

## Ready

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they need emergency assistance? Where do you go if you are dealing with domestic violence? How do you make it – especially in this economy?”

‘Are You Ready’ aims to bring answers to those questions and much more, as well as

games and prizes, as well as opportunities to build support networks. Sponsored by *The Skanner Foundation*, Safeway, Multnomah County and Highland Christian Center, organizers decided to hold the event at Highland because of its central location, said Pastor Hardy.

“It has now become the new hub, because it is so central, so close to 82nd Avenue, and so easily reached by MAX, bus, car or bike,” Hardy said.

Linda Hornbuckle works for the county’s health department when she is not entertaining audiences with her unique voice. On Saturday Oct. 15, she will be at the event to tell people about Multnomah County’s sex education program.

“We do a lot of work on sexual health,” Hornbuckle said. “We talk to parents about how to talk to their kids about sex in a healthy way. We give talks to teens and we train teachers in how to use our curriculum about healthy relationships for teens.”

“If you need us to come and talk to a

### Build networks of support for youth and families Oct. 15 at Highland Christian Center

prizes, fun and opportunities to build support networks that cross 82nd Avenue and reach out to 122nd, 163rd and beyond. Booths will offer information about everything from physical and mental health to youth opportunities and disaster preparedness.

The event is open to everyone, whether you are interested in building support for East Portland, or simply want to know where services are located and how to access them. On offer will be plenty of

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Tanya Atzbaugh brought her children, Rikesah, Alexis, Robert, Robert Jr., and Jaylen, to Unthank Park June 17. Atzbaugh now lives in East Portland but says she still feels connected to North and Northeast.

group of teens at your church, we’re ready and equipped to do so,” Hornbuckle said. “Sex is such a taboo subject in our community, maybe because people don’t have the tools to talk about it. So that’s what we try

to provide for people, those tools.”

For more information or to book a booth or a room, talk to Pastor Hardy at 503-287-9567.

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Free and open to everyone of all ages, doors open at 6 p.m., and the program starts at 7 p.m.

### Progressive for Whites Only?

Since Bush administration staffers called Portland “Little Beirut,” our city has been a byword for progressive politics. But progressive politics doesn’t seem to translate into equal opportunities for people of color. The 2010 report, “Communities of Color in Multnomah County, An Unsettling Profile,” showed widespread disparities between racial groups in Portland.

“Portland is known as a progressive community,” said David Delk, President of the local Alliance for Democracy chapter, and one of the event’s organizers, “but when we read this report, we realize that present dis-

parities, based on race and ethnicity, tarnish that reputation.”

To help bring fairness and opportunity to Portland’s communities of color, the

Are you post-racial? Do you think Portland is progressive when it comes to diversity, ethnicity?

Alliance for Democracy and the Economic Justice Group of the First Unitarian Church are sponsoring a community gathering focused on achieving race equity in Portland.

The centerpiece of the evening is the report, by the Coalition of Communities of Color and Portland State University. Julia Meier, coalition coordinator will present the report and moderate a question and answer period.

“There is a role for government and a role for the community,” Delk said, noting that the recent developments around the City of Portland’s Office of Equity are very positive. “Grassroots support is always necessary for sustainable change,” he said. “That’s the conversation we want to have.” Race Equity Meeting: 7 p.m. to

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9p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 at Eliot Chapel, First Unitarian Church, 1011 SW 12th Ave. Donations are welcome, but no one will be turned away.

## FBI

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reference materials that relate to religion or culture.

The statement emailed to The Associated Press by FBI spokeswoman Ayn Dietrich

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said the agency will consult with outside experts on the development and use of training materials to best ensure the highest level of quality and to be consistent with FBI core values, professional standards and the U.S. Constitution.

The Seattle-area Muslim community has had relatively positive relations with local law enforcement agencies since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, said S. Arsalan Bukhari, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations’ Seattle chapter. Seattle Police, in particular, have made an effort to reach out to and work with the Muslim community, he said.

But at the same time, Bukhari said a “cottage industry” has been built up around the country of people who claim to be experts

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on Islam and have instead been spreading lies and misinformation, sometimes with the backing of agencies like the FBI.

Monday’s complaint, as well as plans to make a Freedom of Information Act request for all FBI anti-terrorism training materials,

expressed a growing frustration among Muslims.

The FBI trainings have led to racial profiling, which has made Americans less safe because too much attention is focused on just one group instead of the variety of people associated with violence and terrorism, Bukhari said. In addition to more accurate training, the group would like to see retraining of those who received what they consider biased information.

In addition to representatives of various Muslim groups, the letter to the Department of Justice was also signed by a Christian church organization called The Faith Action Network and El Centro De La Raza, a Seattle Latino group.