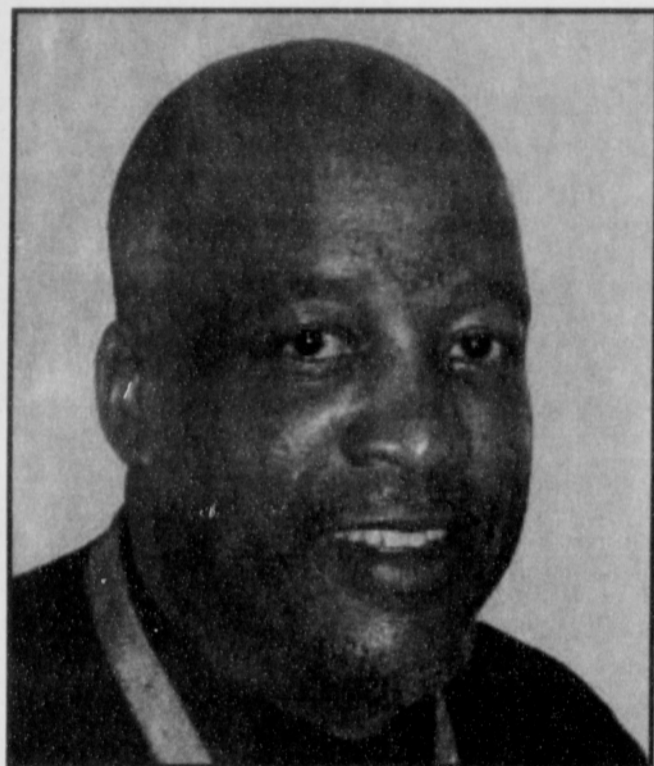


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New Principal: Cottrell White, Jr.
Cottrell White, Jr., former administrative assistant for behavior in Portland's Adams High School and later in Portsmouth and Whitaker Middle Schools will take over as principal of Victory Middle School if confirmed by the Governing Board as expected Tuesday, June 29th. "White is an excellent choice," said current principal, Rich Blizzard. "He will bring our students, staff, and families together on the pathway to excellence." "His extensive experience and successes with student management would be an asset to any middle school."

Victory Students Scored

8 Months of Gain

In Just

4 Months Time!As Measured by the Nationally Normed
California Achievement Test

Closing the "Achievement Gap"

Our guiding mission at Victory MS is to close the "Achievement Gap." That means the children we serve will do as well as all others. We are realizing our dream. The average sixth-grader came to Victory nearly two years behind, as measured by the highly respected and nationally normed California Achievement Test. By scoring 8 months of gain with just 4 months instruction, we are fulfilling our dream!

Victory Has . . .

- **15:1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio**
- **FREE Tuition** (Equal Opportunity)
- **Exceptional Textbooks**
- **Theme-Based Curriculum**
- **Certified Teachers**
- **Grades Based on Performance**
- **Before and After School Help**
- **6 Annual Field Trips**
- **An Excellent Gym**
- **ESL and Special Ed Welcome**

Equal Opportunity for All. Victory Middle School admits students of any race, color, nationality and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

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Pushing the Vote in 2004

Fall elections inspire youth turnout

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If anybody has an opinion it's young people, so why aren't they exercising their cherished freedom of expression at the ballot box? This is the big question stumping political parties from every angle.

The presidential elections of 2000 saw the lowest turnout among young voters since 1972 when 18 year olds first gained the right to vote.

Accordingly, new efforts are now in the making to reverse the political participation in the young generation. Polls indicate that this fall young people are more interested in voicing their opinions and may vote with a vengeance.

In hopes of increasing the turnouts of young people, the Secretary of State Bill Bradbury and Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo sent letters and voter registration cards in June to more than 50,000 Oregonians who will be turning 18 before the Nov. 2 General Election.

"Look at the issues that directly affect young people today," said Castillo. "Their voices and opinions need to be heard, and voting is



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Kamaria Porter (right) gives instructions on voting registration to Rebecca Cornwell during a "Let Justice Roll" voter registration drive at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 14th Ave.

the way in which young people can impact the direction of the state and the nation."

Bradbury and Castillo are also working with organizations such as the New Voters Project to provide voter registration to students and other young people.

MTV's Rock the Vote and other political and civil liberty

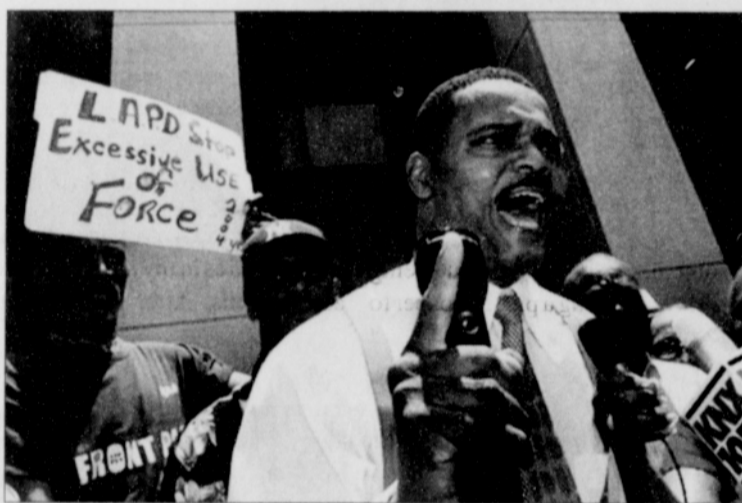
groups have also come together under the umbrella of stamping out voter suppression by young people.

"I believe that voting is a powerful tool that can be used to our advantage as young people," said 19-year-old Iyonna St. Gerard, recent graduate of Benson High and current undergraduate at the Uni-

versity of Oregon. "Voting is especially important for us as students because so much weighs on it. We're trying hard to become educated leaders so that we can make a difference."

More information about voter registration can be found online at www.rockthevote.com and www.mobilize.org.

Flashlight Used in Recent LAPD Beating



Community activist Shaka Satori speaks to reporters in Los Angeles Friday to protest the flashlight beating of an African-American man by a Los Angeles Police officer. (AP photo)

(AP) — Three officers involved in the videotaped beating of an unarmed black man during an arrest will be investigated for excessive use of force, Police Chief William Bratton said.

A total of eight officers have been placed on desk duty as the FBI and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigate, Bratton said. The LAPD also has started an internal probe which Bratton vowed would be fair and open.

Officer John Hatfield, 35, appeared to hit Stanley Miller 11 times with a flashlight after the man had surrendered following a car chase. Miller, 36, was not seriously hurt

but complained of being struck in the head and had a bruised cheek, police said.

Mayor James Hahn said any officer found to have committed a crime will be fired and prosecuted.

"We've worked too hard to build our relationship with the community to have it jeopardized by thoughtless actions of a few," he said.

The violent arrest, captured June 23 by a TV news helicopter, quickly drew comparisons to the 1991 beating of Rodney King, but Bratton and Hahn said much has changed. For one thing, Hahn said, reforms now mandate an independent investigation.

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