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Loretta Smith vows to make progress for underrepresented groups in her campaign for Portland City Council, wanting to direct more resources to aid homelessness and housing, and calling for the city to do a better job of increasing economic opportunities for people of color.



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Historic Midterm

Women, people of color surface as top candidates

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

As citizens cast their votes in the next two weeks on official ballots that have already hit mailboxes for the May 15 Primary election, they will consider a diversity of candidates for what is shaping up to be a historic contest of city and county positions, particularly for women and people of color.

Following a trend nationwide, more females and other politically underrepresented groups are running for prominent political seats in local, state, and national elections this year.

All of the candidates in the Multnomah County Commission, District Two race are people of color and some of the top candidates that are running for Portland City Council are women of color, a position of power not ever held by that demographic in the city's 167 year history.

Hot topic issues like police and justice

reform, systemic inequity against people of color, a desire for improved mental health services, affordable housing, and humane approaches to homelessness appear as the main drivers of interest for those seeking office this year.

Jo Ann Hardesty, who is running for Dan Saltzman's seat on Portland City Council, said she became resolved to run when she attempted to testify on a police union contract negotiation in October 2016. Under then Mayor Charlie Hales, she could not enter City Hall due to it being barricaded by riot police. Hardesty's lawyer told her the barricades could have been dissolved if somebody on city council opposed it.

"That was the day I knew we had the wrong people on Portland City Council," Hardesty told the Portland Observer.

Last year, Hardesty had a meeting with Saltzman, and let him know she would be starting a campaign for his seat. The incumbent announced he would not be run-

ning for a sixth term soon after and will step down when his term ends in January.

Hardesty, the former President of NAACP Portland chapter has been a longtime local activist and former member of the Oregon House of Representatives. She said she's running for City Council on four issues: Increasing citizens' access to local government proceedings, housing and homelessness, green jobs, and police accountability.

Another top candidate for that same seat is Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith, who boasts eight years of experience as the county's second ever African American commissioner. She also has over 20 years of experience as an assistant under U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

Smith vows to continue priorities to make progress for underrepresented groups in Portland, the motivation she said inspired her campaign. She wants to direct more resources to aid homelessness and

housing, and calls for the city to do a better job of increasing economic opportunities for people of color.

"I've spent a lot of time protecting our seniors and supporting our youth. And also making sure that we direct funding to homelessness and housing," Smith told the Portland Observer.

Although Smith's campaign was fined twice by the Oregon's Secretary of State's office for violating election laws, once for asking county staff to work at a political event and another time for not updating financial records, she and others have questioned whether the scrutiny was a distraction from more important issues.

A mayoral candidate from two years ago, for example, Jules Bailey, a white man, announced his candidacy while still serving as a county commissioner, just as Smith had, but received little scrutiny at

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Cosby's Spectacular Downfall

Actor could face final years in prison

(AP) — Bill Cosby was convicted Thursday of drugging and molesting a woman, a spectacular late-life downfall of a comedian who broke racial barriers in Hollywood on his way to TV superstardom as America's Dad.

Cosby, 80, could end up spending his final years in prison after the jury in Norristown, Pa. concluded he sexually violated Temple University employee Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. He claimed the encounter was consensual.

Cosby listened to the verdict stoically, but moments later lashed out loudly at District Attorney Kevin Steele after the prosecutor asked that Cosby be immediately



Bill Cosby arrives at the courthouse prior to being found guilty of sexual assault. (AP photo)

jailed because he might flee. The judge decided Cosby can remain free on bail while he awaits sentencing.

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The Week in Review

District Settles Harassment Suit

The Portland School Board voted last week to settle a racial harassment case leveled by two black maintenance workers for \$1.4 million after attempts to overturn the award failed. The employees, Charles Morgan and Jason Williams, will each get \$400,000 as payment for an incident in which other workers called them the n-word and a hung a noose in their workplace.

Police Cars Doused with Paint

Early Tuesday morning, 22 Portland Police cars had paint dumped on them in a parking lot at the North Precinct on Northeast Emerson Street. Authorities hope soap and water will clean the cars, the majority of which were assigned to youth services division and not significantly damaged.

Guilty of Child Pornography

A former city employee who police say enticed girls who were underage to send him nude pictures pleaded guilty last week to child pornography charges. Thomas Zachary Rouse, 44, the former tennis program director for Portland Parks and Recreation, is expected to be sentenced to four years in prison.

