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# TAX MARCH



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According to TriMet, while transit police are authorized to check fares, they're primarily employed to regulate safety and criminal activity.

## TriMet to Move Precinct

Activists say the agency is not addressing disparities

By *Melanie Sevckenko*  
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**W**ith \$11 million in capital bonds, TriMet will be relocating its central police precinct from Old Town Chinatown to the Rose Quarter in the Northeast.

The announcement from the TriMet Board of Directors has met with backlash from OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon and its union, Bus Riders Unite, which say the board is not adequately addressing community concerns.

According to BRU, the money should be spent to benefit riders, not on what it's calling a "transit jail."

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PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED  
Education activist and Garfield High School teacher Jesse Hagopian spoke at a rally at the Federal Building on April 15 demanding that President Trump release his tax returns. After listening to speakers that included Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal – who talked about why more than 70 percent of Americans want the President to release his taxes and show he won't benefit personally from changes in tax law – the crowd marched to the Seattle Center. Similar events were held in over 180 communities across the country.

## Forum to Address Gun Violence, Health

Highland Christian Center hosts all-day community conference Saturday

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**O**regon Health & Sciences University, Portland State University and the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health will hold a free all-day forum Saturday at Highland Christian Center to address gun violence as a public health issue.

The conference will include sessions on strengthening families, intimate partner violence, addressing one's individual pain – and a session called fear, trauma and the police. Presenters will include families affected by violence, as well as health care providers and community lead-

ers: Mayor Ted Wheeler will emcee the event and Antoinette Edwards, director of the city's Office of Youth Violence Prevention, is also scheduled to present.

"It's unacceptable when you have over 30,000 gun related deaths in a given year and they can be prevented," said Dr Alisha R. Moreland-Capua, M.D., an OHSU psychiatrist who will provide the forum keynote. "That's unacceptable. We understand that it is an epidemic."

Moreland said gun violence is caused by multiple factors and needs to be understood as a complex issue. But she stressed that the complexity of the problem doesn't make it

hopeless. Many of her patients have survived severe trauma, and trauma compounded with other factors can lead to violence – which isn't an excuse for the outcome, but can instead point to a remedy.

"What we have discovered is fear and trauma, when they are unchecked and unmanaged, increase one's proclivity for violence," Moreland-Capua told *The Skanner*. Referencing psychologist Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs, Moreland-Capua said when people lack basic needs like food, water or a sense of safety, most people will

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## New Lecture Series Honors Dr. Norval Unthank

OHSU series named for Portland's first Black doctor will focus on health equity, disparities in healthcare system

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**L**ast week Oregon Health & Sciences University launched an annual lecture series to honor Dr. Norval Unthank, Portland's first African American physician. Dr. Edward Cornwell is surgeon-in-chief at Howard University Hospital

and is considered one of the top trauma care surgeons in the country. A specialist in the treatment of gunshot wounds and critical care, Cornwell talked about racial disparities in trauma care – and how hospitals can change to reduce them.

According to Jamie Thayer, OHSU's director of de-

velopment, the new lecture series will take place every spring. While last week's talk took place at OHSU's Marquam Hill campus, Thayer said organizers will likely move the lecture to a more central location, either downtown or the east side of Portland.

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Dr. Norval Unthank



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Reza Nekumanesh, Director of the Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno, speaks out against violence at a gathering of faith leaders in response to a shooting that killed 3 people in downtown Fresno, Calif., on Tuesday.

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