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Sam Sachs, creator of the non-profit The No Hate Zone, has successfully pushed for local and state governments to adopt equitable hiring practices inspired by the Pittsburgh Steelers' "Rooney Rule," which compelled NFL teams to interview at least one ethnic minority for leadership positions. Sachs most recently was successful in getting Multnomah County to adopt a version of the rule, called The Gladys McCoy Standard, named after the first elected African American woman to serve and later chair the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

'No Hate Zone' breaks bread and barriers

Safe Space Creator promotes diversity

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Sam Sachs has been battling racism his entire life. By promoting equity and diversity through his work as a former Army veteran, football player, law enforcement officer, and later as Human Rights Commissioner for the City of Portland, he's made a name for himself.

He's spearheaded an effort for local and state governments in Oregon to adopt variations of an equitable hiring standard, for example, known as The Rooney Rule, in which at least one ethnic minority must be interviewed for leadership roles.

Sachs, who has a bachelor's degree in Black Studies from Portland State University, was an intern for former state Sen. Avel Gordly, the first African-American woman to be elected to the Oregon State Senate, during her last term in the late 2000s. He's also helped in the effort to eliminate Native American Mascots in all Oregon K-12 schools.

Monthly dinners with members of law enforcement and people of color, aimed at improving community relations, was also initiated by Sachs and Noho Marchesi, Sach's friend and owner of Noho's Hawaiian Café at 4627 N.E. Fremont St. Marchesi provides the space and meals free of charge for the dinners. The restaurant dons Sachs' No Hate Zone decal in its window, a signifier that the restaurant is a safe space for those escaping violence and discrimination from white supremacists and other hate groups.

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Portland Community College President Mark Mitsui (from left), Portland State University President Rahmat Shoureshi, Oregon Health Sciences University President Danny Jacobs and Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler celebrate the start of construction of a new public health building to serve the city and its three education partners at Southwest Fourth and Montgomery.

Health, Education Partnership

Construction begins for health center at PSU

A new education and health center in the heart of Portland State University's downtown campus saw its groundbreaking Friday with representatives of its four partnering organizations: Portland State University, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland Community College and the city of Portland.

The \$104 million facility will be located at Southwest Fourth

Avenue and Montgomery Street and house the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health. Plans call for 175,000 square-feet of space across seven stories. The building will also house PSU's College of Education; PCC's dental hygiene, dental assistant and dental laboratory assistant programs; the city's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability; a dental clinic, mental health services, and ground-floor retail and restaurants.

"This building will help to produce the state's next generation of public health leaders," said Dr. David Bangsberg, dean of the OHSU-PSU School of Public

Health. He added that the center will focus on equipping individuals with the ability to identify, confront, and combat some of the most vexing causes of health disparities throughout Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, and beyond.

Speaking to the importance of the new community partnership, OHSU President Danny Jacobs, said the groundbreaking was about "much more than a new building."

"It is about the people and programs that the building will house, so that we may address issues of social justice and community engagement, as well as the health and well-being of those we serve."

The Week in Review

Census Citizen Question Rejected by Judge

A federal judge in New York Tuesday struck down the Trump administration's plan to write a citizenship question into the 2020 census putting a freeze on a deeply contentious move that critics said would discourage non-citizens from participating in the Census. The Justice Department has said it needed better data on the voting age population to help enforce the Voting Rights Act.

Costly Government Shutdown

The political cost of a nearly month-long government shutdown is mounting as more than 800,000 federal workers miss their paychecks and as a new nonpartisan poll shows that nearly 2 out of 3 American voters support reopening the government and do not back Trump's hard-line demand of \$5.7 billion for a border wall.



Multnomah County Jail Inmate Taken Hostage

An inmate was accused of grabbing another man in the downtown Portland jail Sunday afternoon and threatening to "snap his neck" if corrections deputies didn't release him from custody. Two sheriff's deputies were able to intervene by using force and placed him in handcuffs. One of the officers was treated for broken ribs and the other for a dislocated finger.



Son Accused of Stabbing Mother

Brian Toombs, a 28-year-old man with schizophrenia who has a history of marijuana and bath salt use was charged with stabbing his mother in Vancouver last week, police said. The attack left the 57-year-old woman with wounds on her head, neck and face - with at least two of the blows penetrating her brain, authorities said.

Montana Man Arrested for Threats on Portland Mayor

A 39-year-old man was arrested last week accused of trying to extort money from Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler through an Instagram message in October that contained a threat to harm the mayor's property and home, according to a federal indictment. Kermit Tyler Poulson was arrested Tuesday in Missoula, Mont.

North Greenly Bike Lane Fix Coming, City says

The Portland City Council last week approved a plan to build a protected two-way bike path on North Greeley Avenue along a dangerous corridor for bicycle riders between Interstate 5 and Swan Island. The city will seek bids for the \$1.9 million project and hopes construction will begin this summer and finish four to six months later.

Restaurant Employee Steals \$167,240

A former employee accused of stealing \$167,240 from the LaCostita Restaurant in Troutdale received a one year and five month prison sentence Friday. Keeya Danielle Deshazo, 41, took cash that should have been deposited into the restaurant's bank account and placed those funds in her own private bank account, authorities said.

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Rigler Elementary School in northeast Portland has endured high teacher turn around rates, a pattern that takes a toll on efforts to reduce the achievement gap between white and African American students, according to a new audit of Portland Public Schools from Oregon's Secretary of State Dennis Richardson.

Blistering Schools Audit

District hit on achievement gap, fiscal order

A new audit of Portland Public Schools from Oregon's Secretary of State Dennis Richardson revealed a staggering achievement gap in the district where African American students dramatically underperform their white counterparts, and where money is spent with little strategy or accountability.

The audit, released Jan. 9, determined there is a 53 percent achievement gap between white and African-American

students in Oregon's largest school district versus the 29 percent state achievement gap average.

A number of financial issues were cited in the report, including an insufficient oversight of contracts. The audit also determined that teachers at high-poverty schools had an average of one month of absences per year, they had a high turn-over rate, and that hiring rules gave high-poverty schools fewer qualified teachers to choose from than wealthier schools.

The audit cited Rigler Elementary School, located at 5401 N.E. Prescott St., which

has endured four new principals in the last five years and had some of the lowest scores for state assessments.

Over the past four years, despite overall third-grade reading and writing test scores having improved slightly across the district, academic results for African-American and economically disadvantaged students have fallen in that same period, the audit found. All of this, despite Portland Public Schools having more funding-per-student than any other district in the state.

State Sen. Jackie Winters,

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Security Shoots Man Outside Bar

Marks second deadly incident in months

Authorities said a man died after being shot by a security guard outside a southeast Portland strip club early Tuesday after a confrontation erupted between two men and the security

guard. The name of the victim was withheld pending notification of his next of kin.

Portland Police Officers responded to the incident when a report of the disturbance and shooting at the Dream On Saloon, located at 15920 S.E. Stark St., came in around 2:30 a.m.

A 911 caller reported that a man had been shot by a private

security guard. It happened after the two men had approached the security guard in the parking lot where a disturbance ensued, police said.

The injured man was discovered nearby after fleeing, police said. He was provided emergency first aid and transported by ambulance to a hospital, but

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. being arrested for "loitering" while present at a colleague's court case in Montgomery, Ala. in 1958.

King on Civil Disobedience

Leader saw his arrests as last resort in the face of unjust laws

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Baptist minister from Atlanta and best known spokesperson for the modern civil rights movement, successfully organized nonviolent protests and civil disobedience against Jim Crow laws that enforced segregation. His efforts helped achieve passage of the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

In his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," one of the late civil rights leader's most articulate justifications for nonviolent resistance to racism, he responds to a public statement of concern and caution signed by eight white religious leaders of the South at the time.

It was in the immediate aftermath of a 1963 campaign by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which King was president, against segregation and economic injustice in Birmingham, Ala., and the resistance involved occupying public spaces with sit-ins, and openly violating laws they considered unjust.

King was arrested early on in the campaign and from his cell composed the open letter.

King reaffirmed the fact that negotiation was the best means for progress on any matter, but

clarified that civil disobedience was a last resort when those in power refuse to allow for discussions aimed at reaching a mutual agreement in the face of unjust laws.

"Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has consistently refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks so to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored," he wrote.

King drew his philosophies from Christian theology and other nonviolent leaders throughout history, like India's Mahatma Gandhi, who had successfully led his country to independence from British rule by employing civil disobedience.

The campaign in Birmingham was a success as Eugene Connor, the city's police chief who authorized the use of high pressure water jets and police dogs against protestors, including children, lost his job and the signs designating segregation in local shops came down, opening the door for blacks to be accepted in public spaces.

Nationally broadcast news footage of those protests also crystallized the civil rights movement's supporters, both for the whites who were shocked by the images and for black Americans. Today, King's philosophies and actions have had a lasting influence on the work to advance civil rights.

Arrested in the Fight for Civil Rights

Like King,
immigration
advocates
use civil
disobedience

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

When 124 asylum seekers were detained in a federal prison in Sheridan last summer after being caught up in President Donald Trump's zero tolerance immigration policy, civil rights groups, lawyers, activists, and faith leaders took steps to help get all of them out of lockup and bring light to the issue.

Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, which convenes faith leaders of varying religions throughout Oregon, was one of the many grassroots organizations key to keeping the issue before the public through vigils, marches, and support in solidarity with the asylum seekers, both at the Oregon prison, and the federal Immigrant and Customs Enforcement headquarters in Portland.

All of the asylum seekers were men and a number of them had been separated from their children at the border. Most were applying for entry to the United States to escape persecution or violence from more than 16 countries. They were denied access to attorneys and not allowed to practice their religion when they were first detained.

The American Civil Liberties Union Oregon filed an emergency lawsuit soon after the immigrants were detained in Sheridan to allow them access to lawyers, which a federal judge sided with. Another non-profit civil rights group called Innovation Law Lab represented 80 of the detainees and helped them demonstrate that they fled their home countries due to a credible fear of prosecution and all 124 of the asylum seekers have since been released, as of late November.

For the leaders of the local Interfaith Movement, their involvement is akin to the arrests Rev. Martin Luther King voluntarily faced in actions of civil disobedience in the fight for civil rights. The local faith leaders were inspired to take on a similar course after one of its members hosted a living room meeting to discuss taking action. It was last May when news first broke that the immigrants were being detained in Oregon.

"That began a process of both discernment and strategizing around what would be an effective strategy to get the men released



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Sarah Loose (left) and Ron Werner look back on their experience of facilitating willing arrests of faith leaders during peaceful protests on behalf of immigrant asylum seekers. They're part of Oregon's Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, an organization advocating for the rights of immigrants faced with family separation, detention and deportation.

but also to begin to dismantle this family separation apparatus that exists here in Oregon," interfaith organizer and pastor Ron Werner of the Evangelical Lutheran Church told the Portland Observer.

