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Laura Lo Forti (left) and Damaris Webb, co-organizers of the Vanport Mosaic Festival, outside the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center on North Interstate Avenue, showcasing one of the primary event venues for the annual celebration taking place this long Memorial Day weekend on the 70th anniversary of the Vanport Flood. The IFCC will host several exhibitions, like *Vanport: The Surge of Social Change*; *Anywhere but Here: The History of Housing and Discrimination in Oregon*; and *Our City, Our Voice: Excavating Portland's History through Art*. A new play about displacement in Portland, "Left Hook," will also make its world premiere at the IFCC on Thursday.

Vanport Mosaic commemorates 70 years since flood

On a warm Memorial Day 70 years ago, Portland was forever transformed by Oregon's biggest natural disaster of the 20th century: The Vanport Flood.

It's a big anniversary, and that's why the Vanport Mosaic Festival is pulling out the stops for six days of activities that weave together fun, fascination, family and serious reflection.

It's all happening with events beginning Wednesday, May 23 and continuing through the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 28 at multiple venues that are specifically free of charge or kept at low-cost for the community.

Co-organizers Laura Lo Forti and Dam-

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aris Webb have created a rich program that combines storytelling, performance, history, physical activities and even a disaster preparedness workshop. The Royal Rosarians will also be planting a special commemorative rose at Peninsula Park, and the Rosarian planting is himself a Vanport survivor.

A big highlight for 2018 is a partnership with the Confluence Project, which promotes understanding of indigenous com-

munities of the Columbia River through historic preservation and construction of a series of hiking trails stretching along the Washington side of the Columbia Gorge. The trails are vast and fascinating landscapes designed by architect Maya Lin, creator of the US Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Like the Vanport survivors who have contributed oral histories to the Vanport Mosaic project, Native American families

have joined voices in oral histories about their experiences. A fascinating panel of local indigenous leaders will be screening a film of these oral histories at the festival as well.

Key to local tribes was loss of Celilo Village on the Columbia when the Dalles Dam was built in 1957. Before being flooded for the dam by the federal government, Celilo was considered the oldest sustained community on the North American continent. The dam also destroyed Celilo's huge waterfall, one of the most important tribal fishing spots and a center of the tribal economy.

"We feel a sense of urgency right now because many of the elders who lived through these things are in their 80s and 90s," Lo Forti says. "We can't lose their stories because they have so much to teach us and that is how we really learn -- from

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The Week in Review

Assessed \$36 million for Gorge Fire

A Vancouver teenager playing with fireworks who started a fire that swept through the Columbia River Gorge last summer was ordered to pay over \$36 million in damages Monday, but because he is a juvenile the judge will allow payments to stop after 10 years if he completes probation, doesn't commit other offenses and complies with payment plans.

College Closing After 125 Years

Marylhurst University, a 125-year-old college based near Lake Oswego, announced Thursday it was closing because of declining enrollment. The oldest Catholic

university in the state attempted to carve out a niche serving professionals returning to college, but the school, which boasted 1,409 students just a few years ago, had plummeted to 743.

Police Shoot Man with Hatchet

Gresham police said two of its officers fatally shot a man who threatened them with a hatchet early Friday following a police chase and crash of the suspect's vehicle. The man who died at the scene was identified as Dmitri Bullard, 24.

Former Chief was Dishonest

Former Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea's should lose his police certification for 10 years for dishonesty and three years for gross misconduct, a state police policy committee recommended Thursday. The actions follow the investigation of O'Dea's handling of an off-duty accidental shooting of his friend in 2016 and an employee's discrimination complaint against a co-worker.

Janet Jackson Icon Award

Janet Jackson gave her first televised performance in nine years at the Billboard Music Awards Sunday. She was honored as the first black woman to receive the Billboard Icon Award, where she performed a trio of her songs, including "Nasty," "If" And "Throb."



Trailblazing Royal Wedding



Britain's Prince Harry and biracial American actress Meghan Markle sealed their wedding vows in London Saturday in a groundbreaking ceremony that echoed to the sounds of a fiery Chicago preacher, a soulful gospel choir and the first black winner of a prestigious British music prize, as a constellation of A-list Americans rubbed shoulders

with the bluest-blooded of British royalty.

Paul Allen Backs Gun Control

Blazers and Seahawks owner Paul Allen indicated Monday that he is backing a Washington gun control ballot initiative with a \$1 million contribution. Initiative 1639 would raise the age to purchase automatic weapons to 21 while also creating an enhanced background check system. Allen tweeted the proposed law is a necessary and reasonable one.

Illicit Marijuana Targeted

The illicit marijuana market, organized crime, outlaw grows and operations that "pose a substantial risk of violence" will be targeted by federal prosecutors under new guidelines for cannabis enforcement in Oregon made public Friday. Billy Williams, the U.S. attorney for Oregon. The guidelines come in response to Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision to scrap Obama-era policies.



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What's on your list today?

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Miracles Club to honor 85-year-old killed

The Miracles Club, a non-alcohol recovery assistance center serving the African American community, is mourning the death of local welder and fabricator Eugene C. Gora, 85, who was found murdered May 10 at his landmark red welding garage, located on the corner of Northeast Skidmore and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, adjacent to the center.

