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Representatives from five local organizations opposed to new federal sexual education restrictions show their solidarity against the move outside the offices of Planned Parenthood on Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard. The group includes officials from Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette, the Latino Network, Self Enhancement Inc., the Native Youth and Family Center, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland.

## Advocates fight new rule and brace for cuts

BY BEVERLY CORBELL  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Young people in communities of color in the Portland metro area will suffer more unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases if the Trump Administration is successful in a new policy requiring abstinence as the only option for discussion in birth control and STD prevention programs receiving federal Title X grants.

Several organizations in Multnomah County that work with minority communities on family planning and preventative sexual health services, including Planned Parenthood, the Latino Network, and Self Enhancement, Inc., are bracing for the impacts, while challenging the decision.

Scientific studies and past results show that

# Sex Ed on the Line

unplanned pregnancies among teens will go up as well as STDs if the new federal rules for the grants are upheld, preventing service providers from discussing the full range of sexual health options available, including birth control and legal access to abortion.

Lisa Saunders, manager of strategic developments at Self Enhancement, Inc., serving Portland's black community, said her organization has received \$90,000 per year from county Title X grants for the past three years, and a portion was used to hire Marlo Williams to conduct summer age-appropriate sex education programs for both children and their parents. If SEI's funding is cut, Williams will lose her job and science-based sex education from the organization will cease.

"During the summer Marlo taught 140 kids in six weeks, giving them a wide range of information, and also had classes for parents," Saunders said. "She has given them the platform and the tools they need to navigate that conversation and

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## Black Shoppers File Lawsuits

(AP) — Five lawsuits alleging racial profiling where black shoppers were approached or detailed on unfounded accusations of theft at businesses in the Portland area have been filed in the last month.

In one of the complaints, a pair of high school students describe being followed by the manager of a Sunglass Hut in a Portland mall last February, then being accused of theft. The manager later admitted he had misplaced the item he thought they stole, according to the suit.

In another, a man described having a bag grabbed and forcibly searched after leaving a clothing store in downtown Portland.

One complaint describes Jamaal Winchester, 38, being stopped and detained by a Walmart employee

as he left the store carrying a fishing rod.

In video, Winchester can be heard loudly objecting to the accusation, and saying that he would show his receipt to the police if they were called.

"She told me I stole," Winchester can be heard saying, pointing to a store employee. "I'll show the police my receipt."

Winchester is asking for \$55,000 for emotional suffering and attorney fees.

A spokesman for Walmart, wouldn't comment on specifics of the incident, citing the pending litigation, but said that the company was aware of the lawsuit, was taking it seriously and was doing a review of what took place.



Demonstrators encamp on the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) building on Southwest Macadam Avenue to protest President Trump's immigration policies. (KATU photo)

## Not Backing Down

### Protestors encamped at ICE building

Federal law enforcement officers distributed notices Monday to protesters encamped outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) building on Southwest Macadam Avenue or-

dering them to vacate the property, under threat of arrest, even as the protesters called for more to join them.

"While demonstrators have a lawful right to assemble and voice their concerns, blocking the building's driveways or entrances are not permitted under federal law," U.S. Attorney for Oregon Billy J. Williams said.

The notice came a few hours af-

ter federal police officers entered the building in the dead of night to secure government property.

"Occupy ICE PDX" organized the protest to respond to the Trump Administration's recent "zero tolerance" immigration policy which has resulted in the separation of nearly 2,300 immigrant children from their parents arrested at the U.S.-Mexico border.

In another protest downtown, hundreds gathered on the steps

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### ICE Prisoners Supported

Hundreds of people gathered for a makeshift Sunday service outside the federal prison in Sheridan in solidarity with 123 men who are being held there after being arrested at the U.S.-Mexico border under President Trump's "zero tolerance" immigration policy. Some of the prisoners waved back, holding messages to the windows, and flags it appeared they had drawn themselves.

### Travel Ban Deemed Legal

The Supreme Court upheld President Trump's travel ban Tuesday in a 5-4 ruling along partisan lines, with Chief Justice John Roberts writing for the conservative majority. Justice Sonia Sotomayor, in a blistering dissent, said the court was wrong to ignore Trump's charged statements about Muslims to ban entry to the U.S. from seven majority Muslim countries. She also compared the opinion to the 1944 court opinion allowing the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

### Guardsmen Disciplined

An Oregon Army National Guardsman is being disciplined for posting "they're lucky we ar-

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en't executing them" in response to a post on Facebook trying to raise donations to help immigrant families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border. A spokesman for the Oregon military department said Gerod Martin, 21, a military police officer from Salem admitted to the post.

### Annual Naked Bike Ride

The World Naked Bike Ride rolled through the streets of north and northeast Portland Saturday night, starting from Cathedral Park in St. Johns. Thousands of folks took off their clothes for the 6 mile bike ride to highlight the vulnerability of cyclists everywhere and decry society's dependence on pollution-based transport.



### Lillard Tweets Free Shoes

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard tweeted Monday evening that he had shoes to give away for Portland kids "If you wear a size 12 or 12.5 meet me at Irving Park at 8 p.m. shoe giveaway." A U-Haul truck pulled

up at the appointed time and sure enough, Lillard appeared and began handing out shoes. After the shoes ran out, he began signing autographs.

### Fees for Vacation Rentals

The Portland City Council last week tacked two new fees on short-term vacation rentals, a \$4 a night booking fee, which would go toward housing and homeless initiatives, and an additional 2 percent fee, which would go toward tourism marketing. They come in addition to 11.5 percent lodging taxes already collected by Airbnb and other platforms on behalf of the rental operators.

