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SEATTLE MAY DAY



Roosevelt High School in the St. Johns neighborhood in Portland, Oregon

The Race for Portland Public Schools

The final PPS candidates need your vote May 16

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Workers dismantle the Liberty Place monument Monday, April 24, 2017, which commemorates whites who tried to topple a biracial post-Civil War government, in New Orleans. It was removed overnight in an attempt to avoid disruption from supporters who want the monuments to stay.

New Orleans Removes Racist Monuments

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Dr. Jasmine on Puppy Fever

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Several Thousand people showed up for the annual May Day march May 1st. The march wound its way from Judkins Park to the Seattle Center. Although the march's goal is to bring attention to immigration and labor rights many people carried signs disavowing the Trump Presidency and calling for an end to racism, sexism and economic inequality.

Writer and Activist Shaun King to Speak

The New York Daily News columnist delivers a talk in Portland on May 4

By **Melanie Sevckenko**
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As an activist for justice and the Black Lives Matter movement, Shaun King has carved out a career through his outspoken views on police brutality, racism and the challenges of the day.

Originally from Kentucky, King attended Morehouse College, a historically Black men's college in Atlanta, where he majored in history. After

graduation he worked as a civics teacher and a motivational speaker for Atlanta's juvenile justice system, before becoming the pastor of the "Courageous Church," which he founded in 2008. Using social media to rally and unite people of disparate backgrounds, King is actively involved in online charitable platforms, such as HopeMob.org and TwitChange.com.

He blogged for the politically liberal website, Daily Kos, before becoming the senior justice writer for

the *New York Daily News* in 2015. King is also a political commentator for the Tom Joyner Morning Show.

Before arriving in Portland for the International Speaker Series, King spoke to *The Skanner* by phone, from his home of New York City. This interview has been edited for space.

The Skanner News: Since you became the senior justice writer at *New York Daily News*, how has reporting and commenting on topics like social

justice, police brutality and race relations changed in America?

Shaun King: A lot has changed in our country over the past two years in general. When I first started working for the *Daily News*, issues of police brutality where really seen as a national emergency, and protests centered on police brutality in the United States were the top news stories. They were international news. The whole world was talking about

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Vote on Auditor Changes, Tax Lodgings, School Bonds

Ballots have been mailed for May 16 special elections

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The Multnomah County Elections Office has mailed ballots for the May 16 special election. Voters who do not receive a ballot by Thursday should call the county elections office at (503) 988-3720. Completed ballots can be mailed with one first-class stamp or dropped at any official ballot drop site, including all Multnomah County Library locations (visit multco.us/elections/multnomah-county-official-ballot-drop-sites for a complete list). Ballots are due by 8 p.m. May 16.

In addition to electing three new school board members, Multnomah County voters will weigh in on the following ballot measures:

Measure 26-189: Auditor Charter Changes

This measure would amend the city charter to increase the city auditor's independence from the mayor, city council, city departments and other audited agencies (including the Portland Police Bureau).

An explanatory statement by cur-

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Multnomah County voters will be asked to choose three new school board members - and vote on three ballot measures - in the May 16 special election.