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**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
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# SPORTS AND RACE



Janelle Bynum, shown here at a Jan. 9 swearing-in, is the first African American representative to serve District 51 in the Oregon legislature.

## Bynum Breaks Barriers

District 51's first Black representative talks about her plans

By *Melanie Sevckenko*  
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Last November, Democrat candidate Janelle Bynum made history when she took a seat in the Oregon House of Representatives as the first African American to represent House District 51.

In a narrow race that broke records as Oregon's most expensive House campaign, Bynum defeated Happy Valley mayor, Republican Lori Chavez-DeRemer.

Originally from Washington D.C., Bynum attended the historically Black Florida A&M University, where she

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Sportswriter and social commentator Dave Zirin talks with Seahawk defensive end Michael Bennett about San Francisco Quarterback Colin Kaepernick's decision to protest the treatment of Black people in America by refusing to stand for the national anthem and the Seahawks' decision to link arms together as a team instead of taking a knee. Michael Bennett described how the Seahawks discussed the issue for hours and decided as a team to join arms so everyone could be included. At one point in the conversation, Michael Bennett said that the meeting he had with his teammate to discuss how to fight racism was better than winning the Super Bowl.

## Jobs, Automation to Highlight Breakfast Talk

Howard Moore will speak at The Skanner Foundation's Monday event

By *Christen McCurdy*  
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Civil rights attorney Howard Moore will speak at The Skanner Foundation's 31st annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Jan. 16.

He told *The Skanner* he intends to talk about the aspects of like Martin Luther King, Jr. predicted in his writings that have become relevant in recent years.

For instance, he said, King wrote about the rise of automation and the threat it imposed on regular jobs. Moore noted the hollowing of the middle class has been enabled by automation, and the advent of self-driving trucks and cars could make it worse: 3.5 million people drive trucks for a living, and Uber — which already relied on a freelance drivers rather than a tradition-

al employment contract with a guaranteed wage — is experimenting with a fleet of self-driving cars.

The future could be very grim if nothing replaces the current economic model, which is quickly being eroded, he said.

"Dr. King talked about having a guaranteed annual wage. No one has discussed that in recent memory. Jobs, as we know jobs, don't exist in the way they

once did," he said.

Moore was born in Atlanta in 1932, and as a young man worked as a sportswriter for the *Atlanta Daily World*. When he attended Morehouse College, an interest in journalism evolved into an interest in politics. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1954 and an LL.B degree (bachelor's degree

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## Everybody Reads 2017 Highlights 'Evicted'

Sociologist Matthew Desmond's book focuses on the consequences of eviction, poverty in Milwaukee

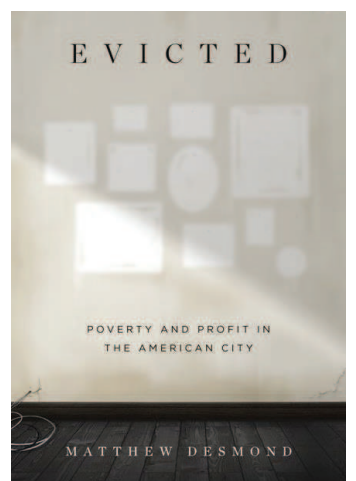
Multnomah County Library's 15th annual community reading project, Everybody Reads 2017, kicked off a new year with the distribution of thousands of free copies of "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" by Harvard associate professor and MacArthur "Genius" Matthew Desmond.

"Evicted" was included in the Ten Best Books of 2016 by both The New York Times and The Washington Post. The non-fiction work examines low-income households and the consequences of eviction through the personal stories of eight struggling families in Milwaukee, Wisc.

"What the reader takes away from this book is the complexity of eviction, through the eyes of not just the tenants, but also the landlords, and the whole range of pressures and conditions involved with evictions," Shawn Cunningham, director of communications at Multnomah County Library, told *The Skanner*.

While Portland's housing crisis — culminating in a lack of affording housing, rent increases, no-cause lease terminations and homelessness — persists, Everybody Reads 2017 is using "Evicted" to initiate a community dialogue in addressing these

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"Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" by Harvard associate professor Matthew Desmond