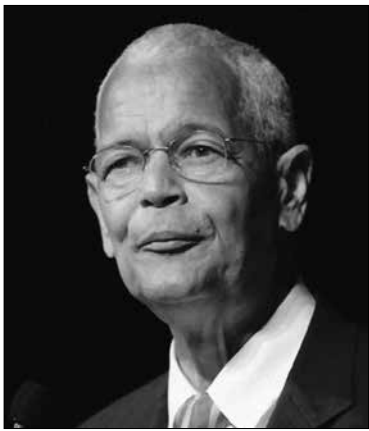


The Week in Review



Civil Rights Activist Dies

Civil rights activist and Ex-NAACP chairman Julian Bond passed away at the age of 75 on Saturday after battling with illness, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center. Bond is well known for having helped found the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in the 1960s.

North Portland Shooting

A North Portland home was hit by gunfire early Tuesday morning, but authorities say none of the three occupants were hit. One of the residents called police, who arrived around 5:15 a.m. but could not find suspects or motivation.

Singer's Speech Censored

Singer Janelle Monáe had her speech cut as she opened up about Black Lives Matter on the 'Today' show. NBC cut away as Monáe was making a speech after her Friday performance of "Hell You Talmbout," news outlets reported. The song names African-American

icans killed in officer-involved shootings.

Transient Man Stabbed

Portland police are investigating a stabbing that occurred under the westside of the Burnside Bridge on Monday night. The attacker fled before authorities could figure out who he was. The victim was transported to a Portland hospital where he was treated for traumatic injuries.

Birthday Party Shooting

A Portland man was shot and injured Sunday following an argument at a child's birthday party at Laurelhurst Park. Ejante S. Paden, 20, was transported to the Legacy Emanuel Hospital, but was unwilling to cooperate in the investigation, police said. Witnesses say the male shooter was between 25 and 30 years old, about 5-foot-8 with a medium build and wearing all black clothes.

First Trans Woman in White House

Reports say that the White House has hired its first openly transgender staff member, Raffi Freedman-Gurspan is a director in the Office of Personnel according to an announcement the White House made on Tuesday. LGBT advocates say she is the first openly transgender woman of color to have such a role.

Escaped Prisoner Caught

A Columbia River Correctional Institution inmate who escaped custody last week was caught on Friday when U.S. Marshals found him in Fairview. Danny Spillers is charged with escape. A woman who is believed to have helped him escape is also under arrest.



In this July 17 photo, President Barack Obama meets with Emma Didlake, 110, the oldest known World War II veteran, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, D.C.

Oldest Veteran Dies at 110

'Big Mama' was trailblazer for generations

(AP) — An African-American woman who was believed to be the nation's oldest veteran at 110 has died, about a month after meeting President Barack Obama in the Oval Office.

Emma Didlake died Sunday in West Bloomfield, Mich., northwest of Detroit. She was a 38-year-old wife and mother of five when she signed up in 1943 for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. She served about seven months stateside during the war, as a private and driver.

She spent time with the president in July during a trip to Washington that was arranged by Talons Out Honor Flight, a southwest Michigan chapter of a national nonprofit that provides free, one-day trips for veterans to visit monuments and memorials in the nation's capital.

"Emma Didlake served her country with dis-

tingtion and honor, a true trailblazer for generations of Americans who have sacrificed so much for their country," Obama said Monday afternoon in a statement. "I was humbled and grateful to welcome Emma to the White House last month, and Michelle and I send our deepest condolences to Emma's family, friends, and everyone she inspired over her long and quintessentially American life."

Didlake was born in Alabama and moved with her family to Detroit in 1944. She was known to her family as "Big Mama" and recently moved to an assisted living family in suburban Detroit.

She was deemed the oldest U.S. veteran based on information gleaned by Honor Flight representatives through national outreach campaigns.

Granddaughter Marilyn Horne told The Associated Press last month that when Talons Out officials presented her grandmother with a short-sleeved shirt bearing the group's logo to wear on the trip to Washington, Didlake took a look and said: "I don't have Michelle Obama arms — I'm going to need a jacket."

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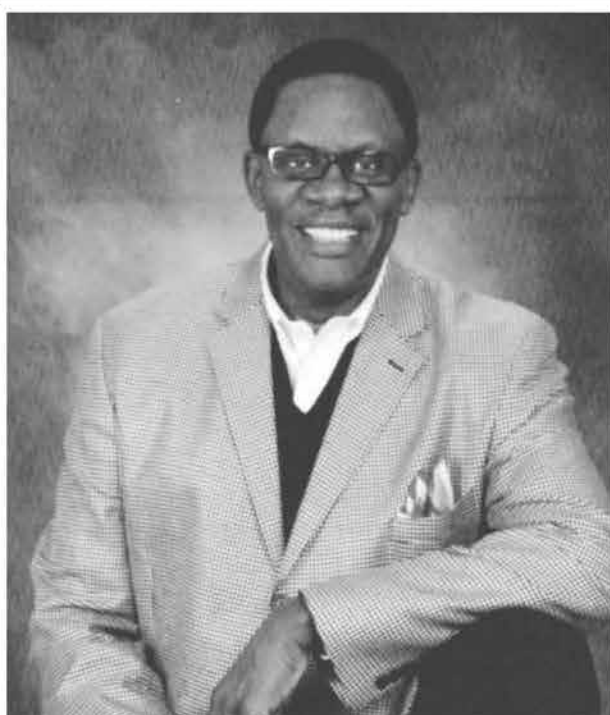
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