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Rebuilding lives, restoring families and renewing our community one person at a time is the mission of Portland's Miracles Club at 4200 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Interim Executive Director Michael R. Booker Jr. (left) and Pastor Dwight Minnieweather, head chef of the associated next door venue 'A Heavenly Taste Café,' welcome the community to their establishments.

Rebuilding Lives

Meet the team who serves the community

The Miracles Club, a non-alcoholic social club providing support services and housing in the African American community and its adjacent "A Heavenly Taste Café," are reintroducing themselves after some recent changes.

Providing a safe, clean and sober environment for individuals seeking a lifestyle free from alcohol and drugs, the purpose of the Miracles Club is to offer a place in the community where individuals and their families can find support services and social activities in an environment

that inspires continued sobriety.

Michael R. Booker Jr. is now the interim executive director of the non-profit organization. Housed on the ground floor of a multi-story building at 4200 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. and Skidmore Street, the club centers on peer-to-peer mentoring as an avenue to sustained sobriety, utilizing a variety of different groups, such as hosting 12 Step program meetings, 365 days a year. The entire complex has 37 affordable housing units for individuals and families.

Pastor Dwight Minnieweather is chief executive officer of Portland's Straightway Services who became head chef of "A Heavenly Taste Café" in 2015. Centered in the heart of Portland's African American community and

right next door to the Miracles Club, the local and black-owned restaurant fits right in with the Miracles Club's motto of giving second chances.

The café provides free meals at times for those who cannot afford a meal, but need the recovery services. A wide variety of Southern foods that we all like such as ribs, catfish, fried chicken, greens, and candied yams are on the menu. You can even find neck bones, crappies and chitins at special times.

The prices are low enough for anyone to come and eat. You can experience this taste of heaven, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Breakfast is served all day.

The Miracles Club is also a partner in the construction of a new building with 47 units of affordable or low-income housing coming to the neighborhood just east of the Rose Quarter. Just like its current location, the apartments will provide more adults with housing and services in an alcohol-and drug-free building and specialize in culturally competent recovery support for the African-American community.

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School Shooting Planned

An Oregon student has been arrested for attempting to carry out a mass shooting at Newberg High School, police announced Tuesday. The suspect took substantial steps to obtain a firearm, as well as a list of supplies to help carry out the plan, police said.

Police Shoot Armed Woman

A woman armed with a hammer and knife was shot by deputies Sunday in the Five Corners area of Clark County and later died of her injuries, authorities said. Neither of the two deputies involved in the shooting were injured, police said.

Party Turns to Gunfire

Portland Police say four people were injured when someone fired more than 20 shots at a birthday party Saturday night at the Rosewood Community Center at Southeast 162nd and Stark. The gunfire broke out during a fight between rival gang members, and four people were hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries, police said.

Message Therapist Arrested

Benjamin Thomas Collura, 32, was arrested last week accused of sexually abusing a massage client at the River's Edge Hotel and Spa in southwest Portland. Police said there may be other victims. Collura previously



worked at two Massage Envy locations, including one in the Lloyd District in northeast Portland, police said.

Flight Diverted to Portland

An Alaska Airlines flight headed to Seattle was diverted to Portland on Monday night because of an unruly passenger. The Boeing 737 with 162 passengers landed at Portland International Airport around 9:30 p.m. from Sacramento. Port of Portland police took the man into custody as soon as the plane arrived at the gate.

Sainthood for Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa will be made a saint on Sept. 4. Pope Francis set the canonization date Tuesday, paving the way for the nun who cared for the poorest of the poor to become the centerpiece of his yearlong focus on the Catholic Church's merciful side.



Cuba Restrictions Loosened

The Obama administration on Tuesday announced that it would be loosening restrictions on Americans' ability to travel to Cuba, business transactions between the two countries and on Americans' ability to purchase Cuban merchandise, including Cuban-made cigars



A homicide investigation outside the former JB's Paradise Room on North Vancouver Avenue as depicted in a 1982 police photo.



