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Faubion School Principal Jen McCalley and Concordia Dean of Education Sheryl Reinisch get ready to open the doors to a brand new landmark school. The northeast Portland school was rebuilt from the ground up as part of a community based partnership with Concordia University to usher the city's education system into the 21st Century.

A new school to follow child's needs to adulthood

BY ZACHARY SENN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The new and improved Faubion School is opening its doors this month following a landmark redevelopment process. The iconic northeast Portland institution is using a unique series of community-based partnerships to usher the city's educational system into the 21st century.

Located on the original school site at 2930 N.E. Dekum St., the construction was made possible by the passage of 2012's Portland Public Schools' capital improvement bond.

Faubion School Principal Jen McCalley says that the new building will include a number of programming aspects that will make's educational offerings truly unique.

'From 3 to PhD'

"Faubion's mission is to create safer, healthier and more educated communities," McCalley told the Portland Observer.

The pre-k through 8th grade school will be pioneering a program known as "3 to PhD," in partnership with Concordia University. McCalley says that this approach

means that Faubion will be providing for a child's needs throughout the entirety of their academic career all the way to college and beyond.

"3 to PhD stands for the first three trimesters to pursuing one's highest dreams," McCalley said. "We want to make sure that we wrap up kids from the very beginning, when mom knows she's pregnant, all the way up until they're doing what they want to do."

McCalley says that they don't expect all of their students to earn doctorate's degrees. She says that the school wants to support them no matter what level of academic attainment they are aiming for, whether it's in the trades or by earning a degree.

Concordia University, which is located adjacent to Faubion's site, will also have classrooms and learning spaces spread throughout the new campus. The college's

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Mayor Ted Wheeler's pick for next Police Bureau chief, Danielle Outlaw gave her first press conference last Thursday. Outlaw said: "I realize I wear many hats and I represent a lot of things to many people. And because of that there's an added responsibility and expectation placed on me and I own that."

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Guadalupe Guerrero is introduced by Portland Public School Board members as their pick for new superintendent.

PPS Board Chooses First Latino Superintendent

Guadalupe Guerrero was announced Friday as Portland Public School board's choice for next district superintendent. Guerrero has more than 20 years of experience and deep understanding of the classroom. He began his career as a para-educator, taught as a bilingual elementary school teach-

er and moved into administration.

Guerrero has been serving as the Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Innovation and Social Justice for San Francisco's Mission District. Guerrero also led the school improvement effort and with his leadership, the graduation rate has gone up the last 6 years. Guerrero

said in a statement released by the school board: "I am excited to work shoulder-to-shoulder with everyone in Portland on a student-centered and equity-focused effort to make Portland Public Schools the premier school system in the country. Our students and our community deserve nothing less."

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Convention Hotel to Create 3,000 Jobs

Metro and the Oregon Convention Center are partnering with Mortenson Development and the Hyatt Corporation to build a 600-room hotel adjacent to the convention center. Construction began on Aug.

4 with completion set for late 2019.

The hotel is expected to lure national conventions to Portland and by bringing visitors to the area, create and sustain jobs – all of which will generate new and increased spending and revenues for the Convention Center and the community.

According to independent analysis, the hotel will create 3,000 jobs, about 2,000 of

them construction and 950 in the hotel and hospitality industry; attract 5 to 10 new mid-sized conventions to Portland each year; Boost annual hotel business by 70,000 to 110,000 new room nights; increase convention-related tourism spending to \$600 million per year and generate \$5.6 million in new state tax revenues and \$4.7 million in new local tax revenues annually.

From Guam to Costa Rica via PCC

Castine Cruz, a student from the U.S. territory of Guam who came to Portland to attend Portland Community College, has earned a scholarship to allow her to study for four weeks in Costa Rica as part of a program allowing Americans of diverse backgrounds to engage in a meaningful educational experience abroad.

She is one of 1,000 undergraduate students in the county to receive the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State supporting students of limited financial means to study a critical language overseas and expose them to living in a different environment of another nation, not only exposing students to alternative views, but enriching their social and cultural experiences.

Cruz came to PCC to study health, biology, psychology, and anthropology. She anticipates graduating in spring 2018.



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A car struck another vehicle near a crowd of antiracist protesters, killing a 32-year-old woman, Heather D. Heyer in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Domestic Terrorism Erupts in Charlottesville, Virginia

BY CHRISTA MCINTYRE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

In a joint intelligence report released in May, the FBI and Department of Homeland Security warned of white supremacist groups in the United States, saying they will "continue to pose a threat of lethal violence over the next year."

On Saturday, August 12th violence erupted in Charlottesville, Virginia at a white supremacist protest against the removal of a Robert E. Lee statue, the Confederacy's top general. The white supremacist march called "Unite the Right" included members of the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party and other extremist groups who travelled from around the country to the small university town. News outlets and social media captured the white nationalists carrying Nazi and Confederate flags. The groups were described as armed like a paramilitary force.

By afternoon, after clashes with antiracist protestors, 34 people were left injured and three dead.

20 year old James Alex Fields, Jr. of Ohio has been charged with second degree murder. In a statement released from the city of Charlottesville, Mr. Fields was driving a Dodge Challenger "at a high rate of speed," which hit a number of antiracist protestors on the street before crashing into other vehicles, which were pushed into a crowd of pedestrians. The suspected driver then slammed the car in reverse and fled the scene backwards. 32 year old Heather D. Heyer, a paralegal from Charlottesville was left dead and 19 more people were injured.

On Monday, Attorney General Jeff Sessions denounced the violence in Charlottesville and described it as an "evil" act which meets the legal definition of domestic terrorism.



