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Now retired from the public and private sectors, Zari Santner and Michael Alexander are building momentum as volunteers and advocates for a plan to return the Rose Quarter area into a fully functioning, diverse neighborhood, keeping the sports and entertainment venues that now dominate the landscape, but adding new residential and business-centered blocks on existing tracks of publicly-owned land.

New non-profit offers plan for Rose Quarter

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Momentum is growing for a plan to re-make the Rose Quarter district into a fully functioning neighborhood, embracing its diverse past and re-creating a landscape that can accommodate much more than its two sports and entertainment venues.

The Rose Quarter is home to the Moda Center, Veteran's Memorial Coliseum, Interstate 5 and parking garages. Visitors to the area are typically there for 1 or 2 hours to catch an event and then leave, but the land used to be a contiguous part of north and northeast Portland's street grid system where folks lived, worked and played. The

new non-profit group Albina Vision wants to make it a community again.

Former Portland Parks Bureau Director Zari Santner and former Urban League of Portland director Michael Alexander are the visionaries behind the idea. They have been friends for over 10 years and worked together when Alexander served as a Parks board member. Now retired, they helped form the Albina Vision organization as civilians. The group's aim is to have a community driven plan that determines the future development of the Rose Quarter area

Albina Visionaries

for the next 50 to 60 years.

"We want the community to know about it. We want the community to, if they believe us, to join us to really be part of this happening. That's what it takes," Santner told the Portland Observer.

Albina Vision has created renderings of what the Rose Quarter development could look like. The supporters hope to bring the area back to a more neighborhood-friendly place that can house community gathering spaces, affordable housing, and local businesses.

A new waterfront park could resem-

ble Tom McCall Waterfront Park, located across the Willamette River from the Rose Quarter.

"We want this place to be truly inclusive, integrated, livable community, and affordable community," Santner said.

Though the current renderings of the area are only ideas, Santner and Alexander said they've been met with a lot of support from community members and have so far gotten the ear of Mayor Ted Wheeler and the city council.

Before urban renewal and the neighborhood razing actions of the 1960s and 1970s, the Rose Quarter was home to residences, shops, and community gathering spaces. It was the historical neighborhood for African American residents and immigrants.

Santner said the intent of Albina Vision is to resurrect a fully functioning neighborhood again so that North and Northeast Broadway Avenue once again can become

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Grant Workshop for Causes

The Oregon Community Foundation is reaching out to the African American community to help people working with nonprofits submit competitive grant applications for community causes they care about.

The foundation will host a free grant application workshop on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at KairosPDX, the public charter school and education focused organization attacking the achievement and opportunity gap, located at 4915 N. Gantenbein Ave.

It will be the second such program hosted by Carolyn Walker.

Guests representing community organizations are encouraged to attend and learn about the foundation's Community Grant Program and other funding opportunities available.

The mission of The Oregon Community Foundation is to improve lives for all Oregonians through the power of philanthropy.

For more information and to RSVP for the event, visit oregoncf.org/grant-workshop.

The Week in Review

Texas Church Gunman Shot Crying Babies

The gunman who killed 26 people at a small-town Texas church went aisle to aisle looking for victims and shot crying babies at point-blank range, a couple who survived the Sunday attack said. Devin Patrick Kelley, 26, was found dead after going on the shooting rampage in Sutherland Springs.



33 Years for Sex Trafficking

A man who posed as a modeling agent to lure women into prostitution was sentenced to 33 years in prison Monday in U.S. District Court in Portland. Taquarius Ford, 38, was found guilty last year of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking, sex trafficking through force, fraud or coercion and obstruction of justice. Prosecutors listed more than 40 victims.

Sheriff's Office Helped ICE Despite Sanctuary Policy

A new report shows that the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office routinely violated state and local policies by sharing information with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement authorities about non-violent offenders in custody. Sheriff Mike Reese has publicly supported the county's sanctuary policies, saying that cooperation with ICE undercuts law enforcement's ability to "nurture a relationship of trust with everyone in the community."

Legacy Emanuel Hospital Hit with Labor Violations

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries announced Thursday that Legacy Emanuel Hospital has committed 4,439 meal and rest period violations and will pay \$276,680 in civil penalties, which is the largest such assessment in the agency's history. Oregon law mandates employers to provide regular break periods for employees working 6 or more hours per day and additional rest breaks for shift of 8 or more hours.