Executive Director Michael Booker announced Monday that the Miracles Club invites the community to join them for an informal public memorial service in Gora's honor on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Miracles Club. Gora was a member of the organization where he made daily visits.

"He was a good guy. We were very saddened about

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Eugene C. Gora



Activist and former state representative Jo Ann Hardesty (right) won nearly 46 percent of the vote in Tuesday's May Primary election for a seat on the Portland City Council, falling short of the at least 50 percent plus one vote total needed to avoid a runoff. She will face Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith (left) in the November General Election. Smith finishing in second place captured about 21 percent of the primary vote.

Strong Finish for Hardesty;

Smith optimistic for November runoff election

BY DANNY PETERSON
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Results from Tuesday's May Primary Election means it's certain that Portland will seat its first black female City Council member next year as the two top candidates in the race, Jo Ann Hardesty,

who captured 46 percent of the vote, and Loretta Smith, with the second highest total of 21 percent, will face off in the November General Election.

Both are African-Americans and advanced from a field of six candidates in the election competing for the seat held by incumbent City Commissioner Dan Saltzman who is stepping down when his term ends in January.

"I think it's amazing and outstanding that in a city that has less

than six percent African Americans, that you have two black women who are in the runoff to be the next Portland City Council person. And these seats don't open that often," Smith told the Portland Observer.

Smith, who was a Multnomah County Commissioner for eight years and worked for Senator Ron Wyden for over two decades, was thought to be a front-runner by

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what happened to him 'cause he was part of what we did and he was part of the community," Booker said.

Gora was found dead in his welding shop where he also resided for many decades. His cause of death was determined to be homicidal violence by the Oregon State Medical Examiner and police have launched a homicide investigation. No arrests have been made.

He was known for his hand-crafted barbecue grills and custom fabrications, and made daily visits to Miracles Club and the Heavenly Taste café inside, dining for breakfast or dinner, striking up conversations with other club members, and observing card or dominoes games, Booker said.

"We loved him for who he was and he never was a problem. He just hung out," he added.

Booker, 63, said he knew Gora going back decades, and his father bought a grill or two from him, but it wasn't until the last three years or so that he started seeing his neighbor on a daily basis, hanging out at the club.

Gora had been getting around

with a walker in his later years and also suffered from some hearing loss.

"The last time I talked to him was two days before his death. Asked him how he was doing. He said 'I'm doing good for an old man,'" Booker recalled.

In the months leading up to his death Gora was attempting to get rid of some of his belongings. He sold some vehicles and other belongings after incurring two nuisance complaints in December to the city's Neighborhood Inspections Program.

Gora was also recently cited for residing in his welding shop, which he told an inspector he'd been living in for the past 45 years, though it was designated a commercial property.

At the end of Sunday's memorial ceremony, The Miracles Club will launch balloons into the air outside Gora's property, a place where flowers and messages of remembrance have been on display for the past two weeks.

"Just come out and show your support. He was a pillar in our community. Been where he's located a long time. He treated us well, Booker said."

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The town of Vanport in what is now the Delta Park area of north Portland as pictured during the years around World War II. The multiracial community was constructed for shipyard workers and their families, and when it was wiped out by a flood in 1948, communities of color were impacted disproportionately.

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each other.”

Lo Forti says it’s all about defining the idea of “memory activism.”

“In these times it seems as if remembering history is an act of resistance,” Lo Forti says. “Our goal is to engage more and more memory activists.”

The Vanport Flood holds a special place in Oregon history.

A long rainy winter had raised the water level of the Columbia River, and on Memorial Day -- May 30, 1948, at 4:05 p.m. -- a large piece of the earthen levy protecting the town collapsed.

All of Vanport’s 40,000 residents lost their homes, and 15 lost their lives. The disaster is sometimes called “Oregon’s Katrina,” because like Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Vanport Flood impacted communities of color disproportionately, including African American shipyard workers and

their families who had moved to Vanport to support the US military effort during World War II.

Because it was Oregon’s first and biggest multi-racial community, Vanport’s destruction pushed African American families into a segregated Portland neighborhood called Albina and set up the racial dynamics we see today.

The list of Vanport Mosaic Festival 2018 events is long and varied, find it all online at vanport-mosaic.org, follow the link at the top right hand of the homepage to “Festival 2018.”

Here are a few special events you shouldn’t miss:

***Lessons From Vanport and Katrina: a dialogue to create community resilience during extreme weather conditions. Vanport survivors will join city disaster officials, members of the houseless community and the public in an interactive forum on Monday, May 28 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the EXPO Center. Admission is free.

***Confluence Story Gathering. Guest speakers Tanna Engdahl, a Cowlitz spiritual leader; Se-h-dom Edmo (Shoshone-Bannock, Nez Perce, Yakama), the Movement building director for the Western States Center; and David Lewis, tribal historian and past manager of the Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Department screen oral histories from tribes

along the Columbia and talk about why it’s important, on Sunday May 27, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. Suggested contribution \$10.