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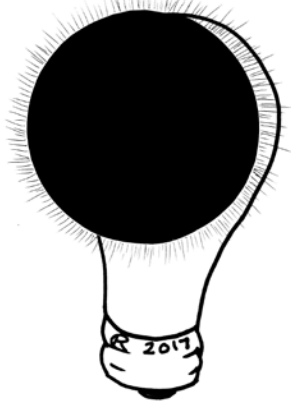


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Kayse Jama, the executive director of Unite Oregon and a longtime community organizer, announced on Facebook on August 7th that he is running for Oregon Senate District 24, currently held by Senator Rod Monroe. Jama indicated he will be making a formal announcement soon and paperwork has been filed for the race. Well respected for his work at Unite Oregon, Jama describes himself as a solution seeker, bridge builder and change agent. Jama says of his campaign: "I'm not a politician. I am a community based leader. And it's time for more of us to step up."



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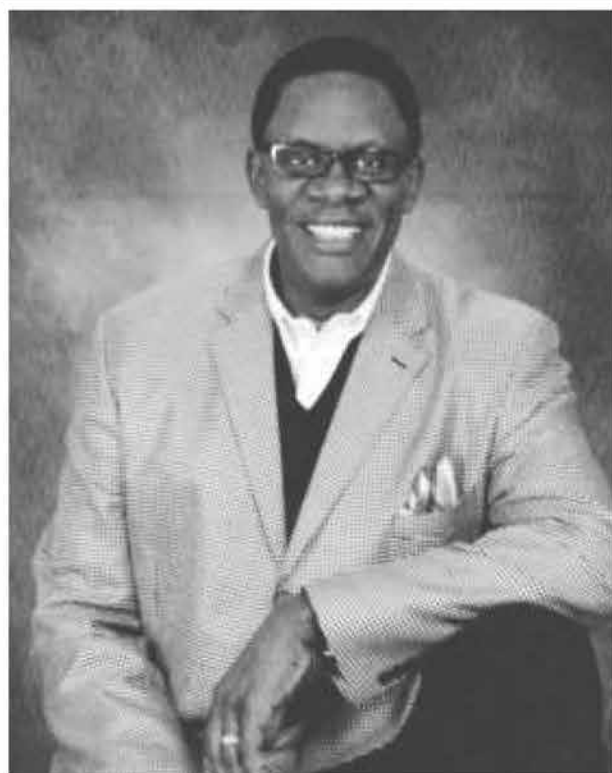
Shot Fired at the Crystal Ballroom

A shot was fired in the early morning hours during a DJ Quik and Scarface concert at the Crystal Ballroom on Saturday, August 12th. No injuries have been reported.

The famous downtown Portland venue was evacuated after the shooting, around 12:41 a.m. Police said in a news release that the suspect left immediately after a gun was fired and that

there may have been an argument just before the shooting occurred. The rap legends DJ Quik and Scarface had to cut their performance short.

Witnesses described the gunman as a black man in his 30s, about 5 feet 10 inches tall and wearing a striped shirt. Anyone with information is asked to call the non-emergency line at 503-823-3333.



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Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO), a community development financial institution working with disadvantaged communities, receives \$200,000 from Wells Fargo to provide loans to entrepreneurs who might not qualify for a business loan from traditional sources. Pictured from left to right are Wells Fargo executive Andrew Tweedie, Tracie Curtis, MESO Deputy Director Tastonga Davis, MESO Executive Director Nita Shaw and Wells Fargo Executive Cobi Lewis.

Loans for Start-Up Entrepreneurs

A number of diverse, low-income entrepreneurs in Oregon and southwest Washington will have better access to small loans to start their business thanks to the financial help Wells Fargo recently gave to Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO), a community development financial institution working with disadvantaged communities.

Based in Portland with offices also in Beaverton, Gresham and St. Helens, MESO will use the \$200,000 grant from Wells Fargo to provide loans to entrepreneurs who might not qualify for a business loan from traditional sources due to credit challenges, lack of adequate collateral or who are in their start-up phase, officials said.

MESO has already approved five such loans that vary from \$250 to \$5,000. It expects to provide loans to at least four more local entrepreneurs, said MESO Executive Director Nita Shah.

"Besides providing loans, we have also utilized the grant funds to offer business plan classes," said Shah. "We appreciate the confidence Wells Fargo has shown in our organization. Receiving a grant from a national financial services company such as Wells Fargo increases our credibility as an organization, which will help us attract funding from other sources."

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Adidas, with their North American headquarters in north Portland, have doubled their workforce in the last three years and now have plans to expand even more.

Dramatic Workforce Growth

After doubling their workforce in the city over the past three years, Adidas now says they're expanding their headquarters along Greeley Avenue in north Portland by adding on to existing buildings and moving some employees to new leased space off campus.

Adidas announced this month they plan to build a

new world-class collaboration center and are updating current workspaces to give their employees a better place to work. This is in addition to a Maker Lab that was added to the campus recently.

Adidas said they've doubled their workforce from 800 to 1,700 in the last three years.

