

Miracles Election Night Potluck

The recovery group Miracles Club is hoping for an election miracle to change the world.

Miracles and community members are hosting a potluck supper to watch election returns on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The free community and family event will be held at the Miracles Club site on the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Mason Street.

Participants are invited to bring a dish of your choice and a serving utensil. Beverages, cups, plates, and other accessories will be provided.

A.G. Candidate Blasts Opponent on Prisons

BY JAKE THOMAS

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Democrat John Kroger is coasting to victory in a remarkably anti-climatic race for Oregon Attorney General. He has been endorsed by a slew of newspapers and has no Republican opposition. He says he'll go after scam artists, drug dealers, and white-collar criminals.

However, Walt Brown, a former state senator and longtime advocate for the underdog is running on the Pacific Green Party ticket for the state's top cop, and says Kroger's approach still doesn't meet muster.

"His concern is to lock up as

many bad people as possible," said Brown of his opponent's priorities. Brown argues that Oregon spends far too much on incarceration and that he wants to keep people out of jail by using the bully pulpit to push the Legislature to enact more anti-poverty measures, like better access to health care, jobs and education.

He also thinks there should be a better focus on rehabilitation.

Brown said that Oregon has good laws that protect minority rights, but doesn't think they're properly enforced. Of particular concern for Brown is racial profiling. He would remedy it as



Walt Brown

attorney general by creating a Civil Rights Division in the Oregon Department of Justice to uphold the civil and constitutional rights of the state's citizens.

He also added that he wouldn't shy away from going after predatory police officers if he felt a grand jury was wrong in letting them off the hook, which Brown contends happens too often.

"Minorities in Portland end up on the short end of the stick," said Brown.

Brown pointed out that Kroger has spent much of his career as a federal prosecutor, and argues that his own experiences as a

deputy district attorney for Malheur County, Navy lawyer, and attorney for the Oregon Consumer League gives him better insights into how to use the powers of the office to help regular people.

"He's not afraid to go against the status quo and do what's right for the people," said Skipper Osborne, a former president of the local chapter of the NAACP and current head of civil rights group Truth and Justice for All, of Brown.

Osborne said that he is weary of Kroger's closeness to police and prosecutors and fears that he offers more "business as usual."

Vancouver NAACP Election Watch Tuesday

The Vancouver Branch of the NAACP invites its members, supporters and friends to attend an election watch gathering

on Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Phoenix Inn Suites, 12712 S.E. Second Circle, just off of Northeast 126th Av-

enue and Mill Plain in Vancouver.

The free family event will take place in the Hospitality Room,

which is equipped with a large screen TV. The NAACP will provide light refreshments. Anyone who supports the mission

of the group is welcome.

For more information, call Carol Collier at 503-880-5807 or email carolcollier@msn.com.

Harvest Festival at SEI

Thousands of elementary and middle school kids and families will enjoy free candy, fun and entertainment during the 12th annual Self Enhancement, Inc. Harvest Fest on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The event is a safe community alternative to neighborhood trick-or-treating. Activities include balloon artistry, the very popular Haunted House, games and prizes, fun bounce houses and a reptile room filled with gators, snakes and more!

SEI is located at 3920 N. Kerby Ave.

For more information, call Brad Millay at 503-249-1721, extension 263 or E-mail bradm@selfenhancement.org.

Murder Suspicions Point to Hudson Relative

Missed parole meeting on day of murders

(AP) -- The estranged husband of Jennifer Hudson's sister missed a parole meeting the same day that Hudson's mother and brother were killed, parole records show. William Balfour, who is in custody and considered a person of interest, had been arrested in June for cocaine possession, but state officials did not revoke his parole on an earlier conviction.

The records surfaced as officials declared that Hudson's 7-year-old nephew was also the victim of a homicide, having been shot several times. Julian King's body was found



Neighbors on Monday night hold a candlelight vigil for Jennifer Hudson and her family outside the Chicago home where her mother and brother were killed

Monday.

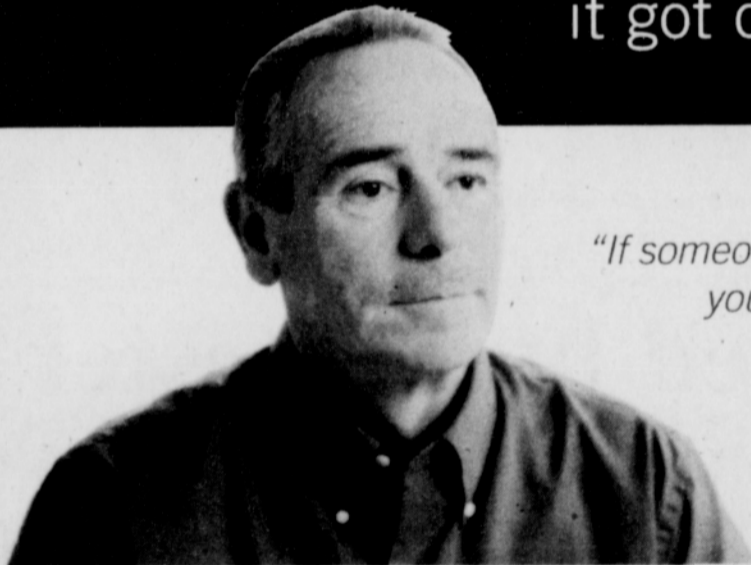
Balfour is being held on an unrelated parole violation. No one has been charged with the killings.

Hudson, the Academy award winning actress and pop singer was among seven family members and close friends who cried and held hands as they identified Julian King's body from a live image on a television screen at the Cook County Medical Examiner's office Monday afternoon.

The boy was found dead earlier Monday in the back of an SUV, ending a frantic search that began after the shooting deaths of Hudson's mother and brother three days earlier.

Police said a motive remained unclear, but characterized the slayings as "domestic related."

"Communication broke down... it got out of control."



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For further information, please contact Lesley at: (503) 494-6494, or email stiffler@ohsu.edu.

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