

# Voter Registrations Due on Tuesday

## Groups canvass to build power

With the Tuesday, April 29 voter registration deadline drawing near, African-American-led campaigns for participation in the May 20 Primary Election have taken off.

The Oregon Students of Color Coalition has worked statewide to turn out the vote while a Portland religious alliance is following up on the success of its registration drive.

Entitled "Color the Vote!," students at Portland State University have joined students at other public universities and colleges to register students to vote. A series of events draw on the historic student-of-color-led vote drives that built communities' of color power to win concrete change during the Civil Rights Era and other movements.

"Oregon is failing to get our students of color to college," said Aimeera Flint, OSCC board member, "and we want to change that. The first step to building our power is making sure that students of color turn out at the ballot box. Join us in registering students of color to vote!"

While a college degree is crucial in the current economy, college-enrollment rates have declined for the majority of communities of color—even when the state's population of color is increasing.

This Saturday, April 26, another voter-registration canvass will build on the 200 new signups achieved last Saturday when the 2nd-annual Legislative Educational Day was held at Calvary Christian Center in northeast Portland.

Canvassers will set up teams all day from the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Mason Street to increase turnout among homeless, ex-offenders, persons in recovery, women and minorities.

For more information, contact Rev. Renee Ward at 503-548-7537.



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Carmen Anderson, a senior at Portland State University, rallies others to register to vote during a campus event Monday, including signing up sophomore Spencer Potter.

## May 20 Primary Reminders

- Vote-by-mail ballots will be sent out two weeks before Oregon's May 20 Primary Election.
  - The ballots must be received at any county election office or designated drop site by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Postmarks don't count.
  - To vote in the historically competitive presidential race between Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama, you must be registered in the Democratic Party.
  - The voter registration deadline is Tuesday, April 29. Postmarks will count for mailed registration forms.
  - Current addresses are required. If you've moved or changed your name, you must reregister to vote. Ballots cannot be forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service.
  - New federal regulations for voter registrations require a driver's license number or the last four digits of a Social Security number. Also make sure to indicate a political-party, "no political party" or "other." Do not mark more than one party.
  - Voter registration cards can be filled out at the Multnomah County Elections office, 1040 S.E. Morrison St., or printed from Oregonvotes.org and mailed in.
- Registration forms are also available at post offices, community centers and Sisters of the Road, 133 N.W. Sixth Ave., which offers its address so homeless people can participate in the election.

## Sunday Youth Summit Agenda

TV Judge Greg Mathis and a group of local community leaders will show their support for Jefferson High School students during a Youth Summit, Sunday, April 27 at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel.

The event was rescheduled from an earlier date. It is sponsored by Cornerstone Community Services under the

direction of Rev. B.E. Johnson and will start with a job fair at 4:45 p.m. and will get followed up by a banquet at 6:15 p.m.

Mathis, a syndicated columnist and judge will serve as the keynote speaker.

Tickets to the dinner are \$100, but those who cannot afford the price will not be turned away. For more information, call Cornerstone at 503-281-4587.



Judge Greg Mathis

## Civil Rights Champion to Visit

One of the nation's leading civil-rights attorneys, Fred Gray, will speak at the Mallory Church of Christ about the Tuskegee Human and Civil Rights Multicultural Center prior to delivering the commencement address for Cascade College.

Gray served as Martin Luther King Jr.'s first civil-rights lawyer. He also represented Rosa Parks in the historic case that led to the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott in 1955.