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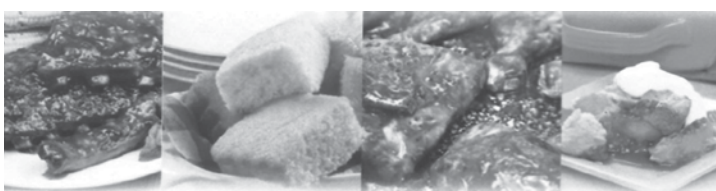
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1. Slice the loaf horizontally, and spread all the cut sides with 1 to 1 1/2 packs of the cream cheese.
2. Start to add your ingredients - sliced eggs first, then some ham and pickle relish with cheese and pickle relish for the last layer.
3. Replace each slice of bread as you add the filling layers and when you have filled the cake, press down gently to seal all the layers together.
4. Using a butter knife, swirl the remaining cream cheese over the top and the sides of the cake, as shown in the photos, and then decorate it as shown, scattering the herbs and a little extra grated cheese over the top and sides. Adding thin slices of radish as well
5. To make the tomato roses; peel the tomatoes thinly and cut each long piece of skin in half - then curl the skin into a little rose shape, as shown in the photos.
6. To make the cucumber flowers, just cut the cucumber thinly and make a cut half way through the slice, then curl it around into a cone shape.
7. Store in the fridge until you need to serve it, and cut each slice into a wedge with a sharp bread knife, as you would a normal sweet cake – serve with plenty of napkins and a side salad.
7. To transport to the picnic; place it in a large cake tin and take a bread board and a sharp bread knife with you.

Ingredients:

- 1 oval un-sliced loaf of bread
- 4 hard boiled eggs, thinly sliced (keep 2 back for decoration)
- 100g smoked thinly sliced ham
- 100g grated mature Cheddar cheese
- 1 jar dill pickle relish.
- 3 x 225g herb and garlic cream cheese
- 1/2 cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1 radish, thinly sliced
- 4 tomatoes, the skin peeled off
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Faubion School Principal Jen McCalley and Concordia Dean of Education Sheryl Reinisch share one of the many spaces inside the new school which fosters and celebrates diversity and community.

‘From 3 to PhD’

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students will be interacting with
Faubion students on a daily basis.

Retired PPS leader Dr. Harriet Adair, a prominent advocate for the importance of early learning from Portland's African American community, played an instrumental role in bringing Faubion's holistic educational approach to fruition.

“It really does take a village to raise a child, and this is that saying in action,” she told the Portland Observer, in describing the new Faubion in a recent interview.

To bring an all-encompassing educational atmosphere to the school, PPS worked extensively with community partners to supply a wide range of vital wraparound services. Students at Faubion will have access to a health clinic operated by Kaiser Permanente, a food club created in partnership with organic grocery store Basics and mental health care provided by Trillium Family Services.

“We even have partnerships with different community organizations that are going to be teaching nutritious cooking for our kids and families that are interested,” McCalley said.

She adds that the school emphasizes the importance of diversity, and is actively working to have minorities represented throughout the school's teaching and administrative positions.

“The thing I’m most proud of at Faubion is actually the diversity of not only our students but our staff,” said McCalley. “We come from a very diverse part of Portland that has historically been an African American community. With gentrification, that could be something that is shifting, but it’s not.”

Throughout the process of reimagining Faubion School, Mc-

Calley says that a tremendous amount of community input was weighed and considered. She says that voices from the community shaped the new institution into what it is today.

"It's a community driven project," she explained. "I could point to the parent in our school whose idea it was to have the food club."

Other aspects of the new school's design and programming were also inspired by the 29 parent meetings that PPS hosted throughout Faubion's design phase.

"The families have such a deep involvement in the design of the school," said McCalley. "The health clinic was something families asked for."

Even the school's students played a role in the building's final outcome.

"All 500 students hand wrote letters to the architects about what they wanted," McCalley said. "We were actually able to implement quite a bit of what they wanted. We did a lot of architectural features to make the building feel welcoming, and safe and inviting."

Preserving Faubion School's generational nature has been another important part of the institution's rebuilding process, McCalley says.

“Grandparents, parents and kids go through this school,” said McCalley. “It’s that kind of a legacy that instills such a deep sense of pride within the community in a local school.”

By recycling parts of the old Faubion School into the new building, McCalley says that PPS has been able to preserve generational continuity for the school's alumni and their children.

“We had a non-native sequoia tree on campus that had to come down,” said McCalley, “but instead of getting rid of it, we had

it manufactured into benches and tables.”

She adds that by incorporating community voices and involvement throughout the design and construction process, Faubion is a school that everyone in the community can be proud of.

"We want this school to be the heartbeat of the community, and that's something that we're really proud of," McCalley said. "It's a huge source of pride for our families and for our communities."



