

# Gordly to Retire in '09

## Senator will teach at PSU

Sen. Avel Gordly, an independent representing northeast and southeast Portland, has announced she won't seek reelection next year and will finish her term through January of 2009.



Sen. Avel Gordly

launched her political career in 1991 when she served three terms in the Oregon House of Representatives. In 1996 she made state history by becoming the first woman elected to the Senate, and in 2006 renounced partisan politics in

the Legislature by switching her party affiliation from Democrat to the lone Independent.

Gordly will return to Salem in February of 2008 when legislators are planning to return for a month long session, marking the first time the state legislature will meet on an annual basis.

As the 2007 Legislative Session wrapped up last week, Gordly said she plans to transition her work in public policy to her alma mater Portland State University, where she'll serve as an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Black Studies.

Gordly, a Portland native,



# Summer Scholars

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Students take a break between Summer Scholar classes that started last week at Benson High School. Charging between \$155 and \$205 a half credit, the Portland Public Schools program gives students a chance to make up a class, improve a grade or receive special tutoring.

# Bill Addresses Deadly Force

A state bill affecting police officers' use of deadly force narrowly passed in both the house and senate just one hour before the 2007 legislature adjourned.

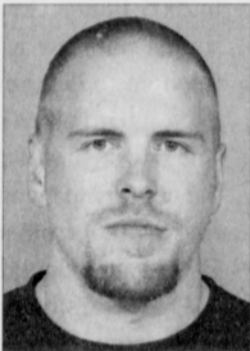
The bipartisan bill will require police in every county throughout the state to develop a plan to reduce the use of deadly physical force and to cope with the aftermath of such incidents. However, in a last minute

compromise the bill's supporters agreed to remove a portion that would open up limited public access to grand jury transcripts in deadly use of force cases.

SB 111-C is considered a victory for Rep. Chip Shields, a Democrat representing north and northeast Portland, and Senators Avel Gordly (I-Portland) and Margaret Carter (D-Portland).

# Shooting Suspect Wanted

An arrest warrant was issued Tuesday for 25-year-old Christopher Blaine Gaston in connection with the June 15 shooting of five individuals in the 9600 block of North Clarendon Avenue.



Christopher Gaston

Gaston is charged with attempted murder and assault with a firearm. He is described as a 5-foot-9, 160-pound white male with brown hair and hazel eyes. Detec-

tives believe he is in the Portland area, but he is also known to frequent Sandy.

Police say Gaston may be using a motorcycle for transportation and should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information in the investigation is asked to call Detective Mark Slater at 503-823-9319 or Detective Jon Rhodes at 503-823-0559.

## Dear Deanna!

I feel there's a difference between honesty and not telling the whole truth in a relationship. My husband has the tendency to leave out important facts. I've learned that he'll tell me what he wants me to know and when I find out other things, he claims he forgot. How do you forget that you have a child, how do you forget that you got fired and how do you forget you have a wife. In other words, he's living a double life and I don't know what to do? --Carol; Charleston, S.C.

## Dear Carol:

Your marriage is missing trust and communication which are the strongest staples for a solid relationship. There are also some issues with you that may cause your husband to be intimidated so he's forced to lie about everything. However, there are no excuses for his double life in which he has committed adultery. The both of you need to invest in a therapist to sort out your issues, organize your mess and clear the



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air of the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personalities.

## Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend has finally proposed and I don't know if I want to accept. I had images and thoughts that when it happened, I would feel a certain way and my life would change. My heart feels heavy and now I'm scared and not sure if I

want to get married. I realize that I have to answer to him, my life will change and I lose all of my freedom. Is there anything I can do to feel better about this whole thing? --Anonymous; On-Line Reader

## Dear Anonymous:

You can feel better by realizing that you're not ready for marriage. You may want the benefits of finance, sex and entertainment, but you're not ready for the idea of a committed marriage. Have a talk with your boyfriend so that he doesn't spend money or make any investments knowing you have cold feet. Marriage is a blessing and a benefit. You may need to re-evaluate this situation and be the bigger person and make the right decision to walk away.

