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The Week in Review

Family's Bodies Found in Lake

After the body of a 3-year-old boy was pulled from Hagg Lake in Washington County on Monday, three more bodies were recovered from the same lake Tuesday. Investigators say the victims were the boy's 42-year-old grandmother, 25-year-old mother and 13-year-old brother. At this point, no information has been released indicating what may have happened leading to the four deaths.

Oregon Homeless Man Accepts Cyrus' Award



Instead of accepting her MTV Video Music Award on Sunday night, Miley Cyrus sent a young homeless man from Oregon up to the stage on her behalf to draw attention to youth homelessness. The man, later identified as Jesse Helt of Salem, described a population of 1.6 million

runaways and homeless youth in the United States, who are starving, lost, and scared for their lives, "I know this because I am one of these people," he said.

Oregon Sues Oracle

Friday, Oregon Attorney Ellen Rosenblum sued Oracle America Inc. and a number of its high-level executives, for defrauding Oregonians in connection with the organizations failure to provide a timely and functional health exchange website. The civil complaint, demands recovery of the state's and Cover Oregon's financial loses, and penalties for the damages caused by Oracle fraud and racketeering.

Simpsons Mural in Springfield

Hundreds turned out for the festivities as a mural honoring popular television series "The Simpsons" was unveiled in Springfield, Ore. On hand for Monday's big event was actress Yeardley Smith, the voice of Bart Simpson's little sister, Lisa, on the animated sitcom.



Series creator Matt Groening grew up in Portland.

Mike Brown Grand Jury Make-up

The racial makeup of the grand jury in the police shooting death investigation of Ferguson, Mo. teenager Mike Brown was released last week. There is one black man, two black women, six white men and three white women on the 12memberpanel.

Portland Responds to Ferguson

Shockwave shared at 'healing conference"

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In response to the police shooting of Mike Brown in Ferguson, Mo., Portland stage actress Chantal DeGroat hosted a Ferguson healing conference at the Shaking the Tree Theater in southeast Portland Sunday.

Actors, artists, writers, and creatives from around the city joined to discuss the shockwave of pain felt in the black community in light of Brown's death and the Ferguson police's subsequent reaction.

The event awoke memories for many of the long history of police brutality in the United States targeted at black people.

People of all backgrounds were invited to bring artwork, sing songs, recite poetry, and read statements on Ferguson.

Don Kenneth Mason of Portland Center Stage sang a traditional black spiritual, "Lord How Get Me Here."

Afterwards, some students from the August Wilson Red Door Project shared personal stories and a poem.

Hailey Kilgore, 15, of Clackamas High School, shared thoughts on growing up with white parents and being pursued in stores while shopping.

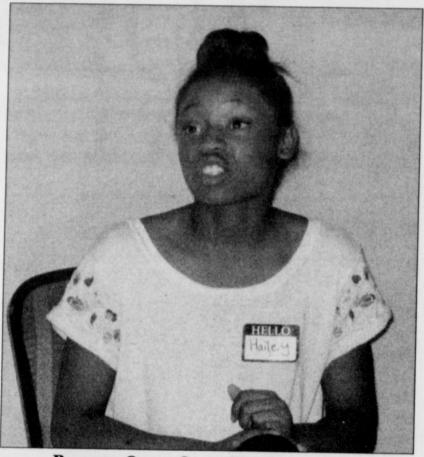


PHOTO BY OLIVIA OLIVIA/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Hailey Kilgore of Clackamas High School shared her experiences of racial profiling and other subjects at a Portland healing conference organized in response to the shooting of Mike Brown in Ferguson, Mo.

Mourners Remember Michael Brown

Emotional service calls for action on civil rights

(AP) — The mourners filled an enormous church to remember Michael Brown - recalling him as a "gentle giant," aspiring rapper and recent high school graduate on his way to a technical college.

But the funeral that unfolded Monday was about much more than the black 18-year-old who lay in the closed casket after being shot to death by a white police officer. The emotional service sought to consecrate Brown's death as another in the long history of the civil rights movement and implored black Americans to change their protest chants into legislation and law.

"Show up at the voting booths. Let your voices be heard, and let everyone know that we have had enough of all of this," said Eric Davis, one of Brown's cousins.

The Rev. Al Sharpton called for a movement to clean up police forces and the communities they serve.

"We're not anti-police. We respect police. But those police that are wrong need to be dealt with just like those in our community that are wrong need to be dealt with," Sharpton said.

Two uncles remembered how Brown had once predicted that someday the whole world would know his name.

"He did not know he was offering up a divine prophecy," Bernard Ewing said.



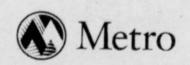
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