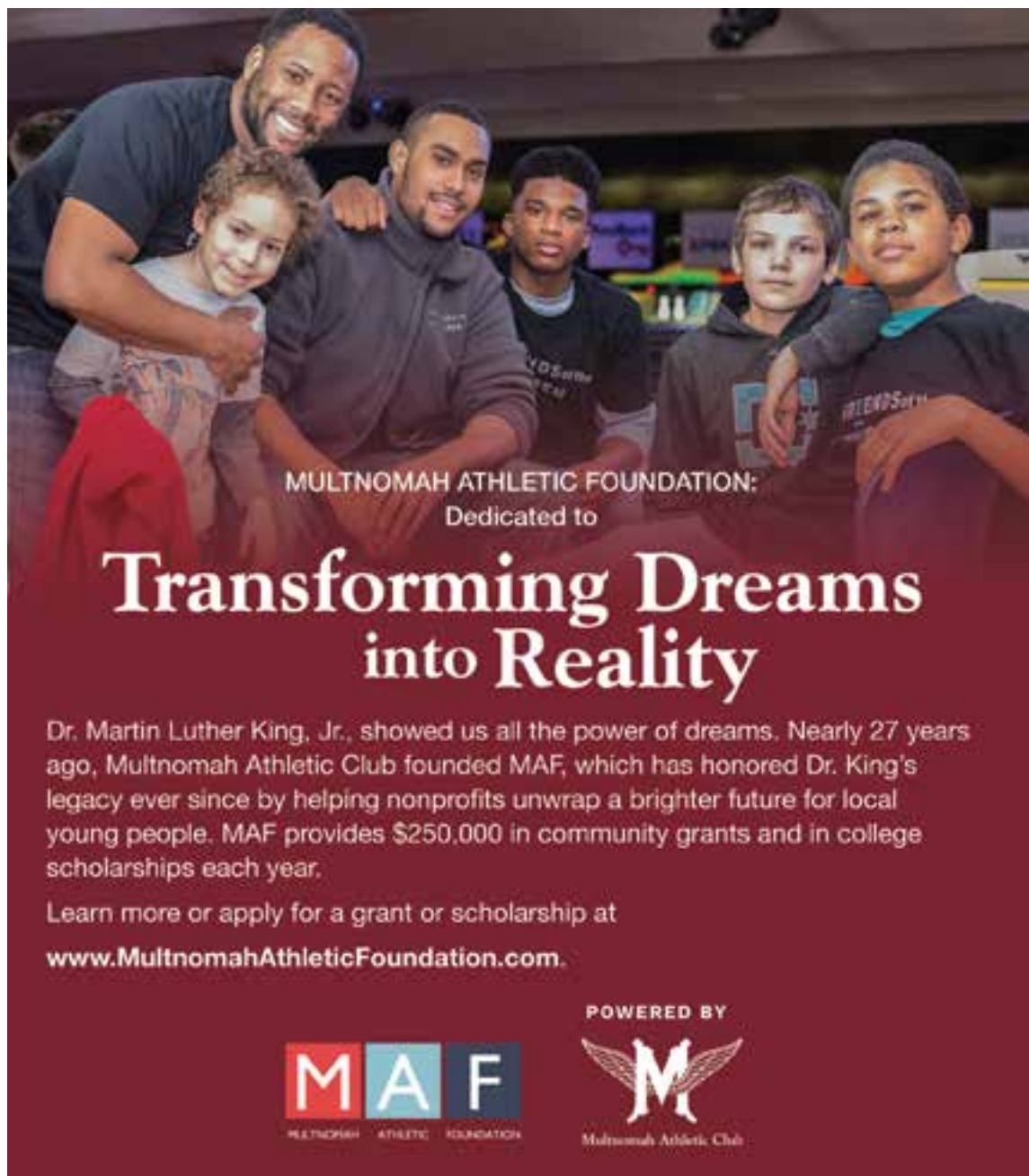
Werner and the other justice advocates began by holding prayer vigils, protests and marches outside of the Sheridan prison. They were joined by at least two other immigrant rights groups in Oregon, Unidos Bridging Community and the Rural Organizing Project.

By July there was finally some progress. With the help of the Innovation Law Lab, 80 of the asylum seekers were determined to be legally eligible for release, but they continued being detained.

The organization sent letters and made phone calls to Elizabeth Godfrey, the acting ICE field office director, but got no responses. That's when the Interfaith Movement decided to escalate their approach by dispatching clergy members willing to risk arrest by engaging in civil disobedience.

Such a tool was strategized early on, Rabbi Debra Kolodny of Portland's UnShul said.

Sarah Loose, also with the immigrant justice group said, "We knew that they were eligible for release and that it was Elizabeth Godfrey who had the sole pow-





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New Lifeline for Foster Youth of Color

Agency focuses on culturally-specific care, services

BY DANNY PETERSON
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In response to African American children being overrepresented in Oregon's child welfare system, a new foster care agency led by a black executive is working to close that gap by providing culturally specific foster care services and recruiting new foster parents of color.

Incorporated in 2016, and licensed a year ago, Youth Unlimited, Inc. is working with some of the Portland black community's most vulnerable kids, helping place black foster children into the hands of highly qualified foster homes of color.

The agency considers itself a "treatment foster care" organization, where foster parents volunteer at least 10 hours each week to teaching life skills to their foster children.

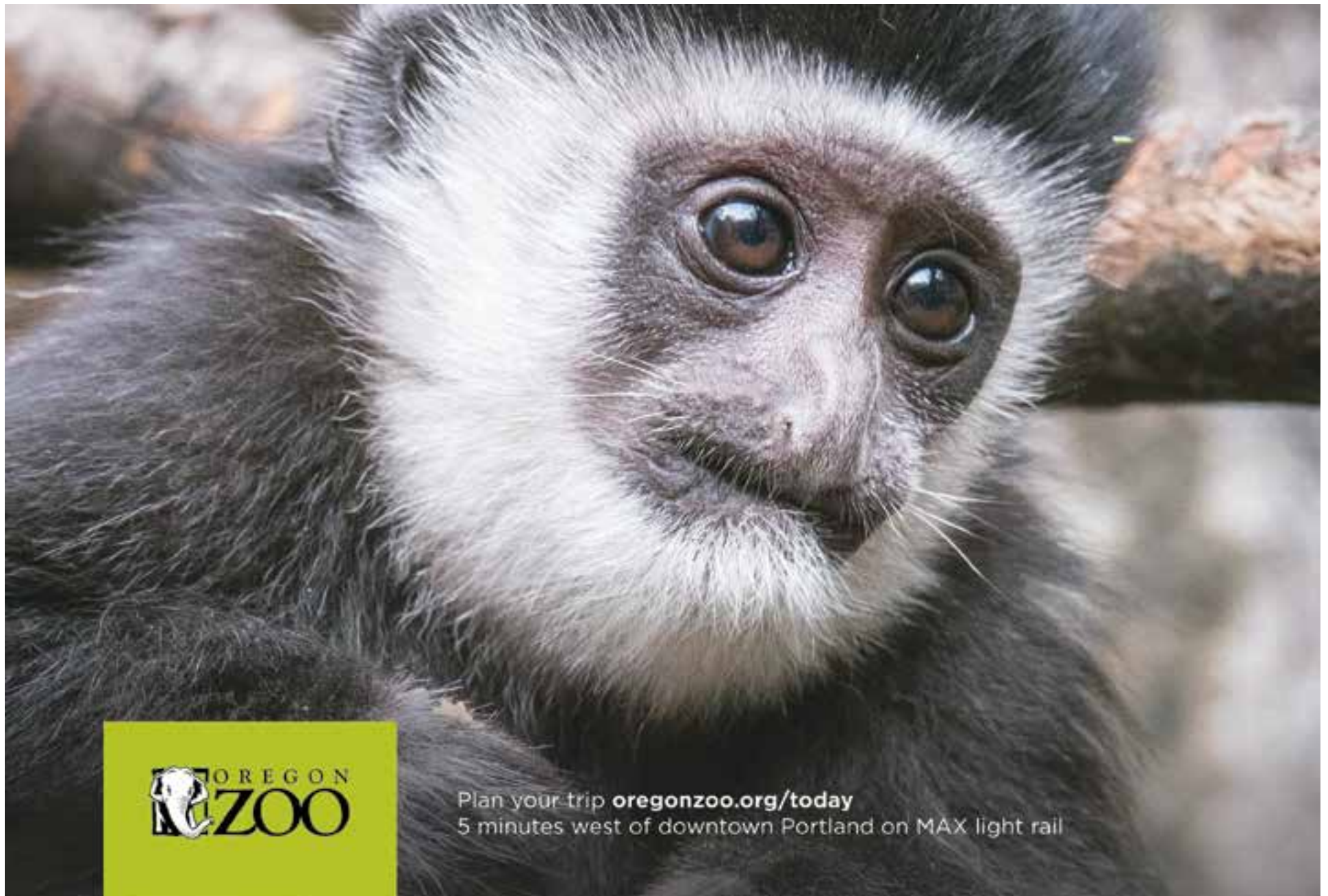
Many of the children come in with behavioral or health issues that need to be addressed, Youth Unlimited found-



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April Johnson (left), the chief executive and founder of Youth Unlimited, a foster care agency that is focused on supporting foster youth of color, and Denzel Davis, one of the agency's foster dads, pose in front of the agency headquarters in Gresham.

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Legacy Awards and Drum Major Service

Historic church to host MLK tributes

Portland's Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church and its vibrant community will host its annual Drum Major celebrations in tribute to Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the weekend of the national holiday honoring the civil rights icon.

The church will host its annual MLK "Salute to Greatness" awards and scholarship luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 19 from noon to 2 p.m. at the New Song Community Church Fellowship Hall at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Russell Street; and then on Sunday, Jan. 20 it will host its annual "Empower the Dream" MLK service from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vancouver Avenue's historical sanctuary at 3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

The public is encouraged to attend both events. Donations of \$25 will support future



A historical photo shows Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church in 1961, meeting with the clergy from the church and its neighbors.

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Mr. Lakayana Drury, social studies teacher at Rosemary Anderson High School and executive director of "Word is Bond" will deliver the keynote address at the Saturday awards and scholarship luncheon. Ambassador Attalah Shabazz, eldest daughter of Malcom X and Dr. Betty Shabazz, will be the keynote speaker for the MLK Sunday service.

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‘We’ve Come this Far’

Program set for 34th Martin Luther King Jr. tribute

World Arts Foundation, Inc. presents its 34th consecutive Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., undoubtedly one of the great American heroes and world citizens, on the MLK National Holiday, Monday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Highland Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan St.

The 2019 tribute will include speakers, arts and musical tributes to local artists whose contributions have put Portland on the map and will last a lifetime.

Portland’s Annual “Keep Alive the Dream” is recognized regionally and nationally as one of the largest community-based celebrations in the U.S. World Arts Foundation, Inc. humbly offers to give voice to the heritage of ordinary citizens’ struggle for peace, social justice, civil rights and human dignity.

The entire program will honor Martin Luther King Jr. by showcasing a variety of outstanding expressions in song, oration, dance and drumming. Program format will include digital media, high definition tape-delayed broadcast and live artistic presentations commemorating King’s life and legacy. Program participation will include an array of community speakers from various civic and social community organizations.

The invited Guests will include a variety of talented local and regional performances, including Bravo, The American Music Program, Sen. Lew Frederick, KairosPDX, Portland Inter-Faith Choir Ensemble, the Sebe Kan Jr. Dance Troupe, The Legendary Beyons, Jack & Jill of America, Inc., as well as local student groups and choirs from Portland Public Schools including the nationally acclaimed Jefferson Dancers.

Lifetime Achievement Awards will recognize the



The World Arts Foundation’s 34th consecutive Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Portland’s largest annual community celebration in honor of the late national civil rights leader, will take place on the MLK holiday, Monday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Highland Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan St.

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A Victory Village and Marketplace compliments the full day of voices, music and purpose with a full range of arts, crafts, services, educational materials, food, photographs, films, and a cultural-rich network of arts and education advocates.

“Keep Alive the Dream” will be live video streamed on YouTube, Facebook, aired live through Open Signal formally Portland Community Media; KBOO-FM Radio (90.7 FM); Worldartsfoundation.com and XRAY.FM

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Rev. Michael Ellick (left), Rabbi Debra Kolodny, and Rev. Barbara Nixon were among the Oregon faith leaders who were willing to get arrested for a cause in a series of civil disobedience actions against the federal Immigrant and Customs Enforcement office in Portland.

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er to be able to make that call.” Loose was a key organizer of the civil disobedience actions.

Kolodny, along with Rev. Michael Ellick and Rev. Barbara Nixon, would make up the first wave of faith leaders being arrested, starting Aug. 6, in what the group called the August of Action. The demonstrators went up to the door of the ICE Office on Southwest Macadam Avenue to deliver the letter, in person, to Godfrey. When there was no response, they linked arms with other demonstrators and blocked cars from being able to come or go. They then sat on the ground.