PSU Tuition Increase

A tuition spike of nearly 4 percent for full-time residential undergraduates of Portland

State University was approved by the college's board of trustees last week. A larger increase of five percent had been scheduled for a vote by the board on April 12, but was postponed after students threatened to strike.

Korean Leaders Meet for Peace

North and South Korean leaders met Friday to pursue negotiations with the United States to officially end the Korean War and remove all nuclear weapons from the Korean Peninsula. The historic summit marked the first time a leader of North Korea entered the South and is the first step in a peace treaty the two leaders vow to negotiate to replace a 60-year-old truce.



Shot Investigating Break In

A man confronting someone trying to break into a shed early Monday morning behind the El Burrio Loco restaurant on Northeast 82nd Avenue was shot by the suspect who then fled, according to police. The victim was taken to a Portland hospital in serious condition.

Sentenced for Killing Bicyclist

A 76-year-old man from Gresham who police said challenged other motorists to a race and then drove his speeding vehicle into a 21-year-old bicyclist, killing Robert Esparza, 21, was handed a two year prison term Monday. The driver, Alex Jacoby was travelling at 80 miles per hour just prior to the fatal crash, police said.

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What's on your list today?

Support for Housing, Police Mayor sets priorities with new budget

Mayor Ted Wheeler announced his proposed general fund budget of \$553 million Monday, which included increased monies for homeless services, affordable housing, police officers, and new small business support.

With the backing of Portland Business Alliance, Wheeler has proposed an increase in the city's Business License Tax rate from 2.2 percent to 2.6 percent, which would add an estimated \$15.3 million to the annual budget. Also proposed was an expanded tax exemption for small business owners to lighten their tax obligation.

The proposed budget includes \$31.2 million to the Joint Office Homelessness services, a record breaking amount and 10 percent increase from last year, as well as funding for current and future affordable housing units being constructed.

"We understand that together we can do more to help people experiencing homelessness fund the shelter and services they need to get off the street, and that the ultimate goal is to move people out of shelters and into housing," Wheeler said in a press release Monday.

The proposed budget would authorize the Portland Police Bureau to hire 52 additional officers and enhance the Behavioral Health Unit of the bureau, among other measures.

Wheeler cited a need for public safety officers to shorten response times for 911 calls, decrease an over reliance on police overtime, police officer fatigue, and a need to pivot to a more community-centered policing model.

Adding more revenue to the police budget was praised Monday by Portland Police Association



Mayor Ted Wheeler

President Daryl Turner, who called it a "move in the right direction." But the activist group Critical Resistance rejected the plan, saying it would be better to "divert funding away from policing and into community resources," like mental health and housing.

In a statement released Tuesday, Critical Resistance said it will convene with other advocacy groups, like Care Not Cops and Don't Shoot Portland Saturday at Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church in northeast Portland to discuss community safety needs.

The proposed city budget will be decided later this spring after a public comment period and consideration and approval by the entire city council.

Hip Hop Day Founder Dies

Idris 'Starchile' O'Ferrall
was visionary rapper

Beloved hip-hop performer, promoter, and one of the founding planners of Portland's Hip-Hop Day, Idris O'Ferrall, who went by the stage name "Starchile," died Thursday at the age of 42 from complications of central nervous system lymphoma, a cancer that was diagnosed last month, O'Ferrall's father said on a Facebook post.

Born and raised in Portland, O'Ferrall began rapping in the 90s as a Wilson High School student and went on to run his record label, host TV and radio shows, and then became a concert promoter and emcee.

Hel teamed up with the Trail Blazers' DJ O.G. One to organize Portland's first Hip Hop day at City Hall in 2015 to build bridges between musicians, fans, and community leaders in a city that has faced criticism for excessive police presence at hip-hop concerts in years past, according to an independent police review from 2014.

In the past two years, O'Farrell was also known to help keep the culture of hip-hop alive by hosting a long-running showcase of talented local performers in the genre, Mic Check at White Eagle Saloon in north Portland, an area hit especially hard by gen-



Idris "Starchile" O'Ferrall

trification.

The Twitter account @MicCheck_PDX found many members of the hip-hop community mourning O'Farrell's passing.

