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Randall Stuart welcomes the public to his non-profit 'Cerimon House,' a new community space that was created from remodeling a 93-year-old former Masonic lodge at 5131 N.E. 23rd and turning it into a multicultural event center for performances, art and education.

Home^{for} Humanities

Alberta lodge renovated as cultural sanctuary

BY CHRISTA MCINTYRE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The big bulky building at 5131 N.E. 23rd Ave. just north of Alberta Street is a site familiar to many long time Portlanders. But for too long the structure had been left empty and a cold, dusty exterior gave off the feel of a ghost living on the block.

Today, architects, plumbers and electricians are among the scores of workers who have taken a hand to restore the 93 year old space into a community resource, a mul-

ticultural sanctuary for the neighborhood and beyond. Named the Cerimon House, it is the new public event space for a homegrown humanities and culture non-profit organization.

Founder Randall Stuart said he saw the good bones of the building and the potential for a community center to foster conversations through performance, art and education.

Built in 1924 as the Masonic Fellowship Hall, the building served as the Alberta Lodge until the mid 1980's

when it was sold to the International Fellowship Family. For a few years it served as a church and then the hall lay bare for 5 years.

"It needed a 100 percent renovation, 100 percent new electrical, 100 percent new plumbing, an entire new roof, entirely new HVAC heating and cooling ADA compliant bathrooms, this was the full meal deal," Stuart told the Portland Observer.

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Trump did not say whether he revealed classified information about the Islamic State group, as published reports have said, and as a U.S. official told The Associated Press.

Wildfire Closes Bridge

A fire in wood pilings on Sunday off River Road in north Portland consumed an acre of land, spread to a warehouse and closed the nearby Fremont Bridge as a precaution. Firefighters on land and in boats on the Willamette River worked overnight to put the fire under control. No cause has been determined, but officials said there have been reports of warming and cooking fires in the area.

Portland Mothers Protest

Mothers marched on Mother's Day in downtown Portland Sunday to promote world peace, revisit the origins of the holiday and to show opposition to using the term "Mother of All Bombs" for one of the largest non-nuclear weapons in the U.S. arsenal. The bomb was launched against ISIS earlier in the month.

Charged in Beheading

A man who walked into an Estacada grocery on Sunday covered in blood and carrying a human head stabbed a store employee before being subdued by other employees. Joshua Lee Webb, 36, is

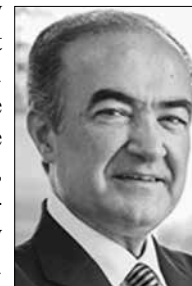


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charged with murder in the decapitation death of his mother earlier on Sunday at the home they shared in Colton and with attempted murder in the attack on the store clerk.

PSU Names New President

Portland State University on Monday named Rahmat Shoureshi as its next president. A native of Iran who has achieved great academic success in the United States over 40 years, Shoureshi is currently the interim president and provost of New York Institute of Technology. At PSU, he wants to improve cross-disciplinary efforts and ensure Portland State remains welcoming, including finding ways to address stubbornly rising tuition costs.



New Names for Dunn Hall

The University of Oregon has narrowed its search for renaming Dunn Hall, the building on campus that was named after a KKK leader. The names under consideration are Nellie Franklin, the first black woman to graduate from the university; former law school dean Derrick Bell; pioneering Civil Rights leader Dr. DeNorval Unthank Sr., and DeNorval Unthank Jr., the first African American to graduate from the school's architecture program.

Pedestrian Killed on MLK

A pedestrian was killed Friday afternoon on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard when he was stuck by a vehicle in rush hour traffic. Toby Gene Holtrop, 49, was transported to a Portland hospital, but did not survive his injuries. The driver of the car, Justen Wayne Ashworth Fivecoats, 27, was released after questioning.

