

CURBSIDE

A collection of views from people on the streets

Day of Homelessness Awareness

Faith leaders, local politicians and individuals walked on the morning of November 15 from St. Andre Bessette Roman Catholic Parish to First Unitarian Church in order to bring awareness to homelessness across three demographics: adults, youth and children. Street Roots asked those present: why is the Day of Homelessness Awareness important to our community?

"I am homeless because this is the best for me now... When you see something that's difficult to deal with, your first reaction is to turn away from it so that it doesn't stink up your thoughts... We're walking right here, right now and that's keeping in step with what's going on. That's reality."

— Barry

"I think it's very important that we learn the reasons why people are homeless and not continue to blame people for their homelessness or their mental illness or their poverty in general. I think that's one of the most important things for our society to realize that our own poverty is also very present, that all of us have some sort of need or another, some kind of longing or desire and we're all human. And to break down those barriers and to cover the labels that we want to put on one another. This is literally one step toward a rediscovery of who people are."

— Father Ron Raab,
St. Andre Bessette Roman Catholic Parish

"Hopefully, it will help us not just be aware but take some action in either donating goods or coats or blankets or money or volunteering with an organization or advocating to change the underlying conditions of homelessness."

— Barbara Willer
Multnomah County Interfaith Coordinator

"I do think that the city is trying to do a lot. There is a lot more that can be done. I don't know if it's up to government to do that. I think it's up to individuals: churches, interest groups, all kinds of people to do many of the things that need to be done yet. I don't know that we can rely on government to just do everything for us."

— Ken Comfort

"The first step is awareness. We are participating in the first step to actually doing something. It brings everyone together in the community and that's always good."

—Thomas Reed

"Because of the fact that homelessness exists here and we have to do everything we can to help people. The only way to do that is to let people know what is going on. People are very busy in their lives and we need to have something to get people's attention. Events like this help."

—Zelda Langdale

"It's important because — especially right now when we see increasing numbers of people experiencing homelessness — that we remember and are aware that they are in our midst and that there's something we can do to help solve their homelessness... One of the things that I'm going to do in the short term is to advocate for no budget cuts to programs for people who are experiencing homelessness."

— Deborah Kafoury
Multnomah County Commissioner

Compiled by Cole Merkel



Make It All Go Away

By Nathan Roper

If I have to I'll pay
Make all my pain disappear
Take with it all my fear

It's time to fly with the angels tonight
I know it's not right
It hurts too much not to fight
Not tonight...

So I'm gonna ride with the angels
Fly so high only they can catch me
So high up only they can see me
Don't ever want to come back to earth
This is my destiny from birth

Just want to fly one more time
Only fools would make this a crime

It's been years since I took flight
Yes, tonight is the night

I feel the angels swooping low
The city has an angelic glow

As twilight becomes midnight
It's time to take flight
So, I bid you good night.



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PUZZLES

By Cole Merkel

Answers on page 6

Crossword

Across

1. Mercury and Mars
5. Place for balneotherapy
8. Moon stages
14. Professor
16. Having to do with lips
17. Nearly incomprehensible writing using words like: Onus of Proof, Arbitration
18. Galloping
19. Worn by an outfielder
20. Violation of religious law
21. Deception
22. Flower stalk or column shaft
25. "Once a time..."
27. Dungeonlike
28. British professional sport between World Wars
31. Retroviral gene creating reverse transcriptase, integrase and protease
32. Moray, e.g.
33. Parenthesis, essentially
34. Second generation child to her mom's mom
40. Kimono sash
41. Mail place: Abbr.
42. Grassland
44. Invalidations
49. Rabbit fur
50. "Before Chanel"
51. Highest male singers
52. A continuation...
53. Compete
54. Handle roughly
56. Tinker Bell's ancestor
58. Self-consciously smiled
62. Exit
63. Entangled
64. Six-line poem
65. Self-mediator
66. Cause for a lawsuit

Down

1. Come together
2. "to Billie Joe"
3. Like a grave
4. Seafood dish
5. "Let it stand"
6. Intended to impress
7. To be
8. Lamentation
9. Chemistry Nobel Otto
10. ___ system
11. King Arthur's noblest; and still never found the Holy Grail
12. Lessening discomfort
13. Aerodynamic

15. Roswell crash victim, supposedly
20. "Help!"
22. The fluid content of a plant cell
23. Blockage
24. Versatile individuals
26. Relating to the open sea
27. Gossip
29. Marry
30. "Well, ___-di-dah!"
35. Sufficiently
36. Zero
37. In the near future
38. ___ Trance; electronic music
39. Clinton's Attorney General

43. Balaam's mount
44. Period of immaturity
45. Slickest
46. "Them"
47. Brownish gray
48. Most sick or most cool depending on subculture
49. Coffee shops
53. Workbench attachment
55. BBs, e.g.
57. To moisten or soak
58. Perceive
59. The 17th letter in Greek
60. Always, in verse
61. "Silent Spring" subject

Sudoku

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1				9				
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	4				2			6
	7				6	3		
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				2	4			1
							3	
	8					6	5	7

The objective of Sudoku is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers, from 1 to 9. Every row, column and square must include all digits, 1 through 9, in any order.



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