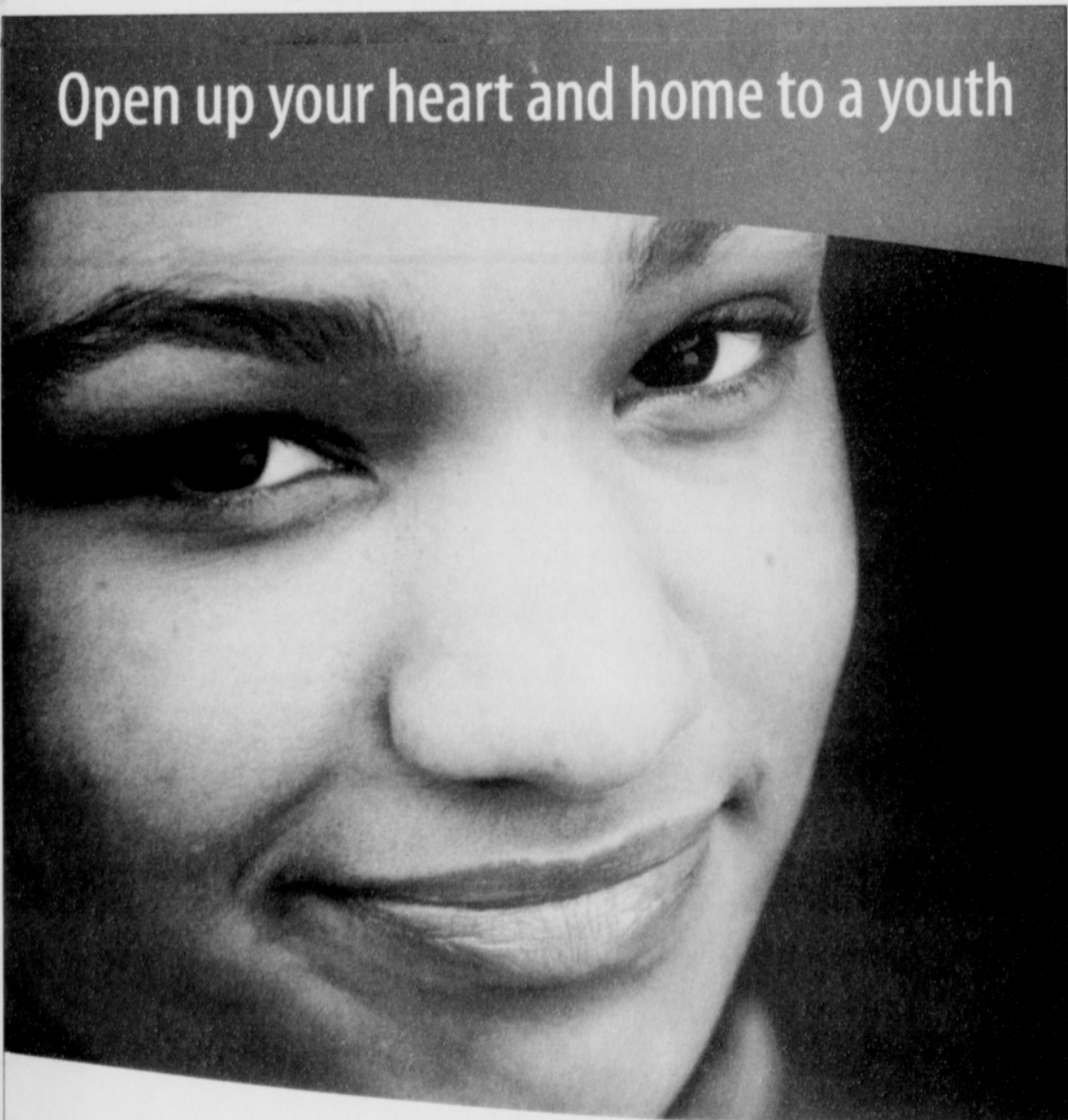
Born in 1930, Gray has spent a



Fred Gray

lifetime fighting social injustice and setting precedent — as in Browder vs. Gayle, which integrated Montgomery buses in 1956. Additionally, Mr. Gray took NAACP vs. State of Alabama to the Supreme Court, winning the right of the NAACP to do business in the state.

Gray and State Senator Margaret Carter will speak at the Mallory Church of Christ, 3908 N.E. Mallory, on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. Cascade College's commencement ceremony will be held Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m. in the gym, 9101 E. Burnside.



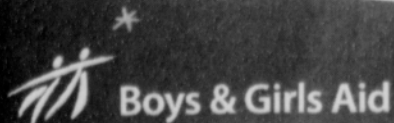
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