***Power to the People: Black Panther Party Legacy Tour of Albina. Join Kent Ford, founder of Portland’s chapter of the 1960s-era black empowerment organization, for a walking tour in northeast Portland. Wear your walking shoes!

Saturday May 26, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. School: 4906 N.E. 6th Ave. Tickets are \$10.

***Lost City, Living Memories: Vanport Through The Voices of Its Residents. Hear the stories of the dramatic events of May 30, 1948 directly from the people who lived it. This is a series of documentary short films of Vanport survivors produced by local community residents, and mentored by “story midwife” Laura Lo Forti. Portland State University Prof. James Harrison opens with a brief history of Vanport, and remarks by Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish. The screening is Monday, May 28, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the EXPO Center - 2060 N. Marine Dr. Admission is free.

Legacy of A Forgotten City - The Vanport Mosaic Festival 2017: <https://vimeo.com/254799611>

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many, but now lags 25 percentage points behind Hardesty. Still, she's maintaining an optimistic view heading into the general election.

"I was really surprised that it was such a low voter turnout. But I think the primary voters, they've spoken, and I am excited about going to November. I'm excited about being able to reintroduce myself to the people," Smith said.

Turnout in Multnomah County was only about 31 percent, which was lower than statewide results and a smaller percentage than the 2014 Primary Election in which turnout was almost 33 percent. The number of ballots counted, however, was greater -- both in Multnomah County and the state -- because there is a bigger population now than in 2014 and a larger number of registered voters, due in part to the motor voter registration system that went into effect in 2016.

Smith hopes to rally the youth between now and November, many of whom are being automatically registered to vote thanks to that bill.

"I think it's the perfect time to get young people, people who haven't ordinarily participated in the democratic process to get them involved and get them engaged. I have a huge track record working with our youth and our seniors.

And I think they're going to be a really important part of the campaign," she said.

Both Smith and Hardesty campaigned on helping solve homelessness and affordable housing issues in Portland, though they've disagreed on some aspects of how to go about that. While Smith supports turning the never-opened north Portland Wapato jail into a shelter, Hardesty disagreed.

One of Hardesty's proposals was to hire homeless people to help clean up the city. The former U.S. Navy woman and three-term state representative also runs on a platform of police reform. She could not be reached for comment in time for publication of this article.

In other local races, Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury secured her bid for re-election by capturing 71 percent of the vote, far above the more than 50 percent needed to avoid a runoff. New comer Sushela Jayapal, a former general counsel at Aidas America and longtime community volunteer, also won outright by capturing nearly 62 percent of the vote in the election for Multnomah County Commissioner for the seat being vacated by Smith.

Jayapal, who was born in India, was running against three others—construction business owner Sharon Maxwell, former restaurateur and veteran Bruce Brou-

sard, and coffee shop owner Maria Garcia—all candidates of color. The victories by Kafoury and Jayapal's are unofficial until 20 days after election day.

In southeast Portland, former state Rep. Shemia Fagan (D-Clackamas) captured 62 percent of the vote in a successful campaign to unseat incumbent state Senator Rod Monroe in the Democratic Party. The race has had a sharp focus on housing issues. Monroe netted just above 20 percent of the vote while the third candidate, Somali-born immigrant rights activist Kayse Jama, came in third.

Monroe who has been in public office since 1976, drew scrutiny from fellow Democrats for being a landlord that opposed tenant protections, such as overturning the statewide ban on rent control and outlawing "no-cause" evictions. He owns a 51-unit apartment complex in east Portland and has been sued by one of his tenants.

Both Fagan, a civil rights attorney, and Jama ran on a platform of giving cities the ability to impose rent control.

In statewide voting, gubernatorial candidate Knute Buehler of Bend won the Republican Party nomination and will face off against incumbent Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, in November.



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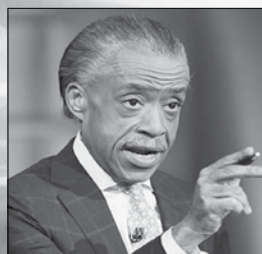
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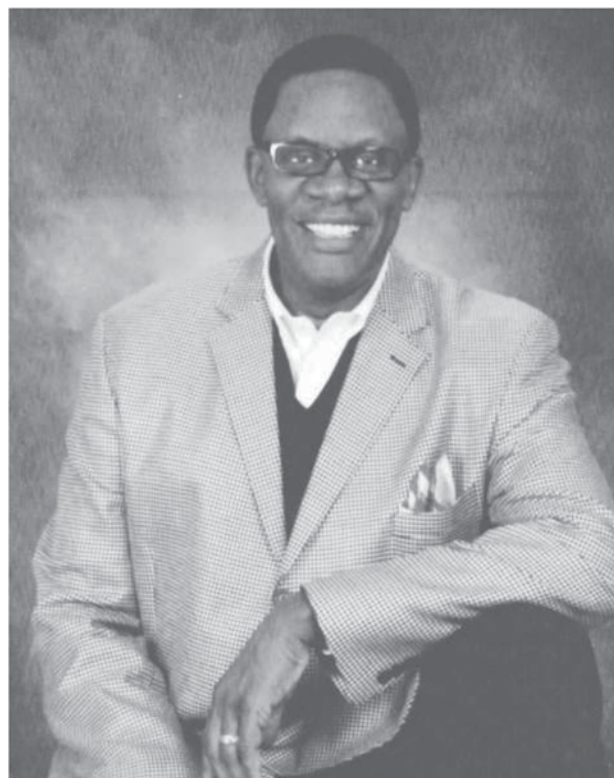
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Mark Washington welcomes Martina McCowan, who played in three prior Washington Classics, to the 2018 tournament.