Robert Altom

1982 Cold Case Solved

Witness says suspect hurled gay slur at victim

The Portland Police Bureau's Cold Case Homicide Unit has cleared a 1982 homicide case after learning that the suspect in the case is deceased.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 8, 1982, the owner of JB's Paradise Room, a former nightclub located at 3530 N. Vancouver Ave., closed the bar and when he walked outside, he found a male lying on the ground, suffering from head trauma. The victim, Robert Lee Altom, 30, died as a result of his injuries.

Police said at the time, witnesses told police that Altom had a verbal altercation inside the bar with an African American male regarding Altom's sexuality and that the suspect used a gay slur to describe Altom during the argument.

Late last year, Cold Case Homicide Unit detectives re-interviewed a witness in the case. The

witness provided information that assisted in identifying the suspect as Cecil Corrie Turner, who was 24-years-old at the time of the homicide. The information learned from the witness was corroborated by detectives, who learned that Turner died in 2009 in Oregon.

Based on the new information, detectives were able to clear the case after consulting with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

"My family and I are thankful that the case has been solved," said Dawn Frizzell-Luna. "We are thankful to the detectives that worked to solve the case and are grateful for what they have done for our family. My Uncle Robbie was an amazing man, who was loved, and is missed by his family and friends. It is a good feeling to know my Uncle Robbie's name is no longer among boxes with the

words cold case on them, but instead among ones that say solved."

The Cold Case Homicide Unit reviews unsolved murders in the Portland area and, since its inception in 2004, has reviewed approximately 250 homicide cases and solved more than 40.

The Portland Police Bureau Cold Case Homicide Unit is comprised of a Sergeant and four Detectives who are assisted by several retired investigators who volunteer their time to assist in solving cases.

The Portland Police Bureau Cold Case Homicide Unit has a close partnership with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and the Oregon State Police Crime Lab.

Information about many of these unsolved homicides can be viewed by visiting portlandoregon.gov/police/35696.

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What's on your list today?

LOCAL NEWS

Measuring and Measuring Up Racism in Multnomah County's justice system

A new report on racial and ethnic disparities (RED) in Multnomah County's criminal justice system has been attracting plenty of attention in the last couple of weeks. The RED report, using data from agencies such as the police, the district attorney's office and the courts, shows that at every stage on the journey through the justice system alarming disparities are either produced or perpetuated for most people of color.

To put it another way, the report clearly concludes that the justice system in Multnomah County is not equal and punishes you more severely if you are black. That information will not be a surprise to many, particularly not to communities of color, but it is helpful to quantify the extent of the problem.

Problems demand solutions, and while there's been acknowledgement for some time by many of those who work in the local justice system that discrimination and disparities are part of the system, there hasn't been much action. This is not – in the main sense – the overt racism of a few bad apples who openly admit to treating certain individuals differently because of race. This is not the old Jim Crow laws that explicitly discriminated against people of color. This is systemic; it is an unconscious bias, based on stereotypes and assumptions that impact the hundreds of decision made by justice system actors. Fixing this problem will take time and effort, but fundamentally it needs to start with our city and county leaders taking ownership of the problem



Pursuing Justice

BY BOBBIN SINGH

and making a commitment to address systemic racism. This has yet to occur in any meaningful way.

Last week saw the closing of the filing period for candidates who plan to run in the upcoming election. Sixteen people are asking for you to vote for them as mayor of Portland, 13 want your support in the race for three seats on the Multnomah County Commission, and the district attorney is running unopposed. There's been a shocking lack of public comment from many of those running for office in Portland and countywide about the racial and ethnic disparities report and how they plan to go about eliminating the inequities it identifies. Without energy and willingness to drive change on the part of those who are elected there's a grave danger that the RED report is shelved and nothing is done.