Rev. Nixon, who serves First United Methodist Church in Corvallis, had put her body on the line with her colleagues, despite significant joint problems. “I was quietly hoping that if they were going to arrest us, that it would happen sooner rather than later because it’s pretty tough sitting on the ground that way,” she recalled.

Within a matter of minutes, however, Homeland Security of-

ficers asked the faith leaders to leave. They refused, three times, and made it clear that they knew their actions were illegal. The three were put in handcuffs by federal police officers.

Reflecting on the use of such a public maneuver, Rev. Ellick, who previously lived in New York City for 18 years and was involved in the Occupy Wall Street protest in 2011, admits that getting arrested for a cause is not always effective.

“Civil disobedience doesn’t always make sense as a tactic. It’s a popular thing to do. It’s edgy. But we were really clear with ourselves this can’t be about catharsis,” he said. “In this instance, we felt helpless, frustrated, outraged and hurt by the country. And we narrowed in on a tactic.”

Though Rev. Ellick, Rabbi Kolodny, and Rev. Nixon were detained for less than two hours, and not brought into a jail cell during that time, the attention it brought to the issue was a success.

“It was symbolic pressure,” Rev. Ellick said. “And in our mind it, worked.”

By the end of the month, 30

faith leaders associated with the movement had been arrested—one of them twice. After the first couple of weeks of arrests, ICE starting to release the asylum seekers, but by the trickle. By the end of November, however, all 120 plus asylum seekers were out of the prison.

Werner said it’s hard to predict what’s next for the faith leaders with today’s political climate.

“We’re living in a time where a new policy could be handed down next month that’s even harsher or more inhumane, more unjust, than what we’re facing today. We’re finding great strength to keep pushing and to keep getting up and doing it even if next month might be harder,” he said.

Sarah Loose credited the group’s achievements to many organizations coming together, including St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in northeast Portland, which provides office space support, ACLU Oregon, Innovation Law Lab, and others.

“We found our slice and went in there but the success of it as a whole was really because of that joint movement effort,” she said.

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--Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Members of communities of color and members of the police community gather together to eat and have conversations at a “Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers” event organized by Sam Sachs, a former law enforcement officer and former Portland Human Rights Commissioner. The meet up was held at “Noho’s Hawaiian Café, 5627 N.E. Fremont St., whose owner Noho Marchesia, a friend of Sach’s provides free space and food for the monthly events.

‘No Hate Zone’ breaks bread and barriers

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Having grown up as a Jewish kid in a predominately white Christian community at South Albany High School, Sachs said he received his fair share of racial epithets from other kids, who used the Star of David around Sachs’ neck as a target for hate and discrimination in the 1980s. At the time, the school’s mascot was the Rebels and its logo was the Confederate flag.

“I would be harassed. And people would call me ‘k-ke’ or ‘h-be’ or a ‘f---ing Jew,’” Sachs, 50, told the Portland Observer.

But being a well-built and skilled football player at the school meant when others picked a fight with Sachs, he fought back and usually won, he said.

“I make no bones about it, I was a tough guy. And I would beat people up. And I got pretty good at it through junior high/high school, the Army, college, probably until I was 26. I would use violence to respond to racism or anti-Semitism,” Sachs explained.

He clarified that the fights were always “mutual combat” and never seriously injured anyone or sent them to the hospital.

One night while he was attending and playing football at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Sachs brawled in what

would become a life-changing altercation. Everyone was yelling something during the fight, Sachs said, but he couldn’t understand what they were saying.

After the fight, a buddy explained that the people were chanting a rather unflattering nickname, “psycho.” “You’re a psycho when you fight,” the friend told him. Something changed in Sachs when he heard that.

“From that day on, I promised myself I would never use violence ever again. And I would never respond. It was an eye opener, it was an ‘aha’ moment, because I was like, ‘they think I’m crazy,’” Sachs recalled.

Rather than giving up in the fight against racism, though, Sachs would take up his battles through other, more effective, means.

“I still deal with anti-Semitism. But rather than use my fists, I use my mouth, my heart, my head to respond to people. It’s much, much more powerful than beating somebody up. Because you can beat somebody up, it doesn’t change them. They just probably hate you more or they’re more upset because they got beat up by a Jew, the very thing they despise,” Sachs said.

After college, Sachs went on

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Advocacy Work Transforms Young Leader

Now 27, Whitten's efforts addressing inequities grows

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Cameron Whitten's advocacy work for marginalized communities in Portland has taken many forms over the years, from being an organizer of the Occupy Portland movement, to co-founding Portland's Resistance in response to the election of President Donald Trump, to starting a non-profit to leverage community grounded initiatives to make justice and economic prosperity a lived experience for black, brown, and indigenous people in Oregon.

Now, as the executive director of the Q Center, the largest LGBTQ+ center in the Pacific Northwest, he's continuing that fight using a lens of intersectionality—a term that denotes the multiple identities that people hold, and the sometimes compounding affects of oppression that go along with that, coined by black civil rights advocate and scholar Kimberle Crenshaw.

"Intersectionality affects me every



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Cameron Whitten, the recently named permanent executive director of the Q Center, located at 4115 N Mississippi Ave., is taking his activism background to a new level, helping the non-profit's mission of providing safe spaces, community building, and empowerment for those in the LGBTQ+ communities.

day. Every day I know that somebody somewhere will look at me and either I will be not black enough, too black; not queer enough, too gay. I'll be too loud, too quiet; too direct, not radical enough. And because of this I've been denied so many opportunities," Whitten told the Portland Observer.

Named the permanent executive director of the Q Center, located at 4115 N Mississippi Ave., back in December by its board of directors, Whitten has already brought many successes to the organization since joining as interim executive director in July.

He has been credited with helping expand staff and volunteer opportunities at the center, partnered with the group's development manager to raise more than \$134,000 at their annual fundraiser, SHINE, and worked with the board to develop strategic planning documents and host regular town hall meetings, among many other accomplishments.

The Q Center, which has been around since 2003, provides safe spaces, resources, and advocacy for people "at the intersection of identities," Whitten said.

Originally from northern Virginia,

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'No Hate Zone' breaks bread and barriers

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to work in law enforcement in various capacities from 1992 to until the late 2000s.

During his stint in the police academy in 1996, Sachs was again discriminated against based on his religion and ended up successfully suing Oregon Public Safety Academy for anti-Semitic comments made during his training there as a corrections officer. That lawsuit spurred a state task force investigation that eventually determined there were systemic issues in the academy.

Working in law enforcement, Sachs said he did occasionally see discrimination from his colleagues against black and brown people, but emphasized the vast majority of officers he'd worked with were not overtly racist. Some weren't racist at all, while others were uneducated about diversity and race relations, he said.

Still, he'd seen colleagues racially profiling people of color during traffic stops and even worked with a group of men that called themselves "The Brotherhood of the Strong," who beat inmates up in county jails.

Having been on the receiving end of discrimination back at the police academy and having been a member of the honor guard for Multnomah County Sheriff's office for two years, where he regularly attended the funerals of officers killed in the line of duty, Sachs said he has a foot in both worlds. Seeking to reconcile the fight against racism while also remembering cops are human, too, is what led him to do the work he does today with the monthly dinners at Noho's, which he calls Breaking Bread Breaking Barriers.

"[I] try to bring both groups together to get to understand and see each other in a better light, in a more humane light. Because the reality is there are many more cops and community members that have much more in common than they think. Their priorities are the same, wanting a good way of life and to be compassionate and understanding. But somewhere along the line, all of that has gotten lost. And it has to do with police brutality and the policing of black and brown communities. And police have to take ownership for that," Sachs said.

He returned to the police academy in 2008 as an instructor in diversity and during his stint as a Human Rights Commissioner for the city, he chaired the commission's Community Police and Relations Committee.

Thanks to Sachs' efforts, local and state government in Oregon have adopted equitable hiring practices inspired by the Pittsburgh Steelers' Rooney Rule, named after former Steelers' owner and former chairman of the league's diversity committee, Dan Rooney, which compels the hiring entity to interview at least one ethnic minority for leadership positions.

That effort started in 2009 when Sachs successfully lobbied the Oregon State Legislature to pass House Bill 3118, which requires the interviewing of at least one qualified minority applicant when hiring a head coach or athletics director

at any Oregon state-funded University. A similar measure was adopted for the hiring of city of Portland bureau directors, called the Charles Jordan Standard, and named after the City of Portland's first African American Commissioner.

Most recently, in November, Sachs approached Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith and successfully lobbied the Board of Commissioners to adopt a version of the policy, called The Gladys McCoy Standard for hiring executive-level positions. It's named after the pioneering politician who was the first elected African American woman to

serve on, and later chair, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners from the late 1970s to early 1990s.

Sachs also lobbied to eliminate the use of Native American Mascots in Oregon Schools, part of a larger effort originally brought to the legislature by Native American activists in 2006. He was also involved in advocating for changing the mascot of his former South Albany High School, who had eliminated the Confederate Flag from its logo 10 years ago, from the Rebels to the Redhawks.

Sachs said the change to the mascot was ultimately championed by the stu-

dents and staff of the school. He added since then he'd seen people transform their views on Confederate iconography--from a source of school pride to understanding of the harm it may cause--just as he had.

"When I scored the winning touchdown against West Albany my junior year, we won 7-6. I ran around the field with a Confederate flag. And I had no idea what that flag meant to people, black people and brown people. But once I realized what it meant, then I had the obligation to try and change it. Everyone does, just not everybody does it."

For more information on Sam Sachs and his anti-discrimination efforts, visit thenohatezone.com.

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Jordan LeDoux accidentally signed up as coordinator if a protest was needed to defend Special Counsel Robert Mueller investigation of President Trump and Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election. LeDoux had already been involved in political actions, but took it to a new level when he got the call last November in response to the resignation of Jeff Sessions and Trump's appointment of Attorney General Matthew Whitaker.

The Accidental Organizer

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Most of us have mistakenly clicked on an unwanted option while online shopping or doing other activities on the web, usually a minor inconvenience and easily corrected. But for Jordan LeDoux, a misplaced click sent him down the path to reluctantly organizing the local chapter of a national protest in support of maintaining the integrity of a special counsel investigation into ties between Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and Russia.

It all started when LeDoux, a computer programmer from Portland, signed up for the political group MoveOn's rapid response tool.

LeDoux clicked on Tom McCall Waterfront Park in downtown Portland on a digital map on the MoveOn website, thinking he was marking his location

should a future protest be held in the Rose City, he told the Portland Observer. But rather than marking himself as a potential participant, LeDoux inadvertently signaled he was volunteering to organize and host the event should it be needed.

He said he didn't really realize what he had signed up until a few months later, when he got "some emails about tips for organizers, things like that," he said.

"I looked at the thing that I created and realized that there were over 2,000 people signed up. And at that point I was like, well, I really have to do basic organizing," LeDoux said.

Luckily "basic organizing" was part of his pedigree due to being a key figurehead in the Occupy Portland movement against economic inequality

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New Lifeline for Foster Youth of Color

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er and chief executive officer April Johnson told the Portland Observer.

The agency currently has five kids in their care, three for boys and two for girls. The five separate homes are located in Multnomah and Washington counties, but the agency is gearing up for an increased capacity and plans for a group home and shelter home. All of the foster parents are people of color, mostly black, and one Hispanic single mom.

Last year, a landmark state audit on Oregon's Child Welfare department found a number of systemic issues with the foster care system, most notably a larger number of foster kids than there are foster parents who can provide care.

As a result, foster kids often end up experiencing longer stays at hotels than is considered normal and placement in out of state facilities. 83 kids in the system now live out of state, Johnson said, many of whom are kids of color, LGBTQ kids, and those with behavioral issues who are traditionally harder to place.

In Oregon, 20 percent of the 8,000 kids in foster care are kids of color, according to state child welfare data from 2013. African American and Native American children, in particular, are in foster care at higher rates than other children, the report stated. Though African American children make up just 3.3 percent of Oregon's total child population, they make up 7 percent of the children served in foster care.

Johnson was a former program policy development specialist and later executive manager of the Oregon Health Authority. Her career has largely ebbed and flowed between child welfare, substance abuse services, and behavioral health.

