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Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. leads the March for Jobs and Freedom in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963. See our special coverage, inside, as we honor America's foremost civil rights leader and celebrate the anniversary of his birthday and the Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday.



Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement from the early 1950s until his assassination in 1968. A Baptist minister from Atlanta, he was best known for advancing justice issues through nonviolence and civil disobedience, inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of India's Mahatma Gandhi.

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Michelle J. DePass begins her third year as president and chief executive officer for the Meyer Memorial Trust, one of the largest private funders of community advancement initiatives in the state. "MLK was a beacon of life for me," she told the Portland Observer, describing the impact the late civil rights leader has on her life and as a community advocate for change.

Advancing Justice, Equality

Meyer Memorial Trust leader on MLK, new headquarters

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

The words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., penned from his 1963 Letter from a Birmingham Jail has been an lifelong inspiration to Michelle J. DePass, an esteemed Black executive overseeing the Meyer Memorial Trust, one of the largest private funders of community advancement initiatives in the state.

DePass helped the Trust put down permanent roots in the historically Black Albina community of north and northeast Portland this fall, by opening a new headquarters to advance a Board mission to create a transformative future for people of color in Oregon, one where there is more economic opportunity and less hate and injustice.

DePass will begin her third year as president and chief executive officer for the organization in April.

"MLK was a beacon of life for me," she told the Portland Observer, describing her life as a community advocate for change and the impact the late civil rights leader had on her. DePass previously has served as civil rights vocate, community organizer and former assistant administrator for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under former President Obama.

As a young Black woman, she was inspired by Dr. King's advocacy for the economic empowerment of Black Americans and other people who struggle to survive and prosper. Now advancing equality is work she and her staff of 40 employees conduct through the Meyer Memorial Trust.

"We cannot be free until we have opportunity," she said, echoing the words of the late civil right s leader and reflecting on his legacy as Portland and the nation approach the Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday on Jan. 18.

The Meyer Memorial Trust is now firmly allied with powerful allies in private and governmental affairs who acknowledge that injustice in Oregon is founded on historical anti-Black and anti-Indigenous bigotry.

Trust embarked on a new "Justice Oregon. The headquarters is in justice and equity in Oregon by certification, the highest rating allocating\$1.3 million to local Black-led and Black-serving organizations, part of a five year, \$25 million commitment to fight injustice by making strategic investments in the lives of Black Oregonians.

The funding initiative came in the wake of two months of nationwide demonstrations in response to the death of George Floyd, a

lawyer, environmental justice ad- Black man who died after a white Minneapolis police office knelt on his neck for nearly 8 minutes.

The Meyer Memorial Trust was established in 1982 from the estate of Fred G. Meyer, the founder of the one-stop Fred Meyer stores of Portland lore. Over the course of its history, the Trust has awarded over \$800 million to more than 3,470 community organizations.

The new Meyer Memorial headquarters, located at 2045 N. Vancouver Ave., is both a testament to advancing economic and environmental justice and the story of the late Fred Meyer himself, who founded his grocery empire as a German immigrant and lived and worked in the same Albina neighborhood while leaving a legacy of promoting the community.

The new building was developed and constructed under rigorous goals for minority and women-owned business participation, DePass said, and used the latest efficiencies for energy use and building materials, like next-gen-This summer, for example, the eration wood products made in Oregon" plan to advance racial line to receive LEED Platinum possible for environmental innovations, she said.

DePass is proud of the diverse workforce that benefitted from the project. She said about half of the construction workforce budget went to women and minority-owned subcontractors, while 30 percent of the journey

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Mapps Calls on End to Violence

Promotes a peaceful fight for racial

progress

BY BEVERLY CORBELL THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Mingus Mapps, just the third Black man elected to serve on the Portland City Council, is sure of one thing as he starts his four year term in the same month we celebrate the birth of America's most prominent civil rights leader, the late Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mapps wants the ongoing fight for racial progress in Portland to follow King's lead by being non-violent.

"Dr. King has been on my mind a lot lately on the occasion of his 92nd birthday, and I know I wouldn't be here if not for the sacrifices Martin Luther King made to make America a better country," Mapps told the Portland Observer.

He said when it comes to civil rights and violence on our streets, King's message is more important than ever.

"Last year Portland was trans-



PHOTO BY BEVERLY CORBELL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

When it comes to civil rights and violence on our streets, the example of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is more important than ever, says Mingus Mapps, just the third Black man elected to serve on the Portland City Council. Mapps begins his four year term in office this month as America celebrates the birth of its most prominent civil rights activist.

police and protesters, and the at home."

murder rate is up," Mapps said. "Every weekend, business dis- er promised that in his first 100 tricts are vandalized and we have days of office, he will be devoted you do anything political online, city. formed by violence, between the you receive death threats, even

and despair and deaths too often, The new city commission- but fortunately, we also have the politics of love," Mapps said. "One of the things I'll be doing a plywood canyon downtown. If to promoting more peace in the is challenging the entire city to embrace the politics of nonvi-Violence leads to destruction olence, the politics of peace. If

we come together and listen with open hearts and open minds, we can make progress on COVID, civil rights and policing, but until we listen to each other we will never be able to combat things like homelessness or violence."

Mapps won a November election in which he faced some arguments by opponents that he would be too soft on police because his candidacy was endorsed by the Portland police union, an organization which has also come under sharp criticism for supporting officers accused of undue violence.

He defeated City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, his former boss at City Hall, who told Oregon Public Broadcasting that Mapps' win and the re-election of Mayor Ted Wheeler doesn't reflect Portland's progressive spirit and was "a step backward for progress."

But Mapps disputes that characterization, insisting that 2021 will usher in a new era of politics with more cooperation.

