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On the Ballot

Historic schools modernization effort faces votes

BY ZACHARY SENN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Just a few days are left to cast ballots in a proposed school bond of historic proportions that would continue a schedule of major upgrades to Portland Public Schools.

Measure 26-193 would raise \$790 million dollars to pay for rebuilding and renovating three high schools and a middle school, and make health and safety repairs to nearly every school building in the district. Ballots must be received at county elections offices or at official ballot drop off sites by Tuesday, May 16 at 8 p.m..

The measure is the largest property tax bond proposed in Oregon's history and the second of a long range modernization effort for Portland's schools that follows the district's 2012 bond that paid for modernizing Roosevelt and Franklin High Schools and the rebuilding of Faubion Elementary in northeast Portland. If approved, the new levy would raise property taxes by \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value for four years.

Jeremy Wright, campaign director for the "Portlanders for Safe Schools" yes campaign says that last year's lead drinking water crisis underscored the need to fix school infrastructure in old and failing buildings.

"If we don't pass this measure," Wright told the Portland Observer, "the district will continue to spend more money on health and safety emergencies."

The new bond would pay for remodeling of Benson and Madison High Schools in northeast Portland into modern school facilities, completely rebuild Lincoln High School, downtown, Kellogg Middle School in southeast Portland, and fix aging infrastructure in every school, including the removal of lead paint and lead in drinking water.

On a press tour of the nearly-completed Franklin last week, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler who has endorsed the district's new funding measure, spoke to the need to continue providing Portlanders with safe and state-of-the-art learning spaces.

Franklin High School Principal Juanita Valder accompanied the mayor with four of her 'bookend' students. These students attended their freshman year at the old, pre-renovated Franklin and will finish out their senior year

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A crewmember from Skanska USA, the construction firm contracted by Portland Public Schools to complete the renovation of Franklin High School, works to remodel and modernize the historic building's central atrium. Franklin High School was originally built in 1917.

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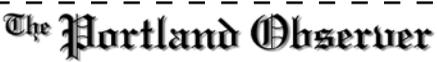
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The Week in Review



Arrested for Indecency

Jon McKinley Clark, 60, was arrested last week for public indecency at the East Portland Community Center have exposing himself to 7 and 10 year old children. Anyone with additional information or other victims is asked to contact Portland Police Bureau.

Uber Investigation

Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Commissioner Dan Saltzman are supporting a federal criminal investigation into Uber for using Greyball software tools to evade regulations. Earlier in the year, Wheeler and Saltzman announced a local investigation of Uber under similar allegations.

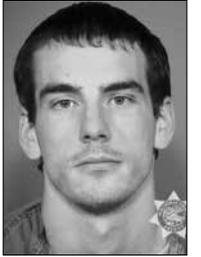
May Day Arson Arrest

Damion Feller, 22, was arrested last Wednesday on felony arson charges in connection with a downtown May Day protest. Police said they identified him

through video and public tips. Feller is charged with throwing road flares through the broken windows of the downtown Target store and damaging a police vehicle.

TriMet Hair Bandit Back

TriMet Transit Police Division is asking for help locating Jared Walter, 30, a registered sex offender who once again is accused of boarding mass transit to cut the hair of unsuspecting female passengers before fleeing the scene.



Walter was convicted of similar offenses in the past.

Hanford Nuclear Emergency

A tunnel storing radioactive materials at the Hanford nuclear site in eastern Washington on the Columbia River collapsed Monday, but there were no reports of a radiation damages. The Energy Department declared a state of emergency and no injuries have been reported.

Zoo has Wild Visitors

A nesting pair of wild bald eagles has settled down above the eagle habitat in the Northwestern exhibit of the Oregon Zoo. The wild birds are in eyeshot of Jack and Reetah, two rescue eagles with injuries left them unable to survive in nature.