## Dear Deanna!

My daughter has a two-year old son and they both live with me. I have rules as far as anyone eating in certain areas, cleaning up and purchasing their own toiletries. She allows my grandson to run wild all over the place, there are juice stains

and fingerprints everywhere and my carpet is ruined. Then to make matters worse, she uses my detergent and cleaning supplies. I work full-time and I am stressed because they're ruining my place. How do I handle this? --Stressed Grand Ma; Glen Burney, Md.

## Dear Grand Ma:

Your grandson and your daughter both need discipline. You have to realize the toddler is going to be a handful and he'll be into everything on a regular basis. This is no excuse because your daughter should be teaching him a few things. He's at a curious stage but he can use a few taps on those little hands when they wander. Put your foot down to your daughter that she needs to take care of her child and stop being a freeloader or she's out and keep it moving.

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## Week in the Review

**Tenacious After Vision**  
A 17-year-old Seattle girl who survived eight days after her car crashed and flipped 200 feet down a ravine may have been saved by her own determination, which prevented the ejection of a blood clot in her brain, doctors said. Lisa Smith's body had almost given up on the road, and though doctors had all the information they wanted, they still don't know how she survived. She was found, badly hurt and comatose, in the back seat of her crashed Toyota Camry after a head-on collision with a pickup truck.

**Many Americans Qualify as 'Workaholics'**  
One in every five U.S. jobs pays less than a poverty level wage, a study by the Pew Research Center found. The study also found that 10 percent of workers are paid less than a poverty level wage, and that 20 percent of workers are paid less than a poverty level wage. The study also found that 10 percent of workers are paid less than a poverty level wage, and that 20 percent of workers are paid less than a poverty level wage.

**Development**  
Christopher Brown can call it a dream. For a young boy, it's a dream to play basketball. But it's not just a dream. He's got the talent. He's got the passion. He's got the drive. He's got the heart. He's got the soul. He's got the spirit. He's got the fire. He's got the love. He's got the joy. He's got the peace. He's got the hope. He's got the faith. He's got the grace. He's got the mercy. He's got the kindness. He's got the gentleness. He's got the patience. He's got the self-control. He's got the perseverance. He's got the diligence. He's got the industry. He's got the determination. He's got the resolve. He's got the courage. He's got the strength. He's got the power. He's got the glory. He's got the honor. He's got the respect. He's got the admiration. He's got the awe. He's got the wonder. He's got the amazement. He's got the astonishment. He's got the disbelief. He's got the incredulity. He's got the incredulity. He's got the incredulity.



It's the theater and live basketball combined when Portland's Michael Hayes (left) and Dan Brown, Jr. take high school basketball to the next level in the production 'The Junior Orchestra Basketball Champions'.

## Election Ballots On Way

People of color find a political fit

By James A. Cox  
**Two Years and Counting**  
Ballots in the November General Election will be mailed in Friday and mailed to voters on Monday.



An official ballot drop site at Benson High School in Portland. Ballots in the November General Election will be mailed to voters on Friday.

## ONE-ON-ONE

Premiere bonds live theater to live basketball

Live theater and live basketball combined when Portland's Michael Hayes (left) and Dan Brown, Jr. take high school basketball to the next level in the production 'The Junior Orchestra Basketball Champions'.

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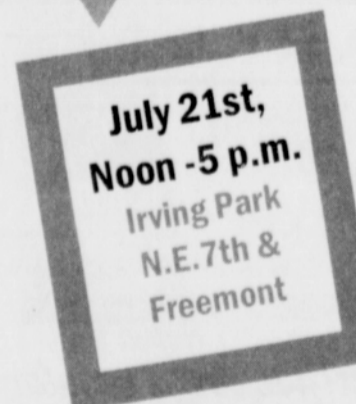
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