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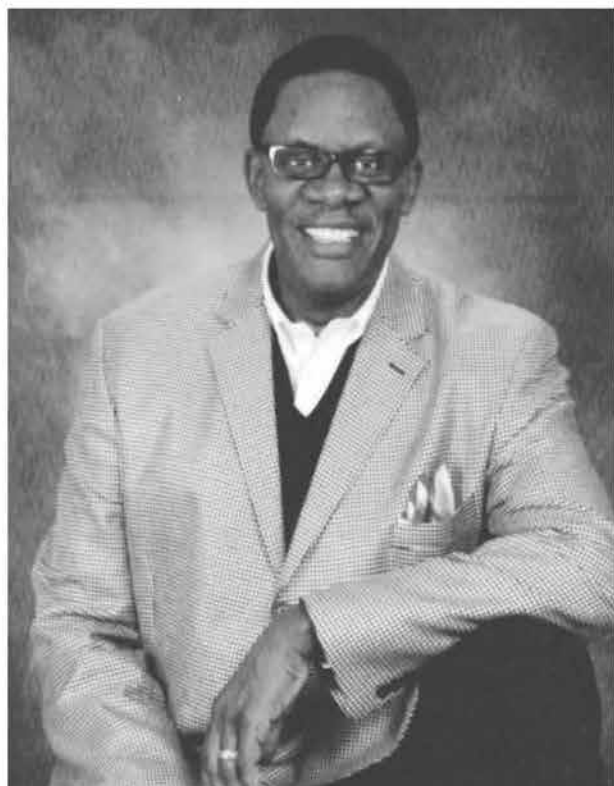
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What's on your list today?



The former director of this former northeast Portland home for foster youth has been charged with the theft of over \$800,000 of monies intended to support foster care services, children and families. The Rodney Avenue home was recently purchased by the neighborhood to keep it from being demolished.

Foster Provider Charged

Grand jury cites money laundering and theft

A federal grand jury in Portland has charged Mary Holden Ayala, 56, a longtime resident of Portland, with theft of over \$800,000, money laundering and filing false personal tax returns.

Ayala served as the president and executive director of Give Us This Day, an Oregon state-licensed private foster care agency and residential program for hard-to-place foster youth, including youth of color, until its closing in September 2015.

The indictment alleges that between 2009 and 2015, Ayala embezzled at least \$800,000 in funds intended to support foster care services, children and

families. In addition to other crimes, the indictment also alleges that Ayala filed false personal income tax returns in tax years 2009 through 2014, and failed to file a personal tax return in 2015.

FBI agents arrested Ayala last week in Holly Springs, Miss. She appeared before a magistrate judge and a separate detention hearing will be held later this week, officials said.

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the FBI, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations.

Police Chief Search Widens

Community input sought in selection process

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler announced an online survey Monday for community input on the qualifications needed for a police chief to guide the Portland Police Bureau. The mayor also officially opened a recruitment process, launching a national search for a police chief that is expected to be completed this July, with a job offer coming thereafter.

"The nature of police work in America is changing, and Portland deserves the chance to evaluate

national talent in our efforts to create a 21st Century police force focused on building community trust, embracing diversity, and living up to the highest standards of transparency and accountability," Wheeler said.

Current Police Chief Mike Marshman, appointed to the job last year by former mayor Charlie Hales, has already been asked to re-apply for the position. But if he is to stay, Wheeler has said he will have to be committed to the reforms the mayor has been espousing.

Marshman recently won the support of rank and file police officers, but has also been criticized by Rev. T. Allen Bethel, a leader of the African American commu-

nity and member of the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform, for not working hard enough to implement police reforms as a member of an oversight panel.

Wheeler is asking people to spread the word about the online survey for community input which can be found online at portlandoregon.gov/omf/PoliceChief-Survey.

"This national search gives our community the chance to address fundamental questions about the direction of policing in Portland. I am dedicated to receiving and acting upon input provided by the community throughout this process," said Wheeler.

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Randall Stuart has restored the former Alberta Masonic Lodge just north of Alberta Street on Northeast 23rd Avenue and named it the Cerimon House to serve as a multicultural center for community events for his non-profit organization.

