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Campus security at Portland State University draws on diversity and experience as three African American officers formerly with the Portland Police Bureau join a controversial new PSU police force. Pictured (from left) are officers Marci Jackson, PSU Police Chief Phil Zerzan, and officers Vince Elmore and Willie Halliburton.

Officers of color ground new PSU police force

BY CHRISTA MCINTYRE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Two seasoned African American police officers from the city of Portland have been added to a controversial new Portland State University police force, joining an already diverse team. Five of the 12 officers now overseeing campus security are people of color.

PSU's recent decision to hire veteran Officers Marci Jackson and Vince Elmore

Drawing on Experience

continues an effort by school administrators to bridge the concerns of students, faculty and staff while meeting the safety needs of its campus population.

The downtown school is the most

recent in the state to create a dedicated police force. But the patrol of armed officers on the campus has drawn the opposition of many people in the PSU community and other advocates for civil rights

across the city.

Jackson, a retired police officer from Portland's black community has demonstrated outreach skills working with diverse neighborhoods. She headed the Portland Police Bureau's Crisis Response Team which worked to comfort victims and their families while trying to ease tensions at crime scenes.

Jackson has been instrumental in supporting "Enough is Enough," a grassroots advocate organization for restorative justice and changing the culture of silence about crime. With 23 years of police experience, she also helped recruit officers for the Portland Police Bureau,

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The community is invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Kwanzaa, the festival observed by many African Americans from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 as a celebration of their cultural heritage and tradi-

tional values. Several free public Kwanzaa events are taking place in Portland, starting Monday, Dec. 26 at **CONTINUED ON PAGE 5**



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Church Shooter Guilty

A jury found white supremacist Dylann Roof guilty Thursday on 33 charges, including hate crimes in the murder of nine black parishioners at South Carolina's historic Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The jury will decide next month whether Roof will serve life in prison or face the death penalty.



Bethel Prays for Victims

Bethel AME Church in northeast Portland, the oldest historically black congregation in Portland, held a special service Sunday, joining activists from Don't Shoot Portland and Disarm PSU, to pray for the victims of two horrible hate crimes, the 2015 church shooting at Mother Emanuel AME in Charleston, S.C. and this year's Pulse night club massacre in Orlando, Fla.

Electoral College Votes

The Electoral College largely ignored calls for "faithless" elec-

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tors and voted Donald Trump as the next president of the United States. Protests at state capitols around the country failed to sway the electors to go with the popular vote, which Hillary Clinton won by 2.8 million.

'Not My President' Protest

Nearly 200 people gathered in downtown Portland Monday evening to protest Donald Trump as a presidential victory last November was sealed by voting in the Electoral College earlier in the day. After a rally in Pioneer Courthouse Square, the protesters began marching, chanting "not my president" and "whose streets, our streets!"

Sixth Arrest in Murder Case

Gang enforcement officers arrested a sixth suspect, Jeffery L. Sims



Jr., on Sunday for the 2014 death of Ervaeva Herring, a pregnant 21-year-old woman who was killed after a group of people opened fire on her apartment. Police have said that the shooting was gang related.



Rapid Fire Gun Confiscated

Police said they pulled over a motorist for a traffic infraction on Friday and found a Tec-9 rapid fire gun with a 32 round magazine. The gun was linked to Andre Montgomery, 27, who was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of a loaded firearm.

Pilots Upset Oregon State

Portland Pilots' new head coach, Terry Porter, of Portland Trailblazer fame, led the team to a big victory Sunday against Oregon State University. The win marked the first over a Pac-12 opponent for the Pilots since beating both Oregon and UCLA in the 2009-2010 season.

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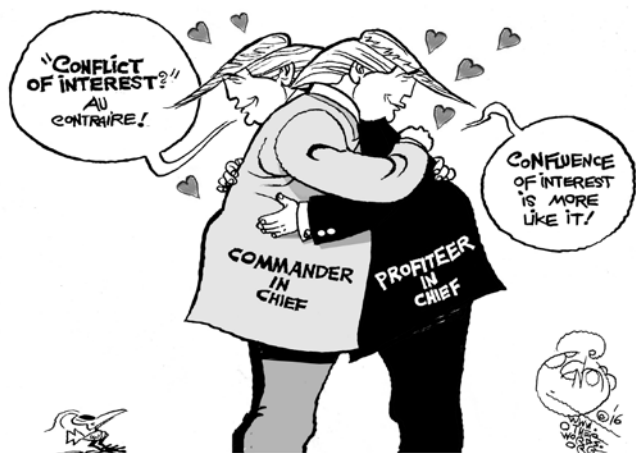
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TriMet riders prepare to board the bus on Northeast 82nd Avenue.

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Equity Pledge at TriMet

Study finds racial disparities, but no bias

BY CHRISTA MCINTYRE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A new study showing racial disparities in fare enforcement at TriMet but no racial bias will lead to new efforts to improve equity practices at the transportation agency.

After community concerns were raised that fare enforcement actions were uneven across races and ethnicities, an independent third party investigation was commissioned by TriMet and the results were released last week.

