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VIGIL FOR DASHAWN HORNE



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The Reverend Kelle Brown with Plymouth UCC leads the family, friends and supporters in "Amazing Grace" during a vigil for DaShawn Horne Feb. 3 outside Harborview Medical Center where DaShawn is recovering from an alleged hate crime. He was attacked Jan. 20 by a man with a baseball bat who reportedly yelled racial slurs during the unprovoked attack. DaShawn remains unconscious but is slowly recovering. The suspect in the crime was arraigned on Monday.

Quanice Hayes' Family to Sue City of Portland

Crowdfunding campaign kicks off Thursday afternoon to fund lawsuit

The Skanner News Staff

Attorneys representing the family of Quanice Hayes, who was shot and killed by Portland police Feb. 9 of last year, have announced they intend to sue the office of Mayor Ted Wheeler. The suit was first reported on Monday in an article for the website Longform.org, in which Portland journalist Leah Sottile reported on the last hours of Hayes' life. Attorney Jesse Merithew was quoted say-

ing the Hayes family was planning to file a tort claim with the city, which Merithew confirmed with *The Skanner* and other local media later that day. According to a Wednesday morning press release, the Hayes family will hand-deliver their notice of intent to sue to Wheeler's office Thursday at noon. "The Hayes family refuses to allow Quanice's death to go unanswered. Despite the grand jury's decision not to bring criminal

charges against Officer Hearst, the family is determined to do what it takes to get justice for Quanice," Merithew said in the press release. "Quanice's death is part of pattern by the Portland Police Bureau of killing unarmed young black people." The press release also mentions that the the United States Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against the city based on its unjustified use of force against mentally ill individuals. It notes that while

the DOJ's lawsuit does not mention racial targeting, it lists 10 individuals killed by Portland Police and cited by USDOJ as having mental illness and notes that four were African American, where only 6 percent of Portland residents identify as African American. Hayes was shot early in the morning on Feb. 9 in front of a Northeast Portland home. Officer Andrew Hearst, who shot and killed

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Push to Move US Public Land Managers West

Western politicians argue 99 percent of BLM-managed land is in 12 Western states

By Dan Elliott Associated Press

DENVER — From its headquarters in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Bureau of Land Management oversees some of the nation's most prized natural resources: vast expanses of public lands rich in oil, gas, coal, grazing for livestock, habitat for wildlife, hunting ranges, fishing streams and hiking trails. But more than 99 percent of that land is in 12 Western states, hundreds of miles from the nation's capi-

tal. Some Western politicians — both Republicans and Democrats — are asking why the bureau's headquarters isn't in the West as well. "You're dealing with an agency that basically has no business in Washington, D.C.," said Colorado Republican Sen. Cory Gardner, who introduced a bill to move the headquarters to any of those dozen states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington or Wyoming.

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SCOTT G. WINTER/THE DESERT NEWS VIA AP FILE

In this May 9, 2017, file photo, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke rides a horse in the new Bears Ears National Monument near Blanding, Utah. Much of Bears Ears is on land administered by the Bureau of Land Management, which is part of Zinke's department. Western lawmakers are arguing that BLM headquarters should be moved from Washington, D.C., to the West because of its influence there.



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Roberta Phillip-Robbins, co-chair of the Oregon Civil Rights Council, which commissioned a new report on the impact of Measure 11, is hopeful the findings will lead to holistic reforms.

Reflecting on Measure 11

New report notes racial disparities in youth incarceration system

By Christen McCurdy Of The Skanner News

Robert White was 17 when he was arrested on a first-degree robbery charge, which he later pled down to attempted robbery and burglary. White, who is now 25, didn't know that in 1994 — the year he turned two — Oregon voters approved a ballot measure that would drastically reshape the lives of young people facing criminal charges. Ballot Measure 11 created mandatory sentencing for those 15 and up who faced criminal charges. "Going through it, I was very, very, very illiterate when it came to law or my rights," White said. The plea deal resulted in a lesser sentence — White was sentenced to 60 months initially, of which he served about four-and-a-half years in two juvenile justice facilities in Oregon — but White still has a felony charge on his record. Though he received job training and several certifications while incarcerated — including a forklift license and a food handler's license — White told *The Skanner* that after he was released, he struggled to find work and housing.

He also feels he was more fortunate than many in having family and mentors to offer him shelter and support while he re-entered society. Now White works at POIC + Rosemary Anderson High School mentoring youth in the school's community healing initiative. He also works with the Anne E. Casey Foundation to advocate for youth and for criminal justice reform.

"If I had the power to eradicate [Measure 11], I would. It's too many young individuals, it's too many African Americans, it's too many Latinos — it's too many people of color that are be-

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