"I'm not claiming it's going to be easy, but I very much believe we can build a better city if we work together," he said. "The progress that Portland has made is always doing what Portlanders do well — building a table to work together to build a better future."

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Meet an Exceptional Oregon Teacher: Nicole Butler-Hooton

Teaching With Love

When new teachers go through training, they experience a curriculum crowded with subjects ranging from developmental psychology to technology in the classroom. But while they spend a great deal of time immersed in these and other vital topics, one very important aspect of teaching is sometimes overlooked in their training: How to make students feel loved in their classrooms.

Nicole's Approach

Luckily for second-grade students at Irving Elementary School. Nicole Butler-Hooton has made making her students feel loved and accepted a cornerstone of her teaching. As a member of the Siletz and Apache Tribes, Nicole has an almost instinctive appreciation of diversity and inclusion in the classroom. "I think in order to teach a child, you have to know the child, and I think that that comes with being consistent and loving and kind," Nicole says about her teaching style. "I think understanding that each child has a unique circumstance, remembering that all students deserve respect and attention is key, and it's up to us teachers to go the extra mile to be able to give that."



Oregon's Teacher of the Year

Nicole's unwavering commitment to her students is a big part of why she was recently named Oregon's 2021 Teacher of the Year, a title that comes with a \$5,000 award for her and a matching \$5,000 for Irving Elementary in Eugene. But more than that, it's a chance to acknowledge one of our most inspirational educators. The title will also give Nicole the opportunity to share her own equitydriven and culturally responsive teaching practices on a state and national level. As the first Native American to win the title, Nicole's win is especially exciting.

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As for Nicole, she will undoubtedly continue making the students who come through her classroom feel valued for who they are as individuals. "I hope that students will remember how much I loved them and the sense of belonging they felt when they would come into my room," she said. We are fully confident that they will remember exactly that.

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Rep. Janelle Bynum on fight for Racial Progress Says much needs to be done to fulfill Dr. King's legacy

BY BEVERLY CORBELL

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

State Rep. Janelle Bynum, a Black lawmaker who recently campaigned for House Speaker in al obligation to do whatever she a bid to bring racial equity issues can in state law to reduce gun vito even greater prominence in the olence and end the grief of moth-Legislature, has backed off her ers agonizing over a child's death, bid to take over Rep. Tina Kotek's leadership post as the New Year began, but she tells the Portland Observer that will not impede her efforts to push to enact legislation recently when she re-read the to make Dr. Martin Luther King's late U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm's dream for racial equality closer to 1972 reality both for her constituents speech. and all Oregonians.

House District 51, which includes many communities in east sion, to make sure children were Portland, including Clackamas, Gresham, Damascus, Boring and Happy Valley.

She said progress has been but more remains to be done, and with a greater focus on direction and purpose.

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streets, but real change is in the courts, city councils and the Legislature."

Bynum said she feels a personwhether it's from person to person violence, police violence or from incarceration.

Bynum said she was inspired presidential candidate

"There is so much in there you Bynum, a Democrat, represents could lay over today," Bynum said. "She was fighting for inclunot hungry, that they were educated, the same outcomes we are fighting for today.

"Those are the things I care made for Black citizens over time, about, and one of the biggest, my deepest mission, is to make those changes that would bring about Black joy and Black peace," she "We need to be much more said. "People want to go back to strategic about where we put our the way things were - peaceful energies," she said. "I saw peo- - but I want to remind them that



peace that other people have. We are seeking the peace we've never known."

Bynum said it's important for children to be educated about Black history, not just for their own sakes, but for the sake of the country, she said, so we can build a foundation for progress.

"One other thing. It is important for us to understand the rules - they weren't written for us," she said. "So when the Portland Police contract comes up, people should be reading what that really means. We should be ready to activate and motivate to say what we want to have."

One thing Bynum wants to accomplish is more meaningful legislation like Measure 98, a successful school funding measure in 2016 that took aim at increasing the state's high school graduation rate, among the lowest in the nation at the time, but now reaching 80 percent, an all-time high.

Her racial justice priorities for the Legislative session set to begin Jan. 19 include added police and juvenile justice reforms, teacher standards and more mental health services.

"My number one goal right now is working on a bill on im-

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"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability but comes through continuous struggle."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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One of Mapps' first moves in proposals," he said. city government will be to introduce the annual resolution celebrating Dr. King's birthday, he said.

"I hope this is the beginning of a reflective time in our city, a perfect time to think about the politics of peace," he said. "Two weeks after Martin Luther King's birthday, we'll be celebrating Black History Month, another we're going as a city, and I hope that as we head into March we really begin to put some concrete proposals for the city to bring down the violence."

Portland's murder rate nearly es." doubled last year, Mapps said, and we've "given up a generation" to gun violence. He said he plans on working closely with the mayor and Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty, a frequent critic of Portland police tactics, to bring down the violence in downtown and reduce the murder rate that Multnomah County.

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already begun discussions on moving forward with concrete

Along with reducing violence and police reform issues to address, Mapps said the mayor has appointed him to head up the water bureau, environmental services, sewer department and 911 communications. He also was just assigned to oversee the Bureau of Hydroelectric Power, which manages decommissioned dams.

"It's an enormous obligation opportunity to think about where to deliver all these services," he said. "But the great thing about (city) staff is that they're motivated by challenges, have high standards and good delivery of basic services at equitable pric-

> Mapps sees the pain of city businesses struggling to stay open because of COVID-19, but said we still have to think about protecting natural resources.

> "We also need to re-imagine what an essential worker is," he said.

