

A Look Back at 2015



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Memorial Tree

Charlie James says a few words at a Tree Planting Ceremony Honoring the Lives of the Charleston Nine at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park in Seattle, Dec. 5. The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, the Seattle King County NAACP and the Washington Christian Leadership Coalition planted a tree from South Carolina and unveiled a plaque at the park honoring the victims of a mass shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston South Carolina in June of this year.



PHOTO BY CATHY CHENEY

‘Oregon Experience’ Explores Portland Civil Rights

On April 21, 2015, Oregon Public Broadcasting aired a new documentary on “Oregon Experience” called, “Portland Civil Rights: Lift Ev’ry Voice.” The show, delved into local African American history with a focus on social movements of the 1960s, 70s and early 80s.

Pictured above: Local civil rights leaders marched after a local security guard was choked to death by a Portland police officer. Rev. John Jackson, center, led the protest.

In Loving Memory of Theresa Yvonne Aaron

April 24, 1970 - December 16, 2015



Theresa Yvonne Aaron was born April 24, 1970 and was called home to glory on December 16, 2015. Theresa leaves behind her loving parents Phillip and Gladies, brothers Phillip Richard Aaron and Phillip James Aaron and daughter Rakayla Robertson. She was a graduate of Garfield High School class of 1988. She also attended the University of Washington, Clark Atlanta University, Drake University where she recieved a certificate of mediation and dispute resolution and also the A.L Hardy Academy of Theology where she recieved an A.A degree in Religious Education.

During her lifetime she held a variety of jobs and enjoyed the work

she did. Theresa was a kind, often outspoken person-sometimes stubborn but always a loving person who would help anyone she could in any-way she could.

She was a dedicated mother to her daughter Rakayla Robertson who was the pride and joy of her life and there was nothing or anyone more important to her.

Theresa was a member of The Rose Of Sharon Pentecostal Temple under the leadership of Bishop A.L Hardy and part of the faculty staff at The A.L Hardy Academy of Theology.

Theresa will be truly missed by her family and friends. Services were held Tuesday December 29, 2015 at Rosehill Missionary Baptist Church, 7550 MLK Jr. Way, South Seattle, Wa. 98118. In lieu of flowers the family asked that monetary donations be made and sent to: Theresa Aaron Memorial Fund c/o Richard Aaron P.O Box 6013 Kent, Wa 98064, please make checks payable to Richard Aaron.



APPHOTO/JEFF ROBERTSON

Michael Brown Memorial

Michael Brown Sr. unwraps a plaque remembering his son, Michael Brown, to show volunteers as they remove items left at a makeshift memorial to Michael Brown May 20 in Ferguson, Mo. The memorial that has marked the place where Brown was fatally shot by a police officer in August has been removed and will be replaced with a permanent plaque.

A black and white advertisement for Avalon Flowers. It features a portrait of a smiling woman with short hair. The text includes the address "520 SW 3rd Ave. Portland, OR", the phone number "(503)796-9250", the email "Avalonflowers@msn.com", and the website "avalonflowerspdx.com". The company name "Avalon Flowers" is prominently displayed, along with the tagline "Creative, original designs" and "Anniversaries, weddings, funerals, birthdays!". There is also a graphic of a flower.



Church Fire

On Feb. 7 the Allen Temple CME Church experienced major damage from an electrical fire that ran through the basement to parts of the sanctuary.

The church is now accepting contributions for a restoration fund. Checks payable to Allen Temple CME Church Restoration can be taken to any Bank of America location or mailed to Allen Temple CME Church, 3519 NE 15th Ave. PMB #357, Portland, OR 97212. Online contributions are accepted through www.ninthdistrictcme.org/allentemplecmefirefund.