Johnson said problems in the child welfare system often result in a pipeline to a more disadvantaged life for the kids, with about 70 percent of folks in prison in Oregon having been in foster care, according to state prison data.

"All these kids are being funneled through a system by no fault of their own," she added.

One child who came under



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Assigning foster kids of color to quality foster families of color creates strong bonds, says parent Denzel Davis (left), a foster dad, and pictured with April Johnson, chief executive officer of Youth Unlimited, the Gresham foster agency that helped him become a foster parent and one that is dedicated to supporting youth of color.

the care of Youth Unlimited could not even spell his own name, at the age of 12.

"I sat there and cried," Johnson said. Now, that child can spell his name.

One of the foster dads for Youth Unlimited, Denzel Davis, met Johnson by chance. They got to chatting and soon Davis was enlisted.

The new foster parent emphasized the importance of having culturally-specific resources to help children of color succeed.

"I just feel like it's a great way for them to know their culture, their traditions...so they can know who they truly are and their background...and where they come from," Davis said.

The certification process for foster parents of the agency involves multiple steps, including attending information sessions, applying to be a foster parent, passing a background check, attending 30 hours of foster parent training, and completing a home inspection.

"What we have done is made sure that the families that we are recruiting are number one, high quality families, families who are responsible and productive members in the community," Johnson said. "You don't have to be rich. You just have to be wealthy in how you live your life," she added.

Once someone is accepted as a foster parent, they receive support from the agency such as a \$60 per day stipend for each child in their care for

reimbursement of expenses. The agency also pays for two nights of respite per week, coordinates birthday and back to school events where backpacks

are provided, and 24/7 on call support for parents.

The agency is also part of a state-supported foster agency collaborative, called Foster Plus, which includes 13 agencies total.

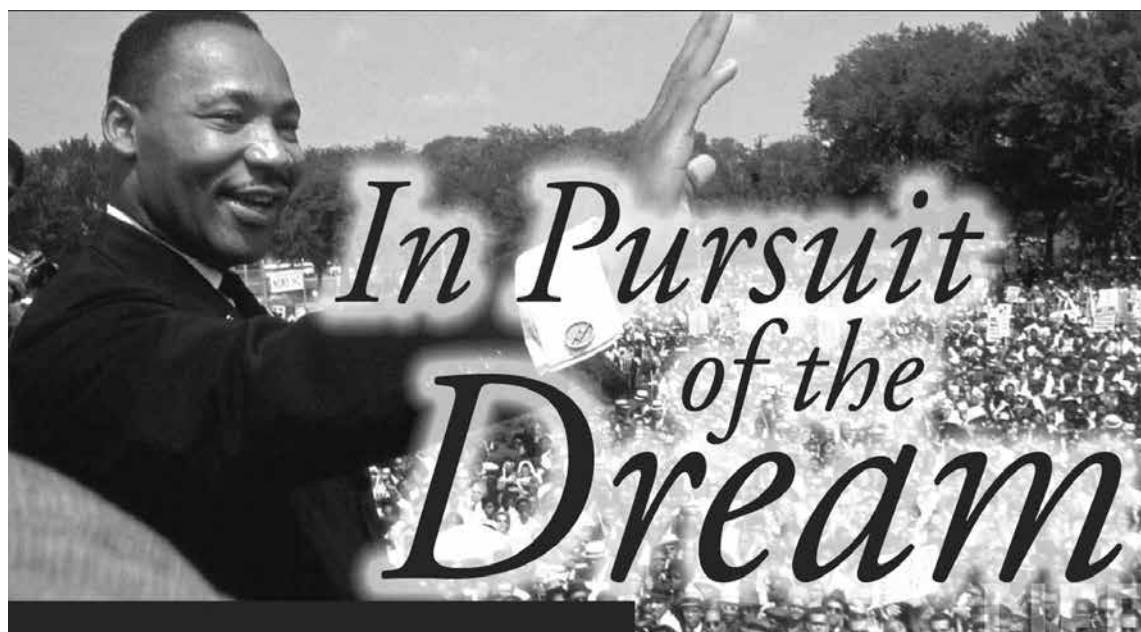
Youth Unlimited is located in Gresham in order to better connect with the many displaced people of color from Portland that have moved there in the wake of gentrification in Portland, Johnson said.

Though the staff and foster parents of Youth Unlimited total only about 20 people, Johnson has aspirations for opening a group home for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and a shelter home, as the agency expands.

Though Davis has only been a foster parent for only a year, he said it has already been a rewarding experience.

"The joy that I get from seeing the kids, knowing that I contribute to their happiness, that's really been a great part of being a foster dad," he said.

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Blistering Schools Audit

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R-Salem, a longtime black lawmaker and business leader who attended Portland Public Schools in her youth, said the increase in racial discrepancies was a “demand for change.”

“I believe if we address the lack of financial transparency and monitoring of school spending, we will begin to see increases in teacher retention rates and focus spending on what matters—the children’s ed-

ucation,” Winters said.

One day before the audit came out, Portland Public Schools officials held a press conference preemptively criticizing its findings, arguing the report’s analysis, which captured data from the 2017-18 school year, did not reflect the progress the district has made in its systemic issues since the hiring of Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero in October 2017.

The district, however, agreed

with the audit recommendations.

“We are addressing each and every concern raised in the audit,” district leaders said in a statement.

Guerrero told reporters it’s important to provide extra training, support, and pay to principals and teams of strong teachers at high-needs schools so they will stick around.

“This is going to take some work. But it’s work we’ve already embarked on,” he said.

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years prior.

MoveOn’s rapid response tool was designed to get triggered if certain “red lines” were crossed, which included things like Mueller being fired or his investigation being fundamentally compromised. Pre-planned, nationwide protests were designed to take place within 24 hours of the “triggering” event. Emails would immediately be sent out and MoveOn subscribers would be asked to join the demonstrations.

That “red line” was crossed in November with the appointment of acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker in the wake of Jeff Sessions’ resignation under pressure from Trump. Whitaker had been publicly critical of the Mueller investigation and refused to recuse himself from the probe as Sessions did.

LeDoux received a text message from the national organization informing him the rapid response tool was triggered and he worked to get the word out to people in the Portland area on the email list, asking them to show up to demonstrate the next day.

In the months prior, he had already reached out to City Hall, including Mayor Ted Wheeler and the City Commissioners, the Portland Police Department, and several elected officials to give them a heads up about the possibility of a demonstration, LeDoux said.

He set up plans with the city for protest locations, road closures and other ways to minimize any impacts on both TriMet and traffic.

Thanks to that preparation, the protests went off without a hitch and nearly 1,000 people gathered at Tom McCall Waterfront Park the evening of Nov. 8 calling on the Trump Administration not to interfere with Mueller’s abilities to carry out his investigation.

Oregon’s Democratic Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, along with Rep. Earl Blumenauer and others, attended, speaking to the crowd that evening, also urging support for Mueller’s independence.

No one was injured and no violence occurred at the event, thanks in part to LeDoux’s insistence during the planning

stages that protesters not violate any local ordinances.

He said he wanted to make sure the protest remain absolutely focused on protecting American democracy and the rule of law, and not about anyone’s feelings toward local figures, the police, or so on. In a Reddit post, he told supporters if the protest happens, “It will be much bigger than that.”

LeDoux added that the narrow focus was also designed to cast a wider net of potential participants, from across the political spectrum.

“You can be extremely conservative and still be uncomfortable with the idea of the justice system being subverted,” he said. “Violating local ordinances would have been a distraction. It would have definitely generated a police response, but the local police and government weren’t the issue. All of that energy needed to remain focused on the Department of Justice and the Mueller investigation.”

The efforts were the latest in a long line of political activism by LeDoux, including working communications and social media during the Occupy Portland demonstrations and campaigning for Bernie Sanders during his 2016 presidential campaign.

In 2007, he was an activist and supporter of Libertarian Presidential Candidate Ron Paul, helping create a website that drew donations that broke a single-day internet fund-raising record for the political candidate. Conceived to coincide with the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, LeDoux said the effort would later be co-opted by establishment Republicans to form the “Tea Party” movement in 2009.

By the time LeDoux joined the Occupy Portland movement, which was at the time the largest Occupy encampment on the West Coast, the experience had transformed from a centrist Libertarian to a Socialist, he said.

For LeDoux, the greatest takeaway of his “accidental organizing” and the other experiences he’s had in the battles for social justice was the realization that the actions or inactions of individuals can have a surprising and rippling impact on others.

“I take away the importance of showing up,” he said.

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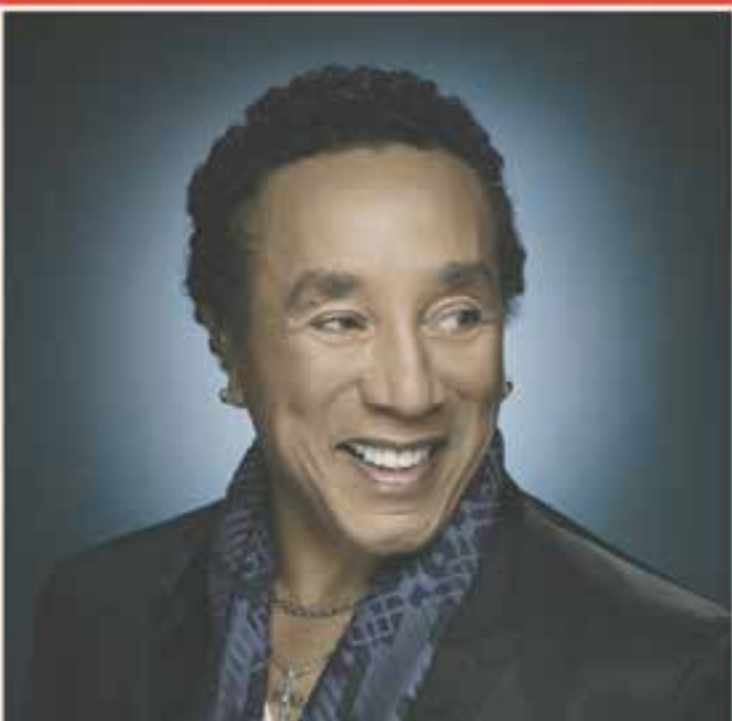
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Security Shoots Man Outside Bar

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later died from his injuries. The second man also fled the scene, but was later arrested.

Police said the security guard is cooperating with police and there is no known risk to the public.

The incident is the second deadly shooting that has occurred at the strip club in three months.

On Nov. 15 at Dream On Saloon, Portland police found a man on the sidewalk after responding to a report of gun-

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Portland Bureau of Transportation announced Tuesday that e-scooters are returning to the Rose City.

A Go-Ahead for E-Scooters

E-scooters are returning to Portland in the spring and this time will be evaluated over a one year period, the Portland Bureau of Transportation announced Tuesday.

After a pilot program from late July to late November gave Portlanders a taste of the motorized transportation devices available on the street for rent via a smart phone, a report released by PBOT Tuesday determined 62 percent of Portlanders view e-scooters positively, though some problems are yet to be resolved for what will be a year-long pilot program starting this spring.

"I remain concerned about the unlawful use of e-scooters on sidewalks and in city parks, and

the impact of e-scooters on people with mobility challenges or vision impairment. We will continue to seek public input on how to best serve all Portlanders," said Transportation Commissioner Chloe Eudaly.

Scooter safety risks were found to be relatively similar to other transportation methods, the report said. About 5 percent of the estimated 3,220 total traffic crash injury visits to emergency rooms and urgent care centers were tied to scooters during the 120 day pilot period—or less than half the amount of bicycle related injuries during that time.

Though an exact date has not been set for the e-scooters' return over the coming months, PBOT plans to test new measures to improve the use of e-scooters when the new one-year pilot period begins.



