

# Police Respond to Multiple Shootings

## Apartment gunfire leads to arrest

Gunfire rang out inside the Lents Fred Meyer store of southeast Portland and at a north Portland apartment complex Monday night, marking the fourth straight day of local shootings.



Matthew Antonio Cage

In the latest incidents, police said a man was shot in the foot outside the Parkside Commons Apartment in the 8700 block of North Columbia Boulevard and a woman inside suffered minor injuries when a stray bullet shattered glass.

A description of a vehicle that fled from the apartment led to the arrest of Matthew Antonio Cage, 19. He was taken into custody near North Ainsworth

and Vancouver Avenue and charged with attempted murder, assault, unlawful use of a weapon and cocaine possession.

At the Fred Meyer store near Southeast 82nd and Foster, bullets started to fly around 10:40 p.m. Monday during an attempted robbery.

Police said one of two teenage suspects was struggling with security guards who came

to assist a store cashier and the other suspect pulled a gun and began shooting.

Police searched the area after the shooting but did not locate any suspects. But on Tuesday, a 17-year-old male was arrested for firing the shots, while the second suspect was still on the run.

At least three other shootings have frazzled local residents in recent days.

Police said on Friday, a man was shot after a fight broke out at a dance party on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. On Saturday night, a person was shot in the leg near Northeast 42nd and Alberta, and on Sunday a man took himself to the hospital after he was shot on North Fessenden Street. Police said by the time they arrived on the scene, everyone had scattered.

## Football Camp Open to All

Grant High School is hosting its 5th annual football camp to support young people on and off the field.

The focus is on improvement in the fundamentals of the game through both group and team drills, while stressing the importance of team concept, attitude and work ethic.

The camp will also stress the

skills needed of each player's position, giving him an excellent base on which to build his potential for the upcoming season. Participation is open to all, regardless of their high school or youth football affiliation, and is geared toward grades three through 12.

The camp runs from Monday, July 27 through July 31, from

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$25 for athletes on free of reduced lunch with Portland Public Schools, and \$50 for all others. Athletes can register 30 minutes prior to the camp.

Preregistration is encouraged, and can be done by getting in touch with Diallo Lewis at: 503-916-5160, extension 439 or dlweis@pps.k12.or.us.

