

Black History Month

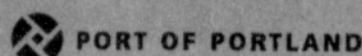


Garrett A. Morgan was a progressive business man and scientific inventor in Cleveland, Ohio during the early 1900s.

The Port of Portland Applauds Oregonians of color who help Oregon be Oregon.

In recognition of Black History Month, please join us in recognizing prominent African Americans who have contributed to this great place we call Oregon. If we missed a name this year, please let us know at www.portofportland.com.

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Rosalyn Scaife holds a heart shaped sign in protest of hate during a march down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and along the route of a recent racially motivated shooting spree in northeast Portland. "I came to say that enough is enough," she said. "I came to say we aren't going to stand for it anymore."

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Movement Against Hate Gains Momentum in NE

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protest against the hate she sees in her neighborhood. She said it delighted her to see such a multi-cultural turnout.

"It's no longer about black and white," Scaife said. "When you see all these different skin colors it shows that this is about everyone."

Sisters in Action member Cassie Holloway, 13, echoed Scaife's desire to see different cultures unite against hatred.

"That's the only way people will be treated equally and not differently," she said.

While NAACP President Robert Larry said he was pleased with the community turnout, he was disappointed with the lack of participation from local elected officials. He

said that when various civic and religious leaders do not show up to support an event to counter racism the message they send by their absence is counter productive.

"We are living in a white-washed town and I'm disappointed in the amount of true leadership in this town," Larry said. "Some of these so-called leaders are not truly leaders because they are in shackles."

He blamed the white establishment for perpetuating the silence of black leaders and said that while many people know the truth, all too few are willing to stand up for it.

At least the communities affected by the January shootings showed by Saturday's turnout that they are willing to band together and speak out against racism even in the absence of what Larry called true leadership.

Pay Back Time

I want it acknowledged that yes, we deserve to be paid for our ancestors enslavement. Yes, it is due.

—Reparations advocate Billie Jean McCray

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tions.

The opposition may agree on principle, but sees the details such as who is accountable, who is entitled to payment and what is the price of enslavement as too complex a matter to attempt solving.

"Reparations is the kind of issue that generates a lot of emotions on both sides," said Darrell Millner, a professor teaching history at Portland State University since 1975. "As the idea becomes more visible and more widely discussed, both sides are finding more support."

As a 59-year-old African-American woman, McCray's life's work has been bringing social struggles into the public consciousness.

After fighting for women's rights, McCray suffered disappointment from a movement that she said didn't embrace her.

"I was crushed when the doors were opened and only the Caucasian women walked through," McCray said. "They told me they

would come and get me and it never happened."

Radical Women member Emma Allen recognized that African-American women have a critical role in the reparations fight because they are discriminated against on both a social and legal level.

"Women of color are the most dynamic force for promoting change because they're the most exploited under the system," she said. "They would have the most to gain from a revolutionary change."

According to Millner, women's voices are prominent in the current debate.

For McCray, this is no accident. She sees women as the leaders and spokespeople of the movement.

"We've had to carry the Black man for a long, long time," she said. "The image of the African American male has been stigmatized through the years, so it's up to us. That's why the women are up front."

She will discuss her recent experience working for reparations at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Radical Women meeting at the Bread and Roses Center in North Portland.

For more information about McCray's lecture, call the Radical Women Feminist Center at 503-240-4462.

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