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FIGURING HISTORY



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Jordan Allen studies a painting by artist by Robert Colescott at the Seattle Art Museum. Mr. Colescott's is one of three artists whose work is featured in the Seattle Art Museum's exhibit Figuring History: Robert Colescott, Kerry James Marshall, Mickalene Thomas. The large paintings represent 3 generations of black artists whose work questions the narrative of American history. The exhibit will be on display through May 13.

Could Portland Adopt Municipal Broadband?

After net neutrality repeal, a local group is pushing for a public provider

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the second attracted about 30, according to Michael Hanna, an organizer with the group. The Municipal Broadband PDX Facebook group currently has 1,800 members, though.

But Portland residents are interested in the concept again in part because of the Federal Communication Commission's December vote to repeal net neutrality, opening the door for private Internet providers to block competing applications, slow connection speeds or offer higher speeds only to customers who are willing to pay more.

"The repeal of net neu-

trality has sparked a wildfire across the nation," Hanna said.

Earlier this week Oregon's House of Representatives passed a law requiring state agencies to sign Internet service contracts with providers that abide by net neutrality practices. While Municipal Broadband organizers support net neutrality, they see net neutrality as a symptom of the bigger problem: that two private companies, Comcast and CenturyLink, hold a near-monopoly (and in some neighborhoods, a monopoly) on Internet access in the city. Advocates for making Internet access

a public utility say access is critical for daily life activities and for getting ahead in society, that building out and maintaining a fiber network would create jobs and that revenue could help pay for needed services.

The idea isn't unique to Portland, and the idea is not new, said Russell Senior, president of Personal Telco, a Portland-based nonprofit wireless network and member of Municipal Broadband Portland. Russell, along with Hanna and Roberta Phillip-Robbins, are working

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Parents Spooked By Abuse in Youth Sports Set More Limits

By SALLY HO, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — With Olympic prodigies having just dazzled audiences worldwide, parents in the U.S. are reconciling the thrill of the gold with their fears from recent sexual abuse scandals in elite youth sports.

Shannon Stabbert said her 6-year-old daughter wants to be a gymnast, but the Seattle mother decided to put her in a martial-arts program instead.

"I have no doubt she will be quite amazing at gymnastics," Stabbert said. "I just don't feel like it's a mentally, physically, emotionally healthy sport for girls."

High-profile cases of sexual abuse and other predatory behavior in gymnastics, swimming and other sports have jolted many parents who believe athletics can be an important part of their child's development.

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AP PHOTO/ELINE THOMPSON

In this Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, photo, Lara Mae Chollette, a coach of youth soccer and basketball, runs a basketball drill with her daughter Linda, 10, as her son Jaylen, 7, looks on at a community gym in Seattle.

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No livestock will be permitted on said real property. An easement reserved over the rear 5 feet of each lot for utility installable maintenance.

Until such time as public mains for sewage disposal are available disposal shall be by means of septic tanks of such type, location, location on the lot, and tile disposal field as to be in accordance with the requirements of the Oregon State Board of Health.

No person of any race other than those of the Caucasian or White shall use or occupy any building on any lot. Except that this shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner or tenant.

No dwelling house shall be used or occupied other than for strictly domestic purposes. All buildings shall be completed and painted in one year from time construction thereof is commenced. Nor shall any building or any part thereof be erected, maintained or used as a premises for flats, apartments, manufacturing, or commercial uses.

No fence more than 36 inches in height shall be placed or constructed within 3 feet of any street laid out, established or dedicated.

A restrictive covenant from a 1941 deed in Portland's Hillsdale neighborhood, states that "No person of any race other those of the Caucasian or White race shall use or occupy any building on any lot" in the housing tract.

Law Makes It Easier to Remove Racist Restrictions From Deeds

HB 4134 passed out of the Senate Monday

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This week the Oregon legislature passed a bill that would make it easier to remove racist language from property deeds.

House Bill 4134 passed out of the Senate Monday and heads toward the governor's desk this spring. Under the new law property owners would be able to remove discriminatory restrictions in their deeds by petitioning their county's circuit court with no fee.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene and Junction City), drafted the bill after buying a house in Eugene and discovering the property deed said the house could only be sold to "members of the Caucasian race."

"I went back and forth with the realtor and the title company to see if it could get that language taken out," she said. She discovered the process was "time consuming and expensive" and not very accessible to someone who could not afford a lawyer, partly because the process requires that all owners of record be notified.

"For me, part of the reason of bringing the bill is to continue the conversation in the legislature and the public and continue the conversation about our history of racist discrimination. People know about redlining, people know about discrimination by the financial system, but they may not know about this," Fahey said.

Richard Rothstein, a research associate of the Economic Policy Institute and a fellow at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense

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