

Waters of Change

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tory Project, mothers and fathers worked, so children were often left unattended. However, black and white residents of the crowded community learned to live next to each other.

"Vanport was one of the first school districts in the area to integrate," Washington said.

"I never expected to leave Vanport," he said. "Your home is where you sleep at night until something comes along and changes it."

Washington remembers on the day the flood came, his mother, along with the rest of the town, wanted to go and see the river. "All of a sudden the sirens went off," he said.

Washington's family ran back to their home, grabbed a suitcase, some images and some clothes, and then proceeded to what is now Denver Avenue to wait and see what would happen.

He said, his mother didn't believe him at first when he told her he saw a huge wave of water, until the waves kept coming in. "Everyone had expected to go home at night," he said. "But that was not to be."

Made possible by the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and the Black United Fund, the anniversary event provided residents with an insight into the former city.

To learn more about the history of the city of Vanport and the Columbia River, visit columbiaslough.org.

Obituaries

In Loving Memory

Shannon Branch-Gutierrez



Funeral services for Shannon Renée Branch-Gutierrez will be held Thursday, June 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Morning Star Baptist Church.

She was born to Clyde Phillips and Gayle Branch on June 1, 1966 in Portland. She is leaving behind her kids, Hahrahcio Branch, Shantonyio Givens, and Ladarius Givens, and her grandson Myshawn King. Arrangements by Terry Family Funeral Home.

Memorial Celebration

Horace 'Spurge' Simpson

A memorial celebration for Horace Spurgeon "Spurge" Simpson will be held Thursday, June 14 at 10 a.m. at Life Change Christian Center, 3635 N. Williams Ave.

He was born May 31, 1958 and died on May 27, 2012.

Arrangements are by Crown Memorial Services.



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For the ROSA PARKS Project

The Rosa Parks Project Committee is seeking community input for ideas about the project. We are creating an art piece to honor the civil rights movement, specifically Rosa Parks. We need your ideas and input. To help, please join us on June 10th. To begin the conversation about what the art piece will look like, please fill out this short survey.

Sunday, June 10, 2012

2:00-4:00PM

At June Key Delta Community Center
5940 N. Albina Ave Portland, Oregon 97217

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