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You think we could stop at Wild Oats for snacks?

Let's Ride! Dec. 9th around North & Northeast Portland!

HOLIDAYS ARE FOR THE KIDS!

The Ride is On!
Saturday December 9th at 10:00 a.m. We'll be starting at Dalbank Park in North Portland. This year's 20-mile family friendly route weaves through North & Northeast Portland.

Two-year-olds at Wild Oats receive a gift and snacks. We also plan to have post-ride hot beverages and snacks at Dalbank Park at the end of the Ride.

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A multitude of people brave the cold to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season and attend the annual tree lighting ceremony Friday in downtown Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square. PHOTO BY SEAN O'CONNOR

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—Paul, a youth in foster care



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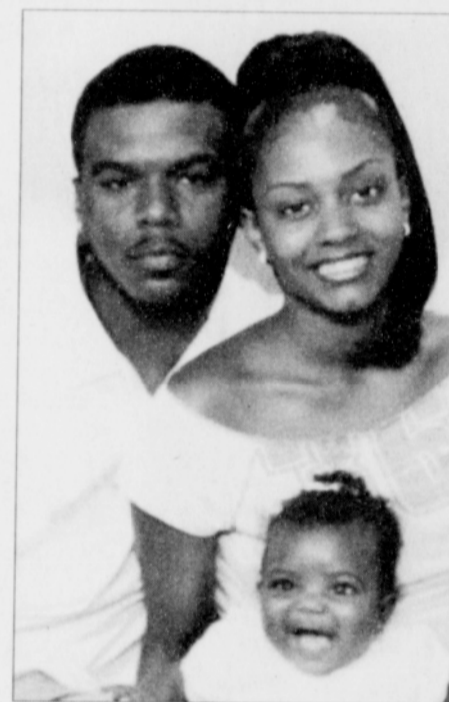
Police Volley Ignites Outrage

Victim's family consoled

(AP)—New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg met Tuesday with the family of a man killed outside a strip club on his wedding day by a barrage of police gunfire, the second straight day Bloomberg has reached out to angry community members.

The 50-bullet police volley — likened to a "firing squad" by the Rev. Al Sharpton — killed 23-year-old Sean Bell after his bachelor party, wounded two of his friends and ignited concerns over police tactics and firepower. The three men were unarmed.

Bloomberg went to the family's church in Queens and met with Bell's fiancée and father, and with Sharpton. The mayor then met again with other community leaders.



Sean Bell and his fiancée, Nicole Paultre, pose with their daughter. Bell was killed in a 50-bullet police volley after attending a bachelor party in New York City.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said Monday his office was investigating the Saturday morning shooting and the results would be presented to a grand jury.

The shooting stemmed from an undercover operation that began 1 a.m. Saturday at the strip club Kalua Cabaret, part of a citywide crackdown sparked by the death of a teenager following a night of partying earlier this year at a Manhattan nightclub.

Police said they had received several complaints about prostitution and drug dealing at the cabaret and sent in two undercover detectives who left their guns behind because of searches at the door.

One of the officers alerted the backup team outside that a man inside

was possibly armed. An undercover detective retrieved his weapon and confronted Bell and his friends after they entered their car.

Union officials insist the detective took out his badge, identified himself and ordered the men to stop before the car, driven by Bell, lurched forward and bumped him. The vehicle then smashed into an unmarked police van, backed up and smashed the van again before the shooting began.

On Monday, Bloomberg said the police response seemed "unacceptable" and "inexplicable," but he was steadfast in his support for Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, who has been denounced by some critics since the shooting.

Leaders Want End to Racial Slur
All use of 'n word' condemned



The Rev. Jesse Jackson, second from left, comedian Paul Mooney, left, and Willis Edwards, right, a member of the NAACP national board, listen in as U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters speaks regarding comedian Michael Richards' recent tirade.

(AP)—Black leaders on Monday challenged the entertainment industry, including rappers, to stop use of the racial slur that Michael Richards uttered in his tirade.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and others said they will meet with TV networks, film companies and musicians to discuss the "n-word."