Home for Humanities

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An actor, teacher and director who has worked up and down the West Coast for the last 30 years, Stuart led the charge in buying and restoring the building. He won support for the effort by developing trust with the neighborhood.

"One of the key things the city was helpful with was in directing our efforts to appeal to the neighborhood associations, most particularly the Concordia Neighborhood Association. We started to attend those meetings to get input and advocacy. We learned there that there were groups who had hoped to acquire the building, but ultimately neighbors said "no" to those particular uses."

After a successful two year capital campaign to raise funds

for renovations, the hard work of updating the building while keeping the 1920's charm of the space took shape.

Multicultural events have cemented activities at the center ever since its opening 18 months ago.

The Cerimon House was one of the first spaces to host Portland African American playwright and director Kevin Jones' sold out production of 'Hands Up: 7 Playwrights, 7 Testaments,' which has gone on to tour nationally.

On the 10th anniversary of the death of James Chasse Jr., the Portland man suffering mental health issues who was killed by police in a confrontation on a downtown sidewalk, the Cerimon House served as a public venue for the screening of local filmmaker Brian Lindstrom's doc-

umentary 'Alien Boy: The Life and Death of James Chasse.'

One distinct feature of the Cerimon House is Ephesus Hall, a large central meeting space built in a traditional Masonic design. Surrounded by multiple rooms with different layouts, the possibilities for community use of the space are endless.

Stuart says the goal is to have the humanities center buzzing with activities, a violin lesson, a therapist session, therapeutic massage, a lecture, a documentary shown on the new projection wall, art exhibit, a kid's clown class, a 50th birthday party, a wedding, a memorial or a chorus event.

You can learn more about the Cerimon House and the center's upcoming events on their website cerimonhouse.org.

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Library Branch Manager Honored

Patricia Welch, the recently retired North Portland Library Branch Manager, is being honored for her 17 years of advocacy for literacy education, community involvement, leadership and attention to diversity.

Welch will receive a Celebrate Literacy Award from the Portland Reading Council, a local chapter of the International Literacy Association, during an awards ceremony on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas.

Welch moved to Portland from Detroit in 1996 and transformed the North Portland Library during her tenure by raising community engagement, exhibiting local artists, partnering with PassinArt to host a Juneteenth celebration, kick-starting the annual African American Read-In and launching the library's Black Resource Center.

Two years ago, Welch was awarded the 2015 Fleming Award for her commitment to social justice. To attend the upcoming ceremony or learn more, visit portlandreading-council.org.



Patricia Welch, recently retired North Portland Library branch manager, is honored for her years of work advocating for literacy education and social justice.



Segregation in Portland Explored

The community is invited to discover how segregation was justified in Portland from the period around World War II through the end of the 20th century from Dr. Karen Gibson, an associate professor and scholar at Portland

State University

Gibson will explore how public officials, the real estate industry and citizens justified de facto segregation in Portland and how it shaped the Albina district of inner north and northeast Portland during a free community conversation, "Portland's Black Belt: Motives and Means in Albina Real Estate, 1940-1990."

Sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society, the discussion will take place at McMenamin's Kennedy School Monday, May 22 from 7-9 p.m.

Gibson is a regular contributor to many publications and was a recent visiting scholar at UC Berkeley's Institute of Urban and Regional Development.

Block leaders from the Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project in March 1964. Photo courtesy of City of Portland Archives.



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An artist's rendering shows a future site for career technical education program that is under construction at Clackamas Community College.

Workforce Training Expands

Clackamas Community College is upping its game with business and industry by building a new center for career technical education and expanding programs to provide for a skilled workforce.

Construction has begun on the new Industrial Technical Center, a \$28-million project, which will be completed in 2018.

The 44,242-square-foot building will meet the changing training needs of regional partnership programs. There will be large bays for machinery with classrooms

and offices on the first and second floors, and there is an option to add another building to the east as programs expand and the college grows.

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Roosevelt High School sophomore Kaleha Keenan is named Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland Youth of the Year.

