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SOLIDARITY



This Library of Congress photo portrays a Ku Klux Klan rally in Chicago during the 1920s—a period of rapid growth for the KKK in many regions, including Oregon. Earlier this month, residents of several communities in the Portland area reported receiving flyers promoting and recruiting for the Klan.

Purported Ku Klux Klan Activity

Portland area receives recruiting flyers, rumors of rally in Northeast

By Donovan M. Smith
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Recent reports of purported Ku Klux Klan activity in Portland and surrounding areas have put residents on edge.

Recruitment flyers for the White hate group first began popping in Gresham neighborhoods earlier this month, before similar ones began appearing in West Linn and Oregon City, Molalla and, most recently, Silverton.

Thus far, no one has claimed responsibility for the flyers, and area police departments are saying their flying is protected by the First Amendment.

“It’s been kind of unfortunate, having all these out, and having media call

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University of Washington students enter the Gerberding Building on the University of Washington Campus Nov. 12 as a way of showing solidarity with the Black students at the University of Missouri. The students gathered in Red Square before marching through the Gerberding Building, the Suzzallo Library, and the Odegaard Undergrad Library before hitting the streets in the University District.

Activists Reflect on Million Man March

Locals who attended 20th anniversary of protest discuss ‘marching orders’

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One of the most successful moments in the storied Civil Rights movement was the Montgomery Bus Boycott, emerging in the aftermath of Rosa Parks’ refusal to give her seat on the bus to a White man.

The protest saw throngs of African Americans sacrificing together in the name of justice. Some organized carpools, some simply walked, and some

Black taxi drivers even offered reduced cab fare in support of the protest that demanded desegregation of the city’s public buses.

Despite persistent attempts by the city of Montgomery, its residents and even the federal government after more than a year to stop the protest, they would prevail. On Dec. 20, 1956 protesters would claim victory with the city finally passing an ordinance to end segregation on its transit lines.

Similar boycotts would

soon follow, effectively ending all lawful transit segregation in the South.

More than five decades later, Nation of Islam leader Min. Louis Farrakhan is calling for African Americans to take another major economic stand for justice. He’s calling on activists to boycott Christmas.

That was one of six marching orders Farrakhan put forth to Black Americans during the gathering in the nation’s capital on Oct. 10 to commemorate the 20th anni-

versary of the historic Million Man March this year, titled “Justice or Else!”

“Up with Jesus, down with Santa!” the 82-year-old leader said to the hundreds of thousands gathered at the National Mall last month.

Citing a study titled “The Buying Power of Black America,” by Target Market News, the Minister shared that Blacks have a collective buying power of over one trillion dollars annually, but spend close

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Young Leader Hawi Hussen Talks

Bank of America program honoree reflects on community service and her hopes for the future

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For being just 18 years old, Hawi Hussen has experienced a great deal of change. Hussen was born and raised in Ethiopia. In 2010, she arrived in the United States, joining the rest of her family already here.

This last summer, Hussen was chosen for the Bank of America student

leader program which recognizes community-minded high school students and helps develop them into future leaders. Hussen interned with the Boys and Girls Club and attended a Washington DC Leadership Summit. Currently, she is a freshman at Oregon State University studying Biology.

Hussen is best friends with Claudia Monroy, another Bank of America

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