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PHOTO COURTESY OF MARANATHA CHURCH
The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Peace and Justice will host a community forum on police reform April 25.

AMA, IPR to Host Forums on Police Reform

Reformers seek input on compliance report, though future of city's settlement is uncertain

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Citizens concerned about the fate of police reform in Portland will have the chance to offer input at five upcoming forums – four hosted by the Independent Police Review board, and one hosted by the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Peace and Justice.

The AMA will hold a public forum to take feedback on the city's progress with the Department of Justice Agreement from 6 to 8 p.m. April 25 at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave. in Portland.

According to a press release the organization issued last week, leaders

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'Sweat' Wins Pulitzer

Lynn Nottage becomes the first woman to win two Pulitzers for drama

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Movies Opening This Week

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BLACK VIOLIN



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED
Kev Marcus and Will B, members of Black Violin, the classically trained hip hop duo, performed April 5 to a packed Moore Theatre audience. After starting their Unity Tour in Portland on April 3, the popular violinists stopped in Seattle before heading off to perform in 13 more cities before ending their tour on June 18 in Washington D.C.

No Right to Rest for Unhoused Oregonians

As HHB 2215 dies, a new report details criminalization of homelessness

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A bill to protect the rights of houseless people in public spaces died quietly last week, just on the heels of a report released by the ACLU of Oregon detailing the ways local governments effectively criminalize homelessness.

Legislators had until Friday to schedule a hearing for House Bill 2215, which advocates were calling the Right to Rest Act – but by the end of the day failed to do so. It sought to codify the rights to “use and move freely in public spaces without discrimination and time limitations that are based on housing status,” including the right right to rest, eat and worship (and to occupy legally parked vehicles).

The day before that deadline the ACLU of Oregon released a report, “Decriminalizing Homelessness: Why the Right to Rest is a High Road for Oregon,” detailing the extent to which certain activities have been criminalized by county and municipal governments throughout the state – in ways that target unhoused people disproportionately, including African Americans, who are much more likely to experience homelessness and to have adverse interactions with law enforcement.

The report analyzes a set of municipal anti-homeless codes in four categories: standing, sitting and resting in public places; sleeping, camping and lodging in public places, including vehicles; begging, panhandling and soliciting as well as loitering. It also includes excerpts from interviews conducted by the Western Regional Advocacy Project of 565 unhoused Oregonians. It found:

- 125 laws that outlaw some form of sleeping or camping in public spaces, and 31 Oregon cities that restrict sleeping in one's vehicle even if it is illegally parked;

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OHSU Graduate Leaves Portland for New York Residency

Ann Oluloro was one of a few Black medical students at OHSU's School of Medicine

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This June, Ann Oluloro, a medical student at Oregon Health & Sciences University, will say goodbye to her native Portland and embark on the next crucial step to becoming a doctor.

For the next several years, Oluloro will be completing her graduate medical training in obstetrics and gynecology as a resident of the University of Buffalo.

It's a long way from home, but the city in upstate New York was among her top three choices for potential residencies.

“They say to choose a program based on your gut instinct,” said Oluloro, in an interview with *The Skanner*. “I just loved the residents at Buffalo.”

Her relocation to the chilly city was the culmination of Match Day, likely the most significant moment in any medical student's life.

Every March, graduating students are “matched” with residencies

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PHOTO BY MELANIE SEVCENKO
OHSU medical student Ann Oluloro graduates in June and will start her residency at the University of Buffalo.