New Seasons Market Workers Unite for Better Work

About 50 workers protested last week outside the New Seasons Market on North Williams Avenue demanding fairer benefits and pushing to unionize. The employees said the grocery chain has become less responsive to employee concerns in recent years and a downturn in health insurance coverage benefits is just the latest example of employee mistreatment.

Diddy Changes Name to Again

Rapper and entrepreneur Sean 'P Diddy' Combs announced on Twitter that he will no longer answer to 'Puff Daddy,' or 'P Diddy,' or 'Diddy,' but henceforth go by 'Love' or 'Brother Love.' The former 'Making the Band' star made the announcement on Saturday in honor of his 48th birthday.



Portland Cruise Ship Captain Suspended

The captain of the Portland Spirit cruise ship, Lowell Gillespie Jr., has been suspended for navigating the vessel into the path of rowers on the Willamette River during a race last month, the second such infraction in two years. Company president Dan Yates enacted a 90 day suspension and year-long probation to address Gillespie's "poor decision."

Democrats Slam GOP Tax Plan for Hurting Middle Class

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi slammed a new Republican tax plan that she says will hurt the middle class, calling it a "ponzi scheme" and a "shell game" to benefit the rich. Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley called the tax plan "maybe the greatest heist in American history."

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What's on your list today?

Confession Thrown Out

Police coercion sets back case against accused killer

Multnomah County Circuit Judge Michael A. Greenlick has thrown out the alleged confession of accused serial killer Homer Lee Jackson, citing improper and coercive tactics used by Portland police.

Video footage of Jackson facing more than seven hours of questioning by law enforcement officials over two days was thrown out as evidence in the case last month because police improperly used a mix of threats and promises of leniency to extract a confession, according to a new report.

Jackson, 57, had lived quietly in northeast Portland for the past 13 years and was collecting disability payments and taking medical for para-



Homer Lee Jackson

noid schizophrenia when he was arrested in October 2015 in connection with a string of prostitution related deaths.

Jackson pleaded not guilty to killing two black teenage girls and two black adult women in the 1980s who

were suspected of being involved in sex trafficking and who died of asphyxiation and their bodies dumped in nearby parks and ravines. Despite this, authorities say he later confessed to the murders when detectives Meredith Hopper and James Lawrence told Jackson he would feel "great relief" and mercy from God if he admitted to the crimes. Detectives also called Jackson a "monster" and said if he didn't confess, they would propose the severest possible punishment.

The inadmissible evidence is latest setback for state prosecutors. Police announced two years ago in a press conference that they had solved the case with Jackson's arrest.

Shooting Was Covered Up

Independent review says ex-chief lied to shift blame

Former Police Chief Larry O'Dea was found to mislead three assistant chiefs and then-Mayor Charlie Hales about a camping trip in which O'Dea shot his friend, a new independent police review has found.

While police protocol calls for immediate notification to Portland's Independent Review Division about such mishaps, the report showed that O'Dea waited four days to tell his assistants and the mayor of the off-duty incident, which occurred in Harney County.

Though O'Dea had disclosed to assistant chiefs, internal affairs, and the mayor about the non-mortal wounding of his friend after returning from the trip, O'Dea lied to the Independent Police Review investigators and Harney County Deputies about the incident, saying his friend Robert Dempsey accidentally wounded himself.

In actuality, O'Dea and some friends were shooting at ground squirrels when he accidentally shot Dempsey in the back with a hollow point bullet, the fragments of which remained in Dempsey even after hospitalization.

O'Dea instructed three assistant chiefs and the mayor's office to keep the incident quiet, and they cooperated, until investigations brought to light the details of the occurrence, officials determined.

O'Dea retired in late June 2016 amid the heat of Harney County investigations. Though a grand jury indicted O'Dea for negligently wounding his friend, charges were eventually dismissed by



Former Police Chief Larry O'Dea

a Harney County judge as part of a civil compromise.

Derek Rodrigues, who at the time headed Police Internal Affairs and is currently captain of the Family Services Division, now faces two days suspension for not reporting his knowledge of the shooting to the Independent Review Division right away.