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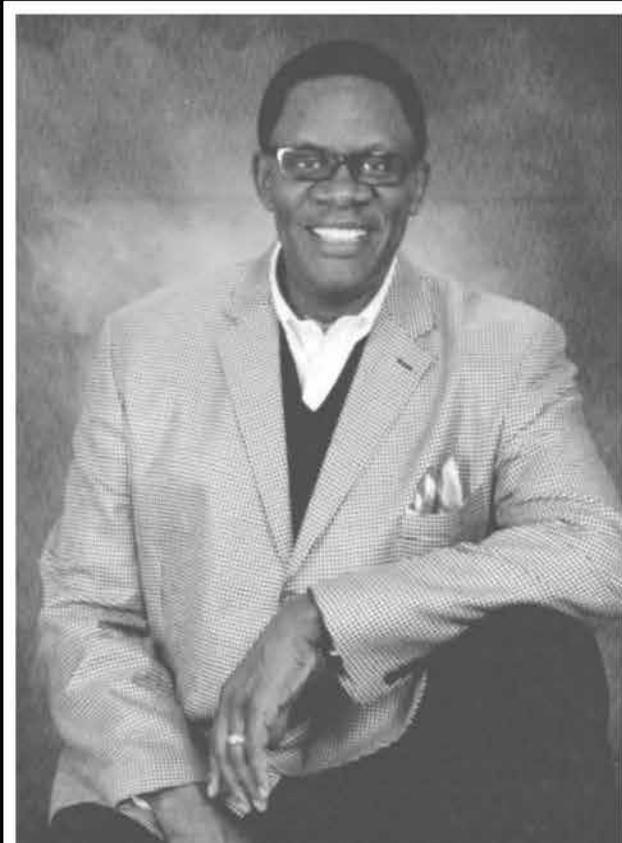
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What's on your list today?



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Reo's Ribs is boarded up Monday after an overnight fire gutted the landmark building housing the popular restaurant at Northeast 42nd and Sandy Boulevard.

Reo's Up in Flames

Owner thinks fire was racially motivated

BY ZACHARY SENN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Investigators are trying to determine what caused the popular barbecue restaurant Reo's Ribs to catch fire early Monday, de-

stroying a landmark building and gutting a local African-American business. The eatery, which is owned and operated by restaurateur Reo Varnado and his business partner Myra Girod, has been at its present Northeast 42nd and Sandy Boulevard location since October 2015.

Portland Fire and Rescue is looking into reports that people were seen fleeing the scene of

the fire after its ignition during the predawn hours. Varnado, in a 30-minute Facebook Live video posted on Monday morning, speculated that the attack on his restaurant could have been racially motivated.

Varnado, who was in Los Angeles when the fire occurred, told the Portland Observer that he is ex-

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Superintendent Pick Withdraws

Sole finalist and board part ways

BY ZACHARY SENN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Donyall Dickey, the black educator and school administrator from Atlanta recently named the sole finalist to fill the position of superintendent of Portland Public Schools, has withdrawn his candidacy for the job.

The district issued a statement last week calling the development a mutual decision. It came just after the school board reviewed a final report on Dickey's background and application.

The responsibilities of the superintendent's selection process will now fall on a new school



Donyall Dickey

Portland, and the only black candidate seeking a position on the seven member board, faults the lack of cohesion on the PPS board and says correcting the dysfunction is more important now than ever.

Munson points out that selecting a new superintendent and navigating budget shortfalls will require the newly-elected board's full and immediate attention once they assume office.

"It's a challenge that the new board is going to have to face head-on," Munson told the Portland Observer. "It speaks to how important it's going to be for the school board to be really collaborative."

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board that will be constituted after a vote-by-mail May 16 election in which three new board members will be elected with terms starting this summer.

Jamila Singleton Munson, a candidate for the seat representing Zone 4 in north and northeast



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Construction crews work to complete the modernization of Franklin High School. The renovation process is preserving the campus' historic buildings, while adding new wings that complement the existing 100-year-old structure.

On the Ballot

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at the completed structure.

"We had a 100 year old building," Valder said, "So it was time."

Pointing to the tremendous impact of the 2012 bond measure on her students, Valder says that it's essential to continuing funding school revitalization for Portland's long-term economic health.

"Investing in our children is investing in our future," explained Valder. "It's an effective use of money that will support our kids for the next 100 years."

She adds that by making lasting contributions into the education system, students will be able to achieve greater academic success.

"It's amazing to watch the faces of the four that are here today... They feel valued," Valder said.

