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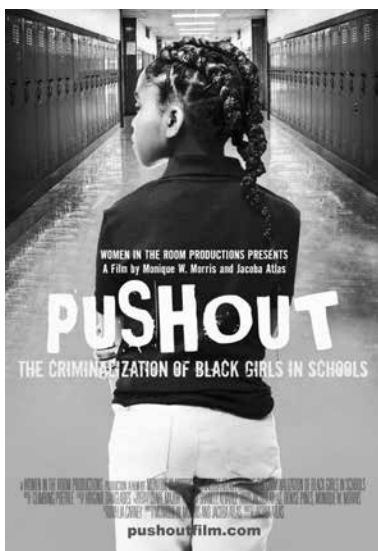


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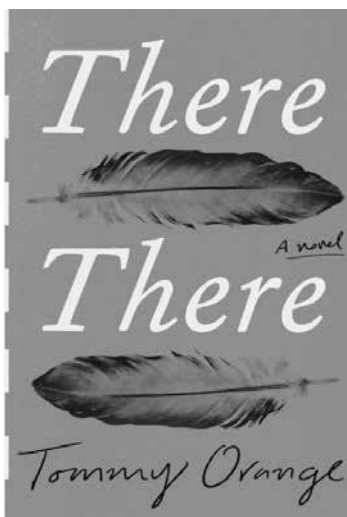


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PHOTO COURTESY WORLD ARTS FOUNDATION, INC. Planners of Portland's 35th annual event to observe and celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday and national holiday are (from left) Michael "Chappie" Grice, president of World Arts Foundation, Inc., Ken Berry, executive producer of "Til the Victory is Won: A Tribute to the Life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and event security chief Steve Hollingsworth.

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.

35th annual event includes speakers, entertainment

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THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
For the 35th year, Portland's World Arts Foundation, Inc. will host a celebration and observance honoring the birthday of America's foremost civil rights leader, titled "Til Victory is Won: A Tribute to the Life

of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

The event will be held on the MLK National Holiday, Monday, Jan. 20, from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Highland Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan St. and will include speakers, arts, awards and "musical tributes to local artists whose contributions have put Portland on the map and will last a lifetime."

The day's events will all focus on Dr. King and will showcase a variety of expressions in song, oration, dance and drumming. It will be live vid-

eo streamed on YouTube and Facebook and aired through Open Signal cable access, KBOO-FM radio (90.7 FM), worldartsfoundation.org on the Internet and also on XRAY.FM (107.1/91.1 FM).

Michael "Chappie" Grice, president of the World Arts Foundation, said one of the most important features of the event will recognize the contributions of individuals and organizations for exemplary community service, a tenet of

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Primary Set for Fish Vacancy

The Portland City Council has approved an election schedule to fill the vacancy left by the death of Commissioner Nick Fish who died Jan. 2 after a more than 2 year battle with stomach cancer.

Under the plan approved last week, the election for the

remainder of the Fish's term will coincide with the May 19 Primary Election. A special run-off election, if necessary, was set for Aug. 11 should no candidate receive a majority of the vote. The deadline to file for the office is March 10.

Fish was the longest serving

member of the Portland City Council. A celebration of life service in his honor has also been scheduled. According to his family, the public memorial event will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. in Hoffman Hall at Portland State University.