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Vice President Kamala Harris is congratulated with a fist bump from President-Elect Joe Biden just moments before his own swearing-in as the 46th president of the United States during Inauguration ceremonies, Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. (AP photo)

Biden-Harris Era Begins

First female and Black vice president makes history

(AP) — Vice President Kamala Harris broke the barrier that has kept men at the top ranks of American power for more than two centuries when she took the oath to hold the nation’s second-highest office last week.

Harris was sworn as the first female vice president — and the first Black woman and person of South Asian descent to hold the position — in front of the U.S. Capitol by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on Jan. 20.

The moment was steeped in history and significance in more ways than one. She was escorted to the podium by Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman, the officer who single-handedly took on a mob of Trump supporters as they tried to breach the Senate floor during the Capitol insurrection that sought to overturn the election results. Harris was wearing clothes from two young, emerging Black designers — a deep purple dress and coat.

After taking the oath of office, a beaming Harris hugged her husband, Douglas Emhoff, and gave President Joe Biden a first bump.

Her rise is historic in any context, another moment when a stubborn boundary falls away, expanding the idea of what’s possible in American politics. But it’s particularly meaningful because Harris is taking office at a moment

of deep consequence, with Americans grappling over the role of institutional racism and confronting a pandemic that has disproportionately devastated Black and brown communities.

Harris — the child of immigrants, a stepmother of two and the wife of a Jewish man — “carries an intersectional story of so many Americans who are never seen and heard.”

Harris, 56, moves into the vice presidency just four years after she first came to Washington as a senator from California, where she’d served as attorney general and as San Francisco’s district attorney. After Harris’ own presidential bid fizzled, her rise continued when Biden chose her as his running mate last August. Harris had been a close friend of Beau Biden, the elder son of Joe Biden and a former Delaware attorney general who died in 2015 of cancer.

The inauguration activities included nods to her history-making role and her personal story.

Harris used two Bibles to take the oath, one that belonged to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the

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Young Poet Inspires the World



American poet Amanda Gorman reads her poem during the 59th Presidential Inauguration, Jan. 20 at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. (AP photo)

‘Maya Angelou is cheering and so am I’ — tweets Oprah Winfrey

(AP) — The president of a historically Black university in Maryland was so captivated by inaugural poet Amanda Gorman’s poem during President Joe Biden’s inauguration that he offered her a job -- on Twitter.

Morgan State University President David Wilson joined the many people lauding Gorman, 22, Wednesday after her recital of “The Hill We Climb,” a poem that summoned images dire and triumphant and echoed the oratory of John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. among others before the global audience.

“Ms. Gorman, I need you as our Poet-in-Residence at the National Treasure, @MorganStateU,” Wilson tweeted. “Outstanding!!!! Consider this a job offer!”

The 22-year-old Gorman began by asking “Where can we find light/In this never-ending shade?” and used her own poetry and life story as an answer. The poem’s very title, “The Hill We Climb,” suggested both labor and transcendence.

*“We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
Of such a terrifying hour.
But within it we’ve found the power
To author a new chapter,
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves.”*

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The Week in Review



Police investigate after a driver struck and injured at least nine people, killing one woman, over a 15-block stretch of Southeast Portland Monday afternoon. Some residents on Southeast Stark who watched the events were convinced the damage and destruction was intentional. (AP photo)

Driver Rampage Kills Woman

Witnesses suspect destruction was intentional

Residents on Southeast Stark who watched a driver plow into pedestrians and bicyclists on the sides of streets and sidewalks Monday afternoon, injuring at least nine people and killing an elderly woman, indicated that they were convinced the damage and destruction was intentional, something police now say appears to be the case.

Police continued their inves-

tigation Tuesday along a crime scene that spans at least 15 city blocks, from Southeast 33rd Avenue to Southeast 19th Avenue, along parts of Stark, Pine, Belmont and Washington streets. The woman who died has been identified as 77 year-old Jean Gerich of Portland.

The suspected driver was taken into custody almost immediately after he crashed his vehicle and

tried to flee. Nearby residents first cornered the motorist, keeping him at bay until three police officers arrived to tackle him to the ground.

Detectives reported Tuesday that they found no evidence that this was an act of terrorism, a bias crime or was politically motivated. But detectives said that

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Incitement of Insurrection Impeachment Delivered

House Democrats delivered the impeachment charge of "Incitement of insurrection" against Donald Trump to the Senate Monday, but Republicans were already easing off their criticism of the former president and shunning calls to convict him over the deadly siege Jan. 6 at the U.S. Capitol. It's an early sign of Trump's enduring sway over the party.

Biden Makes New Push for Tubman on \$20 Bill

President Joe Biden's administration announced Monday it plans to revitalize the effort to put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill. "It's important that our notes -- our money -- reflect the history and diversity of our country, and Harriet Tubman's image gracing the new \$20 note would certainly reflect that," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said.



Wheeler Pepper Sprays Man Who Would Not Back Down

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler pepper-sprayed a man who had confronted him and former mayor Sam Adams as they left a restaurant Sunday evening. Wheeler told police he was concerned for his safety and asked the man "to back off," telling him he had pepper spray and that he would use it. When the man didn't back away, Wheeler then sprayed the man with pepper spray in the eyes.

