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Criminal Justice Report

African Americans are overrepresented in criminal justice system

By Christen McCurdy
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African Americans are overrepresented at every level in Multnomah County's criminal justice system, according to a report released last month by the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, the Oregon Justice Resource Center and the Partnership for Safety and Justice.

The Racial and Ethnic Disparities report was produced by independent researchers for Multnomah County as part of the MacArthur Foundation's

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In this Jan. 28, 2016 photo, comedian Andy Bumatai gestures during an interview in Mililani, Hawaii.

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Census data sparks a new sense of pride

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VIGIL FOR ISAIAH



PHOTO BY JOHN GORMLEY

Parishioners of St. Andrew Catholic Church walked last Sunday to Northeast Sixth and Alberta Streets, the site of the killing of Isaiah Demetrius Kent, where they kept a silent vigil.

Protesters Demand Apple Protect Privacy

Rally draws connection between surveillance and harassment, killings

By Arashi Young
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A small rally convened in front of the Apple store in downtown Portland. As participants stood on the slate steps in front of the glass walled and brightly lit shop, their shouts reverberated off the buildings around Pioneer Place.

Their insistent calls, repeated throughout the evening, were a plea: "Don't break our phones!"

Members from the ac-

tivist groups Don't Shoot Portland and 15 Now held the rally to oppose the FBI's order for Apple to hack their iPhones. The controversial legal battle has many privacy advocates and activists concerned about government spying on citizens.

Teresa Raiford, an organizer with Don't Shoot Portland, stirred the crowd, urging them to hold on to their privacy and to oppose the FBI.

"Don't let them have your privacy, don't let them have your free speech,

don't give them one piece of it, don't let them create a precedent, don't break our phones," Raiford said.

On Feb. 15, U.S. Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym ruled that Apple needed to help the FBI hack the iPhone of Syed Farook. Farook, with the help of his wife, Tashfeen Malik, killed 14 people and injured 22 others during a holiday celebration in San Bernardino Dec. 2 last year.

The judge ordered Apple to supply software that would bypass iPhone en-

ryption either through disabling the passcode or allowing the FBI to try an endless amount of passcodes until the phone is unlocked. iPhones currently have an auto-erase feature that wipes the phone data after 10 failed attempts.

In Oct. last year, Apple said it was impossible to unlock any locked phones running the iOS 8 or newer operating system. The Feb. order would force Apple to create a backdoor into the phone that could unlock

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Black Student Success Summit Gets New Venue

Noni Causey's educational support program grows to include young teens

By Lisa Loving
Special To The Skanner

An estimated 500 college-bound students from across the state of Oregon have already registered for the 2016 Black Student Success Summit at Portland State University this weekend, and there is room for more.

Organizer Noni Causey has grown her vision for the March 5 program into a fully-fledged education and job fair with 20 workshops; employ-

ers including Intel; 10 colleges; and a whole lot of young people looking to support each other in the professional world.

"We have students that are coming from across the state of Oregon for this one day, just to be in company with other students that are like them, to share how they're doing it," she said.

The program is free — breakfast, lunch, speakers, good fellowship.

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