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A homeless group of mostly women finds mutual support and camaraderie to survive the hardships of winter as they fight to survive the cold at a makeshift campsite along a highway in northeast Portland.

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The dozen or so tents and ragtag shelters on a grassy enclave on the side of the road was an all too familiar sight. But finding out who lived there and what they faced was a revealing portrait of the city's homeless epidemic.

The camp was mostly women who were supporting each other in a struggle to stay alive outdoors in winter. One female from the group almost died recently if not for the help of her companions, a shocking experience, but one that is not uncommon on the streets around Portland.

Last year, 80 people died while trying to survive homelessness in Multnomah County, according to a new report just released this month.

The homeless group of women I stopped to talk to said they had been bouncing

Surviving Together

*Revealing portrait as homeless
struggle through winter*

around various locations for the better part of a year, usually near a freeway off ramp or underneath a freeway overpass. They said they frequently get kicked out of their camping spots by Portland Police or the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Lex, 32, the group's designated "camp mom" for the past year, said the frequent moves are a strain for everyone involved.

"People get suicidal when they move," she said. "People get, you know, violent."

The 80 homeless deaths recorded last year marks the second highest count since Multnomah County started tracking the deaths in 2011. The top three causes of death were accidental, natural, and suicide. Drugs or alcohol contributed to half the deaths. The median age of those who died was 49 and 17 of the total deaths were female.

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TriMet expands electronic fare system

As TriMet expands its electronic fare system, retailers will soon shift to selling Hop Fastpass cards only, no longer selling conventional tickets and passes as soon as Feb. 1, officials announced last week.

The public transit agency's network of retail outlets that sell transit fares has grown from a little more than 100 in 2016 to more than 350 today, officials said. And by July, more than 500 stores and outlets will sell and load a value on Hop cards.

Hop is a regional account-based, electronic fare system. Riders pay their fare on TriMet, C-TRAN and Portland Streetcar by tapping a Hop card or their phone against a reader on board a vehicle or at a rail platform. The system automatically deducts the cost of the ride from the user's balance.

You can purchase a Hop card at one of the participating local retailers or a TriMet ticket office and load money on to it. Riders with Android Pay will be able to buy a virtual card and store it in their mobile wallet – making Hop the first transit fare card in the world available in Android Pay.



TriMet's "Hop Fastpass" becomes easier to reload in 2018 and will replace conventional tickets and passes beginning in February.

The Week in Review

Icy Conditions on Roads

The Portland metro area was slowing thawing from a Christmas Eve storm on Tuesday with some clear skies but an accumulation of ice, snow and slush on the roads made for slippery commutes.

Chief Protected Against Stalking

An Oregon judge granted new Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw a stalking protective order last Friday against Eli Richey, 27, a man she says has repeatedly contacted and filmed her without permission and outside her duties as chief. Officials said his behavior and comments caused concern for Outlaw's safety and the safety of people close to her.



Eudaly Accused of Bullying

Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly is accused of using her personal Facebook account to bully and ridicule a frequent critic of the Portland City Council in a lawsuit filed in federal court Thursday. Mimi German seeks to compel the release of the posts along with monetary damages.

Smith Fined for Violation

Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith was fined \$250 for a technical violation of state elections law last week. The Secretary of State's office ruled Smith had failed to register financial statements that reflected her intention to run for the Portland City

Council this May. Smith was avoiding a formal entry into the race until after Jan. 1, because county rules don't allow commissioners to run for another office until the last year in their term.

Health Carrier Shuts Down

A Medicaid carrier that serves more than 100,000 children and adults in the Portland area decided to shut down last week after the company and state failed to agree on a contract for 2018. But Family-Care said it will stay open until the end of January to give time for the state to transfer those currently served to other Medicaid administrators.

Stadium Expansion Okayed

The Portland Timbers got City Council's approval Thursday to expand Providence Park by up to 4,000 seats. The team's owners will contribute \$50 million for the construction. The city will subsidize other costs to the tune of \$3 million and waive about \$5 million in ticket tax revenue over the next 10 years to help pay for the project.



UN Condemns Decision

The United Nations voted overwhelmingly Thursday to condemn President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, condemning the decision as illegal, destabilizing, and a violation of international law. Ambassador Nikki Haley said the US will put its embassy in Jerusalem regardless of the vote.



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What's on your list today?



Loretta Smith



Deborah Kafoury

Tensions Rise on County Board Smith gaveled down; Kafoury regrets comment

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

When Multnomah County Commission Loretta Smith took aim at a housekeeping measure before the board of commissioners last week she was gaveled down by chair Deborah Kafoury who took offense at Smith's remarks but later had to apologize for making a personal and vulgar attack on Smith's character.

Calling Smith a b**** was a "regrettable comment," Kafoury said in a statement acknowledging her conduct following a heated board meeting exchange Thursday.

Under county commission rules, the panel was considering a resolution to name someone to serve in Kafoury's absence if she were to ever leave office unexpectedly or was otherwise unable to serve. Former County Chair Bev Stein was Kafoury's previous alternate but was no longer eligible because she recently moved out of the county. The chair wanted to name the county's chief operating officer Marissa Madrigal as the new alternate. Madrigal had served in the post on an interim basis in 2013 when former County Chair Jeff Cogen left under an ethics cloud.