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Empowering Military Construction

Madison grad
embarks on
career with the
'Seabeas'

BY TIM MILLER

A Portland native and Madison High School graduate from 2012 has embarked on a Navy career with the construction force known as the "Seabeas."

Petty Officer Second Class Carmen Idao works as a boatswain's mate assigned providing ship-to-shore transportation of combat cargo, bulk fuel and water, and tactical camp operations supporting amphibious force operations.

She is responsible for training people to control the deck for operations, including boats transferring cargo from ship to shore.

Idao says she has carried lessons learned from her hometown into to her military service.

"My parents always taught me to be selfless, putting others first. This applies daily as I interact with sailors," she said.

Idao is a first generation service-member and said she is proud to represent her family in the Navy.

"I'm the first one in my family to join the military," she said. "I believe I'm starting a new family tradition. This gives me a great sense of pride."

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Sites Open Free for Veterans Day

The U.S. Forest Service will waive fees at day-use recreation sites in Oregon and Washington, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11-12 in honor of Veterans Day.

"We honor our veterans each November 11th and every other

day of the year," said Jim Peña, Regional Forester. "We hope that this time will serve as a way for our veterans and other visitors to find our national forests as a year-round respite, a place where they can take time out for them-

selves."

This fee waiver includes many picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads, and visitor centers. Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, or other permits still apply.

Historic Trust Veterans Parade

Vancouver's Historic Trust invites everyone to attend the 31st annual Veterans Parade, beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 along Officers Row and proceeding past Providence Academy and

into downtown Vancouver.

The parade will be preceded by a 10 a.m. Veterans Day ceremony in the Providence Academy Ballroom.

The parade attracts more than

120 entries with approximately 2,500 individuals marching or riding. It is one of the largest Department of Veteran Affairs-sanctioned veterans' parades on the West Coast.



Local marching bands salute men and women of the armed forces past and present at the annual Veterans Day Parade, returning Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. to the Hollywood district of northeast Portland.

Hollywood Veterans Parade Saturday

A Portland based commissioning committee for the new Navy ship USS Portland will be honored as grand marshals for the annual Portland Veterans Day Parade, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11 at Northeast 40th Avenue and Hancock Street and proceeding through the Hollywood district.

"This will be a great time for all of Portland to show their pride and come out to welcome the sailors that will show our city's name around the world," said Gary Piercy of Portland's Council of the Navy League.

Parade participants typically include veterans, marching bands, historic military vehicles, veterans' organizations and veterans' motorcycle groups.. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can register to participate or volunteer at veteransday-pdx.org.

Veterans and their families can also attend a free Veterans Day USO-style show and brown-bag lunch at the German American Society of Portland, 5626 N.E. Alameda St, also Saturday, starting at 12 p.m.



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"the spine of the community, rather than a division between it."

The name "Albina" comes from the town that once legally comprised most of inner north and northeast Portland in the late 19th and early 20th century before it was annexed by the city of Portland. The black population in Albina exploded after World War II, but subsequent displacement from urban renewal dispersed many of the residents.

The major property owners of

the Rose Quarter area are the city of Portland and Portland Public Schools. When you add the several blocks of property the school district owns on the north side of Broadway it comes to a potential 95-acres of property that could be developed in the area.

Santner and Alexander are optimistic that reuse of this public, tax-payer funded property, can be influenced by a community driven initiative like Albina Vision.

"We want to have an entity that will make [the city] listen to the community and do the right thing

here," Santner said.

One possible hurdle that revitalizing the Rose Quarter may face is the widening of Interstate 5, which was approved by Oregon lawmakers earlier this year. The \$450 million project would add a lane in each direction and add shoulders in the stretch between I-405 and I-84, smack dab in the middle of the Rose Quarter. That widening of the highway isn't stopping Santner and Alexander from pursuing their vision, but they said they will need to work around it.

"The discussion right now whether we widen or narrow I-5, we're agnostic on that. We just want it to be capped. I mean, because that gives us the opportunity to have land that allows you to walk right down to the water," Alexander said.



PHOTO BY DANNY PETERSON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The Albina Vision for the Rose Quarter district is displayed as a fully functioning neighborhood, keeping the sports and entertainment venues, but returning new residential and business-centered blocks. Zari Santner, a retired Portland Parks Bureau director, is one of the volunteers and advocates behind the grass roots plan.

