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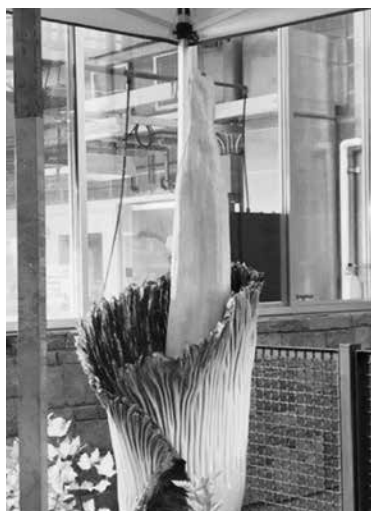
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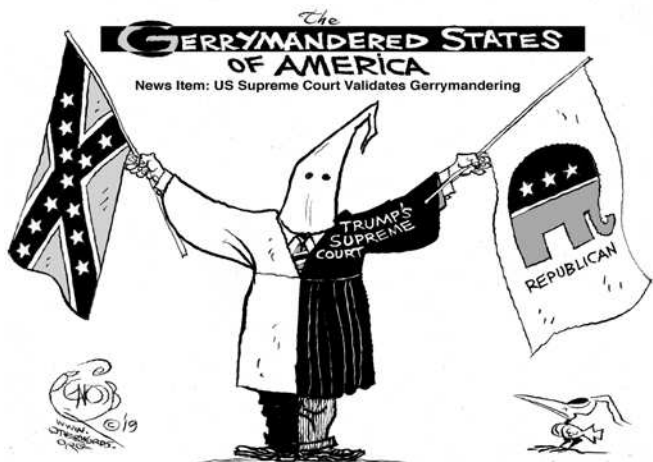


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A walk to inspire a more compassionate, generous, and welcoming Portland!



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Chelsea Whipple (left) joins a "Portland Resistance" rally calling for police accountability in the city's upcoming police bargaining union contract.

Demanding Police Accountability

Activists want seat in new police union contract

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland activists are calling on the city to reverse course from the past and allow meaningful public participation and civilian oversight during its upcoming contract negotiations with rank and file police officers negotiating a new contract over the next year.

"Many of the city's most volatile issues will be at play, as organizers aim for a milestone 2020 contract victory that could pave the way for some long overdue repair in trust between the police and many Portland citizens," reads a statement from Portland's Resistance, the local protest movement

that was formed in reaction to the presidential election of Donald Trump in 2016.

Activists from other civil rights groups like Dr. LeRoy Haynes of the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform, agree that the public should have an opportunity to listen in and participate in the contract negotiation.

"They should be open, publicized meetings," Haynes told the Portland Observer.

In 2016, community activists were forcefully removed from City Hall during police contract negotiations under then-Mayor Charlie Hales. Commissioner Jo

Ann Hardesty, who was then the President of the Portland NAACP said the incident is what inspired her to run for her current post, though she did eventually get let in to the proceedings. It also spurred at least one lawsuit from a woman who claimed she merely stumbled upon watching the incident unfold when she was twice struck from a police officer with a baton.

Portland's Resistance held a rally last week to put a spotlight on the issues.

Among them was Shelly Morgan/Hall of Pacific Northwest Family Circle, a group represent-

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Incubator for Minority-Owned Taxis

A new incubator to help bolster minority-owned taxi companies in Portland is kicking off with a resource fair next Wednesday, July 24, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Alberta Abbey, 138 N.E. Alberta St.

Designed to make minority-owned taxi companies more visible and more competitive in the broader transportation marketplace, the session is co-sponsored by the Portland Bureau of Transportation, the African American consulting firm FM Burch and Associates, Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon, and the Professional Business Development Group.

FM Burch founder Faye Burch has experience working to in-



Faye Burch

crease diversity in Portland's construction trades and continues to help companies craft and execute equity plans in the public and private sectors.

Information about business services, such as lending, matched savings grants, and credit enhancements, will be presented. Resources to help run an independent taxi company like towing, car detailing, meeting potential new customers, legal services, and an app for customers to locate the service will also be discussed.

The outreach comes years after Portland's introduction of ride-share services like Uber and Lyft took a notch out of the profits from local taxi services, including a significant portion of which that were run by immigrants of color.

To RSVP, contact Irene at 503-951-9220 or email Irene.FMBA@gmail.com.