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WHEN THE MUSIC PLAYS



Kory Murphy of the Department of County Assets talks with Laura Cohen, project manager of LEAD at a program outreach dinner.

LEAD Offers Help, Not Jail Time

Program gives drug offenders the chance to seek treatment

By Melanie Sevchenko
Of The Skanner News

To lower the number of people entering the criminal justice system, a program called Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, or LEAD, puts treatment ahead of arrests.

In the coming months Portland will be introducing the still largely experimental program that offers social services to individuals possessing small amounts of cocaine, meth or heroin.

Originally launched in Seattle in 2011, the LEAD model is a suitable fit for Portland, says Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District Attorney.

"We think our downtown core area is
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PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Trumpet player Owuor Arunga accompanied Kibibi Monie during her performance at "When the Music Plays," a day of healing, inspiration and safe place discussions Dec. 4 at the Royal Esquire Club. The event which was sponsored by Lady A Productions, was designed to inspire people to come together and continue to fight for change and against injustice. It featured inspirational speeches by Seattle City Council President Bruce Harrell and Imam Shabbaz, from the Council on American-Islamic Relations; spoken word by Miz Floes and Kyana Wheeler and music by an incredible line up that included Lady "A", Josephine Howell, Bernadette Bascom, Polly O'Keary and Rhythm Method, the Stacy Jones Band, Stanetta Koeber and many more.

Should Delta Park be Renamed Vanport?

Community members speak in favor of reverting to the name of lost city

By Arashi Young
Of The Skanner News

Through the work of survivors, historians and advocates, more people have become aware of Vanport, the one-time second largest city in Oregon that was destroyed by a flood in 1948.

Community members are now calling for a permanent way to remember the lost city — by renaming Delta Park Vanport.

Lee Moore, who was a child living in Vanport at

the time of the flood, said the significance of the former city is too great to go unnoticed and unnamed.

"There should be something more meaningful to commemorate what went on there through the 40s and the impact that Vanport had on the city of Portland," Moore said.

Vanport was a quickly constructed workforce housing town built for the workers at Kaiser Shipyards during World War II.

The town housed over

40,000 people at its peak and had schools, a post office, a movie theater, a library and a hospital.

Joe Kregal remembered seeing the houses of Vanport after the flood, but said he didn't understand the significance of the city until he was older.

His father worked in the shipyards, and Kregal worked on some of the Kaiser Liberty ships when he was a longshoreman.

Kregal spoke to *The Skanner News*, advocating for the name to be returned to

the area. He said the name was erased due to the political correctness of the time, but it should be reinstated to honor the heroes of the era.

"It's an insult, it's an insult to the people that were involved, it's an insult to Kaiser, it's an insult to everyone that they named it Delta Park," Kregal said.

Both Moore and Kregal point to Vanport as a pivotal point in history, both nationally and locally. Kregal

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Ghant Heads Up Work-Study Program

Program helps place De La Salle North students in corporate jobs where they earn and learn

By Christen McCurdy
Of The Skanner News

Walter Ghant grew up in north Portland, near the intersection of Williams and Killingsworth.

After graduating from Madison High School, Ghant attended Warner Pacific College, and took what he describes as "a 20-year hiatus" away from Portland to pursue graduate

school and a career in education. Ghant holds master's degrees from James Madison University (history) and George Mason University (public administration) and a doctorate in divinity from Howard University, all located in Washington D. C.

Ghant worked in a variety of administrative positions in higher education in the Washington, D. C. area, but told *The Skanner* he and his wife

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Walter Ghant



Sonja Thompkins, a brick and mortar business strategist and founder of SincerelySonja.com, said #BuyBlack is a trend for consumers of color to spend their money within their own communities.

#BuyBlack Movement is Real

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