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Local Little Leaguers District Champs

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Community Calendar

Alberta Farm Market

Providing healthy, affordable, high quality food, the Alberta Cooperative Grocery offers seasonal produce from local growers, ready-to-eat food and weekly entertainment. Open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, located on 1500 NE Alberta Street. For more information, call 503-287-4333.

Attention Bookworms!

Contact the nearest public library near you and take advantage of fun summer reading programs open to all ages or take free computer classes. Learn about e-mail, web searching, spreadsheets, word processing and more. To learn more, visit online at <http://www.multicolib.org>.

Two Wheelin'

Learn Portland's bikeway network with rides throughout the city with tours every Tuesday and Wednesday through Aug. 25. For information about a full schedule of rides, call 503-823-5266.

Writing Seminar

Free your writing spirit with a free writing workshop by Write Around Portland through Aug. 12 at locations in and around north Portland. To register or contribute, call 503-796-9224.

Interest in Adoption?

A free information meeting for prospective adoptive parents is held the third Wednesday of every month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Belmont Public Library, 1038 S.E. 39th Ave. For more information, call 503-226-4870 or visit www.openadopt.com.

Health Maintenance

Sankofaa Health Institute offers a free diabetes support group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every third Thursday at Alberta Simmons Plaza, 6707 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information, call 503-285-2484.

Work For Change

Community Advocates invites those interested in protecting children from abuse to become an event volunteer, event outreach, technology expert, graphic artists or office support team member. For more information, call 503-280-1388.

Home Improvement

The Community Energy Project holds free workshops on water conservation and weatherization. For more information, call 503-284-4962.

Ya Gotta Regatta

You gotta go to the 10th annual Columbia Slough Regatta small crafts show and paddling event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 26 at the lower Columbia Slough in northeast Portland.

NAACP Meetings

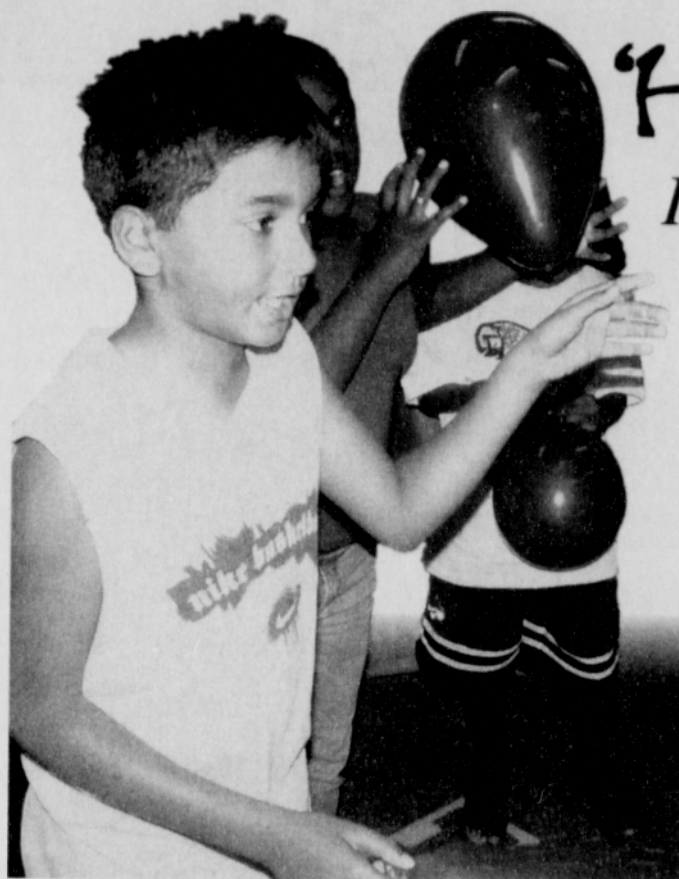
The Portland Branch of the NAACP holds two monthly executive committee meetings, on the second Thursday of the month and the Thursday before the fourth Saturday of the month. General membership meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month. For more information, call 503-284-7722.