Conducted by Brian C. Renauer and the Criminal Justice Police Research Institute at Portland State University, the study found no evidence of systemic

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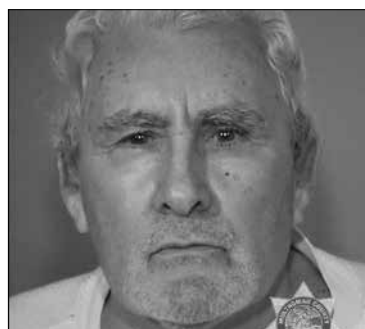


Police respond when a tenant shoots two employees of the Cascadian Terrace apartments on North Kerby Avenue. (KPTV photo)

Tenant Shoots Housing Managers

A north Portland man is accused of shooting two housing managers at Cascadian Terrace after being evicted from the housing complex, located on North Kerby Avenue across the street from Portland Community College's Cascade Campus.

It happened Monday about 12:30 p.m. Reynaldo Diaz Cabrera, 64, fled after the shooting but was arrested by police in a car



Reynaldo Diaz Cabrera

several blocks away. He faces two charges of attempted murder. The housing managers, a 45-year-old man and 64-year-old woman, suffered serious but not life-threatening injuries, police said.

Community Development Partners, which owns the apartment complex, released the following

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Drawing on Experience

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especially with people of color. She believes more people with backgrounds in criminal justice and sociology are needed in Portland and on police forces nationwide.

Jackson also has experience working in schools. She was a former school resource officer at Grant High School in northeast Portland. Her youngest son is about to graduate from PSU.

“Portland State University has a very excellent safety team, very capable,” she says, describing the challenges of working with students and staff to build trust. “There’s an opportunity to bridge. I believe I’m a connector, a bridger. I help bring understanding. I am who I am. I treat people fairly, with dignity, and respect at all times. Most young people are supportive, some scowl. I can’t change their hearts. I give them the same smile every day. We’re coming in very ginger, not blockbuster.”

Elmore worked for the Portland Police Bureau for 26 years before

joining the PSU force. An African American who came of age in the South during the Civil Rights movement, he says he understands where groups like Black Lives Matter and Don’t Shoot Portland are coming from. Elmore has supervised police officers during protests. He believes in the role of the officers, but also thinks that conversations between the people behind the uniform and citizens are important.

After a report issued in 2013 revealed the need for more security measures on the PSU, faculty, students and civil rights groups were vocal in their opposition against having armed officers on patrol. The fierce objection came in the wake of Michael Brown’s death in 2014 and Portland’s own history of police shootings.

Portland State students of color worried about the impact of having deputized officers placed in their learning environment with the potential for police profiling.

Also raising tensions on campus has been the racism elevated during Donald Trump’s

campaign for president and unleashed even more since his election in November

Last May, when students organized a walkout event calling for campus security disarmament, it was organized by student and Black Lives Matter activist Olivia Pace and was met by a handful of pro-Donald Trump students. In the days before, the pro-Trump students posted mocking flyers around campus reading: “Thug Lives Don’t Matter.”

The Southern Poverty Law Center has reported an increase of hate crimes across the country since the election. In Oregon alone, 900 incidents of hate have been reported with local authorities, which put the state in the top 10 of states with such incidents.

PSU Police Chief Philip Zerzan told the Portland Observer, “There’s been an increase in biased based graffiti, swastikas on campus.”

Last year, PSU recorded increases in the crimes of rape, robbery, burglary, arson, domestic violence and stalking. Two reports of hate crimes described as intimidation were also found in the report.

Zerzan says another campus safety concern is a high rate of suicide in the student population. Across the nation youth suicide rates have remained fixed, but have been on the increase in Oregon since 2010.

Addressing all these concerns, PSU police and school leaders are counting on the experienced new police officers of color and other members of the department to build relationships with the school’s student and activist population, rather than depending upon Portland Police Bureau officers to come in from the outside.



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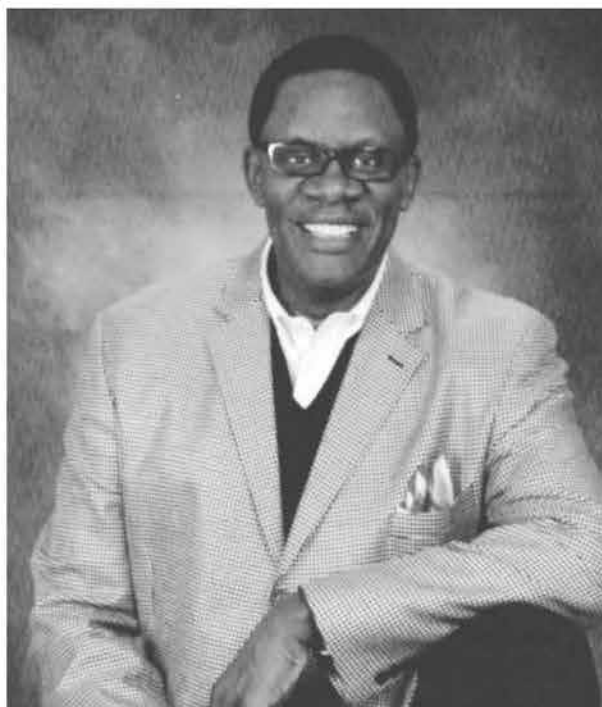
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Worship in Pink

Congregations and organizations in Portland are celebrating another completed campaign for Worship in Pink, a unique program for all faith-based and community groups to provide messages of hope, inspiration, and

education about breast health in order to increase the number of women receiving mammograms. Worship in Pink activities are mostly held during the month of October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Worship in Pink is a mission program of Susan G. Komen Oregon and Southwest Washington, and coordinated by Kathy Kendrick of the Empowerment Group. For more information, email worshipinpink@komenoregon.org.