That's not to say that county and city leadership have all the answers. Addressing racial and ethnic disparities in our justice system requires not only engagement by elected officials with communities of color but genuine community oversight of the process of reform. Those who oversee the

system and those who work within it have to carry their share of the blame and the responsibility for change. But it would be a mistake to think that they can produce all the answers when they were part of creating these disparities in the first place.

The conclusions of the RED report should make you angry. It is the first time that we have a report that clearly shows disparities and discrimination clear across our criminal justice system. It is an indictment of that system. The best thing you can do during the next two months of the campaign season is to help raise the issue. If you meet a candidate, ask them about the report. Have they read it? What do they think we should do about racism in our justice system? What meaningful steps do they suggest? Their answer – or their silence – will speak volumes.

Here's a link to a backgrounder on the RED Report: static1.squarespace.com/static/524b5617e4b0b106ced5f067/t/56bd23abd210b88e65ae07b1/1455236012080/RED+Report+Backgrounder+Up-

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Oregon Removes Confederate Flag

Leaders of the Oregon Legislature have followed up on their promise to take down a symbol of the Confederacy from outside Oregon's Capitol in Salem.

Rep. Lew Frederick, the only black lawmaker in the Oregon House and a representative of north and northeast Portland, proposed removing Mississippi's state flag last year after a picture of the man charged in the South Carolina black church massacre showed up with him posing with a Confederate flag.

South Carolina later voted to remove the Confederate flag from its Capitol after a prolonged controversy, but Mississippi's state flag is unique as the sole remaining state flag which still depicts the Confederate emblem in its design.

Frederick, who grew up around the Confederate Flag in the South, said he saw the symbol as a way to taunt African Americans and remind them of the racism and attachment to racism that still exists for those who carry or

display the flag.

Oregon Legislative leaders first wanted to give the state of Mississippi a chance to change the flag on its own sometime this year. That didn't happen and the flag was taken down on March 4 after the state Legislature adjourned.

The action was taken by Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, and House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, whose House district is also in north and northeast Portland.

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City Opens Storage for Homeless

Mayor Charlie Hales announced Monday that a six-month Day Storage Pilot Program is now underway, with two sites for people sleeping outside to store their belongings during the day.

The specially outfitted containers, one on the west end of the Steel Bridge, and the other at the Hazelnut Grove campsite near the intersection of North Greeley and Interstate avenues, have shelves, cart storage, garbage disposal, needle disposal, toilets, and information about services.

“Lack of secure storage is an enormous barrier for homeless people who are seeking services, treatment, job interviews or other routine, daily tasks,” Hales said. “The goal of this program is to remove a barrier for people trying to connect with resources, and, with the waste disposal features, to clean up city streets.”

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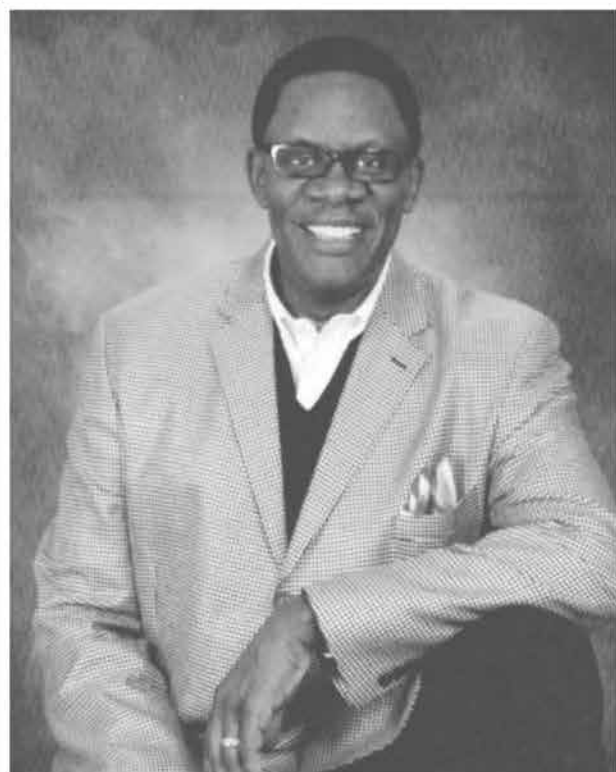
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Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle guides the Beavers to their first NCAA tournament in 26 years.