But Smith, the only member of the African Amer-

ican community serving on the commission, questioned whether Madrigal could be impartial. She raised issues of institutional racism at the county level, saying claims made after last summer's firing of former health department official Tricia Tillman and other complaints involving racism and county employees await investigation and a determination if Madrigal and Kafoury share any blame or responsibility as the county's top managers.

"Instead of allowing my concerns to be heard and my questions answered, the chair interrupted and spoke over me several times. After she gaveled out, over my objections, she took this overly hostile behavior to another level," Smith said in a statement. "This is not how we should be conducting business in Multnomah County."

Kafoury, in her statement, admitted it was "unprofessional and unbecoming" for her to express her feelings in the way she did, but faced with Smith's accusations, felt the responsibility to defend county staff.

"I was deeply offended by her egregious accusations which led to a regrettable comment," Kafoury said.



TriMet Free on New Year's Eve

An offer of free rides on TriMet for New Year's Eve encourages revelers to celebrate safely by not drinking and driving and using public transit.

Beginning at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31, TriMet services will be free for the evening.

Buses and MAX Blue, Green, Orange and Yellow lines will run on Sunday schedules, with extended late-night MAX service running approximately every 30 minutes until about 3 a.m. Rides on Portland Streetcar will also be free through 10:30 p.m.

Portland Observer Yearⁱⁿ Review

Looking back at top stories of 2017



Resistance

Jan. 25 – With some contentious standoffs between demonstrators and Portland police, tens of thousands join a broad coalition of civil rights and progressive groups to resist the newly installed Trump administration by spilling onto the streets for a weekend of protests and discontent.

Our Contaminated Harbor

March 8 – The community gets an update on plans to cleanup 11 miles of contaminated waters and shoreline along the Willamette River. The Portland Harbor Superfund site addresses a century of toxic dumping and unhealthy wildlife.



Resilience and Triumph

Feb. 8 – The Billy Webb Elks Lodge, a historic center of Portland's black community, embarks on a membership drive to bring new life to the longtime community space that was born from Portland's segregated past and is a key social landmark today.



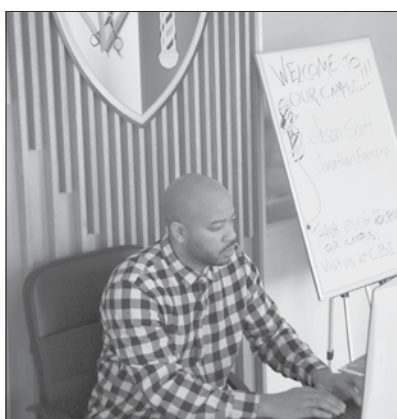
'I Marched in Selma'

Feb. 22 – Celebrating Black History Month, J.J. Moore, longtime owner of Affordable JJ Lock and Key in northeast Portland, recalls the beatings and arrests he faced when he participating in the historical Selma to Montgomery marches 52 years ago.



Best in State

March 15 – Jefferson High School celebrates winning a state basketball championship, the ninth in school history, after a 70-67 win against Clackamas High School.



Growing the Brand

March 22 – Jamaal Lane, a long time barber and founder of Champions Barbershop grows his brand by opening Champions Barbering Institute, a vocational school for training barbers at 424 N.E. Killingsworth St.



Priced Out

April 12 – As rental and housing prices continue to rise, Portland's black community is being hit hard in the struggle to stay housed. "When it rains for Americans, it's pouring for black Americans," said Denetta Monk, housing specialist with the Urban League of Portland.



Mayor on the Issues

April 26 – New Mayor Ted Wheeler lays out his vision on housing affordability, police reform and other topics during a visit to the offices of the Portland Observer, Oregon's longest serving minority publication.

Reo's Ribs Up in Flames

May 10 – Reo's Ribs is boarded up after an overnight fire guts the landmark building at Northeast 42nd and Sandy Boulevard. African-American business owner Reo Varnado speculated that the fire, started outside the building, could have been racially motivated.





Foster Provider Charged

May 17 – Mary Holden Ayala, the former director of a foster home that served many children of color over the years, is charged with the theft of monies intended to support foster care services. The Rodney Avenue home was purchased by the neighborhood to keep it from being demolished.



Healing from the Trauma

June 7 – Rev. Jesse Jackson visits with local government officials and church leaders to help Portland heal after a double murder on public transit committed by a man making racist and anti-Muslim taunts.



Good in the Hood Threats

June 14 – Good in the Hood organizer Shawn Penney did not let racial and violent threats stop him or his community when the multicultural Good in the Hood Festival received a letter warning of a blood bath. Refusing to buckle to fear and intimidation, the annual festival went on with increased security, added support and no incidents.



Deadly Blast Levels House

July 26 – A drug making operation is blamed for causing an explosion that completely flattened a house on North Kerby across from Peninsula Park, killing two people at the home, causing extensive damage to surrounding homes and sending glass shards and other debris across the street and into the park.



Police Chief Named

Aug. 9 – Danielle Outlaw, an experienced assistant police chief from Oakland, Calif., becomes Portland's new police chief and the first black woman to lead the bureau.



The Great Solar Eclipse

Aug. 23 – The hustle and bustle of Portland's streets come to a pause as the moon passed over the face of the sun. It was an amazing sight to view a nearly complete solar eclipse and for folks who traveled just south of the city, a total eclipse.



Health Matters

Sept. 27 – Volunteers from congregations of all faiths sign up to help Worship in Pink, a Susan B. Koman public service campaign to help with breast cancer awareness in the African American community.