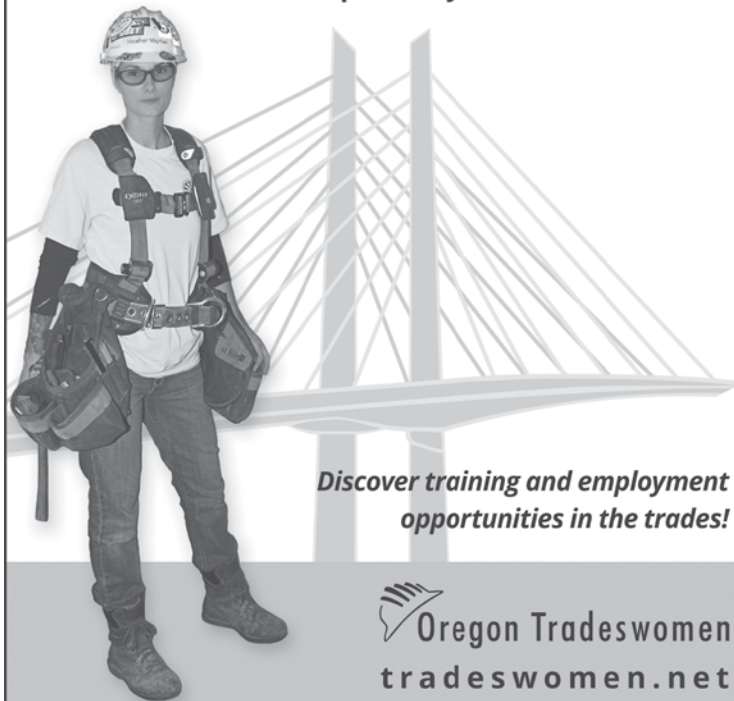
"Today we mourn the loss of our friend @StarChile The visionary mind behind Mic Check. We are so grateful for the time we've had together & look forward to celebrating your life and legacy. Rest In Peace."

A Go Fund Me crowdfunding campaign, "Medical Support For Starchile" was started to help his family deal with the high medical costs his illness has accrued.

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A bronze statue called "Raise Up" is part of the display at the new National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Ala. a new memorial to honor thousands of people killed in lynchings. (AP photo)

Tears and Grief at Lynching Memorial

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(AP) -- Tears and expressions of grief met the opening of the nation's first memorial to the victims of lynching Thursday in Alabama.

Hundreds lined up in the rain to get a first look at the memorial and museum in Montgomery.

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice commemorates 4,400 black people who were slain in lynchings and other racial killings between 1877 and 1950. Their names, where known, are engraved on 800 dark, rectangular steel columns, one for each U.S. county where lynchings occurred.

Many visitors shed tears and stared intently at the commemorative columns, many of which are suspended in the air from above.

Toni Battle drove from San Francisco to attend. "I'm a descendant of three lynching victims," Battle said, her face wet with tears. "I wanted to come and honor them and also those in my family that couldn't be here."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, a long-time civil rights activist, told reporters after visiting the memorial that it would help to dispel America's silence on lynching.

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the time. Bailey later defended Smith on social media.

"Wasn't an issue when I ran but people are attacking @LorettaSmithPPDX now. Double Standard? The race should be about issues," Bailey tweeted in December.

Smith said her top priorities if elected would be to push for more affordable housing, assisting the poor, and continuing funding for a summer job programs she started for local youth to help kids of color and other disadvantaged populations.

She also wants to give more attention to the populous in outer east Portland, a group that makes up a higher proportion of low income people and people of color than the citywide average.

Andrea Valderrama, another diverse candidate who is of Peruvian descent, joined the election race in October. A former staffer of former Commissioner Steve Novick and current advisor to Mayor Ted Wheeler, she is also a member of the David Douglas School Board. The school district serves a 12 square mile perimeter in southeast Portland east of I-205, where Valderrama has worked on resolutions to make local schools more inclusive and welcoming for immigrants, and expand students' access to contraception.

Sharon Maxwell, a successful construction business owner of over 25 years, is one of the four candidates of color running to take Smith's seat on the Multnomah County Commission where term limits prevent Smith from running again.

The District 2 post represents people from 34 neighborhoods in north and northeast Portland, extending to the northernmost parts of north Portland in St. Johns to as

far east as 185th Avenue.

Among the many issues Maxwell plans to tackle if elected are the auditing of services like mental health, public safety, and public health to ensure that crisis prevention is taking place.

Maxwell also cited economic stability and affordable housing for families as top priorities.