Oregon forward Dillon Brooks (24) and forward Jordan Bell celebrate after the Ducks defeated Utah, 88-57, in the Pac-12 championship Saturday in Las Vegas. (AP photo)

Ducks, Beavers are NCAA Bound

Oregon seeded No. 1 in West

Both Oregon and Oregon State won invites to the NCAA basketball tournament Sunday, a first for both teams playing in the same championship series, while the women's team at Oregon State earned a No. 2 seed in the NCAA women's tournament.

At 28-6, the Ducks men's basketball team is a No. 1 seed for the first time in school history. They won the Pac-12 Conference regular season championship and the Pac-12 Conference Tournament on Saturday in Las Vegas with an 88-57 rout of Utah. Oregon will open the national playoff series Friday in Spokane against either Holy Cross or Southern.

Oregon State is in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1990 and in just the second year under head coach Wayne Tinkle. OSU is the No. 7 seed in the West and will play No. 10 seed VCU on Friday in Oklahoma City.

Tinkle was hired in spring 2014 to take over for Craig Robinson, first lady Michelle Obama's brother. Robinson spent six years at Oregon State but was never able to

Measuring

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dated.pdf. A link to the full RED report is here: media.oregonlive.com/portland_impact/other/RRR%20Report%20Final-1.pdf.

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take the team further than the CBI tournament in the postseason. The OSU women will open their NCAA tournament with a game Friday at home against 15th-seeded Troy.

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A Second Try at Rebuilding Our Nation

We must learn from the past

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

Many of us have been thrilled by the video of 106-year-old mentor and school volunteer Mrs. Virginia McLaurin visiting the White House during a Black History Month celebration to meet — and dance with — President and Mrs. Obama. Her joy in being there and fulfilling her dream of meeting the first African-American President and First Lady was infectious. Born a child of South Carolina sharecroppers in 1909, this was a day she never dreamed would come: “I didn’t think I’d ever live to see a colored president. I am so happy.”

Moments like these give us a chance to appreciate how much change a citizen like Mrs. McLaurin has seen in her lifetime. When she was born America was firmly in the grip of Jim Crow, segregation, racial violence and political disenfranchisement that characterized the decades following the initial post-Civil War promise of Reconstruction.

She moved to Washington, D.C. in 1941, in time to see the activism of A. Philip Randolph, Bayard Rustin and others urging

the federal government to desegregate our armed forces and provide more economic opportunity for African-Americans. She saw burgeoning civil rights activities like these surge into a transforming movement across the South including the 1963 March on Washington in her new hometown. And she saw the Civil Rights Movement lead to significant



Past lessons have led some scholars and observers to believe we may be in a second post-Reconstruction Era, fighting deliberate widespread well-funded regression and backlash against progress made.

changes — enough to allow her to visit President and Mrs. Obama in the White House in 2016.

When we look at arcs of history like this, where are we today? Many scholars see the Civil Rights Movement as a second Reconstruction Era and a second try at rebuilding our nation into one truly committed to liberty and justice for all. But just as the progress of the first Reconstruction was followed by decades of retrenchment and reversal, many of the formidable threats millions of poor chil-

dren and families of all races but especially children of color face today are very dangerous steps backwards.

Unjust racial profiling and killing of Black boys and men by law enforcement officers enjoined to protect them; mass incarceration of people of color — especially Black males; massive attacks on voting rights which especially impact the poor, people of color, the elderly, disabled and the young;

and resegregating and substandard schools denying millions of poor Black, Latino and Native American children basic literacy, numeracy and other skills they will need to work in our increasingly competitive globalized economy should be siren calls to wake up and fight back.