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trification that has displaced people from their historical neighborhoods over the past 20 years.

Alexander, who used to direct the Urban League of Portland on North Williams Avenue and Russell Street, said he has seen the alterations firsthand since his move here in 2005.

"I mean you almost need a post card of 10 years back to have an understanding around what had been here, even in 2010, let alone 2000, 1990, and those years before. Just radically transformed," Alexander said.

Alexander grew up in Brooklyn, which stands alongside Portland as another famously gentrified part of the United States. But the changes he saw in his own childhood neighborhood are nothing compared to the "wide scale displacement" that has taken place here, Alexander said.

"We understand the new 'here' is going to be different than the old 'here'. But if it is honoring and embracing and inclusive, then we have an opportunity to now build in a way that unifies rather than divides. And I think that's the promise. We are there to make sure that woven into the DNA of this vision is the acknowledgement that this community needs to be reflected in whatever the rising phoenix is," Alexander said.

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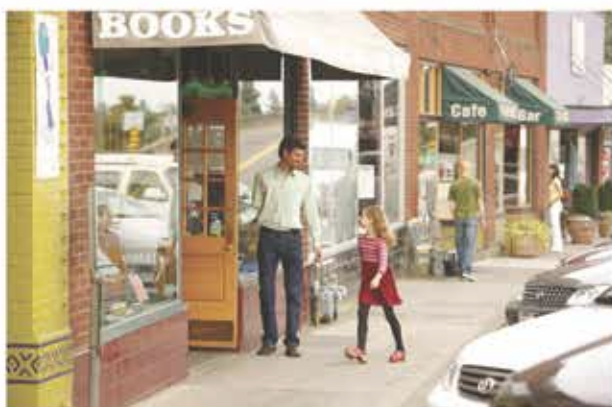


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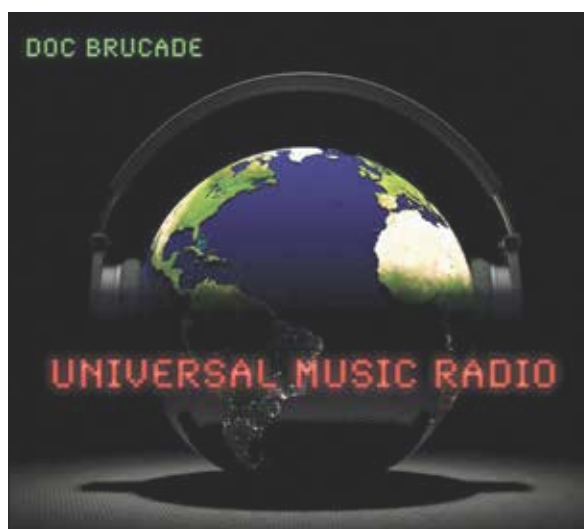
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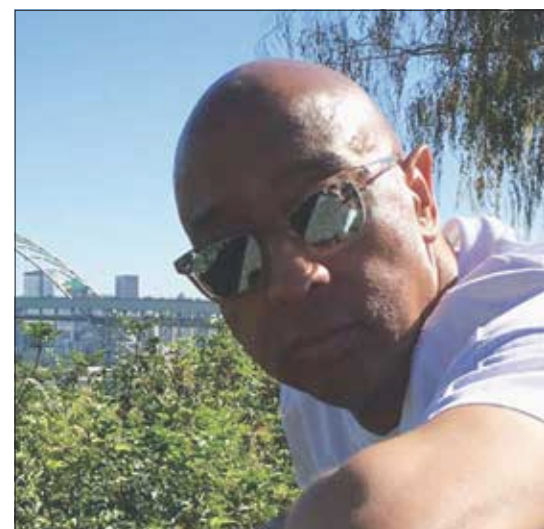
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P-Town Funk Master Release

New solo album from Bruce Smith, aka Doc Brucade

If you know your local music history, Bruce Smith, aka Doc Brucade, is etched across the decades. The Portland-born percussionist and lyricist, an original member of Pleasure, a nationally and internationally known band, has just released an amazing solo album titled "Universal Music Radio."