Graduation Rates Improve; Including Black Students

Portland Public Schools have improved graduation rates, including for Black students which had a 4.4% increase in graduating last year, compared to one year earlier. A total of 83.7% of PPS seniors graduated in 2020, more than a percentage point higher than the state-wide rate. The graduation rate for students of color was over 75%.

Tacoma Police Car Drives Thru Crowd; Protests Break Out

Protesters in Tacoma set a large fire and damaged buildings during a march late Sunday in response to a police officer driving his patrol car through a crowd the day before, leaving at least two people injured. The officer claimed he was fleeing in fear of his life. It happened near an intersection where a crowd of pedestrians were gathered Saturday evening for a reported street race.

New COVID-19 Strain Arrives in Oregon; Portland

Oregon Health Authority was notified on Jan. 15 that a person in Multnomah County has tested positive with the variant COVID-19 virus strain originally detected in the United Kingdom, the first such identification in Oregon. The individual had no known travel history. Viruses constantly mutate, and new variants of a virus are expected to occur over time.

Commissioner Apologizes for Offensive Social Media Posts

Clackamas County Commissioner Mark Shull publicly apologized last week for offensive and racist social media posts. Shull, who took office this month, has faced widespread demands that he step down -- from his fellow Clackamas County commissioners, the county sheriff, the county district attorney and a group of state lawmakers -- since his remarks recently came to light.

Lovejoy Abortion Clinic Closes after 50 Years

A high-profile Portland abortion clinic, Lovejoy Surgicenter, closed Jan. 16 after 50 years of operation, but will reopen at a new location on March 1 under new management, according to an announcement on its website, "We are saddened, but proud of the services we have offered to so many people," representatives of the clinic said.

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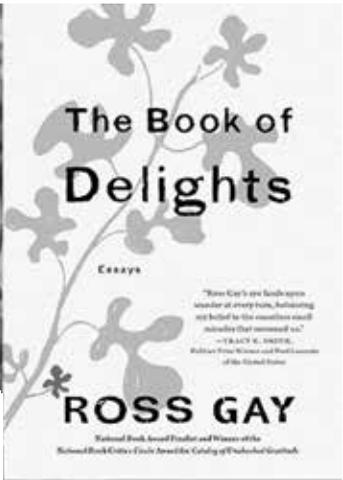
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LOCAL NEWS

Wells Picked for Wilson Renaming

District to name high school for civil rights icon

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

Portland's Wilson High School will be renamed Ida B. Wells-Barnett High School in honor of one of America's most famous early civil rights leaders, a Black woman who fought for the right to vote, a person born into slavery in 1862 and who was freed by the Emancipation Proclamation during the Civil War.

Superintendent of Portland Public Schools Guadalupe Guerrero approved the proposal from the Wilson High School Renaming Committee, a large group composed of students, teachers, alumni and parents. The decision was shared last week in a letter to community members and was scheduled to be considered for final approval Tuesday evening during a regular school board



Ida B. Wells-Barnett was born into slavery in 1862 and was freed during the Civil War. An investigative journalist, educator and leader in the civil rights movement, she was considered the most famous Black woman of her time.

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Vaccine Timelines Change

Governor opens COVID-19 shots to teachers

(AP) — Gov. Kate Brown is defending her decision to reject federal guidelines and prioritize teachers for the COVID-19 vaccine before some elderly, stating that if all of Oregon's seniors were vaccinated first teachers would likely not be vaccinated before the school year and many students would not return to in-person learning.

Officials from the Oregon Health Authority Friday presented a new vaccination timeline that delays the eligibility for seniors 65 to 69 years old to be vaccinated until March 7 and those 70 to 74 pushed back to Feb. 28.

"I know there will still be some who disagree with this choice," Brown said about prioritizing teachers. "I also know there are many Oregonians who are eager to get the vaccine. The harsh reality is we are managing a scarce resource right now. I wish we had more vaccines to give."

Following news that state's would not receive as many vaccine doses as they had been told by the federal government, Oregon officials announced a change to the vaccine distribution — instead of vaccinating teachers and seniors at the same time, teachers started to be vaccinated on Monday. Oregonians 80 and older become eligible to receive the shots starting Feb. 8.

The governor addressed the struggles students have faced with distance learning since the pandemic closed schools last March.

"If schools remain remote the potential education loss could be substantial," Brown said. "This is especially true in mathematics, with students likely to lose five to nine months on learning by the end of this school year."



Oregon Gov. Kate Brown visits a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. (AP photo)

"If we were to vaccinate every Oregon senior first, the unfortunate and harsh reality is that many of our educators would not get vaccinated this school year and Oregon kids would continue to suffer," Brown said. "If we flip that, and prioritize the needs of Oregon kids, it puts a two week delay on beginning vaccinations for seniors who live independently."

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late civil rights icon whom Harris often cites as inspiration, and Regina Shelton, who helped raise Harris during her childhood in the San Francisco Bay Area. The drumline from Harris' alma mater, Howard University, joined the presidential escort.

To mark the occasion, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, the nation's oldest sorority for Black women, which Harris joined at Howard University, declared Inauguration Day as Kamala D. Harris Day.

