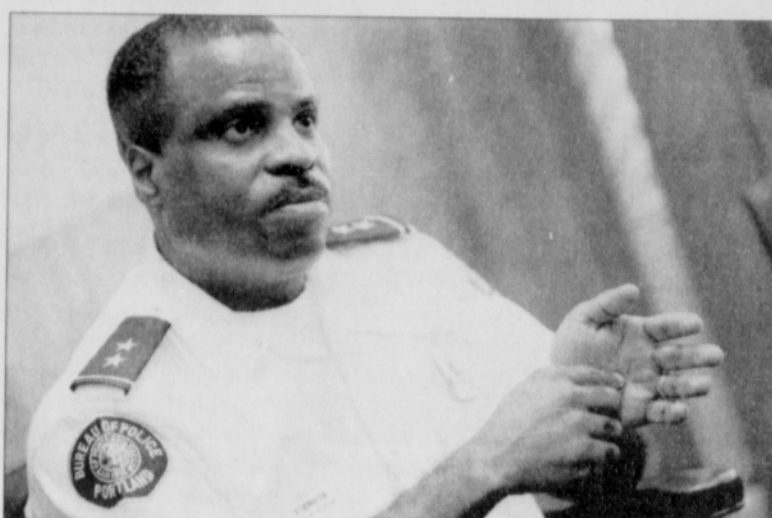


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Year in Review



New Mayor in Wings
Nov. 10, 2004 — Former Portland Police Chief and Mayor-elect Tom Potter sets his agenda for the city after winning a mayoral race against City Commissioner Jim Francesconi. Potter said he will take over management of all the city's bureaus for several months.



Cold Cases Heat Up
Nov. 17, 2004 — Police Chief Derrick Foxworth introduces new cold cases unit to investigate unsolved murders. One of the first assignments is the 2002 murder of 24-year-old mother Asia Bell, an African-American woman.



Landmark Marriages
March 10, 2004 — Abby Haywood and Jamie Bolyard express the joy and love they have for each other moments after being legally married at the Multnomah County building in southeast Portland. The county commission had just issued marriage licenses to same-sex couples based on equal rights provisions in the Oregon Constitution.

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The scholarship fundraiser supports the dream of local African American college students who successfully complete Prospective Gents Club and Imminent Ladies of Virtue rites of passage experiences.

This year's ceremony will focus on African American achievement in the Olympics.

"Each year, the Bridge Builders produces a high quality show in honor of African American achievement. In addition to entertainment, there is education and inspiration," said Cupid Alexander, a co-chair for the gala.

The rituals will be infused with singing, dancing and drumming indigenous to Africa. There are also contemporary performances that include step, spoken word, cane precision and Hip Hop.

Following the presentations, adult guests are invited to a dinner dance to bring in the New Year. Three-Fifths Compromise jazz band and disc jockey Ricky Pettiford will

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Young men and women perform during the Rites of Passage ceremony in last year's annual Bridge Builders gala.

play oldies, rhythm and blues, jazz, Hip Hop and rap until 2:30 a.m. This post celebration will include a buffet

and champagne toast at midnight. This year's student honorees

are Keith Dempsey and Candius Dean, Tuskegee University; Christopher Hopkins, Western Culinary Institute; LaMarr Thompson and Nicole McCoy, Portland Community College; Nathaniel Carter, Johnnie Williams Jr.; and Megan Hubbard, Texas Southern University; Adam Myers Jr., Mt. Hood Community College; Laurice Scott, Portland State University; Demie Shiferaw and Tramaine Hurts, University of Oregon; Lisa Alexander Grace and Amoah-Kumasi, Howard University; Phyllicia Boss, Prairie View A & M University; Breanna Probasco-Canda; Hampton University; and Washanna Crittendon, Alabama A & M University.

Tickets starting at \$26.50 are available at the Portland Center for Performing Arts box office or any Ticket Master location. Student tickets are sold for half price the day of the show.

The post celebration tickets are sold separately for \$40 each at Reflections Coffee Shop.

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