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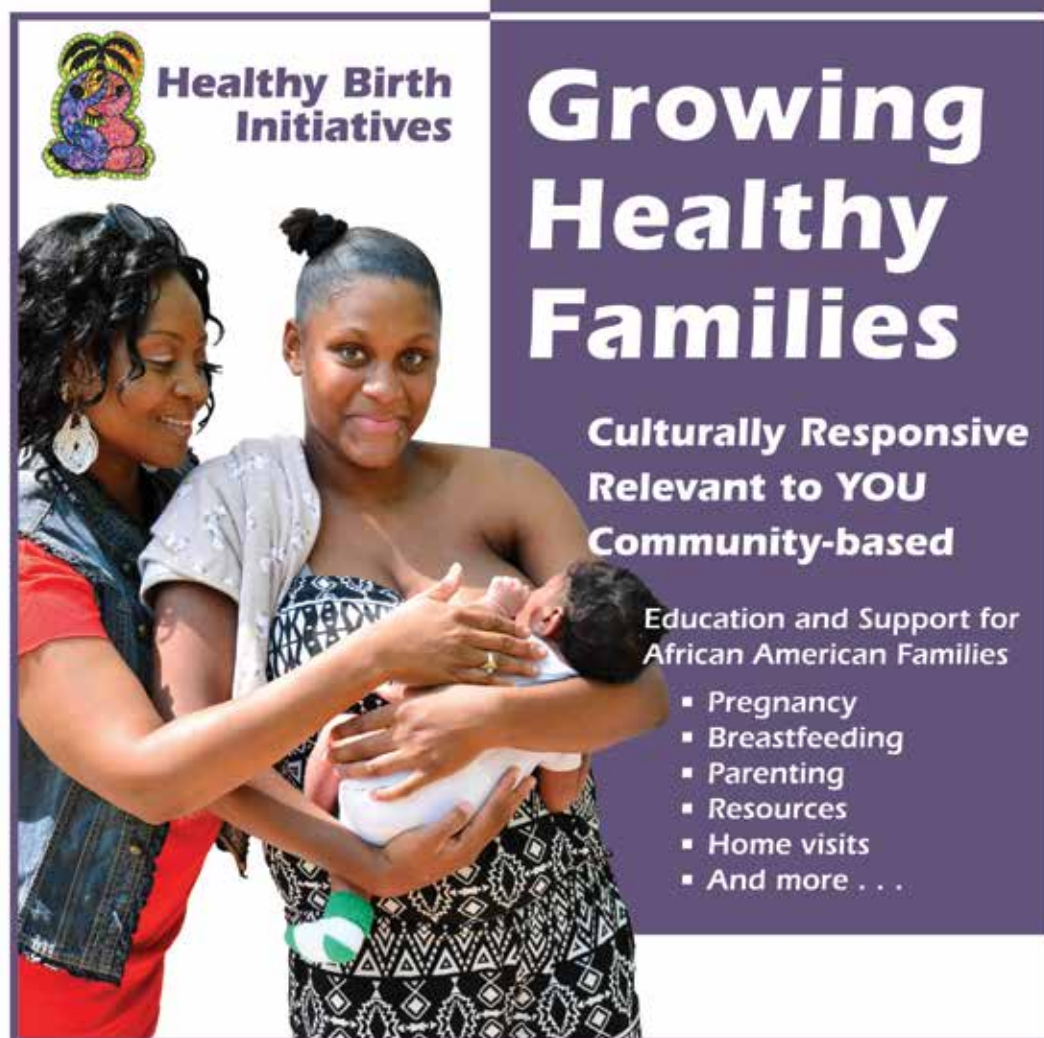
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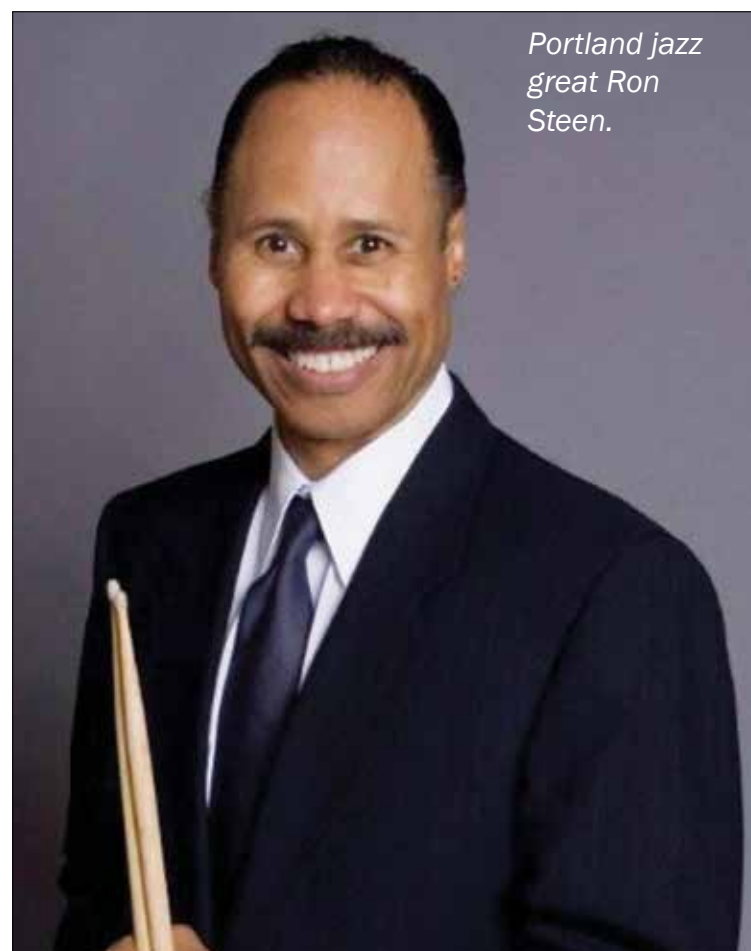


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You're invited to explore new frontiers in jazz with top local artists during the Montavilla Jazz Festival this Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19-20. Portland artists from across the spectrum will highlight the festival, now in its fourth year as part of a community event to support and strengthen local music culture by showcasing the best of Portland's original-



Portland jazz great Ron Steen.



Portland native Essiet Okon Essiet, now one of New York's busiest bassists, will perform with his group IBO at this weekend's Montavilla Jazz Festival taking place Saturday and Sunday at Portland Metro Arts, a nonprofit supporting local artists at 9003 S.E. Stark St.

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The festival takes place at Portland Metro Arts, 9003

S.E. Stark St., a newly formed nonprofit which supports local artists and accessible cultural experiences for all.

The doors and box office open at 1 pm, with the festival starting promptly at 2 p.m. on both days. General admission day passes will be available at the box office. Passes are on a sliding scale between \$15 and \$30. Youth under 12 are admitted free. The full artist schedule is available by visiting montavillajazzfest.com.

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Portland Community College recently adopted a policy to divest from companies or funds that harm the planet or people thanks to PCC students who sought the ban. Pictured (from left) are some of the individuals who participated in the effort, including student Alex Bell-Johnson (from left), PCC Sustainability Manager Brian Schoon, and students Kien Truong, Molly Walker and Sebastian Scholene.

