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Red Hamilton of Don't Shoot PDX leads a Reclaim Martin Luther King March Sunday down Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the King statue at the Oregon Convention Center.

# Reclaiming the Dream

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Karen Haberman Trusty kept her arms deep into her pockets and shuffled her feet to stay warm. A member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) during King's civil rights era, Trusty participated in lunch counter sit-ins for desegregation for which she was arrested and spent some time in jail. A lifelong activist engaged in social justice work, she was awarded the Martin Luther King "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2010 by Portland's World Arts Foundation.

"To me, Black Lives Matter is the new SNCC," she told the Portland Observer.

Her friend, Margaret-Ann Jones,

a retired social worker and long time queer advocate who teams with other individuals and groups to build bridges and empower people across boundaries of color, age, and gender, gave a shout out to a black woman with a tiny jeweled crown and a silk sash which read Miss Idaho 2015-2016.

"I can't believe that a woman of color was made Miss Idaho," she exclaimed.

The Portland Observer asked the title holder, Tamika Jefferson, what brought her to the march and she confidently replied that the event was a perfect opportunity for her to help keep Dr. King's legacy alive.

Teresa Raiford, founder and lead organizer of Don't Shoot Port-

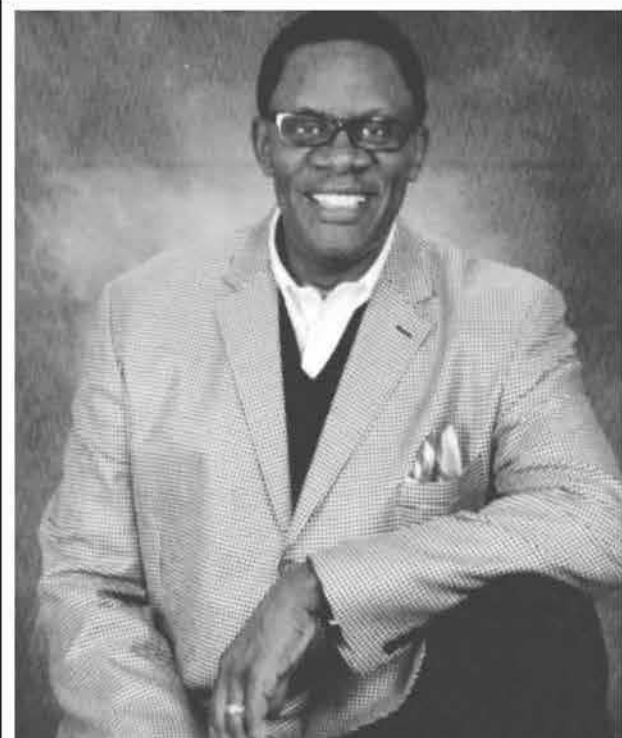
land, announced on a red and white bullhorn: "Mic check, mic check. We're going to begin the march at 2 p.m." Quiet and composed, Raiford's presence was a surprise to some of the folks gathered, as she's been contending with some health issues in the recent week.

Raiford unveiled a 3 by 5 foot multicolored banner with images depicting a group of black people who have been killed in deadly force police incidents, such as Michael Brown of Ferguson, Mo. and Sandra Bland of Waller County, Texas. The banner was designed by a young student named Mia at De La Salle North Catholic High School.

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