The Portland Observer Ballers boys team with coaches Jeff Ta (left) and Felipe Ruiz.



The girls team from the North American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) with coaches Micah Johnson (left) and Melvin McGill.



The Runnin Rebels #1 team with Coaches James Johnson and Marlon McGavin capture first place in the girls bracket of the 2018 Washington Classic.



The Runnin Rebels #2 team girls team and their coaches line up for the 2018 Washington Classic.



The boys team from the North American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) and coaches Micah Johnson (left) and Jeff Sheng at the 2018 Washington Classic.



Team Rise with coaches Jimmy Clarke (left) and L.V. Van capture a first place trophy in the boys bracket of the 2018 Washington Classic.



The Inner City Basketball boys team with coach Lamarr Winston earns a second place finish at the 2018 Washington Classic.

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President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House in 2015. (AP photo)

Obamas' Sign TV Netflix Deal

(AP) -- Barack and Michelle Obama are getting into the television business with Monday's announcement that they had signed a multi-year deal with Netflix.

The former president and first lady have formed their own production company, Higher Ground Productions, for the material.

Netflix said the Obamas would make "a diverse mix of content," potentially including scripted and unscripted series, documentaries or features.

"We hope to cultivate and curate the talented, inspiring, creative voices who are able to promote greater empathy and un-

derstanding between peoples, and help them share their stories with the wider world," Barack Obama said in Netflix's announcement.

"Barack and I have always believed in the power of storytelling to inspire us, to make us think differently about the world around us, and to help us open our minds and hearts to others," Michelle Obama said.

The former president appeared in January on David Letterman's Netflix talk show, "My Next Guest Needs No Introduction." Obama is said to be friendly with Ted Sarandos, the Netflix chief content officer.



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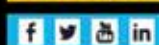
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Students fill the halls at De La Salle North Catholic High School. The faith-based, college prep school is losing its lease for a building that it has called home for 11 years, the former Kenton Elementary school in north Portland, and has launched a search for a new home.

School Needs a New Home

Lease running out for De La Salle North

De La Salle North Catholic High School is inviting community members to help in the search for a new school building.

The faith-based, college prep school, one of the most diverse in all of Oregon with 31 percent of the students being black and 41 percent Hispanic, will not be able to renew its lease for a building that it has called home for 11

years, the former Kenton Elementary school at 7528 N. Fenwick Ave.

Built in 1913, the school is owned by Portland Public Schools and its current \$440,000 annual lease to De La Salle is set to expire in June 2021.

School District officials told the Portland Observer on Friday they have no specific plan for how the school site would be used in the future, but say recent events have demonstrated a need for additional facilities to house school district programs in a way that serves students best.

"We are disappointed that we cannot stay in our current building; however, the expiration of the lease provides us the opportunity to find a new location to continue to offer our transformative education model," said Patti O'Mara, chair of the De La Salle North Catholic Board of Trustees. "The highly competitive Portland real estate market makes this a challenge, but with the help of the community, we are confident we will find a new home."

De La Salle North Catholic is sponsored by the Christian Brothers and is a part of the Roman

Catholic Archdiocese of Portland/Western Oregon. The school is known for its rigorous academics coupled with exposure to real-world work opportunities. On average, 98 percent of the school's graduating seniors earn acceptance to college. Most recently, 100 percent of the 51 students in the class of 2017 were accepted to college and were awarded \$3.8 million in scholarship funding.

Students at the school attend class four days per week and work for a local company one day each week as part of the Corporate Work Study Program that pro-

vides work experience, business contacts and helps offset the cost to educate students.

Donations from individuals and foundations cover more than 40 percent of the school's operational budget. Tuition and support from the Christian Brothers make up the rest. Family contributions range from \$120 to \$2,995 per year based on financial need.

"We don't turn away any capable or interested student because they cannot afford our modest tuition," O'Mara said.

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Juneteenth Origin Debunked

Author corrects myths about the annual holiday

Donald Norman-Cox, a 64 year old resident of Denton, Texas has a message for the nation regarding next month's Juneteenth celebration: "Tell it right or stop talking." Since the mid-2000s, Mr. Norman-Cox has sporadically informed college and community groups that parts of the Juneteenth explanation are flagrantly wrong. This year, his message has muscle.

"Every explanation I've heard since childhood made little sense," Norman-Cox said. But like many others, he never bothered to search for facts. "I wondered how news of the proclamation could travel to Europe faster



D.J. Norman-Cox (standing) teaches senior citizens in Denton, Texas how to locate Texas newspaper references to the Emancipation Proclamation, pre-Juneteenth. Norman-Cox's book "Juneteenth 101" counters claims that news did not reach Texas until two and a half years after the proclamation was issued.

others had researched their explanations. "I challenged nothing," he laughs, "until one question refused to be ignored." That question was why do Texans commemorate both Watchnight and Juneteenth?