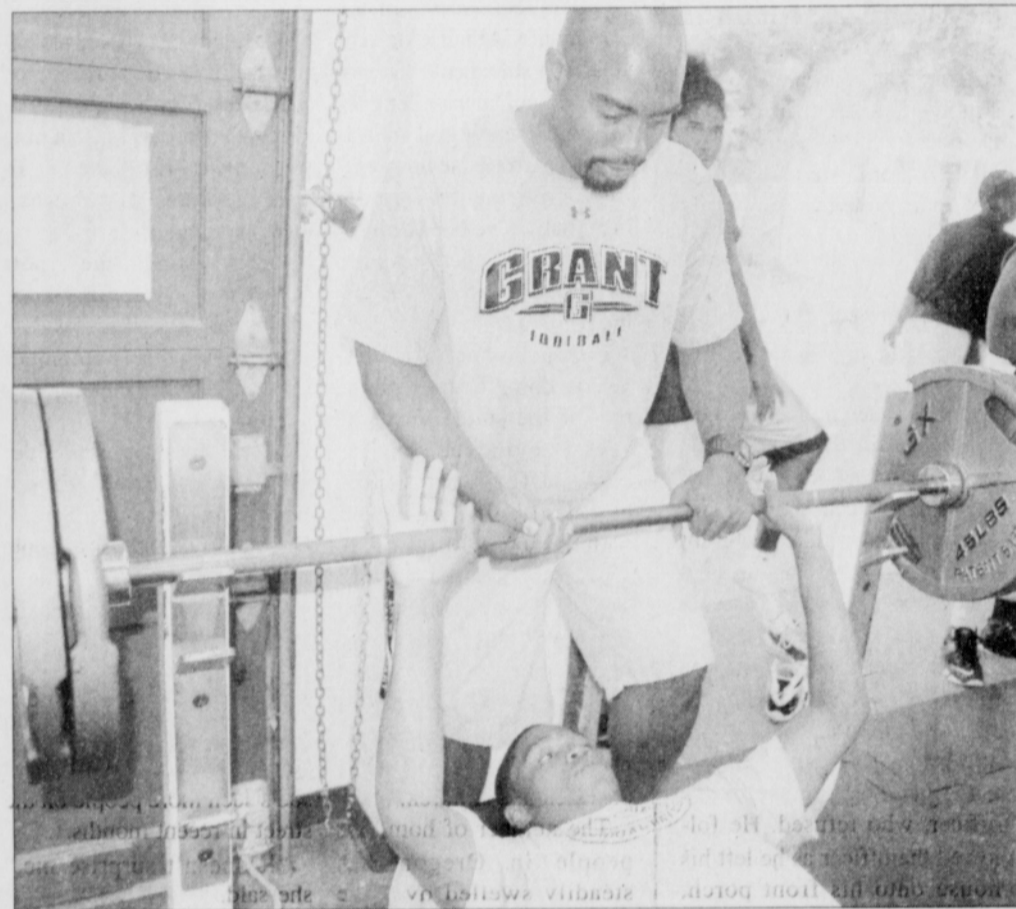


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Coach Diallo Lewis leads a workout with Kenny Acker at the bench press.



Woody Broadnax of Portland (right) meets Sen. Roland Burris, D-Ill., during a visit to Washington, D.C.

## Witness to Historic Events

This year's Juneteenth, an anniversary observing the end of slavery in the U.S., was a particularly memorable one.

With an African American as the country's president, the Senate passed resolutions apologizing for slavery and recognizing the June 19 holiday.

A local man, Woody "Mr. Juneteenth" Broadnax, was in the nation's capital for the Juneteenth recognition.

He was ushered into the Rayburn Building, where he met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, and other members of Congress, including the Senate's sole Af-

frican American and holder of Barack Obama's old seat, Sen. Roland Burris, D-Ill.

"The purpose of the observance is much more than a national holiday," said Broadnax, who explained that having the Senate partially recognize the hardships of African Americans has great potential to help better educate the public, which will translate into better schools and jobs for all.

However, Broadnax said he was disappointed by part of the resolution that explicitly stated that it would not provide any sort of impetus for African Americans receiving reparations for slavery.

## Healing Old Wounds

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of the city's most recent efforts to improve the relationship between the community and the police. For years, the city has formed a number of similar committees composed of police and citizens. The issue of racial profiling has often taken center

stage. Earlier this year the Portland Police Bureau released a plan to address racial profiling. It acknowledged that the problem of using race as a basis for criminal suspicion is real, and recommended diversifying the ranks of the police and having officers meet with communities

traditionally distrustful of law enforcement.

The plan was the result of work by the Racial Profiling Committee, a disbanded group that was formed by then-Mayor Tom Potter, which found itself split over possible sanctions when racial profiling undermine basic human rights and free-

Some members of the former committee, like Oregon Action Executive Director Jo Ann Bowman, faulted police for lacking a mechanism to find out which officers racially profile and hold them accountable.

Dan Handelman of Portland Copwatch, was on the old Racial Profiling Committee, and raised the accountability issue with members of new panel. "We see a lot of things that

look like misconduct, and we don't see a lot of holding officers accountable for it," he said. "I think that's where you get the mistrust from the community."

Handelman also pointed out that a new report on police use of force issued by the city auditor revealed that 29 percent of all people whom the police used force on were African American, and that 34 percent of reports where a firearm was

pointed at someone involved African Americans.

"I was really glad Dan raised those issues," said Arwen Bird, a member of the new committee, after the group's July meeting. "Accountability is critical." However, Assistant Police Chief Brian Martinek doesn't want to focus too much on "the sins of the past."

"If that's what we're going to do, we're going to get stuck," Martinek said after the meeting.

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President Barack Obama attends a roundtable discussion with health care providers. (AP photo)

## Obama Pushes Back on Health Care Overhaul

(AP) -- President Barack Obama pushed back hard against Republican critics of his health care overhaul plan Monday, dismissing the "politics of the moment" marked by GOP comparisons of his efforts to socialism.

Struggling to revamp the nation's \$2.4 trillion health care system, the president gave ground on his tight timetable for passage of sweeping legislation.

Obama's strong words came just hours after Republicans ratcheted up their criticism of the president and congressional Democrats. Michael

Steele, chairman of the Republican Party, likened Obama's plans to socialism and argued that the president, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and key congressional committee chairmen are part of a "cabal" that wants to implement government-run health care.

The White House also faced troubling news in the latest polling, with approval of Obama's handling of health care slipping.

"We can't afford the politics of delay and defeat when it comes to health care," Obama said.