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respect to other people – let alone themselves. They don’t even respect themselves,” Feathers says.

“So we teach skills like how to deal with peer pressure, how to respect themselves and others — interpersonal skills.”

Feathers says she pulled herself out of a difficult upbringing in part through attending a modeling school that showed her how to present herself with poise and assurance — which over time changed her own negative self image.

But even though she also currently teaches modeling, she also offers many other important life skills, including how to write a resume and how to shine in an interview.

“We have people from the community come in, including bankers who teach the kids how to balance a checkbook, how to maintain a checking account and a savings account, and how to respect money.

“We teach table etiquette — so many of our kids today go into a fast food restaurant and eat like that — they don’t taste their food, they don’t know what it’s like to tip a waitress,” she says. “They don’t know what it’s like to have respectful conversation at the table, to be



Youngsters in Urban Bridges learn everything from table manners to resisting peer pressure and how to find a job.

Many of these are skills that would have been taught by par-

ing less time with their kids.

And some of her clients live in foster care or are coming out of juvenile detention facilities.

“These types of things are very important when you go to get a job,” Feathers says. “You need to know how to act and what to do and what not to do. It could make the difference between getting a job and not getting one.”

For more information go to www.urbanbridges.org.

‘Never allow your past or present to negatively dictate what your future will be, the power is yours, not your circumstance’

respectful in the restaurant, and what to do with their cell phones.”

ents — but so many parents are working multiple jobs and spend-

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son-Liday, 20; La’Braye Franklin, 17; and Olyvia Lynn Baston, 17 who was grazed by a bullet and treated by EMTs at the scene.

The other three more seriously wounded were rushed by ambulance to Legacy Emmanuel Hospital for treatment.

Though Zimmers and Jackson-Liday remained in the hospital on Monday in fair and good condition, Franklin was released on Saturday.

The Skanner News team was the first on the scene after more than a dozen police cruisers sped past our offices on North Killingsworth Street on Friday.

Nearby Portland Community College and Jefferson High School immediately went into emergency lockdown.

Within the hour, *The Skanner News* witnessed members from the Multnomah County Sheriff’s

office, Fairview, ATF, FBI at the scene alongside Portland Police.

The victims were shot right on the spot where local muralist Antwoine Thomas had worked with youth from the group Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere to paint a ‘peace

the young people wounded at the hospital.

Joe McFerrin II, director of the POIC, was honored by *The Skanner News* and the Portland Royal Rosarians in 2013 as “Newsmaker of the Year” for his work in helping young people graduate from

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mural’ on the street last summer.

Franklin, a student at POIC, interned at the office of Mayor Charlie Hales as one of the hundreds of youth in the Summer-Works program headed by Commissioner Loretta Smith.

Hales, who is also police commissioner, visited the site of the shooting before later visiting with

high school and find jobs, and also for expanding the program into East Portland.

McFerrin says he was on his way to a meeting when he got word of the shooting from his staff.

“My heart just sank,” McFerrin told a small group of reporters on Friday. McFerrin also cautioned

against jumping to conclusions. “This is not a North Portland issue, or just a Black issue, or a ghetto-type issue,” he warned, “this is an issue that schools face all around the country with respect to violence.”

In response to the shooting, which made national headlines, organizers from the anti-violence group Don’t Shoot Portland staged a march through inner Northeast Portland, using the site of the shooting as the starting point.

Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center works to reconnect at-risk youth affected by poverty and homelessness, with higher education through the “last chance” high school education with its partner school Rosemary Anderson High School, and career training programs.

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tribal businesses, our tribal housing? How will you help us combat marijuana abuse in Indian Country when states are no longer there to partner with us?”

Whether tribal pot could become a major bonanza rivaling tribal casinos is a big question. Marshall said only three tribes — one each in California, Washington state and the Midwest — have voiced any interest. She did not identify them.

Seattle attorney Anthony Broadman, whose firm represents tribal governments throughout the West, said the economic potential is vast. “If tribes can balance all the potential social issues, it could be a really huge opportunity,” Broadman said.

But many in Indian Country are wary of compounding existing drug and alcohol problems by growing and selling pot.

The Yakama Nation in Washington state recently banned marijuana

on the reservation and is trying to halt state regulated pot sales and grows on lands off the reservation where it still holds hunting and fishing rights. The Hoopa Valley Tribe in Northern California

has battled illegal pot plantations on its reservation that have damaged the environment.

In South Dakota, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council this year rejected a proposal to allow marijuana.

Oglala Sioux tribal Councilwoman Ellen Fills the Pipe, chairwoman of the council’s Law and Order Committee, said Thursday she needs to review the federal

policy more thoroughly but that given her long background in law enforcement, she opposes loosening marijuana laws.

“For me, it’s a drug,” Fills the Pipe said. “My gut feeling is

we’re most likely going to shoot it down.”

In Oregon, former Klamath Tribes chairman Jeff Mitchell said communities everywhere deal with drug and alcohol issues, and tribes are likely to proceed carefully.

“I have confidence in tribal government that they will deal with it appropriately and they’ll take into consideration social and legal

aspects, as well as other implications that go along with bringing something like that into a community,” Mitchell said.

Marshall warned that marijuana is still illegal under federal law. Problems could arise for tribes with lands in states that outlaw marijuana due to the likelihood that pot would be transported or sold outside tribal boundaries, she said.

Tribes selling marijuana may not be subject to state and local taxes, allowing them to undercut off-reservation sales. In Washington, heavy taxes on recreational pot have pushed the price to about twice the price at medical marijuana dispensaries.

Alison Holcomb, a primary drafter of Washington state’s legalization measure, said most people in larger states won’t want to drive to far-flung reservations to buy pot.

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