Trauma and Justice

Oct. 11 – Parole and probation caseworkers in Multnomah County begin using trauma-informed practices to help rehabilitate people, recognizing how long term stress from racism and poverty can adversely affect the development of the brain.



Albina Visionaries

Nov. 8 – Community advocates Zari Santer and Michael Alexander grow momentum for a plan to remake the Rose Quarter district into a fully functioning neighborhood, embracing and rebuilding its diverse past and a landscape that can accommodate much more than its two sports and entertainment venues.

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Brienna Fultz has been struggling with homelessness for about three years and in previous years relied on staying with friends or sleeping in her car to avoid the cold. This is her first winter in a tent.

Surviving Together

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Brienna Fultz, a Portland woman who has been struggling with homelessness for about three years, told the Portland Observer that this is the first winter spent in a tent. In previous years she stayed in her car or with a friend.

"With as many homeless as there are, it's really hard to find places where we can actually stay," Fultz said.

Last February, there was an estimated 4,000 homeless people in Multnomah County, a 10 percent increase from two years ago. The camp I spoke to represents just a small portion of the over 1,600 homeless people who went without shelter at the time of the count. Nearly 30 percent of them were women.

"It's hard during the winter, you know, to keep moving and trying to figure out 'okay, where are we going to go?'" Fultz said.

"It's been cold... everything about it is hard," said another woman, who is called Bug.

As the camp mom, Lex said

she has broken up fights, provided spare dry clothes for older or sick members of the group, cooks camp meals when there's enough food to go around, and provides emotional support.

"Most of us are out here because our families have abandoned us and we don't have family [...] we're more of a community than most families because we look out for each other. We may not like each other, but we love each other," she said.

Alta Willman, 54, is thankful for Lex and the other camp members who took notice when she had an infection on her neck that was left untreated for days. Her companions urged her to go to the hospital.

"Had these ladies not cared and loved about me as a human being, 'cause I had gotten bit in the neck by a spider (choking up) had they not pushed me to go, I wouldn't be here. The doctor said if I would've waited another four to six hours, I'd be dead," Willman said.

As the women look after each other, it's a vivid contrast "to the

many more people that are looking down on us," Lex said. "We have people drive by everyday honking at us, throwing shit at us, calling us garbage. And heaven forbid one of their family members ever becomes homeless."

"You know, we all have feelings," Lex added. "We don't need people to feel sorry for us. We don't need people to pity us. If they want to help, we need water, garbage [removal], bathrooms. The rest of it we pretty much take care of on our own."

As frigid temperatures hit the Portland area in recent weeks, with ice and snow being the latest ordeal to overcome during the long Christmas holiday weekend, shelters were opening in response.

Responding to the city's homeless emergency, officials continue to step up to reach people in risk. Anyone who is suffering from conditions such as hypothermia or inhaling carbon monoxide from burning fuels is urged to call 211 to get emergency transportation to a warming center or shelter. Those who are interested in donating or volunteering can go also call 211 or visit 211info.org for information or make donations.

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Kwanzaa is a yearly festival celebrating family, community and culture.

Kwanzaa Events Fill Calendar

Community events for the week long celebration of Kwanzaa, a celebration honoring African heritage in African-American culture, will continue this week in Portland.

You're invited to engage with neighbors, family and friends during a candle lighting ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 28 at the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook St. Scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the celebration will include dancing and food and is sponsored by the Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland.

On Friday, Dec. 29, the Umoja Center, 4951 N.E. 17th Ave., hosts a special Kwanzaa event from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nkenge Harmon Johnson of the Urban League of Portland will talk on the importance of cultural traditions. There will be music by Yugen Rashad and Paul Knauls Sr. will be honored as special guest.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, the North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St., will hold a Kwanzaa Family Celebration from 10:30

a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be a storytime, candle lighting with Joyce Harris and family crafts. Light refreshments will be provided.



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Community Honor



Mark Washington

Emmanuel Temple invites the public to join them as they honor Mark Washington and his work in the community as publisher of the Portland Observer, Oregon's oldest minority publication.

The recognition will come during a special ceremony at the church, located at 1033 N. Sumner St., on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 11 a.m.

Obituary

In Loving Memory Gracie Gage

Gracie Gage was born on Sept. 17th 1958, in Hartford, Conn. to Gracie and Alfred Gage. Her father considered her so precious that he called her "The Princess," a nickname she wore proudly throughout her life.

She was 2 years old when her mom and siblings moved to Portland, where she would go on to graduate from Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary and Jefferson High school. Her school friendships were lasting and many remained as "best friends" throughout her life.

She had a natural talent for art. Her creative abilities were often expressed through her love of fashion. She would find fashion materials and ideas at the "Goodwill" where she would take items and redesign them. She once said she wanted to star in a Goodwill fashion reality show and bring on folks for a role who treated her really nice.

She possessed an entrepreneurial spirit, finding business opportunity in the simplest of endeavors. She maintained a small business that produced business cards, greeting cards and letter head. She was able to hire a part-time person to work with her, which she referred to as her staff.

She spent a number of years working in the field of addiction recovery. In the early 2000's she went to work for Central City Concern, where she started as an entry level care facilitator and worked her way become a manager of care facilitators.

Her upbeat and contagious personality touched all that knew her. To know Princess was to know optimism, joy and laughter. Though she had no biological children of her own, she had an incredible sense of "mother's intuition" and would take care of most children that she met as though they were her own.

