues affecting African Americans after the station fired deejay Kevin

Berry after 23 years of volunteer service.

Berry's plan to retire "Time Sound" in two years was cut short when he received a letter from his program director, relieving him of his show. The reason cited was failure to attend a mandatory pledge drive shift. But later, officials said he violated

the public station's policy on playing music that could be considered offensive.

Berry had been a programmer and radio host at KBOO since 1981, playing some hip-hop and R&B, but mostly old school artists such as Al Greene and Earth, Wind & Fire and never hard-core, underground

rap, he said.

The show has served as a forum through the years for African Americans to vent and discuss issues affecting people of color.

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Traffic Stop Cultural Gap Tackled

Forum draws 150, but not the police

Portland police officers need training to handle tense situations and motorists need to demonstrate responsible behavior when stopped by police, according to the former president of the National Black Prosecutors Association.

Sheryl Robinson made her comments Saturday to about 150 community members at a sometimes contentious forum at Self Enhancement, Inc. in north Portland, titled "Traffic Stops, Civil Rights and Yo."

The public discussion was an attempt to convert hopelessness into empowerment and turn anger into positive energy after police fatally shot James Jahar Perez and Kendra James, two unarmed African-American motorists within a year, and the police shooting death of Jose Mejia Poot during a disturbance at local psychiatric hospital.

The most recent shooting, the March 28 police killing of Jahar Perez during a traffic stop in the St. Johns community, has already been debated in public hearings. But angry feelings remain among people who say they have been stopped unfairly by police because of their race.

Robinson said cultural differences between citizens and police can exacerbate traffic stops, and diversity training can help safely bridge that cultural gap.

She said police officers are forced to make difficult and controversial decisions within a matter of seconds, sometimes without complete information.

"There is no such thing as a routine traffic stop," said Robinson, who has investigated for the U.S. Department of Justice hundreds of cases tied to police misconduct.

She said it was important for police officers to receive extensive training on such situations and that other cities have spent millions of dollars to improve handling of tense situations. Citizens should demonstrate reasonable behavior, she said, such as turning off the engine and radio when stopped by police.

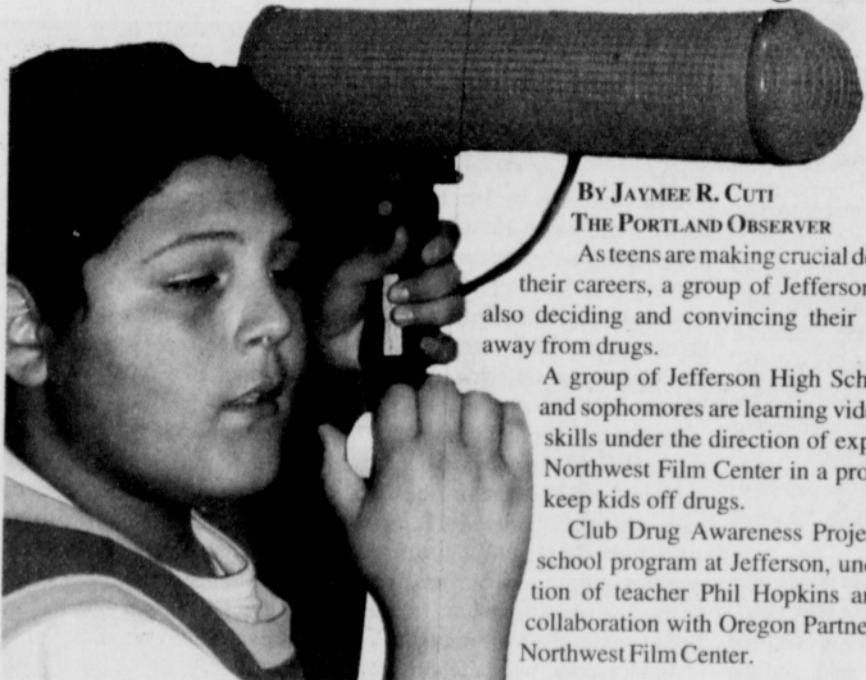
One audience member shouted that he had a right to listen to his radio without being harassed.

