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THURSDAY, MARCH 10

MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE: Join activists and candidates for Mayor of Portland for a public conversation about Social Justice issues in our community. Doors open at 6 p.m. Program begins at 6:30 p.m. Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

GREATER PORTLAND TEEN PARENT FAIR: If you are a parent (or expecting) age 25 or younger come and enjoy carnival style games, raffles, crafts & musical entertainment. Learn about resources offering support with employment, financial, food, health, housing and much more. Free raffle, door prizes, snacks and beverages. Noon - 3 p.m. Milwaukee High School, 11300 SE 23rd Ave.

ST. PADDY'S DAY FOR KIDS: Free family resource & activity fair featuring flower planting, arts & crafts, games, hands on nature activities and story time. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Shorty's Home and Garden Center, 10006 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

AFRICAN MARIMBA CONCERT 21ST ANNUAL CONCERT BY THE STUDENTS OF MYLINDA KING: Put on your dancing shoes and come hear six Marimba bands play high energy music. Free. All ages welcome. 11:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m. Portland Four-square Church, 2830 NE Flanders St.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

ST RITA SPAGHETTI DINNER: 80th Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be the week before Palm Sunday. Adults \$12, children under 10 will be \$6. Wine, beer and pop available to purchase. Takeout is available also. For more information call 503-252-2403. 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., St. Rita Catholic Church, 10029 NE Prescott St.

ODDVILLE: A NEW VAUDEVILLIAN TRADITION @ THE STEEP AND THORNY WAY TO HEAVEN: Professional Fools Company and The Steep and Thorny Way to Heaven are thrilled to present a new kind of entertainment to Portland. \$5 suggested donation, 21 and older please. Doors open at 7 p.m., SE 2nd & Hawthorne.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

SAINT JACKS PARADE - TRIBE OF THE OUTCAST FREE SHOW: Hasketron opens this show at 9 p.m. Saint Jacks Parade will be feature a majority of our 314 time material in honor of Celts and this holiday based on a saint. 8 p.m. Kenton Club, 2025 N. Kilpatrick St.

THURSDAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 17 - 20

IAAF WORLD INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP FAN FEST: Families will enjoy engaging youth activities centered around Track & Field. At night live music and performance acts will keep fans entertained. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

FATHER-DAUGHTER "ALL BLACK ATTIRE" SPRING DANCE: Price includes admission, one single-stem rose for every daughter, one photo per couple and much more. Prices are \$10 to \$25. This event is for fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and any male role models that has a young lady that is special to you. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Colwood Golf Center, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd. For more information call (503) 254-2567.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

A MONTHLY FILM SERIES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON "PRISON KIDS": Documentary films about criminal justice issues. After each film guest speakers will make presentations to the audience and answer questions. 1:30 p.m., First Unitarian Church, SW 12th between Main and Salmon Streets. Room A108 in the church's Buchan Building.

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Smoldering Fires

Youth (left to right Timaya Hepburn, Sami Yacob-Andrus, Aminah Hopkins and Kobi Flowers) demonstrate for equality in a scene from PassinArt production of Smoldering Fires which opens March 11 and runs through April 10, 2016 at the Interstate Firehouse cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate. Tickets are available on line @ www.passinart.net or visit their ticket outlets; JP's Custom Framing & Gallery, 418 NE Killingsworth, (503) 288-2118 and Elevated Coffee, 5261 NE Martin Luther King Blvd, (971) 225-1296.

Kermit Frazier's "Smoldering Fires" allows the audience to view the world through the eyes and spirit of our youth. The youth of today are not just dealing with the racist conflicts of the 1960s; they are wrestling with the violent attitudes of their own communities - i.e. guns and drugs that amass the ever present delinquent elements of their surroundings. In this play, youth takes a stand in taking their community back against the odds of being outnumbered by their peers.