Equity Pledge at TriMet

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racial bias, officials said, but found a growing percentage of riders who avoid paying fares, mostly on TriMet's MAX light rail lines, from about 10 percent two years ago to about 14 percent today.

The group with the highest percentage of riders and fare evasion incidents was white. But fare evasion and repeat fare evasion for black riders was at a higher percentage rate than other groups. African Americans were also more likely to receive harsher penalties for not paying fares, including a higher number of exclu-

sions which ban riders for up to 90 days from riding the MAX.

Members of the black community were also more likely to receive harsher penalties from law enforcement than TriMet fare enforcement. Overall, the numbers are significantly low, but Renauer recommends in his report: "In particular, future research should explore economic, health and other hardship factors that may trigger repeat violations."

TriMet officials say they will be exploring a number of initiatives with the intent of getting riders to pay their fares, instead of putting them in the judicial system.

Some of these options include looking into the feasibility of a new regional Low Income Fare program, evaluating community service options instead of the payment of fines, increasing TriMet fare enforcement staff, and giving TriMet staff more training on de-escalation techniques, cultural competency and understanding mental health issues.

"With the findings of our in-depth evaluation into past fare enforcement practices and with the new initiatives underway, I am confident we will continue to ensure TriMet's fare enforcement efforts are both effective and as fair as possible for all of our riders," said Doug Kelsey, TriMet chief operating officer.

Tenant Shoots Housing Managers

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statement about the incident:

"We're extremely saddened to hear that two exceptional individ-

uals from the property's management team were threatened and injured by a resident. The resident was in the process of being legally evicted due to behavioral issues.

We are pleased that the suspect is in police custody. We're cooperating by offering law enforcement any information on the resident they request."

50 Years of Kwanzaa

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the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott St., when an Umoja or Unity celebration will take place between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The Okropong African Dance and Drum Group from Ghana will be performing. A candle lighting ceremony will be held, along with events for children, poetry, food and an African marketplace.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. the North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St., the value of Kujichagulia or Self Determination will be observed with the historic black theater Passinart performing.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, festivities honoring Ujima or Collective Work and Responsibility are celebrated from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Maranatha Church Multipurpose Room 4222, N.E. 12th Ave., with participants en-

tering on Skidmore Street. Festivities include activities for children and drumming.

On Thursday, Dec. 29, the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook, Kwanzaa festivities honor the value of Ujamaa or Cooperative Economics, presented between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. by Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland featuring spoken word artists, music, and dancing with the 503 Sliders.

On Friday, Dec. 30, the Umoja Center, 4941 N.E. 17th Ave., honors the value of Nia or Purpose with a Kwanzaa celebration to include educators, historians, and live jazz from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

You can round out the seven-day observance Saturday, Dec. 31 and Sunday, Jan. 1 at home by joining other family, friends and other community members to celebrate the Kwanzaa values of creativity and faith.

