

Community Events

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oring Sweet Baby James, Bobby Bradford and others with special guest Esperanza Spalding, City Hall.

Speakers

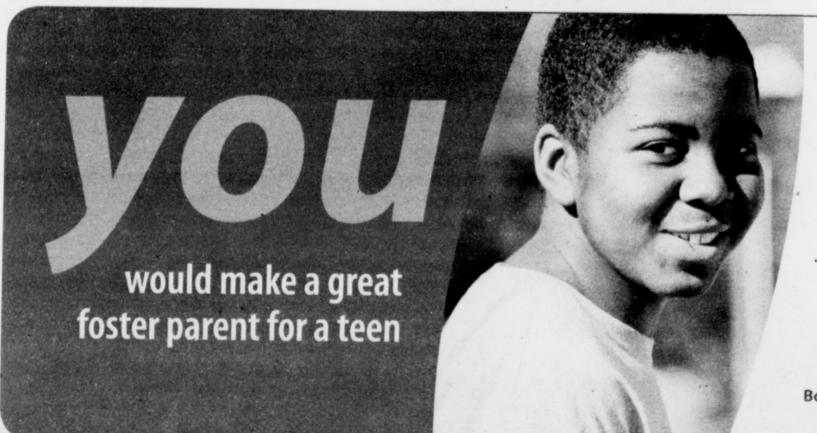
- Deliberate Destruction: A Look at the historical displacement of Portland's black community. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Emanuel Hospital and the Portland Development Commission demolished a black neighborhood for a planned - but never funded hospital expansion. The expansion exposed serious flaws in how the PDC operated while also demonstrating the housing constraints and discrimination faced by Portland's African American population. The legacy of the Emanuel Hospital project continues to echo today and newly discovered documents raise troubling questions about why the destruction was ever allowed. Presented by Professor Felicia Williams, Portland State University Black Studies Department; Monday, Feb. 7 at noon The Portland Building, 10th Floor, Lodgepole Room.
- Gwen Trice: Loggers Daughter, Thursday, Feb. 10 at noon, Water Pollution Control Lab, Bybee Conference Room.
- · Dr. Karen Gibson, PSU Urban planning Department, presents lecture on Albina's past as a vice district, Monday, Feb. 14 at noon at the Portland Building, 2nd Floor, Auditorium.

- Revisiting the 1968 "Report on the Problems of Racial Justice in Portland." Dr. Karen Gibson, PSU Urban Planning Department, presents a talk on the summer of riots and how the federal government appointed the Kernere Commission to look at the root causes. They found that racial injustice was pervasive and the Portland City Club came to the same conclusion when they examined the racial situation in Portland. Prof. Karen Gibson uses the 1968 Portland City Club Report "Problems of Racial Justice" to examine what Portland was like in the late 1960s and how the search for racial justice remains relevant today. Monday, Feb. 14 at noon, the Portland Building, 10th Floor, Lodgepole Room.
- "Black Political Power and the South African Anti-Apartheid Movement in Oregon." Dr. Ethan Johnson tells how the Civil Rights movement spurred black communities across the U.S. to become active in fighting racism in other countries, most notably in South Africa where apartheid was federal law. In Oregon, the anti-apartheid movement focused on divesting PERS money in the state accounts from businesses operating in South Africa, but doing that required the state legislature and the governor to pass unpopular legislation. Prof. Johnson looks at the racial context in Oregon during the 1970s and 1980s and how that shaped the Black-led anti-apartheid movement in Oregon with some surprising results. Monday, Feb. 28 at noon at the Portland Building, 10th Floor, Lodgepole Room.



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