Past lessons have led some scholars and observers to believe we may be in a second post-Reconstruction Era, fighting deliberate widespread well-funded regression and backlash against

progress made. But Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, the head of North Carolina’s NAACP chapter and a leader in the “Moral Mondays” movement, views this historical moment with optimism but urges vigilance. In his new book with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement*, Dr. Barber argues that the beginnings of a Third

Reconstruction are underway—rooted in “fusion politics” that have changed our nation before and can do it again.

The multifaith, multiracial movement is committed to a 14-point People’s Agenda including education, health care, the economy and reforming the justice and electoral systems, and is supported by over 150 coalition partners.

When Dr. Barber spoke to a group of young leaders at a Children’s Defense Fund event

last June, he explained why he believes multiracial, multifaith, nonviolent coalitions are essential right now: “So what many extremists are trying to do is abort the third reconstruction. That’s why they are telling America this myth . . . You want a great America? Deny public education, deny health care, deny living wages, deny labor rights. You really, really want a great America? Deny immigrant rights. Deny LGBTQ rights. Deny women’s rights. You really want a great America? Deny the right to vote. You really want a great America? Turn everybody against everybody. Pit Muslims against Christians and women against men. Call the president everything you can but a child of God . . . And if you really, really, really, really want a great America, make sure that people can get a gun quicker than they can vote. . . . And I stopped by to tell you that in this moment we better know who we are and where we are, and that in this moment of a possible third reconstruction we are called to speak truth in times like these.”

It is our time. We must all learn from the past to end another era of backlash and backsliding and keep moving forward together.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children’s Defense Fund.

Donald Trump — From One Tyrant to Another

Using power to stay in power

BY MEL GURTOV

One thing I discovered long ago about tyrants: they love other tyrants. They’re a mutual admi-

ration/suffering society. When one succeeds by extinguishing dissent, the others applaud; and when one falls, the others cringe.

Donald Trump is a tyrant in thin disguise. He’s always talking about the people who have the least interest in sup-

porting him as though they really love him. Mexicans “love me,” he says; so do Indians, Jews, non-terrorist Muslims, Chinese, Russians, Japanese, Germans. In fact, Trump will unify them all, he promises. Of course they mostly loathe him, just as Trump loathes all of them, as well as many other non-white groups.

What is most revealing, however, are the people Trump admires, such as Vladimir Putin, Saddam Hussein, and Moammar Qaddafi—dictators who, Trump has said, know how to eliminate troublemakers and terrorists. Sure they kill lots of innocent people, but you have to admire their grit.

What Trump specifically admires about tyrants is their willingness to use their power to stay in power. Putin, for instance, wins Trump’s applause for dealing decisively with ethnic dissenters, critical journalists, and uncooperative businesspeople — and he evidently sees in

Trump his mirror image. Thus as president Trump thinks he would be able to strike a deal with Putin, since tough guys speak the same language. Trump must surely have laughed at George W. Bush for believing that he had looked into Putin’s “soul” and found something likeable and trustworthy.

The same goes for China’s leaders, whom Trump otherwise detests and is sure he can outsmart. They have his admiration for cracking down on protesters at Tiananmen in 1989. He once told an interviewer: “the Chinese government almost blew it. Then they were vicious, they were horrible, but they put it down with strength. That shows you the power of strength.”

Looking into Trump’s soul, we see a truly authoritarian personality, someone who will bring the same no-nonsense skills he applies in the business world to the White House. As president, Trump can be expected to keep

his own counsel, downgrade expertise, issue orders without consultation, ignore Congress and the law, recklessly conduct foreign affairs, and pay no heed to minorities, women, unions, the press, NGOs, Democrats, and (oh yes) most Republicans. He will insult people willy-nilly and humiliate anyone who gets in his way. He will attack every criticism as a lie, but have no compunctions about lying to push across his ideas. His every audacious act will be carried out in the name of restoring American strength after decades of weakness.

The worst of it all is that for perhaps one-third of the American electorate, and perhaps more, this description of Donald Trump is very appealing. But I remain convinced that, like the tyrants he admires, Trump will fall.

