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KUTT-N-UP



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Trump Was Elected; What Now?

The Skanner spoke with two seasoned community leaders about how local activism can counter national panic.

By Saundra Sorenson
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Teresa Raiford

Founder of Don't Shoot Portland and former mayoral candidate, Raiford told *The Skanner* it was truly painful watching what Vice President Kamala Harris was subjected to during a hasty campaign. Raiford outlines how she and her organization plan to continue providing critical services to the community, and that art can provide a safe area.

"I'm not surprised by the results, much less what I need to do to keep myself safe. I got death threats during the Obama administration," Raiford said.

The Skanner: What work do you plan to do in anticipation of a second Trump administration?

I'm advocating for families consistently. I have a family right now that recently, they're trying to figure out what they should do — they got assaulted, nobody did anything about it, and the lady that got assaulted has a concussion and she was being riddled with hate slurs. In the past, what we've had to do — really after the MAX stabbings, was provide bystander intervention programming and advocacy, so earlier today I met with a doctor to talk about the need for referrals for mental health support, for people who are feeling like there's an escalated fear factor or an escalated threat which, you know, being Black in America, that

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Ivy League University Is Set to Offer a Course on Beyoncé page 5



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Seattle's storied dance team Kutt-N-Up celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a sold out performance Saturday November 4 at Langston Hughes performing Arts Center. Dance crews and choreographers from all over the PNW honored Kutt- N-Up and Koach Crosby for their 20 years of dance excellence.

Affordable Care Act's Lifeline in Jeopardy as Enhanced Subsidies Face Expiration in 2025

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire

As Congress prepares to finalize its leadership in both chambers, the fate of health insurance subsidies for millions of Americans hangs in the balance. Essentially, if Republicans wrest control of the House along with their victories at the White House, Senate, and Supreme Court, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) likely will end. In

2024, enrollment in ACA marketplaces reached historic highs, with over 45 million nationwide now enrolled in ACA-related coverage—a 46% increase since 2021 and more than three times the enrollment since the ACA's early years in 2014.

The program, known as Obamacare, has become an essential fixture in the U.S. healthcare system. "For decades, when it came to federal programs we could depend on to keep Americans

covered, three were always top of mind—Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, but now it's crystal clear that we need to add a fourth—the Affordable Care Act," HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra proclaimed earlier this year. Becerra praised the recent wave of enrollment, adding, "A record-breaking number of Americans have signed up for affordable health care coverage through the Affordable Care Act's Marketplace, and now they

and their families have the peace of mind that comes with coverage."

The record enrollment has primarily been driven by enhanced subsidies, which were first enacted under the Biden administration in 2021 as part of the American Rescue Plan. The subsidies limit insurance costs to no more than 8.5% of a household's income for many middle-income Americans, making coverage accessible for

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No MLK Breakfast in 2025, Other Celebrations Mark The Skanner's 50th Year

The Skanner News

As *The Skanner* approaches its 50-year anniversary, readers are being informed that there will not be an MLK Breakfast in January, 2025. However, The Skanner Foundation will present student scholarships during a special televised event in April.

For 38 years The Skanner

Foundation has hosted a gathering of community, local, state and federal leaders, for a celebratory morning that honors the spirit and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — and to recognize the outstanding contributions of community members while awarding scholarships to promising college-bound students.

"I want to thank my read-

ers for 50 years of serving the Pacific Northwest," *The Skanner* cofounder and publisher, Bernie Foster, said. "It's been a privilege and an honor to allow us to report on the news — the good and sometimes not-so-good.

"We decided that the breakfast was important to us, but 50 years, for us, is a major milestone. This year, we won't be doing



the breakfast, but we will celebrate with a special, one-time newspaper event. This will be a historical newspaper. It's a keepsake item, so I'm encouraging

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