She spent the final year of her life close to family, doing what she had come to love more than anything, watching old movies and creating fashion ideas. She will be remembered for her incredible heart, wonderful sense of humor and love of her family.

She was preceded in death by her mother Gracie Knapper, step father Willie Knapper, biological father Alfred Gage, and sister Ethel Lou Hudson. She is survived by her brothers Johnnie Alfred Gage and Johnnie Will Gage of Portland, sisters LaJoyce Polk of Atlanta; and Alfreda Richard, Arvette Davis and Dorothy Richardson, all of Portland; aunt Sarah Warren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of relatives and friends.

Services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. at University Park Baptist Church, 4340 N. Lombard St.



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Under guided tour, area residents participate in a free First Day Hike led by Oregon Parks and Recreation at Tyron Creek State Natural Area in southwest Portland.

First Day Hikes Set for Jan. 1

First Day Hikes, a New Year's Day tradition returns to several Oregon state parks, including the Tyron Creek State Natural Area in southwest Portland, on Monday, Jan. 1.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department sponsors the annual event. There will be 24 hikes in 22 Oregon state parks guided

by park rangers or volunteers who will share stories about a park's geology, history, wildlife and plants. Day-use parking fees are waived for all visitors for the event.

Online registration will help park staff plan for the hike and provide them with participant contact information should hike details change. To sign up and get a listing

of the participating parks, visit bit.ly/ParkStoreEvents.

"Bundle up and enjoy your first walk of the year with us," says Lisa Sumption, Oregon Parks and Recreation director. "First Day Hikes are a fun, healthy way to start 2018 and a great way to see that Oregon state parks are great any time of year."

Bowl and Party for New Year's

Grand Central Bowl at 808 S.E. Morrison will be celebrating the New Year and their 10-year anniversary with a weekend of bowling and a casino royale party on New Year's Eve, both events to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland.

Guests can come in and bowl on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30; starting at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. on Saturday. Three dollars from every game of bowling will be donated directly to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland, whose mission is

to empower all young people, especially those who need it most, to discover their full potential as caring, engaged, responsible community members.

The Grand Central celebration continues by ringing in the New Year with a casino royale NYE party hosted by Lo from Live 95.5. Doors open at 9 p.m. for guests 21+ with two levels of casino games, bowling, drinks and dancing. The night will be completed with a complimentary champagne toast to bring in the New Year.



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A holiday social to help the historic Allen Temple CME church raise donations to rebuild after a 2015 fire draws members of the church's Honorary Capital Campaign. Rev. LeRoy Haynes (second from left) shows one of the legacy bricks that are being sold to raise additional contributions.

Stabilizing Our Community

Legacy bricks raise capital for Allen Temple rebuild

"Stabilizing Our Community: Restore The Historic Allen Temple CME Church" is the theme for a legacy brick campaign to raise donations to help pay for the rebuild-

ing of a 100 year old church with historic ties to the African American community.

Located at Northeast Eighth Avenue and Skidmore Street, Allen Temple sustained major damage from an electrical fire in 2015 and now is ready to start its remodel following deconstruction.

Maxine Fitzpatrick, executive director of Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI), an affordable housing

provider, is the chair of the Allen Temple Honorary Capital Campaign Committee. She and other committee volunteers are encouraging individuals, family, friends, community and businesses to continue the fundraising momentum by giving a donation or purchasing a church Legacy Brick.

By supporting the rebuilding, you are helping a church that serves as a community resource. Allen Temple has a homeless

assistance program that helps individuals with self-stabilization efforts and provides clothing and other essentials for everyday life. These services include job interview preparation, training programs and housing application assistance. Allen Temple also partners with the Oregon Food Bank to provide meals to struggling community mem-

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Portland's popular hip hop duo Sirens Echo throws a free listening party on New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rebuilding Center, 3625 N. Mississippi Ave.

Sirens Echo Listening Party

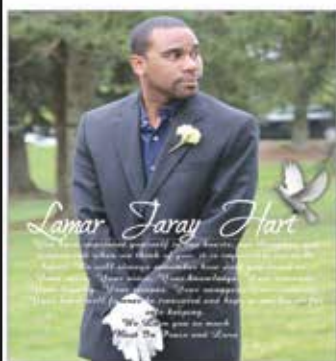
Sirens Echo, the Northwest's favorite hip hop duo, is back with material for a new album and they want their fans to help choose the songs during a special free listening party on New Year's Eve.

The ladies will be hosting the all-ages event on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rebuilding Center at 3625 N. Mississippi Ave.

Old school hip hop attire is

encouraged but not mandatory. You're invited to come check out the live performance and give feedback on the duo's Warrior Women album slated for release this spring.

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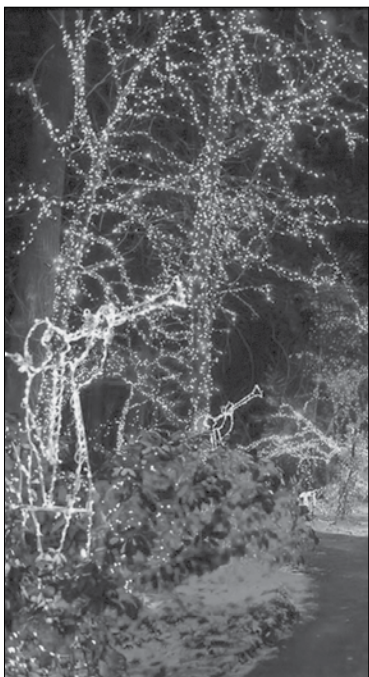
The shy but plucky Babe doesn't seem to know his place in the world, but when he's won at the county fair and is adopted by a barnyard border collie, he discovers he can be anything he wants to be! The NW Film Center screens "Babe" a 1995 adventure film for the whole family, on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum. \$9 general, \$8 students and \$6 for children.

