

Smith for Portland Mayor

A homegrown leader for the future

The Portland Observer has endorsed Jefferson Smith, a homegrown leader and experienced lawmaker representing East Portland in his election for mayor of Portland. We also endorsed Amanda Fritz in her campaign for re-election.

The May 15 vote-by-mail primary election has some excellent candidates for Mayor and City Council, but there are several reasons why Smith and Fritz stand out.

We see Smith as a person with the right energy, passion and sincerity to bring people together and address the needs of the city as mayor. He is uniquely qualified to help bring equity to residents east of 82nd Avenue, where there are growing disadvantaged and minority populations



Jefferson Smith

with unmet needs, along with unpaved streets and sidewalks.

Smith proved he is a leader for the future by starting the Bus Project, a grass-roots political movement that nurtured young new leaders and increased voter turnout. He has addressed the housing crisis with initiatives to stop foreclosures.



Amanda Fritz

Smith is an articulate leader with a record as the most progressive of the three leading candidates for mayor.

He has supported the African-American community by standing with the Albina Ministerial Alliance in its efforts to make the Portland Police Bureau more accountable on issues of racial pro-

filings, police shootings and gang prevention. He also fosters a relationship with rank-and-file police officers to re-build community and trust.

Smith knows we need a cultural shift within the police bureau, but realizes you can't accomplish this by just attacking the Police Bureau.

Amanda Fritz has also earned our support for her independence on the City Council. She looks out for the interests of those who are not political power players. She is accessible to the public, answering her own emails and telephone calls. She has taken the lead on the initiative to start an Office of Equity in city government.

As they say in the hit TV show American Idol, if you don't vote, your favorite may not make it into the next round. Don't pass up the opportunity to vote for Smith and Fritz.

The Week in Review

May Day Momentum

Several May Day demonstrations were held in Portland Tuesday. High school students marched to City Hall; protesters were arrested downtown; and Occupy activists said they 'reclaimed' a foreclosed home in northeast Portland. The day began with the student rally, which waved signs and chanted slogans to protest school budget cuts and teacher layoffs.



Boy Named Hero

A 13-year-old boy has been named a hero after he rushed to save his 18-month-old neighbor, who had climbed out of a window after his two-year brother had already fallen out. While playing outside with friends, Vancouver resident Damon Davenport noticed the baby on the roof, and then rushed into the apartment, alerted the father, pushed through a window screen and pulled the baby to safety.

Flash Mob Violent

Portland police responded to a "flash mob" Friday when 15 to 20 African American males and females chased a white female in her late 30s and a white male into the Max Mart & Deli, located at 12128 E. Burnside St., before they began to take a number of items. Everyone fled the scene, except one female who got into an altercation with an employee.

Students Honored

Two Mt. Hood Community College students Meadow Geddes and Ryan Lindquist, were named All-Oregon Academic Team Scholars this year by the Oregon Community College Association, which recognizes students commitment to service and academic achievement.

Softball Team Robbed

More than \$5,000 worth of equipment was stolen on Saturday at Delta Park in north Portland, where a suspect or suspects broke into two Institute of Technology vans for the school's varsity softball team. There have been no arrests at this time.

Collision Kills Boy

An 11-year-old boy, whose arm was severed when his bike hit a C-TRAN bus in Vancouver, died of his injuries Monday. The bus was turning left from Main onto 27th on Saturday, when Benjamin Fulwiler crashed into the side and ended up underneath.

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