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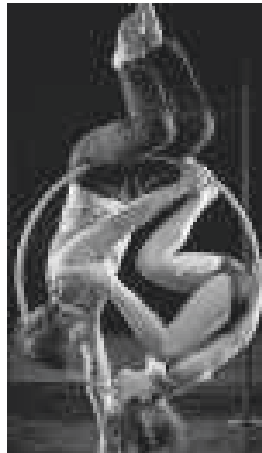
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## LOCAL NEWS

# All Lives Matter

### Lesson in justice turns to a call for action

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As students rehearse their speeches in the wings behind the stage, teachers, parents, family, staff, and community members file into the Ockley Green Middle School auditorium. They are about to see a presentation on how racial profiling and stand-your-ground laws unfairly favor white killers over black victims.

The assembly is a project of the north Portland school's Mock Trial team, a campus group that studies and re-enacts legal cases for students interested in law and justice.

As the lights dim, student after student goes on stage to give a presentation and a slideshow begins on the life and death of Trayvon Martin, the young African American male from Florida killed two years ago in a confrontation with George Zimmerman, a so-called neighborhood watch captain.

Members of the Ockley Green team testify to the humanity of students of color and ask the community, and particularly law enforcement, to take the lives of all people



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Reco Garland (left) and Rohan Singh from north Portland's Ockley Green Middle School describe their experiences learning about Trayvon Martin's death and the pitfalls of racial profiling and stand-your-ground laws.

more seriously.

An overwhelming diverse school with large black and Latino populations, the students share the feelings of fear and discomfort they had when Martin's killer was set free. And despite being shielded from the news of the killing and subsequent trial by parents, many of the students describe the Martin case as their first real encounter with a high profile murder of a young black person.

Eighth grader Reco Garland

shared his experience. "I watched the news, my parents were there with me. I was sad he basically got killed for no reason. I felt like I can't even go outside my house to go to school. I was scared for life. It led to a talk - a talk I learned black boys have been getting for years."

The talk is the warning many young black males get about the dangers of being mistakenly accused by police officers and other

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