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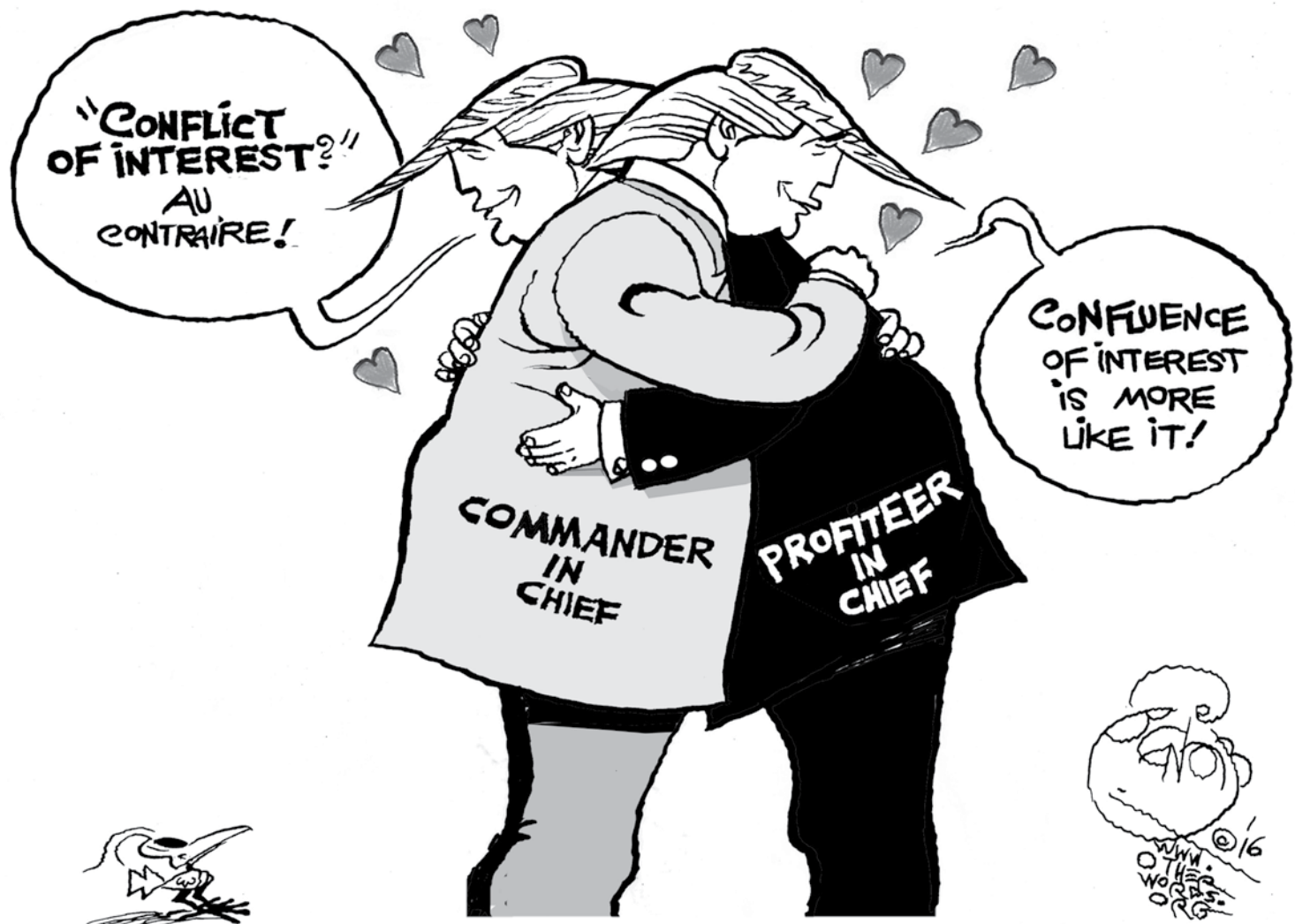
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OPINION



CIA Engaged in Foreign Vote Meddling for Years

A gauge to
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BY PETER
CERTO

Even in an election year as shot through with conspiracy theories as this one, it would have been hard to imagine a bigger bombshell than Russia intervening to help Donald Trump. But that's exactly what the CIA believes happened, or so unnamed "officials brief on the matter" told the Washington Post.

While Russia had long been blamed for hacking email accounts linked to the Clinton campaign, its motives had been shrouded in mystery. According to the Post, though, CIA officials recently presented Congress with a "a growing body of intelligence from multiple sources" that "electing Trump was Russia's goal."

Now, the CIA hasn't made any of its evidence public, and the CIA and FBI are reportedly

divided on the subject. Though it's too soon to draw conclusions, the charges warrant a serious public investigation.

Even some Republicans who backed Trump seem to agree. "The Russians are not our friends," said Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell, announcing his support for a congressional probe. It's "warfare," added Senator John McCain.

There's a grim irony to this. The CIA is accusing Russia of interfering in our free and fair elections to install a right-wing candidate it deemed more favorable to its interests. Yet during the Cold War, that's exactly what the CIA did to the rest of the world.

Most Americans probably don't know that history. But in much of the world it's a crucial part of how Washington is viewed even today.

In the post-World War II years, as Moscow and Washington jockeyed for global influence, the two capitals tried to game every foreign election they could get their hands on.

From Europe to Vietnam and Chile to the Philippines, American agents delivered brief-

cases of cash to hand-picked politicians, launched smear campaigns against their left-leaning rivals, and spread hysterical "fake news" stories like the ones some now accuse Russia of spreading here.

Together, political scientist Dov Levin estimates, Russia and the U.S. interfered in 117 elections this way in the second half the 20th century. Even worse is what happened when the CIA's chosen candidates lost.

In Iran, when elected leader Mohammad Mossadegh tried to nationalize the country's BP-held oil reserves, CIA agent Kermit Roosevelt led an operation to oust Mossadegh in favor of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. The shah's secret police tortured dissidents by the thousands, leading directly to the Islamic Revolution in 1979.

In Guatemala, when the democratically elected Jacobo Arbez tried to loosen the U.S.-based United Fruit company's grip on Guatemalan land, the CIA backed a coup against him. In the decades of civil war that followed, U.S.-backed security forces were accused of carrying out a genocide against indigenous Guatemalans.

In Chile, after voters elected the socialist Salvador Allende, the CIA spearheaded a bloody coup to install the right-wing dictator Augusto Pinochet, who went on to torture and disappear tens of thousands of Chileans.

"I don't see why we need to stand by and watch a country go communist due to the irresponsibility of its own people," U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger purportedly said about the coup he helped orchestrate there.

And those are only the most well-known examples.