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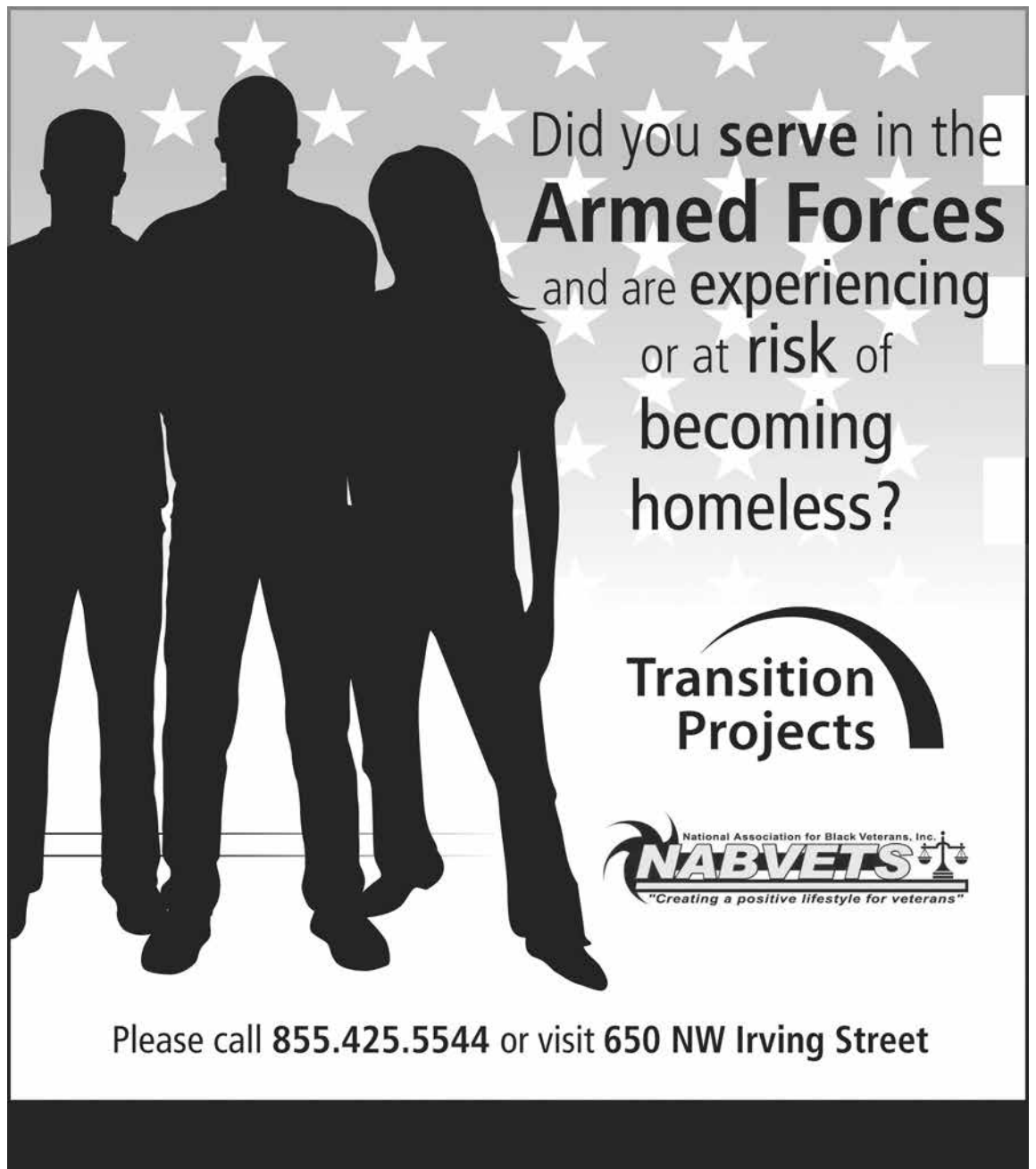
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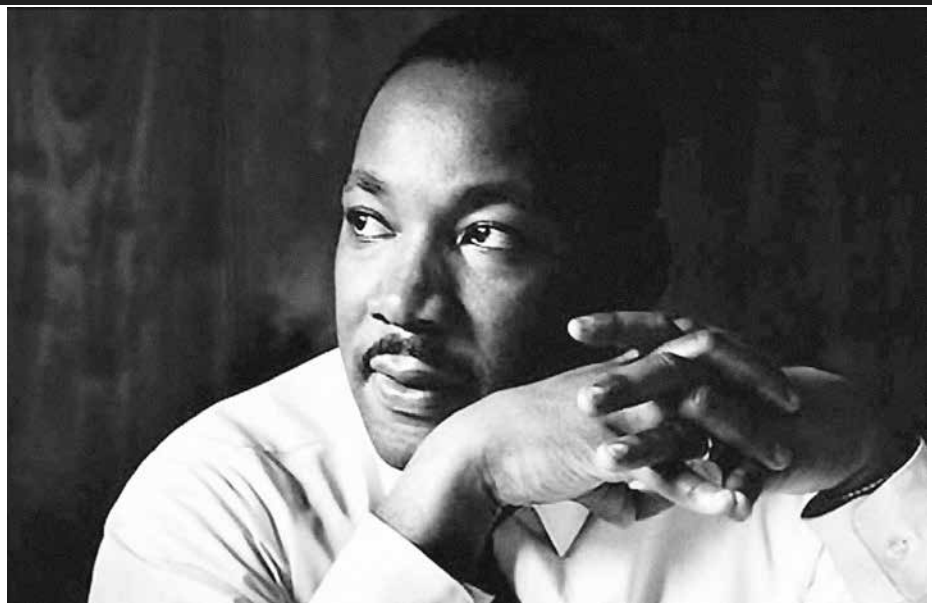
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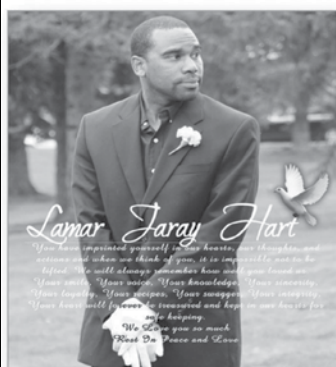
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Legacy Awards and Drum Major Service

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The following community leaders will be recognized: The Rev. W. Mark Knutson of Augustana Lutheran Church; Andrew and Hermann Colas, Colas Construction; Michael R. Booker Sr., the Miracles Recovery Club; musician and artist Michael Allen Harrison; Sam Sachs & Noho Marchesi of Breaking Bread/Breaking Barriers; the Native American Youth & Family Center; and educator and community activist Dr. Joyce Harris.

The following senior high school students will be honored and receive scholarships: Gigi Karimu of DeLaSalle North Catholic; Elijah Hudson of Helensview; Sarah Steele of Jefferson; Kenneth Kimmons

of Rosemary Anderson; Tosa Kitungano of Roosevelt and Gavin Fortner of Second Home.

Shabazz, a lifetime ambassador for peace as appointed by the Prime Minister of Belize will be making her first Portland appearance for the MLK service. Mayor Wheeler and other public officials will give greetings as will inter-faith leaders. The Pacific Youth Choir under the direction of Mia Hall will perform.

Vancouver Avenue is one of Portland's historic venues and the only church in Oregon where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addressed the "Beloved Community" in November 1961 as part of his trip to the Pacific Northwest during the Civil Rights Movement.

When asked about the

meaning of the church's MLK events against the current social and political backdrop, Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee, said, "In times like these, it is imperative that we gather as community to work together, celebrate together, and collaborate together to ensure a vibrant, inclusive, and constructive future. The spirit and legacy of Dr. King, Mrs. King, Mrs. Parks, President Mandela, Malcolm X and so many who came before us is what gives us encouragement and hope that we will overcome the difficulties, stresses, and strains of now and continue to build the 'Beloved Community.'"

For tickets and more information, call the church office at 503-282-9496 or visit vafb-cpdx.org.



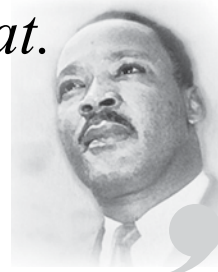
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Advocacy Work Transforms Young Leader

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Whitten said he's experienced struggle from a very young age, both in his home and in the form of systemic oppression.

"I've experienced what it's like to be denied your basic humanity, your basic rights. And one thing that I just vividly remember, ever since I could remember, was that I had nobody there to advocate for me. It took me a while but I realized I am an advocate, I could be my own advocate, and I could advocate for others. And I've been doing that ever since," Whitten recalled.

Searching for his place in the world, Whitten bought a Greyhound bus ticket from his home town in Virginia and headed west, back in 2009.

"Portland just became my destiny," he said.

A couple years after that, Whitten became involved with the Occupy Portland movement, an offshoot of Occupy Wallstreet in Zuccotti Park, New York City, which brought international attention to the economic inequalities that plague the United States in response to the 2008 economic recession.

The Portland chapter of the movement became the largest encampment of its kind on the West Coast, drawing in an estimated 10,000 people at its launch on Oct. 6, 2011.

Whitten was there for the entire 39+ days that the protestors occupied Chapman Square in downtown and other city parks. He said that experience, the first civil organizing work he'd ever done, emboldened him to be more courageous in telling his own story and confidence in his abilities. And he'd sacrificed housing, going to school, and other responsibilities to participate.

"At this time I didn't have a degree, didn't have a driver's license, didn't have a job. I was just some young, black, queer kid and thinking that I wasn't worth much, I had no value. And Occupy was like 'no, you are human, you have value.' And I've taken that and kept it going," Whitten remembered.

In the year following the Occupy movement, Whitten



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In addition to his role as executive director of the Q Center, Cameron Whitten, is behind the non-profit group Brown Hope, a social justice group geared toward lifting local African Americans up economically. Brown Hope has hosted regular community building meetings for people of color and has funneled donations made by white donors as economic reparations for the suffering black people have experience because of the history of racism in America.

staged a 55-day hunger strike in front of City Hall to bring attention to housing issues and even ran unsuccessful campaigns for Mayor and Oregon State Treasurer, still in his early 20s.

Now 27, his advocacy work has transformed quite a bit since then, moving toward more sophisticated, long-term strategies, to address inequities.

"It's interesting to have come from a background of direct action and anti-establishment politics and now I'm at a place where I work at a desk every day. And I'm schmoozing with the Mayor or major donors or real estate developers. So the work does not seem the same to me at all. But I do feel I have the opportunities to take the learning that I had and that paradigm and to find ways to really just shift the structures that I could operate in," Whitten said. "I really want to build a movement and not so much be a part of a movement," he added.

In addition to working at the Q Center, Whitten is the founder of Brown Hope, founded last year, and focuses on social justice issues. The organization has two main programs: one is an on-going event for black, brown, and indigenous community members to come

together and build community, discuss, and take action on local political issues and receive

"reparations" in the form of donations from white donors; another is Blackstreet Bakery, an opment program for black people in plant-based baking.