Biden, in his inaugural address, reflected on the 1913 march for women's suffrage the day before President Woodrow Wilson's inauguration, during which some marchers were heckled and attacked.

"Today, we mark the swearing in of the first woman in American history elected to national office, Vice President Kamala Harris. Don't tell me things can't change," Biden said.

Harris has often reflected on her rise through politics by recalling the lessons of her mother, who

taught her to take on a larger cause and push through adversity.

"I was raised to not hear 'no.' Let me be clear about it. So it wasn't like, 'Oh, the possibilities are immense. Whatever you want to do, you can do,'" she recalled during a "CBS Sunday Morning" interview that aired Sunday. "No, I was raised to understand many people will tell you, 'It is impossible,' but don't listen."

Harris' swearing-in held more symbolic weight than that of any vice president in modern times.

She expanded the definition of

who gets to hold power in American politics, said Martha S. Jones, a professor of history at Johns Hopkins University and the author of "Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All."

People who want to understand Harris and connect with her will have to learn what it means to graduate from a historically Black college and university rather than an Ivy League school. They will have to understand Harris' traditions, like the Hindu celebration of Diwali, Jones said.

"Folks are going to have to adapt to her rather than her adapting to them," Jones said.

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Young Poet Inspires the World

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It was an extraordinary task for Gorman, who soon after finishing her poem helped inspire — along with Vice President Kamala Harris — the Twitter hashtag "#Black-GirlMagic" and was being praised by former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama among others.

Gorman is the youngest by far of the poets who have read at presidential inaugurations since Kennedy invited Robert Frost in 1961, with other predecessors including

Maya Angelou and Elizabeth Alexander.

Mindful of the past, Gorman wore earrings and a caged bird ring — a tribute to Angelou's classic memoir "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" — given to her by Oprah Winfrey, a close friend of the late writer.

"I have never been prouder to see another young woman rise! Brava Brava, @TheAmandaGorman! Maya Angelou is cheering—and so am I," Winfrey tweeted. Gorman was also praised by "Hamilton" playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda, who tweeted "YES

poem," Gorman told the AP. She had said that she would not mention Jan. 6 specifically, but her reference was unmistakable:

"We've seen a force that would shatter our nation rather than share it,

Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.

And this effort very nearly succeeded.

But while democracy can be periodically delayed,

It can never be permanently defeated."

Invited to the inaugural late last month by first lady Jill

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--American poet Amanda Gorman

@TheAmandaGorman!!!"

Among the "Hamilton" inspirations in her poem: "History has its eyes on us," a variation of the "Hamilton" song "History Has Its Eyes On You."

Gorman, a native and resident of Los Angeles and the country's first National Youth Poet Laureate, told The Associated Press that she planned to combine a message of hope for President Joseph Biden's inaugural without ignoring "the evidence of discord and division." She had completed a little more than half of "The Hill We Climb" before Jan. 6 and the siege of the U.S. Capitol by supporters of then-President Donald Trump.

"That day gave me a second wave of energy to finish the

Biden, Gorman has read at official occasions before — including a July 4 celebration when she was backed by the Boston Pops Orchestra — and has previously met Michelle Obama and former first lady Hillary Clinton among others. She has also made clear her desire to appear at a future inaugural, in a much greater capacity, an ambition she stated firmly in her poem.

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Where a skinny black girl,

Descended from slaves and raised by a single mother,

Can dream of becoming president,

Only to find herself reciting for one."

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African American Roots

Historian shares stories for Black History Month

The Clark County Historical Museum in Vancouver will launch its annual speaker series with a Black History Month presentation, open for the community to

view online because of continuing COVID restrictions for public gatherings.

Black historian Melissa Williams will present “A Place to Call Home: Housing and the African American Experience, post-World War II,” an event to stream live on YouTube beginning at 7 p.m. on

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Historian Melissa Williams will share the story of McCloughlin Heights and Vancouver’s African American community as part of a Black History Month YouTube event from the Clark County Historical Museum.

Vandalism Won’t Deter Democrats

Party responds to Inauguration Day attack

The Democratic Party of Oregon is expressing unwavering support for the new Biden-Harris administration and its push for action on racial justice, immigration and environmental issues, showing its resolve after an attack on its state headquarters in northeast Portland on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20.

A group of mostly white protesters, dressed in black clothes and carrying signs against President Joe Biden and police marched to the Democratic Party offices on Northeast Ninth and Davis during the afternoon. One



A group of Portland protesters carrying anti-President Joe Biden and anti-police signs damaged the headquarters of the Democratic Party of Oregon at Northeast Ninth and Davis on Inauguration Day, Wednesday, Jan. 20. (AP photo)

person was seen carrying a Black Lives Matter sign. Others carried a banner declaring “We Are Ungovernable.”

Party officials said they were thankful that staff members were not in the building at the time.

Some in the group of about 150 protesters broke out all of the ground floor windows of the headquarters office, dragged dumpsters into the street and lit their contents on fire, and left graffiti. Eight arrests were made.

“This is not the first time our building has been vandalized during the past year – none of the prior incidents have deterred us from our important work to elect Democrats up and down the ballot, and this one will be no different,” a statement from the political organization said.