Aquatic Fitness

Providence has a full schedule of fitness classes including water exercising at the Providence Aquatic Center, 4805 N.E. Glisan. For a schedule, call 503-215-6301.

Canine 101

The Oregon Humane Society explains problem pooches at Canine 101 classes on Saturday, July 17 at 11 a.m. A \$10 donation is suggested. For more information, call 503-285-7722 or visit www.oregonhumane.org.



Justin Nath, Tajza Moree and other campers grasp the concept of thrust by blowing up balloons at Intel's Summer Science Camp at the University Park Community Center.

'Hello Mudda, Hello Fadda'

Intel Summer Camp makes learning fun

Making lava lamps, testing the absorbency of diapers and grasping the concept of rocket propulsion with balloons are just a couple of the creative projects kids in north Portland are doing this summer that makes learning fun.

A group of fifth to eighth graders are learning about earth and health science, chemistry, technology and physics at the second annual Summer Science Camp sponsored by Intel at the University Park Recreation Center.

"We hope to build enthusiasm and interest in the sciences, explore different areas of science and find out what might interest them most,"

said Karen Birt, director of the center, a Portland Parks and Recreation facility. The special instruction is free to campers. The Network of Intel African American Employees sponsored field trips, donated supplies and developed the teaching curriculum.



Nasche Askari, age 9

Police Protocol in Spotlight

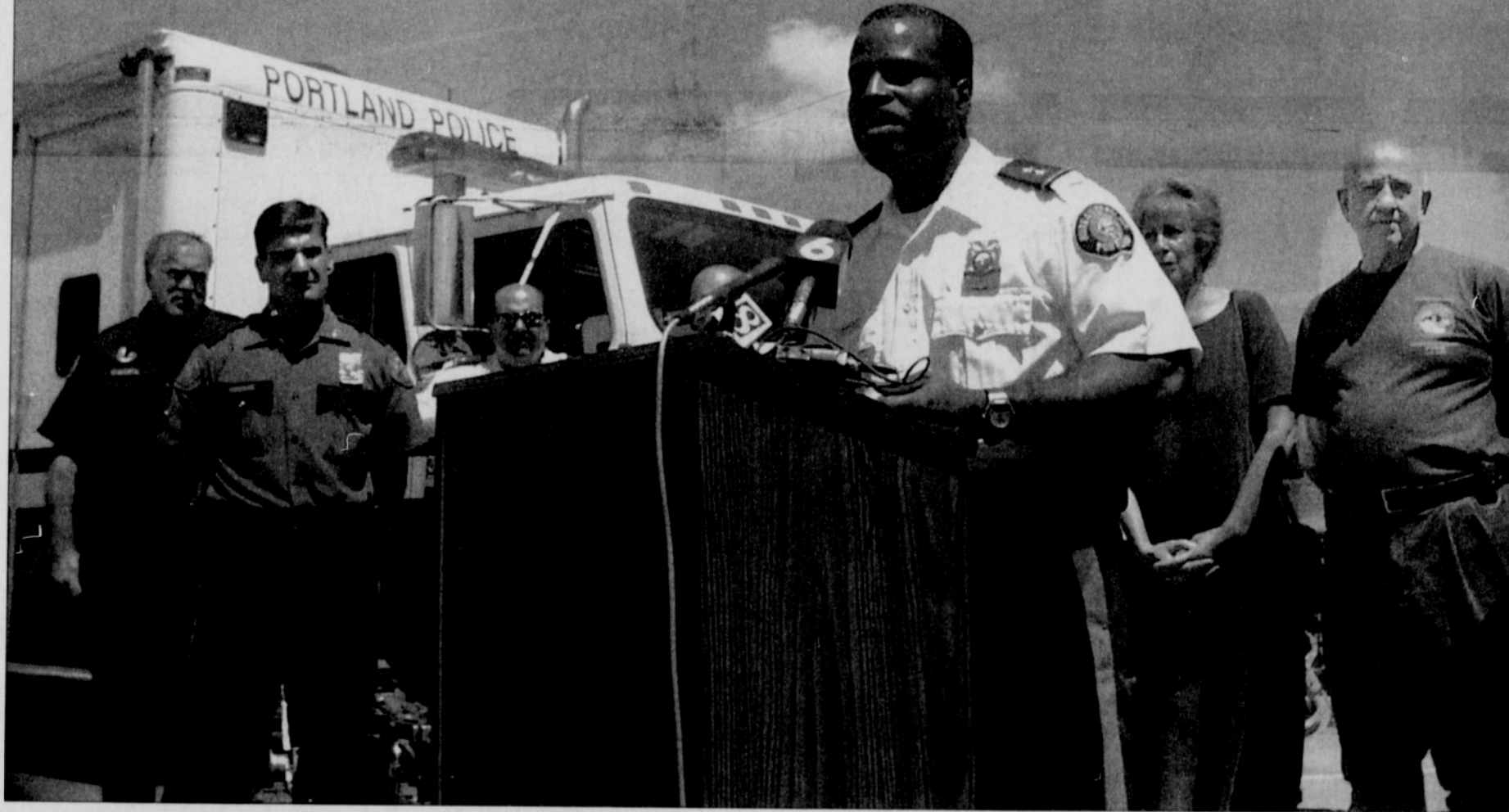


PHOTO BY JOHANNA S. KING/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Chief Derrick Foxworth conducts a news conference at the bureau's Northeast Precinct to explain how his Citizen Police Academy's effort to improve community policing.

Citizen academy offers insight

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
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A public outreach program designed to restore trust between police officers and the community swings back into action after budget cuts forced a four-year hiatus.

The Citizen Police Academy is accepting applications for 20 people who live or work in Portland to experience police work, first hand.

Upon clearance from a background check, academy members will shoot guns and get behind the wheel of a police car at training facilities, experiencing much of the tactics, procedures and equipment of actual officers. The citizens will also see real police work on the street in special ride-alongs.

"I'm really excited about the Citizen's Academy," said Chief Derrick Foxworth. "This is community policing."