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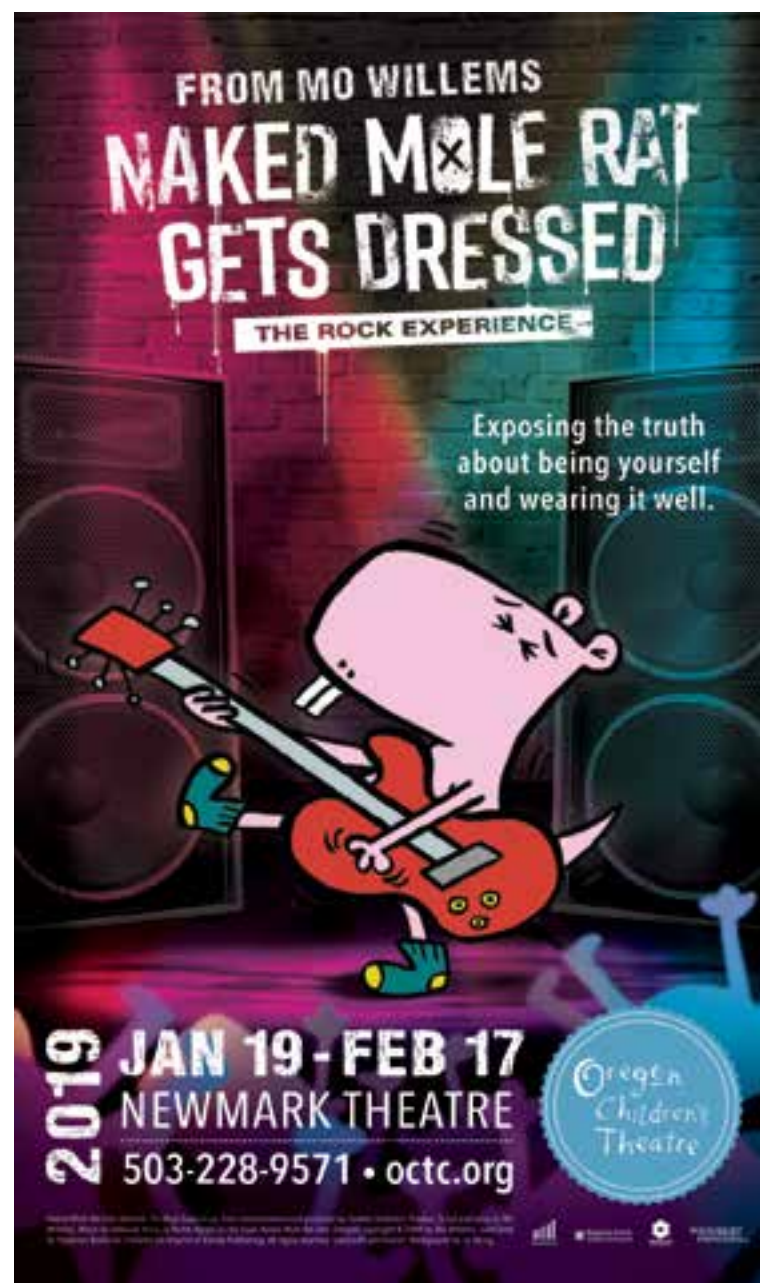
“We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience.”

--Martin Luther King, Jr.





King County Councilor Larry Gossett will be the keynote speaker for The Skanner Foundation's 33rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 21.



Speaker for MLK Breakfast

The keynote speaker for The Skanner Foundation's 33rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast will be King County Councilor Larry Gossett. The session will take place on Monday, Jan. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Red Lion at Jantzen Beach.

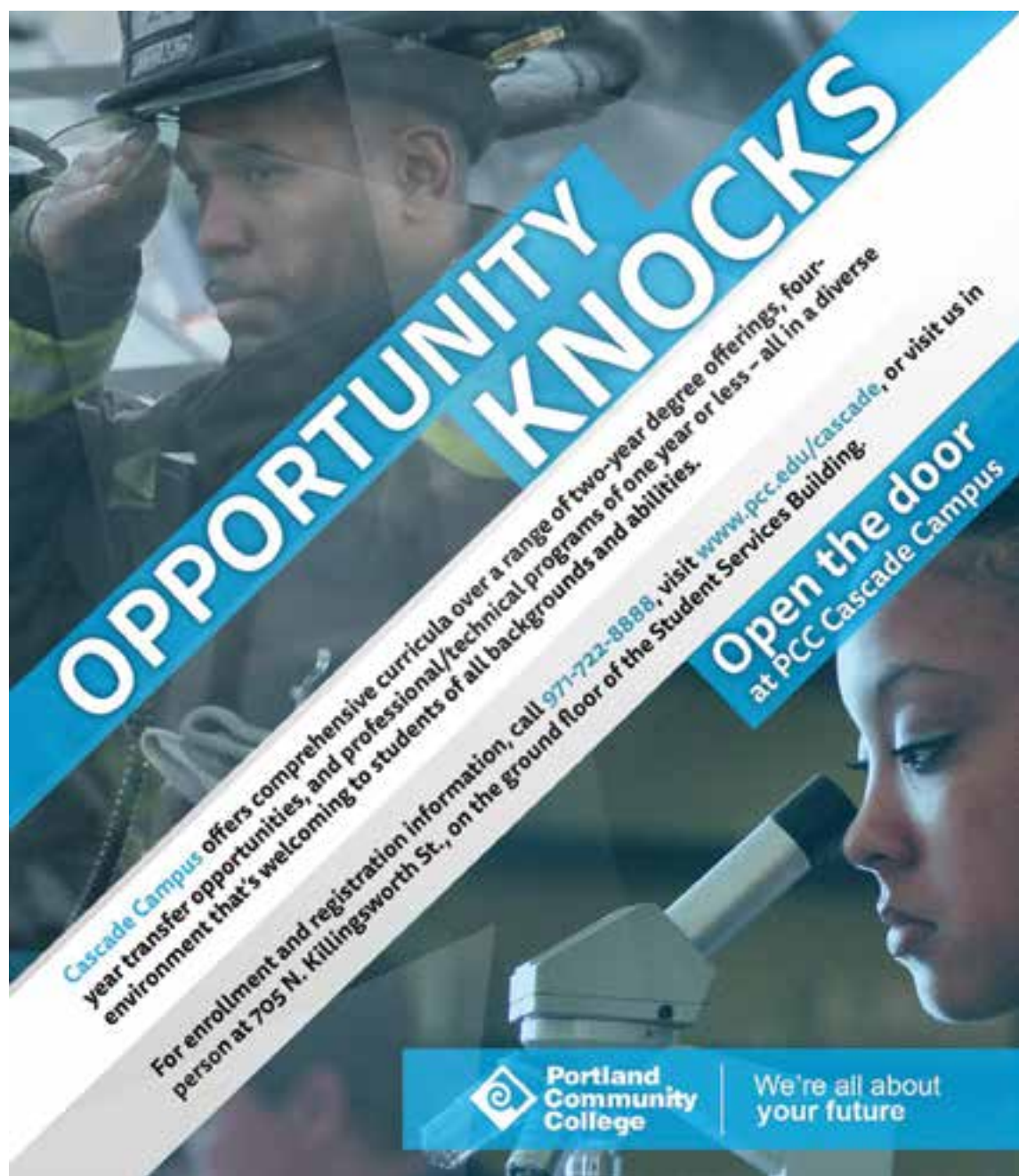
"We thought it would be good for him to come down here and talk about some of the economic advantages of what the county has to offer; he was county chair," said Bernie Foster, publisher of The Skanner News.

A native of Seattle, Gossett helped found the Black Student Union on the University of Washington campus and helped organize nearly a dozen BSU groups in high schools and middle schools throughout Seattle.

He's credited with starting a minority recruitment program at the UW and is the former executive director of one of the oldest and largest community action agencies in Seattle. In 2007 Gossett became just the second African American elected to be chair of the King County Council.

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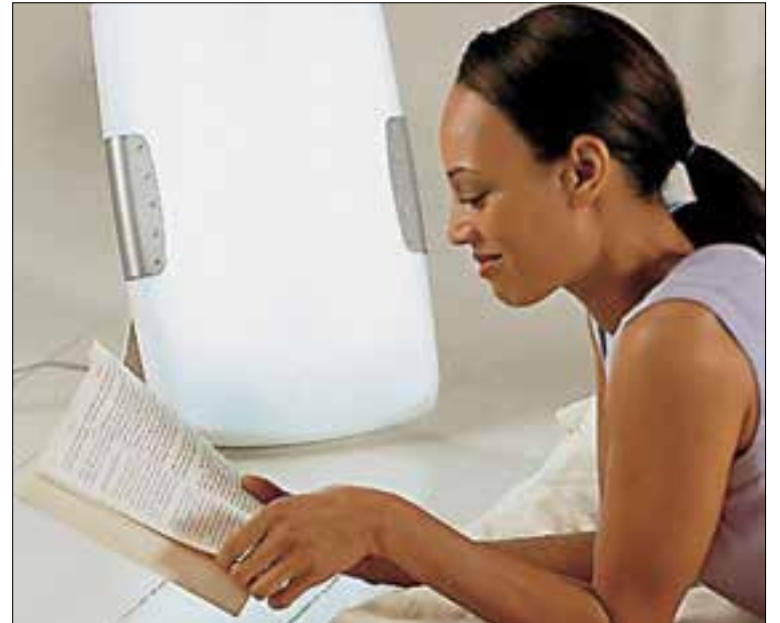
Winter Sun and our Home Lights

BY KAY NEWELL
THE LIGHT BULB LADY

We are spending our time in rainy and cloudy Oregon. Outside, a blanket of clouds hide the sun, shifting and muting the colors of light that reach us. The greying of the sunlight tells our bodies that we should eat more carbs, sleep more and slow down. Society, however, requires us to maintain the same hours as summer and expects us to enjoy the same activities. Our bodies and minds say no-o-o. We call this S.A.D.; Seasonal Depression Disorder.

During the days of sunshine, the light of the sun clues our body to morning and evening activities. The clouds of winter hide the subtle color shifts from the sun that tell us the time of day. We use this light to compare the Kelvins of light bulbs.

Light created by humans light up our homes and businesses enough to see but it does not have the same color shifts to replace the messages of the sunlight. By selecting bulbs with comparable light colors or Kelvins to the sun for our activities, we can help our bodies feel like we are experiencing a bit of the sun's colors. The



Lighting designed to replace real sunshine is used to fight seasonal depression that can come with the sunless, cloudy, and raining days of winter.

key to using light bulbs to replace sunshine has two very important elements. The color Kelvin to match the time of day or night you want to replace and how close the light is to real sunshine. [CRI-Col- or Rendering Index.]

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<div>8</div> <p><i>Elvis Presley born, 1935</i></p>	<div>9</div> <p>Make Your Dreams Come True Day National Apricot Day National Static Electricity Day</p>	<div>10</div> <p><i>First Meeting of United Nations General Assembly in London, 1946</i></p>	<div>11</div> <p>Milk Day <i>Amelia Earhart flew across Pacific Ocean, 1935</i></p>	<div>12</div> <p>Work Harder Day <i>Author Jack London born, 1876</i></p>	<div>13</div> <p>Secret Pal Day Poetry Break Day</p>	
<div>14</div> <p> National Dress Up Your Pet Day <i>The Revolutionary War ended, 1784</i></p>	<div>15</div> <p><i>First Super Bowl Played, 1967</i> <i>Hat Day The first top hat was worn, 1797</i></p>	<div>16</div> <p><i>Prohibition began in 1920</i> National Nothing Day</p>	<div>17</div> <p><i>Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) born, 1942</i> <i>Benjamin Franklin born, 1706</i></p>	<div>18</div> <p>Marks the beginning of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial</p>	<div>19</div> <p><i>Artist Paul Cezanne born, 1839</i> Popcorn Day</p>	<div>20</div> <p>Inauguration Day <i>(Every 4 years: 2013, 2017, 2021)</i> Cheese Day</p>
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OPINION

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Not One Network Should Have Aired Speech

It was a platform to misinform and spread hate

BY PETER CERTO

Way back in 2014 — a century ago, it feels like — President Barack Obama requested time on major networks for an Oval Office address on immigration reform.



Fearing the subject was too “political,” the broadcast networks declined, plying viewers instead with The Big Bang Theory and Bones. Few Americans saw the speech. Immigration reform withered on the vines, which were then burned to the ground in the next election.

Flash forward to Jan. 8, 2019.

At 8:31 a.m., President Trump tweeted — again — that the “Fake News Media” was “truly the Enemy of the People.” Hours later, at 1:44 p.m., he announced that he was going to give a speech on the “National Security crisis on our

Southern Border.”

By 9 p.m. the next night, all major networks, derided only the day before as “the real Opposition Party,” were carrying the speech.

How Obama’s address was “too political” for Big Bang Theory night but this one — in the middle of a government shutdown of the president’s own creation — wasn’t is beyond me.

Much worse than the inconsistency, however, is that networks aired the obviously political

the need for a border wall, The Post noted, “came in the first sentence,” and the lies continued “over the course of his nine-minute speech.”

The president complained about “a security crisis at the southern border,” even though undocumented crossings are at a 20-year low.