"We want to give our ancestors a present," Jackson said at a Los Angeles news conference. "Dignity over degradation."

Jackson also asked the public not to buy a DVD box set of the seventh season of the TV show "Seinfeld" that was released last week.

Richards, who played the wacky neighbor Kramer on "Seinfeld," trig-

gered outrage with a Nov. 17 rant against two black men when he was heckled during a stand-up comedy routine at the Laugh Factory nightclub in West Hollywood. A patron recorded the outburst with a video camera phone.



Michael Richards

Richards has made several apologies, including one Sunday on Jackson's syndicated radio program, in which he has said he is not a racist and was motivated by anger.

At the press conference, comedian Paul Mooney said he has used the "n-word" numerous times during stand-up performances but will no longer do so after watching Richards' rant.

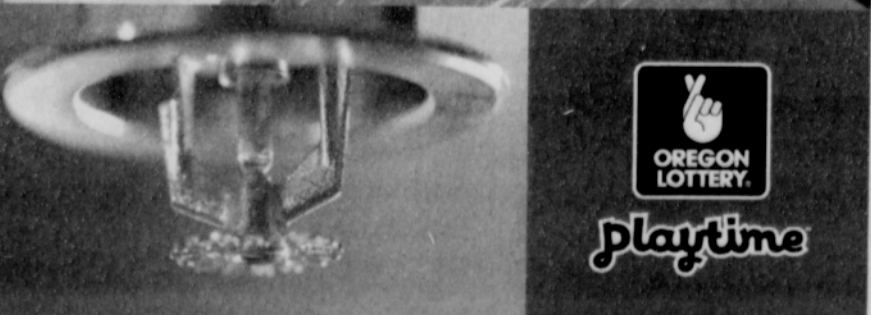
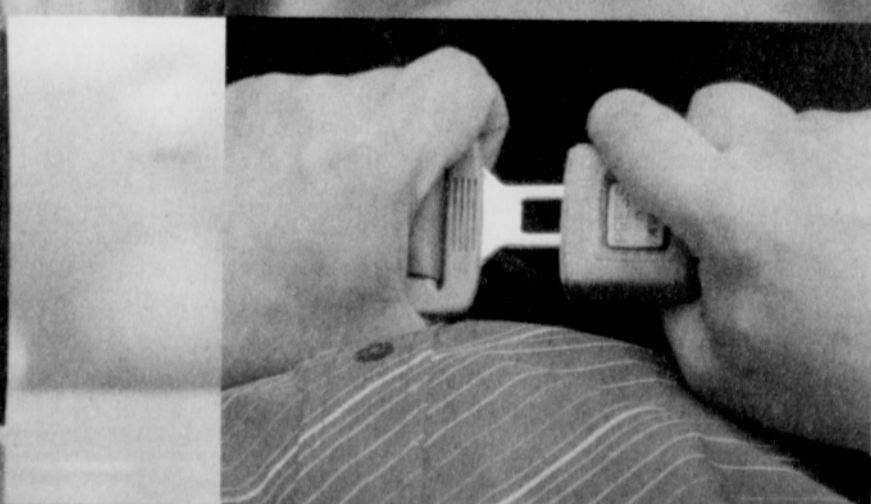
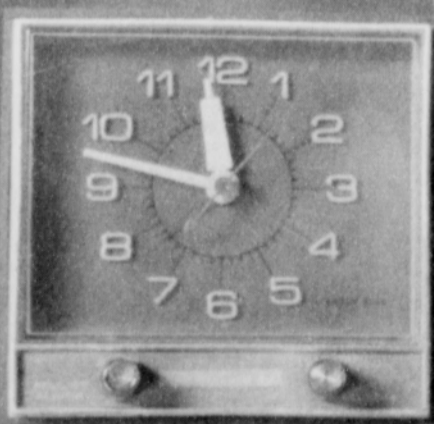
"He's my Dr. Phil," the black comedian said. "He's cured me."



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