"My approach as commissioner will be to make sure that we're focusing on stabilizing and strengthening our families because we'll put the vestment up front that's focused on prevention. Wanting to make sure that first of all our families are economically stable and sustainable; that parents have the ability to get into employment opportunities that will provide them with the financial stability," she told the Portland Observer.

Maxwell previously ran for city council in 2014 but lost to incumbent Nick Fish. She holds two bachelor's degrees, a master's in business administration, and started two non-profits in the 2000s—one was a transitional and emergency housing shelter for the homeless, and another connected youth to environmentally friendly jobs.

Maxwell is running against Susheela Jayapal, an activist and former Adidas America general counsel; Maria Garcia, a small business owner of a coffee shop in southwest Portland and endorsed by activist group Women's March on Portland; and Bruce Broussard, a public access TV talk show host and former restaurant manager who has ran half a dozen times for multiple posts in the past two decades. All candidates for the seat are people of color.

Diversity consultant D. Bora Harris also appears on ballots this year as a candidate for Multnomah County Chair, looking to unseat current chair Deborah Kafoury.

Harris told the Portland Observer that she's running on a campaign to thwart institutional racism and improve county employees' working conditions.

Citing public spats that have occurred among the county chair and commissioners in the past, Harris advocates for setting aside differences to get things done and listening to what the people's needs are.

"The commissioners and chairs appear to have personal issues among themselves and when you're so focused on your personal issues and disagreements, you're losing sight of the needs of the community, the elderly, the children, the homeless, affordable housing," Harris said.

If she wins, she'd be the first African American woman to serve as county chair in 25 years since Gladys McCoy first served in the 1980s.

The outstanding number of female people of color running for local elections follows in a nationwide trend of underrepresented groups putting their hats in the political ring this year.

A record breaking number of women have registered as candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives in the midterms this year, according to data from Rut-

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Cosby's Spectacular Downfall

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The verdict came after a two-week retrial in which prosecutors put five other women on the stand who testified that Cosby, married for 54 years, drugged and violated them, too. One of those women asked him through her tears, "You remember, don't you, Mr. Cosby?"

The panel of seven men and five women reached a verdict af-

ter deliberating 14 hours over two days, vindicating prosecutors' decision to retry Cosby after his first trial ended with a hung jury less than a year ago.

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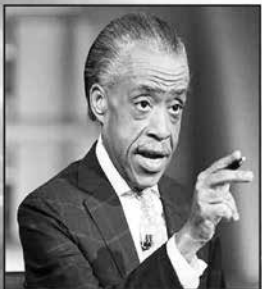


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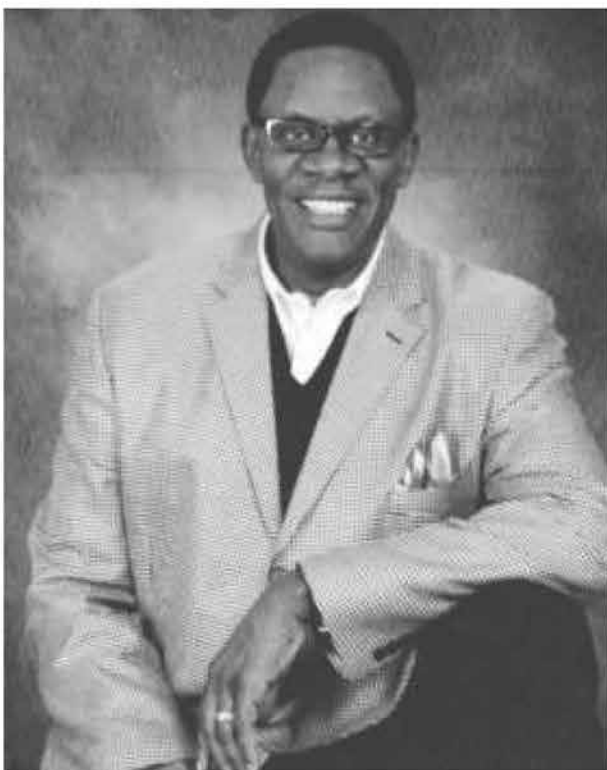
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Cinco de Mayo Weekend Fun

Enjoy live entertainment, authentic foods, carnival rides, family fun, and much more at Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, the largest multicultural festival in the state, opening Friday, May 4 and continuing through Sunday, May 6 at Waterfront Park, downtown.

