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Exterior of Harriet Tubman Middle School.

Tubman School Reopens Aug. 27

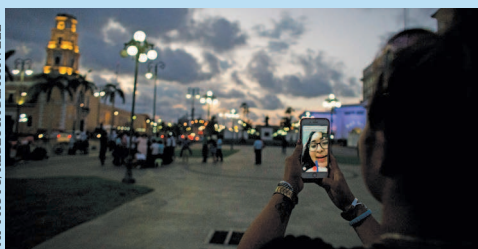
A celebration for alumnae of the historically Black school has been canceled due to lack of support from Portland Public Schools

By Melanie Sevckenko
Special to The Skanner

As a young woman, Natasha Butler remembers watching students of Harriet Tubman Middle School board the Number 4 bus from the window of her father's business on Williams Avenue.

Decades later, Butler will be the proud principal of that very same school when it reopens this fall after closing its

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Lety Stegall speaks with her daughter on a video call as she walks near the port in Veracruz, Mexico on May 25. Stegall, who once was arrested for a misdemeanor DUI years before her deportation, wonders why the government's immigration crackdown includes noncriminals and low-level criminals instead of focusing on the "bad hombres" that Donald Trump said he'd banish.

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YOUTH CLIMATE MARCH



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Aji Piper, 17 speaks during the Zero Hour: Seattle Youth Climate March and Rally July 21 at Garfield Community Play field. About 100 young people and adults marched from Garfield Play field to Pratt Park. Similar events were held throughout the country. Aji Piper is one of the original plaintiffs in a case called Juliana v. United States, which argues that the government's actions that cause climate change violate the younger generation's Constitutional rights to life, liberty and property. The case is currently making its way through the courts.

Black Portlanders Weigh In on Future of PPB

Survey calls for transparency, accountability and 21st-century policing

By Christen McCurdy
Of The Skanner News

Portlanders of color want to see increased accountability, transparency and a push toward 21st-century policing, according to an informal survey conducted earlier this year by Nike and Herman Greene.

The Greens created an online survey they publicized through word of mouth and social media this spring and present-

ed earlier this month at a meeting of the Community Peace Collaborative in North Portland. Their methodology was informal - they capped the survey once 100 had been submitted, to make it easier to tally the results - but the intention was to bring the voices of Black Portlanders and other Portlanders of color to the fore. The majority of participants identified as being of color or as part of mixed-race marriages or families.

"If you figure out what's hurting Black America, you're going to figure out what's hurting America," Nike Greene said as she prepared to present survey results to the group.

She began with a slide of a photo taken in Portland that became a famous image in 2014: that of Devonte Hart, then 12 years old, hugging a Portland police officer during a police brutality protest following the death of Mike Brown. (Hart is missing but pre-

sumed to have died along with his three siblings and adoptive mothers, all of whom died in April in an apparent murder-suicide, with Jennifer Hart behind the wheel of an SUV that plunged off a California cliff.)

When first published, the photo was touted and shared on social media as a moment of healing and hope between a Black child and a police officer during a painful national mo-

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Georgia Governor's Matchup Sets a Battle for the Middle

Stacey Abrams would be the nation's first Black woman elected governor

By Bill Barrow and Ben Nadler
Associated Press

ATLANTA - With the Georgia governor's race now set, the contest between Republican Brian Kemp and Democrat Stacey Abrams becomes a question of which candidate can move beyond their partisan bases to capture the electoral middle in this emerging battleground state.

Kemp, a two-term secretary of state backed by President Donald Trump, hardly moderated his approach as he celebrated an overwhelming

runoff victory Tuesday. After a campaign featuring guns, chain saws and his smiling pledge to "round up criminal illegals" in his pickup truck, the newly minted Republican nominee painted Abrams as a radical leftist threat to Georgia values.



Stacey Abrams

Abrams, a former state legislative leader, isn't a radical by any conventional definition of U.S. politics, but she's run an aggressive campaign to energize the Democratic base by pledging to expand Medicaid insurance and spend more on education, infrastructure, and job training. She also backs tighter gun restrictions, abortion rights and removing Confederate monuments from state property. Her effort to become the nation's first Black woman elected

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