Christina Strommer, a 16-year-old Franklin High School junior, says that the building improvements are also enhancing her educational opportunities. She compares the new technologies that are being implemented in the campus' classrooms and theatre to those you'd find at a four-year

university.

"Even the little things are really making a difference," Strommer said. "Having advanced classes in this advanced building is just an absolute treat."

17-year-old Franklin High School junior Michelle Jaramillo says that the new features at her school, such as increased natural light and more classroom space, will help her focus as she continues on in her academic career.

"Having bigger classrooms and fewer distractions will really help us improve our focus," Jaramillo stated.

Despite the clear success of the 2012 school bond measure, public confidence in PPS has waned over the leadership of the district and former Superintendent Carole Smith's resignation last year.

Wright explains, however, that community members' concerns with school administration should not affect their decision on the school bond.

"The school modernization work is overseen by a citizen advisory board, the Bond Advisory Committee," Wright said.

Addressing the anticipation for a new superintendent and the three board members' slots open and up for election, he says "We're at a juncture for the district to turn a corner and begin a new chapter."

Buildings renovated by the bond measure will comply with the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver certification. Wright says that by minimizing the energy used by PPS facilities, following these stringent environmental guidelines will actually help the school system reduce its operating expenses over time.

Wright emphasizes that the bond presents a long-term solution to PPS' infrastructural woes, rather than a series of temporary fixes.

"This is our best opportunity to impact the lives of Portlanders for many generations," Wright said. "When our students are provided learning opportunities in safe, healthy, modern and efficient schools, they'll be better equipped to compete in college and career."

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Workers Prove Racial Harassment

Two black maintenance workers won a jury award of \$1 million in a racial harassment lawsuit against Portland Public Schools Thursday.

Charles Morgan and Jason Williams say they filed the suit because the district didn't address the serious nature of the intimidation

against them after they were called the N-word and found a noose hanging in their workplace. They argued in court that the district does not promptly respond to claims of racial harassment and intentionally drags out investigations.

When school officials first investigated the complaints, they re-

ferred to the workers' experiences as "microaggressions" rather than discrimination.

PPS Interim Superintendent Bob McKean issued a statement saying that the district is respectful of the jury's decision, and hopes to create a more welcoming work environment moving forward.

Police Not Compliant with Law

Portland's Independent Police Review board has concluded a two year investigation revealing that the Portland Police Bureau is not compliant with a federal law to turn over evidence in prosecutions that may be favorable to the person charged.

The board, which is under the City Auditor's office, determined that the Portland Police Bureau has no written policy to comply with the landmark 1963 Brady vs. Maryland Supreme Court ruling requiring law enforcement to give all evidence to the courts that might find a defendant innocent.

The review panel found that Portland police aren't being trained on which evidence to turn over. In addition, officer discipline records aren't being given to either prosecutors or defense attorneys.

Officials said the Police Bureau was less than cooperative with the review board, but after the report was issued last month, Police Chief Marshman promised to issue a written policy within 90 days.

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OPINION



Can't Run the Country like a Business After All

Constitutional checks and balances

BY JILL RICHARDSON

Our president says he wants to run the country like a business. But it turns out running the government isn't like running a business after all.

Trump, for his part, says he's located the source of the problem: the Constitution. All those checks and balances our founders are cramping his style. "It's an archaic

system," he complained.

Unfortunately for Trump, unlike on his reality TV show, when he doesn't like a member of Congress, he can't simply say, "You're fired."

Yes, Trump was elected by... well, not a majority of Americans. Or even a plurality of voters. But he was legally elected, and he has some power. Yet he cannot erase or overrule the power of our representatives in Congress.

How does Trump feel about that? "It's really a bad thing for the country, in my opinion."

Yes, he actually said that about our system of government —



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which, admittedly, is less efficient than running a business. That's the idea.

A publicly traded corporation has one goal: to make money for the shareholders.

A government, on the other hand, has many goals: economic prosperity, reducing poverty and hunger, keeping the public safe, preserving human rights and civil rights, and so forth.

A successful business leader may excel in making money. It doesn't follow that they can achieve the many other objectives the leader of a nation must work toward.