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‘Refuse and Obstruct’ Leave Women in Limbo

The country deserves better

BY MARTHA BURK

Senators, constitutional scholars may tell you, must “advise and consent” on the president’s Supreme Court nominees. But apparently the official GOP policy is to “refuse and obstruct.” They’ve vowed not even to give President Obama’s nominees a vote.

These Republicans claim that leaving the Supreme Court understaffed is no big deal. Well, it’s certainly a big deal for women. Pending cases on abortion, birth control, education, and public employee unions are all sitting before a divided court.

The scariest case is *Whole Woman’s Health v. Cole*.

It’s a challenge to a Texas law that would close all but about 10 abortion clinics in the state — down from more than 40 — by requiring them to essentially become mini-hospitals. They’d have to employ only doctors with admitting privileges at

nearby hospitals, a regulation almost unheard of for safe and common procedures like abortion.

Since an appeals court upheld the requirements, a 4-4 deadlock on the Supreme Court would give Texas the green light to enforce them. And it would almost certainly encourage other states to enact similar laws.

On the birth control front, the court will consider *Zubik v. Burwell*. A successor to the Hobby Lobby case, it’s an argument over whether religiously affiliated institutions have to observe the Affordable Care Act’s requirement that employer-provided health plans cover birth control.

These groups are allowed to avoid the requirement by filling out a form, in which case the government will arrange with their insurer to cover their employees. A few of these groups are claiming that still makes them complicit in sinful conduct.

A 4-4 tie at the Supreme Court would be a mixed bag, since

most — but not all — appeals court decisions have upheld the accommodation as not burdensome to religious practice.

Meanwhile, established labor law is on the line in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*, where the court will consider whether public employees who choose not to join unions can still be required to pay fees for collective bargaining activities. A decision against the unions could mortally wound them.

According to the National Women’s Law Center, women are the majority of the public sector workforce, and the wage gap with their male counterparts is smaller for public union women than non-union women. The lower court favored the unions, so a tie would stave off a major blow to their viability. But that’s still a lot to risk.

Women are now also the majority of college students, and women of color could be greatly affected by a decision in *Fisher v. University of Texas*. In that case, the court will decide whether the school’s race-conscious admissions program vi-

olates the Constitution’s equal protection principles.

Justice Elena Kagan has recused herself. So if the Senate leaves Scalia’s seat unfilled, the case will be decided by seven justices — which means there can be no tie. Three judges — John Roberts, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito — oppose affirmative action, and a fourth, Anthony Kennedy, has previously expressed doubts about the University of Texas policy.

So what’s the score?

In four cases affecting women the most, two could go in women’s favor with tie votes. A third tie vote would go against women, and a 4-3 conservative majority would hurt them in the final case as well.

However you score it, Senate Republicans are leaving women in limbo until a new justice is chosen and new cases can be brought. That could take years. Women — and the country — deserve better.

Martha Burk is the director of the Corporate Accountability Project for the National Council of Women’s Organizations.

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An amazing drama that applies the ideas and struggles of the civil rights movement to contemporary city life is now playing at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave.

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the world through the eyes and spirit of our youth.

"The youth of today are not just dealing with the racist conflicts of the 60's; they are wrestling with the violent attitudes of their own communities, i.e. guns and drugs that amass the ever present delinquent elements of their surroundings," said William "Bill" Earl Ray,

the director. "In this play, youth takes a stand in taking their community back against the odds of being outnumbered by their peers."

Smoldering Fires features local artists Eric Harris Jr., Ajani Hopkins, Kenneth Dembo, Shelley B.

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Registration is open for the Oregon Zoo's popular spring break camps (March 21-25) and summer camps (June 13-Sept. 2).

Zoo Camps Connect Kids with Nature

With spring just around the corner, Northwest campers should be prepared for encounters with bears, cougars and bobcats — not to mention elephants, lions and orangutans. The Oregon Zoo's spring break day camps return March 21-25, and its summer camps, presented by Banfield Pet Hospital, start June 13.