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spreads love and a positive vibe throughout," Smith said.

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Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival returns this weekend to the Portland Art Museum with more than 100 authors for onstage events, pop-up reading, writing workshops and more.

A day for books, authors and workshops

Lots of folks will be planning their Saturday at Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival, presented by Bank of America. The annual event by the non-profit group Literary Arts returns Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum and neighboring venues, downtown.

Wordstock 2017 features more than 100 authors presenting 43 onstage events, pop-up readings and 15 writing workshops. The festival includes activities for readers of all ages, an extensive book fair with more than 70 vendors, local food trucks and more.

You will have the chance to hear from such noted authors as Ta-Nehisi Coates, Lidia Yuknavitch, Jeffrey Eugenides, Claire Messud, Jenny Han, Daniel Handler/ Lemony Snicket, Tom Perrotta, Adam Gopnik, Morgan Parker, Kaveh Akbar, Gabrielle Bell, Javaka Steptoe, Mac Barnett, Carson Ellis, Omar El Akkad and many others.

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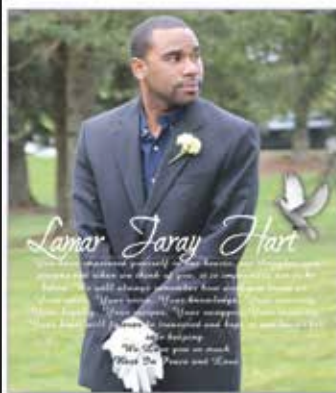
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You're invited to experience Africa, Peru, Brazil and the Philippines during Clackamas Community College's International Week celebration, Nov. 13-16.

Special activities will take place from noon to 1 p.m. each day in the Community Center on the Oregon City campus, focusing on a different country; West African

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Blacque Butterfly



Ro Deezy

(PCRI), a program to bring 1,000 new affordable housing units to north and northeast Portland that are reserved for people who have been displaced by gentrification.

Portland singer Tamara Stephens and spoken word artists Blacque Butterfly and Ro Deezy will perform during the Tuesday, Nov. 14 open-to-the public celebration and fundraiser in the ballroom at the Oregon Public House, 700 N.E. Dekum St.

PCRI is offering a free food delivery service for organizations on the day of the fundraiser for groups ordering at least 50 lunches or dinners. A portion of all food and drink sales will be do-

nated to the non-profit organization. The entertainment will take place during happy hour, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

It's estimated that from 1990 to the year 2010, 10,000 people, mainly people of color, were forced to relocate from inner city neighborhoods to "the numbers," neighborhoods past 82nd Avenue. As a solution to this housing epidemic, PCRI's Pathway 1000 Initiative will mitigate gentrification by building 100 homes per year, over the next ten years, totaling 1,000 affordable homes available for rent or purchase.

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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Holiday Expo — Looking for holiday gifts? Life Change Church, 3635 N. Williams Ave., hosts the Aspire Marketplace Holiday Expo on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., supporting local vendors and building community connections. Local choirs, solo artists and other skilled musicians will perform. Lots of items to choose from for holiday gift giving.

Central Park Five — The Northwest Film Center at the Portland Art Museum presents the film "Central Park Five," the harrowing story of five black and Latino teenagers who were wrongly convicted and imprisoned for raping a white woman in New York City's Central Park in 1989 with a discussion from civil rights activists to follow the screening, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8.



Celebrate with Whole Foods — The holiday season is definitely not the time for added stress and complications. At Whole Foods Market, 1210 N.W. Couch St, you will find a holiday table with staff who are ready to assist and make your holiday life easier. This table is your "Holiday Central" where you can order everything from a turkey to dinner rolls to a full holiday meal.

Metropolitan Youth Symphony — A new season for the Metropolitan Youth Symphony kicks off at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Opening night celebrates the beautifully diverse musical landscape of the Americas.

Norman Sylvester — 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Nov. 10 at Rogue Pub in North Plains; Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Spare Room; Friday, Nov. 17 at the Blue Diamond; and Saturday, Nov. 25 at Clyde's.



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 Sunday, Nov. 12.

Pop with Soul, Blues and Rock — Singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist David Ryan Harris, known for his popular take on soul, blues and rock, will perform Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Analog Lounge, 720 S.E. Hawthorne.