I don't raise any of this history to excuse Russia's alleged meddling in our election — which, if true, is outrageous. Only to suggest that now, maybe, we know how it feels. We should remember that feeling as Trump, who's spoken fondly of authoritarian rulers from Russia to Egypt to the Philippines and beyond, comes into office.

Meanwhile, much of the world must be relieved to see the CIA take a break from subverting democracy abroad to protect it at home.

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OPINION

Learn to Show Respect and Insist on It

One Black Woman's View

BY HEATHER MOSLEY

What is the root of racism, the cause of conflict, the answer to anger? As we transition from our nation's first black president and the dream of a post-racial America to a man elected by supporters that include Confederate battle flag-wavers, I need to reflect on my own journey to help myself deal with it all.

I grew up in a family of six kids, I'm the youngest, and was born and raised in Portland. My mom is black and native from Mississippi, and my father was a strong black man from Alabama. Both were raised in the segregation era. We were not raised to be violent or racist and would get disciplined if we showed any signs of it.

My mom said she never worried about people messing over me even as a child. I was outspoken and would defend myself if it became necessary. I was a fairly small child but came with a powerful pack of energy. I never started any fights or picked on anyone,

and never played the bully role. You would have to pick on me first for me to go into action.

I was bussed out to all-white schools through elementary and high school. I can remember my first day of school; my oldest sister was getting me dressed to walk me to catch the bus. The buses picked us up from the black schools that were in the neighborhood to take

I use constructive communication skills, take conflict resolution classes, and get my point across where it does not cause serious problems. I will continue to work on being less aggressive, for I am a woman who carries herself in a respectful manner and violence is not the answer.

us to the white schools. When my sister was putting me on the bus she said, "You better not let anyone treat you differently or disrespect you just because of your color." I did not understand. I was too young to understand about racism but I surely learned.

There were about 10 of us black kids who were bussed out to this elementary school. To this day I can remember this incident that

took place when I was in the 3rd or 4th grade. I was the only black kid in the classroom and a white girl raised her hand and told the teacher her lunch bag was missing. She believed I was the one who took it. The teacher who was an older white woman asked the class who wanted to go search my stuff to see if I had stolen it. All of a sudden, I saw all the little white hands go up

into the air. I remember thinking; as soon as one comes towards me I was going to sock them in their face. One of the kids then said to the girl who was missing her lunch, isn't that your bag over there on the window ledge, and she said yes. The class went back to normal with no apology to me from the teacher or the girl. I remember feeling so degraded even at the young age I was. That evening, I cried and told

my mom what had happened.

The next morning she, I, and my dad headed to the school and my parents were not happy. My mom went into the principal's office and explained how they were not going to treat her child in any disrespectful matter. My dad and I sat outside the door and then I see the teacher enter the principal's office. I will not repeat the words

I heard my mom saying to this teacher. What I remember about the incident is, the teacher no longer taught that class, my parents and I were given a written apology, and I'm not sure what other actions may have ensued legally. I continued, graduated from that school, and had no more problems that I could not handle on my own.

In this world I have seen and faced a lot of unfair racial treat-

ment, and at times I have reacted in anger. Yes, I would get up in someone's face and be ready to handle the situation whichever way it went. It never got physically violent but certainly got verbally violent. Over the years, I learned the only person who suffered and got hurt from handling racism this way was me. I have been a work in progress and have come a long way from being aggressive. I have learned how to approach the situation and voice my opinion without hostility. I pray for strength from God to show me, and I have nothing to prove to anyone in a violent way. Now, instead, I use constructive communication skills, take conflict resolution classes, and get my point across where it does not cause serious problems. I will continue to work on being less aggressive, for I am a woman who carries herself in a respectful manner and violence is not the answer.

In the coming period, I pray we all reflect and respect and learn to overcome our inner aggressions. We will need this, I suspect, together.

Heather Mosley is a returning college student. (Distributed by PeaceVoice.)

AIDS: Envisioning the Beginning of the End

Daunting challenges remain

BY MARC H. MORIAL

On June 5, 1981, the Centers for Disease Control published its weekly Morbidity and Mortality Report which described five cases of previously healthy, young gay men in Los Angeles infected with a rare lung infection. It would eventually become recognized as the first official report on HIV/AIDS in the United States.

Since the start of the epidemic, an estimated 35 million people have died from AIDS-related illnesses around the globe. In the United States alone, more than 700,000 people have died an AIDS death since the beginning of the epidemic. Thirty-five years ago, testing HIV positive was an automatic death sentence, but today, as a result of targeted HIV prevention efforts, rapid testing, advances in treatment and increased access to life-saving



health care, what was once a death sentence is now, in many cases, a chronic disease that can be lived with and managed.

Today, more than 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV, according to the CDC. New infections are down from their peaks in the 80s and 90s, with the CDC estimating that new HIV diagnoses have fallen by 19 percent from 2005 to 2014.

As we celebrate those numbers, we must keep in mind that the epidemic is far from over and that our progress in combating this disease has been uneven and remains riddled with all-too-familiar racial and socioeconomic disparities.

The death rate from AIDS-related illnesses has dropped by 30 percent, approaching our nation's 2020 target rate.