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Youth Leader of the Year

Congratulations to Kaleha Keenan, a sophomore at Roosevelt High School and member of the Regence Boys & Girls Club in the New Columbia neighborhood of north Portland, for being honored as Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland Youth of the Year.

Keenan hopes to attend Spelman College after high school to become an attorney.

"The club has taught me to never back down from any challenge and to always believe in myself," she said. "I cherish those lessons and look forward to the day I can

share that with my community as a lawyer helping people stand up for their rights and for equality."

Keenan is an only child and the Regence club has served as a second home and family for the past 10 years. She serves as a mentor to youth in the club and was an organizer for a "Hoodies Up Day" at her school - an action project that called for solidarity in speaking out against racism and inequality.

Along with the Youth of the Year title, Kaleha received a \$1,000 scholarship.

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Church Salutes Unsung Heroes

Allen Temple CME Church is making plans and taking reservations for an upcoming celebration to honor Portlanders who are making a contribution to their communities.

The 3rd Annual Unsung Heroes and Heroines Awards Breakfast will recognize community members who have made a difference in the areas of education, drug addiction services, homeless ministry, healthcare, the arts and social justice.



Rev. Dr. Leroy Haynes

The event will take place on Saturday, June 24 at 10 a.m. at Maranatha Church at 4222 NE 12th Ave.

Rev. Dr. Leroy Haynes, the senior pastor of Allen Temple CME Church, is encouraging community members to come and celebrate the work of Portland's unsung activists, educators and mentors.

To submit a nomination or purchase advance tickets, contact Rev. Rhonda L. Smith at 503-282-9813.



Portland Community College Board Chair Kali Thorne Ladd presents Betty Duvall (left) with the college's Patron Award for her long time work as an educator and supporter of student success.

Scholarships for Career Success

Thanks to the philanthropic arm of Portland Community College for raising a record \$514,000 for scholarships and student success initiatives at a gala last month that attracted nearly 500 attendees.

The monies will help hundreds of PCC students, many being the first in their families to attend college and be supported in their academic pursuits.

"It's our community of supporters that sustain our scholarship and support programs, which make a difference in the lives of our students, their families and future generations," said Marion Levitan, PCC Foundation board president.

The PCC Foundation also recognized Betty Duvall at the event by awarding her its 2017 Patron Award for her work in education and longtime support of student success. Duvall is a professor emerita at Oregon State University, but has spent most of her career as a community college administrator, and 20 years as a dean, including at PCC.

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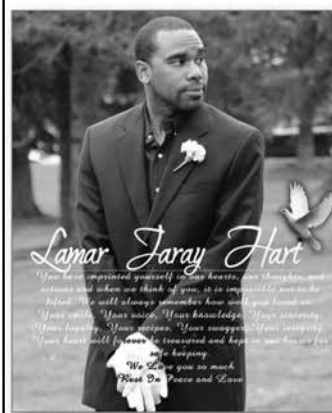
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American Justice Now Feels Laughable

Attorney General shows distain for police reforms

BY EBONY SLAUGHTER-JOHNSON

Heard any good jokes lately? Desiree Fairouz did. But laughing at it got her thrown in jail.

That's right: Fairouz was just convicted for laughing during the confirmation hearing of now-Attorney General Jeff Sessions in January 2017. She'd attended the hearing, in her own words, to "oppose his ascent to the most powerful law enforcement position in the country."

From his vote against the 2013 renewal of the Violence Against Women Act to his openly hostile rhetoric towards immigrants, Sessions' record is spattered with examples of efforts to discriminate against marginalized groups.

So, when Senator Richard Shelby began his line of questioning by praising Sessions for his "extensive record of treating

all Americans equally under the law," Fairouz did what anyone who's just heard a joke would do: She laughed.

Fairooz was then ejected from the hearing room by Capitol Hill police, then jailed and processed. Stunningly, she was convicted of two counts of unlawful conduct on Capitol grounds. She faces a year in prison with the possibility of additional fines and community service as well.

