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is inviting the community to join July 25 at Dawson Park, located them for a concert in the park.

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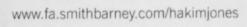
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Better to Our People

Christeen Johnson presents a heart defibrillator to Melissa Knight on behalf of First Steps Sports Academy, the organization that hosted Community Health Care in the Park on Saturday at Irving Park in northeast Portland. Johnson presented the life-saving device in honor of the Eddie Barnett Jr. Foundation, the non-profit she founded in her 15vear-old son's name after he died of heart failure during a basketball game in 2005.

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Americans see Americans as Prejudiced

Biases explored in new poll

Most Americans believe their fellow citizens hold strong biases national.

The survey of 10,387 American adults, one of the most comprehensive ever conducted on prejudice, according to Zogby, explores attitudes about race, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender, physical appearance and politics.

While 67 percent of respondents claimed to have no preference themselves between a white, black or percent said most Americans would 42 percent blamed Democrats and

Just 1 percent said Americans' against minorities, according to a black clerk, while less than 0.5 per- Americans would expect these why in this poll we predominantly new landmark poll by Zogby Inter- cent said the same for an Middle criminals to be white. Eastern clerk. And yet, ironically past 10 years.

Other results on race where reeral races show just how much race Republican Party was polled as the proved.

In the event of a shooting, 73

nience store, 71 percent said, most involved and 55 percent expected Americans would seek out the white blacks would be involved in a drug learned that Americans tend to ofbust. But for non-violent crimes like identity theft and insurance first choice would be to approach a fraud, more than half said that most

55 percent of respondents said race cal party is responsible for the grav-dice," said Pollster John Zolby. "We relations have improved over the est problems facing the world. Republicans were blamed 62 percent for war. For other issues like prejuspondents picked from among sev- dice, poverty and corruption the improvements may not be im- demon for more than half of the respondents.

However when it came to crime, lives."

Middle Eastern clerk in a conve- expect African Americans to be 23 percent blamed Republicans.

"Over my years of polling, I've fer socially acceptable responses when questioned on their own views about race and prejudice. That's asked people about 'most Ameri-The poll also asked which politicans" views on race and prejubelieve this provides a far more accurate window into how people really think about these issues. Americans are more forthcoming when discussing the problem in the context of their neighbors' lives than in the context of their own

> The poll's margin of error was plus or minus one percentage point.



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Doctor Cleared in Katrina Deaths

Grand Jury says 'no' to charges

(AP) -- A grand jury in New Orleans refused on Tuesday to indict a doctor accused of murdering four seriously ill hospital patients with drug injections during the only mercy-killing case to emerge in the wake of Hurricane Katrina so from the storm.

Dr. Anna Pou acknowledged administering medication to the patients but insisted she did so only to relieve pain.

Pou and two nurses were arrested last summer after Attorney General Charles Foti concluded they gave Dr. Anna Pou "lethal cocktails" to

sweltering Memorial Medical Cen-

ter after the August 2005 storm. At a news conference, Pou fought back tears as she read a prepared statement. She refused to answer questions about what hap-

patients. storm, and a tribute to all those who show support.

stayed at their posts and served people most in need," Poe said.

If another hurricane threatened, Pou added, she would stay on duty in a hospital, but she is concerned her case will keep other medical professionals from remaining with patients during storms.

"All of us need to remember the desperate aftermath of Hurricane magnitude of human suffering that Katrina, closing the books on the occurred in the city of New Orleans

> we can be assured that this never happens again and that no health care professional should ever be falsely accused in a rush to judgment,"

she said. Regarding her feelings toward the attorney general, Poe said she "puts his fate in God's hands."

Charges against the four patients at the flooded-out, nurses, Lori Budo and Cheri Landry, were dropped after they were compelled to testify last month before the grand jury under legal guidelines that kept their testimony from

being used against them. Many people in New Orleans pened at the hospital because of believed the three acted heroically lawsuits filed by families of three under punishing conditions. Last week, a group of doctors and "Today's events are not a triumph nurses held a rally on the annibut a moment of remembrance for versary of Pou's arrest, and hunthose who lost their lives during the dreds of people turned out to