On MLK's legacy as a civil has spiked, particularly in east rights champion, Mapps said, he wants "to help people reflect on "I know the mayor cares the lessons of King's work. It's



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feature performing artists, activists, public officials, businesses, choirs, and youth who have participated in this event over the years. Through a combination of archival footage and contemporary interviews, "Bridge Over Troubled Water" King's mission to ensure peace, 1480 AM.



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BY BEVERLY CORBELL

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

It wasn't the leadership she sought, but Sharon Gary-Smith's entire life has prepared her to be the new president of the Portland NAACP.

"I come from a family where you didn't get a choice about stepping up and standing up," she said. "The idea of doing the work of justice — moving racial and social justice forward — you did it. You didn't have a choice."

Her parents were local activists and taught her the lessons of the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King and the importance of advocating for change at an early age.

Born and raised in Portland, Gary-Smith is the eldest of four daughters of Bobbi Lou Mosley-Gary and Frederick Douglass Gary Jr. Her father was a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University, the historically Black college in Alabama which molded his outlook, she said, and the family took pride in his being a "Tuskegee man."

"For us, our family, and our community, Tuskegee resonated with them. Their students, young men, came out prepared to support their community," she said. "We understood George Washington Carver's legacy, which they didn't teach us much about in school."

Her mother was also involved in her community, urging others to get involved in fighting for justice.

"She was supposed to be a stay-at-home mama, but she went to the streets, telling other mothers why they needed to get out and fight," Gary-Smith recalled. "She was a pistol and we were fed justice and resistance with food every day



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Sharon Gary-Smith, newly elected Portland NAACP president, is from a Portland family historically rooted in advocating for racial justice. "An angry, gentle Black woman," who knows how to channel that passion into constructive action. "Age and experience tempers you," she tells the Portland Observer, "I know how to sit in board rooms...and I know those marching around the building — that used to be me."

and were taught resistance to injustice at every meal."

They also shared their own histories to support their activism.

"My father was born in Hampton, Virginia, where he learned about living in a segregated state," she said. "My mother was from Kansas City, Missouri, the "Show me state," but more importantly, it was the historical swing state (in the vote) on whether slavery would continue."

These were the "missing pieces" in her education that her parents filled in through their own teaching, day in and day out.

The family was considered Black middle class, she said, and she and her sisters were taught, "To those much is giv-

en, much is expected." The advice was reinforced with a lot of support and encouragement.

"They told us little Black girls, 'You're smart, you're bright and we expect you to be excellent.' My parents set the standards, not the school. 'You have an excellent mind. You're smart.'"

Gary-Smith used those smarts when she began her professional career in the mid-1970s when she was chosen to lead the city's anti-poverty agency, the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee, a \$4 million agency organization that managed 22 community-based programs.





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people and apprentice hours on the project were filled by minorities. Additionally, 80 percent of the sub-contractors on the site were either women and or minority-owned businesses, she said.

At a cost of \$10 million, the 19,829 square foot headquarters was also designed to serve as a rein communities across the state.

The ground floor, for exam-Purposes" to foster greater col- River tribes.

laboration with the public, a gathering space for up to 100 people. A "Mission Library' features inspirational quotes from leaders, including Fred Meyer, and showcases a collection of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and scholarship that touches on aspects of diversity, equity and inclusion.

The property's landscape uses source to further support and invest native plant species selected due a primary food, medicine or comple, houses a "Center for Great modity resource for Columbia



to their historical significance as A new headquarters for the Meyer Memorial Trust at 2045 N. Vancouver opened this fall in the historically Black Albina Community of north and northeast Portland, a testament to the organization's mission to create a transformative future for people in Oregon where there is more

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Rep. Janelle Bynum on fight for Racial Progress

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proving the number of mental health providers, for loan forgiveness and reducing the number of hours clinicians have to be supervised, the opportunity for those incarcerated to become counselors and therapists, and addressing, in a very bold way, the lack of mental health services available to us," she said.

Bynum was among several other lawmakers who sent a letter to Gov. Kate Brown in November that the state's mental health system was broken.

"The inequities that communities of color have faced by the COVID-19 crisis has only expanded the need to create better-supporting structures for them," she wrote. "Our communities are struggling on multiple levels, including economically and with mental and physical health."

Bynum grew up in Washington D.C. and both her parents were teachers. Her family moved from the area in the 1980s as violence brought on by the crack cocaine epidemic soared, she said.

"That's why I'm so super sensitive to the increase in gun violence in Portland, as well the incarceration of young men," she said.

Bynum attended a girls' boarding school in Virginia, where she found life-changing support.

"It was transformational for me, because as long as you don't know what you don't know, it's hard to aspire, to know how high to reach," she said. "But there I was exposed to be anything I wanted to do, and any dream you had was supported."

From there Bynum went to Florida A&M on a scholarship from Boeing, graduating with a degree in electrical engineering and worked for several years for General Motors, including a stint in Taiwan working on hybrid vehicle technology, before getting her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan.

Bynum, 45, has lived in Portland for 20 years.

Did You Know? 10 facts about Martin Luther King Jr.



1. Martin Luther King Jr. 3. His house was once bombed. skipped two grades in high school, 9th and 11th, and entered college (Morehouse College) at the age of 15 in 1944. By 19, he received a

2. His honeymoon was spent taken a major toll on his body. at a funeral parlor. This was not because someone died, simply because a friend owned the parlor and offered to let him use it for his honeymoon.

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4. Martin Luther King Jr.'s autopsy revealed that stress had Despite being only 39 when he passed away, one of his doctors noted that he had "the heart of a 60 year old".



Unites States are named after Martin Luther King Jr. There is one such street in almost every

6. King's "I Have a Dream"

speech was not his first at the

7. King narrowly escaped an

assassination attempt a decade

major city.

