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Benson High School Principal Curtis Wilson Jr. (center) is joined by his wife Yushonna, and son Andrew, as he receives a Lifetime Achievement Award at The World Arts Foundation's annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. held last Monday at the Highland Center on Northeast Glisan Street.

MLK Tribute Honors

Two longtime members of the African American community, Portland Observer Publisher Mark Washington and Benson High School Principal Curtis Wilson Jr., were among the over a dozen individuals and organizations to receive Lifetime Achievement Awards at the 34th consecutive Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Wilson was recognized during

the MLK holiday celebration for his efforts of achieving a high graduation rate and low dropout rate at the majority-black Benson High School. Washington was recognized for carrying the torch of Oregon's oldest, continuous minority publication, the Portland Observer, now in its 49th year of operation.

The program, which was held at Highland Center at 7600 N.E.

Glisan St., also honored former Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith, former City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, Dr. Rosa Colquitt, Bill Deiz, Mary Harvey, Aneesah Furqan-Peace, Laverne Davis, Angela Jenkins, Stefana Berceanu, Michael Sweeney, Bernard Brian Quinn, Calvin Walker, and Jimmy "Bang Bang" Walker (posthumously).



Portland Observer Publisher Mark Washington (second from right) enjoys the festivities of the 34th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute with his children and grandchildren, where he received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Week in Review

Measles Cases Grow in Vancouver; Also Reach Oregon

Public Health officials said the number of confirmed measles cases in the Vancouver area hit 36 on Tuesday, with another 12 possible cases in Clark County and one confirmed case in Oregon. The spread of the disease has been fueled by low immunization rates in both states.

Raiford Case Thrown Out

Portland activist Tereasa Raiford's \$500,000 civil lawsuit against the city for false arrest was thrown out of court just as trial was scheduled to start on Monday. Judge Leslie Bottomly ruled the 'Don't Shoot Portland' leader was not entitled to damages because police had probable cause to arrest her for interfering with an officer during the 2015 protest.



Immigrant Advocate Sues

Attorneys for longtime Portland immigrant liaison and advocate Ronault 'Polo' Canalini, notified the city last week that they intend to sue over his termination of employment in the Portland Office of Community and Civic Life. Canalini called the dismissal discrimination and retaliation for taking family leave.



Bullseye Glass to Pay Neighbors in Lawsuit Settlement

Southeast Portland neighbors of a glass-making company got news last week that the class action lawsuit they filed three years ago against Bullseye Glass for spewing heavy toxic metals has been settled for \$6.5 million. The company will make cash payments to an estimated 2,090 homes southeast of Cleveland High School. The payments could range from \$600 per renter to \$2,400 for a family of four.

Judge, Former Prosecutor Nominated to Federal Bench

Multnomah County Circuit Judge Karin J. Immergut was nominated by President Trump last week to a seat on Oregon's federal bench. A former federal prosecutor, she would replace Senior Judge Anna J. Brown, who is retiring. Immergut's nomination must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Short Term Deal for Negotiations Opens Government

Yielding to mounting pressure and growing disruption, President Donald Trump and congressional leaders on Friday reached a short-term deal to reopen the government for three weeks while negotiations continue over the president's demands for money to build his long-promised wall at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Trump Confidant Roger Stone Arrested by FBI

Shouting "FBI, open the door," authorities arrested Roger Stone, a confidant of President Donald Trump, before dawn Friday in a criminal case that revealed that senior members of the Trump campaign sought to benefit from the release of hacked emails damaging to Hillary Clinton.



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