

# People's Bridge

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Chet Orloff said the Native American name was selected because it holds the "most promise to connect the people of our region today with the long past of people who have been here for thousands of years, and to connect with future generations."

While the spelling "Tillicum" was initially proposed, the Committee selected "Tilikum" because that is how the first people who lived here spelled the word. The word is Chinook Wawa, an international language used by first Oregonians, and later spoken by explorers, fur traders, settlers and the first few generations of Portlanders. Chinook Wawa is still spoken today.

Tilikum means people, tribe and relatives and has come to mean friendly people and friends.

"Tilikum symbolizes coming together," said Orloff. "It conveys connections, in not only the relationships between people, but in the connections we will make as we

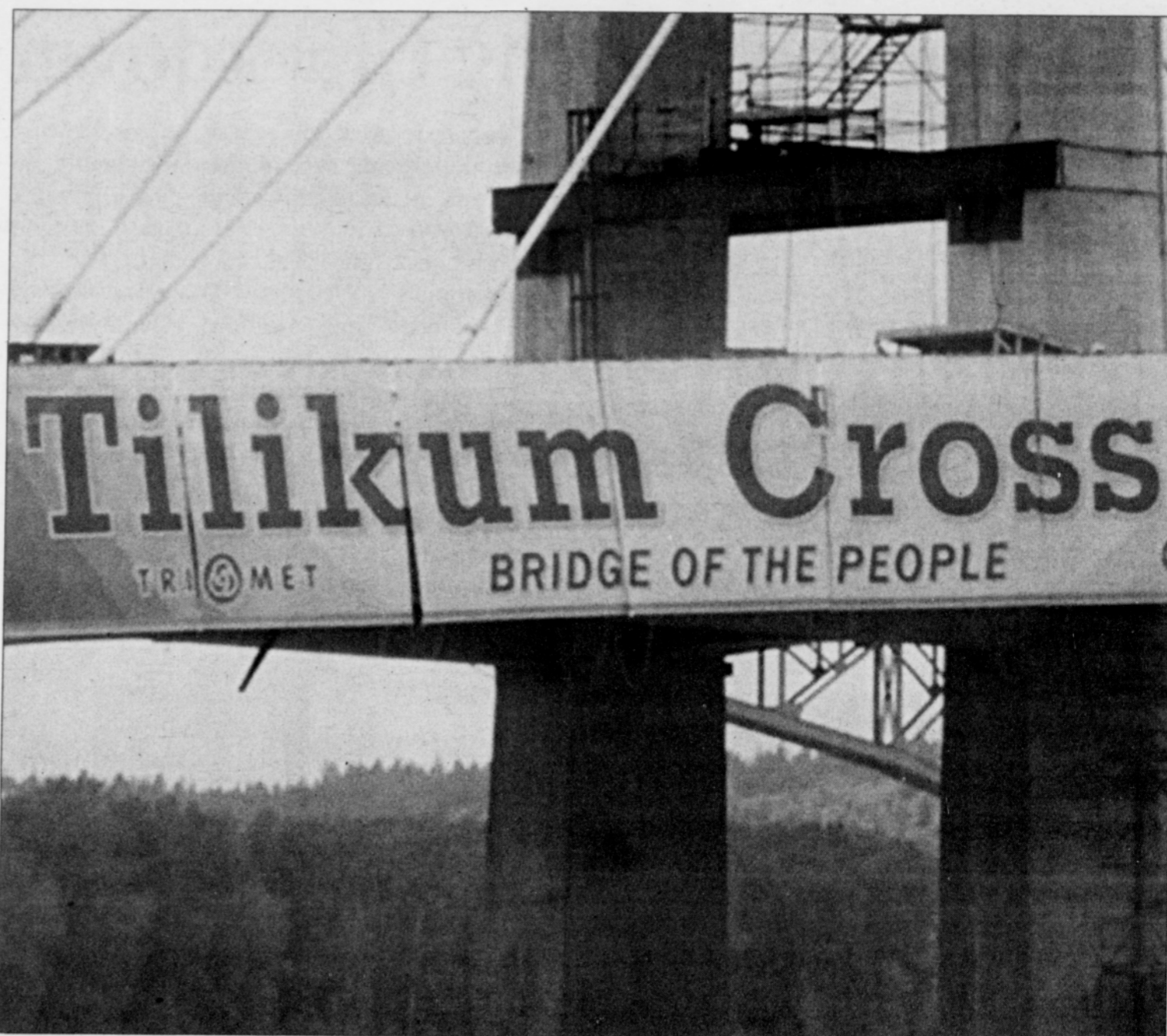
ride, walk, run and cycle across this beautiful new bridge."