“None of this should take away from the fact that today is a joyous and momentous day for America as we celebrate the Inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. President Biden is already starting the work to build back better, with more than a dozen critical Executive Orders on climate, pandemic response, immigration, racial equality, and more,” the statement continued. “We at the Democratic Party of Oregon are resolute and determined to do everything in our power to support the Biden/Harris administration, and to help Ore-

gon and America recover from the pandemic stronger than before.”

At least three left-wing protests blocked streets and generated police responses on Inauguration Day in the city. No right-wing protests materialized despite warnings from officials.

A peaceful car caravan led by Black leaders that started at Portland Community College in north Portland celebrated the transition of presidential power and urged policy changes like police reforms and environmental policies that support disadvantaged communities.

But a protest gathering at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in south Portland later that night turned violent when protesters applied graffiti to the building and federal police officers responded by dispersing a tear like gas to break up the crowd. Six arrests were made.

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For there is always light,
If only we're brave
enough to see it.
If only we're brave
enough to be it.

Amanda Gorman, 2021 National Poet Laureate

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SPORTS

‘We All Loved Watching Hank’

Homerun king remembered for greatness

Reaction to Hank Aaron’s death from former presidents to fellow Hall of Famers to everyone who knew him followed a theme: How the home run king handled the racism he faced on the way to passing Babe Ruth’s hallowed record nearly 50 years ago.

Joe Carter met his childhood idol when he won the first Hank Aaron Award in 1986 after leading the majors in RBIs.

“You tip your cap to those guys, because they paved the way for guys like me. It’s something I’ll never take for granted. They were pioneers. Jackie Robinson. Hank Aaron. Satchel Paige. Those were guys you heard about, you knew about, and you followed them. That’s who the Black community followed,” Carter said Friday.

“They are heroes and legends and they played the game the way that it was supposed to be played. ... We all loved watching Hank,”



Atlanta Braves’ Hank Aaron holds aloft the ball he hit for his 715th career home run in this April 8, 1974 photo from Atlanta. (AP photo)

he said, adding: “Hammerin’ Hank, man. It’s definitely a sad day.”

Aaron died Friday in his sleep at 86.

“A child of the Jim Crow South, Hank quit high school to join the Negro League, playing shortstop for \$200 a month before earning a spot in Major League Baseball,” former President Barack Obama said.

“Humble and hardworking, Hank was often overlooked until he started chasing Babe Ruth’s home run record, at which point he began receiving death threats and racist letters — letters he would reread decades later to remind himself ‘not to be surprised or hurt.’ Those letters changed Hank, but they didn’t stop him,” Obama said.

Aaron broke Ruth’s record with his 715th home run for the Atlanta Braves in 1974.

Chipper Jones, a Hall of Famer who spent his entire career with the Braves, cherished his time around the batting cage with Aaron, who remained active in the organization long after his career ended.

“We’re not only talking about a transcendent baseball player, we’re talking about a transcendent person in American history,” Jones said. “Jackie Robinson kind of set the stage, but Hank took it to a whole other level.”

The Milwaukee Brewers, playing in the city where Aaron started and ended his big league career, said they will wear his No. 44 on their sleeves in the upcoming season.



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (left) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady will go head-to-head in Super Bowl LV on Sunday, Feb. 7 in Tampa, Fla.

Teams Set for Super Bowl LV

The Kansas City Chiefs are set to face the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Super Bowl LV, Sunday, Feb. 7 in Tampa, Fla. The Buccaneers will be the first team to play in a Super Bowl in their home stadium.

The Chiefs defeated the Buffalo Bills 38-24 in the AFC championship Sunday to make it to the championship game. Earlier Sunday, the Bucs beat the Green Bay Packers 31-26

in the NFC championship.

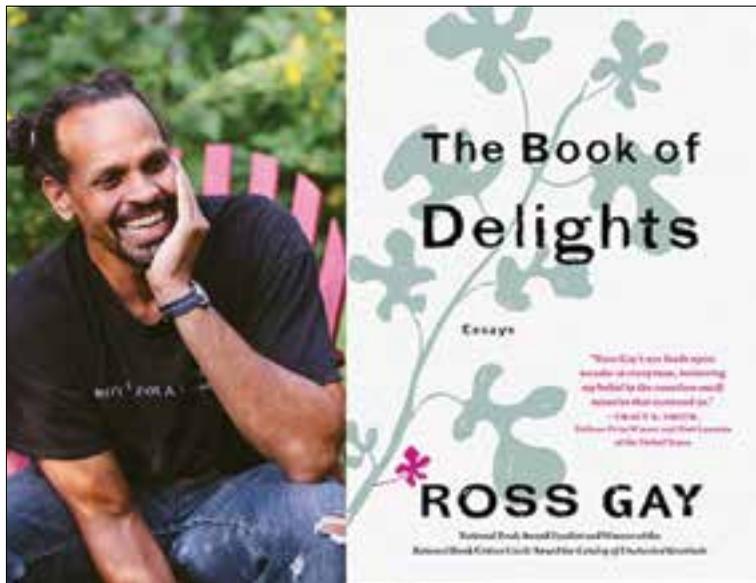
As quarterbacks, the Chiefs’ Patrick Mahomes and the Buccaneers’ Tom Brady have each won one of the last two Super Bowls, respectively. Mahomes and the Chiefs won the Super Bowl last year against the San Francisco 49ers. Brady, who was throwing for the New England Patriots at the time, defeated the Los Angeles Rams in 2019.



