



Young members of the Black Panther Party guard the speaker's platform at a 1968 Free Huey rally for party founder Huey P. Newton in a photograph taken by Eve Crane of Portland.

Movement Lives on in Photo Exhibit

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some of the most salient moments – the excitement of rallies and the heartbreak of funerals and vigils – stir emotions as poignant today as for those who personally experienced the era.

Crane became connected with the Black Panther Party in 1967, when she met Eldridge Cleaver, a critical member of the party, while working at the left-wing magazine Ramparts based in San Francisco.

"Cleaver got me interested in what they were doing," Crane said. "He and I hit it off really well be-

cause I was interested in who he was and what he did."

The Black Panthers were icons in the 1960's struggle for economic and social justice and radical movement of minority communities against the U.S. government. But Crane observed that in the outbreak of passionate social change and a call for a war's end, the events of 1968 slowed the momentum of the movement.

"It was really an exciting time and all of a sudden boom, it just closed down," she said. "I don't know why it happened, but after

the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, nobody was active anymore."

The convention quickly turned into a chaotic clash between protestors and police.

"It was such an eye opener to what was going on politically," she said.

Crane's year with the Panthers culminated with an experience at the convention.

"I stood outside the center and looked up to see men in suits with rifles."

After 1968 Crane said she turned her focus to a softer subject – puppies and kittens – but the power of her Black Panther photos lives on in this exhibit.



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Racial Profiling Committee Convenes

Police Chief Rosie Sizer comes to the table during the first official meeting of Portland's Racial Profiling Committee Tuesday at Emmanuel Temple. The committee is charged with evaluating racial profiling issues, recommending and monitoring policy changes and facilitating dialogue between the police and community.

Need for Mentors Grows

Helping children of the incarcerated

With a growing prison population so, too, is the need for safe, caring adults in the lives of children with incarcerated parents, something The Boys & Girls Aid Society has been doing for three years.

"Unspoken loss, grief and shame plague the lives of children who are separated from an incarcerated parent," said Michael Balter, the organization's executive director. "These children typically face multiple challenges and are at risk to

become incarcerated themselves. We intervene early, not only to provide the child with a caring adult who will help them with life skills, but also to help break the cycle."

"This is a generation of youth we need to pay attention to," says Kristin Harper, the aid society's program coordinator for its Committed Partners for Youth mentoring program. "The success of our program is dependant upon the number of safe, caring adults willing to step up to the plate and create a lasting relationship with this vulnerable group of kids."

While mentors will never take the place of an absent parent, they can be a support and guide to help young people navigate many challenging situations facing youth today. Mentors give children a sense of belonging to a community that cares about them and values their success.

"As the Executive Director for a non-profit agency that provides high quality mentor programs, I have seen how great the rewards can be when we step outside of ourselves to help a child who has been dealt a difficult hand in life," says Balter.

Stop Smoking Effort Helps Risk Population

Smoking is a serious health hazard for everyone who smokes, but it is a special hazard for adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Adults with ADHD have smoking rates estimated to be twice as high as the general population. A current theory is that increased use of nicotine among people with ADHD may be a form of self-medication, since nicotine has been found to reduce the disorder's symptoms such as restlessness and inability to concentrate.

The new study is for adults age

18 to 55 who would like to stop smoking and who may have ADHD.

"Many people who have ADHD have not actually had it diagnosed or may not know they have it," said Carla Green, Kaiser senior investigator and principal investigator for the study. The disorder's symptoms include difficulty sustaining attention, distractibility, procrastination, difficulty organizing and completing tasks, misplacing things, restlessness, impulsivity, and talking out of turn.

The goal of the study is to find out if a medication that has been

proved effective in treating ADHD – the medication is called Concerta (Methylphenidate) – will also help people who have ADHD to stop smoking.

Volunteers will receive a screening test to determine the severity of their symptoms and the level of their cigarette use. All participants will also receive a proven smoking cessation program, which includes nicotine patches and behavioral counseling for nicotine dependence. Reimbursement for time and travel will be offered to everyone who participates in the study.

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