Mz. Etta's World Big Brim Birthday Bash — McMenamins Theater 1624 NW Glisan Friday 12.8.17; Allstar Band and Special Guest DJ Doc Roc

Promoting Civil Discourse

Food for thought just in time for those Thanksgiving dinner conversations. The public is invited to join a dialogue on free speech and civil discourse with

Mat dos Santos of the Portland American Civil Liberties Union and Michael Mills of Portland State University's National Policy Consensus Center,

The free program, sponsored the League of Women Voters of Portland, will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 7-9 p.m. in the Multnomah County Board Room, 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.

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Push to Drill Overshadows Our Civil Rights

Our sacred places under threat to cut taxes for the rich

BY BERNADETTE DEMIENTIEFF

Right now in Washington, D.C., Congress is making decisions that will affect my future and that of my people — the Gwich'in Nation of Alaska and Canada.

A critical part of our ancestral homelands, the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge — one of the world's last untouched places — could be lost to

the thirst for oil.

Some in Congress want to open the area to drilling and use the revenue to offset tax cuts for the wealthy. Meanwhile, President Trump is quietly permitting companies to take the first steps towards drilling here.

The Arctic Refuge, home to wildlife and vast lands essential to my people's survival, has been reduced to a line item.

I'm disturbed that the push to drill has been allowed to over-

shadow our human rights. The Gwich'in people have relied on the lands of the refuge for thousands of years. These lands provide everything we need to live and thrive — our food, our clothing, our tools, everything.

My people have always subsisted on the Porcupine Caribou Herd, whose calving grounds are in the coastal plain. This is why we call the coastal plain "the sacred place where life begins."

This place is vital for the survival of my people. We are caribou people. Our elders say that what befalls the caribou befalls the Gwich'in. If they go, we go. Part of us will die with them, and the other half can't survive without them.

Our identities as indigenous people are at stake, and decision makers at the highest levels must take that into account. My people, history, culture, and our future must factor into the decision making in Washington.

I'm also disturbed to hear politicians talking about "directional drilling" to justify opening this area as part of the budget. That is, they're planning on placing drills just outside the boundaries of the refuge and drilling sideways to reach oil under this special place.

Directional drilling is billed as safe and clean technology. It's not. There is no safe drilling.

Such drilling would allow massive oil infrastructure to squeeze

the borders of the refuge, while drills could be sunk into the coastal plain, the heart of the refuge, in the name of exploration. That would disturb the caribou calving grounds and hinder the migration patterns of already declining herds.

And what hurts the caribou ultimately hurts my people.

The Gwich'in Nation has been fighting this fight since it first came up 40 years ago. That's why every two years, the Gwich'in come together to reaffirm our commitment to protect the coastal plain of the refuge from drilling.

Last year, people came from the 15 villages that make up the Gwich'in Nation. We danced. We sang. We were well provided for, and I felt that our ancestors were sitting there with us. Now tribes across Alaska are coming together again against drilling.

We have a moral responsibility to protect this land for our children and grandchildren. This isn't a game. Real lives are at stake — our lives — along with special places that are too sacred to drill.

Congress must take drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge off the table. It's up to all of us to protect this sacred place for generations to come.

Bernadette Demientieff is the executive director for the Gwich'in Steering Committee. Distributed by OtherWords.org.



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OPINION

Mass Incarceration is a Women's Issue, Too

Breaking up families and endangering children

BY JESSICAH PIERRE

Over the last few years, our broken criminal justice system has become a national issue as horrific stories of victims of mass incarceration have made their way into the mainstream media.

The dominant narrative around this issue is usually that it disproportionately affects people of color, particularly men.

Many folks have heard of Kalief Browder, a New York teenager who took his own life after suffering nearly three years in sol-



itary confinement, all for allegedly stealing a backpack. He was never tried.

Fewer people know Maria Elena Hernandez, a retired California housecleaner who was jailed after police rejected her protests that they'd mistaken her for someone else.

Although women represent a small portion of it, they are currently the fastest growing segment of our prison population.

There are 219,000 women currently incarcerated in the United States. A new report by the Prison Policy Initiative and the ACLU's Campaign for Smart Justice found that "a staggering number" of them haven't even been convicted. "More than a quarter of women who are behind bars have not yet had a trial," they found.

