



**"Challenging People to Shape  
a Better Future Now"**

**BERNIE FOSTER**  
Founder/Publisher

**BOBBIE DORE FOSTER**  
Executive Editor

**TED BANKS**  
Advertising Manager

**JERRY FOSTER**  
Account Executive

**LISA LOVING**  
News Editor

**DAVID KIDD**  
Graphic Designer

**MONICA J. FOSTER**  
Seattle Office Coordinator

**JULIE KEEFE**  
**SUSAN FRIED**  
Photographers

*The Skanner Newspaper*, established in October 1975, is a weekly publication, published each Wednesday by IMM Publications Inc.,

415 N. Killingsworth St.,  
P.O. Box 5455, Portland, OR 97228.  
Telephone (503) 285-5555.

E-mail: [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)  
World Wide Web site:  
<http://www.theskanner.com>  
Fax: (503) 285-2900

*The Skanner* is a member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and West Coast Black Publishers Association.

All photos submitted become the property of *The Skanner*. We are not responsible for lost or damaged photos either solicited or unsolicited.

© 2011 *The Skanner*. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.  
REPRODUCTION IN WHOLE OR IN PART  
WITHOUT PERMISSION PROHIBITED.

## Row

continued from page 1

The pledge states that homosexuality is a choice and equates it with bigamy or polygamy. Signers also promise to ban pornography.

Santorum's spokesperson told CNN in an email, "Senator Santorum was pleased to sign the Iowa Family Leader's pledge because he is committed to standing up for traditional marriage. The bigger question here is why aren't more Republicans having the courage to stand up for the institution of marriage and signing this pledge.

"With that said, Senator Santorum believed it was the right thing for the Iowa Family Leader to remove the language from the preamble to the pledge about slavery."

Pawlenty said he agrees with the principles behind, but not the way the 14-point pledge is cast. Earlier in the day, the former Minnesota

governor released a new radio ad and a web video in which he and his wife Mary discuss their personal faith, anti-abortion views and opposition to gay marriage.

"Rather than sign onto the words chosen by others, I prefer to choose my own words, especially seeking to show compassion to those who are in broken families through no fault of their own," Pawlenty said in written statement in which he insists he would "vigorously oppose" any efforts to allow same-sex marriage.

The move is risky for Pawlenty, who is banking heavily on Iowa and its social conservatives to help carry his presidential campaign forward. But signing the pledge could alienate voters who don't agree with its far-reaching nature.

The Family Leader was formed last year and

hopes to have a voice in shaping Iowa's 2012 leadoff caucuses. Its top officials were part of a successful campaign last fall to remove three Iowa Supreme Court justices who ruled to legalize gay marriage in the state.

Pawlenty advocated for a constitutional amendment in Minnesota to define marriage as between a man and a woman. But as governor, he didn't have a role in advancing any such legislation to the ballot. Minnesota voters will decide the question in November 2012.

Romney's spokesperson Andrea Saul told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Romney "strongly supports traditional marriage," but that the oath circulated last week by The Family Leader "contained references and provisions that were undignified and inappropriate for a presidential campaign."

## Reversed

continued from page 1

tears.

Economists say the Great Recession lasted from 2007 to 2009. In 2004, the median net worth of white households was \$134,280, compared with \$13,450 for black households, according to an analysis of Federal Reserve data by the Economic Policy Institute. By 2009, the median net worth for white households had fallen 24 percent to \$97,860; the median black net worth had fallen 83 percent to \$2,170, according to the EPI.

Algernon Austin, director of the EPI's Program on Race, Ethnicity and the Economy, described the wealth gap this way: "In 2009, for every dollar of wealth the average white household had, black households only had two cents."

Since the end of the recession, the overall unemployment rate has fallen from 9.4 to 9.1 percent, while the black unemployment rate has risen from 14.7 to 16.2 percent, according to the Department of Labor.

