

From MLK to Today

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new voices to local protests, self-care events, and other activities in which new leaders and alliances have emerged. Being able to cover the progress being made and difficulties that remain has been an honor. The passing of the baton

from one generation to the next is visible, and our goal in many ways is to highlight these social justice activists, poets, queer students of color, participants of Occupy Portland, members of Black Lives Matter, and others who follow in MLK's path.

Inside, find stories on what

it's like to join the justice movement, read about a former homeless black youth who leveled up to executive director of a local nonprofit, and experience the joy of two blossoming young writers and artists who are Portland's first Youth Poet Laureates, amongst others.

We are so excited to share this issue with you and thank all our readers and supporters.

Obituary

In Loving Memory Arnold Anthony Pitre

Arnold Anthony Pitre was born on Nov. 20, 1945 in Vancouver to William Joseph Pitre and Wilma Lee Pitre.

He was baptized at an early age and became a member of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church where he was active in attending Sunday school and singing in the children's choir.

He grew up in north and northeast Portland, attending Boise Elementary, Benson High and graduating from Roosevelt High in 1963. Shortly after graduation, he joined the Air Force and achieved the rank of Airman 3 with posts in Texas, Colorado, Guam and California before his honorable discharge in 1967.

Returning to Portland, he attended Portland Community College and studied business administration receiving his associate's degree. He then studied at Portland State University where he met the love of his life, Judi. They married in July 1971 and from this union they raised four sons Kevin, Anthony, William and Tyrone.

To know Arnold was to love him. He had a way of always making others feel good and he had an uncanny and innate abil-



ity to make others laugh and relax. He was quite the prankster and was always able to find comedy in just about any situation.

He was also blessed with the gift of music. He played a variety of musical instruments, including piano, flute, harmonica and drums. He was an excellent vocalist and sang with the "Rose City Street Corner Singers," "Sons of Thunder," as well as the bass clefs at his church home. He also was quite the actor, performing locally in live theatre productions as well as a children's video. He hosted a local jazz show at KBOO radio for a number of years.

He worked and served in the

community in many ways. He worked at Nabisco, Freightliner, and for the IRS as an auditor for a time before launching his own business "Pitre & Sons painting/contracting services." Along the way he was also a property manager for the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, a Section 8 inspector for the Housing Authority of Portland, and a field operations manager for S. Brooks and Associates.

He leaves to cherish precious memories his wife Judi; his mother Wilma Lee Pitre; his sister Diane Jackson; brother-in-law Sam Jackson; his brother Billy Pitre; and sister-in-law Geri; his four sons Kevin, Anthony, William, & Tyrone; daughter-in-laws, Angela, Casey, Devon, and Rebecca; grandkids, Angelique, Antonio, Alexis, Jazmine, Tymone, Izaiah, Eric, Kainnen, Xayvier, Aspyn, Kylea, Alaisha, Jaleyah, La'Rayea, Kahmari, Neveah, Aniyah, Rashad, Kierra, and Nasren; nephew Michael (Julie) Rahsaan and niece Erica (Sam) West. He was a beloved family member and also leaves a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends to cherish his memory.

In Loving Memory

Keith James

A memorial service was held Sunday in Portland for Keith James, a long time resident who died recently in California.

He was born May 30, 1965 to Herman and Charlene James in Redding, Calif. He was born with a twin brother, Kenneth.


Keith loved motorcycles, and was active member in the Aftermath Motorcycle Club of Sacramento until failing health caused him to retire.

He leaves to mourn his mother, Charlene James of Portland; brothers, Kenneth James (Bridget) of Sacramento, and John "JJ" Allen of Portland; sisters, Nadine Washington and Thelma Johnson, both of Portland; three sons, Keith Jr., Larry and



Larome James of Portland, seven grandchildren; one aunt, Virginia Crockett of Portland; and two uncles, Charles Baldwin of Sacramento and Robert Baldwin of Portland.

He also leaves his brothers and sisters of the Aftermath Club, countless friends and other relatives, and one very special friend, Kathleen of Portland.



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