"Zoo day camps are a great way for kids to have some active, outdoor fun and connect with nature," said Grant Spickelmier, zoo education curator. "Campers explore little-known areas of the zoo, learn about animals by meeting them face to face, and leave inspired to care for the natural world."

Camp activities are specifically planned for the interests of each age group. As of this writing, spots are still available for most age groups, but Spickelmier says they tend to fill quickly as spring and summer breaks draw near. For more information and to register for camp, visit oregonzoo.org/camps.



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Sing the Blues! -- "The Blues: From Backwoods to Broadway" is the theme of two weekend

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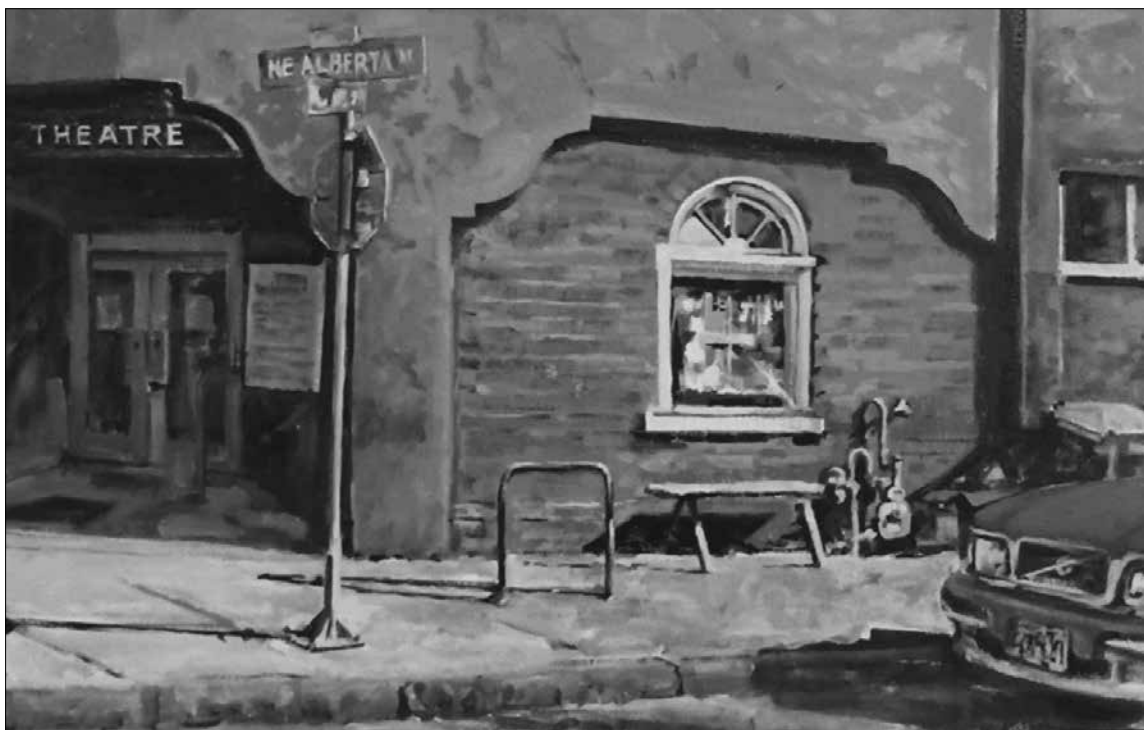
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Registration is required for some events. Patrons can register for events by calling 503-350-3600 for events at the main library and 503-644-2197, option 6 for events at Murray Scholls, or by visiting BeavertonLibrary.org.

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Shelley, Timaya Hepburn, Nena Uke, Sami Yacob-Andrus, Quante Coles, James Hill Brooks, and Ronald Smith.

Performances continue through April 10 with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday shows at 3 p.m. A special talk back discussions with playwright Kermit Frazier, and others will follow performances on March 20 and March 21. Ticket information available online at passinart.net. Students, seniors and group rates available.