Lincoln Memorial.

Protesting injustice in Montgomery, Ala., in 1958, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is arrested for loitering.



Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. gives a speech during a 1965 event supporting a boycott against the segregated buses in Montgomery, Ala.





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Multnomah County and the Reynolds School District open a new Student Health Center at Reynolds High School.

Health Center Opens at Reynolds High

Brings basic health services to students

A new Student Health Center at Reynolds High School opened with the New Year, culminating a long-awaited effort to bring much-needed, high-quality primary care and mental health services to families that are easily accessible and affordable.

The opening was an important step in addressing health care inequities for youth in the Reynolds School District, officials said.

"At a time when health is our highest concern, we look forward to the opening of this Student Health Center to help take care of our children and youth," Dr. Danna Diaz, Reynolds School District superintendent, said in a news release. "We are thrilled to partner with Multnomah County to bring a Student Health Center to Reynolds High School. We know that if our students are healthy, they can better focus on learning."

The Reynolds district is home to the largest number of Medicaid-insured youth in Multnomah County, officials said. It is also home to the greatest concentration of youth ages 11-19 without insurance and access to basic health services, such as annual exams and mental health counseling, according to a 2017 report commissioned by the county and a similar report by Health Share of Oregon and the State Adolescent and Student Health unit.

"I am so proud of this partnership that in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Department worked with this school community, our partners and the larger community to open this health center," said Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury. "Our kids have lost so much and have had to adapt to so much, this new Student Health Center will not only provide excellent physical health care, but a safe space where students can talk about their experience with a professional, in-person or virtually."

The new 2,493-square-foot health center includes four exam rooms, dental hygiene services, mental health counseling and a lab. Staff will provide comprehensive preventative, primary, dental and mental health care for children and youth ages 5-18. And while the new center is geared primarily toward school-age youth living in Reynolds School District, any child or youth living in Multnomah County can receive services. "This health center will allow students in Reynolds School District and all school-aged students in Multnomah County to access basic health services such as immunizations, lab tests, counseling, and annual exams," says Alexandra Lowell, Student Health Center Program Manager. "Our focus on access — by being located in schools — and the fact that there is no out-ofpocket cost, make us a great health care option for families, whether or not they have a primary care provider."

The Student Health Center at Reynolds High School will operate five days a week, offering in-person, phone and video visits. (Thursdays offer virtual appointments only). The center serves students with or without insurance and can help families check if they qualify for the Oregon Health Plan or other insurance.

Drum Major Ecumenical Service



Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee

Pastor invites community to view MLK service

Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee, the senior servant at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, invites church's 15th annual Drum Major Ecumenical Services in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., coming on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

The annual event will be held virtually this year because of COVID-19. The community is invited to join the celebration by viewing on the church's Facebook page at Facebook.com/vafbc. This year's MLK theme is

"Now is Still the Time!," echoing words the late civil rights leader projected during his life:

'Now is the time to make real the community to celebrate the the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors

of opportunity to all God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick-sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood [sisterhood]."

The keynote speaker will be Bob Day, deputy chief of Portland Police. For more information, visit the

church website at vafbc.org or call 503-282-9496.

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Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. (right) and Malcolm X in 1965, two civil rights leaders of a generation of Black Americans fighting for justice.

10 facts about Martin Luther King Jr.

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9. King's mother was also slain by a bullet in 1974.

10. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are the only other Americans to have had their birthdays observed as a national holiday *(now combined as Presidents Day)*.



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The Multnomah County Health Department notified residents of Rosemont Court, an affordable senior housing property at 597 N. Dekum St., of concerns about the water system after multiple people become ill with Legionnaires' Disease.

Water Contaminated at Senior Housing Site

Legionnaires' Disease relocates residents

dents of an affordable senior hous- became ill with pneumonia. ing property in north Portland to gionnaires' Disease. Four people have been hospitalized and one person has died, officials said.

The Health Department notified more than 100 residents at Rosemont Court, a historical property turned into apartments at 597 N.

The Multnomah County Health Dekum St, of concerns about the Department last week urged resi- water system after multiple people

The Health Department said leave their apartments after mul- it is working with Northwest tiple people became ill with Le- Housing Alternatives which owns Rosemont Court to temporarily relocate residents and ensure proper cleaning of the building plumbing system to remove any remaining Legionella bacteria. The bacteria

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from people of ill will."

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Multnomah University is committed to continue in a posture of listening and in a posture of humble reflection and action. We are growing in our understanding of how to live the truth that the gospel is applicable to the "broader concerns of all humanity." May we all follow in the footsteps of Dr. King by being people of good will who do not let good intentions be enough but who also embrace the discomfort of true love as we advocate for the concerns of those around us.

First Muslim Lawmaker

Multnomah and Clackamas county commissioners unanimously voted last week to appoint Kayse Jama, the



executive director of the racial justice organization Unite Oregon, to a vacant Oregon senate seat representing east Portland. He becomes the first Muslim to hold office

in the Senate.

Stunning Trump-led Revolt

Egged on by President Trump's barrage of false attacks, violent armed protesters stormed the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday sending lawmakers into a scramble for cover in a stunning attempt to overturn the presidential election and keep Democrat Joe Biden from the



White House. At least 5 people died, including a police officer who was hit in the head.

Lawmaker Lets Rioters In

Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek on Monday stripped Republican Rep. Mike Nearman of Independence of his responsibilities and called for his resignation after he let right-wing rioters into the Capitol in Salem during a special legislative session last December. "Representative Nearman put every person in the Capitol in serious danger," Kotek said.

Georgia Doubles Down!

