



Old Murder Case Gets New Look

Reward grows to \$10,000

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for the public's help in solving an 18-year-old murder.

On Sept. 27, 1988, 30-year-old Loretha Williams was found murdered in her home at 1100 N.E. Sunset St.

The Medical Examiner determined that Williams suffered multiple stab wounds and died from her injuries. She was found in the bedroom of her nine-year-old daughter, who was with relatives at the time of the homicide.

Police say evidence indicates that Williams



was struggling with the killer or if Williams was forced into the home. Detectives are looking for any signs of forced entry into the home.

At the time, Williams was employed as a supervisor at the Chase Bank Co., located at 2150 N.W. Sunset St.

Although new technology in forensic science may assist in solving this cold case investigation, detectives are still asking for assistance.

A reward has grown to \$10,000 for information leading to an arrest in the murder of Loretha Williams (1958) who was killed 18 years ago in northeast Portland.

Justice Spoken Here, Nov. 1, 2006 – In honor of the late civil rights heroine Rosa Parks, Portland Boulevard is renamed Rosa Parks Way, drawing a tribute from Pastor B.E. Johnson, (from left) Dr. Rev. T. Allen Bethel, City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, Pastor W.G. Hardy and Bishop Harry Daniels, the Portland Observer reported. This cover also includes a cold case reopened for Loretha Williams, killed in 1988.

Driving While Black

No relief from racial profiling

Driving While Black is a much charged topic for many people of color due to the likelihood of being involved in a traffic stop.

Newspapers of color have just been released by the Portland Police Bureau, which



Driving While Black, May 24, 2006 -- Acting Police Chief Rosie Sizer releases report on the likelihood of being involved in a traffic stop if you are Black. Data shows Black and Latino drivers are pulled over 2.4 times more than white drivers, strongly suggesting a racial disparity.

Divided Race Heads Here, Feb. 6, 2008

– The 2008 election year shaped up to be the most suspenseful in decades as voters in Vancouver joined their counterparts across the state to participate in Democratic and Republican caucuses. As the Portland Observer reported, the primary contests were between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama and Mitt Romney and John McCain.

Picking a President

Washington Caucus Saturday

As this election year shapes up to be the most suspenseful in decades, voters in Vancouver will join their counterparts across Washington on Saturday to participate in the Democratic and Republican caucuses to choose a president.

Barring an unlikely sweep of most of the 22 states voting in elections and caucuses on Tuesday, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama will have picked up a mix of wins and losses. Each will accumulate delegates to the Democratic National Convention this summer, but neither will have enough to secure the nomination.

At press time on Tuesday, the Republican contest had narrowed between former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Sen. John McCain.



Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama marked a turning point in the Democratic presidential contest on Tuesday, but facing an unlikely event of most of the 22 states voting, neither will have enough delegates to secure the nomination.

preference primary in Feb. 19, but Democrats will elect nearly all their delegates through the caucus system.

Democrats have rented 30 schools to host voters in Clark County's 180 precincts, with four to seven precincts each.



Good in the Neighborhood 25th Annual Event brings Community Unity, July 28, 2017 – Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith (left picture at bottom of page) greets Good in the Hood Parade participants Ariana Jenkins (from left) Alayah Ta, Jayden Ta, and Kayden Taylor.

College Community Stunned, Feb. 12, 2020

– The Portland Observer talks with Goodness Adefope, who came to Portland from Nigeria to attend Concordia University, and other students who are looking for another school, now that Concordia is closing its doors.



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Concordia to Shut Down

Building Community Ties



Building Community Ties, November 29, 2017 -- New Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw (left) gets an introduction to members of the local African American community, including Portland Observer Publisher Mark Washington and Portland Community College Cascade Campus President Karin Edwards, during a Women of Faith luncheon Edwards hosted.

2017 Washington Classic, July 14, 2017 – Portland Observer Ballers, 4th and 5th grade boys with coaches Mark Washington and Jeff Ta (left photo, second from top) at the 2017 Washington Classic at SEI.