As we celebrate those numbers, we must keep in mind that the epidemic is far from over and that our progress in combating this disease has been uneven and remains riddled with all-too-familiar racial

and socioeconomic disparities. African Americans and Latinos continue to bear the disproportionate burden of HIV infection in our nation.

In 2015, African Americans, who represent 12 percent of the U.S. population, accounted for 45 percent of HIV diagnoses. While Latinos, who represent 18 percent of the U.S. population, accounted for 24 percent of HIV diagnoses. Regionally, the South is experiencing the highest infection

rates, illness and deaths than any other U.S. region, with the Southern states accounting for close to half—an estimated 44 percent—of all people living with an HIV diagnosis in the United States.

For those of us on the front lines of the battle versus this epidemic, these numbers are a call to action to put an end to HIV with leader-

ship and commitment that amplifies our impact in all communities ravaged by this disease. It is also a vivid reminder that health, health care, disease and its dissemination and eradication do not exist in a cultural or social vacuum.

The link between health, social and economic equity and our vision of an AIDS-free generation is real and borne out by the shocking rate of HIV/AIDS in communities of color and vulnerable populations. Given the disproportionate

impact of the epidemic in communities of color, effectively addressing HIV/AIDS in the United States also means addressing poverty and a lack of access to health care.

The National Urban League and its affiliates continue to partner with organizations and groups working to decrease and defeat

HIV/AIDS in the hardest hit populations. League affiliates have joined the Act Against AIDS Leadership Alliance. As a part of the compact, more than 500 HIV related events and trainings have taken place. As a member of PACT (Partnering and Communicating Together to Act Against AIDS), we work on achieving the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) by reducing HIV infections, improving health outcomes for people living with HIV and reducing HIV related disparities.

Here is a final sobering statistic: 1 in 8 people living with HIV in the United States are unaware of their status. We cannot fight what we don't know. We need leadership from service providers, advocates, doctors and government officials, but all of us, have a role to play on the journey towards an AIDS-free generation.

Protect yourself and reduce the risk of spreading HIV, or any STD, by getting tested and knowing your status. We must all commit to keeping our communities healthy.

Marc H. Morial is president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League.

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Free Christmas Dinner and More

Potluck in the Park will be serving its annual Christmas Day dinner, a free meal open to anyone in need or anyone without family or friends to share the holiday, on Sunday, Dec. 25 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum at 1119 S.W. Park Ave.

The meal will include a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, gifts, photos with Santa and live entertainment by some of Portland's best jazz artists. Pet food and kennels are available during the meal. Guests can also make free phone calls to loved ones. Guest Transportation is available for the mobility impaired by calling 503-255-7611.

Potluck in the Park is a volunteer organization that for 25 years has been serving free meals each Sunday to anyone in need, rain or shine.



Volunteers from the non-profit group Potluck in the Park hold a free Christmas Day dinner for anyone in need and anyone without family or friends to share the holiday.

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Popular Holiday Tradition -- Each house on Peacock Lane in southeast Portland has been decorating for Christmas for decades. Located between Stark and Belmont, one block east of Cesar Chavez Boulevard, the light displays runs nightly through Dec. 31, from 6 p.m. to 11p.m. The lights stay on until midnight on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.



History Hub -- Oregon Historical Society exhibit for young people explores the topic of diversity with interactive objects and pictures that tell the stories of the people of Oregon, past and present. With puzzles, touch screen activities and board games, History Hub asks students to consider questions like "Who is an Oregonian?," "How has discrimination and segregation affected people who live in Oregon?," and "How can you make Oregon a great place for everyone?"



Teen Late Night Returns -- A popular Teen Late Night program through Vancouver Parks and Recreation is back. Young people between the ages of 11 and 18 are invited to enjoy a safe night of free recreational activities every Friday night at either the Fistenburg or Marshall community centers.

Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. at Billy Blues in Vancouver; and Friday, Jan.

13 at 9 p.m. at the Spare Room.

Democracy's Blueprints -- The Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, and other bed-rock documents that laid the foundation of American democracy are on view in a new exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society, downtown, through Feb. 1.

Blast Off to Space Exploration -- The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) take guests through an out-of-this-world experience with Journey to Space: The Exhibition, featuring hands-on experiences that will give visitors an up-close look at what it takes to live, work, and survive in the extraordinary environment of space. The Exhibition runs through Jan. 8. To learn more visit omsi.edu.

Fourth Sunday Jam Night -- A friends and family variety comedy show in a Saturday Night Live format with local recording and performing artists, bands, dance crews, poets, and drama groups, takes place each fourth Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. at Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. The free event is open to the community.



Breakout Tuesdays Hip Hop -- JAMN 107.5 and Cool Nutz from the Breakout Show present Breakout Tuesdays each third Tuesday of the month at the Ash Street, 225 S.W. Ash. The shows will feature performances from some of the top rappers from the Northwest. Hosted by Juma Blaq and DJ Fatboy.

Clothing Closet -- Each first Saturday of the month, a complimentary breakfast and clothing drive takes place at First AME Zion Church, 4304 N. Vancouver Ave. The goal is to clothe and feed Portland one person at a time. For more information, call Nydia Campbell-Pullom at 503-317-1089.