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Kiel Moton and Conrad Kaczor perform for Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre/Northwest in "Let Alone," a world premiere production tackling homelessness and the need for shelter coming Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. in the former Pioneer Oil Building, a historic warehouse at 2636 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

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"Let Alone" will express and focus on our need to be alone, our desire to be an individual, our interdependence on one another, and on the transient nature of exis-

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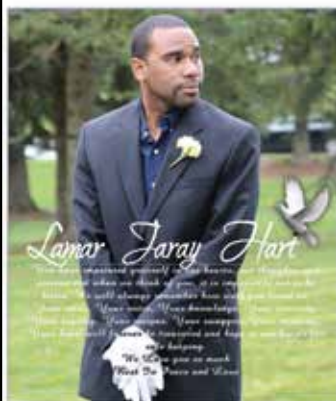


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Election Endorsements

Loretta Smith –Portland City Council, Position No. 3

Loretta Smith is a passionate and effective leader who deserves support as she seeks election to Portland City Council. Her deep connections to the community, extensive experience in the political arena, and record as a fighter for the disadvantaged who doesn't give up will serve Portland well.

Smith is currently serving her second 4-year term as a Multnomah County Commissioner and prior to that she spent two decades

as a former assistant to U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden. She has an impressive record of accomplishment for making lives better for others, especially for helping members of the black community and others who are struggling.

Smith corralled the funding to start a county summer jobs program for young people in the community that has helped at-risk youth of color. The program started with dozens of participants sev-



en years ago and has grown to help hundreds each year. Other examples of her work include the startup of specific programs working with and educating seniors about scams, and the dangers of opioid abuse.

The Portland Observer is proud to make the following endorsements for the May 15 Primary vote-by-mail election. These candidates have deep, personal connections to our community. We know them well, respect their abilities and honor their proven records of success:

A leading voice on fighting bigotry, Smith has elevated issues of racism in the county workforce. She brought national civil rights leader Rev. Jesse Jackson to Portland last year to help the city heal in the wake of a double murder on Max public transit tied to a racist incident.

Smith has shown her commitment to creating new and robust opportunities for affordable housing and home ownership. She fought a losing battle to open the Wapato Jail as a temporary shelter in the battle against homelessness, but one that still has life through private developers.

Sharon Maxwell – Multnomah County Commission, District 2

Sharon Maxwell has experience in creating jobs as a minority contractor and together with her advocacy on behalf of struggling families makes her an excellent choice for Multnomah County Commissioner.

As a mother and grandmother, Maxwell has been a trail blazer for breaking social barriers.



She entered Portland's male- and white-dominated construction field after graduating from Portland Community College's Skill Center construction program 25 years ago. She later formed her own company, Bratton Construction, and was named as one of PCC's 'diamond' graduates in 2012 for her success as a business

owner and civic leader.

Maxwell has the skills and background to promote transparency and accountability in how the county spends public tax dollars. She also has the background and experience to tackle discrimination complaints in county workplaces, important issues that have dominated recent discussions on the commission.

D. Bora Harris – For Multnomah County Chair

D. Bora Harris is a needed voice from the black community and a top choice for new leadership as chair of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

Harris has been active in politics and has worked with various community organizations for decades to make lives better for others. She

has a plan to stop institutional and systemic racism in the county workplace by creating an Ombudsmen office, and by resurrecting a merit council to represent union and non-union workers when a work-related complaint is filed.

Harris has the right priorities as she also works on behalf of the el-



derly and homeless people, for affordable housing and for the interests of children.

She holds a master's degree in public administration and has a record of success in business and community building. As president of D. Harris Leadership Institute, Harris developed a "Move Beyond Your Walls Initiative" to give hope and guidance to individuals breaking the chains of despair and for building new links to upward mobility.



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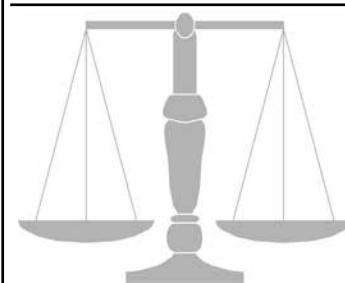
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Confronting a Violent and Tragic Legacy

Honored to participate in museum opening

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

I was deeply honored to participate last week in the opening summit of the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Ala. These profoundly moving new landmarks are the vision of Bryan Stevenson, the brilliant founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative. Stevenson spent his professional life fighting unjust incarceration, especially death row cases, and fighting for racial justice in our criminal system. This has evolved to include the consuming determination to document, remember, and honor the victims of racial terror and lynchings in America – work now immortalized at this museum and memorial which I encourage everyone to visit and take your children and grandchildren with you.



