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PHOTO COURTESY OF PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU
Officer Kevin Modica (seen here) and Officer Derek Rodrigues, both of whom had already been demoted by the Portland Police Bureau, were placed on administrative leave by the bureau last week.

AMA Continues Call for Diversity

Details are unavailable on the suspension of two officers of color

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The Albina Ministerial Alliance for Justice and Peace Reform last week has reiterated its call for Portland Police Bureau to hire more officers of color to its command-line staff.

Last Thursday KOIN reported that Kevin Modica of the Police Bureau's Youth Services Division and Derek Rodrigues of the Family Services Division had been placed on administrative leave. They were stripped of their guns and badges and are required to report twice daily to personnel.

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WOMEN'S DAY



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED
Activist Shaun King and Seattle City Council member Kshama Sawant wait to speak at the "Womxn of the World Unite" rally hosted by Councilmember Kshama Sawant and Socialist Students on March 8, International Women's Day, at Westlake Park. A lineup of speakers that included New York Daily News writer and activist King, Pussy Riot members, Nicole Grant of the Martin Luther King Labor Council, Terry Lindeke, NOW board member and Poet and Lawyer Nikkita Oliver, who just announced her candidacy for Mayor of Seattle reminded the crowd of the struggles affecting women in their continued fight for reproductive and abortion rights, equal pay for equal work, family leave and affordable housing.

PPS Candidates Debate Zone 4 Priorities

Read Jamila Singleton Munson and Rita Moore's answers to key questions

By Melanie Sevckenko
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Portland Public Schools will undergo stark changes to its board May 16 when three of its seven seats will be filled with fresh members. None of the board's incumbents have plans to run again.

While Steve Buel has retracted his bid for reelection of Zone 4, which presides primarily over North Portland, two female candidates have risen to the

challenge: educator Jamila Singleton Munson and Portland Public Schools activist Rita Moore.

Both women took to the stage on Monday evening at Maranatha Church in Northeast Portland to participate in Black Voices Candidate's Forum, co-sponsored by the NAACP, the Portland African American Leadership Forum, and the Albina Ministerial Alliance and others.

The public event, which pulled around 60 commu-

nity members, was put forward by Nichole Watson, a fifth grade teacher at Jason Lee Elementary School and instructor through Black Parent Initiative, a non-profit that empowers African American parents to engage on campuses that serve their children.

"As a third-year teacher, there is still much I need to learn about the politics of public education," Watson told *The Skanner*. "In a discussion with parents I realized, yet again, the Black voice was missing."

In fact, back in 2013, only 17 percent of Portland's entire population voted in the PPS board election.

To help correct that poor level of engagement, Watson initiated the debate to inform and embolden local organizations that impact and serve the Black community, along with the families and parents that dwell within it.

"Many parents and teachers, including me, are unaware of exactly how much

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PSU Study: African American Population Decreasing

Portland's newest residents are more diverse than the region - but Black residents are leaving

By Melanie Sevckenko
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A new study released by PSU's College of Urban and Public Affairs found that Portland's newest migrants are more diverse than the overall population, yet the Rose City continues to lose its African American population.

"At this point we can only speculate on the reasons African Americans

seem to be leaving the Portland area, such as the gentrification of North and Northeast Portland," said Jason Jurjevich, assistant director of PSU's Population Research Center, in a press release for the study.

The study is part of PSU's America on the Move project, which tracks migration trends across the largest U.S. metro areas.

Among young, college-educated
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A portion of the "Bilalian Odyssey" painting, at Oregon Convention Center.



PHOTO MARK SCHAAF/THE JOURNAL TIMES VIA AP
Dohald Bell, of Chicago, speaks at a protest over the proposed health care law in downtown Racine, Wis., March 14. A few hundred protesters gathered near Paul Ryan's Racine office to protest the American Health Care Act.

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