"We have to follow rules," Robinson said. "During the traffic

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Honing Skills

Career paths mixed with anti-drug message



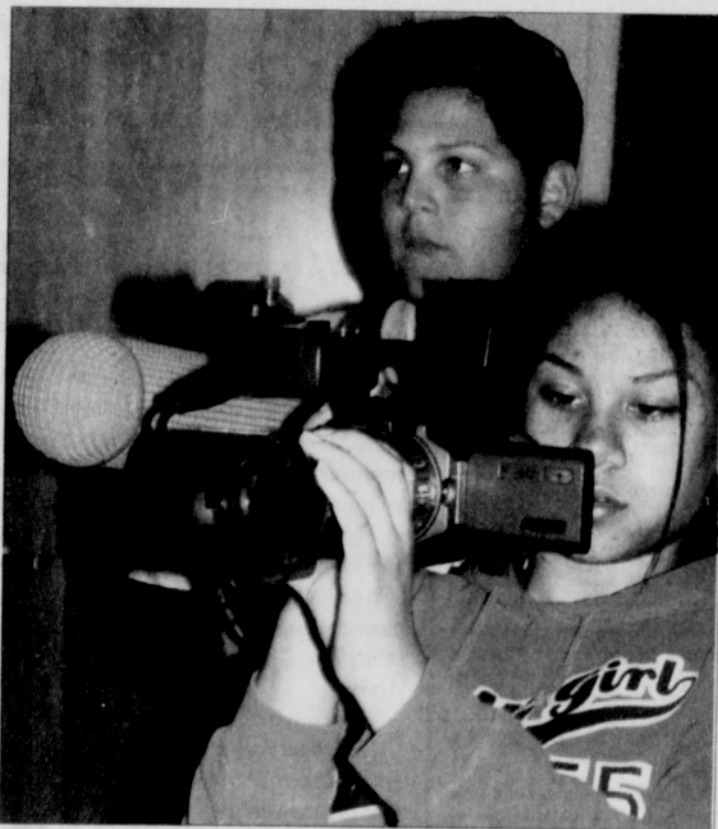
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As teens are making crucial decisions about their careers, a group of Jefferson students are also deciding and convincing their peers to stay away from drugs.

A group of Jefferson High School freshman and sophomores are learning video production skills under the direction of experts from the Northwest Film Center in a project aimed to keep kids off drugs.

Club Drug Awareness Project is an after school program at Jefferson, under the direction of teacher Phil Hopkins and through a collaboration with Oregon Partnership and the Northwest Film Center.

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PHOTOS BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Camerawoman Angel Cobb shoots a drug awareness project with fellow Jefferson High School student Robert Conde.

Robert Conde learns to use sound equipment for a collaborative project between Jefferson High School, Oregon Partnership and the Northwest Film Center.

Week in The Review

Towns Can't Marry Out-Of-State Gays

Three of the four Massachusetts communities that married same-sex couples from outside the state have stopped issuing licenses to nonresidents after receiving a warning of prosecution from the state attorney general.

General Sanchez on Way Out

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top U.S. military official in Iraq, will be replaced as part of command changes that have been in the works for several months, administration officials said Tuesday. The Pentagon also suspended Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski from

her command. Both have become symbols of lax supervision at the Abu Ghraib prison where U.S. soldiers abused Iraqi inmates.

Bush Sells Iraq Plan

President Bush sought to rally global support for the transfer of power in Iraq, saying that even European leaders who opposed the war now "share the same goal" of a budding democracy.

Court Sides With Death Row Inmate

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that a convicted Alabama killer can pursue an appeal claiming lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment in his case. Justices said that lower courts were wrong to block appeals by death

row inmate David Larry Nelson, who was less than three hours from execution last fall when the Supreme Court gave him a temporary reprieve.



LT. GEN. RICARDO SANCHEZ

Records Show 5,500 Iraqis Killed

More than 5,500 Iraqis died violently in just Baghdad and three provinces in the first 12 months of the occupation, an Associated Press survey found. The toll from both criminal and political violence ran dramatically higher than violent deaths before the war, according to statistics from



Brandon Mayfield with wife Mona

morgues.
FBI Apologizes to Portland Lawyer
Offering a rare public apology, the FBI admitted mistakenly linking a Portland lawyer's fingerprint to one found near the scene of a terrorist bombing in Spain, a blunder that led to his imprisonment for more than two weeks. Brandon Mayfield and his wife, Mona Mayfield, reacted to the announcement Monday. The couple charges the government with targeting them because of their Muslim faith. See story, page A2. (AP photo)

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