Discount Tickets -- Local low-income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

Merry Christmas -- 1st Annual Christmas Celebration In Memory of Faye LyDay on Friday December 23rd 1:00 To 5:00 at Stay Clean 2601 SE 160th (bus line4). Dinner and Stockings for the homeless.



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More than 1.6 million brightly colored lights transform the Oregon Zoo into a walk-through winter wonderland during ZooLights, the annual holiday light display now running through New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

Luminous Zoolights

ZooLights, the Oregon Zoo's popular walk-through winter wonderland of more than 1.6 million colored lights, presented by the Oregon College Savings Plan and Banfield Pet Hospital, is bigger than ever this year.

A continuous loop now draws visitors on a glowing, kaleidoscopic walk through the zoo. A carousel has been added, and the train ride, a popular add-on attraction, once again features an interactive experience with some favorite seasonal

characters.

Over the past five years, nearly a million visitors have strolled through the ZooLights forests of lighted trees, dazzling life-size illuminated animal silhouettes and ridden the light-bedecked zoo

trains.

The zoo offers a \$5 admission discount for visitors who take TriMet to the event and offer proof of ridership. To purchase event tickets or for more information, visit, oregonzoo.org/zoolights.

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Blending psychedelia, circus and classic R&B and Soul, singer-songwriter and guitarist Tasche de la Rocha comes home for the holidays with two shows.

Home for the Holidays

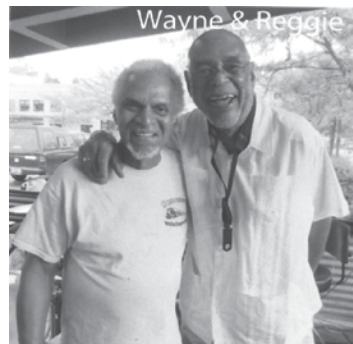
Tasche de la Rocha brings her mystical soul back to Portland for the holidays. The singer-songwriter and guitarist who blends psychedilia, circus and classic R&B and Soul, has lived and made music in New Orleans for

the past few years, but returns to her hometown this holiday season for a solo and full band shows with Prismagic and the Wanderlust Circus. De la Rocha will be at Duff's Garage, 2530 N.E. 82nd Ave.

with her band on Friday, Dec. 23 at 9 p.m., and at The Blue Room Bar at Cartlandia, 8145 S.E. 82nd Ave., performing solo on Monday, Dec. 26 at 9:30 p.m. Tasche grew up in Portland in a family full of musicians and performers. She is inspired by greats such as Billie Holliday, Leonard Cohen and Edith Piaf.



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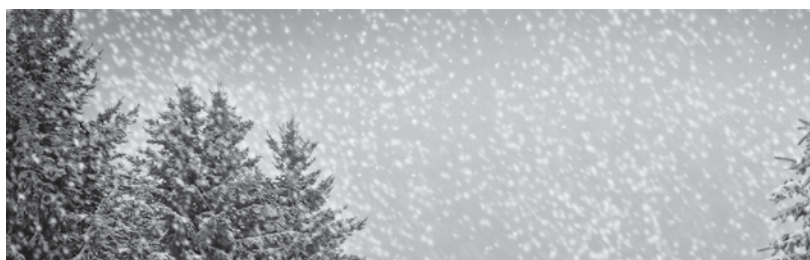
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Rosa Parks Day
 World AIDS Day

2
 David Macaulay born, 1946
 National Fritters Day

3
 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
 National Roof-Over-Your-Head Day