Watchnight was the night slaves held vigils to watch for freedom, courtesy of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth occurred supposedly because no one knew the Proclamation existed. Norman-Cox said, "Those opposing explanations coexist peacefully only in minds of the oblivious."

While digging for clarification, he discovered some Texans knew about the Emancipation Proclamation before it was issued.

"On September 15, 1862, a newspaper in tiny Clarksville, Texas reported Lincoln was about to issue 'a proclamation of general universal emancipation.' Nine days later, Lincoln issued his preliminary proclamation. What little guys knew, the big ones did, too," he said.

That and other discoveries are packed in his new book.

Norman-Cox calls his findings, "Earth shaking, but nothing new." He said, "Professional historians – which I'm not – have known these facts probably since emancipation became a topic worthy of scholarly examination. This book translates existing academic discourse into street speak ... to help Big Mama and Ray-Ray 'nem not be wrong.'"

Juneteenth 101 claims incorrect explanations oversimplify

than it floated across the states. How did news reach what is now New Mexico without going through Texas? When did other states free their slaves?"

Those quandaries and more are addressed in Norman-Cox's new book Juneteenth 101. The book debunks several widely held myths about Juneteenth, including its primary tenet: news of the Proclamation didn't reach Texas for two and a half years.

"You hear that everywhere, but it's wrong," Norman-Cox said. "Delayed emancipation was not caused by not-knowing. The culprit was lack of enforcement."

Norman-Cox admits to holding a near life-long hope that



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Portland Juneteenth Planning

Plans are being made for Portland's annual Juneteenth celebration, coming Saturday, June 16, with the Clara Peoples Freedom Trail Parade and followed by festivities at the Legacy Emanuel Hospital field on North Russell Street between Vancouver and Williams.

Juneteenth is a free family fun event commemorating the end of slavery and is open to everyone. The parade will start at 11 a.m. on June 16 beginning at the Safeway store on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and proceeding to the Emanuel field where the celebration will follow from noon to 6 p.m. with music, food, hip hop cardio, a kids area and a raffle.

In addition, on Thursday, June 14, the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook St., will host a Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant. You're invited to join 10 young women, ranging in ages from 14 to 18 years old, as they vie for the title and crown of Miss Juneteenth Oregon.

For information on Portland Juneteenth, visit juneteenthor.com or call 971-930-5862.

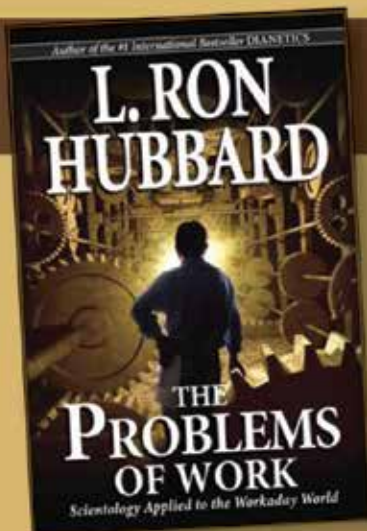
the complex and chaotic way slavery ended. Believing slavery continued because they didn't know, misidentifies 'they.'

"They" refers to slave owners," Norman-Cox contends. "What slaves knew was irrelevant. Their walking off the job is called running away, not emancipation."

According to Norman-Cox, Juneteenth falsehoods are pervasive. Even Congress incorrectly refers to Juneteenth as "the day slavery ended in the United States." Juneteenth 101 identifies 31 congressional resolutions that include or were defended by that statement. "As if six months later, the Thirteenth Amendment did nothing," Cox added.

To replace that inaccuracy the book offers this explanation, "Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery; not the day slavery ended."

Juneteenth 101 is a 104 page book published by Arising Together Publishing; available exclusively at amazonbooks.com for \$13.



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The bus will begin Friday-Saturday-Sunday service -- plus Memorial Day -- from Gateway Transit Center in Portland to Rooster Rock State Park, Multnomah Falls, Cascade Locks and Hood River. On June 11, the bus will start service seven days a week, year-round.

"This service opens up access to the treasures of the Columbia River Gorge to people who had no way to get there in the past," said Rian Windshiemer, ODOT's regional manager for the Portland area.

Service will begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday when the first bus of the day leaves Gateway Transit Center. The last bus of the day departs Hood River for Portland at 7:10 p.m.

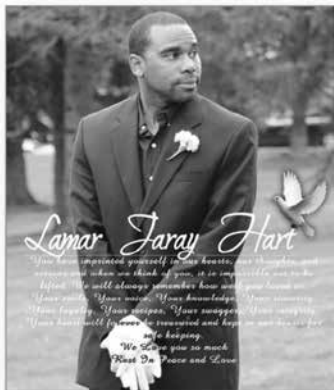
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BIDS/SUB-BIDS

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RFP - District Wide (DW) Signage Fabrication & Installation Service due on **June 18th, 2018 at 2:00 pm, current time.**

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Fighting Ben Carson's 300 Percent Rent Hike

Portland's Gray Panthers mobilize

BY LEW CHURCH

Ben Carson, Donald Trump's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), proposed a 300 percent rent hike last month against low-income tenants across the country. Portland Gray Panthers is fighting back!