At the end of the day, our goal is to leave a positive, lasting impression on improving the Pacific Northwest. We honor Black History Month and acknowledge the legacy of celebrating, supporting and actively being a part of our local Pacific Northwest BIPOC communities.

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Ross Gay and his collection of essays, 'The Book of Delights' has been chosen as the featured author and book for Multnomah County Library's "Everybody Reads" program for 2021.

'Everybody Reads' Ross Gay

Author headlines community reading project

Multnomah County Library will launch its 19th annual community reading project Everybody Reads with acclaimed author and poet Ross Gay and his collection of essays, *The Book of Delights*.

The *Book of Delights* presents a compilation of daily, lyrical essays written by Gay over a year. The observations and reflections are a reminder and joyful celebration of everyday wonders that often go overlooked. His essays drift across a wide range of topics from the natural world to his experience living in America as a Black man.

Gay's 2015 book of poetry, *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude* received the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry, among other awards, and was a finalist for the National Book Award in Poetry.

Everybody Reads 2021 invites the community to explore daily, ordinary wonders and be awake to the beauty around us. *The Book of Delights* offers delight and attentiveness, and a chance to reflect on difficult subjects and discover humor, joy and charm.

The library will distribute thousands of copies of *The Book of Delights* through libraries and high schools across Multnomah County as part of the project. Everybody Reads will culminate in a virtual author lecture with Ross Gay, presented by Literary Arts, on Thursday, April 8.

"The *Book of Delights* is a needed burst of sunshine at a time heavy with rage, sorrow and pain,"

said Director of Libraries Vailey Oehlke. "Ross Gay encourages us to exercise our delight muscle every day and to 'attend to the ways we make each other possible'."

Through a shared reading experience, participants in Everybody Reads discuss issues that matter, learn from each other and promote greater understanding.

Patrons can check out *The Book of Delights* now. Extra copies of the books will be available next month at all neighborhood libraries, and downloadable audiobooks are available from the library catalog, thanks to the generous support of The Library Foundation.



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Members of Portland's Street Response team undergo training as part of a new program to help people living on the streets in times of crisis rather than routing them through the criminal justice system.

Street Response Begins Mission

Innovative program is alternative to police action

Trained health care professionals who are not members of law enforcement have started to assist people in Portland as part of an innovative non-police response to people in crisis.

The aim of the Portland Street Response team is to help those living on the streets in times of crisis rather than routing them through the criminal justice system. The pilot program, championed by City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty, got its start on Jan. 11 in the Lents neighborhood of southeast Portland.

Operating under Portland Fire & Rescue, the outreach is geared to houseless people in crisis, or someone experiencing a behavioral issue or mental health crisis. The team is staffed by a program manager, a firefighter/paramedic, a mental health clinician and two community health workers.

Sara Boone, Portland's first Black fire chief, said she was thankful to the many people who worked to create the special outreach, bringing the city another avenue to respond to the emergency needs of communities.

"I'm excited to see this team hit the streets in its pilot form so we can better learn how to help those experiencing houselessness or mental health crises," she said.

Street Response team members underwent a month-long training program. They studied topics such as peer support, mental health first aid for adults and youth, crisis de-escalation, making risk assessments for suicide and other mental health concerns, as well as training on things such as emergency radio usage and 9-1-1 dispatch protocols.

Lents was designated as the first pilot location because it has fewer existing resources and services than other parts of Portland, officials said. Additionally, the volume of potential crisis calls involving houseless people in Lents have outpaced the growth of such calls across the rest of the city.

The team is scheduled to work Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Af-

ter six months, a second pilot team will be added to cover the same area but respond at night and on the weekends. By 2022, the program is scheduled to ramp up to include more teams and coverage to locations across the city.

"When I ran for office in 2016, I knew that there was a better way to help people on the street and to respond to mental health crises without involving police," Hardesty said. "After years of working with the community to come up with a better solution to assist people who need help instead of handcuffs, executing on this promise is one of most exciting moments of my time in City Hall."

Hardesty, who serves as Fire Commis-

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OPINION

Now Even Harder to Trust the Police

The insurrection response and the cops among the extremists

BY TRACEY L. ROGERS

Having lived and protested in the streets of D.C., I was shocked to see the U.S. Capitol breached by insurrectionists denying the outcome of last year's presidential election.

As an activist, I've gotten scrutiny visiting the Capitol just for wearing politicized attire. So it was truly remarkable to watch as a predominantly white mob, encouraged by the former president, stormed the Capitol building on January 6 with seemingly little resistance.



It was impossible not to imagine that had the mob been black or brown, they would have been brutally counterattacked and then prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

When nonviolent racial justice protestors gathered on the National Mall last summer, they were met by heavily armed police officers in full camouflage. And yet police appear to have literally opened the gates for the white mob.

This should have never happened. But it did. The Capitol Building can, in fact, be breached if you are white — and have a little help.

Guard rails can be removed for ease of entry. You can even pose for selfies with Capitol police officers inside all while possibly plotting to take hostages.