Desiree Fairouz was right to laugh at the misplaced praise heaped upon Sessions. The former Alabama senator's civil rights record is laughable.

For proof, look no further than the decision from the Sessions-directed Department of Justice to forgo prosecuting the two police officers responsible for the death of Alton Sterling, an unarmed black man in Baton Rouge whom the officers pinned to the ground and shot to death last year.

In the entirely false dichotomy between defending police officers and pursuing justice for the victims of police violence, Sessions

has maintained no illusions about which side he falls on.

As a senator, Sessions participated in a hearing provocatively titled "The War on Police," in which he chided the Obama administration for investigating police misconduct. Sessions disdained such investigations as indicative of "an agenda that's been a troubling issue for a number of years."

As attorney general, Sessions announced in April that his Department of Justice would review all reform agreements the Obama administration made with local departments. He'd previously disparaged those civil rights reforms as "dangerous" for their tendency to "undermine respect for our police officers."

That decision signals that Sessions not only intends to undermine existing reforms, but that he's taken the first steps to make good on his professed interest in doing away with them altogether.

Now, it seems that the attorney general's conception of "respect" for law enforcement extends to empowering officers to commit violence with impunity as well. By not prosecuting the

officers who killed Sterling, he's sending a powerful message: Victims of police violence have no advocate in the Department of Justice.

At best, the department now makes excuses for police misconduct. At worst, it seemingly encourages it.

Alton Sterling didn't end up pinned on his back of his own volition. Nor did he fire the stream of bullets that ultimately ended his life. Sterling was wrestled to the ground and shot to death by a police officer for being a black man at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Alton Sterling didn't deserve to die — and he didn't deserve to have his memory vandalized by this further injustice offered by the Department of Justice.

The American justice apparatus has revealed that it's more willing to prosecute laughter than murder. So, the next time Sessions attempts to tout his civil rights record, do what Desiree Fairouz did: laugh and resist.

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OPINION

State of Black America: Protect our Progress

With Trump there is reason to worry

BY MARC H. MORIAL

As of this writing, for 102 days our nation has watched as the Trump administration has taken shape—and, for many of us, there is reason to worry.



Recovery from the Great Recession has been slow, but it has been real. While high school students of color and low-income students continue to trail their peers in high school completion, the national graduation rate continues to rise. Republicans are working hard to re-introduce a health care bill that will repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, but today, a record number of Americans have health insurance. Now all of that progress, and much more, is under threat.

This year's State of Black America is a call to action, a call to unceasing vigilance, and a call to protect our nation's hard-fought-for progress. And as we do with every edition of the State of Black America, we provide the numbers and the narrative to make our case.

According to National Urban League's exclusive 2017 Equality Index for both blacks and Hispanics, there is progress, but there is much more progress that needs to be made.

Tracking racial equality in economics, employment, education, health, housing, criminal justice and civic participation, we find that African Americans share 72.3 percent equality with white Americans (in 2016 the number stood at 72.2 percent). Hispanics—who stood at 77.9 percent equality in 2016—shared a greater slice of the “equality pie” this year, standing at 78.4

percent equality with their white peers.

The Trump administration's priorities and proposed policies put what social and economic gains we have made in urban communities and communities of color at serious risk.

Guest contributors to the State of Black America remind us of what is at stake. Sen. Cory Booker tackled our broken criminal justice system, lamenting that just as modest, bipartisan agreement on fixing our broken system was being cultivated, the Trump administration and Attorney General Jeff Sessions seemed, “intent on turning back the clock—threatening to increase the use of mandatory minimum sentences, criticizing consent decrees that improve police-community relations, and expanding

tory voting practices,” understanding that we cannot claim to be a democracy while snatching the right to vote away from eligible citizens. Rep. Robin Kelly reminds us that as we, “drive toward the goal of an equitable health future for communities of color, we cannot afford to take our foot off the gas. The Affordable Care Act put us on the right road and we are seeing progress.”

