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## Hispanics Skeptical of Fair Treatment by Police

### Survey finds racial justice disconnect

(AP) -- Fewer than half of Hispanics in the U.S. believe they will be treated fairly by police or the courts, showing a level of distrust greater than

that of whites but less than blacks, according to surveys.

The recent report released by the Pew Hispanic Center highlights a widening disconnect in racial justice: At a time when Hispanics are interacting more with law enforcement due in part to their growing population as well as stepped up immigration enforcement,

they are showing skepticism.

Mark Hugo Lopez, associate director of the center, cited in part Hispanics' fears of immigration prosecutions as well as a perception that police will be ineffective in helping them if they are victims of a crime.

"Hispanic exposure to all parts of the criminal justice

system has risen even faster than their rising share of the U.S. adult population," he said.

Among the findings: Forty-six percent of Hispanics were confident police would treat them fairly compared to other racial or ethnic groups. That's compared to 74 percent of whites and 37

percent of blacks.

Roughly six in 10 Hispanics say they have a great deal or a fair amount of confidence that police will do a good job overall enforcing the law. That is compared to 78 percent of whites and 55 percent of blacks.

More than half, or 56 percent, of Hispanics say they or an immediate family member

had contact with the criminal justice system in the previous five years, either as a witness to a crime, a juror, or as a suspect or criminal.

Forty-six percent of Hispanics believe police will not use excessive force on suspects, compared to 73 percent of whites and 38 percent of blacks.

### Uniting the Americas

#### Group blends Afro-samba-funk

The band SambaDá musically unites the Americas; drawing from percussion based styles of South and Central American samba and salsa, and blends it with that good old funk and reggae back beat so familiar to crowds of North America.

The septet, which was formed by Papiba Godinho, has conquered the club and festival circuit with its wildly explosive Carnival-like performances.



The band SambaDá blends South and Central American samba and salsa with good old funk and reggae. The group will perform in Portland Friday, June 5 at Someday Lounge, 125 N.W. Fifth Ave.

The band is known for its high-energy percussion, danceable grooves and visually dynamic show. SambaDá is dedicated to making people

dance by creating an ecstatic non-stop dance party that appeals to all ages and cultures.

Portland area residents will get a taste of SambaDa's funky

edge, along with special guests Lions of Batucada, when they perform Friday, June 5 at 9 p.m. at Someday Lounge, 125 N.W. Fifth Ave.

### International Soccer at PGE Park

The Portland Timbers will play host to the reserve team of renowned Mexican side Club América in an international exhibition match on Sunday, May 31 at 5 p.m. at PGE Park.

Affiliated with one of Mexico's most accomplished clubs, Club América reserves compete in the Primera División A, which is the sec-

ond-highest level of Mexican soccer. The team features rising stars as well as several of Mexico's up-and-coming national team players, including Mexican U-20 National Team goalkeeper Hugo González Durán.

Tickets start at \$15 and are available through the PGE Park box office and Ticketmaster outlets.

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### ¡Explorando el Columbia Slough!

Area residents are invited to celebrate nature in the city and north and northeast Portland's major waterway, the Columbia Slough.

This bilingual family environmental festival will be held Saturday, June 20 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Whitaker Ponds Natural Park, 7040 N.E. 47th Ave. There will be activities in Spanish and English for all ages.

Explorando is free and includes guided canoe trips, live

music, folk dancing, storytelling, arts & crafts, workshops, and more! The first 400 visitors receive a free Explorando 2009 t-shirt.

¡Celebremos la naturaleza en la ciudad y el ambiente del Columbia Slough! Este festival bilingüe de la familia y el medio ambiente ofrece actividades en español y inglés para todos las edades. Explorando es gratis y incluye: viajes en canoas con una guía, música en vivo, baile

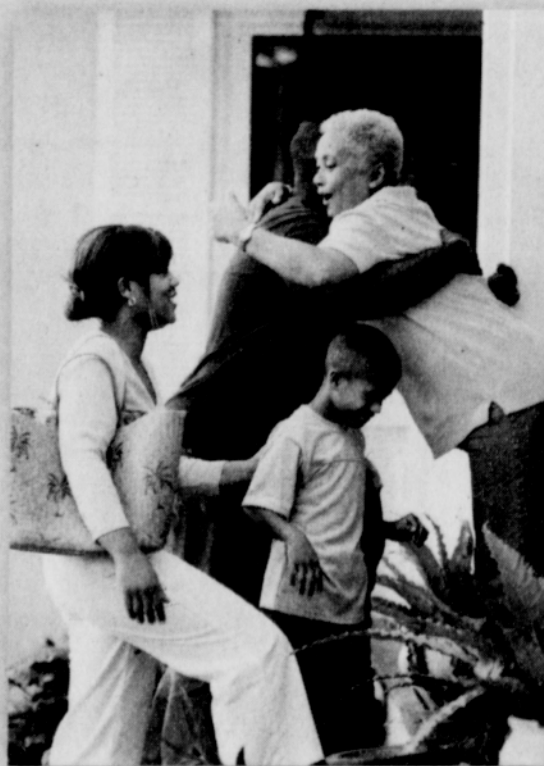


Live music and folk dancing will be part of the fun at Explorando el Columbia Slough!

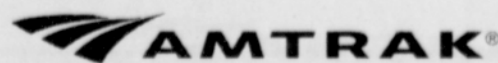
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