He warned darkly that immigrants were shedding “American blood,” even though immigrants commit crimes at far lower rates

The only crisis at the border is a humanitarian one of the administration’s making.

Fully 57 percent of people apprehended at the border are families and children, most fleeing violence and poverty and trying to (legally!) seek asylum. Trump has greeted them with tear gas, violence, and cages, and blamed desperate parents when their children die in his custody.

But facts are beside the point. The point is systematic disin-

in Pittsburgh cited the congregation’s work settling refugees as a motive. Around the same time, three men in Kansas were arrested for plotting to murder Somali immigrants before the election.

Hate crimes have increased for three years straight, the FBI notes — continuously since the Trump campaign.

Mainstream media outlets can fact check false claims all they want — that’s their job. But if they’re giving a free platform to those lies in the first place — across every network! — then Trump may have a point that they’re not acting in the best interest of the people.

The president is going to demonize the media no matter what they do. So what do they have to lose by doing the right thing? That means not airing one second of lies calculated to misinform, spread hate, and justify violence against desperate families. For once, airing Big Bang Theory reruns would have been a public service.

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“The president complained about “a security crisis at the southern border,” even though undocumented crossings are at a 20-year low. He warned darkly that immigrants were shedding “American blood,” even though immigrants commit crimes at far lower rates than native-born Americans.

speech knowing perfectly well it would be chock full of lies. As of last October, The Washington Post counted, Trump was telling 30 lies a day, especially about immigrants.

And so it was. The first lie in Trump’s Oval Office address on

than native-born Americans.

He seemed unaware that most drugs come through legal ports of entry, or that most unauthorized arrivals overstay their visas, rather than sneaking across the border. A wall would help... how, exactly?

formation, to the point that facts mean nothing. And besides state violence, The Nation’s George Zornick notes, this kind of climate encourages all manner of private violence.

The man who killed 11 Jews

Changing Your Behavior Comes From Inside Out

Set goals you can see through to the end

BY JOSEPH ELLICK JR.

Every New Year, people tend to reevaluate their past year and come to the conclusion to reinvent themselves completely and that makes it difficult to not only set realistic resolutions and goals but makes it even harder to keep them.

Don’t set yourself up for failure this year by vowing to make huge changes that will be hard to keep. Instead, follow these steps for successfully making a new year’s resolution and goals you can see through until the end.

An abundant amount of people try to change their entire lifestyle or life at once. It will never work. Instead ask yourself, what is the one habit or goal that is most important to you? After you identify your top resolution, continue to list in order of importance then attack them one at a time.

Make each goal something

concrete so you know exactly what change you’re planning to make. If you’re successful with the first change, you can go ahead and make another change, as time permits itself. By making small changes one at a time, you still have the chance to be a whole new you at the end of the year and it’s a much more realistic way of doing it.

Generalizing or being

you aim to accomplish each of them.

Want to save money? Determine the amount you will put aside each month and identify explicit changes in behavior you’ll make to get there, whether that means skipping your afternoon latte or carpooling to work to save on fuel costs. Want to be more organized? Single out what area you would like to be more organized, whether its home, job, or extracur-

goal, no matter what setbacks may occur. There is a saying that states “When the going gets tough, get tougher,” and that is exactly what you have to do.

Don’t rely on willpower alone to help you change, because even the strongest person you know have their days. Instead, build in a healthy behavior that’s incompatible with the one you want to change. So if eating your usual midafternoon treat runs con-

your notebook and jot down ideas. Eventually you will turn the T.V. off completely and have that novel half way done. Each time you put the brakes on “bad” behavior, you’ll increase your confidence in your ability to make the change.

No one but you can make your resolution come true or last in your favor. Choose not to let mistakes derail you, take a day off every once in a while, power through the tough times, and drive toward your end result. Already having a winning mindset goes a long way. When you make the decision to succeed, you leave no room to fail.

Keeping track of a resolution all year long can be difficult, but only if you let it. Over the years you may have already made drastic changes in life that could help cultivate your goals for 2019. The important thing is to remember that successfully changing your behavior comes from the inside out. Accept that it will take small steps in the right direction to reach a positive outcome.

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vague about what you want to do leaves room for procrastination and confusion at times. You have to be precise in your action to properly plan and map out your strategy. If you want to lose weight, target a precise number of pounds to shed, then set concrete mini-goals and the dates on which

ricular hobbies.

Be mentally tough. Not every day is going to be easy, the second you wake up the battle begins against your old habits. Knowing this ahead of time will prepare you for when you are tempted to break your resolution. Have the power to keep moving towards your

trary to your goal of dropping a few pounds, put together a small like-minded group and commit to taking a quick, brisk walk at your normal snack time. Or if you want to dedicate more time to write that book you’ve been wanting to start for years during the normal time you watch television, take out

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BY IVAN ESPINOZA-MADRIGAL

As part of its ongoing rollback of civil rights protections, the Trump Administration is directing Justice Department officials to look for ways to eliminate one of the most potent tools of civil rights advocacy: the disparate impact doctrine.

Lawyers for Civil Rights condemns this action, which would dramatically undermine anti-discrimination efforts in numerous areas, including transportation, housing, and education.

Under disparate impact analysis, an aggrieved individual may challenge practices of an employer, landlord, school, or other actor that have an unjustified disproportionate impact on a protected class without having to prove discriminatory intent. This is an important vehicle to challenge practices that, while not facially discriminatory, predictably and inevitably deny

equal opportunities to people of color.

Lawyers for Civil Rights and other racial justice advocacy groups have long employed the doctrine to advance the fundamental goals of our longstanding federal civil rights laws. It has allowed challenges to practices ranging from the provision of subprime loans to Latinx and Black borrowers—while white borrowers were granted prime loans—to disaster relief practices that disproportionately harmed black homeowners trying rebuild their homes in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Under the Trump Administration, the federal government has consistently sought to undermine civil rights and legal protections for everyone from transgender workers to voters of color. The proposed elimination of disparate impact regulations will deepen this erosion by making it more difficult for people of color to challenge systemic barriers to equal housing, public transportation, and education.

Lawyers for Civil Rights will not allow these rollbacks to go unchallenged. We have advocated against the U.S. Department of Education's attempts to under-

mine guidance created to ensure that schoolchildren of color are not disproportionately disciplined. We have submitted extensive comments to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development urging the retention of its disparate impact rule.

We are prepared to fight these

efforts—in federal court if necessary—so that we can continue our life-changing advocacy to protect the rights of communities of color and ensure that they are accorded dignity and equality under the law.

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Sense & Sensibility -- Danae C. Osseni (*The Color Purple*) returns to Portland Center Stage as Elinor Dashwood in *Sense & Sensibility*. Bursting with humor and bold theatricality, the classic romantic comedy opens on Friday, Jan. 18 with shows continuing through Feb. 10. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 503-445-3700 or visiting t pcs.org.



The Discovery of King Tut -- A compelling reproduction of the burial treasure from King Tut's tomb, discovered 95 years ago in the Egyptian Valley of the Kings, is presented in the traveling exhibit 'The Discovery of King Tut,' now showing through Jan. 27 at OMSI. For tickets and more information, visit omsi.edu or call the box office at 503-797-4000.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



Judge Torres -- Milagro Theater presents "Judge Torres," based on the true story of Xiomara Torres, a woman who rose from undocumented immigrant, child abuse victim and product of the foster care system to an esteemed judge in Multnomah County. Opens with preview on Thursday, Jan. 10 and continues with shows through Saturday, Jan. 19 at Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St. For tickets, call the box office at 503-236-7253 or visit milagro.org.

Dial M for Murder -- Lakewood Theatre Company presents "Dial M for Murder," a bone-chilling thriller about a marriage gone wrong. Now playing through Feb. 10 at Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. For tickets and more information, call the box office at 503-635-3901 or visit lakewood-center.org.



Life under Nazi Rule -- The Portland Art Museum and Or-

egon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education jointly present two exhibitions this fall and winter featuring photographs by the late Polish-Jewish photojournalist Henry Ross offering an extraordinary rare glimpse of life under Nazi rule. Both facilities are offering offer a full slate of exhibit-related programming.

Norman Sylvester Band -- "Boogie Cat" Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Jan. 18 at the Vinyl Tap; Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; and Friday, Jan. 25 at Clyde's.

New Chinatown Museum -- "Made in Chinatown, USA: Portland," a photo exhibit capturing the cultural pride of Portland's Asian community marks the opening of a new Portland Chinatown Museum at 127 N.W. Third Ave. Admissions is a suggested \$5 and free on First Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Zoo for All -- The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a discount program that provides \$5 admission for low income individuals and families. Visitors may purchase up to six of the \$5 tickets by brining a photo ID and documentation showing they participate in low income service, like the Oregon Trial Card, Medicaid, Section 8, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Head Start.

Discount Tickets -- Low income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.



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Creating Social-Justice Themed Artwork

Young activist motivated to make a difference

BY DANNY PETERSON
 THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Ameya Okamoto is only 18-years-old but she has already made a name for herself by creating dramatic social-justice themed artwork.

Having been involved in causes like LGBTQ rights, joining protests by Don't Shoot Portland and Black Lives Matter Portland, and advocating for mental health services, Okamoto's says her artistic mission is to "make the revolution accessible."

Okamoto has already had her artwork featured at the Portland Art Museum and galleries in Miami and Washington, D.C. Her story and accomplishments have been featured in the Washington Post and New York Post. Last year, as a high school senior, she was selected as one of 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars.

She's perhaps best known for her portrait of Quanice Hayes, an unarmed black teen who was shot and killed by Portland Police in February 2017, which was carried by Don't Shoot Portland and Black Lives Matter Portland protesters following Hayes' death.

"He was a 17 year old. I was 17 at the time, actually. I had been working with Black Lives Matter Portland, very closely, but realizing how close to home it was.... within 36 hours, I had created a piece which had gone a little bit viral," Okamoto told the Portland Observer.

"We ended up having it printed and given to his family at his memorial. And to have that experience of being with his family and with his community, it kind of made me realize the power that art could bring," she added.

That piece spurred more artwork surrounding the theme of social activism and Okamoto came to the realization that such portraits are a positive alternative



PHOTO BY DANNY PETERSON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Ameya Okamoto makes social justice themed artwork that has been featured at the Portland Art Museum and galleries in Miami and Washington D.C. Born in New York City and raised in Portland from a low-income single-parent home, the 18-year-old has been active politically since high school, dedicated to local causes like LGBTQ rights and supporting the civil rights groups Don't Shoot Portland and Black Lives Matter Portland.

to the outdated and incriminating mug shots that police often release to the media in officer-involved shootings.

"It was amazing to me and opened a lot of doors to realizing the potential of fine art in activism," Okamoto recalled.

A few months later, in May

2017, when a man's xenophobic and racist verbal assaults against two young girls on a Max train ended up costing the lives of two other men who were stabbed trying to defend the young women, Okamoto created a heartfelt portrait of one of the victims, Talisin Namkai-Meche. She worked

closely with his family and again presented the finished portrait to them at Namkai-Meche's memorial.

Okamoto also worked with the designer of the new Hollywood Max Station mural in commemoration of the incident on Northeast 42nd Avenue, created by Sarah

Farahat, by helping Farahat paint the public art piece.

She's also created works depicting Michael Brown, the 18-year-old unarmed black man who was killed by a police officer in 2014

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PHOTO COURTESY PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A traditional powwow celebration of Native American culture and traditions makes its return to Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus, Saturday, Jan. 19, from noon to 9 p.m.

Celebrate Culture and Traditions

A powwow celebrating Native American culture and traditions and featuring a drum group, dancers crafts, and more is returning to Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus on Saturday, Jan. 19 from noon to 9 p.m.

Highlights include the traditional powwow's grand entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., a free community dinner at 5:30 p.m., activities for children, a college fair and raffle prizes.

The 20th annual event comes

with free parking and no entry fee. Donations and other contributions will benefit PCC's Native American Scholarship Fund.