The Equal Justice Initiative has identified more than 4,400 black men, women and children who were hanged, burned alive, shot, drowned, and beaten to death by white mobs between 1877 and 1950. They are honored here in a powerful and sacred outdoor space where their names and dates of death are engraved onto 800 steel monuments, one for every county where a racial terror lynching took place. Many of the monuments are suspended from the ceiling, literally evoking a hanging.

The museum and memorial are part of the organization's mission to confront the truth about our history and as a first step towards recovery and reconciliation from the mass violence and legacy of slavery, lynching, and segregation. This confrontation of America's original birth defects is desperately needed. Lynch-

ing, Jim Crow, and legal segregation were all part of a deep-seated pattern of racial subordination in America that lasted long after slavery ended and affects us still.

Today, racially skewed rates of gun deaths, school suspensions, corporal punishment, incarceration, illiteracy and poverty have become new ways of continuing the same old patterns. Kynchings may have stopped but the assault on black bodies, children, and communities has not and black opportunity still lags behind that of whites.

More than 150 years after slavery was legally abolished black children and teens are still being sentenced to physical, social, and economic death in our nation at astonishing rates. Between 1877 and 1950 at least one black person was killed by lynching every week on average among the 12 most active lynching states – Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia – and some of the most pronounced racial disparities today still exist in those states.

Consider a few facts: the black child remains the poorest child in America. In 2016, about 1 in 3 black children was poor and a black baby was born into poverty every 4 minutes. In 6 of the 12 states with the highest lynching rates black child poverty rates were at least 40 percent. Gun deaths remain the leading cause of death for black children and teens. A black child or teen is killed with a gun every 6 hours and 34 minutes. Between 1963 and 2016, 65,947 black children and teens have been killed by guns – more than 16 times the recorded number of lynchings. Where is our equivalent anti-lynching movement today to give our children a chance to grow up safely?

More than 80 percent of 4th and 8th grade black public school students could not read at grade level in 2015, and millions of black students still attend separate and

unequal schools. More than 1 in 3 black students in the most active lynching states attended intensely segregated schools with at least 90 percent non-white enrollment in 2014. Black children are suspended from public schools at a rate four times greater than white children. Denied education is a block to success in our competitive nation and world. Inside schools, corporal punishment is disproportionately used to discipline black students. Corporal punishment is still allowed in all but one (Virginia) of the most active lynching states.

Our school system has also become a major feeder into the pipeline to prison, particularly for black children. A black child is arrested every one and a half minutes. In 2016, the juvenile arrest rate for black children was more than double that for white children. The 12 most active lynching states held almost half (44 percent) of the total share of all children in adult prisons in America in 2015. Police brutality continues as one more form of assault against black bodies. According to a database established by the Washington Post to track gun deaths at the hands of law enforcement officers, 750 black males – including 25 children – have been shot and killed by police officers since Jan. 1, 2015. This is more than the 654 African Americans killed in the most active lynching state, Mississippi, and more than double the number of African Americans killed by lynching in Alabama.

Confronting the violent and tragic legacy that preceded today's inequalities is a critical step – one the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice help our nation to take. The truth will set us free. But you and I must stand up and stop today's unequal punishments of black and other people of color across our nation. Only the truth and vigilant action can truly make us free.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund.

Making Informed Choices on May 15 Ballot

The case for JoAnn, Julia, Maria and Kayse

BY LEW CHURCH

The May 15 primary election provides voters with four excellent choices in local races: JoAnn Hardesty for the open seat on Portland City Council; Julia DeGraw for incumbent Nick Fish's City Council seat; Maria Garcia for Loretta Smith's old spot on the Multnomah County Commission; and Kayse Jama to replace incumbent landlord state Sen. Rod Monroe.

At Portland State University, our Portland Gray Panthers chapter and affiliate Progressive Student Union have been targeting youth voters ages 18-21 to turn out and cast ballots by May 15. Statistics show that in mid-term elections only 15 percent of new voters under age 21 cast ballots. If we seek to harness energy from Black Lives Matter, MeToo, and especially, the student activists and organizers inspired to act after the school shooting in Parkland, Fla. -- we need to actually make sure to cast ballots!

