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choose.”

Other Portland-based nonprofits working with Cover Oregon are: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, the African American Health Coalition, Asian Family Center, Native American Youth and Family Center, Central City Concern, Outside In, and many more.

Upcoming sign-up events include:

David Douglas School District, Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 5-7 p.m. in the Breeze-way Room, 1500 SE 130th Ave.

Urban League of Portland, Dec. 3, PCC Cascade, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 9, PCC Sylvania, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Dec. 10, 6 p.m. at Woodmere Elementary School, 7900 SE Duke St., starting at 6 p.m.

Bring your social security number, and/or Alien Resident number for everyone in your family who is applying for coverage; your

work and income information; and other financial information including: alimony paid, student loan interest, educator expenses, IRA contributions and tuition/fees; any self-employment tax payments; current health insurance information; information about health coverage available through an employer.

Cover Oregon asks that you register online for a specific time slot if possible. The more people register, the shorter the wait time at the events.

Cover Oregon offers these tips:

For a faster experience at the application fair, participants can start their application at home by downloading and printing it at CoverOregon.com. Fill out as much information as possible and then bring the application to the fair.



Rebecca Webster with Gente Shaw

Assistance will be available in English and Spanish. For assistance in other languages, or for assistance in participating in this event due to a disability as defined

under the ADA, please call Cover Oregon at 1-855-CoverOR or e-mail accommodations@coveroregon.com at least three business days prior to the event.

Gangs

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job training and placement opportunities through partnerships with local businesses and universities. We’ve launched midnight basketball to interrupt violence and to connect young men with resources they need.”

As well as viewing the video, the gang task force reviewed recent events in Portland. To date Portland has seen 98 incidents of gang-related violence this year, said Officer Russ Corno. But although numbers are lower than in 2012, this week has seen 25 injuries, he said, some serious.

Two funerals were held this week: for Precious Jackson, 24, who was shot and killed Nov. 1 at Southeast Powell and 124th, and for Durieul Harris, 30, who was shot Nov. 9 outside the Fontaine Bleau nightclub on Northeast Broadway.

A Multnomah County Grand Jury yesterday indicted two men in Jackson’s death—Corey Hill, 21, and Antonio Lorenzo Sanders Jr., 21.

So far, despite the presence of numerous

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witnesses, nobody has been named a suspect in Harris’ death. Hales said it was important that the OLCC moved to shut down the club immediately.

“A liquor license is a privilege. It’s not a right, it’s a privilege,” he said. “A driver’s license is a privilege; an electrician’s license

is a privilege; and a liquor license is a privilege.”

Hales is taking advice on whether to recommend that the club could reopen with restrictions, such as an 11 pm closing and security measures.

Israel Hill, a street level outreach worker gave a passionate speech about the importance of relationships in preventing violence. Through their relationships with relatives of victims, outreach workers can help stop the cycle of violence, he said.

It’s an arena where Black men and women can more easily reach out to gang-affected youth, he said. “Gangs were originally

around because dudes were trying to help other dudes in this community,” he pointed out.

Multnomah County Community Justice manager, Kate Desmond said she was working to strengthen partnerships with the Department of Corrections.

Commander Mike Leloff said the outreach work is crucial.

“When our gang violence statistics started to go down, we started to lose our outreach workers,” he said. “Now we’ve got them back and we can never go there again.”

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