For more information, visit pcc.edu/powwow or call 971-722-4116.

Talk on Journalism and Democracy

A provocative onstage conversation about journalism and justice will feature Kimberly A. C. Wilson, a former black journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner, and two other renowned writers, at the Alberta Rose Theatre on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Wilson has worked as a news and investigative reporter at the Oregonian, the Baltimore Sun, the Seattle Post Intelligencer and the Association Press. She is currently the communications directors for Meyer Memorial Trust.

Also joining Wilson on the panel will be Inara Verzemnieks and Les Zaitz, two other former Oregonian writers who have won Pulitzer prizes for journalism. The event is sponsored by the non-profit Oregon Humanities as part of its Think and Drink series.

Think & Drink takes place at the Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., from 7 p.m. to



Kimberly A.C. Wilson

8:30 p.m., with doors open at 6 p.m. General-admission tickets are \$10 and available at albertarosetheatre.com. The event will also be streamed live at oregonhumanities.org and on YouTube.

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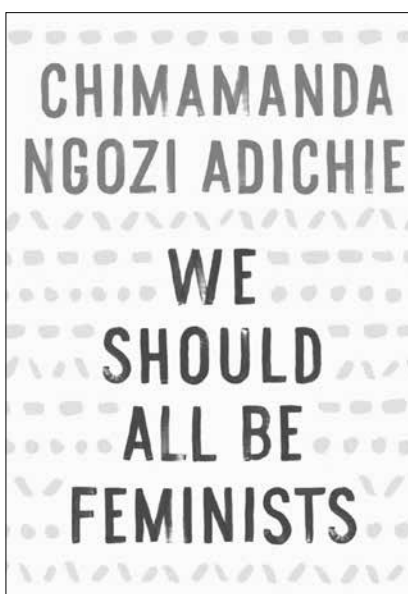
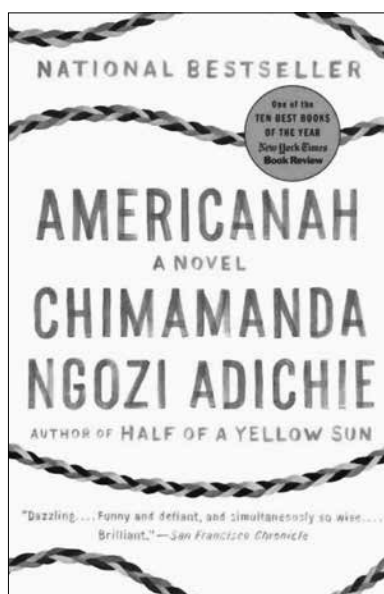
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Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie has won acclaim as an author, poet, playwright and speaker. Her books are the focus of Multnomah County Library's 17th annual community reading project Everybody Reads.

About Our Culture and Ourselves

Library's community reading project kicks off

Multnomah County Library's community reading project Everybody Reads 2019 began this month with the distribution of free copies of two books by award-winning author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, *Americanah* (for adults) and *We Should All Be Feminists* (for high school students).

The goal of the 17th annual project is to engage deeply around the themes of a book, and convene meaningful conversations around difficult issues.

Thanks to The Library Foundation, 4,500 copies of *Americanah* are available to pick up at libraries across Multnomah County. An additional 4,900 copies of *We Should All Be Feminists* are being

distributed to high school students who are studying Adichie's essay in the winter term.

The library encourages readers to pass those copies along to friends and neighbors once they've finished the book. For the first time, readers can instantly access unlimited downloadable audiobook copies of *Americanah* through the RBDigital platform. E-book copies are available through Overdrive.

Community members are invited to attend the many Everybody Reads discussions and related programs taking place at libraries and elsewhere in the county, including a talk on the history of black feminism, an overview on how to run for office and many others.

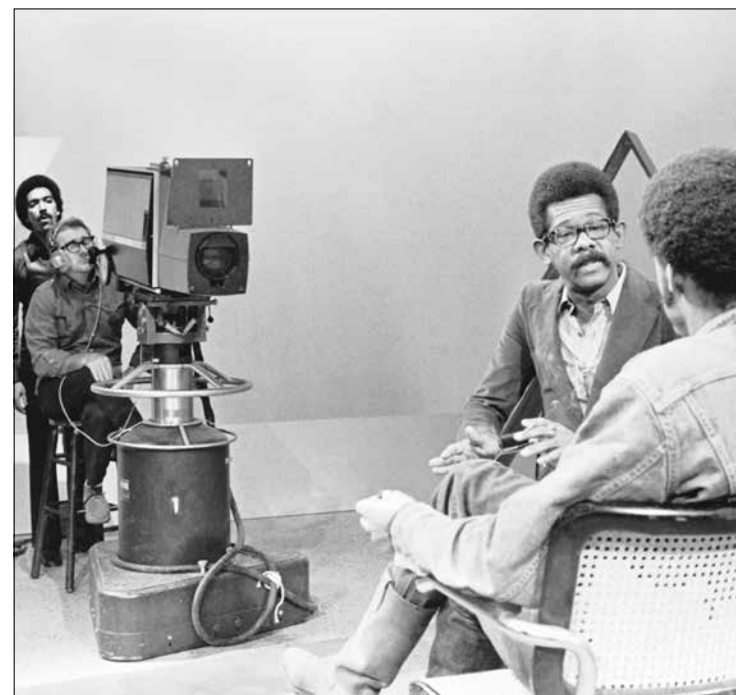
Adichie will speak on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. The event is sold out.

A Nigerian-born artist whose influence spans continents and genres, Adichie has received ac-

claim as an author, poet, playwright and speaker. She was a recipient of a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship and her work has been recognized with the O. Henry Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award (fiction) and the PEN Pinter Prize, among many other distinctions.

"Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's writing is simply beautiful, but it also plumbs deep truths within and around us," said Director of Libraries Vailey Oehlke. "With these two works, she offers us vehicles for important and constructive conversations about our culture and ourselves."

Everybody Reads, a community reading project of Multnomah County Library, is made possible in part by gifts to The Library Foundation with the author appearance made possible by Literary Arts. Programming support is also made possible in part by Portland State University and Portland Community College.



Before Oprah and before Arsenio, there was show *Mr. Soul!* The Northwest Film Center kicks off its annual Reel Music film festival on Friday, Jan. 18 with 'Mr. Soul,' a new documentary about the now legendary public television show that aired from 1968 to 1973 centering on black life in America.

Mr. Soul Opens Reel Music Fest

The now legendary public television show "Mr. Soul!" which centered on black life in America and aired from 1968 to 1973 on PBS, is the subject of a new documentary of the same title and will be screening this week when the Northwest Film Center's kicks off its 36th annual "Reel Music" film festival.

Mr. Soul! was named in honor of the show's producer Ellis Haizlip and featured a myriad of incendiary interviews with and performances by the likes of Wilson Pickett, Donny Ha-

thaway, Al Green, Maya Angelou, Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, James Baldwin, Stevie Wonder, and Muhammad Ali, among many others.

"Mr. Soul" will screen on Friday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. in Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum, the first of the month long series of "Reel Music" films celebrating great artists, sound and image, connecting music and culture through Feb. 16.

Admission is \$10. For a complete "Reel Music" film festival lineup, visit nwfilm.org.

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for most hardbacks and paperbacks, 50 cents for mass-market adult fiction paperbacks, and \$1 for CDs and DVDs.

The event will begin Thursday, Jan. 17 and continue through Saturday, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., each day, downstairs from Library Hall, the library district's operations center at 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd. You're asked to bring your own box or bag.

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Portland Community College (PCC) - Request for Proposals (RFP) for Progressive Design Build (PDB) Services for the Sylvania Campus Community Center Building Re-Roof

**Proposals Due on February 18th, 2019
by 2:00 PM Pacific Time**

Notice is hereby given that Portland Community College (PCC) is requesting sealed Proposals from construction contractors with the knowledge and expertise to provide Progressive Design Build services. This Request for Proposal (RFP) will be used to evaluate and select qualified Progressive Design Builders for a Bond Construction Project at the PCC Sylvania Campus in SW Portland Oregon.

Brief Project Summary: The Sylvania Community Center (CC) 130,000 sqft re-roof project is a design-build effort that will replace the existing roof in its entirety. The intent of this bid package is to contract with one qualified company to provide Design/Build services for reroofing including, but not limited to: architectural, structural, mechanical, and electrical design services, construction documentation, complying with all applicable requirements of Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). The Contractor will be responsible for all design and construction requirements including removal and disposal of all associated debris and installation of a new roofing system. Additional requirements are defined in the RFP document along with all design and construction documentation including project closeout and warranty documentation. Scope includes new fall protection and the evaluation and potential replacement of some rooftop HVAC units.

A complete description of the Project, requirements, and specific conditions for this RFP is available to download from the PCC Solicitation Opportunities link: <http://www.pcc.edu/purchasing>. Interested Proposers who are not equipped to download the document may request a copy of the RFP by contacting Robert Lowe, 971-722-8408 or by sending an email request to robert.lowe3@pcc.edu.

A **mandatory pre-proposal meeting** will be held from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Pacific Time January 23rd, 2019 (weather permitting)

at the PCC Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Ave Portland, OR 97219, ST Building, Room 100. The attendance sign-in sheet must contain **at least one representative's signature, from each firm, to participate in the process thereafter and to be considered for award.** The Prime Contractor and Architect must attend the pre-proposal meeting. It is not required for the Prime Contractor and Architect to "sign in together" as one team entity, and it is at the discretion of the Progressive Design-Build firm, as to how they want to sign in as attendees at the mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting. Attendance rosters for the pre-proposal parties will be available for sign-in at the pre-proposal meeting. Proposals submitted from **responders who are not on record of attending the pre-proposal meeting will be rejected.** (*If the college is closed due to weather conditions, the pre-proposal meeting will be rescheduled, with a notice provided on the PCC Solicitation Opportunities website).

All questions from prospective proposers relating to this RFP must be received at the issuing office by 10:00 AM, Pacific Time, on January 28th, 2019.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the issuing office, PCC Office of Planning and Capital Construction, Attn: Robert Lowe – Capitol Park Suite 260, 9700 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, OR 97219. **Deadline for submitting a proposal will be no later than February 18th, 2019 at 2:00 PM.** Proposals received after this deadline will be rejected. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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The Portland Community College Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and to waive irregularities. The College may also reject any proposal not in compliance with the prescribed public procedures and requirements, and may reject for good cause, any and all, Proposals upon finding of the College that it is in the best public interest to do so.

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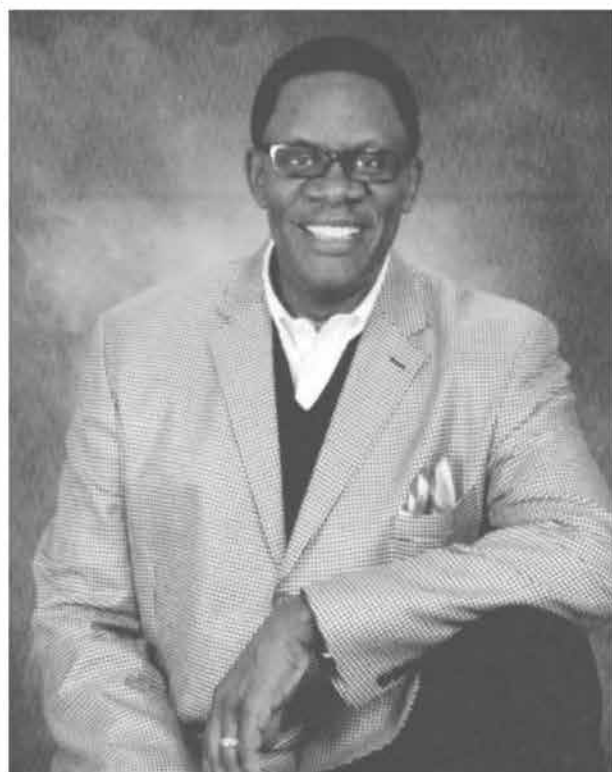
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