Worse still, there are a number

of public health and economic consequences for the conditions that women suffer in prison.

Firstly, many prisons and jails are ill equipped to support the health needs of women, including basic hygiene and reproductive health.

According to the ACLU, pregnant women who are incarcerated are still being shackled during childbirth. Shackling makes the already painful process of childbirth and postpartum recovery even worse.

The American Medical Association and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have spoken out against this, deeming it medically unsafe. Yet there are at least eight states that have yet to propose legislation to ban this inhumane practice.

Secondly, incarcerating women also has long lasting economic

effects, further exasperating the gender pay gap — and endangering children.

Pretrial detention disproportionately affects women because incarcerated women tend to have lower incomes than incarcerated men, making it even harder to afford cash bail. The Prison Policy Initiative found that the annual median income of women who cannot make bail is \$11,071 — and "among those women, black women had a median annual income of only \$9,083."

Since 80 percent of women in jails are mothers and primary caretakers of their children, this can mean incredible hardship for their families.

Criminal justice reform groups are spreading awareness about this system's devastating impact on women and families. And lawmakers in both major parties are

starting to pay attention.

This past summer, Democratic U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris from California and Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky introduced the Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act, a bill designed to empower states to replace the use of the cash bail system with something fairer. That wouldn't just be better for families, they wrote in a New York Times op-ed — it could also save American taxpayers roughly \$78 billion a year.

It's important that we keep women at the center of criminal justice reform. As we continue to push for gender equity in this country, we cannot ignore the devastating effects that mass incarceration has on women and their families.

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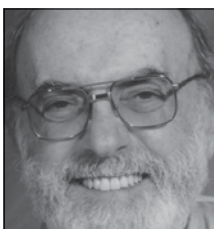
A Holiday Hijacked by a Militaristic Congress

Armistice Day becomes Veterans Day

BY ARNOLD OLIVER

How in heck did Armistice Day become Veterans Day? Established by Congress in 1926 to "perpetuate peace through goodwill and mutual understanding between nations," and later as "a day dedicated to the cause of world peace," Armistice Day was widely recognized for almost 30 years. As part of that, many churches rang their bells on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month — the hour in 1918 that the guns fell silent on the Western Front by which time 16 million had died in the horror of World War I.

To be blunt about it, Armistice Day was hijacked in 1954 by a militaristic Congress and renamed Veterans Day. Today few Americans understand the original purpose of Armistice Day, or even remember it. The message of peace seeking has been all but erased. Worst of all, Veterans Day has devolved into a hyper-nationalistic quasi-religious celebration of war and the putatively valiant warriors who wage it. We no longer have a national day to recognize or reflect upon international



peace.

And the identification of warriors as heroes is pretty shaky too. If you are a veteran, and honest about it, you will admit that most of what goes on during wartime is decidedly un-heroic and actual heroes in war are very few and far between.

I have to tell you that when I was in Vietnam, I was no hero, and I did not witness a single act of heroism during the year I spent there, first as a U.S. Army private and then as a sergeant. Yes, there was heroism in the Vietnam War. On both sides of the conflict there were notable acts of self-sacrifice and bravery. Troops in my unit wondered how the North Vietnamese troops could persevere for years in the face of daunting U.S. firepower. U.S. medical corpsmen performed incredible acts of valor rescuing the wounded under fire.

But I also witnessed a considerable amount of bad behavior, some of it my own. Among US troops, racism against any and all Vietnamese was endemic. There were countless incidents of disrespect and abuse of Vietnamese civilians, and a large number of truly awful war crimes. Most un-heroic of all were the U.S. military and civilian leaders who planned, orchestrated, and profited greatly from that utterly avoidable war. I should have taken action to resist the war while still on active duty,

but I did not.

The cold truth is that the U.S. invasion and occupation of Vietnam had nothing to do with protecting American peace and freedom. On the contrary, the Vietnam War was fought to forestall Vietnamese independence, not defend it; it bitterly divided the American people.

Unfortunately, Vietnam wasn't an isolated example of an unjust conflict. Many American wars — including the 1846 Mexican-American War, the Spanish-American War in 1898, and the Iraq War (this list is by no means exhaustive) — were waged under false pretexts against countries that didn't threaten the United States. It's hard to see how, if a war is unjust, it can be heroic to

wage it.