Matching its historic vote for Joe Biden for president in November, Democrats Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock, won both Georgia Senate seats last week in a special runoff election — and with them, the U.S. Senate majority, dramatically improving the fate of Biden's progressive agenda.

Destructive Justice March

A march for justice in solidarity over the officer-involved death of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisc. turned violent last week when about 50 people blocked streets near the North Precinct on Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard. People lit fires in dumpsters, threw bottles at police and sprayed graffiti on buildings all along the street.

Riot Follows Fatal Shooting

Police declared a riot and arrested one person in Tigard following demonstrations Thursday in response to a fatal shooting by a Tigard police officer. When about 100 people marched to the Tigard Police Department, some in the group vandalized several businesses, breaking windows and tagging property with graffiti, officials said.

Most Killings in 26 Years

Seven fatal shootings in December pushed Portland's homicides to 55 in 2020, marking the most killings in the city in 26 years. Police said the last time Portland recorded as many deadly encounters was in 1994, when there also were 55 homicides.

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Congress Races to Remove Trump from Office

Incitement of insurrection is the charge

(AP) — The U.S. House pressed swiftly forward Tuesday toward impeachment or other steps to forcibly remove President Donald Trump from office for his role in last week's deadly attack on the Capitol as a joint session of Congress met to certify President-Elect's Joe Biden's election victory.

The president, defeated in the Nov. 3 election, made his first remarks to reporters on Tuesday about the attack on the House and Senate, showing no remorse for his comments firing up the crowd ahead of the deadly invasion.

The House was also trying to convince Vice President Pence and Cabinet members to act even more quickly to remove Trump from office, warning he is a threat to democracy in the remaining days of his presidency.

Trump faces a single charge — "incitement of insurrection" — in the impeachment resolution that the House will begin debating Wednesday, a week before Democrat Joe Biden is set to be inaugurated, Jan. 20.

The unprecedented events, which could make Trump the first U.S. president to be twice impeached, are unfolding in a nation bracing for more unrest. The FBI has warned ominously of potential armed protests in Washington and all 50 states by Trump loyalists ahead of Biden's inauguration

It all added up to stunning final moments for Trump's presidency as Democrats and a growing number of Republicans declare he is unfit for office and could do more damage after inciting a mob that violently ransacked the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday.

A Capitol police officer died from injuries suffered in the riot, and police shot a woman during the violence. Three others died in what authorities said were medical emergencies.

Late Monday, the entire Congressional Hispanic Caucus, all 34 members, unanimously agreed to support impeachment, calling for Trump's immediate removal.

Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania joined GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska over the weekend in calling for Trump to "go away as soon as possible."

Pence has given no indication he would proceed with invoking the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office and no member of the Cabinet has publicly called for Trump to be removed from office,

Biden said Monday he has had



Violent protesters, loyal to President Donald Trump, storm the Capitol, in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 6 as Congress began a joint session of the House and Senate to certify President-Elect Joe Biden's Electoral College victory last Nov. 3. (AP photo)

conversations with senators ahead of a possible impeachment trial, which some have worried would there'll be a real serious focus on cloud the opening days of his administration.

"It is critically important that holding those folks who engaged

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As for the rioters, Biden said, lives, defacing public property, caused great damage -- that they be held accountable."

House Republican leader Kevin in sedition and threatening the McCarthy, among Trump's closest

allies in Congress, said in a letter to colleagues that "impeachment at this time would have the opposite effect of bringing our country together."

The impeachment legislation also details Trump's pressure on state officials in Georgia to "find" him more votes, as well as his White House rally ahead of the Capitol siege, in which he encouraged thousands of supporters last Wednesday to "fight like hell" and march to the building.

The mob overpowered police, broke through security lines and windows and rampaged through the Capitol, forcing lawmakers to scatter as they were finalizing Biden's victory over Trump in the Electoral College.

While some have questioned impeaching the president so close to the end of his term, Democrats and others argue he must be prevented from holding future public office.

There is precedent for pursuing impeachment after an official leaves office. In 1876, during the Ulysses Grant administration, War Secretary William Belknap was impeached by the House the day he resigned, and the Senate convened a trial months later. He was acquitted.



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Water Contaminated at Senior Housing Site

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is found naturally in fresh water, but can cause health problems if it gets into a building's water supply.

Legionnaires' Disease is not known to spread from person-to-person. And most healthy people exposed to Legionella do not get sick. But for people at increased risk, breathing in very small droplets of water with the bacteria can lead to severe pneumonia, officials said..

People at increased risk for infection include the elderly, smokers, those with chronic diseases such as COPD or diabetes, and the immunosuppressed. For those who get symptoms, the first to appear are usually flu-like (fever, tiredness, muscle aches, and headache). Signs of a serious Legionella lung infection (pneumonia) in-

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clude cough and chest pain. Many people sick with Legionella also have diarrhea.

Legionella outbreaks have been rare in Multnomah County. The Communicable Disease investigations team identified the building's water supply as the likely source by mid-afternoon on Sunday, Jan. 4. Within hours, officials said Multnomah County staff were preparing to voluntarily relocate people, and creating a plan with building managers from Income Property Management to treat the water system, including shutting off the water.

Very soon after discovering the issue, employees from the Multnomah County Emergency response team began going door to door inside the building offering temporary housing at local motels, in addition to providing bottled water, hand washing stations, hand sanitizer and portable potties during the transition.