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays on New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31 at Catfish Lou's; Friday, Jan. 5 at Trail's End Saloon in Oregon City; and Saturday, Jan. 6 at Catfish Lou's.



Zoo Lights for the Holidays -- There's still time to be amazed from more than 1.6 million brightly colored lights, an experience you don't want to miss, as Zoo-Lights, the Oregon Zoo popular walk-through winter wonderland, is now showing nightly through New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31 and picking back up for one final weekend of Jan. 5-7. To purchase online tickets, go to oregonzoo.org/zoolights.



Christmas at the Grotto -- Running nightly through Saturday, Dec. 30, the Grotto's Christmas Festival of Lights features beautiful lighting displays, heart-warming family entertainment, and magnificent indoor concerts at the base of Rocky Butte just off Northeast Sandy Boulevard and 82nd Avenue, highlighting the sights and sounds of the season. For more information, visit thegrotto.org.

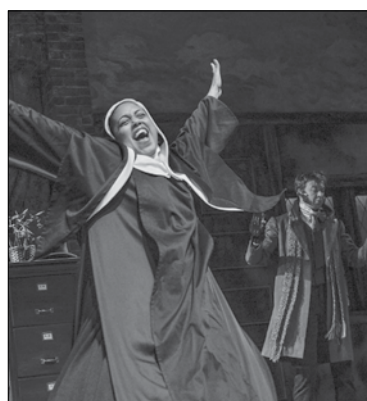
History Hub -- Oregon Historical Society exhibit for young people explores the topic of diversity

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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?"



Whale Watching Week -- Gray whales are migrating south again this winter and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is celebrating with Whale Watching Week, Dec. 27-31. Volunteers from the Whale Watching Spoken Here program will be stationed at 24 sites along the Oregon coast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. A map of the watch sites can be found on whalespoken.wordpress.com.



Twist Your Dickens -- A hilarious hit from comedy giant The Second City has returned to The Armory for another year of holiday jeer: A Christmas Carol: Twist Your Dickens shows through Sunday, Dec. 31 on the U.S. Bank Main Stage at The Armory, downtown. Tickets may be purchased at pcs.org, by calling 503-445-3700 or in-person from the box office, 128 N.W. 11th Ave.

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.

Zoo for All -- The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a new discount program that provides \$5 admission for low income individuals and families. Visitors may purchase up to six of the \$5 tickets by bringing a photo ID and documentation showing they participate in low income service, like the Oregon Trial Card, Medicaid, Section 8, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Head Start.

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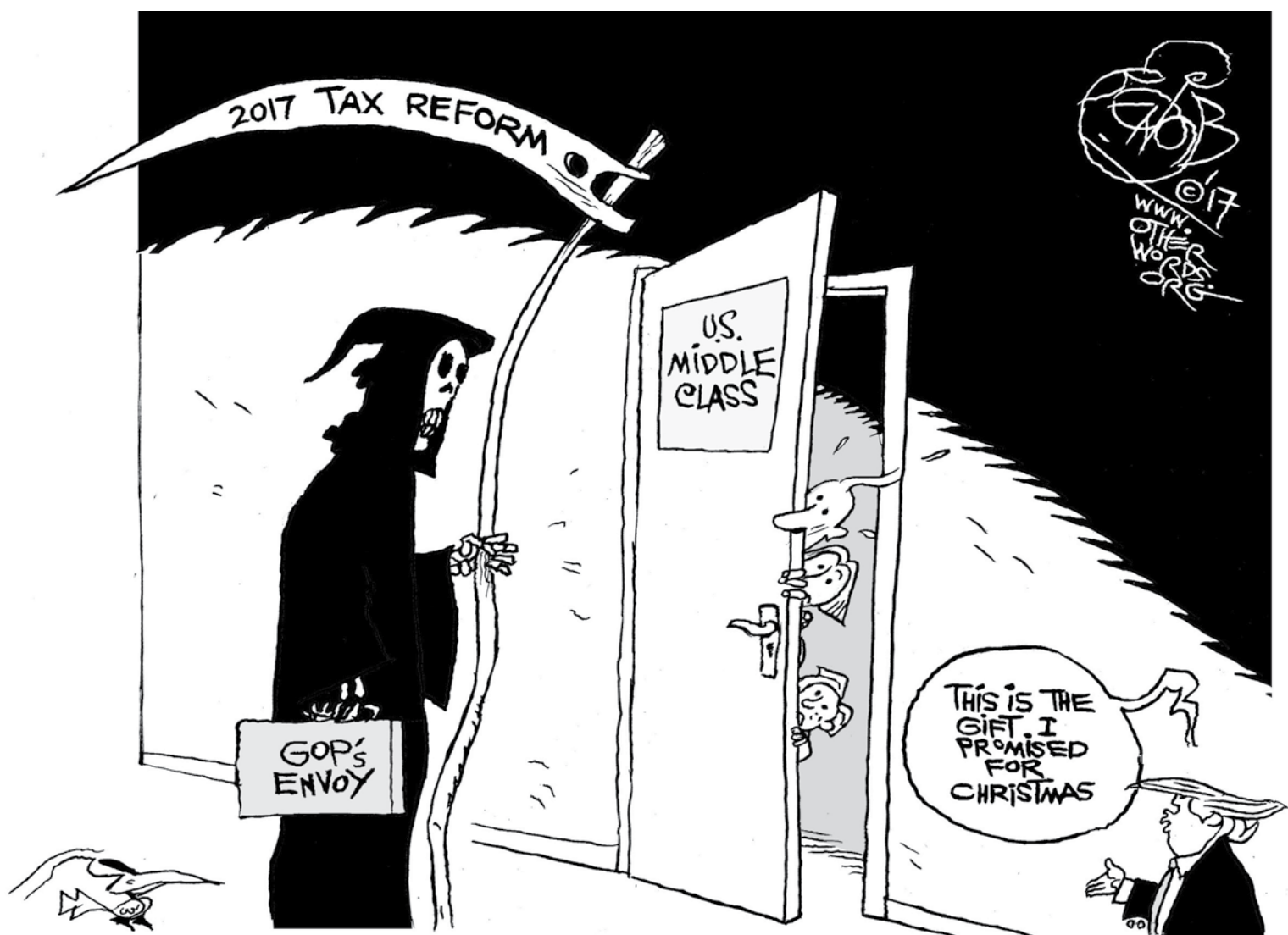
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OPINION



