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Ta-Nehisi Coates

Ta-Nehisi Coates Speaks on the Reward of Resistance

The award-winning author delved into his new book 'We Were Eight Years in Power' during Wordstock

By *Melanie Sevckenko*
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To kick off Portland's annual literary festival Wordstock, acclaimed author and journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates shared with a sold-out audience at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall his take on culture and politics – and particularly how they pertain to Black America – which he's become

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YOUTH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

The West Seattle Bengals receive their medals after losing to the Renton Rangers in the Greater Seattle Youth Football & Cheer League 89ers Championship game. In the three other division championship games, the Pac Hwy Chargers won 7 to 6 in a close one over the Renton Rangers in the Peeewe division, the Kent Cobras won in a hard-fought game against the Tulalip Jr. Hawks winning the GSYFC Juniors Championship and the Beach Boys won the 14 and under championship over the Renton Rangers in the final game of the day.

Alexander Hired as OSU Diversity Chair

New vice president and diversity chair has background in counseling

By *Christen McCurdy*
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Growing up in Trinidad, Charlene Alexander never thought there was anything she couldn't do.

"I grew up in a culture where I was part of the majority. I saw examples of women, including my mother, in leadership roles in every area of society. I never had this perspective that I couldn't do whatever I wanted to do," she said.

Only when she emigrat-

ed to the United States at 17 did Alexander start to see and think about how oppressive structures can hold individuals back.

Alexander, the new vice president and chief diversity officer at Oregon State University, moved to Corvallis in July and started her new job – a position that is itself newly created – July 1.

There's no typical work week, she said, but she's spent her first weeks at OSU meeting with stakeholders – including facul-

ty, students and members of the administration – and listening.

"My work is to educate students to advocate as leaders. It's their responsibility in schools to see the power that's within them, to make sure they have all the resources they need to be successful in school. These are socially constructed barriers for a whole host of reasons, obviously, given the whole history of the country," Alexander told *The Skanner*.

Alexander comes to

OSU from Indiana's Ball State University, where she worked in a variety of positions over the course of 20 years. Most recently, Alexander served as Ball State's associate provost for diversity and the director of its Office for Institutional Diversity. There she helped the school establish its first diversity advisory committee and develop its first diversity strategic plan.

"Charlene was an out-

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Library Partners to Offer Open Enrollment Assistance

Oregonians can apply for health insurance between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15

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In support of open enrollment season for health insurance, the Multnomah County Library has partnered with the health department to spread the word.

Open enrollment runs for 45 days, from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. County residents can visit any branch of the Multnomah County Library with questions and resources.

In addition, the library is hosting a series of public sessions across the county to offer information on the application and enrollment process.

Residents can call (503) 988-5841 to register for a session, or visit the library's website for dates and locations.

"We are here to connect people with information and resources," Shawn Cunningham, director of

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AP PHOTO/TSYANGIRAYI MUKWAZHIL FILE

In this Sept. 1 file photo, Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe addresses party supporters at a rally in Gweru, Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe's army said Wednesday it has Mugabe and his wife in custody and is securing government offices and patrolling the capital's streets following a night of unrest that included a military takeover.

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