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Portland activist and educator Ron Herndon (center), director of Albina Head Start for more than 40 years, was presented Friday with a lifetime Portland's First Citizen award from the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors. Also pictured are longtime community supporters, Richard Brown, board chair for Albina Head Start, and Paul Knauls of Geneva's Shear Perfection.

Lifetime Achievement

Herndon receives First Citizen honor

On Friday, a lifetime Portland First Citizen award was presented to Ron Herndon on behalf of the Portland Metropolitan Association

of Realtors, an annual award that forms an honor roll of city's most prominent leaders.

The director of Albina Head Start for more than 40 years, Herndon has advocated for children and families for generations, working to solve issues impacting the black community and low income families.

Here's a capsule of some of Herndon's achievements as shared during the award ceremony:

Known by everyone as "Ronnie," he grew up in Coffeyville, Kansas where he was raised by grandparents who emphasized the importance of education. Though

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Bombings Kill Hundreds

More than 320 people were killed and hundreds more wounded in eight suicide bomb blasts that rocked Christian churches and luxury hotels in or near Sri Lanka's capital on Easter Sunday. ISIS claimed responsibility, and Sri Lanka officials said the preliminary investigation showed the attacks were "retaliation" for the recent massacre of Muslims at mosques in New Zealand.



Blazers Strong in Playoffs

Ahead of our press deadline Tuesday, The Portland Trail Blazers were looking for another win against Oklahoma City in Game 5 at the Rose Garden. The team took a commanding 3-1 series edge on

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Sunday by beating the Thunder, 111-98 on the road.

Protesting Oil Shipments

Environmental protesters planted a garden on train tracks in northwest Portland Sunday to protest the growth in oil shipments from Alberta's tar sands oil to Portland's Zenith Energy facility. The next day, 11 protestors were arrested for sitting on the railroad tracks.

Wreck Kills Uber Passenger

An intoxicated driver operating a stolen pickup truck slammed into an Uber vehicle at about 100 miles per hour on the I-84 freeway overpass of Northeast 102nd around midnight Saturday, killing a passenger in the Uber vehicle. The man was sitting in the backseat and was ejected through the windshield and died.

Mueller Report on Trump

Special counsel Robert Mueller's report was released to the public last week, spelling out how President Donald Trump tried to seize control of the Russia probe and

choke off the investigation. Trump is claiming vindication, but Mueller said the president was thwarted of obstruction of justice only by the refusal of some of those around him to follow his orders.

TriMet Lifetime Ban Issued

TriMet issued a lifetime exclusion to Jared Walter, 32, for targeting women on transit last week, the first-ever lifetime ban issued by the transit agency. Walter was arrested last month on two new cases of sexual harassment, after already have been convicted and charged in dozens of other instances of cutting, masturbating into or gluing women's hair on public transit.



Life Sentence Overturned

A federal judge ruled last week that Frank Gable, the convicted killer of former Oregon Corrections Department Director Michael Franke, must be retried or released from prison. The ruling means Gable will be a free man unless the Oregon Department of Justice decides to retry the case, which is nearly 30 years old.