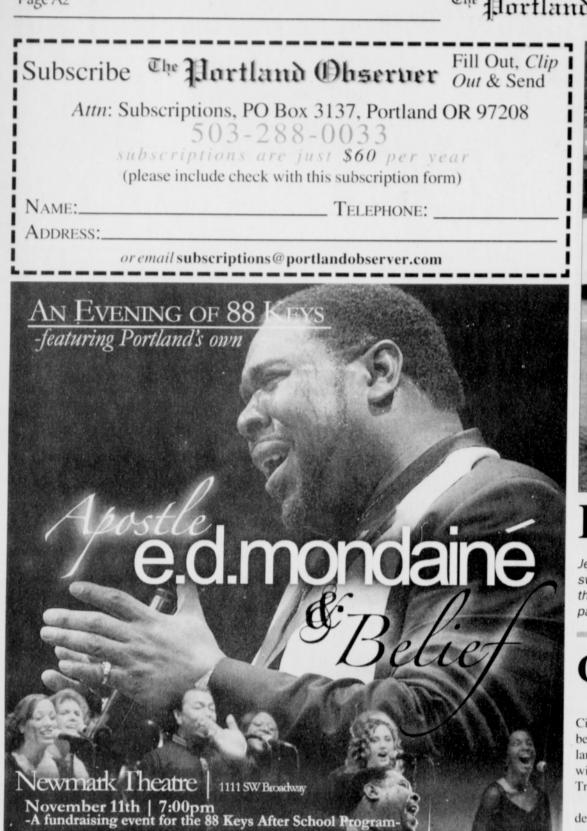
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Biodiesel Buys Cleaner Air

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

begin immediately providing Port- police officers, downtown. land Police Bureau patrol officers with 40 hours of Crisis Intervention officers are the first responders for Nov. 29. 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

Mayor Tom Potter is asking the amentally ill man who died in police unanticipated revenues that has City Council to allocate \$250,000 to custody after a confrontation with resulted from Portland's improving

people on the street with mental ment for our community."

the recent death of James Chasse, pool of more than \$18 million in officers.

economy. The Council will vote on "Increasingly, our public safety how to allocate those funds on

The \$250,000 is expected to cover health issues," said Mayor Potter. the training of about 180 officers "Any additional training we can through the end of this fiscal year. provide them is worth the invest- Potter will ask for an additional \$250,000 in the 2007-2008 budget to The money would come from a provide CIT training to all sworn

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



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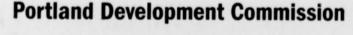


to approve of the way President Bush is doing his job than voters generally and they are more likely to feel that the country is on the wrong track, disheartening news for a Republican Party that has been trying to curry favor with minority voters in recent years.

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 ests. 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 Demo- year. cratic Party. Almost half of black



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

takes their vote for granted; about would help them in a major disaster, a third said the party has done a poor job of representing their inter-

About a fourth of blacks said would be counted accurately.

Bush's draw on the black vote how the Bush administration responded to Hurricane Katrina last

Only 38 percent of blacks are

according to the AP-AOL poll. And while the Republican Party has strongly pushed the candidacies of black Republicans in the

they weren't confident their votes

inched up to a still-anemic 11 percent in 2004. But since then the party has taken a hit because of widespread dissatisfaction with to them.

voters said the Democratic Party confident the federal government

Asian-American Advocate Honored

coming elections, the survey offers

little hope that black GOP candi-

dates hold special appeal for minor-

ity voters. More than eight in 10

black likely voters say the race of

the candidate makes no difference

form," said Kassandra Williamson-

Moore, a black Democrat from In-

dianapolis. "You can't just vote

strictly by race."

"It just depends on their plat-

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 ad-



Jaime Lim vancing 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.