JoAnn Hardesty, a former state legislator, announced last year that she was running for Dan Saltzman's long-held seat and the millionaire Saltzman withdrew from the race. Hardesty, the longtime community organizer for both Portland NAACP and KBOO Community Radio wants police accountability, supports tenant rights, affordable and low income housing, and the green tax.

Since the primary race features five other candidates, it

also has many possible outcomes.

Our PSU group wants Hardesty to win outright with 51 percent or more of the votes cast on May 15. Loretta Smith, term-limited from running again for county commission, is certainly a visible candidate, but many felt that Smith's advocacy for turning the Wapato jail site in far north Portland into a homeless shelter was not a good idea.

The two least impressive candidates of the group were architect Stuart Emmons (who came in third two years ago in his first run for council), and an advocate for hiring more police in Portland, Felicia Williams.

A recent op-ed by veteran Oregonian columnist Steve Duin argued that the notion of "we need a woman of color on city council" is a totally bogus argument. But is it? Stuart Emmons and Felicia Williams are both white candidates. Hardesty, Andrea Valderama and Smith are women of color candidates.

Duin's argument, of course, is utter nonsense. In 150 years, there has never been a woman of color on Portland's city council. Time's up!

In the other Portland City Council race, Julia DeGraw is a great choice, as noted in a recent Portland Observer guest commentary (Why I'm voting for Julia DeGraw, April 18 issue). The incumbent, Nick Fish, appears to be a 'placeholder politician' for the status quo. DeGraw, on the other hand, successfully fought Nestlé's attempts in Cascade Locks to privatize public water resources.

For county commissioner, Maria Garcia, owner of Revolucion coffee shop near PSU, is the best choice for this open slot.

Garcia, working with Theresa Raiford and Black Lives Matter, spoke eloquently at Pioneer Square in March for International Women's Day, in English and Spanish. Garcia supports sanctuary cities and helped organize the event "A Day Without Immigrants."

Portland Gray Panthers is also happy to support Unite Oregon's Kayse Jama to replace landlord and 'rent raising' Rod Monroe in the state senate. Monroe in 2017 blocked rent control legislation in Salem -- even though the House had already passed the bill and Gov. Kate Brown was ready to sign it. Monroe put landlord profits ahead of helping to fix the housing crisis in our state.

At a recent Metro forum with 50 people on housing and homelessness, rising rents were identified as the crucial component as to why we see thousands of people sleeping on sidewalks and camping out in tents in neighborhood after neighborhood. Shame on Monroe!

An advantage of incumbency for career politicians like Fish and Monroe is building massive campaign war chests. At PSU, when we supported a not-so-well off challenger two years ago, Chloe Eudaly, in her successful bid to unseat an incumbent politician, we recognized that in a democracy, money doesn't always "lock out" lesser folks from winning elections.

On May 15, by voting for JoAnn, Julia, Maria, and Kayse, we can elect people who will 'represent' the rest of us, not just landlords and Oregon's 1 percent.

Lew Church is coordinator of Portland Gray Panthers and founding publisher and editor of activist papers at Portland State University, the Rearguard and the Agitator.

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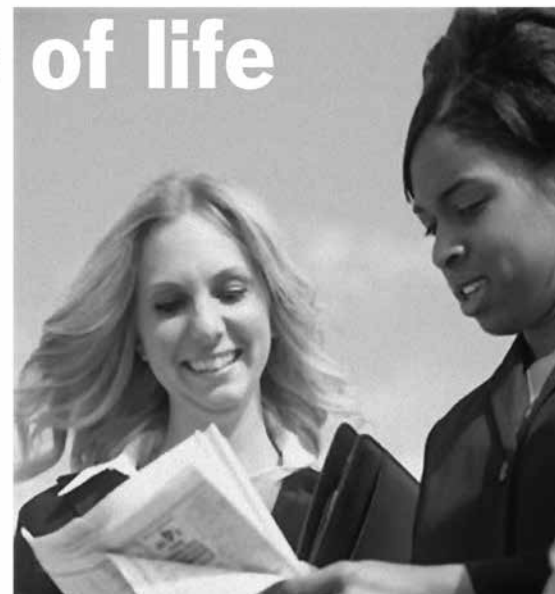
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Follow these steps: Read the petition and documents filed at court with this summons. Fill out form: FL. Non-Parent 415 Response to Non-Parent Custody Petition, go to the Washington State Courts, website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms. The administrative Office of the Courts (360) 705-5328. Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org or The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library. You may use certified mail with return receipt request. File your original Response with the clerk: Mason County Superior Court Clerk, 419th PO Box 340, Shelton, Wa 98584. (Published date March 28, 2018 until May 23, 2018)

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gers University that the Associated Press analyzed.