Officers are looking for citizens available for nine evenings beginning in September who are active in the community.

The primary objective is to get the word out that many police procedures happen for

a reason.

One highlight of the program popular with past participants is a "shoot/no shoot" video game simulating split-second life and death decisions officers are likely to face.

Richard Brown, a past graduate and local African-American community leader, said he thought cutting the academy was a mistake.

He said the knowledge gained in the academy helped him reach out to his neighbors after the deadly force shooting of Kendra James, an unarmed African-American woman killed by Portland police, created deep wounds between officers and the com-

munity.

"The training was very valuable. It transitioned me from a detractor of the police to a supporter of the police," said Brown.

According to Mike Krebs, captain of the training division, the academy is a way to educate the public about what an officer's job really is and dispel suspicion and misconceptions about why police do what they do.

For an online application or more information about the Citizen Police Academy, visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/police/index.cfm?c=32121> or call the Northeast Precinct at 503-823-5700.

Mayor Pushes Reforms, diversity issues already on agenda

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
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Mayor Vera Katz plans to submit her own proposal for police reform.

She and Commissioner Jim Francesconi butted heads when he submitted a resolution to improve police force diversity and training; a city bureau that the mayor oversees. Portland police

have been under intense scrutiny after the shooting deaths of two unarmed people of color in less than one year.

Though Francesconi takes credit for keeping the issue on public radar, Scott Farris, a spokesman for the mayor, says it's "silly" for the commissioner to suggest that police reform has been anywhere but on the forefront of the mayor's



Mayor Vera Katz

agenda.

Francesconi is in charge of parks, transportation and urban forestry bureaus.

"Everything Commissioner Francesconi wants that he's addressed in the resolution is being addressed in the bureau. There was no reason for his resolution," said Farris.

He added that faith community

leaders working under the umbrella of the Albina Ministerial Alliance Ad Hoc Committee, see a need to get the reform in writing, and says the mayor's resolution will address that concern.

Francesconi's proposal, backed by Commissioner Randy Leonard, outlined training and

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