Submit to news@portlandobserver.com. Tamir Rice Decision Fails at Justice

Protecting the powerful at expense of powerless

BY MARC H. MORIAL

"Anyone with decent vision can see from the parking-lot video of the shooting that the claim that Loehmann was able to repeatedly warn Tamir warrants incredulity. In less than two seconds,



Garmback screeches to a halt in the cold mud, Loehmann pops out of the passenger door, and he fires the shot that eventually killed Tamir. He'd have had to be speaking like one of those speed readers dictating legal disclaimers on radio advertisements. However, despite that common-sense view of things, Fishman and Reddick reportedly encountered tension within the DOJ. You see, they had to write a memo requesting a grand jury to subpoena documents and testimony from witnesses, and that memo needed approval from a deputy assistant attorney general who works alongside Trump political appointees within the DOJ. And no one responded. ... Quite simply, the DOJ let the clock run out on accountability for two

cops involved in killing an unarmed black child." – Jamil Smith, Rolling Stone

The decision not to charge the officers who shot and killed a Black child on sight encapsulates everything that is wrong with the Department of Justice under the current administration. Once again, it has protected the powerful at the expense of the powerless. Once again, it has failed to seek justice for a Black life.

Tamir Rice was a child playing with a toy. It would have taken Timothy Loehmann and Frank Garmback only a few seconds to ascertain that he posed no threat to anyone. But they didn't bother to spend even those few seconds because all they needed to see was the color of Tamir's skin to decide he was a threat.

They didn't even bother to stop their car completely. As Judge Ronald B. Adrine wrote in his ruling that probable cause existed to charge the officers, "This court is thunderstruck by how quickly this event turned deadly ... the Zone Car containing Patrol Officers Loehmann and Garmback is still in the process of stopping when Rice is shot."

The toy gun wasn't even in Tamir's hands when the officers shot him. The video "does not appear to show him making any furtive movement prior to or at the moment he is shot," Judge Adrine wrote. Tamir's arms "do not appear to be raised

or outstretched."

A grand jury declined to indict the officers in 2015, calling the killing a "perfect storm of human error, mistakes, and communications by all involved." However, because grand jury proceedings are shrouded in secrecy it's unknown what evidence the grand jurors heard or what recommendations the prosecutors made. After a judge granted grand jurors in the Breonna Taylor case permission to speak publicly, the public learned that prosecutors had not given them the opportunity to bring homicide charges against the officers. Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron falsely claimed the grand jury "agreed" that the shooting was justified.

The city of Cleveland last year settled a wrongful death lawsuit filed by Tamir's family for \$6 million.

This brutal year of COVID-19 has seen armed protesters storm state capitols. threatening lawmakers and even menacing police, and not one was harmed. The armed protesters were white.

In Kenosha in August, police nonchalantly allowed accused killer Kyle Rittenhouse, armed with an AR-15 style rifle, to walk by them even as witnesses shouted that he had just shot someone. Rittenhouse is white.

The same week as the Kenosha killings,

police in Utah arrested an unharmed Richard Grant Lees after he fired shots at the officers with assault rifle. Lees is white.

Time and again, Black people are considered a threat just for existing, while violent white men are cosseted.

A Justice Department that does not consider Tamir's death a crime is a Justice Department that has decided that white officers must never be held accountable for taking Black lives, under any circumstances. Among those recently pardoned by President Trump were a white police officer who unlawfully ordered her police dog to attack people of color; a Border Patrol agent who brutalized a Latino man trying to cross the border; an immigration agent who illegally harassed Latino store owners, and a sheriff who defied a court order to stop racial profiling and who once said it was "an honor" to be compared to the Ku Klux Klan.

It may be too late for the incoming Biden Administration to re-examine this case. But we expect the new Attorney General to be committed to police accountability, and to pursue such cases with a sincere motivation to seek justice for the victims rather than to protect their killers.

Marc H. Morial is president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League.

Retter to the Editor

As past President of Portland NAACP Branch 1120, I extend my congratulations to new NAACP Board volunteers for their recent appointments.

The NAACP is known for its fearless leadership in advocating and building platforms that advance the civil and human rights of Black people. I am confident that during your administration, Portland Branch 1120 will continue this important legacy.

I believe fresh perspectives and valuable insight are crucial as we navigate turbulent waters in these most unprecedented times. My commitment to justice is what has guided my work, and I hope this will be the compass for the work you'll do in black and brown communities.

I am proud to leave you with an organization that is thriving. After over four decades of not having a home, The NAACP Branch 1120 now inhabits a new home in Lloyd Center Mall, located in Portland's historic Black community. In only three years, revenues for the organization have increased by 2,900%. Membership has flourished from under 300 to over 1,000.

Clean Energy Fund (an idea originated by our past NAACP President JoAnn Hardesty), the NAACP is now on the frontlines of climate change. This measure passed in November 2018 with 65% support neighborhoods, promoting furfrom Portland voters, creating up to \$61 million in brand new annual funding for clean energy homes and jobs in Portland targeted for black and brown communities.

NAACP led a coalition opposing role in supporting the Portland

As co-petitioner of the Portland a regressive unreinforced mason- City Council to overturn the toxic are human rights, and there is yet ry ordinance designed to displace tenants, demolish buildings, and devalue property in favor of developers. This ordinance targeted facilities in historically Black ther gentrification and continuing a long history of systemic and structural betrayals of our black community. In October 2019, the NAACP was proud to have led a Early in 2019, Portland coalition that played an essential

and unjust policy unanimously.

Supporting New NAACP Leaders

These are just a few examples chronicling the NAACP Branch 1120 accomplishments in only

three short years. I encourage the incumbent leadership to be bold in its advocacy for black and brown people's rights. I also want to remind us all, civil rights

much work necessary to build a coalition that fights for justice concerning all people.

Once again, I applaud and congratulate the incumbent NAACP Board and extend my support whenever needed.