Rewarding the Wealthy and Corporate America Working people lose again

BY LARRY HANLEY

A Nation unable to pay its bills is borrowing to further enrich its billionaires and millionaires with a tax "reform" bill that transfers a massive amount of the nation's wealth from the middle class to the nation's richest individuals and corporations.

Congressional Republicans justify this unprecedented raid on the U.S. treasury with the flat earth claim that big business will

use the windfall to create new jobs that will benefit the entire country.

Making matters worse, under this obscene bill America goes further in debt adding at least \$1.5 trillion to the federal deficit over 10 years.

Not a single hearing was held on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was rushed through Congress without Democratic input, and passed without a single Democratic vote. The bill creates the largest one-time reduction in the corporate tax rate in U.S. history - permanently from 35 to 21 percent - while claiming all

Americans will see tax reductions, which eventually expire.

The other shoe in the GOP tax scheme will drop next year when Republicans are expected to call for deep cuts in Medicare, Social Security, and other social programs that protect America's most vulnerable citizens - cuts they'll say are necessary by the lower federal tax revenues they have just created.

Moreover, the bill will drain the public resources that could have been invested in a bipartisan infrastructure bill. If we see legislation for transit and highways from the Trump Administration

in 2018, it will likely be poisoned with incentives for greedy private consortiums to fleece the American people as they travel around on our decaying roads and railways.

A myriad of other changes in the new law also threaten to increase the tax liability and diminish the standard of living of many working families.

This outrageous and immoral tax legislation has been sold to the American people on the basis of a brazen lie that it will automatically create job and wage growth. Yet corporations and the wealthy will simply pocket the money they don't need so they can buy more private jets and vacation homes while the rest of working and middle class bus drivers, nurses, teachers and their families continue to struggle to provide for their families.

America was the victim of a heist today. The culprits were the world's richest people and corporate America, and behind the wheel of the getaway car sat the Republican Congress. Rest assured they will be held accountable for their grand larceny come Election Day in November 2018.

Larry Hanley is president of Amalgamated Transit Union International.

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OPINION

A Cruel Holiday Gift for Haitian Immigrants

Season is filled with fear and uncertainty

BY JESSICAH PIERRE

Two months after experiencing the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti in January 2010, my dad finally made it back home to Boston. What had started as a holiday vacation turned into weeks of sleeping outside the family home in Haiti, fearful that it would collapse on anyone sleeping inside.

My family members lived that way for weeks, as daily aftershocks kept them reliving the traumatic experience that rattled the country's capital. They never knew whether the next aftershock wouldn't kill them as the quake had killed their neighbors nearby.

This devastating natural disaster took nearly 316,000 lives and displaced 1.5 million Haitians. Many of these victims



sought refuge in the United States — legally, under a classification called Temporary Protective Status.

Now again, in this holiday season — eight years after the quake — they're reliving this fear and uncertainty. The Trump administration has moved to end the program, causing many Haitians to face deportation after July 2019.

For these Haitian immigrants, Temporary Protective Status offered a chance to start fresh and build a new life — an opportunity that's hard to come by in Haiti, a country that's spent decades struggling with widespread poverty.

Widespread poverty that the U.S. has contributed to both economically and politically.

See, the U.S. has a long history with Haiti, dating back to the early 1800s when Haiti defeated France in the world's first successful slave rebellion, leading Haiti to become the first independent black nation.

While black people around the world celebrate this moment in history, this vic-

tory didn't come without costs.

After the 1804 revolution, France found a way to gain economic control of Haiti, forcing the new country to pay back 150 million francs for the enslaved Haitians that were freed after the war.

In order to pay this debt, Haiti was forced to take out a major loan from the young U.S., which didn't recognize Haiti for another 60 years. This debt wasn't paid off till 1947, at a current value of over \$20 billion.

Haiti's economic dependency on the U.S. didn't end there, though. From 1957 to 1986, Haiti's government was run by two U.S.-backed dictators, "Papa Doc" and "Baby Doc" Duvalier.

