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Week in The Review

Moore Invites Bush to See 'F911'

If President Bush isn't busy at the ranch Wednesday night, he can score a couple of seats at a movie premiere in nearby Crawford, Texas. Filmmaker Michael Moore, who visited the Democratic National Convention on Monday, said he has invited the president to join him for a screening of "Fahrenheit 9/11", his documentary about terrorism and the war in Iraq.

Kerry Urges Follow Through from 9/11 Panel



Keeping national security at the front of the presidential campaign, John Kerry called Tuesday for extending the life of the Sept. 11 commission to help ensure that its recommendations are enacted as soon as possible.

U.S. Indicts Muslim Charity

A federal indictment unsealed Tuesday charged a Muslim charity and seven men with conspiracy and dealing with terrorists. The Texas-based Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development was named in the 42-count indictment.

Bryant Judge May Release Case Transcripts

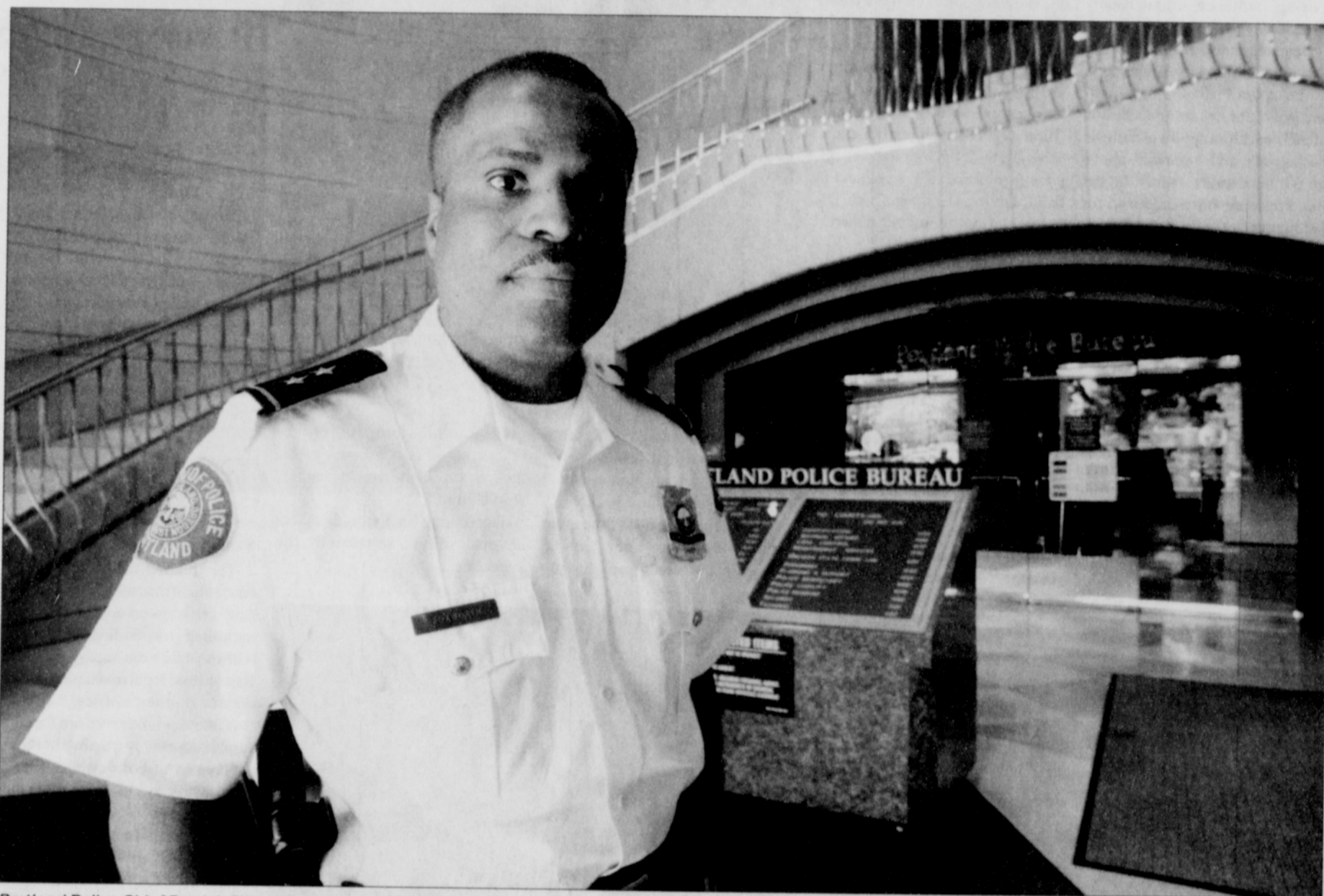
Under pressure from the U.S. Supreme Court, the judge in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case indicated Tuesday he may release edited copies of transcripts from a closed-door hearing dealing with the accuser's sex life that were accidentally e-mailed to reporters.

Groups Sue to Stop Bag Searches

Two civil rights groups in Boston filed a lawsuit in federal court to stop the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority from randomly inspecting passengers' bags, saying it's an unconstitutional violation of personal privacy.

Medicare Cut for Cancer Drugs Proposed

The Bush administration proposed cutting Medicare payment rates for doctors providing cancer treatment in their offices, projecting savings of \$530 million amid concerns that some specialists would reduce their practices. Medicare chief Mark McClellan said the government is paying far too much for cancer drugs administered in doctors' offices.



Portland Police Chief Derrick Foxworth shows leadership to police force under scrutiny.

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FOXWORTH Sets the Tone

Chief shows tenacity for good policing

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
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Ten months ago, Derrick Foxworth inherited one of the toughest jobs in the city at a time when the police bureau was under the microscope following the officer-involved shooting of Kendra James, an unarmed African-American woman at a routine traffic stop in northeast Portland.