E.D. Mondaine, former Portland NAACP president







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COVID-19 Safety Urged

Washington,

Wearing mask, washing hands and distancing still needed

health systems announced a new effort Tuesday to increase the rate of vaccinations for all area health first distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Clackamas and Columbia counties have joined with the Metro region's large hospital systems including Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health, Oregon Health & Science University and Providence Health & Services, as well Metro-area counties and major as Health Share of Oregon and CareOregon, to increase access for everyone in the state's Phase 1A priority group, which also care providers eligible for the include the elderly in nursing

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Stepping Up and Standing Up

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She went on to later direct a neighborhood health clinic in Seattle, and in the mid-1980s joined the Black Women's Health Project in Atlanta, where she served for eight years as National Self-Help Director. Following that, she moved to Austin, Texas to work for the Texas Urban League and was special advisor to then-Texas governor Anne Richards

After returning to Portland in 2007, Gary-Smith was a director for Cascadia Behavioral Health Care and in 2011, was chosen to lead the MRG Foundation, a leading social and racial justice funder.

She has received many honors over the years, and last March was named an Outstanding Oregon Woman of Achievement by Gov. Kate Brown

After all those years of work, Gary-Smith decided to retire, but that didn't last long. When former Portland NAACP President E.D. Mondainé resigned in October after being exposed in the Portland Mercury for alleged physical and sexual assault, she answered the call.

Gary-Smith was not sorry to see him go. She said she and female other members of the Portland NAACP had been overlooked and experienced sexism and ageism under that past leadership, which was "very male dominated," she said.

Not any more. The new leadership, with Gary-Smith as president, is almost all female now, she said.

'We do shared leadership," she said. "I believe in learning and leading, and that you can do both."

Gary-Smith didn't accept running for chapter president right away, but after many entreaties to lead the organization, she eventually decided she had to follow her mother's advice to "walk the talk."

Though she had planned to relax and travel in retirement, she answered the call to lead and then recruited more young women of all stripes, including more radical members to join her.

day," she said. "I know how to sit to flip the table and build a new ta- tice," Gary-Smith said.



Sharon Gary-Smith

ble that seats more people."

She describes herself as "an angry, gentle Black woman," who knows how to channel that anger into constructive action.

"Age and experience tempers you," she said. "I know how to sit in board rooms...and I know those marching around the building that used to be me."

But she has high hopes for the future of the Portland NAACP, where membership and donations skyrocketed after the killing of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis. Support for civrights and the NAACP have il grown from many white folks who feel guilty about the treatment of Blacks in this country, and that is a good thing, she said.

"I don't want guilt to be the only reason they donated," she said. "I want them to be involved and say, 'How can I be an ally for racial justice in this country?""

The guiding light for Gary-Smith's leadership are the teachings of Dr. King, she said, a philosophy for peace and racial progress that applies to everyone.

"Whites can be our accomplices," she said. "Not just because they felt bad about George Floyd, but about the continued racism in this country, and the unequal disproportionate harm to us."

Now is the time for reckoning, for dialogue and for the nation to heal, she said.

"It is time for great opportuni-"I was quite radical back in the ties and the NAACP should be at the forefront for the right reasons, at tables, but sometimes you need with others who are seeking jus-





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Dr. Warren Roberts, the chief medical director for the Oregon Department of Corrections, receives the Moderna Therapeutics COVID-19 vaccine as public health officials target prisons where staff and inmates are among the most at-risk populations in danger of contracting the virus.

Vaccinations Begin at High-Risk Prisons First shots for staff; then adults in custody

Some of the first COVID vaccines arriving in Oregon are being targeted to Oregon's prisons, where staff and inmates are among the most at- risk populations in danger of contracting the virus, according to public health officials.

The Oregon Department of Corrections announced that prison employees began receiving the Moderna Therapeutics COVID-19 vaccine with the New Year, part of an initial delivery of enough doses to treat 400 people.

In the coming months, the protection will be offered and strongly encouraged to all corrections staff, contractors, Oregon Corrections Enterprises employees, and adults in custody, officials said. The prioritization of vaccines will be determined by guidance from the Oregon Health Authority, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the Governor's Office.

Dr. Warren Roberts, the chief medical director for the Oregon Department of Corrections, was one of the first employees to receive the vaccine. He strongly encouraged all prison employees, the people who are incarcerated, and the public to also get vaccinated as soon as it is avail"I've seen first-hand the epidemic in the prison setting and know we need to fight back with all tools available. Some of the worst outbreaks in Oregon have been in institutional settings and this virus does not stay behind the prison walls, it seeps out into the surrounding community," Roberts said.

Authorities said the vaccinations will begin with individuals who are in close contact with COVID-19-positive individuals and infectious materials. This includes medical providers and nurses, transport employees, security staff working on COVID-19 units and/or performing hospital watches, and a small number of adults in custody whose work assignments involve cleaning and disinfecting in COVID-19-positive units.

"The 13,000 adults in DOC custody miss seeing their friends and family, and vaccines will help us open visiting again. And as essential public safety professionals, DOC employees and their loved ones deserve some peace of mind and protection against the virus," Roberts said.

"Again, I encourage all Oregonians to get vaccinated and help us turn the tide. Even if you are skeptical, please consider those around you – your elderly parents, your neighbors, your community members who have underlying health conditions. We have all made sacrifices this year, but getting the vaccine is a heroic act and an enormous step toward protecting the lives of all Americans."

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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In Adoring Memory

John Samuel Green

John Samuel Green was born Oct. 8, 1934 in Vaunsfield, St. James, Jamaica, the second male child of Edna May Williams and Daniel Green, both deceased.

