

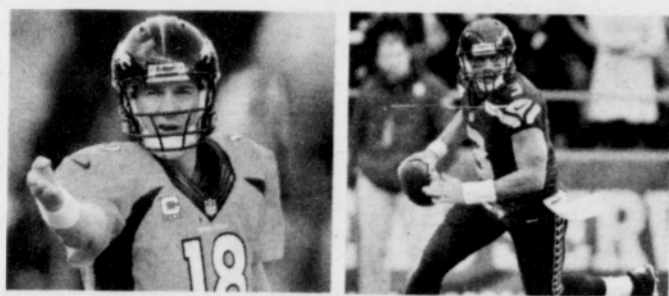
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LOCAL NEWS Improving Lives

Portland leader honored by Concordia University

A longtime leader from Portland black community is being recognized for her impact on the state.

Kay Toran, president and chief executive officer of Volunteers of America, will receive Concordia University's 3rd Annual Gov. Victor Atiyeh Leadership in Education Award during a presentation on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Portland Art Museum.

The event, sponsored by HotChalk Inc., inspires education innovation in the region and celebrates Concordia's role in striving to prepare the region's best teachers, while raising money for Concordia student scholarships.

Proceeds also support the university's "LaunchPad: Middle



Kay Toran

School Matters" at Faubion School K-8, located next door to Concordia in northeast Portland.

Sir Ken Robinson, internationally recognized author, speaker and visionary cultural leader, will deliver the keynote address.

Toran, has made significant contributions to improving the lives of Oregonians, working tirelessly to better the lives of the most vulnerable, marginalized and

underserved members of our community.

On the topic of education, Toran says, "All children can learn. The promise of America – the reason we embraced and funded public education – is because we said 'every child in the United States will have an opportunity for an education,' and I believe that to the core of my soul. What I hope we can achieve in the very short term is to make sure that all children have that high quality education from early childhood through college."

Toran has led Volunteers of America – Oregon for the past 14 years, improving the lives of Oregon's children, families, and seniors through high-quality services. She currently serves on the board of the Oregon Education Investment Board, The ChalkBoard Project and the Oregon Community Foundation, among others.

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Police Use of Force Hearing Set

Community members encouraged to testify

The Portland Human Rights Commission is encouraging all community members to testify at an upcoming fairness hearing if they have experienced what they consider unreasonable use of force by members of the Police Bureau, or if they can testify to unreasonable use of force used against a friend or family member.

The Fairness Hearing will take place at 9 a.m. on Feb. 18 at Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse,

1000 S.W. Third Ave., in Courtroom 13B.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform has also organized several community forums in preparation for the hearing. Two upcoming sessions are scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. at the St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central St.; and Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rosewood Community Center, 16126 S.E. Stark St.

If community members cannot attend these events, the AMA Coalition is available to help with preparing

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Prostitution Tied to Hawaii Murder

Eight Portland area men accused of being pimps in the sexual exploitation of young women were charged Monday with transporting women to Hawaii and other states for prostitution.

One of the defendants, Mark "Meezilini" Miles, 36, was charged in connection with transporting last year, a trip that resulted in her

death.

The federal indictments charge the men with violating the Mann Act and the Travel Act by transporting young women from Portland across the country for prostitution, including to Honolulu, Las Vegas, and Anchorage.

The other men charged are Steven "Flawless" Huffman Jr., 40; Jorge "Baby Slim" Ortega,

Jr., 32; Jermaine "Chocolate" Hankins, 38; Michael "Mackin Mike" Willis Jr., 28; DeShawne "The Don" Howard, 23; Samuel "Sammega" Howard Jr., 32; and Camillio "Killa" Carradine, 33.

Harris was killed in Hawaii last May. A U.S. Marine has been charged with murder in connection with her death and is awaiting trial.