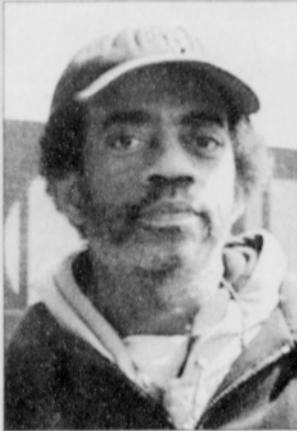


# People of Color against the War Teach-in Saturday at Liberty Hall

KBOO Radio Host Cecil Prescod and other community leaders will lead a teach-in to mobilize people of color and low-income individuals to be proactive in the peace movement.

The event, this Saturday, Feb. 23 at Liberty Hall, 311 N. Ivy St., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will kick off with a guest-speaker and round-table discussion for understanding how the war affects lives, families and communities.

At around 11:45 a.m., participants will choose among three workshops. A youth breakout is open to all and led by the girl-empowerment group Sisters in Action for Power and youth group United Voices/Beats for Peace. Zahra Sultan of ZahraIraq.org will lead a Human Cost of War in Iraq workshop. The People of Faith workshop will be led by Rev. Leroy Haynes.



Cecil Prescod



Rev. Leroy Haynes

After a lunch break, small groups plan to meet in strategy sessions at about 1 p.m. to discuss the next steps.

Kayse Jama of the Center for Intercultural Organizing will talk about how immigrants and refugees have been targeted in the war on terrorism. To engage the hip-hop community in progressive arts and activism, Joshua Arogon, also known as Rocket One of the 45th Parallel Universal Zulu Nation, will help

in a small-group discussion.

An ongoing video for folks to speak their minds will be discussed with videographer Joe Anybody to concentrate on keeping healthcare promises for veterans.



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Friends of Trees employees Kathryn White (left), volunteer and outreach coordinator, and Whitney Dorer, neighborhood canopy coordinator, prepare sets of strings used in the planting of nearly 300 trees in the Boise, Eliot, King, Humboldt, Overlook and Piedmont neighborhoods.

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The six-neighborhood planting was sponsored by Adidas and has received support from the Oregon Dept. of Transportation, Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Parks & Recreation, Metro, the

Boise Community Association and developer Peter Perrin.

According to an October study by Portland Parks & Recreation, Portland-area trees intercept 25 million pounds of air pollutants and half a billion gallons of storm water a year, greatly reducing river pollution and

saving the city millions of dollars in storm-water-management costs.

The city's increased tree cover, called "the Portland effect," has led to national recognition for Friends of Trees and other efforts to reduce global warming. To learn more, visit Friendsoftrees.org.

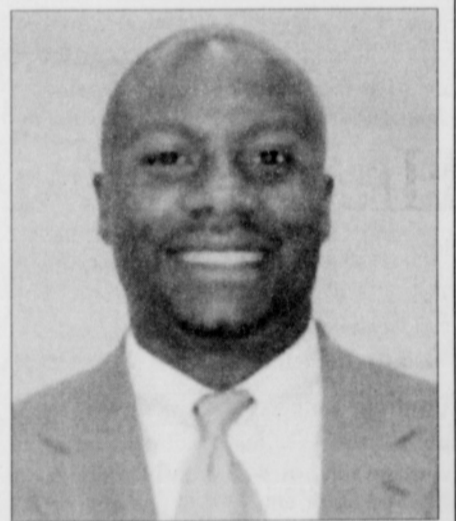
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—Martin Luther King, Jr.

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BDS has a total of 345 budgeted positions for fiscal year 2007-2008 and a yearly budget of approximately \$40 million dollars. Currently, about 38% of bureau employees are eligible to retire within 5 years. With these statistics, I feel it is vitally important to invite people to familiarize themselves with our services and possible career opportunities at the bureau.

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