“I think women and women of color are recognizing in order for us to actually get power and to change our community, we have to be part of solution,” Smith said. “And the first thing we need to do is be policy makers.”

Smith said having Donald

Trump in the White House has also left many women feeling marginalized and maligned.

According to Harris, political activism like the Me Too movement with more women banding together to fight sexism, sexual assault and other forms of discrimination, also may have contributed to the uptick in female political candidates.

Hardesty said Trump’s win was

a wake-up call for women to reclaim their own power across the country, as well as a realization that the skills women have are absolutely as good or better than some of the people who get elected to public office.

All of the candidates interviewed here added that they weren’t running simply because of the color of their skin, or to be the first woman of color in the office they’re running for, but that they’re attempting to achieve the best possible outcomes for the

public and hope others will vote for them because they’re the most qualified person for the job.

Director of Elections for Multnomah County Tim Scott said the county does not track data on the number of candidates of color or female candidates of local elections compared to past elections, but says if more representation of minority groups in elections is occurring, it is “something to be celebrated.”

If any of the primary election candidates in the county or city

seats receive more than 50 percent of the votes by the 8 p.m. voting deadline on May 15, then they’ll automatically win, Scott said. Otherwise, the top two candidates will compete in a run-off general election in November. Ballots can be mailed or dropped off in person at any Multnomah County Library or official ballot drop off location. Just make sure to sign them, Scott added, or else they won’t be certified and won’t count. More information can be found at mcelections.org.



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CALENDAR

May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Mother Goose Day Hawaiian Lei Day May Day Worthy Wage Day	2 <i>Dr. Benjamin Spock</i> <i>Born in 1903</i>	3 National Sun Day Constitution Memorial Day in Japan	4 Space Day National Weather Observers' Day	5 <i>Kentucky Derby</i> <i>takes place today</i> Cinco de Mayo Children's Day In Japan
6 <i>Eiffel Tower opens to the public in 1889</i>	7 ☾ 1st Stamp Collection Started Pulitzer Prize Established (1917)	8 National Teacher Day No Socks Day	9 National School Nurse Day <i>First USA Newspaper Cartoon, 1754</i>	10 Clean Up Your Room Day	11 Twilight Zone Day <i>Louis Farrakhan, born 1933; National Leader of The Nation Of Islam</i>	12 International Nurses Day Kite Day Limerick Day
13 Mother's Day Tulip Day <i>Stevie Wonder; born 1950; legendary music artist</i>	14 <i>Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804</i> Dance Like a Chicken Day	15 ● <i>Frank L. Baum</i> <i>Author of The Wizard of Oz - born in 1856</i>	16 Ramadan Begins <i>First US Nickel Minted In 1866</i>	17 <i>First Kentucky Derby In 1875</i>	18 International Museum Day Visit Your Relatives Day	19 Miniature Golf Day Armed Forces Day
20 <i>Lindbergh Flight Day in 1927</i> <i>Mary Pope Osborne born, 1949</i>	21 ☾ <i>American Red Cross Founded Founded by Clara Barton in 1881</i>	22 Buy-A-Musical Instrument Day <i>Bernard Shaw; 1856-1950; journalist and anchor of CNN News</i>	23 Lucky Penny Day <i>Scatman Crothers; 1910-1986; best known for "Chico and the Man"</i>	24 <i>Patti LaBelle; born 1944; R&B legend known for her many hits</i>	25 National Missing Children's Day National Tap Dance Day	26 Blueberry Cheesecake Day <i>Pam Grier; born 1949; actress, played "Foxy Brown"</i>
27 <i>Golden Gate Bridge Opens, 1937</i> <i>Masking Tape Patented in 1930</i>	28 Memorial Day <i>Jim Thorpe Born in 1888</i>	29 ○ <i>John F. Kennedy Born in 1917</i> <i>Dr. Henry McBay; 1914-1995; chemist, professor at Morehouse College</i>	30 <i>Lincoln Theodore Monroe Andrew Perry; 1902-1985; actor</i>	31 World No Tobacco Day <i>Shirley Verrett; born 1931-2010; renowned Soprano</i>		

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