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Black Male Achievement Director C.J. Robbins, BMA steering committee member Erious Johnson, Modica and BMA steering committee member Justice Rajee pose after Friday's announcement.

Gang Designation to Sunset

Advocates cautiously optimistic about database purge

By Christen McCurdy
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Advocates who pushed to end the Portland Police Bureau's 20-year-old gang designation are cautiously optimistic about last week's announcement the database would be purged by Oct. 15.

Last fall The Oregonian reviewed a modified version of the list and found that of 359 people on the list, 64 percent were Black, though African Americans make up just 7.5 percent of the city's population "It's one-up for the minorities, it's one-up for the people who've always been condemned in our city," said Ronisha Harris, who told *The Skanner* she discovered

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This photo from Sept. 10 shows people walking toward a cruise ship anchored on St. Maarten, after the passage of Hurricane Irma. Irma cut a path of devastation across the northern Caribbean.

Hurricane Exposes Racial Tensions in U.S.V.I.

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NOT THIS TIME



A translator relates the thoughts of a relative of Hussein Hassan, a father of eight who was shot and killed by Kennewick police officers on Aug. 13, during a press conference called by Not This Time and CAIR-WA (The Council on American-Islamic Relations) Sept. 7 at Seattle Vocational Institute. Not This Time and CAIR-WA called for a full investigation into these police shootings and the other 26 deadly shootings by law enforcement in Washington State this year. Many of the families who have lost loved ones in police shootings support I-940, which would increase de-escalation training for police officers.

Lottery Conference Comes to Portland

The NASPL holds its annual event at the Convention Center Sept. 13 - 16

By Melanie Sevchenko
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While lottery players are still reeling from last month's largest single-ticket Powerball prize in U.S. history — \$758.7 million won by a Massachusetts hospital worker — the lottery industry continues to innovate in the background to keep up with the game.

Wednesday kicked off the first of a three-day conference of the 52 members

and vendors of the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

"NASPL is thrilled to host its 2017 annual conference in a city with as vibrant and diverse an identity as Portland," NASPL president Rose Hudson told *The Skanner*.

As is tradition, the 'host lottery' sets the program for the conference — and this year theme's "Shift Your Game" was realized

by the Oregon Lottery.

"It's really a recognition that lotteries need to stay relevant to changing technologies, new demographics of players, and new demands from the states that support them," said Barry Pack, director of the Oregon Lottery.

For the past year leading up to this week's conference, the state's lottery team has been busy programming all the details — from identifying topics of the keynote speakers to organizing panels, awards

and the NASPL Trade Show.

"What we're trying to do is bring in local perspectives outside of the lottery industry to share their experience and ideas to help lottery executives shift their thinking on how they approach customer relationships, product innovation and marketing," continued Pack.

While Oregon is not among the largest lotteries in the nation, it is unique in its games.

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Kayse Jama to Run for Oregon State Senate

The candidate, co-founder of Unite Oregon, is campaigning to unseat Rod Monroe of District 24

By Melanie Sevchenko
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Unite Oregon Executive Director Kayse Jama officially announced his candidacy last week for Oregon Senate District 24, which covers East Multnomah County along with portions of Gresham and Happy Valley in Clackamas County.

Jama has joined Democrat Shemia

Fagan — an employment lawyer and former representative of District 51 — in the race to unseat incumbent Rod Monroe for District 24 in the 2018 primary election.

Monroe ran unopposed in the 2014 Democratic primary and unchallenged in the general election. But he turned heads among his own party this year when he helped derail House Bill 2004, which would have

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Kayse Jama, candidate for Oregon State Senate District 24.