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Hip Hop comes to town with 'Cinco de Mayo Bomb'

Old school rappers and chart-topping newcomers blast the Rose Garden

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Community Calendar

PCC Art Beat Festival

The art beat goes on at the 19th Annual Art Beat festival at all Portland Community College campuses, May 8-12. The festival offers students community access to local, regional and national artists, plus visual art, dance, music, theater and literary events. This event is free and open to the public.

Black Affairs Convention

The Oregon Black Political Convention will be held Friday, April 28 through Sunday, April 30 at the Holiday Inn, Convention Center, 1441 N.E. Second Ave. Portland Mayor Tom Potter presents welcoming remarks on Saturday at 8:45 a.m.

Lents Resource Fair

Southeast Portland residents are invited to learn about home ownership opportunities, park improvements, street repairs and the future I-205 Max light rail line at the Lents Resource Fair, Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lent Elementary School, 5105 S.E. 97th Ave. There also will be special activities for kids, including free bike helmets.

Neighborhoods Celebrate

The Concordia and Fox Chase neighborhoods of northeast Portland present a street fair, Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Northeast 30th Avenue between Killingsworth and Jarrett streets. The 'Neighborhood Spring Thing' will include music, art activities, free bicycle helmets for kids, story telling, puppet shows and other performances.

Women in NAACP

Women in NAACP meets from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver. For questions, call 503-249-6263.

Free College Outreach

The first Saturday of each month, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., high school students can get free help from Oregon State University on preparing for any college at the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott St.

Networking Skills

The function of networking for jobs and business opportunities will be explored during a Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs Coffee and Issues forum at 7 a.m. Friday, April 28 at OAME Cascade Plaza, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave. The one-hour session is open to the public and no registration is necessary.

Japanese Garden Plant Sale

The Japanese Garden will help you bring new life and color to your garden at its annual plant sale on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside the gates of garden in the upper parking lot. Admission is free.

Welcome Spring at PCC

Portland Community College hosts the second annual Beltane Festival at Cascade and Southeast campuses, Monday, May 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy music as well as drumming and dancing.

Ceramic Showcase

The Oregon Potters Association hosts the nation's largest all-clay show May 5-7 at the Oregon Convention Center. The show includes information booths, children's areas and live demos. The last day of the show is free.

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Full Court Press

Jim Hill challenges governor

BY SARAH BLOUNT
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Jim Hill doesn't like being labeled the anti-Kulongoski candidate. He follows his criticism against the current governor with solutions to the setbacks Oregon has struggled with during the incumbent's term.

"I'm not just saying I'm not Kulongoski," he said. "I'm saying I'm Jim Hill."

Hill, 58, represents the many people frustrated with snail-paced improvements in Oregon's economy, crowded classrooms and a failing health care system. He is one of two Democrats challenging Kulongoski in the May 16 Primary.

An Oregonian since 1974, Hill retains a southern accent from his childhood in Atlanta. He relocated to Oregon with his wife and infant daughter from Indiana, where he obtained a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a Master's in Business Administration and Law Degree from Indiana University.

Hill was elected State Treasurer in 1992, making history as the first African American in Oregon to hold a statewide office. He formerly held office as both a State Representative and Senator from the Salem area. He currently is single and lives in Salem.

This is Hill's second run for governor, following a loss to Kulongoski in the 2002 Democratic Primary. He said for him the scales were tipped to running again when former Gov. John Kitzhaber backed out of another run for the office.