"I would say the recession is not over for black folks," Austin says. He believes more black people than ever before could fall out of the middle class, because the unemployment rate for college-educated blacks recently

peaked and blacks are overrepresented in state and local government jobs that are being eliminated due to massive budget shortfalls.

Maya Wiley, director of the Center for Social Inclusion, says the anti-discrimination laws passed in the 1960s took decades to translate into an increase in black economic security — and that was before the recession.

"History is going to say that the black middle class was decimated" over the past few years, Wiley says. "But we're not done writing history."

Goldring was born and raised in Baltimore, and her mother was single for much of Goldring's childhood. At 16, she dropped out of school and went to work cleaning hotel rooms.

"That's when I first met white people. Some of them would stay a month at the hotel. They would have all their children with them," she remembers. "I thought, one day I'd like to hang out at a hotel."

She didn't know any middle-class people in her all-black neighborhood. "Where we lived, everyone struggled. We just struggled a little harder," she says. "If the lights stayed on for a whole year, if we didn't get put out, I thought

we were doing really, really well."

At 21, pregnant with her second child, Goldring decided to get her GED. Then she went to community college, got a degree in secretarial work, and began a career.

She met her husband in 1983. He had a steady job as a heating and air-conditioning installer, and owned a brick two-bedroom home in Morgan Park, a leafy, integrated neighborhood.

With two incomes, money was not a problem. He liked to travel. She had never been out of Maryland.

"I thought, 'Is this how rich people live?'" Goldring remembers. "From where I was to where I ended up, it was way different."

Her husband had been married before. As a condition of the divorce, his daughter's name was added to the deed of the house. After Goldring's husband died in 2007, Goldring took out a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, with a 6.5 percent interest rate, to purchase the house outright.

Read the rest of this story online at  
[www.theskanner.com](http://www.theskanner.com)



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# SEATTLE JULY 2011



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

### Thursday July 14

**BEAUTY AND THE BOUNTY: AN AMERICAN ART IN THE AGE OF EXPLORATION!** Seattle Art Museum's Patti Junker talks about Beauty and the Bounty at the Seattle Public Library from 12:10 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Central Library location, 1000 Fourth Ave, Microsoft Auditorium, level 1

**OUTDOOR MOVIES AT MAGNUSON PARK.** The Princess Bride is the opening night film. Open

seating for all events at 7 p.m. followed by trivia and pre-movie activities. Pre-movie seating for all movies is \$5.00. Movie show at dusk Bring your own chairs and blankets. Magnuson Park. For more info go to [www.movieatmagnuson.com](http://www.movieatmagnuson.com)Friday

### Friday July 15

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY NORTHGATE COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY!** Join us for our Birthday party. We will have live music, cake, kids inflatables and much more. Free for all. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Northgate Community Center, 10510 5th Ave. NE For more info call 206-386-4283.

### Friday – Sunday July 15 -17

**BITE OF SEATTLE!** Don't miss our 30th birthday kick-off celebration. Play some trivia, show us your dance moves and eat lots of good food. Friday and Saturday hours are 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Sunday hours are 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Free admission Seattle Center.

### Saturday July 16

**DECEPTION PASS STATE PARK PLAYS HOST TO THE AMERICAN ROOTS MUSIC SERIES!** A Moment in Time: An African-American cappella gospel quartet from the Seattle Area. 7 p.m. The music series is free to the public. You will need to pay for parking. Deception Pass State Park, 41020 State Route 20, Oak Harbor.

### Thursday July 21

**PUBLIC GARDEN PARTY TO CELEBRATE NEW GARDEN WALK AT SHERATON SEATTLE HOTEL:** The festive garden party will feature live entertainment, the dedication of the garden walk and much more. Noon – 1 p.m. adjacent to the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, 7th Ave. and Union St.

### Sunday July 24

**3RD ANNUAL PIKE PLACE MARKET FRUIT FESTIVAL!** Make a special fun-filled day at Pike Place Market. Nosh as you stroll and enjoy a sit down meal, and shop for among other things fresh, locally grown fruits and veggies all day long.