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	☾ 1 Peace Corps Anniversary Share a Smile Day Yellowstone Nat. Park Est. (1872)	2 Dr. Seuss born, 1904 Read Across America Day	3 Patricia MacLachlan born, 1938 Inventor Alexander Graham Bell born, 1847	4 First meeting of Congress (1789)	5 Iditarod Race Begins Boston Massacre (1770)	6 Artist Michelangelo born, 1475 Chris Raschka born, 1959
7 National Cereal Day Scientist Luther Burbank born, 1849 Telephone Patent Granted (1876)	● 8 International Women's Day Robert Sabuda born, 1965	9 Explorer Amerigo Vespucci born, 1454	10 350PDX. North Portland Team: 7-8:30 PM at Arbor Lodge Coffee Shop, 1507 N Rosa Parks Way	11 Author Ezra Jack Keats born, 1916 Johnny Appleseed Day Earthquakes devastate Japan (2011)	12 Girl Scout Day Anniv. of the Death of Anne Frank (1945) Virginia Hamilton born, 1936	13 Daylight Savings Time Begins Good Samaritan Day Uranus Discovered (1781)
14 National Wildlife Refuge System Pi Day (3.14) Scientist Albert Einstein born, 1879	☾ 15 Absolutely Incredible Kid Day Julius Caesar Assassinated (44 B.C.) Ides of March	16 Sid Fleischman born, 1920 James Madison born, 1751 (4th President)	17 Wendell Minor born, 1944 Rubber Band Invented St. Patrick's Day	18 First Walk in Space (1965) Grover Cleveland born, 1837 (22nd & 24th President)	19 Swallows Return to San Juan Capistrano	20 Palm Sunday 1st Day of Spring Big Bird's Birthday (Sesame Street)
21 Children's Poetry Day National Teen-Agers Day Single Parents' Day	22 National Goof Off Day National Sing-Out Day United Nations World Water Day	○ 23 Purim Begins at sundown. Patrick Henry declared, "Give me liberty...", 1775	24 Harry Houdini born, 1874 Exxon Valdez runs aground (1989)	25 Pancakes First Made (1882) Sculptor Gutzon Borglum born, 1871	26 Make up Your own Holiday Day Poet Robert Frost born, 1874	27 Easter Alaska hit by 8.4 Earthquake (1964) Dick King-Smith born, 1922
28 "Greatest Show on Earth" formed 1881 Doreen Cronin Birthday	29 Coca-Cola was Invented in 1886 Armed Forces left Vietnam (1973)	30 Doctor's Day Alaska Purchased (1867) Artist Vincent van Gogh born, 1853	☾ 31 First Map of the US Published (1784) Mathematician Rene Descartes born, 1596			



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FOOD

Wild Rice and Chicken

Ingredients:

- 12-ounces mixed long-grain brown and wild rice mix
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, plus more for greasing dish
- 16 ounces fresh (or dried and rehydrated) shiitake mushrooms, sliced; reserved rehydration water if using dried mushrooms to add to broth.
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 3 cups half-and-half
- 4 cooked boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, diced
- 1 cup toasted slivered almonds, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced pimientos
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon pink himalayan salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

1. Cook the long-grain and wild rice in a rice cooker with 26 ounces of water. Set aside.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9-by-13-by-2-inch casserole dish.
3. In a large skillet, melt the butter. Add the mushrooms and onions and saute until the onions are translucent. Stir in the flour, cooking for 2 to 3 minutes. Slowly stir the broth into the onion mixture, then stir in the half-and-half. Cook until the mixture has thickened, 7 to 10 minutes.
4. Add the chicken, rice, toasted almonds, pimientos, parsley, salt and pepper into the wet mixture. Pour everything into the prepared casserole dish and bake, uncovered, until most of the liquid has been absorbed, 30 to 45 minutes.



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 Ariana Jenkins
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