On facing an incumbent, Hill said, "If you're not doing your job, then someone

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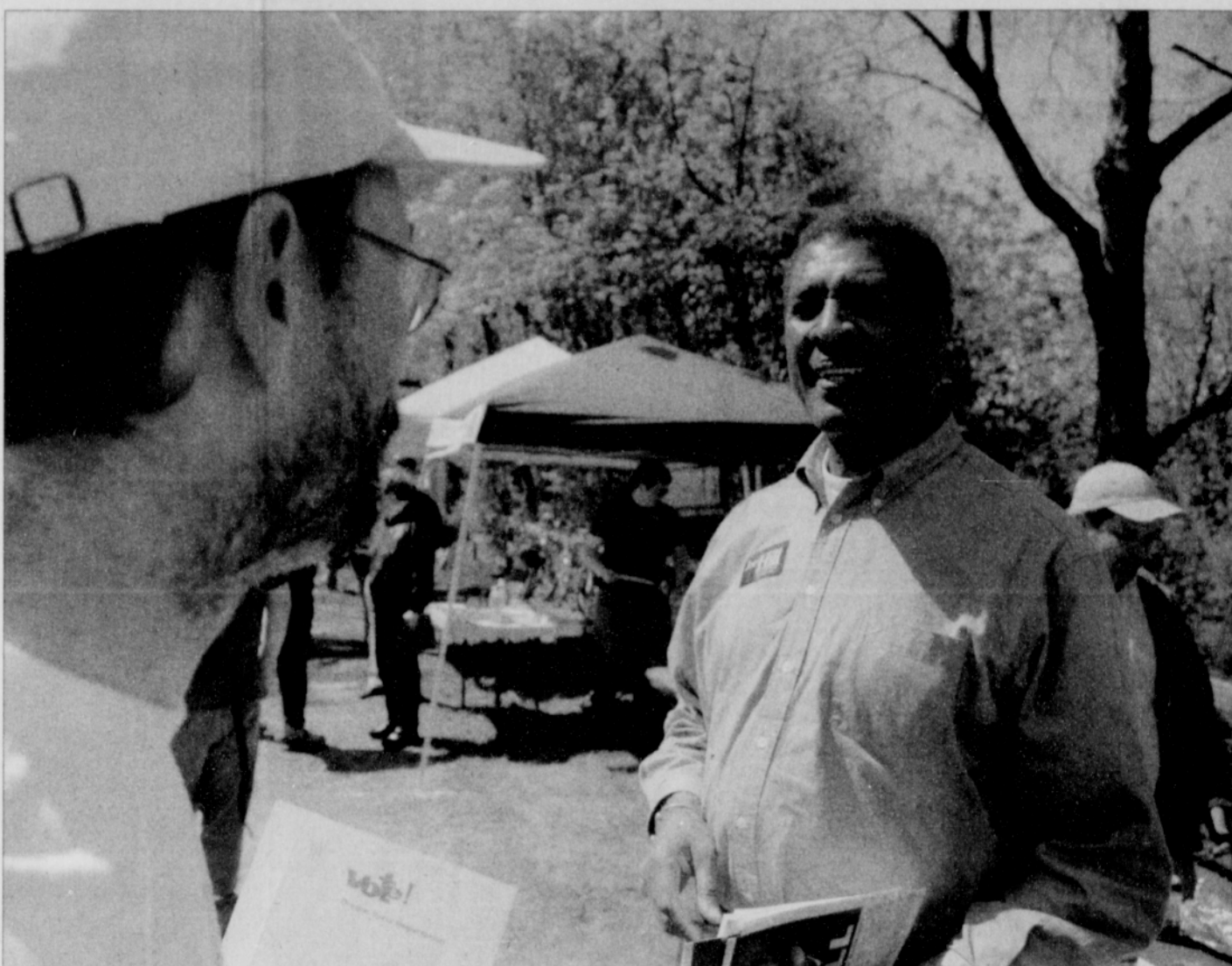


PHOTO BY ISALAH BOUIE/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Gubernatorial candidate Jim Hill visits with voters Saturday at Sellwood Park's Earth Day celebration in southeast Portland.

Sounding Off on the Issues

Immigration:

Hill: "We have to deal with this in a way that reflects Oregon's values...as long as people pay taxes and have no criminal record we have to accommodate them."

Sorenson: "I'm committed to non-discrimi-

nation on the basis of national origin...we shouldn't check for legality if emergency medical services have to be provided."