Students for a Sustainable Economy

Effort brings new investment policy at PCC

Student leaders at Portland Community College were given credit when PCC recently adopted a new policy not to invest in companies or funds that harm the planet or people.

The PCC Board passed a resolution this summer to divest college money from fossil fuel-producing and socially irresponsible companies and investments.

"I believe deeply that passing this di-

vestment resolution was the right thing to do," said Board Chair Kali Thorne-Ladd. "In its commitment to equity and sustainability, PCC must support operational practices that model the sustainable use of resources, as well as advance the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

The movement to divest was started by student leaders like Alex Bell-Johnson in early 2016, and supported and facilitated by Briar Schoon, the college's sustainability manager. They partnered with the climate action group 350pdx.org and PCC's financial leaders to review the college's current portfolio.

"We didn't have to sell it to college leadership," Bell-Johnson said. "PCC already didn't have direct investments in fossil fuel companies. The policy serves more as assurance that this will be the standard process, now and in the future."

The college's current investment portfolio balance is about \$220 million. PCC Treasury Manager Dee Wilson said the college approaches its fiscal obligations responsibly, only investing "in very high quality instruments."

"When Alex and Briar came to me to talk about divestment, I was intrigued," Wilson said. "We were already careful about our investment

choices and favored those that supported the college's sustainability goals, so their idea was a natural fit. Personally, it's really rewarding to know that the values I hold close will be reflected in the college's investment holdings long after I'm gone. It's a good feeling."

Also, buy-in for the policy was helped by PCC President Mark Mitsui's service on the climate leadership steering committee of Second Nature, an organization whose member institutions work to lower the impact of their carbon footprint. It has pushed to have schools divest their portfolios of polluters.





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 <div>1 MTV Debuted In 1981 Respect for Parents' Day Sport's Day</div>	<div>2 Congress enacts first income tax in 1861 First Lincoln Penny Issued In 1909</div>	<div>3 Columbus Set Sail, 1492 National Watermelon Day</div>	<div>4 Coast Guard Day Barack Obama born, 1961 (44th President)</div>	<div>5 National Mustard Day Neil Armstrong born in Ohio in 1930</div>	<div>6 American Family Day Alfred Lord Tennyson born, 1809 Wiggle Your Toes Day</div>	
<div>7 Australia Picnic Day Betsy Byars born, 1928 Sea Serpent Day</div>	<div>8 Dollar Day, US dollar was created in 1786 Thomas Edison patent for the mimeograph machine, 1876</div>	<div>9 National Rice Pudding Day Smokey Bear's Birthday (1944)</div>	<div>10 Herbert Hoover Born, 1874, West Branch, Iowa. S'Mores Day</div>	<div>11 Play in the Sand Day Last total solar eclipse of the millennium (1999)</div>	<div>12 IBM PC, 1981 Middle Children's Day Hawaii Annexed to the U.S. (1898)</div>	<div>13 Left-Hander's Day National Filet Mignon Day Fall of Aztecs, 1512</div>
<div>14 Japan Surrendered in World War II, 1945</div>	<div>15 National Relaxation Day Transcontinental Railroad completed, 1869</div>	<div>16 National Tell a Joke Day Roller Coaster Day, Roller coaster patented in 1898</div>	<div>17 Myra Cohn Livingston born, 1926 Davy Crockett Born in Tennessee in 1786</div>	<div>18 Louis Fatio born, 1904 Bad Poetry Day Wizard of Oz Premiered, 1939</div>	<div>19 Homeless Animals Day National Aviation Day Potato Day</div>	<div>20 National Radio Day Mosquito Day Vitus Bering discovered Alaska in 1741</div>
<div>21 First Lincoln-Douglas Debate, 1858. SOLAR ECLIPSE 10:00AM PST</div>	<div>22 Be An Angel Day Ann Franklin's Birthday (1762) 1st female newspaper editor</div>	<div>23 First Photo of Earth From the Moon, 1966 First National Women's Rights Conv., 1850</div>	<div>24 International Strange Music Day National Waffle Day Mount Vesuvius Erupted, 79 A.D.</div>	<div>25 Kiss and Make Up Day National Park Service Established 1916</div>	<div>26 Women's Equality Day Mother Teresa Born, 1910</div>	<div>27</div>
<div>28 Dream Day, Martin Luther King Jr. gave the 'I Have a Dream' speech in 1963</div>	<div>29 First Scout Camp Opened, 1934 Michael Jackson Born, 1958</div>	<div>30 Thurgood Marshall took a seat on the Supreme Court, 1967</div>	<div>31 National Trail Mix Day Educator Maria Montessori's Birthday, 1870</div>			

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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

McCoy Park Summer Free for All -- You're invited to enjoy a free concert featuring the world beat, Afro jazz and African contemporary group Wamba, sponsored by New Columbia Partners, will be held Thursday, Aug. 17 starting at 6:30 p.m. at McCoy Park in the New Columbia neighborhood of north Portland.

Pompeii Exhibit at OMSI -- Preserved bodies cast by volcanic debris in the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius and nearly 200 other artifacts on loan from the unparalleled collection of the Naples National Archaeological Museum in Italy are part of the new OMSI exhibit, Pompeii: The Exhibition. Now showing through Oct. 22.



Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Aug. 18 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; and Saturday, Aug. 19 at Restaurant 503 in West Linn.



Life of an Iconic President -- One hundred years after his birth, John Fitzgerald Kennedy remains a



subject of endless fascination for millions of Americans. The Oregon Historical Society's current exhibition "High Hopes: The Journey of John F. Kennedy" explores Kennedy's early life, his road to the presidency, and the changes he effected during his time in office. Runs through Nov. 12.

