



Rev. William Barber II, (right) a national leader for social justice and grassroots activism, and the guest speaker for a Thursday lecture on race, equity, inclusion and diversity, is greeted by Dr. Audry Terrell, an educator and mentor from Portland's African American Community.

Activist Pastor on Moral Crisis Group brings national speaker on social justice

Rev. William Barber II, an outspoken advocate for social justice and grassroots activism, spoke last week at Alberta Alley as part of the Meyer Memorial Trust Equity Speaker Series on race, equity, inclusion and diversity. The event was sponsored by the Meyer Memorial Trust in partnership with the Coalition of Commu-

nities of Color and the Oregon Center for Public Policy. Barber, pastor of the Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, N.C., was named a recipient of the 2018 MacArthur Genius grant for his work as a faith leader and social justice advocate building a broad-based grassroots movement grounded in the moral tenets of religious communities and the United States Constitution to confront racial and economic inequalities

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PHOTO COURTESY PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL

Portland 2019 Rose Festival Queen Mya Brazile and the new mural of her image created as part of a new street art display in the north pedestrian tunnel at Portland International Airport.

Queen Mya Mural at PDX

Rose Festival Queen Mya Brazile is one of the featured images in a new street art mural created by local artists Alex Chiu and Jeremy Nichols for the north pedestrian tunnel at Portland International Airport.

Wearing the official Crown of Rosaria, rarely seen in public outside of the Coronation, Queen Mya and Rose Festival staff joined the dedication last Wednesday and toured the mural featuring Ms. Brazile's larger than life image.

The likeness, taken from her crowning moment in the 2019 Rose Festival Coronation ceremony, is one of many of images representing "diversity, family,

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The Week in Review

25,000 Sign Up for Low Income Fares

TriMet released figures Tuesday showing its low-income fare program has enrolled 25,000 people in less than 18 months, savings an estimated \$3.3 million for riders. The program is available to local residents who have a government-issued ID and proof of income less than double the federal poverty level, \$25,000 for an individual and \$51,000 for a family of four.

New Chocolate Shop Drops Name

A new Portland chocolate shop will drop its name amid critics who said the 1670 New American Chocolate House ignored a connection between its name and branding and the slave trade of 1670. The decision was announced last week by the owner of the shop, still under construction at Northwest 14th and Glisan.

Blazers Sign Former Allstar

The Portland Trail Blazers officially signed former All-Star forward Carmelo Anthony to a contract Tuesday. Anthony has a career average of 24 points per game over 17 NBA seasons. He appeared in only 10 games for the Houston Rockets at the start of last season and has not played in the NBA since then.



Patrick Throws Presidential Hat in Ring

Deval Patrick, the former two-term governor of Mas-

sachusetts and the state's first black chief executive, formally announced a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination Thursday, adding more candidates to an already crowded field. "I've had the chance to live my American dream," he said. "But I've seen the path to that dream closing off bit by bit."

Biden Stops in Portland

Former Vice President Joe Biden held a small private fundraiser in Portland on Saturday, gathering donations for his 2020 presidential race. About 110 people attended the fundraiser, said Biden's press secretary Meghan Hays.



Discriminatory Behavior Cited

Former Clark College President Bob Knight engaged in inappropriate, discriminatory behavior against women, and particularly women of color, during his tenure at the Vancouver community college, according to an investigatory report from the college provided to The Columbian on Friday. Knight retired in July.

Actress Files Lawsuit Against Netflix

Academy Award-winning actress Mo'Nique filed suit last week against streaming giant Netflix, alleging that they discriminated against her as a black woman. The suit states that Netflix offered the star \$500,000 to appear in a one-hour comedy special, while signing multi-million dollar deals with other comedians.



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