There is something wrong with all of this. While the majority of police that day fought to protect our democracy — one officer, sadly, lost his life — there were still a few too many who did little to nothing.

The rioters planned their attack openly on social media and far-right websites for weeks. The FBI warned the Capitol police days in advance that the Capitol could be attacked. Even requests to the Pentagon from D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser for additional National Guard troops ahead of the rally were denied.

Yet police that day were told to prepare for only a “normal” protest, leaving them vulnerable and easily overwhelmed.

More disturbingly, Rep. Ayanna Pressley, a Black member of Congress, reported that the panic buttons in her office had been ripped out before the attack. These and

other complaints highlighted concerns from lawmakers that members of the Capitol police could not be trusted to protect them.

Then there are the revelations that many off-duty police officers from around the country, including from Philadelphia, where I now live, attended the rally.

Yes, they have a right to free speech. And perhaps not all who attended the rally stormed the Capitol. But knowing that police attended a rally replete with white supremacist banners and Confederate battle flags only diminishes public trust that the police are supposed to rely on.

It's no wonder that some activists are reviving calls to defund the police.

“Tell me again,” activist Bree Newsome tweeted during the attack, “why we can't defund the police and military when they've

shown us today that they don't intend to use any of their expensive gear to protect the Capitol from a domestic invasion?”

I believe it's time to more seriously consider the possibility.

There is plenty of research that shows how defunding police departments nationwide would allow for more social services (health care, education, housing, etc.) that center people and communities. Even the ACLU points out that less policing would actually make us safer.

For me, as a Black American, that point is key. After witnessing this month's events, I more firmly distrust the police.

I remembered when Miriam Carey, a Black woman suffering a mental health emergency, was shot and killed by Capitol po-

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Letters to the Editor

Message was Disingenuous

I am a white, 65 year old male. I have been an active member of the Portland NAACP branch for several years. Mr. Mondaine's recent letter in The Portland Observer was troubling to me. This is the first statement from him that I have read since the October Mercury article alleging sexual and other improprieties and his subsequent resignation from the branch. While he was congratulatory of the new officer slate, many things about the article were disingenuous:

It is true, as he states, that branch membership and fundraising increased dramatically under his watch. What he fails to acknowledge is that those increases were in direct response to the racial justice uprising of 2020. Omitting this context helps to portray him as the driving force behind the changes. The reality is that before those events, public engagement with the NAACP chapter was on a downward trajectory.

Regarding his and the branch's involvement in passing the Portland Clean Energy Fund, Mr. Mondaine and the local NAACP were a helpful, but relatively small, part of a large coalition of People of Color led organizations that helped the measure pass.

Finally, and probably most concerning, is that Mr. Mon-

daine presents himself as graciously conceding his position to a leadership that he supports. This could not be further from the truth. He did all he could to silence anyone who presented any kind of challenge to his authority and opinions, including violating NAACP bylaws by dumping people from the Executive Committee and deposing committee chairs. He even attempted to void memberships of several people who contested his decisions - something the branch president has no authority to do. Two of those people currently sit on the new leadership team he claims to support. To my knowledge, he has made no attempt to apologize for his bad behavior or to reconcile with people that he has harmed. His congratulatory words ring hollow.

It further troubles me that there has been so little comment from Portland leaders who formerly were anxious to curry Mr. Mondaine's support and friendship. My hope is that he never again is given the opportunity to lead publicly at any level. His words and actions are not ultimately becoming of a true leader. To the contrary, he has caused deep and extensive harm. Portland will be far better off moving forward without his voice.

Daniel Portis-Cathers
Portland



On New NAACP Leaders

I applaud the new leadership for prioritizing the establishment of ground rules that will foster an open and supportive environment in order to strengthen communication. We were missing that. In the past two years we lost many amazing pillars in the community who resigned out of hurt and disillusionment. Their departure from a dysfunctional setting hurt the PDX chapter. What was left was a fractured chapter where many had lost faith in their ability to “get things done” and work with an embittered community. The Education Committee lost two Chairs, who can speak for themselves about the damage and hurdles created by past lead-

ership, and yet the committee continued to meet. The late Dr. Harris waited two years to see scholarships being created for the youth.

The PDX chapter has been inspired by the election of President Sharon Gary-Smith and the diverse leadership committed to “transparency, clarity and accountability.” They understand the need to bring healing and create an inviting space for those community leaders who left. I was elated to see them return. I am greatly encouraged and look forward to the next two years. There is a lot of work to do, and I am confident this leadership team will rise to the challenge.

Susan Elliott
Portland

Covering Up Misdeeds

I was taught that congrats and compliments directed to others should not be a mere excuse to glorify and praise oneself. The former disrespectful and now disgraced NAACP president E.D. Mondaine, has once again allowed his narcissism to overtake him, and caused him to try covering his misdeeds with false praise.