A business can pick and choose who it deals with. The CEO can hire and fire employees at will and choose which other companies to work with. It can target its products towards a particular customer base, instead of attempting to sell its products to the entire public. And the CEO is the boss.

The government gets no such choices. The voters are the bosses. Our leaders have to deal with all of us, and they can't pick and choose which segments of the population they want to represent. We're all Americans.

Furthermore, Trump doesn't get to choose who's in Congress. We do.

Whether our members of Congress are Republicans or Dem-

ocrats, they're supposed to represent their districts. If Trump wants something that will harm their constituents, and potentially get them voted out of office, they won't (or shouldn't) go along with it. The president can't simply issue orders and have them immediately followed like the head of a company can do.

In a company, it ultimately doesn't matter if the marketing and the accounting departments disagree with the CEO. They have to do what they're told to keep their jobs.

In a democracy, it does matter whether the representatives from Montana or Florida agree with the president. If the majority of Congress doesn't agree with the president, they won't roll over and do as he likes. And he cannot fire them, because they're accountable to their voters.

So, welcome to Civics 101, Mr. President. You're right. Our Constitution is "archaic" and it limits the powers of the presidency. That's what our founders intended.

Maybe you ought to take some time out of your busy golfing schedule to read it some time.

OtherWords columnist Jill Richardson is the author of *Recipe for America: Why Our Food System Is Broken and What We Can Do to Fix It*.

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OPINION

Our Health Should Never Be Disregarded

Pain feels worse with this Congress and White House

BY LESLIE WATSON MALACHI

My nieces, who range in age from 17 to 25, grew up in a very different world from the one I knew coming of age in the 1970s

For their entire lives, abortion has been legal. And Planned Parenthood and other women's clinics have served as a steadfast source of health care.

Although access to reproductive care is still too often contingent on income or zip code, until recently it felt like our fundamental rights were, by and large, standing on solid ground.

It no longer feels that way — and that makes me truly afraid for

my nieces.

Politicians putting women's health on the chopping block isn't new. But the pain feels so much sharper with this Congress and



White House chipping away at constitutional rights and slashing funding for women's health. The burden will fall heaviest on women who can least afford cuts, but who will be forced to pay the heaviest price.

These attacks, which are part of the larger war on women, have already begun in the few short months since Trump took office.

Not surprisingly, in April President Trump signed legislation to undo a rule protecting the Title X family planning program. I wonder if he knew or cared that Title X is a vital safety net program that has supported access to affordable health care — including cancer screenings, well-woman exams,

and birth control — for millions of low-income people.

Does he know or care that about one in five Title X patients are African American, nearly one third are Latino, and around half are white? That the vast majority of people who use Title X make do on incomes less than 150 percent of the federal poverty line?

The sad reality is most of those served by this program simply can't afford care on their own, and this administration doesn't care.

This newly signed repeal lets states prevent Title X patients from accessing critical health services if their local health care provider also provides abortions, like Planned Parenthood. This should be seen for what it is: a shameful move that puts partisan politics above the health of low-income women and their families — including many who voted for this administration.

Despite recent failed attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act,

extreme politicians remain committed unnecessarily to "defunding" Planned Parenthood. Why unnecessary? Because since 1976, Congress has had a rule — the Hyde Amendment — that prevents federal dollars from paying for abortions.

That means Planned Parenthood already can't spend tax dollars on abortions. So when politicians talk about "defunding" it, what they're really talking about is preventing women who rely on programs like Medicaid from accessing other services — like pre-natal care — through Planned Parenthood.

If Congress were to successfully shut down Planned Parenthood health centers, a breathtaking 2.5 million people, both men and women, would no longer have access to cancer screenings, birth control, and other critical services each year — likely causing a national health care crisis.

Whether she lives in the city, a

suburb, or in a rural community, a low-income woman would find herself with a personal health care crisis like no other in recent times. For many, there are simply no other affordable options to turn to if their local Planned Parenthood center shuts down.

Our right to safe, affordable, accessible health care is on the chopping block. As the attacks ramp up, women of all ages, ethnicities, and racial identities should be talking together, sharing together, and demanding together our right to be healthy.

