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NATURALIZATION CEREMONY



Harriet Adair

Harriet Adair Says Goodbye to PPS

After 47 years, the award-winning educator closes a chapter

By *Melanie Sevcenko*
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Harriet Adair was only four-years-old when her mother enrolled her in first grade at Vestal Elementary School in Northeast Portland. At that time she was reading and writing at a third grade level.

Her aptitude, she said, was thanks to the guidance of her older sister, who was her first real teacher.

"I come from a family background where education is key," she told *The Skanner*.

Adair's dedication to educating others has been an inspiration at Portland

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PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Paula T. Vetani from Fiji and Zeyneb Nasir from Ethiopia and 500 other people from 67 countries took the oath to become United States citizens at the annual Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony at Seattle Center on July 4 at Seattle Center. The ceremony was attended by numerous public officials, including Governor Jay Inslee, US Senator Maria Cantwell, King County Executive Dow Constantine and Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, who was the Master of Ceremony for the event.

Expanding Urban Farming to Everybody

Startup engages communities of color in growing and learning about food

By *Christen McCurdy*
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Shantae Johnson and Arthur Shavers both grew up in Portland and both grew up gardening.

Johnson's great-grandmother grew berries for the J.M. Smucker company, and her family grew much of its own food. Shavers helped his grandmother in the garden when he was young. When they met they kept a garden wherever they could — in community garden plots or in the

back yard of a condo — but dreamed of having their own farm.

Now they've launched MudBone Grown, a company focused on promoting farming, education and community outreach — and a culturally specific urban food systems project at the Oregon Food Bank's 33rd Avenue farm.

Prior to the company's launch, Johnson worked for Multnomah County as a community health worker and breastfeeding peer counselor. Shavers had worked as a leathersmith,

firefighter and emergency medical technician.

Having inherited an interest in growing food, they wanted to pass that on to their children: they each had two from previous relationships when they met, and have since had two together.

"We wanted to teach our kids to be self-sufficient," Johnson said.

They also wanted to create a community space — one where diverse groups can learn and work together — and finally found the opportunity to do so when

they were asked to help manage the food bank's farm earlier this year.

The farm is situated right next to the Oregon Food Bank's Portland location, and people who volunteer there can go home with food they harvest. School groups come to learn and volunteer, and recently, Johnson said, a group of adults with developmental disabilities started coming to work on the farm. Johnson and Shavers are working on creating an outdoor classroom space,

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Doctor Raises Awareness of Racial Bias in Transplants

Vanessa Grubbs, MD, embarks on book tour with her new memoir about kidney transplants

By *Melanie Sevcenko*
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Vanessa Grubbs, MD, had only been dating Robert Phillips nine months when she gave him one of her kidneys.

That was 12 years ago. At the time Grubbs was a primary care doctor in Oakland, Calif., and Phillips had been on dialysis for a number of years to treat his end-stage kidney disease.

"One of the things (Robert) told me when we first when out was that he

had lots of first dates, but not many second dates," Grubbs told *The Skanner*.

The harsh reality of his debilitating kidney condition turned most women away. But Grubbs was different.

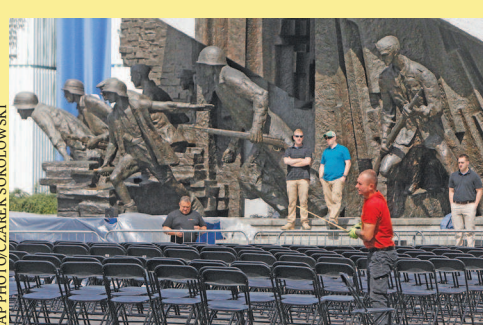
She began a romantic relationship with Phillips, and came to understand the plight of kidney failure from a patient's perspective — while uncovering the racial bias of the transplant system.

Grubbs' personal experiences and
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Vanessa Grubbs and Robert Phillips on their wedding day.



Workers prepare chairs for the audience in front of the monument to the heroes of the 1944 Warsaw Rising in Krasinski Square where U.S. President Donald Trump will speak in Warsaw, Poland, Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Trump will be in Warsaw before traveling to Germany for a G-20 summit of top world leaders.

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