To that end, the National Urban League has also published “The Main Street Marshall Plan: Moving from Poverty to Prosperity.” The plan—which proposes solutions, including increasing federal funding for public schools, enacting a living wage of \$15, and fully funding Medicaid and Medicare—is a bold, strategic investment in America's urban communities that protects our progress by addressing our na-

Legislating discrimination by signing into law a travel ban that targets ethnicities or religions, harms families and our nation founded and enriched by newcomers to its shores. Double-digit cuts or eliminating funding for vital agencies like the Department of Education or the National Endowment of Arts, will carve away at the equality pie for blacks and Latinos—and put all Americans at risk. Slashing the budgets of the Departments of Housing and Labor, will reduce the share of the pie for blacks and Hispanics—and put all Americans at risk.

Make no mistake, the Trump administration's priorities are not a blueprint to make America great again, they are a blueprint for a sick, scared, uneducated, homeless and unemployed America, and reaffirm this truth: When communities of color are strong, America is strong.

I urge you to read, analyze, share—and act on—the findings of the 2017 State of Black America at stateofblackamerica.org. Now in its 41st edition, it remains one of the most highly-anticipated benchmarks and sources for thought leadership around racial equality in America across economics, employment, education, health, housing, criminal justice and civic participation.

The fight for racial equality in our country is a struggle that neither began during the Obama era, nor will it end in the Trump era, but with time and the constant pressure of like-minded people pressing for justice, we have made a steady climb toward improvement—and we are determined to keep moving forward to protect our progress.

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

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federal use of private prisons.”

Rep. Terri Sewell called for the passage of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, “which restores and advances the VRA [Voting Rights Act] by providing a modern-day coverage test that will extend federal oversight to jurisdictions with a history of voter suppression and protects vulnerable communities from discrimina-

tion's persistent social and economic disparities.

Passing a health care plan that no longer protects people with pre-existing conditions, charges the sickest the highest premiums, and would leave an estimated 24 million people without lifesaving coverage, will trim the equality pie for Blacks and Hispanics—and put all Americans at risk.

Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty

Executive order does neither

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) strongly supports religious freedom, free speech and the separation of church and state. However, we oppose President Trump's Executive Order entitled, “Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty.”

This latest executive order neither promotes free speech nor religious liberty. By instructing the Internal Revenue Service to exercise “maximum enforcement discretion” of a law banning electioneering by houses of worship and other tax-exempt organizations, the order threatens to undermine the prophetic voice, moral and financial independence, and much-needed civil discourse in our nation's faith communities.

Last month, EMO joined 98 other religious and denominational organizations from across the country opposing the weakening of protections that prohibit

houses of worship and other tax-exempt organizations from opposing or supporting political candidates. We stated forcefully, “The charitable sector, particularly houses of worship, should not become another cog in a political machine or another loophole in campaign finance laws.”

Places of worship should have the power to critique government actions regarding moral issues. They should be able to engage in advocacy and encourage the democratic right to vote. But, they must not intervene in political campaigns or endorse political candidates. Such activities endanger the integrity of our voices of faith, possibly making some places of worship a tool for the political system.

Current law prohibiting electioneering reinforces the separation of church and state, protecting houses of worship from being used as mouthpieces for political candidates in exchange for partisan-driven donations or promises of future social service contracts. To protect the credibility and mission-driven focus of our houses of

worship, there should be no doubt in the minds of congregants or members of the community in which they reside that faith communities are forbidden from acting as conduits of campaign donations or are beholden to a given candidate.

President Trump's decision to not uphold the prohibition of electioneering by nonprofits makes possible abuses to both the process by which we elect our government leaders and the independence of our houses of worship. We urge our religious leaders and their institutions that, while raising moral issues for public debate, they resist using the pulpit to endorse political candidates. Our prophetic voice must transcend the partisan divide.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations, congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.

Letter to the Editor

Stand Up for Women

The Republican administration's proposed health care bill is nothing more than a blatantly political attempt to do whatever it takes to attack women's health and rights and take health care away from the people who need it most.