When he stands before the many he harmed - those vulnerable young and older men and women who risked more unspeakable

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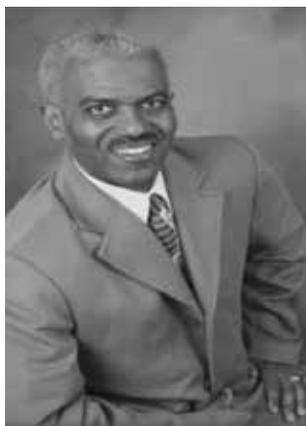
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Wells Picked for Wilson Renaming

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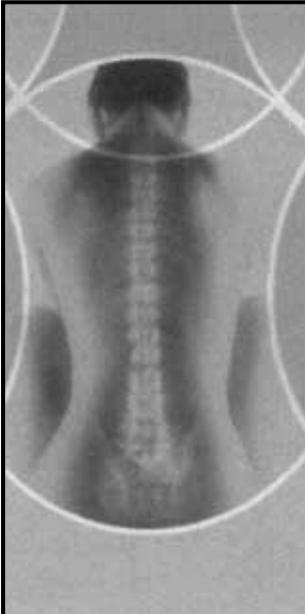
Wells-Barnett was an investigative journalist and educator. She was one of the founders of the NAACP. Over the course of a lifetime, she was dedicated to combating prejudice and violence and fighting for African-American equality, especially that of women.

Born in Holly Springs, Miss., Wells went to work as a teenager to support her siblings when she lost both her parents and her infant brother in the 1878 yellow fever epidemic. Later, moving with some of her siblings to Memphis, Tenn., she earned better pay as a teacher. Soon, Wells co-owned and wrote for the Memphis Free Speech and Headlight newspaper.

Wilson, located in southeast Portland, is the first Portland high school to be renamed under a policy allowing name changes when it takes into account the district's desire to eliminate systemic racism and discrimination.

President Woodrow Wilson earned nods for being a progressive reformer best known for his effort to found the League of Nations, but historians conclude he was also a segregationist who praised the Confederacy, and in particular the Ku Klux Klan. As president during World War I, he instituted segregation at multiple federal agencies, including the Armed Forces. He invited people to the White House to screen the controversial movie "The Clansman" (Renamed "Birth of a Nation"), a 1915 drama that depicted whites as victims and blacks as villains.

Under the school district's naming policy, a name change for Madison High School in north-east Portland and Jefferson high schools in north Portland are also being considered by their respective school communities.



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Obituaries

In Loving Memory Ora Lee Green

Sunrise: Dec. 28, 1933
Sunset: Jan. 6, 2021

A Celebration of Life service for Ora Lee Green was scheduled Tuesday at Willamette National Cemetery with Pastor John Steward officiating. The arrangements were under the direction of Terry Family Funeral Home.



God called Missionary Green home on Jan. 6, 2021. She was born on Dec. 28, 1933 in Crescent City, Okla. to parents James LT. Vester and Mary Lanie Vester, the second born of identical twin girls. Her beloved sister was Dora Lee Smith.

Missionary Green was educated in Perry, Okla., where prior to graduating from Blaine High School, her family moved to Imperial, Calif., and where she and her twin sister graduated from Central Union High School.

Missionary Green met her late husband, Rev. Selvester Green III, in Imperial, and they got married in the summer of 1956. With this union, they gave life to three children. Their first child, Ora Lelinna Green, was born in Calexico, Calif., the second, Sylvester Keith Green, was born in Port Wayne, Calif., and the third child, Kirk Lancel Green, was born in Long Beach, Calif.

During their time in California, Missionary Green and her husband served as junior pastors in the youth department at the Los Angeles Church of the Living God Temple #1. In 1965, the family moved to Portland, where her late husband was promoted to pastor the Portland Church of the Living God Temple #1.

During this time, Missionary Ora found work at Stacy's Cleaners. Shortly after, she became the first Black controller at Stacy's. In addition, she became

the vice president of the Rose City M.M. Wives Association and Treasury.

Missionary Ora had a passion to teach and began working on her teaching degree with assistance from Mrs. Evelyn Collins who had started and operated a childcare center for working mothers. She found support for her continuing education at Humboldt and Applegate Elementary schools. In 1985, she graduated from Portland State University. Her teaching career began with assisting educators at Portland Community College and the University of Portland until she received a permanent position as a full time teacher at Beaumont Elementary. After 45 years of teaching, she then retired and became a part-time teacher for every public elementary school in north, northeast and southeast Portland.

First Lady Ora dedicated her life to spreading the gospel from her first breath to her last. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels where the nonprofit thanked her for her service and honored her by including her portrait in Meals on Wheels billboards and delivery trucks.

She practiced what she preached, living on this earth as an angel. Ora was known as a natural leader in her community with an unwavering spirit. She also had a passion for history, community building and music. In order to fulfill her passions, she assisted Mrs. Clara Peoples with the Juneteenth festival from 1971 to 2019.

Some of her proudest moments were the birth of her children and watching them grow up and start their own families. She was also very proud with the arrival of each grandchild, great-grandchild and great-great grandchild. Ora loved to preach, travel, teach, and cook for her family. She was the anchor of the family and always brought them together to reminisce, laugh and enjoy one another's company.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and many extended family and friends. She was loved and respected by all and will be truly missed.

In Loving Memory Verna Mae Turner-Fisher

Sunrise: Sept. 17, 1945
Sunset: Jan. 16, 2021

On Sept. 17, 1945 Verna Mae Turner-Fisher entered this world, the second of six children born to Louis and Georgia Turner.