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Portland News Briefs

Maranatha to Host Mayoral Forum on Social Justice

Over 300 people signed up to attend the Mayoral Forum on Social Justice March 10 at Maranatha Church, 4222 Northeast 12th Avenue. They plan to help us fill the house for social justice!

Doors open at 6 PM, program begins at 6:30 and will run about two hours.

Invite your friends, family and colleagues to the March 10 event with this link - <https://pdx-mayor.eventbrite.com>

Three hosts and three candidates:

- Jules Bailey - candidate for mayor
- Israel Bayer - Street Roots
- Jo Ann Hardesty - NAACP - Portland Branch
- Sarah Iannarone - candidate for mayor
- Jason Renaud - Mental Health Association of Portland
- Ted Wheeler - candidate for mayor

Event co-sponsors include *The Skanner News*, KBOO Community Radio 90.7, First Unitarian Church, McKenzie River Gathering, Mental Health Association of Portland, NAACP - Portland Branch, Maranatha Church, Street Roots, Portland Women's Crisis Line, ACLU of Oregon, In Other Words Feminist Community Center.

Candidates have been invited who form a campaign committee and raise \$5000 by March 1, 2016.

Young Adult Revival, March 9-11, 2016

The young adult ministry and Pastor George William Whitfield of First A.M.E. Zion Church is excited about their upcoming Young Adult Revival on March 9-11, 2016 at 7pm nightly.

The church is located at 4304 N. Vancouver Avenue; Portland, OR 97217

- The preachers for our revival are the following:
- Wed, March 9: Pastor Marcus J. Shambry (Project Truth Community Church)
 - Thurs, March 10: Elder Twauna Allen (Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church)
 - Fri, March 11: Rev. Benjamin J. Bussie (Union Wesley AME Zion Church, Washington, DC)

The theme for the revival is "Flying High In Renewed Strength." The scriptural background comes from Isaiah 40:31. For more information, call the church at 503-206-4135.

First Unitarian Church Hosts Monthly Film Series on Criminal Justice

The third and fourth in a series of documentary films about criminal justice issues continues at the First Unitarian Church with "Prison Kids" on Sunday, March 20th and with "Guilty Except for Insanity" on April 17. Both films will screen at 1:30 in Room A108 in the church's Buchan Building.

After each film guest speakers will make presentations to the audience and take questions.

At the showing "Prison Kids," which is about incarcerated juveniles, the speakers will be:

- Neal Lemery, who was a juvenile justice in Tillamook County for many years and now mentors incarcerated young men
- Sidney Morgan, Restorative Justice Coordinator, Portland Public Schools
- Marilyn Dikeos, a parent and educator

The speaker at the presentation of "Guilty Except for Insanity," which is about the plight of the mentally ill in the criminal justice system, and was filmed at Oregon State Hospital, will be Jan Haaken, the film's director, who is also a retired professor of psychology at Portland State University.

All events are free and open to the community. Free parking is available until 4 p.m. in the lot across the street from the church on S.W. 12th. This series is sponsored by the Ending the New Jim Crow social justice group at the First Unitarian Church. The series will continue with films in May and June.

The Ending the New Jim Crow (ENJC) social justice group started at First Unitarian Church in 2013 in response to Michelle Alexander's ground-breaking and widely read book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Our nation, with 5% of the world's population, incarcerates 25% of the world's prisoners. Men, women, and youth charged with non-violent crimes are serving long sentences in harsh environments and often face insurmountable challenges when they re-enter society. The ENJC group meets monthly and organizes forums to educate the public, and engages in political advocacy to bring about reforms.

Rosenblum Applauds Legislature for Funding DOJ's Elder Abuse Unit

SALEM—The Oregon legislature today funded Oregon's first statewide elder abuse unit. The full-time prosecutor and two investigators will be housed within the Oregon Department of Justice, and they will work with other prosecutors, law enforcement and community partners throughout the state to improve the prosecution of elder abuse. Oregon is the