If Congress cuts funding to Planned Parenthood, millions of people will be left without access to birth control, life-saving cancer screenings, and other basic care. Many of them will have nowhere else to go for the health care they need.

I'm counting on Oregon's Congress members to do the right thing and stand up for the Planned Parenthood patients in our community and across the country who are counting on those health centers.

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Jam Night -- Kenton's Celebration Tabernacle and the Celebration Tabernacle Praise Team presents Jam Night, a family-friendly, hilarious show with sketch improv comedy and live music by Samantha Travis and Anders Johnson on Sunday, May 28 at 7 p.m. Free admission. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/jamnightpdx](https://www.facebook.com/jamnightpdx).

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.

Free Youth Fishing Clinics -- The Mt. Hood National Forest is hosing annual free fishing clinics for kids 12 and younger, Saturday, May 20; Saturday, June 3; and Saturday, June 24. Bring lunch, warm clothing, a rod and reel if possible and a cooler to bring home your catch! For more information, call 503-630-8801.



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 though 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?"



Discount Tickets -- 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.



Norman “Boogie Cat” Sylvester (second from left) joins a team of blues and gospel musicians from Portland to present “A Phenomenal Concert,” a special performance on the history of blues and gospel, coming Friday, June 2 to the Alberta Rose Theater.

‘A Phenomenal Concert’

Stage set for blues and gospel extravaganza

Louisiana-born Norman “Boogie Cat” Sylvester and his team of blues and gospel musicians from Portland presents “A Phenomenal Concert,” a special performance to celebrate the history of R&B, Funk, Soul and Gospel, coming Friday, June 2 to the Alberta Rose Theater in north-east Portland.

Sylvester has been performing in

schools for decades on the history of American music, the foundation of Blues and Gospel and its relationship to our contemporary genres.

The concert will begin with music from the cradle of Africa with Chata Addy; follow the inspirations of Gospel with LaRhonda Steele and Lenanne Sylvester; move to the Mississippi Delta with Tevis Hodge

Jr.; and then make a stop Chicago Blues style with Bill Rhoades.

Film maker Jeff Dodge will also show a sneak peak of his project with Sylvester called “Tales of Old Portland”.

After the intermission, the musical journey will continue with the Boogie Cat’s usual dance party and old school jam session with the

Norman Sylvester Band featuring Renato Caranto and Peter Moss and including all of the special guests above!

Cover Charge is \$20. Tickets can be purchased online at albertarosetheatre.com or by phone at 503-764-4131. Kids are also welcome to attend this inspirational experience.

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Film Director C. Fitz (left) tells the story of Jewel Thais-Williams in "Jewel's Catch One," a documentary about a black disco club owner in Los Angeles in the 1970s. The film will screen this week as part of the Portland Queer Documentary Festival at the Hollywood Theater in northeast Portland.

Queer Doc Festival Opens

The Portland Queer Documentary Festival will be screening 12 recently produced films, including movies that include people of color and other documentaries that shed light on the realities of the queer experience, both current and historical.

Opening night for the four day festival at the Hollywood Theater in northeast Portland is Thursday, May 18.

"Jewel's Catch One," one of the festival's featured films, tells the story of Jewel Thais-Williams and her popular Catch One nightclub in Los Angeles, which was referred to as the Studio 54 of the West Coast. The Catch One was a haven for members of the black LGBTQ community, and faced both homophobia and racism in the height of the AIDS epidemic. The movie will screen on

Friday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. with the film's director, C. Fitz, and Thais-Williams in attendance.

The film "Bayard and Me," will screen Friday at 8:45p.m., documenting the story of black civil rights leader Bayard Rustin and his fight to obtain legal protection for his decade-long relationship with his partner, Walter Naegle.

Chronicling the occasionally troubling tale of a prominent black queer activist, the documentary "The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson," will screen Saturday, May 20 at 3:30 p.m., telling the story of Johnson's life both before and after the Stonewall Riots, and the inconclusive evidence surrounding her apparent suicide.

