



ABOUT THE PORTLAND OBSERVER:

In 1989, Joyce Washington purchased the Portland Observer, a northeast Portland weekly serving diverse communities. The newspaper's corporate name, Cory Publishing commemorates Cory Washington (right) one of the first and most-involved staff members of the paper. Joyce Washington studied sociology at Portland Community College and Portland State University. She passed in March 1996 but her legacy lives on today with Mark and Rakeem Washington overseeing the daily operations and publication of the paper, and who are both heavily involved in supporting the youth of Portland.



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