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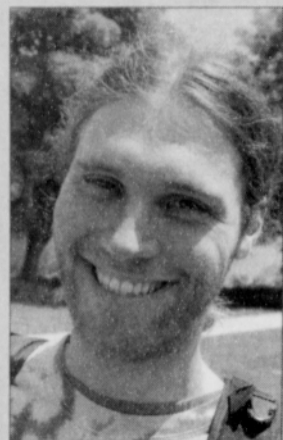
What does Father's Day and celebrating it mean to you?



I'm from Somalia and we don't celebrate it there so it doesn't mean anything to me.
—Elham Bardhadle, 21



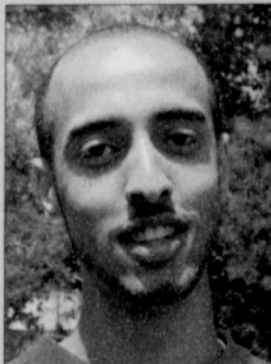
My parents live in another state so it's just going to be a phone call to my dad.
—Rain Walter-Young, 26



My dad just wants a present. My siblings and I usually get together with him on Father's Day.
—Kris Johnson, 24



My dad passed 10 years ago but my uncle was really close with him. So I am probably going to do something for my uncle since my dad isn't here anymore.
—Hasani Belt, 20



I feel that fathers who aren't there for their children shouldn't be honored. That happens way too much in the African-American community.
—Phillimon Reda, 20

BY NICOLE RONAL HOOPER AND MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER



Ethos Music Center founder Charles Lewis stood by the statue of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Oregon Convention Center with his supporters to announce his candidacy for the Portland City Council.

Music Activist Runs for City Council

BY RAYMOND RENDELMAN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The pieces began to move in the chess game for City Hall last week when an activist from northeast Portland set his sights on a city commission seat.

Ethos Music Center founder Charles Lewis' announcement, almost a year before the May Primary election, puts pressure on his former employer Sam Adams, who currently holds the seat, to make a move for mayor or accept a role as incumbent in the race.

Lewis' candidacy also came with the symbolism of picking up the

fallen torch from two civil rights heroes. The June 6 announcement was made next to the statue of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Oregon Convention Center and on the anniversary of Robert Kennedy's assassination.

Lewis cited his work as a small-business owner targeting tourists and in the nonprofit youth organization Ethos. He also made mention of the fact that he helped raise money for the King statue.

Vowing to avoid special-interest money and campaign waste, Lewis said he plans to use public monies from the city's Voter Owned

Elections law and use biodiesel transportation in his campaign.

He said his experience at Ethos, located on Killingsworth Street between Portland's north and northeast neighborhoods, better positions him to represent city diversity.

Instead of his usual T-shirt, Lewis donned a suit and got a haircut for the announcement.

To avoid a call for higher taxes or cutting services, he said, "Portland's creative community can develop innovative, cost-effective solutions to address our community's social ills."

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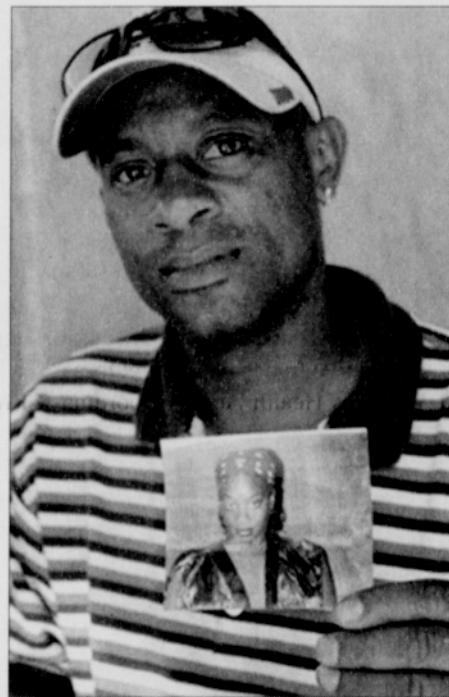
Use of Stun Guns Called Abusive

Women's death raises questions

(AP)—A woman confronted by Oklahoma City police outside a homeless shelter is the latest example of someone who died after being shocked with a Taser, an electric stun gun designed to help officers subdue violent suspects without nightsticks or guns.

But in Milisha Thompson's case, she was already on the ground and in handcuffs. Her death has raised questions about whether police are abusing the stun guns by using them as a convenient labor-saving device to control uncooperative people.

"It's a legitimate law-enforcement tool," said Florida State University criminology



Marvell Thompson holds a photo of his late wife, Milisha Thompson who died after being stunned with a police taser in Oklahoma City while she was on the ground and in handcuffs. (AP photo)

professor George Kirkham, a former police officer. "But it's supposed to be used as a defensive weapon. The problem we're seeing around the country is it's being used abusively."

Amnesty International USA, which has done a study on Taser use, has counted 250 cases in which people died after being stunned with a Taser. The human rights organization cannot say whether the shock from a Taser actually caused those deaths. But some experts contend the weapon can be deadly, particularly when used on suspects who use drugs or suffer from heart problems.

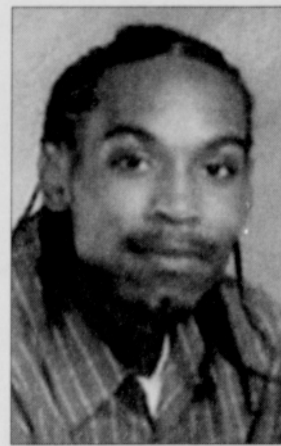
A blurry surveillance video shows Thompson running near the homeless shelter, seemingly agitated. The picture is poor, so exactly what happens next is unclear, but at some point she struggles with officers and is shocked.

Teen Sex Case Thrown Out

(AP) -- The lawyer for Genarlow Wilson, in prison for having consensual oral sex with a 15-year-old girl when he was 17, said Tuesday that she is pushing to get him released on bond even though the district attorney opposes the move.

On Monday, a Georgia judge said that Wilson should be freed from prison and not be listed on Georgia's sex offender registry, calling the 10-year mandatory sentence he received "a grave miscarriage of justice" that violated the constitution.

But state Attorney General



Genarlow Wilson

Thurbert Baker immediately announced his intention to appeal the decision, saying the sentence was valid.

That means that Wilson will remain behind bars for now.

Wilson has already served more than 28 months in prison.

A jury in 2005 found Wilson guilty of aggravated child molestation for having oral sex with a 15-year-old girl during a 2003 New Year's Eve party involving alcohol and marijuana. Although the sex act was consensual, it was illegal under Georgia law.

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When: Thursday, June 21, 2007
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Who should attend: Minority, Women, & Emerging Small Business Owners
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