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## Biodiesel Buys Cleaner Air

Jeff Rouse of Carson Oil Co (left) and TriMet's Fred Hansen and Sue Van Bocklin announce the switch to a biodiesel blend fuel for all buses in the TriMet fleet, making the transportation agency the #1 biodiesel user in Oregon. Combined with ultra-low sulfur diesel, TriMet expects to reduce particulate air pollution emissions up to 30 percent in buses.

## Crisis Training for Police Wanted

Mayor Tom Potter is asking the City Council to allocate \$250,000 to begin immediately providing Portland Police Bureau patrol officers with 40 hours of Crisis Intervention Training.

The training will help officers deal with people suffering from a mental illness. Mental health advocates have called for increased training for all officers in the aftermath of the recent death of James Chasse,

a mentally ill man who died in police custody after a confrontation with police officers, downtown.

"Increasingly, our public safety officers are the first responders for people on the street with mental health issues," said Mayor Potter. "Any additional training we can provide them is worth the investment for our community."

The money would come from a pool of more than \$18 million in

unanticipated revenues that has resulted from Portland's improving economy. The Council will vote on how to allocate those funds on Nov. 29.

The \$250,000 is expected to cover the training of about 180 officers through the end of this fiscal year. Potter will ask for an additional \$250,000 in the 2007-2008 budget to provide CIT training to all sworn officers.

## GOP Fails to Grow Black Support

### Poll finds much unhappiness

(AP)-- So much for the Republican charm offensive toward minorities. Black voters are far less likely to approve of the way President Bush is doing his job than voters generally and they are more likely to feel that the country is on the wrong track, disheartening news for a Republican Party that has been trying to curry favor with minority voters in recent years.

Eighty-nine percent of likely African American voters disapprove of Bush, compared with 61 percent of all likely voters.

In what could be a particularly bad sign for Republicans in next week's midterm elections, black voters also are more likely to say that the Iraq war was a mistake and that recent disclosures of scandal and corruption in Congress will be very important to their vote, according to an Associated Press-AOL Black Voices poll conducted Oct. 23 through Monday.

While black voters say Republicans have done a poor job of representing their interests, they also have misgivings about the Democratic Party. Almost half of black voters said the Democratic Party



Republican gubernatorial candidate Lynn Swann (center) campaigns Friday in Philadelphia. (AP Photo)

takes their vote for granted; about a third said the party has done a poor job of representing their interests.

About a fourth of blacks said they weren't confident their votes would be counted accurately.

Bush's draw on the black vote inched up to a still-anemic 11 percent in 2004. But since then the party has taken a hit because of widespread dissatisfaction with how the Bush administration responded to Hurricane Katrina last year.

Only 38 percent of blacks are confident the federal government

would help them in a major disaster, according to the AP-AOL poll.

And while the Republican Party has strongly pushed the candidacy of black Republicans in the coming elections, the survey offers little hope that black GOP candidates hold special appeal for minority voters. More than eight in 10 black likely voters say the race of the candidate makes no difference to them.

"It just depends on their platform," said Cassandra Williamson-Moore, a black Democrat from Indianapolis. "You can't just vote strictly by race."

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### Asian-American Advocate Honored

Jaime Lim, a local businessman, civic leader and entrepreneur who is an advocate for Asian-American issues, was among a handful of Filipino-Americans nominated for the prestigious 2006 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas.

The "Banaag" (Beacon) award is given to Filipino and foreign individuals or associations honored for advancing the cause of Filipino communities overseas or for supporting specific sectors or communities in the Philippines.

Lim has served countless leadership positions in various local business and civic groups.



Jaime Lim

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