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What's on your list today?



PHOTO BY CHRISTA McIntyre/The Portland Observer

Kali Thorne Ladd (left) and Marsha Williams of KairosPDX, join Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith (center) to celebrate the five year anniversary of a school program serving underserved children at the former Humboldt School site.

Whole Child Education

KairosPDX celebrates five years

BY CHRISTA McIntyre

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KairosPDX, a north Portland K-5 charter school dedicated to bringing whole child education to underserved children, celebrated its 5 year anniversary this past Friday.

Students, parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, school board members and administrative staff welcomed the community, donors and supporters to KairosPDX's recently acquired building, the former Humboldt Elementary at 4915 N. Gantenbein Ave.

On hand to support and share in the accomplishments of the school and current 140 students was Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith, who took an early role in supporting the launch of the school, former County Commissioner Jules Bailey and current Portland School Board Member Mike Rosen.

Festivities kicked off with a tour of the school garden, which is maintained by students and teachers with heritage seeds from student family members.

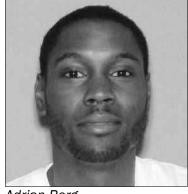
Commissioner Smith and executive director Kali Thorne Ladd shared a few well chosen words on their pride for the students and school's all around growth and success in half a decade. A young student named Patience, however, stole the show by warmly telling the crowd of 30 or more people why the garden is special place for her and her peers and how much she is enjoying her academic career.

Park Shooting Death Mystery

Police are looking for an [unidentified African American male who killed another man at a Gresham park on Sunday

Authorities said Adrian Gilberto Berg, 32, was shot while attending a social event at Pat Pfeifer Park, 424 N.E. 172nd Ave. He died later at a local hospital.

Berg was engaged in a ver- Adrian Berg



believed to be in his 20s or 30s, before the gunfire broke out and the shooter fled the area, police said. Investigators are working to determine if the two men knew each other.

Anyone who witnessed the shooting or has information about the suspect is asked to call the Gresham Police tip line at 503-618-2719.