Chinookans are indigenous peoples and tribes who have lived near the Columbia and Willamette rivers for 14,000 years. However, Chinook jargon is not the language of any one tribe.

A sampling of public submissions in favor of "Tilikum" spoke to its honor of Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest who used this word to name a friend, or refer to the common people.

"This is a people's bridge (not a car bridge) in more ways than one. This name also ties us to the past and present through this Northwest Native American word," said one of the commentators.

The bridge, the first built over the Willamette River in Portland in more than 40 years, will be the first cable-stayed bridge for the region, extending 1,720 feet (.326 miles) over the river. The bridge alignment is Southwest Porter Street on the west side and Southeast Sherman Street on the east side.



A banner reveals the name for TriMet's new bridge over the Willamette River.

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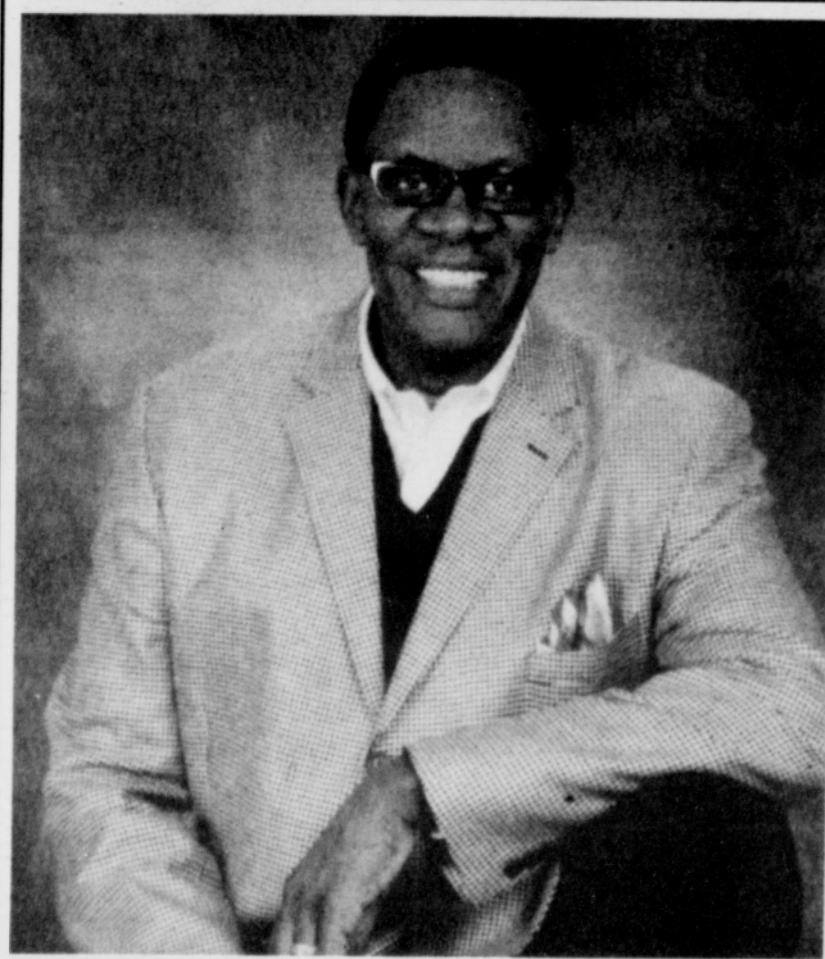
A public display of artwork honoring the positive impact the Fair Housing Act has had on society is featured this month at Beaverton City Hall, 4755 S.W. Griffith Dr.

In 1968, President Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act, which protects an individual against discrimination when they seek out a prospective home. To recognize Fair Housing Month, the Beaverton Arts Commission is showcasing art

that captures the essence of home.

"I'm impressed with the art and how it conveys this important message of fairness," said Mayor Doyle. "Each piece shows the artists' unique and personal perspective, while still capturing the emotion of home."

All of the artwork is for sale. Beaverton City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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