4
 Munro Leaf born, 1905
 National Cookie Day
 Phonograph Invented (1877)

5
 Walt Disney's Birthday born, 1901
 Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955)

6
 Mitten Tree Day
 St. Nicholas Day
 13th Amendment abolishing slavery, ratified (1865)

7
 National Cotton Candy Day
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (1941)

8
 James Thurber born, 1894
 National Brownie Day
 Inventor Eli Whitney born, 1765

9
 Ball-Bearing Roller Skates Patented in 1884
 First Christmas Seals Issued in 1907

10
 Rumer Godden born, 1907
 Human Rights Day
 Emily Dickinson born, 1830

11
 UNICEF Anniversary Established in 1946
 Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, 1620

12
 Barbara Emberley born, 1932
 Hovercraft Patented (1955)
 Poinsettia Day

13
 National Cocoa Day
 Susan B. Anthony dollar coined in 1970

14
 First Miniature Golf Course Opened, 1929
 South Pole Discovered, 1911

15
 Bill of Rights Day
 Underdog Day
 David McCord born, 1897

16
 Beethoven's Birthday (1770)
 Boston Tea Party Anniversary (1773)

17
 Wright Brother's First Flight (1903)
 National Maple Syrup Day

18
 Wear a Plunger On Your Head Day
 Baseball great Ty Cobb born, 1886

19
 Oatmeal Muffin Day
 Dickens' A Christmas Carol published in 1843

20
 Games Day
 Electric Light demonstrated in 1879

21
First Day of Winter
 Humbug Day
 Bright Side Day
 National Flashlight Day

22
 First Christmas Lights, 1882
 Mercury Thermometer Invented, 1714

23
 Roots Day
 Federal Reserve System established (1913)

24
Hanukkah Begins
Christmas Eve
 National Egg Nog Day
 Apollo 8 reached moon, 1968

25
Christmas
 National Pumpkin Pie Day

26
 Boxing Day
Kwanzaa Begins
 National Whiners Day

27
 Ingri d'Aulaire born, 1904
 Visit the Zoo Day
 World Bank created (1945)

28
 Card Playing Day
 Iowa became the 29th state (1846)
 National Chocolate Day

29
 Texas became the 28th state (1845)

30
 Tiger Woods born, 1975
 Author Rudyard Kipling born, 1865

31
New Year's Eve



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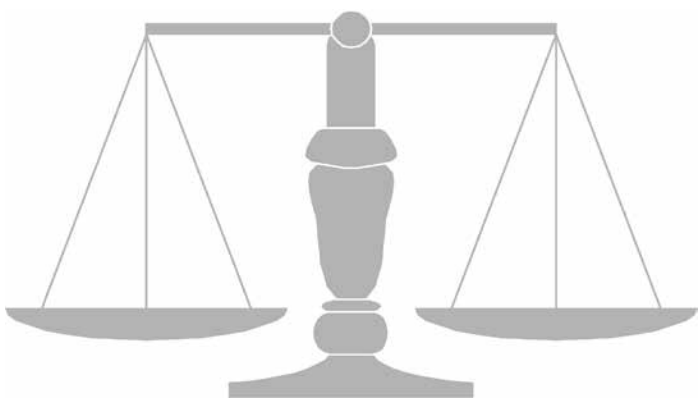


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Treasured Holiday Tradition

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This 1851 photo of the Hop Wo laundry in Portland is among the pieces featured in a free exhibit that celebrates the history of the Asian community in Oregon and beyond. (Photo courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society.)

Celebrating Cultural History

Looking for something fun, educational -- and free -- to do with your family during the holidays? The Wells Fargo History Museum in downtown Portland has opened a new exhibit that celebrates the history of the Asian community in Oregon and beyond.

"In the late 1800s and early 1900s Portland had the second largest China Town in the Unit-

ed States, behind San Francisco. That's something that most Oregonians don't know," said Associate Museum Manager Steve Greenwood.

Wells Fargo's connection of doing business with the Asian community in Oregon dates back to the gold rush era of the 1850s. It was an era of extreme prejudice against Asians and many other

companies refused to serve them.

The exhibit will run through December. It includes many images and artifacts from Wells Fargo archives, the Oregon Historical Society and the Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site in John Day. The free museum is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second floor of the Wells Fargo Center, 1300 S.W. Fifth Ave.

Emanuel Plans New Building

Legacy Health has announced a replacement and expansion project on the Legacy Emanuel Medical Center campus in north Portland that would add new surgical suites and a new space for the Legacy Oregon Burn Center.

Plans are to build a new four-level facility with parking for 100 cars on the Kerby Street lot, adjacent to the hospital and current operating rooms. This will be the first major expansion on the Emanuel campus since the opening of Randall Children's Hospital in 2012.

"We are experiencing growth constraints on our campus," says Dr. Lori Morgan, president of

Legacy Emanuel Medical Center.

Legacy Health recently consolidated all open heart surgery at Emanuel in addition to adding advanced and interventional cardiology services and a new multi-person hyperbaric oxygen therapy chamber. The campus also offers additional outpatient services, a comprehensive stroke center, and a Level 1 trauma center.

Some of the features of the new \$210 million, 340,000-square-foot facility include larger operating room suites with standardized equipment; a cardiovascular intensive care unit; seven state-of-the-art cardiovascular catheterization lab suites; and new MRIs

to accommodate anesthetized patients.

Construction on the four-year project is scheduled to begin in 2017.

An artist's rendering shows a new four-level medical services building coming to the Legacy Emanuel Medical Center Campus in north Portland.



President Obama greets inmates during a visit July 16 to El Reno Federal Correctional Institution in El Reno, Okla. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

A Nation of Second Chances President issues record number of pardons

(AP) - President Barack Obama has pardoned 78 people and shortened the sentence of 153 others convicted of federal crimes, the greatest number of individual clemencies in a single day by any president, the White House said Monday.

Obama has been granting commutations at rapid-fire pace in his final months in office, but he has focused primarily on shortening sentences of those convicted of drug offenses rather than pardons. Pardons amount to forgiveness of a crime that removes restrictions on the right to vote, hold state or local office, or sit on a jury. The pardon also lessens the stigma arising from the conviction.

Neil Eggleston, Obama's White House counsel, said Obama has now pardoned a total of 148 peo-

ple during his presidency and has shortened the sentences of 1,176 people, including 395 serving life sentences.

Eggleston said each clemency recipient's story is unique, but a common thread of rehabilitation underlies all of them. Pardon recipients have shown they have led a productive and law-abiding post-conviction life, including by contributing to the community in a meaningful way, he said.

"These are the stories that demonstrate the successes that can be achieved - by both individuals and society - in a nation of second chances," Eggleston said

Commutation recipients have made the most of his or her time in prison by participating in educational courses, vocational training, and drug treatment, he said.

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