

Proper Burial for Abandoned Girl

A newborn girl found dead on May 28 in a north Portland recycling center will be soon be laid to rest with a proper burial, thanks to several prominent community members and assistance from a crime victim's fund.

Described by police as African-American or of mixed raced, she weighed 5 1/4 pounds and was breathing at birth, according to the state

medical examiner's office.

No one has come forward to claim or identify the child.

Arranging for a gravesite memorial service are Marci Jackson of Portland's Crisis Response Team, Antoinette Edwards of the city's Office of Violence Prevention and Joyce Harris, of the African American Alliance.

The three women are also working to educa-

tion the public on the resources available under Oregon's Safe Haven law. If a mother cannot care for her child, she can bring the infant into a Safe Haven location and leave the baby with a responsible adult no questions asked and without the threat of arrest.

Safe Haven locations include a medical facility, fire station, police station, birthing center, and hospital.



New Roses at Peninsula Park

The planting of nearly 3,500 new, hardy and disease-resistant roses take bloom at the Peninsula Park Rose Garden in north Portland. The roses were planted last winter in advance of the park's centennial and a community celebration slated for Thursday, June 27.



Hannah Rice

Royalty Calls on Madison

A new queen has been crowned in the Rose City.

Madison High School senior Hannah Rose was chosen as 2013 Queen of the Portland Rose Festival Saturday. The 17-year-old is the first person to receive this honor from Madison in 39 years.

Rice plans to pursue a career in theatre, education, or psychology. She is a two-time state semifinalist in speech and debate, a section leader in her school choir, and copy editor of the Madison newspaper.

All selected princesses of the Rose Festival Court will be awarded a \$3,500 scholarship through the Randall Group.

Week in The Review

PSU Student Attacked

A female student was attacked on Portland State University's campus Saturday afternoon. Nate Justin Wheeler, 40, was arrested at his home in northwest Portland at 3:40 a.m. Tuesday. He faces two counts of first degree sexual abuse.

Homicide in Gresham

21-year-old Andreas Prince Jones was gunned down outside an apartment on 191st and Burnside Street Saturday. Police are calling this a gang-related shooting. The suspect has been described as a black man in his early 20s, with 2 inch dreadlocked hair, between 5 feet 11 inches and 6 feet 1 inch tall, and approximately 160 pounds.

Downtown Cross Burning

Police are looking for a man who is being accused burning a cross on the sidewalk of West Burnside Street and Broadway. He has been described as a white male, 30-50 years old, 6 feet tall, medium build, brown hair, possible beard, wearing a hat and blue jeans.

Wants Straight Answers

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., a critic of government domestic surveillance programs, warned Director of National Intelligence James Clapper on Tuesday that he must give "straight answers" about the extent of spying on Americans. Wyden made it plain that he doesn't think Clapper offered up the whole truth in a March hearing before Congress.



Nelson Mandela Hospitalized

Former South African president Nelson Mandela was in serious condition Tuesday being treated in intensive care for a recurring lung infection. The 94-year-old was hospitalized on Saturday. He became particularly prone to repertory problems during his 27-year imprisonment during the country's apartheid-era

49ers Stadium Death

Tuesday morning a subcontractor was accidentally killed while working on the San Francisco 49ers new stadium. The man was at the bottom of the elevator shaft, when another worker accidentally dropped a counter weight, killing him.

Black Fatherhood

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So he began creating "The Black Fatherhood Project" in search of some explanations, without knowing what all the answers he would find. He went into the community and interviewed an array of African-American fathers, about their experience and why they have become such an anomaly.

Thierry himself comes from a long line of patronage; he can trace a line of his own fathers and grandfathers that have been present in the lives of their children seven generations back.

Of his own lineage of fathers, he said, "I think it's just critical to have that unbroken link, it sets an example for the next generation and

creates a norm." "It was expected."

His documentary uses a host of examples to outline how fatherhood has been defined in the past, how roles have been melded and shifted, and attempts to explain how examples of the past can serve as models for the future.

One example of tradition used prominently in the film comes from Africa, specifically the idea that it takes a whole group of people to look out for and care for a child, also known as "It takes a village," mentality.

"If you look at traditional African societies and some of the family systems they used to sustain themselves, I think that's the best example you can use today to inspire black people," he said.

An Aloha High School graduate, who went on to earn a bachelor degree in journalism and communications at the University of Oregon and a master's degree in mass communications and media studies at Howard University, Thierry said he had a "plethora" of role models growing up.

He points out that often times if a father is present it is likely that there will be more males around to help guide and support a child which can be beneficial for both genders.

That is not the reality for many African-Americans coming up today. According to the Census Bureau, 64 percent of African-American children live in fatherless homes. And according to Thierry the numbers are only growing worse.

His theory is that the cycle absenteeism is much less a result of a lack of desire and much more likely the result of centuries of

bad messaging and the systematic separation of many black males from their families.

In the wide spectrum of information targeted at black males, "fatherhood wasn't included in that, and I think eventually we began to buy into that, he said.

Even after the endless months of research, interviews, and filming, Thierry says his movie venture does not provide an ultimate answer to increasing the number of black fathers but provides a wealth of insight into how the disparity began, which he hopes will provide some stepping stones to remedying families across the nation.

"The Black Fatherhood Project," premiered in February. Thierry says he will be removing the movie from his website soon, but it can still be viewed for free by visiting blackfatherhoodproject.com.

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