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Lost by Fraud and Deceit

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to an economic displacement of Black residents.

The Kinneys were one of the few African American and Native American families still remaining tively small second mortgage and in the once majority-Black neighborhood when sheriff's deputies came armed with guns this summer to enforce an eviction order did not sign off on or authorize in in their mortgage dispute, forcibly removing the elderly William default claim. Kinney Jr., his wife Julie Metcalf and their two adult sons.

The family traces ownership of the home to 1955 when it was purchased by William Kinney Sr., Nietzche's grandfather who moved to Portland from the South. The house was passed to William avoid having to record property Kinney Jr., his father, in the early 1990s.

Currently the family is working property returned to them. One is before the federal Ninth Circuit and the other is before the Oregon Supreme Court.

cases were "riddled with errors," Nietzche said, facts the younger family member learned by researching and acting as his own attorney

"I've had to develop a legal to going to law school.

He said the family's foreclosure

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mony. His mother, the late Opal

Strong is depicted in one of the

panels, a moment from 1961, when

Mrs. Strong organized a neighbor-

hood improvement committee and

secured a large government grant

to beatify and revitalize Black

in minority communities and that were tied to the 2008 financial crisis

He said his family had a relait was not in default, paying faithful payments for 14 years when a second mortgage that the Kinneys

The case led to the family's claims against the Freedom Home Mortgage Corporation, and the Mortgage Electronic Registration System or MERS, a creation of some of the biggest lenders in the banking mortgage industry to deeds and titles when a loan is bought and sold.

MERS was called a racket that on two pending appeals to get the made it difficult for people facing problems with their mortgages to know whom to deal. Multnomah County and the state of Oregon sued MERS for not following Or-Earlier court decisions in the egon law which requires the recording of trust deeds.

The county won a \$40 million settlement against MERS in 2016 to recover lost revenue from fees that would have been paid for recording property transactions, mind," Nietzche told the Portland but under terms of a settlement, ty" experience that he compared any new lawsuits, including from sissippi. the Kinneys, Nietzche said.

and eviction dispute goes back to fact it is not benefitting from cur- save-the-kinney-family-home.

Murals Showcase Black History

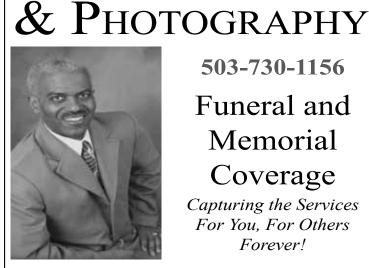
the predatory subprime loans the rent moratoriums on evictions banking mortgage industry made imposed this year during the coronavirus pandemic by both Multnomah County and the state of Oregon. Although local law requires multiple forms of notification prior to evictions, the Kinneys said they received no notice before the sheriff patrol came to forcefully evict them in September.

Nietzche said he has contacted the refinance process triggered a county officials and his State Representative Tawna Sanchez for help, but has found that "No one knows how to enforce the moratoriums."

> Oregon, like many states, also offers a "right of redemption" which allows people whose homes have been foreclosed on to buy them back. But the Kinneys also discovered the right did not apply in their case because the eviction was from a non-judicial proceeding.

The Kinneys are currently seeking pro bon legal support, intervention from Gov. Kate Brown or help from others who could potentially reverse the foreclose and return a home that is rightfully theirs. Any qualified attorneys who are open to providing consultation and other legal assistance are encouraged to contact the family via their website redhouseonmississippi.com or Observer, calling it "A nitty, grit- MERS was exempted from facing via Instagram @redhouseonmis-

> A Go Fund Me page has also The family also laments the been set up at gofundme.com/f/



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Portland neighborhoods. They planted over 500 trees including several cherry trees that Todd depicted in the mural.

Todd's other panels depict the displacement of Black residents

Hospital expansion in the 1970s; the fight to open Harriet Tubman School to specifically serve the Black community in 1982; and powerful images of resistance to mural ends with hope for the future by depicting two intersecting streets named Peace and Justice.

Todd to create the murals along their back fence, which runs along the Haight Avenue and the Going Street walkway. The couple had

by urban renewal and Emanuel been impressed by a Black Lives Matter mural Todd had recently created along another fence on Kerby Avenue in the same neighborhood.

Todd said the first mural was racial injustices in policing. The finished in June to honor the many people who have died at the hands of police.

It was "In all the chaos of these Fadven and Frazzini enlisted times." Todd said that he decided he needed to follow his dream to make art a full time career, launching his own art business called "Art is Larger Than Me."

Governor Activates Command for Election

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want to use peaceful election night protests to promote violence and property destruction."

"I want to be very, very clear that voter intimidation and politi-

cal violence will not be tolerated. will oversee the unified force. Not from the left, not from the That allows its members to use right and not from the center. Not tear gas if needed. Portland pothis week, not any week in Ore- lice are prohibited from using gon," Brown said.

nomah County sheriff's office commissioner.

tear gas after an order by Mayor State police and the Mult- Ted Wheeler, who is also police

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