Jobs:

Hill: "We need to help businesses that are already here with low-interest loans and access to capital to grow."

Sorenson: "Businesses fail because of lack of capital and management skills. We must have investment and management

components."

Corporate Taxes:

Hill: "I will re-direct the Corporate Kick to education and raise the \$10 minimum corporate tax to fund schools."

Sorenson: "The corporate income tax should be modified so that loopholes such as credits, exemptions and deductions result in a more equitable level of contribution."



PHOTO BY SARAH BLOUNT/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Candidate for governor Pete Sorenson visits with Dawn Pierson on Northeast Rodney Avenue Monday while canvassing door to door, preparing for the May 16 Democratic Primary.

Pete Sorenson Wants to Listen, Lead

BY SARAH BLOUNT
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Pete Sorenson is a candidate who likes the idea of accessibility. At age 54, the current Lane County commissioner looks back on his political career as former state Senator, Legislative Assistant to U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver and Special Assistant to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for the Carter Administration. This experience, he says, has given him definitive ideas about what people expect from elected officials.

"Accessibility is at the heart of making things better," he said.

It's one thing to handle the issues of 320,000 Lane County residents, and another to deal with 3.5 million Oregonians, but Sorenson has worked out a detailed plan to accomplish his plan:

"I'd like to go out 10 times during my first year in office and visit Oregon's five congressional districts."

He'd theoretically have conversations with 12 people in six hours and hold town hall meetings in the evening.

Sorenson said the idea is to have a geographic balance with meetings unfiltered by

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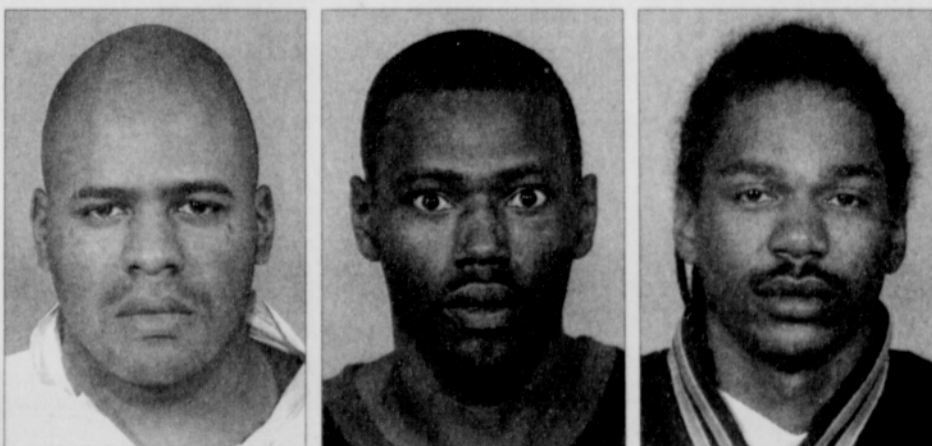
Senseless 'Cold Case' Murder Solved

Victim gunned down 9 years ago

A 9-year-old murder has been solved with the arrest of three people and the efforts of a "Cold Case" unit of the Portland Police Bureau's other law enforcement.

24-year-old Thomas Graham died after being shot in the chest at the corner of North Albina Street and Killingsworth Court on Nov. 28, 1997. At the time, police suspected he was the innocent victim of gang violence.

Now prosecutors believe that three men went hunting for a rival gang member on the



Charles Deangelos Jenkins (from left), John Cory Brown III and LaQuandre Taylor.

night of the murder, but instead shot Graham.

John Cory Brown III, 30, and Charles Deangelos Jenkins, 28, are both charged with Graham's murder and LaQuandre Taylor, 26, has been charged with conspiracy to commit his murder.

The family of the victim has been struggling for justice since the senseless killing. His son, now grown up, choked back tears when told the suspects have finally been arrested.

"The collaborative effort between our

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