

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Historic Civil Rights Struggles Chronicled

### Book looks at more radical leaders

BY JAKE THOMAS  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Peniel E. Joseph, a historian at Tufts University, makes the case that the black power movement of the 1960s had a far greater influence on the struggle for equal rights than is more commonly given in black history accounts in his book "Dark Day, Bright Nights: From Black Power to Barack Obama."

Following the lives of Malcolm X, who rose to prominence in the Nation of Islam and later adopted a more conciliatory tone, and Stokely Carmichael, a longtime organizer who rose to become chair of the Student Non-violent

Coordinating Committee, Joseph makes the case that the more radical black power movements had a further reach than was previously suspected.

"Black Power remains the most misunderstood social movement of the postwar era. It was demonized as the civil rights movement's 'evil twin' and stereotyped as a politics of rage practiced by gun-toting Black Panthers," writes Joseph.

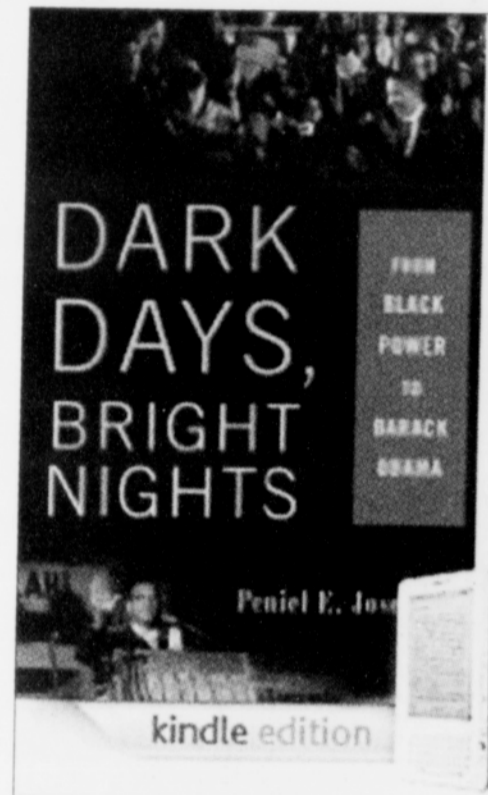
The author argues that the more militant movement for social justice and self-determination was, in some ways, more robust than Martin Luther

King Jr.'s, non-violent approach.

The book also finds that the tactics used by both movements fed off each other.

A more thorough examination of leaders like X and Carmichael reveals that both men formed broader alliances than is often acknowledged.

X reached out to prominent writers and intellectuals, Christian leaders, as well as activists in the labor movement. His reach also extended beyond well beyond Harlem. He also taught that self-reliance was requisite for self-determination and helped spur community control and en-



formed alliances that extended well beyond the borders of the U.S.

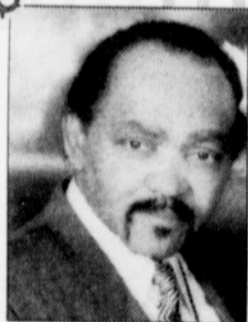
Joseph argues that the contributions of radical black militancy helped bring down barriers and created the conditions that allowed for the election of Barack Obama. However, Joseph seems a bit enamored with his subjects, and, at times, focuses too much on telling their stories rather than providing a crisp analysis of how their work directly relates to Obama, who made a conscious effort to distance himself from more radical political strands.

Although the dots may not be firmly connected, Joseph's effort is still a long overdue.

Advertise with diversity in *The Portland Observer*  
Call 503-288-0033 ads@portlandobserver.com

### Hodge Comprehensive Counseling Service

HCCS



**Dr. H. L. Hodge, Ph.D.**  
*Life Change Specialist, Licensed Pastoral Counselor, Professional Trainer. Dr. Hodge has 20 years addressing Life Stressors*

Healing from past hurts, adapting to new circumstances or recovering from a crisis; a Faith-Based counselor will be life changing Hodge Comprehensive Counseling provides. Life change HCCS provides cognitive behavioral services from a Biblical perspective with sound psychological principles.

Portland Congress Center  
1001 SW Fifth Avenue,  
Suite 1100  
Portland, OR 97204

Phone: 503-220-1790  
Fax: 1+503-220-1815

Email:  
hodgehspks@msn.com

#### HCCS Specialties Are:

- Education Training – Workshops & seminars to facilitate personal enrichment.
- Counseling – Helping clients find solutions to life problems.
- Substance Abuse Education Providing tools for overcoming & recovering using Meditation & Relaxation Techniques for Stress Reduction/Pain Management.
- Grief Counseling—dealing with loss & separation, anxiety, depression, & phobias as well as (PTSD) Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder the 5th most common mental health disorder.

~By Appointment Only~

www.nwvoiceforchrist.com



**Films Honor Black History** -- Twenty-two feature and documentary films from every region of the African continent are now playing as part of the Cascade Festival of African Films. The series runs through March 6 at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus and other locations. For a detailed schedule, visit [africanfilmfestival.org](http://africanfilmfestival.org).



**Portland Jazz Fest** -- The Portland Jazz Festival offers more than 75 programs and events throughout the Portland area during the last eight days of February. Jam sessions take place at the Norse Hall Lounge. For more information, go to [pdxjazz.com](http://pdxjazz.com) or call 503-288-5299.

### ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**The Wizard of Oz** -- Roosevelt's Opening Act Theatre Co. presents "The Wizard of Oz," with a dress as your favorite character show on Friday, March 5, and a sing along night on Saturday, March 7. Both shows at the Roosevelt auditorium, 6941 N. Central St., begin at 7 p.m. Regular performances are also scheduled at 7 p.m. on March 11, 12 and 13 along with a 2 p.m. matinee on March 13.

**Facets of Africa** -- The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Theater, 5340 N. Interstate, celebrates Black History Month this month with a matinee series and gallery exhibit. Performing artists share legends and personal tales representing African-based culture. The world premiere stage production Rocket Man shows through Saturday, Feb. 27.

**Vintage Bridal Show** -- Sponsored by Ava Hansen Millinery and AlexSandra's Vintage Emporium, this free event will showcase vintage bridal fashions and other sustainable wedding choices and benefit the Oregon Food Bank. Saturday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 28 at the historic Queen Anne Victorian Mansion in north Portland.

**Antique & Collectible Show** -- Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7 at the Expo Center. Vendors from all over the U.S. and patrons will find an amazing assortment of treasures in the hundreds of booths and dis-

plays.

**Normal Sylvester** -- The Normal Sylvester Band plays Friday, Feb. 26 at Clyde's; and Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Tillicum in Beaverton.

**Japanese Garden Free Day** -- The Portland Japanese Garden at Washington Park will be holding a Free Admission Day on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to invite their friends and family.



**Mel Brown Live** -- Portland jazz giant Mel Brown performs at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday night. Known as the "Gentleman of Jazz," Brown

has a career spanning over 40 years.

**Live Jazz** -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the River Place Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit [pdxjazz.com](http://pdxjazz.com).

**Predators of the Serengeti** -- Come hear the roar as the Oregon Zoo shows off its newest and most ambitious exhibit with three African lions and other animals that are home to the Serengeti.

**Music Millennium Free Shows** -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.