American Classics -- One of America's most beloved composers is celebrated when the Clackamas Repertory Theatre presents the music of Irving Berlin with "The Melody Lingers On" at the Osterman Theater on the Clackamas Community College campus. Shows are Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees through Aug. 27. Tickets at ClackamasRep.org or call 503-594-6047.

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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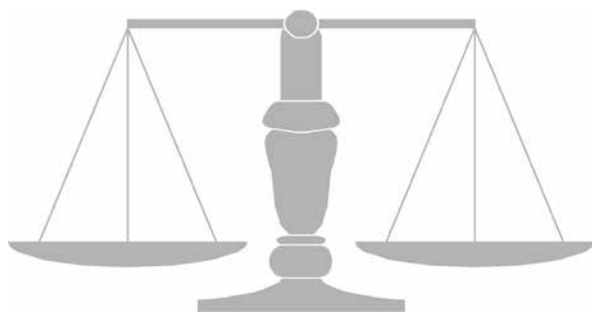
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Saeeda 'MamaSae' Wright will join the musical lineup for the free SEI community "home-coming" celebration, Saturday, Aug. 19 at Unthank Park, 3920 N. Kerby Ave.

SEI Community Celebration

For the second year in a row, Self Enhancement, Inc., the non-profit organization providing academic support and services for African-American students and their families, is breaking out the summer jams

with a free community "home-coming" celebration and music festival at Unthank Park on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Live music by the Dazz Band and the ever soulful

Saeeda 'MamaSae' Wright are scheduled. There will also be a kids play area, community resources and food carts. Unthank Park is located next door to the SEI campus at 3920 N. Kerby Ave.

'Trombone Shorty' at Edgefield Manor



Troy 'Trombone Shorty' Andrews brings his hard-edge funk band to McMenamins Historic Edgefield Manor in Troutdale, Saturday, Aug. 19.

Part Jimi Hendrix, part James Brown and all New Orleans, Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews is the bandleader and frontman of Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, a hard-edged funk band performing Saturday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the McMenamins Historic Edgefield Manor in Troutdale.

Employing brass-band beats, rock dynamics and im-

provisation in a jazz tradition, Andrews has been called "New Orleans' brightest new star in a generation," by National Public Radio, and New York Magazine wrote that "Trombone Shorty takes in a century-plus worth of sounds—ragtime and jazz and gospel and soul and R&B and hip-hop—and attacks everything he plays with festive fervor."

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The landmark Alibi Restaurant and Lounge is celebrating 70 years in business with an outdoor Polynesian luau planned for Saturday, Aug. 19, a free day long community event in the restaurant's parking lot.

Landmark Bar Throws Party

Did you know the Alibi Restaurant and Lounge in north Portland is one of the oldest continuously running tiki bars in the country? Opened in 1947 at 4024 N. Interstate Ave., it is a beloved, transcending and iconic institution in the city.

To celebrate its 70th year in business, the Alibi is planning a community celebration, a Polynesian luau to take place in the restaurant's tiki parking lot on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The all-ages event will include tiki vendors, an outdoor Polynesian luau feast and shaved ice cart. There will also be an outdoor beer garden.

Entertainment will include the surf rock bands Don and the Quixotes, The Apollo Four, and live band karaoke featuring Karaoke from Hell. You can also ride the mechanical shark, and there will be games and activities for kids. A charity dunk tank, featuring local celebrities, will benefit the Boys and Girls club of Portland.

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OPINION



Where the Flames of Righteous Anger Burned

Ferguson Empowerment Center rises

BY MARC H. MORIAL

Three years ago this month, a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, fatally shot an unarmed, black 18-year-old named Michael Brown. The anger and unrest sparked by that shooting came to be symbolized by the image of a burning convenience store on West Florissant Avenue. And it presented one of the greatest challenges of his career for Michael McMillan, who'd been appointed President and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis just a year before.

Last month, hope rose from the ashes as Michael McMillan and I opened the National Urban League Conference with the dedication of the Ferguson Community Empowerment Center, built upon the founda-

tion of that convenience store.

I could not have imagined a more appropriate way to mark the opening of the National Urban League Conference, or an event more representative of the work of the Urban League Movement.



After Michael Brown's tragic death, activists and advocates converged upon Ferguson, rightly and justly bringing the eyes and ears of America to focus on a violent injustice. When the marchers and the protestors had moved on, it was the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, under McMillan's outstanding leadership, who went to work, literally building upon that foundation.

Where once the flames of righteous anger burned, lives will be transformed.

The building is shared by the Salvation Army and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, and will house the

Urban League's Save Our Sons program, is one of the most successful job placement initiatives anywhere in the nation. While in St. Louis, I had the pleasure to meet Willard Donlow Jr.

A little over a year ago, the 35-year-old found himself in a deep depression. A single father, newly divorced, he had lost his job. He was praying for a way out. And his prayer was answered. Through Save Our Sons, he learned how to find a job and keep a job. He learned new computer skills, how to craft a resume, how to network, and how to present yourself in the right manner at an interview.

Just three days after completing the program, he was offered a job, and he's hard at work redeveloping abandoned buildings here in St. Louis. Join me in congratulating Willard Dunlow.

Lives are being transformed.

As part of the opening ceremonies, we dedicated a memorial to Michael Brown. The concrete slab into which a bench

and plaque are set is flecked with pink, orange and yellow. These colors are the shreds of 100 stuffed animals, left as part of a makeshift memorial in the middle of the street where Brown died. The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis kept the offerings in storage when the street had to be cleared.