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Óye Oyá, a world premiere play about love, compassion and forgiveness in today's Cuba is now playing at Milagro Theatre, Portland's premiere Latino theatre arts and culture center at 525 S.E. Stark St.

Journey of Heart and Heartache

Milagro presents the world premiere of *Óye Oyá*, an original Spanish-language musical inspired by Shakespeare's *The Tempest* that tells a story of love, compassion and forgiveness in today's Cuba.

It's about a young woman who is part of Cuba's 20-somethings generation. Her father has been trying to get her out of the country her whole life and she is caught between his desire and her own ambivalence.

The story explore where the country might be

headed with the changes within Cuba and for Cuba-US relations. It's about looking to the past and trying to overcome the tensions that have built up through history to try to move forward into a brighter future.

Óye Oyá is now playing through Saturday, May 27 at Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St. Admission is \$27 in advance with discounts for students, seniors, veterans, groups and people with the Oregon Trail Card through the Arts for All program.

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Summer Block Party Signups

It's time to start planning for summer block parties. What better way to get to know your neighbors than by opening up your street for a potluck, barbecue, dance party or other creative idea to bring people together?

The first step is applying for a permit from the Portland Bureau of Transportation to safely open your block for people of all ages to gather, play and enjoy a car-free street.

To that end, PBOT has announced some changes this year that will make throwing block parties easier than ever:

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residents on your block, you simply have to share a notification flyer with your neighbors. Online application and payment system for block parties are also available.

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Beyoncé performs "Formation" at the 2016 Super Bowl.

BET Award Nominations

(AP) — Beyoncé dominated last year's BET Awards with "Lemonade," but there's more juice in her cup.

The pop star is nominated for seven awards at the 2017 BET Awards, the network announced Monday. The show will take place June 25 in Los Angeles. Bruno Mars follows Beyoncé with five nominations.

Beyoncé, who won video of the

year with "Formation" last year, is nominated for the top prize again with "Sorry." Her competition includes her sister Solange ("Cranes In the Sky"); Mars' playful "24K Magic"; Migos' No. 1 hit "Bad and Boujee"; and Big Sean's anthemic "Bounce Back."

Beyoncé and Solange will go head-to-head for best female R&B/pop artist, along with Rihanna, Mary J. Blige and Kehlani.

Chance the Rapper, who scored four nominations and won three Grammys this year, will battle Lamar, Drake, J. Cole, Future and Big Sean for best male hip-hop artist. Nicki Minaj will compete with rival Remy Ma for best female hip-hop artist.

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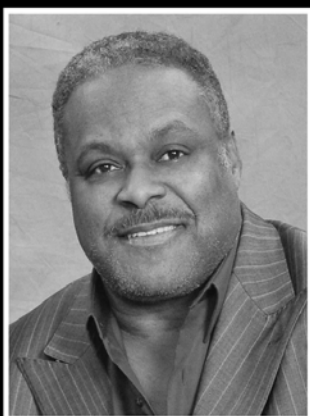
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<div>1</div> <div>Mother Goose Day Hawaiian Lei Day May Day</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Dr. Benjamin Spock Born in 1903</div>	<div>3</div> <div>National Sun Day Constitution Memorial Day in Japan</div>	<div>4</div> <div>National Weather Observers' Day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

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FOOD

Shrimp Avocado Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 pound peeled and deveined cooked shrimp, coarsely chopped
- 2 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
- 1 serrano pepper, seeded and minced
- 2 tblsp each minced fresh cilantro, lime juice, rice vinegar, and olive oil
- 1 teaspoon adobo seasoning
- 3 medium ripe avocados, peeled and cubed

Directions:

1. Place first seven ingredients in a large bowl. Mix lime juice, vinegar, oil and adobo seasoning; stir into shrimp mixture. Refrigerate, covered, to allow flavors to blend, about 1 hour.
2. To serve, gently stir in avocados. Serve over lettuce. Serve with lime wedges.



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