John met the love of his life, Grethel Euphema Taylor and they got married on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1962 in their hometown of Jamaica. He emigrated to the United States of America in 1990, settling in Portland, where he lived up to the time of his death.

John went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 1, 2021. He died at Legacy Emmanuel Hospital from cerebral hemorrhage at 11:52 a.m. He is survived by his wife, Grethel; eight daughters, LeJoan, Judy, Carlene, Dahlia, Margaret, Angella, Alice and Semone; one son, Cordel; 15 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; three sonsin-law; one daughter-in-law; three sisters; one brother; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at New Song Community Church , 2511 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd on Saturday Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. Seating arrangement will be made per COVID-19 guidelines, with social distancing seven feet apart and all attendees required to wear facial coverings. Hand sanitizers will be provided as appropriate.



Viewing services will be held on Friday, Jan. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Terry Family Funeral Home, 2337 N. Williams Ave.

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In Loving Memory

Business Operator Leaves Legacy

Sunrise: Nov. 24, 1939 Sunset: Jan. 2, 2020

Dora Lee Campbell was born Nov. 24, 1939 and passed away at her home in Portland on Jan. 2, 2021. Interment will take place Jan. 28 at Willamette National Cemetery.

At a young age Dora gave her life to Christ and attended the Church of Christ until her home-going. She served



in the Army for four years and received the highest medal as a marksman.

She was one of the first Black Women business owners in the Portland Metropolitan area. She worked as a barber for over 50 years and owned Dora's Deluxe Barber Shop which was located on William Avenue before moving her shop to Northeast Alberta when Portland started re-development of the Williams Avenue Area.

Dora was preceded in death by her parents, Dorothy and Houston Jones; two children, DeAndre and Blake; and six siblings. She is survived by four living children, June, Marva, La Jean and Michael. She also leaves to mourn her passing a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed.



On this day when we honor Martin Luther King Jr., we remember his unwavering commitment to community.

By rallying others towards a just cause, he showed anything can be achieved when we come together towards a goal.

Celebrate with us at aarp.org/blackcommunity

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SUB BIDS/SUPPLIER QUOTES REQUESTED **Westwind Apartments** 355 NW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97209 Bids Due: Jan 28, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

Construction of a New 7-Story Building with 28 Residential Units, 72 Single Room Occupancies (SRO), Offices, and Community Spaces. Main Entry to the Building is Off NW 6th Avenue with Loading Access from NW Flanders Street. The Ground Floor Consists of a Small Retail Space, Central City Concern Offices, Community Spaces, and Spaces for Loading and Utilities. The Second Floor Contains a Terrace, Central City Concern offices, Community Spaces, and Some Residential Units. The Upper Five Levels will be all Residential with Community Rooms on Each Floor. Construction start in Early Spring 2021 with a 15-month schedule.

Trades Included:

All Trades EXCEPT: Fire Protection, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Low Voltage, and Demolition.

Plans are currently available at:

Walsh Construction Co., contractorplancenter.com, iSqFt.com, mcip-pdx.org, oame.org, and pbdgweb.com.

Special Notes: BOLI Prevailing Wages; Certified Payroll; Workforce Training - Certified businesses are encouraged to bid.



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SUB-BIDS REQUESTED

GENERAL CONTRACTOR PROPOSAL REQUESTED Portland Community College – Sylvania Campus **CT Music Room Remodel**

Proposals Due: January 21, 2021 at 2:00pm

The scope of work for the CT Music Room Remodel includes a 1,700-SF remodel of classroom spaces into music classrooms, piano classroom, practice room suites, and offices. The project will start in April 2021 with a completion date in July 2021.

This RFP is intended for General Contractors interested in learning about public contracting protocol and preconstruction services to support their business growth. The successful proposer will be awarded the entire remodel project.

Bid documents will be available for review on Tuesday, January 4th, 2021 via BuildingConnected (link provided below). It will also be available at the following plan centers: DJC Plan Center, Contractor Plan Center, Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs

> https://app.buildingconnected.com/ public/55f1d27712f0430700189329



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Landlord-Tenant Mediators Sought

The Portland Housing Bureau and its Rental Services Office is looking for potential organizations to provide mediation services to landlords and tenants as it works to resolve disputes, increase housing stability for tenants and avoid eviction court filings.

A formal Request for Qualifications has been issued to identify organizations that can provide the mediation services. In particular, the city wants to work with groups that have a history of focusing on communities of color, people with disabilities, and other historically underserved communities.

A pilot program, the city also plans to make limited financial assistance available to program participants who satisfy the terms of mediated agreements. A budget of \$150,000 has been allocated for the program this year and \$150,000 for next year

To learn more about this opportunity, read the full Request for Qualifications online at portland. gov/phb/rso/rfq.



Clark College Honors MLK



Andrew Jolivétte

King Jr. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, clark.edu/cc/mlk.

with an online event celebrating Black leadership and creativity.

Guest speaker Dr. Andrew Jolivétte, professor and chair-elect of the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of California, San Diego, will present his topic "Black Lives, Black Leadership: From Mattering to Thriving." Also planned is the singing of the Black National Anthem by God-Sisterz as well as artwork from local artists Manny Dempsey and Hobbs Waters.

The public is welcome to participate via Zoom video conferencing from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clark College will honor the For more information, including teachings of Dr. Martin Luther the link to the Zoom meeting, visit

COVID-19 Safety Urged

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homes.

The distribution of a second round of vaccines in February is expected to reach more people, essential workers like teachers and grocery store clerks and peo-

ple older than 75, but details have yet to be released.

As more vaccine doses become available in 2021, health officials remind people to remain vigilant by wearing a mask, washing hands, and maintaining physical distancing.

There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right. -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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