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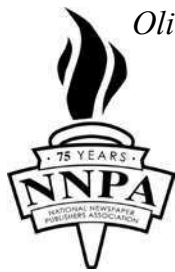
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# Home Ownership Help Offered

## Free housing fair Saturday at Legacy Emanuel Hospital

Portland's African American Alliance for Homeownership is hosting its 17th Annual Black Homeownership Fair on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium in north Portland.

The free and open to the public event provides tips and resources for buying a home, especially for disadvantaged residents, and will feature new and successful black homeowners as public speakers.

The fair also features a "Homes for

Sale Bus Tour," designed to encourage and inspire potential home buyers. A chartered bus will take up to 35 people to about 10 homes for sale within the surrounding neighborhood. The tour is free to attend but seats will be limited.

Information on first-time homeownership lending and current housing market conditions will also be provided thanks to Chase Bank and Urbane Realty. A Renters State of Emergency information session presented by the Community Alliance of Tenants is planned along with several free workshops, and the chance to visit with over 40 housing professionals.

The African American Alliance for Homeownership also offers support and

counseling to thousands of Portland residents facing foreclosure. The goal is to increase the numbers of people in the black community who own and retain their own property in the city.

The housing is open to families, offering children's activities, homeownership-related door prizes, including a \$1,000 down payment grant, and a variety of gift cards. A free lunch will be open to all fair visitors from noon to 1 p.m. The fair opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m.

The Portland Observer is sponsoring this year's fair to support homeownership opportunities. For more information, visit [aaah.org](http://aaah.org).

### Body Camera Policy Review

Portland's mayor, police chief and other police brass are asking for public input as they draft a policy for using body-worn cameras. The police bureau plans on purchasing cameras in January and begin equipping about 600 patrols officers and sergeants next spring.

### Fatal Gunfire Downtown

A man gunned down behind a downtown nightclub Sunday night has been identified as Dion Anthony Matthews Jr., 23, of northeast Portland. Police say he was killed by gunfire and are asking for the public's help to identify a suspect.

### Black Lives Debate Wanted

The #BlackLivesMatter network is asking the Democratic National Committee to schedule a debate between its presidential candidates exclusive to issues impacting black Americans. "Those of us who (reluctantly) gave our votes to the Democratic Party deserve more robust forums on issues of particular concern to our communities," the activists wrote Tuesday.

## The Week in Review

### Arrested Student Welcomed



Ahmed Mohamed, the Texas student who was arrested and suspended from high school for bringing a homemade clock to class, attended a science event at the White House Monday. Ahmed got a personal invitation from President Barack Obama for "Astronomy Night." The two met and chatted briefly during the event.

### Man Sentenced in Beating Case

A man who beat a stranger in the face with a sock full of rocks was sentenced to 10 years in prison Monday. James Lynn Edwards was seen in a Plaid Pantry surveillance video striking Kenneth Wayne Brum-

mel a dozen times in the head even after being knocked unconscious. The 48-year-old lost an eye after the attack last May.

### Improving after Overdose

Lamar Odom, the former professional basketball player and estranged husband of celebrity Khloé Kardashian, was transferred to a medical treatment facility in Los Angeles Monday after being critically injured in an apparent drug overdose at a Nevada brothel a week earlier. Odom is on dialysis and may need a kidney transplant according to relatives, but is also alert and improving.



### Man Found In River

A body pulled from the Willamette River on Friday has been identified as Manuel Gonzales Pena Jr., 48, of San Jose, Calif. The medical examiner said he died by drowning and there were no signs of trauma. Anyone with more information is encouraged to come forward.

## Barbecue Never Tasted Sweeter

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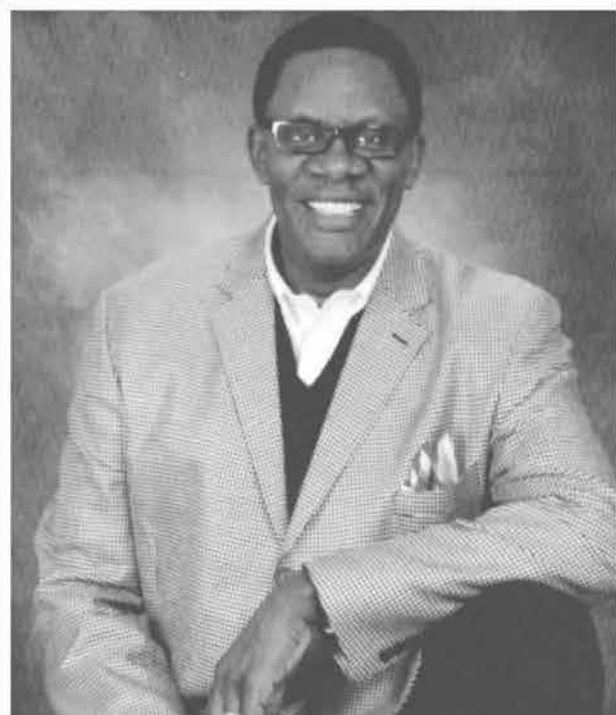
Previous set ups in Aloha, and in southwest and southeast Portland went on the skids. In 2012, Varnado relocated from Southwest Macadam Avenue when a

nearby resident filed a lawsuit, claiming smoke from his barbecue grills was getting into her apartment and eyes, requiring the installation of "expensive air-cleaning devices."

"I've been run out of a lot of places

now," said Varnado, "but you know how Portland can be. Might not have been the color of my smoke but the color of my skin that drove me out of Macadam!"

Reo's Ribs will celebrate their grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 31, welcoming the neighborhood to taste their flavorful barbecue and soul food cuisine.



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