In the excellent Portland Observer opinion article ("Wrong Time to Cut Back on Public Housing," May 9 issue) writer Ebony Slaughter-Johnson correctly chastised Carson's plan which only throws fuel on the fire of this national housing crisis.

In Oregon, we have seen national publications like the New York Times already label Portland as "Tent City USA." And in a now-infamous direct mail piece for last week's primary election for Portland City Council, losing candidate Stuart Emmons issued a dire warning that "tents and tarps are coming to your neighborhood."

During a public forum on housing and homelessness held last month at the offices of Metro, 50 attendees heard speaker after

speaker cite one of the primary reasons for folks camping out in tents and sleeping on sidewalks is skyrocketing rents.

Last year, the Oregon House and Gov. Kate Brown supported a bill to legalize rent control by cities in Oregon, only to be blocked in the Senate by Rod Monroe, a southeast Portland lawmaker who was just defeated in the May 15 Primary.

Advocates for tenants will be back and plan to see rent control

come tenants, seniors and people with disabilities at the Butte and Biltmore buildings, downtown. At one point, Gray Panther members organized a six-month rent strike at PSU to protest frequent rent hikes, lack of repairs and management problems with a subcontracted landlord management firm.

As the rent strike developed, coed tenants reported one building manager for using his pass key to enter apartments and refusing to

Housing is a basic human right. The Trump Administration, personified in this case by the HUD secretary, seeks to trample on the ability of workers and poor folk to keep their apartments and not be evicted.

As we now know, Carson last year sought to purchase a \$30,000 dinette set (with blue satin trim) for his office location in Washington, D.C. -- a purchase that was rescinded under the lens of public

people throughout our country -- the HUD rent hike proposal is one more step in a Trump-Carson attack on folks who have worked all their lives, who may be disabled, who may be women or mothers with children, and on many communities across our land.

Writing almost two centuries ago, Karl Marx might have been thinking of the Trump era when he said "...passions without truth, truths without passions; heroes without heroic deeds, history without events; development whose sole driving force seems to be the calendar, wearying with constant repetition of the same tensions and relaxations..."

In other words, Trump, Carson and their ilk simply seek to wear folks down, and, hope by hope, Twitter by Twitter, to silence dissent and opposition. While not every tenant has read Karl Marx, many have heard the reframe from a more recent civil rights organizer, Malcolm X, to fight the powers that be "By Any Means Necessary."

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

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legalized in Oregon and halt Carson's rent hike, as well.

Our newly-revitalized Portland Gray Panthers group seeks to halt this HUD "fire sale" of gargantuan rent hikes, threats and evictions. The chapter is meeting on Saturdays at 4 p.m. at Portland State University's Chit Chat Café, located at 1907 S.W. Sixth and on the Green MAX, next to Hot Lips Pizza.

Tenant advocates have worked over the past two years with low-in-

come tenants, seniors and people with disabilities at the Butte and Biltmore buildings, downtown. At one point, Gray Panther members organized a six-month rent strike at PSU to protest frequent rent hikes, lack of repairs and management problems with a subcontracted landlord management firm.

As the rent strike developed, coed tenants reported one building manager for using his pass key to enter apartments and refusing to leave, a violation of landlord-tenant law and a criminal offense. That manager was then fired.

scrutiny.

Working with the National Gray Panthers network, Justice in Aging and CarsonWatch -- Portland tenant rights organizers plan to counter Carson's tone-deaf rent hike proposal with news conferences, pickets, demonstrations and a letter writing campaign.

Like Trump's budget cut proposals for Medicare, food stamps (SNAP), National Public Radio, the Environmental Protection Agency and other programs that benefit

Starbucks Needs to Work with the Community

Diversity training not good enough

BY PHILLIP JACKSON

If Howard Shultz wasn't the founder of Starbucks, he would have been one of the boycott protesters with us. He said he was "embarrassed" and "ashamed" by the arrest of two black men in a Starbucks store in Philadelphia who were taken away by police and subsequently held for nine hours in jail for the crime of sitting in a Starbucks store and not ordering coffee.

Starbucks is widely known as a good operator and an overall good guy in American business circles with its clean stores, open meeting spaces, free Wi-Fi, strong community relations, and its great business model consisting of good jobs with fair benefits.

But the Starbucks decision to fix this public relations problem

with "diversity training" is not the Howard Schultz or even the Starbucks way. Rather than work with the black community towards a solution to this potentially international issue, Starbucks turned

to themselves and created a program for diversity training that includes closing their stores for one day and hiring the highest-priced diversity trainers money can buy.

The black community wanted to know, "How will we, the black community --aggrieved by this incident and aggrieved every day -- how will we be better because of your 'diversity training'?" The only answer Starbucks could give was, after the training "You will be better because we will be better." Sorry! Not good enough!