Stacks of recommendations to improve the bureau poured in, from independent review agencies, internal boards, citizens and political groups forming in response to the use of deadly force.

Word on the street was that Foxworth had inherited a bureau of "rookies" or "cowboys" with insufficient training and dubious attitudes towards people of color.

Though Foxworth admits that his bureau is young, himself only 45, he believes that with leadership, the best intentions of his officers will earn the public's trust.

Echoing the cornerstone attitudes of Portland's first African-American police chief, Charles Moose, community policing is quick to the lips of Foxworth.

"When I first took the position, there was a lot of concern about restoring the trust

between the police and the community and a concern about use of force and a concern about community policing. That gave me an agenda of what we need to work on," said Foxworth.

Many of the bureau's changes since Foxworth was hired center around his commitment to community policing.

The bureau is launching the return of a Citizen's Police Academy, "to help the community understand what we do and why we do it," Foxworth explains.

The debut of a Use of Force Board, staffed with citizens and officers with vot-

ing power, was created in response to the officer-involved shootings afflicting the city in the past year. The bureau is currently recruiting for more minority applicants and is expected to meet in November.

Foxworth also plans to expand the Taser program, requiring every officer to be trained in Taser handling and equipment, to avoid use of deadly force.

One of the largest changes coming up in the bureau is the return of 40 hours of officer in-service training, a costly program cut in

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Unsolved Murders Reopened

Chief enacts Cold Case Squad to restore safety

BY JOHANNA S. KING
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Police Chief Derrick Foxworth is stirring up the dust of past acts of deadly violence in hopes of solving future crimes.

Experts in criminal justice say if a case isn't solved within 72 hours after a crime is first reported, with no strong leads identified, it often gets pushed to the back burner.

Foxworth announced a plan last week to create a Cold Case Squad to help reverse the increasing pattern of crimes being committed and then left unsolved. He will begin launching the first stages of close examinations within the next few weeks.

"We've heard the persistent recommendations and seen the immediate needs within our community to try and solve what's been left unsolved in the past," said Foxworth. "As a result of an overwhelming response of both individual and group interest and many recent technological gains, there's no reason for us not to implement a cold case squad."

Erasing the disgrace of unsolved crimes will come at no easy cost. The new homicide team will begin with a sergeant and two detectives and is likely to expand its work force after investigations are resurrected and heavily underway.

The initial challenge will be to decide which of the 270 murder cases left unsolved in the past 19 years to reopen first.

Foxworth, who is concerned primarily with about 50 fairly recent, gang-related homicides, said he hopes

to restore broken community relationships and earn back the public's trust in the Portland Police Bureau.

He said any unsolved crimes can bring fear and intimidation to the city's neighborhoods.

"Our job as police officers includes working for the citizens we represent. Our main objective in everything we do is to act in the best interest of the community and uphold the strong values of our public service organization," he said. "It's time people begin to see the good we're doing and the good we continually strive for."

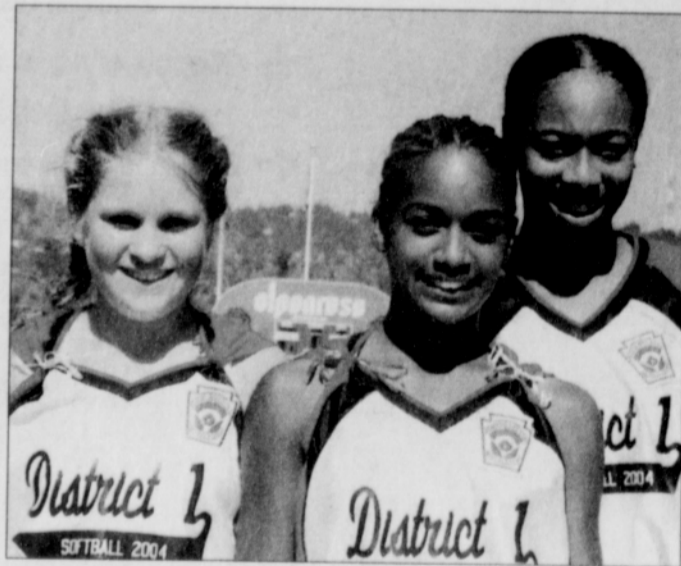
Although Cold Case Squads have earned a positive reputation among popular culture with television shows like CSI: Crime Scene Investigation aired on CBS, the job in reality isn't as fun and adventurous as it appears.

Homicide squads depend heavily on new technologies, including DNA testing and accessible history records. They also revisit old leads and witnesses to try and patch missing pieces.

While the idea of a squad has earned the public's approval, its effectiveness may be limited by a lack of funds.

Foxworth originally hoped to start the squad earlier this year, but budget changes forced him to hold off.

"My priority here is to get existing murderers, who have yet to be caught and sentenced off the street before they can kill again. It's about reassuring safety and taking back our communities," he said. "I'm willing to do anything it takes to get the job done."



Top players Maggie Forness (from left), Corina Butcher and Kamie Boggan advance Riverside softball team to championship.

Riverside Plays Pendleton for Championship

Winner will advance to regionals

An exciting state tournament held at Alpenrose left the major girls Riverside softball team set up to play for the regional championship.

The Riverside team won weekend games against Districts 5, 6 and 8.

Friday's game resulted in a 4 to 1 victory over District 8.

Saturday, Riverside beat Roseberg, 13 to 3.

Riverside took Crook County on Sunday and beat them 2 to 1.

Monday, Riverside beat Cascade 4 to 3 in a nine inning game, advancing them to the championship game against Pendleton.

The winner will go to regionals in Vancouver, Wash.

Riverside holds the district title for three consecutive years.

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