

The Week in Review

Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc

Members of the Oregon National Guard delivered supplies to people without power in Clackamas County and other areas near Portland over the past few days as problems lingered from an ice storm the wreaked havoc on the electrical grid. Portland saw almost 10 inches of snow that had mostly melted as the week began.



Dumped Food Leads to Conflict

About a dozen police officers guarded dumpsters filled with perishable food after being called to the Hollywood Fred Meyer store last week as people attempted to take the items that were discarded when the store lost power. Images on social media showed piles of packaged meat, cheese and juice in the store's dumpsters. The store said the food was thrown away to prevent food borne illnesses "out of an abundance of caution."

Dive Team Finds Driver

A dive team last week found and recovered the body of a 57-year-old Portland man whose vehicle ran off the Glenn Jackson Bridge on Feb. 12 during a snowstorm. The man was identified as Antonia Amaro-Lopez.



No Charges in Wrongful Arrest

The U.S. Department of Justice will not pursue criminal charges in the 2017 wrongful arrest of a Michael Fesser, a Black man from Portland who was targeted by West Linn police after he complained about his towing company's racially hostile work environment. The FBI and federal prosecutors found they could not prove that the officers acted with the specific intent to violate the law.

Oregon's Struggle for Racial Equity



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visits Portland in 1961 where he met with leaders of the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church. (Oregon Historical Society collection photo)

Black leaders who made a difference

As we honor and celebrate Black History Month in February, the Oregon Historical Society encourages everyone to learn more about the remarkable Black individuals who have advanced Oregon's on-going struggle for racial equity. Here's a brief summary about some of these Black leaders, and you can learn much more about them online through the OHS Oregon Encyclopedia page at oregonencyclopedia.org and hear from

some the leaders themselves through oral histories in OHS Digital Collections, digitalcollections.ohs.org.

Mary Laurinda Jane Smith Beatty (1834-1899)

Mary Beatty, one of the first Black women west of the Mississippi to advocate publicly for woman suffrage, attempted to vote in the 1872 presidential election and a year later addressed the organizing convention of the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association. Known as "Mrs. Beatty

(colored)," her full name and identity were unrecognized until recently.

Kathryn Hall Bogle (1906-2003)

A freelance journalist, social worker, and community activist, Kathryn Hall Bogle was "one of Portland's earliest and most passionate advocates of racial diversity." She wrote articles for many African American newspapers, including the Portland Observer and The Scanner, but may be known best for "An American Negro Speaks of Color," a 2,000-

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— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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