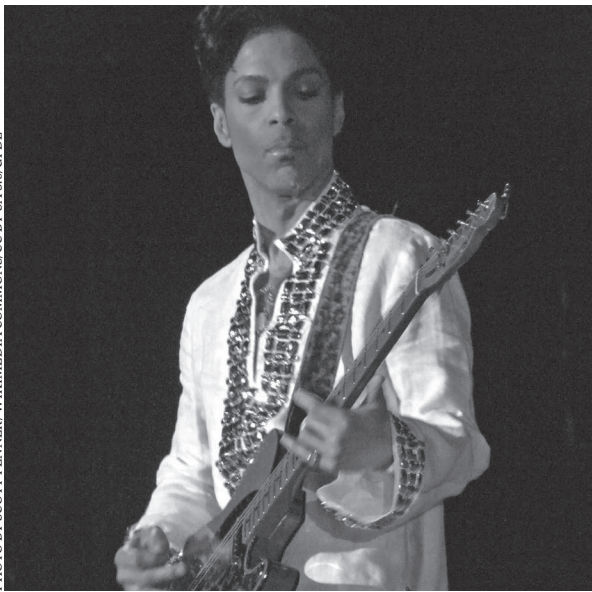


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All the Flowers Prince Planted

When pop superstar Prince died April 21, fans all over the world remembered his enormous creative output, his willingness to challenge cultural norms and his battles with the music industry. But many – including residents and former residents of North Portland's Boise neighborhood – also recalled a side of Prince rarely discussed while he was alive: his generosity. Throughout his career, the artist quietly gave to a wide variety of causes, and during the period when he was most commonly referred to as The Artist, he sent the Boise Neighborhood Association \$10,000 to help start a community garden. The initial garden project failed due to a lack of irrigation to the garden site, but the rest of the grant was used on small community greening projects – such as planter pots on North Mississippi Avenue – for the next several years.



O'Dea Steps Down

Mayor Charlie Hales announced Monday morning that Mike Marshman, a 25-year Portland Police Bureau veteran, would step into the role of interim police chief following the announcement that Larry O'Dea would retire. O'Dea had been on paid leave – and the subject of separate criminal and internal investigations – since May 24, after local media reported he had accidentally shot a friend on an April camping trip in eastern Oregon. At year's end O'Dea was still battling criminal charges in connection with the shooting, though the shooting's victim, Robert Dempsey, filed a special motion Dec. 23 asking that the case be dismissed. Mayor Charlie Hales initially appointed assistant chief Donna Henderson to fill O'Dea's spot; following Henderson's unexpected demotion to captain and subsequent retirement, Hales promoted Captain Mike Marshman. Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler has promised a nationwide search to find a new chief.



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Whiteness History Month

Throughout the month of April Portland Community College held a month-long series of lectures, discussions and classroom activities called Whiteness History Month. The event grew out of a series of email exchanges among PCC faculty and staff about the racial climate on PCC's campuses and nationwide, and garnered national attention – including from right-wing media that claimed the event was intended to "shame" White people. Lectures focused on the historical and social construction of Whiteness and how White privilege plays out in society, and organizers said it would be a more specific, attention-grabbing name than "Racism Awareness Month."

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Tenants Protest

Portland Tenants United demonstrated May 26 outside an awards ceremony for Multifamily NW, at an event attended by property managers, landlords and lobbyists. The tenants' union staged a protest of the event and hosted its own awards ceremony to bring attention to Portland's housing crisis. The organization remained active throughout 2016, fighting evictions in specific building, advocating for enforcement of rules governing short-term rentals and supporting city council candidate Chloe Eudaly, who defeated incumbent Steve Novick in a November upset.



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