Numerous studies by Harvard University, MIT, Tel Aviv University and others show that diversity training doesn't work and can produce the opposite of intended outcomes. These studies conclude that decades of cultural, racial and environmental bias and prejudice cannot be eradicated with one or 50 or 100 "diversity trainings." In

fact, such "trainings" can cause those hard-wired feelings to become more deeply entrenched thus resulting in the opposite of the sought-after effect.

In Chicago, The Black Star Project organized a 12-store boycott of Starbucks. During the boycott, no anger was displayed. No one was arrested. No windows were broken. No stores were fire-bombed. Instead, there was plenty of dialogue. Dialogue is the Starbucks way. There were reports of Starbucks' employees offering the boycotters free coffee and standing with the protesters.

The Chicago boycott organizers are now planning community forums at more than 300 black-owned or managed coffee houses, as well as at faith-based and community-based organizations across the U.S. These events will serve as "Black Economic Empowerment Forums" where attendees will develop plans to improve the economic vitality of their communities.

We wanted Starbucks to be part of this initiative. So far, they have said no. But working with the

community will only make them better. It's important to understand that even with over 9,000 stores throughout America, Starbucks shops are really only guests in these communities.

Howard Schultz, founder and executive chairman of the Starbucks Board of Directors does understand Starbucks culture and he understands America. He knows that the Starbucks success is tied to communities' success.

In 2015, Starbucks tried to convene a "Race Together" dialogue through its stores. America was not ready then. In 2018, America is coming apart racially, socially and religiously. America is now ready for Howard Schultz' ideas. But this effort cannot be owned by Starbucks alone. Other corporations, government agencies at all levels, foundations, faith-based and civic organizations along with social institutions and others must partner with Starbucks to make America and the world better.

Starbucks, well established in business history, now has a chance to establish itself in human history.

In the words of Mr. Schultz:

"...if we think about the country today -- and I'm not talking about politics -- I think the country needs to become more compassionate, more empathic. And we can't speak about the promise of America and the American Dream and leave millions of people behind. And it's my view that -- leave Washington aside and all the politics aside -- businesses and business leaders need to do a lot more for the people we employ, the communities we serve, and we can make a significant difference."

Schultz says that he knows the Starbucks chain "won't bridge the racial divide on its own" and that a coffee company "can only do so much." However, he hopes to keep pushing forward and pursue initiatives that matter to him with the "same vigor he pursues corporate profits."

The Montgomery Bus Boycott that changed America forever lasted 381 days. The Starbucks Boycott is only 33 days old. Only 348 days to go.

Phillip Jackson is founder and chair of the Black Star Project in Chicago.



OPINION



The Moral Revolution America Needs

Shifting the conversation on poverty and race

BY JESSICAH PIERRE

Thousands of civil rights advocates, low-wage workers, and religious leaders kicked off massive protests on May 14, launching a 40-day campaign across the nation in an effort to revive Martin Luther King's Poor People's Campaign.

The Poor People's Campaign brings together poor and marginalized people from all backgrounds, places, and religions to stand up for their lives and rights by calling for a "revolution of American values." They're taking aim at the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, and ecological devastation.

The first Poor People's Campaign in 1968 brought thousands of Americans of all races together to fight for fair incomes and living



standards. After King was murdered that same year, the movement slowed down. But with the fights for racial and economic equality as intertwined now as they were 50 years ago, organizers believe that the movement's vision for America couldn't come at a better time.

The Poor People's campaign calls not only for a radical redistribution of political and economic power, but for a deep moral analysis of the national consciousness around poverty and racism.

This analysis calls out the common myths that perpetuate systemic inequality, including the dangerous belief that poverty is the fault of the poor. Those with more than ample wealth, the narrative goes, fully merit what they have. And others merit less.

My colleague Chuck Collins describes this narrative as the "myth of deservedness." In his book *Born on Third Base*, Collins defines that myth as the belief "that people are poor because they don't try as hard, have made mistakes, or lack wit and

wisdom." And the rich, the same story goes, have worked "harder, smarter, or more creatively."

This "deservedness" narrative largely ignores the discrimination and other barriers that have blocked economic progress for poor people and people of color, or the public policies that have kept these barriers intact — things like housing and employment discrimination, mass incarceration, and tax policies that favor the wealthy over poor people of all colors.

A report released this year by the Institute for Policy Studies, *The Souls of Poor Folks*, examines how what Dr. King called the "Triplets of Evil" — systemic racism, poverty, and the war economy and militarism — as well as the interrelated problem of ecological devastation, have deepened since 1968 because of structural and systemic reasons, rather than individual failures.

The report points out that since 1968, the top 1 percent's share of national income has nearly doubled, while the official poverty rate for all U.S. families has merely inched up and down. The 400 wealthiest

Americans now own more wealth than the bottom 64 percent of the U.S. population (or 204 million people).

As the government increasingly caters to the interests of the few rich and powerful rather than being accountable to the poor and marginalized majority, the Poor People's Campaign reminds us of the ongoing and emerging movements that are compelling a change in our national priorities.

During a time where America couldn't be more politically and economically polarized, it's time to change the moral narrative in this country by coming together under moral clarity. We must shift the national conversation from "right versus left" to "right versus wrong."

