

**Kate Brown Sworn In**

Making it clear that the fight for equality will not retreat after the most bitter and divisive national election in memory, Kate Brown was sworn in to her first full term as governor of Oregon Monday. In her speech, she outlined plans to address job creation, reforming Oregon's tax system, public transportation funding, passing gun control legislation and expanding the state's Medicaid program for all children.



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ple with disabilities because of \$338 in back due rent.

**Bracing for More Snow**

Just as Portland began to thaw out from a weekend of snow and freezing rain, a new storm front is expected to hit the city overnight Tuesday into Wednesday morning, bringing an accumulation of 1-4 inches of snow.

**Merkley Wants Registry Ban**

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon introduced legislation Friday that would block the creation of any national immigration-related registry program that classifies people based upon their religion, race, age, gender, ethnicity, national origin or citizenship. "Contrary to the President-elect's beliefs, America's di-

versity is not a threat; it is, in fact our greatest strength," Merkley said.

**PCC Chair Quits Post**

The chair of Portland Community College board has resigned to protest a recent decision to make the college a sanctuary campus. Gene Pitts said his concern was for students losing their federal Pell grants, should the federal government under the Trump administration penalize sanctuary designations that deny federal immigration enforcement.

**Viola Davis Honored**

"Moonlight," the critically and audience acclaimed coming of age story of an African American boy in the South won Best Motion Picture at the Golden Globe Awards Sunday. Viola Davis won Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Rose in Denzel Washington's directorial adaptation of August Wilson's "Fences."



Firefighters respond when a fire erupts at the Hotel Alder, displacing low-income housing residents, downtown.

## Fire Victims Given Shelter

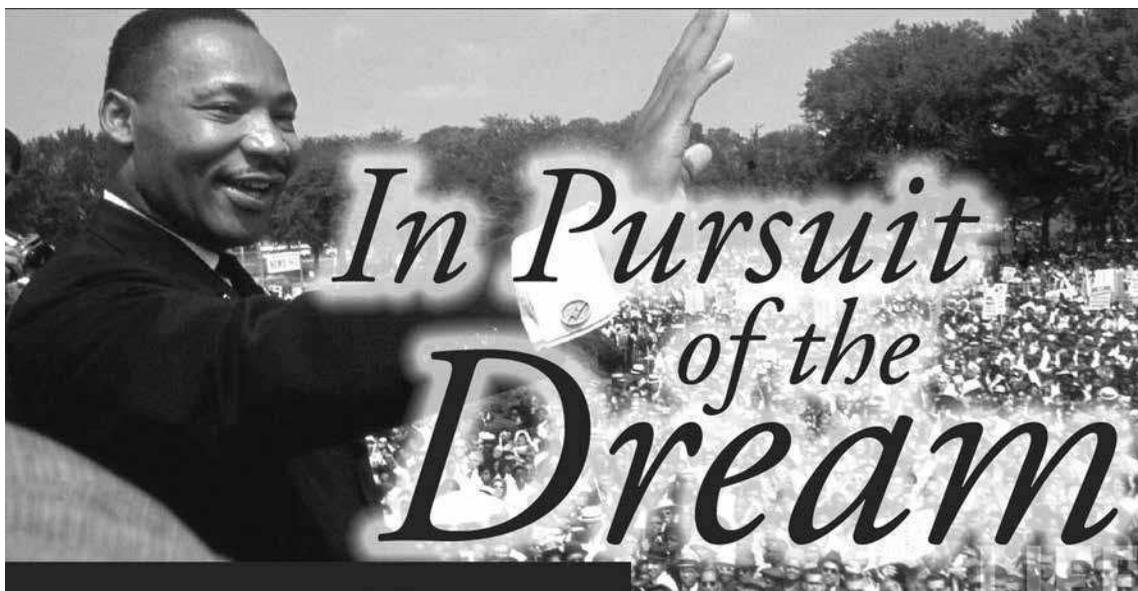
Central City Concern, the housing provider which operates the low-income Hotel Alder apartments, hopes to find permanent housing by the end of the week for 62 residents displaced by a fire at the complex. Repairs to the building may allow other residents to return in two weeks, officials said.

The Jan. 4 fire displaced 98 residents in total. Many were given temporary shelter within a few hours of the fire at a nearby church and later at a new temporary shelter at Portland State University's Howard Hall. Red Cross volun-

teers also helped with replacing eye glasses, prescriptions, serving warm meals and providing beds for 70 people. Other residents stayed with loved ones.

Officials have determined that the 3 alarm fire was caused by the historic building's mechanical problems. Significant water and smoke damage affected three floors.

Central City Concern is accepting cash donations, emergency clothing and other items to help fire victims. Visit [centralcityconcern.org/donates](http://centralcityconcern.org/donates).

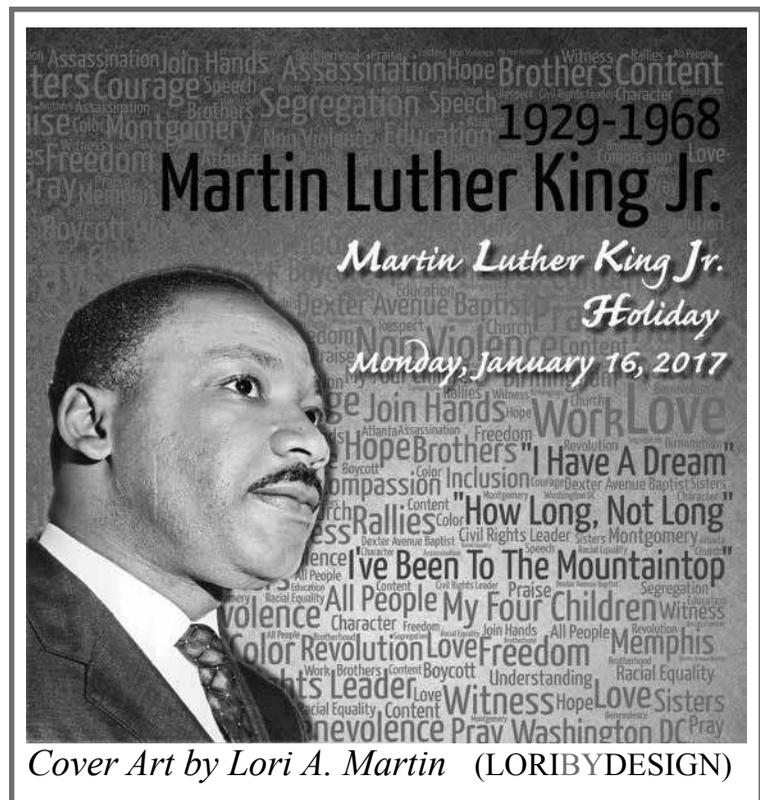


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