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JOE BRAZIL LEGACY



Saxophonist Jeremy Shaskus and trumpet player Jason Chambliss play with the Joe Brazil Legacy Band during the Joe Brazil Legacy Black Music History Month Celebration 2019, June 22 at Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park. The event celebrated the life of Seattle jazz artist and teacher Joe Brazil. Many of the musicians performing at the event had been taught by Mr. Brazil. The days festivities included tap dancing by NW Tap Connection, a tribute to longtime Joe Brazil Legacy supporter, Umeme Dinish by original Seattle Black Panther Chapter member Elmer Dixon, performances by the Emerald City Jazz Ensemble, Goody Bagg and spoken word by Mr. Kalvatre.



Commissioner Chloe Eudaly's ordinances relating to rental screening criteria and security deposits passed out of city council last week.

City Passes Renter Protections

Ordinances alter screening criteria, cap income requirement

By Christen McCurdy
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Portland City Council last week passed two tenant-protection ordinances to change screening criteria and procedures, as well as capping the amount of money landlords can charge for security deposits.

The ordinances were put forward by Commissioner Chloe Eudaly and workshopped for nearly two years by the city's Renter Services Commission. They passed 3 to 1, with Commissioner Amanda Fritz opposing the ordinance. Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty was not present for the vote, but signaled

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In this June 21, 2017, file photo, Special Counsel Robert Mueller departs Capitol Hill following a closed-door meeting in Washington. The debate over special counsel Robert Mueller's report is getting new life with word that Mueller has agreed to testify publicly before two House committees. Democrats say Mueller will appear July 17 in back-to-back sessions of the Judiciary and Intelligence committees.

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'Unwanted' and Under Arrest

Report examines criminalization at Portland hospitals

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A recent report from Disability Rights Oregon depicts a startling picture taking place at hospitals around Portland.

Local hospitals, it says, use Portland police to remove recently discharged patients or people seeking assistive services. Rather than receiving appropriate care or assistive services, these individuals are instead routinely charged with trespass and arrested.

"The fact that the hospitals had a name/category

for these folks, "unwanted" in the title of the report, broke my heart," said professor Aliza B. Kaplan, Director, Criminal Justice Reform Clinic Lewis & Clark Law School via email correspondence with *The Skanner*.

The report titled "The 'Unwanted': Looking for Help Landing in Jail" is a reference to the term "unwanted," which hospitals and law enforcement officers use to refer to individuals and scenarios in which a person is asked to leave a hospital and does not willingly leave the premises.

The report looks at calls to Portland Police from six hospitals in the Portland-area including Oregon Health & Sciences University, Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital, Legacy Emmanuel Hospital, Unity Center for Behavioral Health, Providence Portland Medical Center and Adventist Medical Center over the course of one year between 2017 and 2018.

Overall, homeless people and individuals of color were disproportionately represented among individuals arrested for trespass at Portland-area hospitals. People of color

represented 35 percent of the individuals arrested for trespass and 64 percent were White. However, nearly 80 percent of Multnomah County residents are White per 2010 U.S. census data.

About three-quarters (72 percent) of the instances involve subjects "who were identified as homeless or transient," highlighting the housing component central to the larger overall issue.

In total 109 of the 142 arrests for trespass involved individuals seeking care

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Habitat for Humanity, Supporters Launch Home Affordability Campaign

By Sandra Sorensen
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Habitat for Humanity for Oregon is stepping into a greater public policy and advocacy role for homeowners and renters.

Last week the organization announced its Cost of Home campaign, part of a national initiative to address housing

affordability and security that supporters say will be "customizable" for Oregon's unique housing issues.

State Sen. Lew Frederick (D-Portland), present at the June 15 Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East home dedication where the Cost of Home campaign was announced, found it to be a perfect fit.

"I'm old enough to have been around when we would go down to America's Georgia, where Habitat for Humanity began, and watch them build homes for people," Frederick said. "This really just continues their philosophy. They've already shown us that they can create and develop affordable

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State Sen. Lew Frederick (D-Portland) praised Habitat of Oregon's new role in helping shape public policy.