Our health — and that of our families and communities — should never be disregarded for the sake of political expediency. For my nieces' generation — and for women across the country — the price is just too high.

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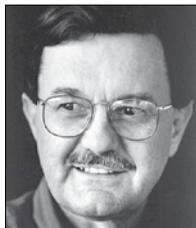
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BY JIM HIGHTOWER

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Free Youth Fishing Clinics

The Mount Hood National Forest is hosting annual free youth fishing clinics, Saturday, May 13 for the Barlow Ranger District and Saturday, May 20 for the Hood River Ranger District, both kicking off at 8 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m. The Clackamas River Ranger District will host its fishing clinic on

June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Zigzag Ranger District's clinic is June 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clinics are free and are intended for kids 12 and younger, but young adults and parents will also find the events both fun and interesting. Children will also have the opportunity to fish with an expert

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Salim Sanchez (left) portrays Louis Armstrong (right) in *Satchmo at the Waldorf*. The play presented by Portland's Triangle Productions goes backstage at the Empire Room of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to tell the story of the greatest trumpet player in the world. Now showing through Saturday, May 27 at The Sanctuary, 1785 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

Satchmo at the Waldorf

Play depicts an amazing journey

Salim Sanchez portrays Louis Armstrong in *Satcho at the Waldorf*, the Oregon premiere of a celebrated play that goes backstage at the Empire Room of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York to tell the story of the greatest trum-

pet player in the world.

Set in March 1971, Armstrong sits in his dressing room trying to pull himself together following his celebrated performance. Because as long as they clap, Louis will go out there and play. His mind wanders through the amazing journey of his life and his complex relationship with his manager Joe Glaser. He played there that night against his doctor's orders – as this performance would be his last,

four months later, he dies of a heart attack.

The exciting off-Broadway hit has Salim actually playing three different roles; Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis, and Joe Glaser.

The show opened last Thursday and runs through Saturday, May 27 at The Sanctuary at Sandy Plaza, 1785 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Regular ticket prices are \$15-\$35.

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Sunday Brunch for Mom -- The Oregon Zoo's annual Mother's Day brunch takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 14, in the Cascade Crest ballroom. This year's menu includes bagels with house-cured lox, made-to-order omelets, brioche French toast and more. For a full list of courses, visit bit.ly/ZooBrunch2017. For reservations, email zoo.catering@oregonzoo.org or call 503-525-4299.

Songs of Our Youth -- The Satori Men's Chorus, under the direction of Susan Dorn, anticipates reawakening some childhood memories with its upcoming spring concert, "Songs of our Youth." The concert takes place with a fundraising raffle to support the group for one performance only, Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Central Lutheran Church, 1820 N.E. 21st Ave.

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.



Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, May 19 at Clyde's; Saturday, May 21 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; Sunday, May 22 at 4 p.m. at the Crystal Ballroom for the CBA's 30th anniversary; Thursday, May 25 at Christo's in Salem; Saturday, May 27 at 6 p.m. at the Nehalem Bay Blues Festival.

Exploring Black Cinema -- Featuring films by visionaries, rebels and pioneers willing to tell it like it is, the NW Film Center at the Portland Art Museum hosts a black cinema series through June 11 in conjunction with the museum's African American exhibit "Constructing Identity." For complete listings and advance tickets, visit nwfilm.org.



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?"



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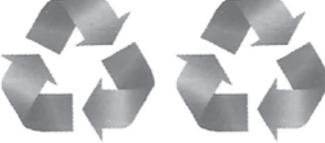
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The historic St. Johns Parade brings friends and neighbors together for some community fun. The annual event returns Saturday, May 13, starting at noon.

Parade to Celebrate St. Johns

On Saturday, May 13, north Portland will kick off its annual St. Johns Parade as friends and neighbors gather to celebrate the community and kick off one of the first official Portland Rose Festival events. The parade begins promptly at noon on North Burr Avenue in the neighborhood's downtown core.

The third largest parade in the state draws thousands of spectators who will gather to see horses, firefighters, school marching bands,

kids pulling wagons, clowns on unicycles and multi-cultural organizations celebrating the close knit neighborhood.

