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In this Oct. 7, 2014 file photo, Assistant Police Chief Larry O'Dea appears at a press conference at the Portland Police Bureau in the Justice Center, in Portland, Ore. Portland Mayor Charlie Hales announced Monday that current Portland Police Chief O'Dea plans to retire as authorities investigate whether he may have lied about accidentally shooting a friend in the back during an April hunting trip.

O'Dea Steps Down as Chief

Hales appointed Marshman to position Monday

By The Skanner News Staff

Mayor Charlie Hales announced Monday morning that Mike Marshman, a 25-year Portland Police Bureau veteran, would step into the role of interim police chief following the announcement that Larry O'Dea would retire.

O'Dea had been on paid leave — and

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A new study says it's more difficult than ever to determine who funds political ads.

Who is Paying for Political Ads?

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BET Awards Ceremony is Emotional and Energetic

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BLACK GRADUATION



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Yoli Chisolm presents Seattle's first Youth Poet Laureate and 2016 Cleveland High School graduate Lieja Farr with a vision board at the 1st Annual Greater Seattle Black Graduation June 24 at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute. High school graduates from schools all over Western Washington including Auburn Riverside, Todd Beamer, Federal Way, Rainier Beach, Garfield and Chief Sealth were honored for reaching the important milestone of High School Graduation with a ceremony featuring elements of traditional African culture including wisdom from their elders, music and poetry and a graduate recognition ceremony.

Oregon Ranks Low for Child Well-being

New report says children in Oregon are more likely to live in poverty

By Arashi Young
Of The Skanner News

More than one out of every five children in Oregon live in poverty according to the KIDS Count report published earlier this month by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

The report ranks Oregon 32nd in the nation for child well-being, which measures factors such as the economic security of parents, access to healthcare and quality of education.

Tonia Hunt, the execu-

tive director for Children First for Oregon, the state partner of the KIDS Count project, said Oregon's child well-being rating has been worsening over the years.

"We are continuing to see Oregon's national rankings drop over a number of years. This is not an aberration in the data, this is now a trend," Hunt said.

The most dire number from the KIDS Count report was the very low rating of economic well-being of Oregonians, 41 out of 50 — only nine states fared

worse than Oregon.

This number was determined by the number of children living in poverty, the number of parents without secure employment and the number of teenagers who are neither enrolled in school nor working. Hunt said many families are still living in poverty even though the economy has improved.

"Oregon families have just not recovered from the Great Recession at the same rate that other states are showing recovery, and

that's concerning," she said.

High housing costs also contribute to the struggles of families in Oregon. Nationwide, 35 percent of children lived in cost-burdened households. In Oregon, that number is 38 percent, with 323,000 children living in homes where more than 30 percent of monthly household pretax income is spent on housing-related expenses, including rent, mortgage

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Portland to Host Delta Sigma Theta's 50th Farwest Regional Conference

Many events are free and open to the public

By Delta Sigma Theta

The Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., invites the public to participate in the public events scheduled during its 50th Farwest Regional Conference.

The theme, "Power of the Past-Force of the Future: Celebrating HERstory," reiterates the organization's historical values and contin-

ued commitment to public service. Organizers will welcome more than 850 members of the sorority from Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Japan, Republic of Korea, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Closed conference events and sessions will take place at the Oregon Convention Center. The following conference events are free and open to the public, and all members of the

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