But if the vast majority of wars are not fought for noble reasons, and few soldiers are heroic, have there been any actual heroes out there defending peace and freedom? And if so, who are they? Well, there are many, from Jesus down to the present. I'd put Gandhi, Tolstoy, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the list along with many Quakers and Mennonites. And don't forget General Smedley Butler, who wrote that "War is a Racket".

The real heroes are those who resist war and militarism, often at great personal cost.

Because militarism has been around for such a long time, at least since Gilgamesh came up with his protection racket in

Sumeria going on 5,000 years ago, people argue that it will always be with us.

But many also thought that slavery and the subjugation of women would last forever, and they're being proven wrong. We understand that while militarism will not disappear overnight, disappear it must if we are to avoid economic as well as moral bankruptcy — not to mention the extinction of our species.

This year on Nov. 11, Veterans for Peace will bring back the original Armistice Day traditions. Join them and let those bells ring out.

Arnold "Skip" Oliver, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is professor emeritus of political science at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio.

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He will be missed by many.

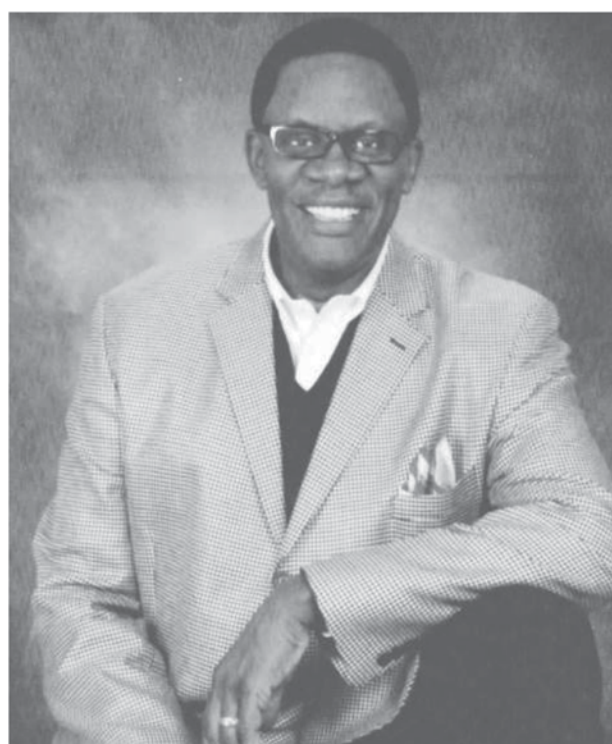


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- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 cups cooked quinoa
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided

Directions:

1. Cut the top quarter off each squash; reserve tops. Discard seeds. Arrange squashes, cut sides down, in 2 (11 x 7-inch) baking dishes. Fill each dish with

1-inch of water; microwave 1 dish at HIGH 15 minutes. Remove dish; repeat with remaining dish. Cool.

Preheat oven to 350°.

2. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add sausage; sauté 5 minutes or until browned, stirring to crumble. Remove sausage with a slotted spoon. Add carrot, onion, and garlic to drippings in pan; sauté 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in 1/2 cup water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium; cover and cook 8 minutes or until carrot is tender.

3. Combine sausage, carrot mixture, quinoa, parsley, thyme, salt, and pepper; stir in 1/2 cup cheese. Stuff about 1 cup quinoa mixture in each squash, and top each serving with 1 tablespoon cheese. Arrange stuffed squashes in a broiler-safe baking dish, and place tops in dish. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Remove from oven.

4. Preheat broiler to high.

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13 Mom's and Dad's Day <i>Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1982</i>	14 Young Reader's Day National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day	15 America Recycles Day Pack Your Mom Lunch Day	16 <i>Jean Fritz born, 1915</i> <i>Fall of the Inca Empire (1533)</i> Button Day	17 Homemade Bread Day <i>Lewis & Clark Reached Pacific, 1805</i> Take A Hike Day	18 <i>Antarctica discovered in 1820</i> William Tell Day	19 <i>Gettysburg Address Delivered in 1863 by President Lincoln</i> <i>Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1917</i>

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