In conjunction with the celebration, the St. John's Bizarre returns from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., featuring an open air craft fair with over 100 vendors. A diverse lineup of mostly local bands will rock the stage with sounds ranging from indie-rock the Thermals, Latin folk group Y La Bamba, sweet Goth-pop from Lit-

tle Star and St. John's own rap by Illmac.

A number of free activities will also be geared to children.

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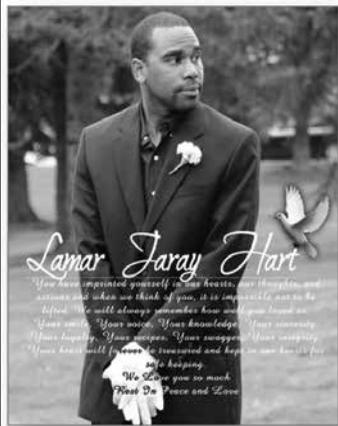
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Portland Farmers Markets bloom in neighborhood throughout Portland. The King Portland Farmers Market, next to King School in northeast Portland, opened for the season on Sunday, and will operate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday through the spring, summer and early fall seasons.

Famers Markets in Bloom

April showers have cleared the way for the May and June openings of neighborhood farmers markets, all bursting with the bounty of locally made, grown, and harvested goods.

The King Portland Farmers Market next to King School in northeast Portland opened for the

season on Sunday as one of the six Portland Farmers Market's seasonal downtown and neighborhood markets.

As in past seasons, shoppers eligible for SNAP benefits will be able to receive \$1 tokens using their Oregon Trail Card to purchase fruit, vegetables, meat,

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May Shows at the Guardino



"Man", Mar Goman's stitching on hankerchief.



Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St., is presenting works by artists Mar Goman and Dayna Collins through May 23.

Gorman has her own style that comes through with everything she creates by using varied materials to cut, paste, stitch, draw and paint, bind, nail and wrap. Her work is often about the interior journey, our invisible wounds, our common humanity.

Collins is an abstract painter who loves working with color and texture, drawing upon the flexibility of working with oil paint mixed with cold wax medium to explore the rich complexity of water, land, and sky.

Reo's Up in Flames

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tremely shaken up by the events, and that he has been the recipient of taunts from people outside of the restaurant since reopening in the Hollywood District.

Firefighters described the damage to the historic structure, which is located just down the street from the Hollywood Theatre, as extensive. The 95-year-

old building, which was originally constructed to serve as a trolley stop, hosted the Hollywood Burger Bar from 1954 through 2015.

Varnado, who is the uncle and occasional personal chef of rap icon Snoop Dogg, has received complaints regarding the smoke from his outdoor grills in the past, especially when he was located on Southwest Macadam Boulevard a

few years ago. In total, Reo's Ribs has changed locations four times since originally opening on Tualatin Valley Highway in Aloha in 1999.

Reo's Ribs is known for its distinctively sweet take on traditional Southern barbecue. The eatery has been recognized in Gourmet Magazine, and was formerly nominated as one of the top 100 restaurants in Portland.

Obituary

In Loving Memory Geneva Harris Bedford

Geneva Harris Bedford, reverently known as "Mrs. B," transitioned to glory on April 26, 2017 surrounded by her loving son and family.

She was born July 19, 1931 to the late Bennie Harris Sr. and Cornelia Walden Harris of Forest, Miss., the fourth of 10 siblings. She established her working career with the Portland Clinic in 1958 as a laboratory tech coordinator where she was a faithful and dedicated employee until her retirement in 1996. She was loved and adored by her staff and cared deeply for her colleagues. Many of her



co-workers came to her for advice, spiritual guidance, and often requested that she pray for their families.

Geneva was an active and devoted long-time member of First A.M.E. Zion Church in Portland. She was a member of the church's Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, served as director for the Children's Department in the church's Cascade District representing Oregon and Washington and also served as a Deaconess.

She truly loved helping kids and the children who served under her direction loved to work with Geneva. The legacy she leaves behind in the hearts of children is filled with appreciation and gratitude.

