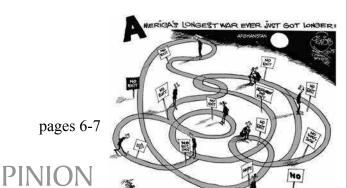
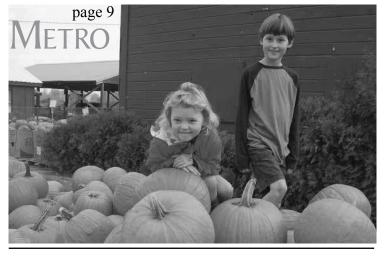
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A Saturday breakfast at Jefferson High School with students and their adult mentors of color from across Portland draws over 100 police officers to support them, including Police Chief Larry O'Dea (left) and North Precinct Commander Chris Uehara.

Bridging the Gap Youth and police build on something positive and over six years ago. The program

meet up for unity breakfast

BY OLIVIA OLIVIA THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A renewed partnership between African-American students and Portland Police is giv- them together, the Boys to Men ing a large contingent of youth program of Portland, started off and officers an opportunity to as a mentorship program just

learn more about each other.

Over 100 police officers and over 100 students and their adult mentors of color from across the city came together on Saturday to break bread and hold discussions over breakfast at Jefferson High School in north Portland.

The organization that brought

quickly expanded to several schools, and this breakfast allowed young males from across the city to unite in one place.

The gathering gave students a personal connection to law enforcement during an era when tensions between police and young people of color have risen across the country, especially

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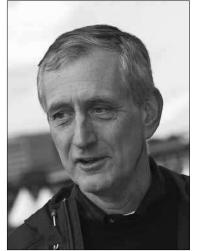
Mayor Nixes Re-Election Bid

Mayor Charlie Hales made a surprise announcement Monday that he was withdrawing his plans to run for a second term in office.

Hales had indicated last March that we would be a candidate for re-election, but now says the attention he must give to critical issues the city is facing, problems such as homelessness, the lack of affordable housing, and gang violence, doesn't give him the time needed to conduct a successful campaign.

Fundraising was another potential struggle for Hales who Charlie Hales

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had only raised around \$140,000 for his campaign, which is about \$50,000 short of what he had raised around this time on his last campaign four years ago, political observers said.

Hales is the third consecutive Portland mayor to decide not to seek a second term. Mayor Sam Adams, who was marred by a sex scandal at the start to his first term, announced in 2011 that would not seek a bid for re-election, and Mayor Tom Potter before him announced in September 2007 that he too would not run a second time.