"Duvalier stole millions from Haiti and ran up hundreds of millions in debt that Haiti still owes. Ten thousand Haitians lost their lives," longtime Haiti human rights advocate Bill Quigley explained in the Huffington Post. "Estimates say that Haiti owes \$1.3 billion in external debt and that 40 percent of that debt was run up by the U.S.-backed Duvaliers."

Although this era had a ripple effect of negative consequences that the people of Haiti still face, the U.S. continues to play a big role in Haitian economics and politics, including efforts to rebuild the nation after the earthquake.

But instead of using relief funds to provide some much needed assistance to the country, the Red Cross used half a billion dollars to build just six permanent homes in Haiti.

Now, the Trump administration's decision to terminate Temporary Protective Status will force up to 60,000 Haitians back to a country that's still facing food shortages, widespread homelessness, and lack of access to schools and medical facilities to say the least.

This isn't only wrong — it's inhumane. The U.S. should use this as an opportunity to reverse the damage it's done to Haiti.

Jessica Pierre is the inequality media specialist at the Institute for Policy Studies. Distributed by Otherwords.org.

A Year that Awakened and Energized America

We cannot and must not lose our momentum

BY MARC H. MORIAL

"You see, we may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated. It may even be necessary to encounter the defeat, so that we can know who we are," — Dr. Maya Angelou, American author and civil rights activist.



Without any fear of exaggeration, it can be said, and has been—repeatedly—that the final result of the 2016 presidential election came as a devastating blow to many Americans. The numbers bear out this truth. Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by nearly three million votes, but in the end, failed to secure the win.

So as the reality of an American future under Trump began to sink in, many anticipated the worst and lost hope. But as this year comes to a close, it occurred to me that the election outcome has awakened and energized millions of Americans.

Each unprecedented challenge to everything from immigration policy to the freedom and relevancy of the press, has nurtured a common sense of purpose among Americans from all walks of life. From sea to shining sea, those committed to building and sustaining a better and

more equitable America, conclusively demonstrate an often-repeated truth: democracy is no spectator sport.

To be clear, there was never—and never will be—a right time to sit and watch from the comfort of the sidelines.

A democracy deprived of the active, vocal and voting engagement of its citizens is a democracy in name only. Rather than stand by complacently as the current administration volleys direct assaults on our nation's most vulnerable and attempts to wipe out the incremental civil

Roem became the first openly transgender person to be elected to the state's legislature; and Justin Fairfax won the lieutenant governor's race, becoming the second African American to win the post.

And there are more victories where those came from. Black women—who are substantially showing up and showing out at the polls—are also getting elected into many of these offices. African American women stand at the helm of the cities of Charlotte, Atlanta, New Orleans, and more, as their mayors. And

gathered at airports around the country to protest the ban's obvious unfairness, and courts of law continue to legally challenge the ban. Today, the third iteration of the ban has been allowed to go into effect by the Supreme Court, but the legal challenges remain alive and well.

We cannot—and must not—lose our momentum.

The National Urban League will remain at the forefront of the battle to protect our hard-fought-for rights and progress. Especially now, when the all-out

“Doug Jones’s recent win in deep-red Alabama will send to Congress the state’s first senator elected by a multi-racial coalition.”

and economic and social gains we have made with the casual stroke of a heartlessly wielded pen or the decrees of uninstructed policies, we have traded hopelessness for the engagement, despair for activism, and defeat for victory.

The results speak for themselves. Doug Jones's recent win in deep-red Alabama will send to Congress the state's first senator elected by a multi-racial coalition. Voters of color also were largely responsible for Ralph Northam's victory in the Virginia governor's race; Danica

the wins don't stop at the ballot box.

Despite the best and dogged efforts of Congress and the president, everyday Americans, enraged that their healthcare would be taken away or used as bargaining chip to make the math work for the GOP's tax reform bill, rallied, flooded phone lines and protested in congressional offices to keep the Trump administration from dismantling the Affordable Care Act.

Trump's travel bans consistently met with immediate resistance. Thousands

assault on American ideals and values is the norm, you can become a key part of our mission-driven work by getting involved, volunteering, or supporting our movement.

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

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2:00 p.m. January 8, 2018

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Metro is seeking proposals for support and advice on regional housing measure framework development and support and advice on housing bonds implementation planning.

Metro anticipates awarding several on-call contracts with firms or individuals with different specializations.

Sealed submissions are due no later than **2:00 p.m. January 8, 2018** in Metro's business offices at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, Attention: Julie Hoffman, Procurement Analyst, RFP 3452.

Solicitation documents can be viewed and downloaded from the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) at <http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dtl/>.

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DOB: 11/30/2017, by and through : Case No. 17-A-39
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

To: Darius Allen, the named biological father of a Child born November 30, 2017, in Fulton County, Georgia

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Terminate Your Parental Rights has been filed in the above-styled Court by An Open Door Adoption Agency, Inc. through its attorneys.

The mother of the child has surrendered her rights to the child to the Petitioner, An Open Door Adoption Agency, Inc., and the Petitioner intends to place the child for adoption.

Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 19-8-10, 19-8-11, 19-8-12 and other pertinent laws, you are advised that you will lose all parental rights to this child, and you will neither receive notice of nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child, unless, within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice, you file a Petition to Legitimate the Child, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 19-7-22 and give notice in writing of such Petition to this Court and to the attorney listed below. You must prosecute the action to final judgment. You are further advised that if you intend to object to this Petition, you must file an Answer to the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights within thirty (30) days in the Superior Court of Thomas County, Georgia. You are urged to immediately retain legal counsel to assist you in this matter.