Verna enjoyed going to school and playing with friends. She became a mother at a young age, but didn't let that stop her from receiving her diploma from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1963. She was very proud of her accomplishment. While caring for her children, she started hobbies such as talking on the CB radio. Her

handle was "Sweet Georgia Brown." She also loved thrift shopping; her favorite place was the "Goodwill as Is" store.

In 1978 she met her friend, Cathy Bruce who invited her to church. That invitation changed her life for the better! She gave her life to Christ and became a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late great Rev. Felton Howard, and she served under his leadership for 30 years.

When Verna's health started to decline, she never felt bad or sorry for herself; she would keep giving God the praise and keep a smile on her face! She never complained and handled everything like the queen



that she was. Three years ago, they said she wouldn't make it, but she fought. Verna made it through to her 75th birthday.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; son Richard L. Perez; and brother Ronnie Turner. She leaves to cherish her memory, her beloved children Philip Perez, Janell Perez, and Michael Perez (Carrie); youngest daughter Akiba Fisher; 9 grandkids; 15 great grandkids; 3 sisters, Barbara Bailey (Bill) of Tucson, Ariz., and Lucinda Baldwin and Shirleen Reed of Portland; brother Louis Turner Jr. (Debbie) of Vancouver; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and close friends.

African American Roots CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Thursday, Feb. 4

"The history of Vancouver's African American population is little known but a vibrant thread in the fabric of southwest Washington," Williams said. "Learning about the struggles and gifts of the

area's first Black families prompts us to appreciate the richness of our community and to acknowledge the challenges that some have faced in finding a sense of belonging in a place."

Williams is a 33-year resident of Vancouver who earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Washington and a

master's degree in public history from Washington State University Vancouver.

Tickets for William's presentation are \$5 and free for museum members by visiting cehmuseum.org/shop. A private link will be sent prior to the show. For more information, contact the museum at 360-993-5679.

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Driver Rampage Kills

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the driver's actions did show intent to hit and injure people. The driver's name and charges will be released when he is released from hospital care and booked into jail, officials said.

According to Portland Police Bureau spokesperson Derek Carmon, police received a call shortly after 1 p.m. that a driver had hit a pedestrian. Additional calls then came from people saying a person driving the same suspect vehicle, a Honda Element, was striking other people and vehicles, he said. Larry Wolfe told reporters that he had an appointment to meet the person who was killed, a woman in her 70s. He said he saw her get hit by the car and scream, and was walking toward her when the car came back, hit her again, did a U-turn and dragged her along the pavement.

Covering Up Misdeeds

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harm and public censure to share their truths; those who worked for free; those harmed by his depraved sense of entitlement, those Black women - like me - who stood tall and unbowed before his spiteful misogyny and vicious disrespect, then I might listen to his words.

When he stops turning everything toward himself, then he might be able to really appreciate those of us who put him out and pledged to let accountability, integrity and transparency come in.

Only then might he correctly compliment and honestly congratulate us.

Sharon Gary-Smith, President Portland NAACP 1120-B branch

Harder to Trust the Police

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lice after making a U-turn by the White House. Where was their restraint, then?

Yet hundreds or thousands of rioters were able to enter the U.S. Capitol chanting "this is our house," compromising the safety and security of lawmakers and the American people. Many have still not been brought to justice.

How are Black Americans supposed to support this system of policing? As James Baldwin said,

"We can disagree and still love each other — unless our disagreement is rooted in my oppression and denial of my humanity and right to exist."

After this national disgrace, we must examine if the institution built to "protect" the people truly protects the interests of all people — and if not, reallocate its funds accordingly.

Tracey L. Rogers is an entrepreneur and activist living in Philadelphia. Distributed by OtherWords.org.

Vaccine Timelines Change

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The Oregon Health Authority said that there are approximately 105,000 teachers and other K-12 school staff and 47,000 early learning and childcare staff who are eligible for a vaccine starting this week.

Health officials predict that by the end of the first week of May, nearly 80% of seniors will be vaccinated.

"We have been navigating this pandemic for almost a year," Brown said. "I am asking seniors to hold tight and to stay safe for just a few more weeks."

Street Response Begins Mission

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sioner, thanked Chief Boone and Fire & Rescue members, saying they enthusiastically stepped forward to make the Street Response Team a reality. She also thanked Mayor Wheeler for his support and collaboration.

"This project is a marathon, not a sprint, and I thank everyone for their patience while we build something from the ground up. I'm excited to see what we will discover during this pilot program that will inform how we make this the best program we can for the whole city," she said.

Officials said during the pilot period, community members in Lents may request Street Re-

sponse, but 911 dispatchers have a list of questions they will ask to determine which responder is most appropriate to send: Police, Fire, Portland Street Response, or AMR ambulance service. If the call fits the criteria for Portland Street Response to respond, dispatchers will alert the team and send them to the call.

"We're excited to start training to get our team on the ground and start responding to calls, said Program Manager Robyn Burek. "This project is a collaborative effort between many bureaus and agencies; this pilot is our opportunity to learn and finesse the program so it can serve constituents effectively when we roll it out to the rest of the city."

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