The plaque reads, "This bench and decorative concrete base commemorate the social justice, change and movement towards a more just society that came about after his death. This base contains pieces of his memorial in the Canfield Green Apartments complex brought by people from all over the world."

The Ferguson Empowerment Center stands as a tribute to the Urban League Movement's mission to create a more just society, and the young men whose lives will be transformed there will be a testament to that mission.

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

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OPINION

Stealing Our Vote If They Get the Chance

Voting rights have been lost before

BY DIALLO BROOKS

One October morning in Richmond, Va., 32-year old Joseph Cox watched his friends and neighbors go to the polls for the first time.

The fight to get to that moment had been long, bloody, and vicious. But as a black man newly eligible to vote after a lifetime of discrimination, Cox did something that would've seemed incomprehensible only a decade before: He won an election.

Cox was one of 24 black representatives elected across Virginia that year — 1867.

But the response to that progress was vicious.

Racist white politicians worked to find new justifications for stripping the voting rights of African American men (women could not yet vote), alleging voter fraud and implementing heinous tactics like literacy tests, poll taxes, and voting roll purges.

The fact that thousands of African Americans voted and held elected office during Reconstruc-

tion only to face a brutal Jim Crow backlash underscores an important theme in our country's history: Voting rights have been won, then weakened, and then lost before.

Today, too many people take for granted that the advances achieved during the civil rights movement are still firmly in place. But progress is neither promised nor irreversible.

The latest incarnation of the long right-wing campaign to weaken voting rights is Donald Trump's "Election Integrity" Commission, which Trump convened after absurdly claiming that he only lost the popular vote because millions of people voted illegally. But there's not one shred of evidence of widespread in-person voter fraud in the United States.

The same sham justifications used to prop up voter suppression tactics during the Jim Crow era — claims that such measures preserve the integrity, efficiency, and sustainability of elections — are being unapologetically recycled today.

Trump's new voter suppression commission, which met for the first time in July, is led by some of the most strident opponents of

voting rights alive today — people who've built careers on stripping the voting rights of thousands upon thousands of eligible voters of color.

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, who co-chairs the commission, is among the worst.

After requiring Kansans to

time — putting voters at risk of losing their most essential right.

Another member is Hans von Spakovsky, a former Justice Department lawyer described by former colleagues as "the point person for undermining the Civil Rights Division's mandate to protect voting rights."

progress and regression.

When I think of Joseph Cox winning his right to vote in Richmond in 1867, and when I think of my grandparents having to fight for that same right in that same place all over again a century later, I wonder how so many Americans have forgotten the

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show a passport or birth certificate in order to register to vote — a move that blocked nearly 20,000 eligible voters — a federal court said Kobach had carried out "mass denial of a fundamental right."

Kobach also promotes the "Interstate Crosscheck" program that claims to identify in-person voter fraud. But in reality, the Washington Post reports, the system "gets it wrong over 99 percent of the

Of course, no one should be allowed to vote twice in an election. But voter impersonation is basically non-existent. While the commission might claim to be about promoting the integrity of our elections, their true task is to find justifications for laws that make it harder for members of certain communities to vote.

The history of voting rights in America is a one filled with both

fragility of this precious right.

I wonder how so many are blind and indifferent to the assault on the right to vote — a right people fought and died for — happening right before our eyes today. We've seen these attacks before. And not all of us have forgotten.

Diallo Brooks is the director of outreach and public engagement at People for the American Way.

Threats Move World Closer to Catastrophe

Trump's adolescent bellicosity

BY MEL GURTOV

The problem with Donald Trump's "fire and fury" statement on North Korea isn't merely that it intensifies an already tense situation. Nor is it just another example of Trump's inappropriate, childish language when faced with a complex issue.

Most worrisome is that he seems to have no grasp of how his remarks might play out in real-world international politics. Trying to one-up the North Koreans with threats may give Trump the false sense that he is besting them, since he believes—as always, from his business experience—threats work.

But he has no awareness of how threats are received in

Pyongyang, not to mention in Seoul, Tokyo, Beijing, and other capitals. Trump's language does

nothing to move the nuclear issue toward dialogue, but does much to further envenom relations with North Korea and to support the widespread view elsewhere that the president of the US is unstable and prone to violent actions.

In the past Trump has said of North Korea that attacking it sooner rather than later is the best way to resolve the nuclear issue. Bill Clinton disproved that in 1994 by rejecting an attack on North Korea's nuclear facility at Yongbyon and instead entering into an Agreed Framework with Pyongyang that prevented war. Does Trump still hold to that view?

Numerous specialists, and Trump's own defense department leadership, have concluded

that war would be catastrophic, with immediate one million deaths and economic costs of around \$1 trillion. Needless to say, Koreans north and south, Japanese, and Chinese would pay the heaviest price for such madness.

But Trump, with his well-known ignorance about nuclear weapons, seems blissfully unaware of such matters. He would rather talk about "fake news," attack critics, lie about his accomplishments, and keep pushing a domestic agenda that has gotten nowhere. Nuclear weapons, Korean history, North Korean motivations, and the art of diplomacy are outside his area of interest, and to say he is not a fast study is to be overly polite.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson responded to questions about Trump's latest threat by saying "Americans should sleep well at night," dismissing the threat as "rhetoric." Given the drumbeat of war that the media

has engaged in over North Korea's missiles, I doubt that many informed Americans are sleeping well. I doubt that US military leaders in particular are sleeping well; they have an inexperienced, unpredictable commander-in-chief who just might issue an order to attack North Korea. And most assuredly South Koreans and Japanese are not sleep-

ing well.

Warlike rhetoric from the US president can never be dismissed. In a word, President Trump is loose cannon, a serious threat to national and international security.