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Dated this 20th day of December 2017.
 SILVIS, AMBROSE, LINDQUIST & COCH, P.C.
 ATTORNEYS FOR AN OPEN DOOR ADOPTION AGENCY, INC.

Exhibit A

Yearⁱⁿ Review

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Help Moves East

Nov. 22 – The increasingly impoverished populations of east Portland get some relief as the Sunshine Division, a nonprofit dedicated to food and clothing services opens a second location near Southeast 122nd and Stark.



A Rhodes Scholar

Dec. 6 – J.T. Flowers, a 24-year-old black student who went to Lincoln High School and grew up in the heart of Portland's historic African American community, is awarded one of the most celebrated academic scholarship in the world, a Rhodes fellowship to study at Oxford University in England.



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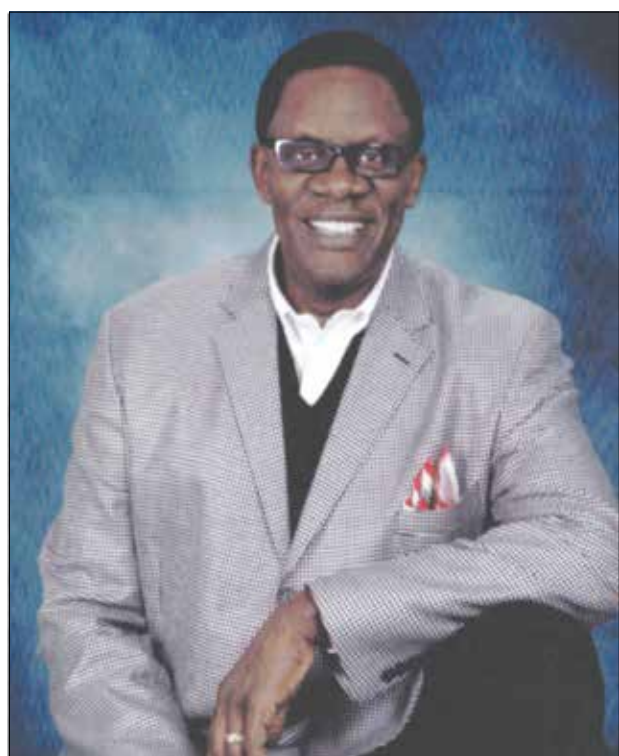
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MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

<p>11</p> <p>National Noodle Ring Day UNICEF Anniversary Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock (1620)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Hanukkah Begins at Sundown Poinsettia Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>National Cocoa Day Susan B. Anthony dollar coined in 1970</p>	<p>14</p> <p>First Miniature Golf Course Opened, 1929 South Pole Discovered in 1911</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bill of Rights Day Underdog Day David McCord born, 1897</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Beethoven's Birthday (1770) Boston Tea Party Anniversary (1773) Las Posadas</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Ludwig van Beethoven baptised (1770) Wright Brother's First Flight (1903)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>● Wear a Plunger On Your Head Day Baseball great Ty Cobb born, 1886</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Eve Bunting born, 1928 Oatmeal Muffin Day Dickens' A Christmas Carol published, 1843</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Games Day Electric Light demonstrated in 1879</p>	<p>21</p> <p>First Day of Winter Humbug Day Look at the Bright Side Day National Flashlight Day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>First Christmas Lights sold in 1882 Mercury Thermometer Invented in 1714</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Roots Day Federal Reserve System established (1913)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve National Egg Nog Day Apollo 8 reached the moon (1968)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Christmas National Pumpkin Pie Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>☾ Boxing Day Kwanzaa Begins National Whiners Day</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Visit the Zoo Day World Bank created (1945)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Card Playing Day National Chocolate Day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Texas became the 28th state (1845)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Tiger Woods born, 1975 Author Rudyard Kipling born, 1865</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve Artist Henri Matisse born, 1869</p>



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FOOD Sautéed Greens, Smoked Turkey, and Provolone Panini

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 5 ounces chopped kale
- 2 tablespoons water
- 4 ounces thinly sliced reduced-fat provolone cheese
- 8 (3/4-ounce) slices ciabatta bread

- 4 ounces thinly sliced smoked turkey breast
- Cooking spray



Directions:

1. Heat a large cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add oil to pan; swirl to coat. Add red pepper and garlic, and cook 1 minute, stirring frequently. Add kale and 2 tablespoons water; cook 4 minutes or until kale wilts, stirring occasionally.
2. Divide half of cheese evenly among 4 bread slices. Top evenly with smoked turkey and kale mixture. Top evenly with remaining half of cheese and remaining bread slices.
3. Heat a grill pan over medium-high heat. Lightly coat both sides of sandwiches with cooking spray. Arrange sandwiches in pan. Place cast-iron skillet on top of sandwiches; press gently to flatten. Cook sandwiches 2 minutes on each side or until cheese melts and bread is toasted (leave skillet on sandwiches while they cook). Cut each sandwich in half.



Baked Kale Chips

Ingredients:

- 1 bunch kale
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

Directions:

1. Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line a non-insulated cookie sheet with parchment paper.
2. With a knife or kitchen shears carefully remove the leaves from the thick stems and tear into bite size pieces. Wash and thoroughly dry kale with a salad spinner.
3. Drizzle kale with olive oil and sprinkle with seasoning salt.
4. Bake until the edges brown but are not burnt, 10 to 15 minutes.

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