The Poor Peoples Campaign is currently organizing events in over 30 states. Learn more about how you can get involved at poorpeoplecampaign.com.

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Letter to the Editor

Thank You Voters

Thank you to the 18,000 voters who believed in me, my passion, and skill sets to create positive change within our communities. Considering my journey for the county Board of Commissioners Chair position began with

my filing for the office on March 8, and in those 2 and 1/2 months drew such strong support for a non-traditional candidate, with no household name, or branding, the result, while not a victory for me, validates my message and cry for hope and change.

I want to reaffirm to the community that I will not "sit down on the stairs" and be contented allowing the issues that plague us to simply set on the shelf. I often allude to the word "fatalism" where many underserved and underrepresented feel "that's just the way it is." Not so, for a change is going to come.

I will continue to be a true servant and voice for our commu-

nities, representing and respecting people from all walks of life. Nobody told me the road was going to be easy, but with the over 18,000 votes of confidence and encouragement, I see each of you and those who missed the opportunity to vote in the Primary as the wind beneath my wings as we soar for healthy change.

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CALENDAR
May 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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

School Needs a New Home

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De La Salle North was the first school to replicate the innovative Corporate Work Study Program pioneered by Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago. The school was founded to provide this unique educational opportunity to families who would not be able to afford a private, college-preparatory education.

"Our goal is to develop tomorrow's community leaders by making high-quality education accessible to motivated young people in a learning environment that values cultural, spiritual and ethnic diversity," O'Mara said.

The school has been looking for a new location for two years. A committee

of community supporters will engage in the search and explore future locations.

The team is concentrating its efforts on finding a 55,000-square-foot building or a former school in the Portland area that could be retrofitted. It needs to be located in a place with access to public transportation because its students have a work-study job to get to every week.

"Our vision for the future is to secure a permanent location to transform the educational experience of the students we serve. A home of our own will give our students and staff a sense of pride, strengthen our community, and inspire past, current and future students of De La Salle to build fulfilling lives that advance the common good," added O'Mara.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Vanport Mosaic Festival -- Celebrating community history and resilience and commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Vanport Flood, the Vanport Mosaic Festival opens Wednesday and continues through the Memorial Day weekend. Live performances, film screenings, multi-disciplinary exhibits, historical walking tours and community engagements are scheduled at various venues in north and northeast Portland. For a complete schedule, visit vanportmosaic.org.

My Black is Beautiful Celebration -- The Vancouver NAACP, Odyssey World International and other black women leaders in Vancouver are holding a free, all ages positive expressive event "My Black is Beautiful," celebrating the strength and grace that comes with all our beautiful shades, on Saturday, May 26 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver. There will be guest speakers, poets, musicians, other artists and more.

'Left Hook' -- "Left Hook," fully staged new drama about gentrification and community displacement in 1970's Portland, inspired in part by the Knott Street Boxing Club, premieres Thursday, May 24 as part of the Vanport Mosaic Festival with shows continuing through June 10 at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland. For tickets and more information about the Memorial Day weekend festival, visit vanportmosaic.org.

Rose Festival City Fair -- The Portland Rose Festival's City Fair on the downtown waterfront opens this weekend for the Memorial Day weekend, May 25-28, before opening on the weekends of June 1-3 and June 8-10. City Fair is the Pacific Northwest's biggest, best and family-friendliest carnival, and includes gentle Kiddie Land rides, tried and true family favorites and over-the-top twistlers for older, more adventurous thrill seekers.

Sister Act -- Portland actress Kristin Robinson performs the title role in "Sister Act," the feel-good musical based on the 1992 smash hit film, now playing at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. Shows run through June 10. Tickets are \$39 for adults and \$37 for seniors. Call the box office at 503-635-3901 or visit Lakewood-center.org.

Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, May 25 at Clyde's; Saturday, May 26 at the Nehalem Bay Winery; Friday, June 1 at the Mock Crest Tavern; Saturday, June 2 at Catfish Lou's; Sunday, June 3 at the Garages in Beaverton; Friday, June 8 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; and Saturday, June 9 at the Spare Room.

Good in the Hood -- Legendary R&B performer Howard Hewitt will headline the multicultural Good in the Hood Celebration, June 22-24 at King School Park. This year will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the naming of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary school and pay tribute to Portland's civil rights history. Activities include live bands every day, a kid's area, multicultural food, crafts, marketplace vendors, Portland Farmers Market, free health screens and more.

PassinArt Play on gentrification -- ROSE Community Development in Lents and the local African-American theater company PassinArt are presenting "Repulsing the Monkey," a play about gentrification, with three 7:30 p.m. shows, Monday, May 28 through Wednesday, May 30 at the TEAM Event Center, 9201 S.E. Foster Rd. Tickets at \$5 to \$15. Visit passinart.net or call 503-235-8079.

'Fences' at Portland Playhouse -- Lester Purry stars in 'Fences,' the August Wilson play about a husband, father, former athlete and garbage collector trying to define himself in 1950s Pittsburgh. With its African-American narrative, the Portland Playhouse play tackles issues of mental health and the impacts of racism. Now playing through June 10 at Portland Playhouse, 602 N.E. Prescott St



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