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MLK MARCH



The NAACP Portland Branch is holding firm on its decision not to endorse this weekend's Women's March on Portland. Branch president Jo Ann Hardesty said she is not personally discouraging anyone from going, but she is throwing her energy into helping organize a Peace and Justice March through Northeast Portland Jan. 28.

Marching Forward

Women's March on Portland presses ahead with new leadership

By Christen McCurdy
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The Women's March on Portland is moving forward this Saturday with new leadership and a commitment to inclusive feminism, though the NAACP Portland Branch is still not endorsing the event.

Margaret Jacobsen, a 29-year-old Black Portland writer, whose previous organizing experience includes a series of conversations about race called Let's Talk, took the reins of the event early last week — just days before the NAACP Portland chapter put out a press release

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Gov. Kate Brown

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Thousands of people participated in the 35th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in Seattle Jan. 16. The event started at 9:30 a.m. with 26 workshops on a variety of social justice topics including single payer health care, Black Lives Matter and labor and civil rights in the Trump era, followed at 11 a.m. with a rally in the Garfield High School gym and ending with a march from Garfield to the Federal Building for another rally. People could then return to Garfield for a free lunch. The annual tradition drew an even larger crowd as many people in Seattle prepare for a week of activism leading up to Donald Trump's inauguration and the Women's March on Jan. 21 which is being held in conjunction with marches all over the world.

Donald Trump Inspires OSU Course on Modern Racism

Course to focus on how African Americans have resisted racism through

By Melanie Sevchenko
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While Donald Trump is only days away from becoming the 45th President of the United States, some college campuses are educating students on his deplorable campaign tactics, in what might be the first wave of university-level courses that link modern racism to the incoming president.

Oregon State University

opened a new winter quarter last week with African American Resistance in the Era of Donald Trump, a special topics seminar course offered through the sociology department.

The class aims to give students an understanding of how racism is deeply embedded in social media and popular culture, by covering history from the post-emancipation period to its progression through the recent election of Donald Trump.

The curriculum will place a special focus on how African Americans have continued to resist white supremacy.

"Unfortunately, in the high school and university education systems, a lot of students don't get much exposure to what that resistance has been like historically," said sociology professor Dr. Dwaine Plaza, who was motivated to create the course after Trump's victory. "So what we're trying to do in this

course is give a historical narrative of African American resistance up to this point, and then what it might be like in the next four to eight years."

The professor is asking his students to reflect on how Black Americans will resist institutionalized discrimination which, he said, is going to be part of their day-to-day lives during the new presidency.

Plaza, who is African American himself, believes

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'There Have Been Times of Peril Before'

Howard Moore's speech at MLK Breakfast focused on staying hopeful in difficult times

By Christen McCurdy
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Civil rights attorney Howard Moore, whose clients have included activists Julian Bond and Angela Davis, addressed a crowd of about 1,000 people, who traveled through ice and snow Jan. 16 for The Skanner Foundation's 31st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast.

Moore's speech focused on the election and impending inauguration of business tycoon Donald Trump. Trump's lack of regard for civil campaigning, his comments about Muslims, African Americans, Latinos and people with disabilities — and his conduct with women should be of grave concern to Americans, Moore said. But, in the spirit of remembering King's legacy, he told the audi-

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Civil rights attorney Howard Moore spoke at The Skanner Foundation's MLK Breakfast Monday.