

The Fateful Day (as remembered by Rosa Parks)

"I was arrested on December 1st, 1955 for refusing to stand up on the order of the bus driver, after the white seats had been occupied in the front. And of course, I was not in the front of the bus as many people have written and spoken that I was — that I got on the bus and took the front seat, but I did not. I took a seat that was just back of where the white people were sitting, in fact, the last seat. A man was next to the window, and I took an aisle seat and there were two women across. We went on undisturbed until about the second or third stop when some white people boarded the bus and left one man standing. And when the driver noticed him standing, he told us to stand up and let him

have those seats. He referred to them as front seats. And when the other three people — after some hesitancy — stood up, he wanted to know if I was going to stand up, and I was not. And he told me he would have me arrested. And I told him he may do that. And of course, he did. He didn't move the bus any further than where we were, and went out of the bus. Other people got off — didn't any white people get off — but several of the black people got off. Two policemen came on the bus and one asked me if the driver had told me to stand and I said yes. And he wanted to know why I didn't stand, and I told him I didn't think I should have to stand up. And then I asked him, why did they push us around? And he said,



and I quote him, 'I don't know, but the law is the law and you are under arrest.' And with that, I got off the bus, under arrest. A policeman wanted the driver to swear out a warrant, if he was

willing, and he told him that he would sign a warrant when he finished his trip and delivered his passengers, and he would come straight down to the City Hall to sign a warrant against me."

Actor to Perform King Speeches Community invited to PSU performance

Jim Lucas, acclaimed actor and advocate for social change, will perform dramatic renditions of speeches by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a one-man show titled "Reflections."

The performance, scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at PSU's Lincoln Hall, 1825 S.W. Broadway, is a community-wide event celebrating the life and legacy of King and is sponsored by Portland State University and Oregon Public Broadcasting.



Jim Lucas

A student of King's teachings, Lucas is an advocate of the civil rights leader's philosophy of non-violent civil action to change affect social change. Like King, he participated in local protests and demonstrations in the 1960's to achieve school

integration in his hometown of Lake Providence.

His participation in the 20th anniversary of the March on Washington inspired him to learn and recite King's speeches. Since then, he has traveled across the nation delivering various renditions of Dr. King's "I Have A Dream," "I've Been to the Mountaintop," "A Knock at Midnight," and excerpts from the letter from the Birmingham Jail.

Lucas's resemblance and interpretation of Dr. King has been highly acclaimed.

Tickets are available at the PSU Ticket Office or at Ticketmaster outlets, but seating is limited. The cost is \$5 for the general public and free to students with a valid student I.D. For more information, call 503-725-4560.

King Blood Drives Held Locally Jefferson girl hopes for a bone-marrow transplant

The American Red Cross will celebrate the legacy and compassion of one of our nation's great leaders with the third annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blood and Bone Marrow Drive, Jan. 16-21 at its donor center at 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. and at Jefferson High School.

Blood recipients are often most likely to find

compatible blood for transfusion from donors of the same ethnic background.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blood and Bone Marrow Drive strives to educate the community on the importance of African Ameri-

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Alabama Segregation Enforced



Rosa Parks goes to court to make her plea after her arrest on Dec. 1, 1955. Parks was convicted of violating Montgomery, Ala. segregation laws and fined \$10, plus \$4 in court fees. "The time had just come when I had been pushed as far as I could stand to be pushed," she said, describing that fateful day as unplanned. Yet Parks had been involved in civil rights activity for a number of years, as had many african american residents in Montgomery.



Career Opportunities

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The City offers employment for a wide-range of positions for a variety of departments including:

- Parks and Recreation
- Public Works
- Police and Fire Departments, and
- Other support Departments.

For details please see our employment website at www.vanhr.org, call our Job Hotline at 360-696-8128 or visit Human Resources at 610 Esther St., Vancouver, WA 98660.

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"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On January 16, the nation will celebrate the life of Dr. King. In his honor, Kaiser Permanente is offering staff opportunities to work in a food bank, help build a house, do chores for seniors, paint a school, and provide various other services.

We're happy to play a small part in helping Oregon and Southwest Washington thrive.

For information about the national day of service, visit mlkday.org.

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