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Activist Sues Portland Police

Don't Shoot Portland activist Teresa Raiford sued the city for \$500,000 Thursday over her 2015 arrest in which she was acquitted on charges of disorderly conduct after a trial earlier this year. Raiford says she was doing nothing wrong when Portland police targeted her for arrest at an event she organized to honor the life of Michael Brown, the unarmed black man killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Mo.



Strip Club Bought for Apartments

The city of Portland approved a proposal last week to buy the Safari strip club on Southeast Powell Boulevard near Cleveland High School, tear down the commercial building, and build 200 to 300 affordable apartments in its place. The project will cost \$3.7 million and could come from monies already allocated for affordable housing.

TriMet Violent Offender Ban

Under a new policy approved last week and that will take effect in 30 days, riders who commit a "serious physical offense," on TriMet can be banned from the transit system for more than six months, and in some cases permanently. The agency's governing board approved the new ordinance.

Flooding in New Orleans

Louisiana's governor declared a state of emergency in New Orleans on Thursday as the city scrambled to repair fire-damaged equipment at a power plant and shore up its drainage system, less than a week after a flash flood from torrential rain overwhelmed the city's pumping system and inundated many neighborhoods.

Tobacco Age Raised to 21

In a major victory for health advocates and a blow to cigarette makers, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed legislation last week to increase the state's tobacco possession age to 21. The law will take effect Jan. 1.

Former Portland State Football Player Sentenced

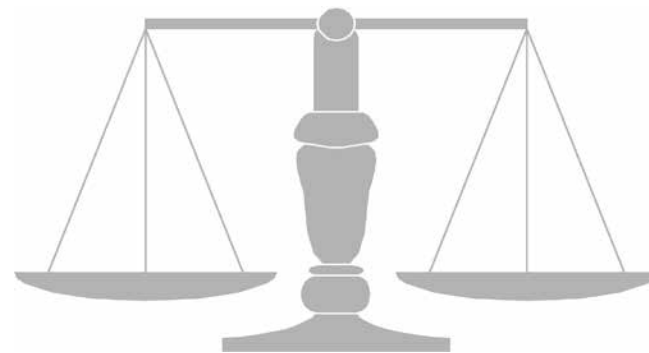
Jonathan Boland was sentenced to 7 ½ years in prison in a Multnomah County courtroom on Monday for robbing 3 convenience stores at gunpoint with his friends. Boland was forced to quit football after a series of concussions and he began abusing alcohol and drugs to cope with depression.



Habitat for Humanity ReStore Truck Stolen

Over the weekend, the Habitat for Humanity ReStore's salvage and service truck was stolen from a parking lot on northeast Marx Street. The truck was used to haul tools and materials in the Portland, Beaverton, Gresham and Vancouver areas. A fundraiser to replace the truck has been set up on their website: habitatportlandmetro.org

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Countdown to Solar Eclipse 2017

Oregon is one of the best places to view the rare total solar eclipse

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Oregonians across the state are making plans to view the total solar eclipse on Monday, August 21. State leaders, meanwhile, are preparing to host as many as 1 million visitors from outside. Officials are warning of massive traffic delays, crowded accommodations and a high risk of wildfires.

The path of totality, where the eclipse's effects can be fully viewed, will begin in Lincoln City and travel inland across the state, stretching over Salem, Madras, and John Day. The eclipse will be partially visible, however, in the Portland Metro area.

The eclipse will begin at 9:05 a.m. in Lincoln City and Salem, and the skies will continue to darken until totality is reached at 10:18 a.m. The eclipse will end at 11:41 a.m. In eastern cities, such as John Day, the eclipse will reach totality



A rare glimpse of a total solar eclipse happens next Monday.

as much as six minutes later.

Health experts say that the eclipse should not be viewed with the naked eye. Looking directly at the sun, even when it is obscured, could cause temporary blindness and permanent eye damage. Specially certified eclipse glasses are currently being sold throughout the state.

During totality, the eclipse can be viewed with the naked eye. Totality will last for less than two minutes throughout the state, and will not be visible in the Portland region. Finding specially produced eclipse glasses is the best way to prevent injury and enjoy the astral event.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) says that

commuters and eclipse viewers alike should plan for three days of traffic backups, and advise against travelling on the day of the eclipse itself. ODOT also warns that big-rigs and other interstate transports will still be on the roads, and may exacerbate delays.

Events will be held for the eclipse throughout the state, in-

cluding a three-day celebration at the State Capitol in Salem. The Salem Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing a special eclipse concert on the Capitol grounds, and Rose City Astronomer President Margaret McCreary will be narrating the eclipse as it occurs. All events at the Oregon State Capitol will be admission-free.

Eclipse Cancels Activities

Portland Community College will close and Meals on Wheels People will close its dining centers and suspend Meals on Wheels delivery on Monday, Aug. 21, because of the potential of driving hazards during the solar eclipse.

All classes, activities and services at PCC campus will be cancelled for the day and evening due to the possible safety risks associated with the anticipated influx of people and traffic into the Portland region to view the solar eclipse, college officials announced Friday.

For Wheels on Meals, all home-bound clients will receive a frozen meal this Friday, Aug. 18, that can be heated and eaten on Monday, officials said.

"We want to ensure the safety of both our clients and our volunteers," said Meals on Wheels People Executive Director Suzanne Washington. "The total solar eclipse will cause dusk-like conditions between 10 a.m. and noon at the time when all Meals on Wheels deliveries are made and our senior diners are coming into the centers. Because of anticipated traffic issues and a high volume of tourists, the roads may be hazardous to navigate. Any senior diner who needs a meal on Monday will receive a frozen meal to take home on Friday."

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