Geneva was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband Robert Bedford Jr.; two brothers, James Harris and Willie Harris; and two sisters, Bernice Harris Al-

len and Doris Harris Eiland.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a loving and devoted son, Charles Bennie Bedford of Portland; three sisters, Mary Louise Coleman of Portland, Shirley Ann McGowan (Edward) of Lawrence, Miss., and Bobby Greer (Willie), of Riverside, Calif.; three brothers, Bennie Harris Jr., of Forest, Miss., and Bobby R. Harris (Agnes) and Paul Harris (Joyce) of Portland; a special god-daughter Chavonne Allen-Foster of Las Vegas, Nev.; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, and special family friends, Leslie Mattila and Nelson Murray.

Charles Bedford also acknowledges his life-long friend Joe Perry for his continued assistance in caring for his mother. Joe and Geneva had a unique mother-son relationship.



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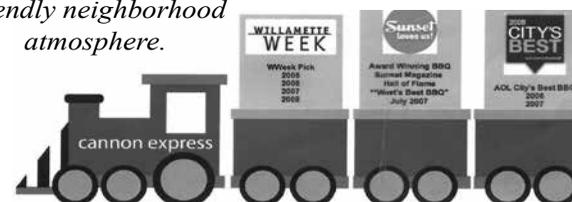


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Superintendent Pick Withdraws

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Interim Superintendent Bob McKean is not expected to return to lead the district through the 2017 academic year. Deputy CEO Yousef Awwad will be responsible for managing the school system while the board members restart the hunt for a permanent superintendent, district officials said.

Dickey currently works with Atlanta Public Schools where he has been widely championed as a competent reformer. He formerly served in administrative roles in the public school districts of Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The search for a new head administrator began after former PPS Superintendent Carole Smith stepped down last July, following revelations that many district facilities had unsafe levels of lead in drinking water faucets.

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1 Mother Goose Day Hawaiian Lei Day May Day	2 ☾ <i>Dr. Benjamin Spock Born in 1903</i>	3 National Sun Day Constitution Memorial Day in Japan	4 National Weather Observers' Day	5 Space Day Cinco de Mayo Children's Day In Japan	6 <i>Kentucky Derby takes place</i> <i>Eiffel Tower opened in 1889</i>	7 <i>1st Stamp Collection Started</i> <i>Pulitzer Prize Established (1917)</i>
8 No Socks Day	9 National Teacher Day <i>First Newspaper Cartoon, 1754</i>	10 ○ National School Nurse Day Clean Up Your Room Day	11 Twilight Zone Day	12 International Nurses Day Kite Day Limerick Day	13 Tulip Day	14 Mother's Day National Dance Like a Chicken Day
15 <i>Frank L. Baum born in 1856.</i> <i>Paul Zindel born, 1936</i>	16 <i>First US Nickel Minted In 1866</i>	17 <i>First Kentucky Derby In 1875</i> <i>Gary Paulson born, 1939</i>	18 ☾ <i>Mount St. Helens Erupted In 1980.</i> Visit Your Relatives Day	19 Circus Day <i>The Ringling Brother's Circus opened in 1884</i>	20 Armed Forces Day	21 <i>American Red Cross Founded</i> <i>Founded by Clara Barton in 1881</i>
22 Victoria Day in Canada Buy-A-Musical Instrument Day	23 <i>Peter Parnall born, 1936</i> Penny Day	24 <i>First Morse Code Message Sent from Washington DC to Baltimore, 1844</i>	25 ● National Missing Children's Day National Tap Dance Day	26 Blueberry Cheesecake Day	27 Ramadan Begins <i>Golden Gate Bridge Opened in 1937</i>	28 <i>Jim Thorpe Born in 1888</i>
29 Memorial Day <i>John F. Kennedy Born in 1917</i>	30 <i>Ice Cream Freezer Patented In 1848 by William Young</i>	31 <i>Jay Williams born, 1981</i> World No Tobacco Day				

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- 1 cup seeded and chopped English cucumber
- 3/4 cup frozen baby English peas, thawed
- 4 ounces Gorgonzola cheese, crumbled
- 6 cooked bacon slices, coarsely chopped

Directions:

1. Arrange sugar snap peas in a steamer basket over boiling water. Cover and steam 1 to 2 minutes or until crisp-tender. Plunge peas into ice water to stop the cooking process; drain. Cut peas diagonally in half.
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