### Joe Jackson Battles Cancer

Joe Jackson - father of Michael, Janet and their famous siblings - is now battling with terminal cancer. The 89-year-old patriarch entered the hospital last week in the end stages of cancer and was surrounded by his wife Katherine Jackson and other family members.

### Considering Presidential Run

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., says he is considering a 2020 presidential run, confirming speculation that's been mounting for months. Merkley is riding a political high after his attacks on the Trump administration's policy of splitting up migrant families entering the country illegally.

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What's on your list today?



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Rosemary Anderson High School Principal Joe McFerrin (right) presents a proclamation to the family of Pearl Smothers Mashia, honoring the late and beloved attendance secretary for her 22 years at the school. Attending the ceremony last Wednesday were (from left) Linda Mashia-Jones, Donna Jean Harris, Pearl Thomas, Anita Craig, Lucy Mashia and Eric Mashia.

## A Role Model's Impact

### Rosemary Anderson honors late 'Grandma Pearl'

A beloved staff member and role model for an alternative high school serving Portland's black community, who passed away in January, has been honored posthumously for her life's work and dedication to students, families, staff and others.

Pearl Smothers Mashia was an attendance secretary for 22 years at Rosemary Anderson High School on North Killingsworth Street where she got to know students and their families and came to be affectionately known as



Pearl Smothers Mashia

"Grandma Pearl."

"She learned the circumstances that caused barriers to student attendance and proactively helped identify and implement solutions," read a resolution from the school in gratitude to the long time staff member that was presented last Wednesday to her surviving family members.

Grandma Pearl came to Rosemary Anderson High School

through Multnomah County's Grandparent Program, but officials said she became everyone's grandma, making the school and its co-program Portland Opportunity Industrialization Center a home for all.

The resolution noted how she was devoted to welcoming students each morning and how her calm presence changed the atmosphere of the entire building by cultivating trust and respect.

"Grandma Pearl made Rosemary Anderson High School a better place by bringing out the best in people, their best behavior, their best attendance, their best work," said the proclamation signed by RAHS Board Member Amy Angel and the school's principal, president and chief executive officer Joe McFerrin II.

## Cold Case Turns Seven Years

### Family tries to break silence on murder

BY DANNY PETERSON  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Family members of a Portland murder victim, Leonard James "LJ" Irving Jr., whose death remains unsolved seven years after the fatal shooting, are urging anyone who may have information leading to an arrest to speak up. Last Saturday marked the anniversary of the night of June 23, 2011 when Irving was shot four times in the back after trying to calm an



Leonard James "LJ" Irving Jr.

argument outside a northeast Portland bar.

Irving's family says they know there are witnesses who have more information they're not telling police, but are keeping silent in order

to not be a "snitch." Irving was 34 when he died and is survived by three children, his mother, and a sister.

"It is heart-wrenching for me and my family," said Irving's mother, Lucy Mashia. "L.J.'s murder was witnessed by many people in our community and yet our community remains silent. My heart is broken, my grandchildren have no father. It has been seven years. Please, if you know something, please come forward."

Since Irving's death, Mashia has become an active member of Enough is Enough Portland, a

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Courage, confidence and leadership skills are on display as nine young women comprise the first group to compete in the annual Miss Juneteenth Oregon Pageant at the Billy Webb Elks Lodge in north Portland.

## First Miss Juneteenth Pageant

A new tradition for Oregon's annual Juneteenth Celebration saw nine young women show courage, confidence and leadership as they competed in the first annual Miss Juneteenth Oregon Pageant presented by Above The Fray Design at the Billy Webb Elk Lodge in north Portland.

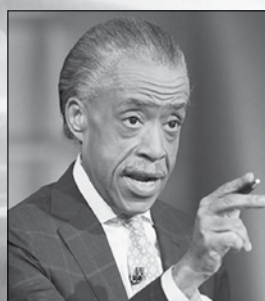
Sierra Boyne won the Miss Juneteenth Or-

egon title during the June 14 event, Tamea Mitchell was first runner up, Xzahni Phillips was second runner up, and Jazanna-Marie Riddlesprigger was the Mrs. Clara Peoples Award winner. The other honored contestants were Amaya Addy, La'Maya Thielen, Marina Williams, Shai Grigsby and Shalo Franklin.

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of City Hall Sunday calling for the shut-down of ICE. State Rep. Diego Hernandez, D-Portland, and State Sen. Michael Dem-brow, D-Portland, joined the rally.

In addition, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said Tuesday that the state has joined a multistate lawsuit demanding

the impacted children get reunited with their families.

Multnomah County is also op-posed to the separations. County Chair Deborah Kafoury indicated last week that contracts the coun-ty has for child mental health ser-vices are not funding programs for immigrant children in federal cus-tody and the county has expanded legal aid services to immigrant families.

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community group working to end violence from guns and gangs.

Irving was killed following celebrations of his nephew's 21st birthday at the now shuttered Seeznin's Sports Bar and Lounge on Northeast 82nd Avenue. His family says when an argument broke out between a nephew, Lamar Lovette Hill, and another man after midnight outside the bar, Irving attempted to resolve it. He and Hill then crossed the street to a Chinese restaurant parking lot, where Irving's car was parked, but was shot and killed before entering his van. His nephew was injured with a wound to the head. Irving had

been holding two jobs to support his children at the time.

"My brother was a loving man, he had a heart of gold, I pray that his spirit rests upon the hearts of those who have an opportunity to make a difference and to give my family an assurance that my brother's murderer will not get away with this heinous crime or have the chance to murder again," Irving's sister, Shauncey Mashia told the Portland Observer.

Anyone with information re-garding Irving's death should contact the Portland Police Crime Stoppers line where there is a \$2,500 reward at 503-823-4357 or Irving's family; Lucy Mashia at 503-515-6778 or Shauncey Mashia's at 503-351-6059.

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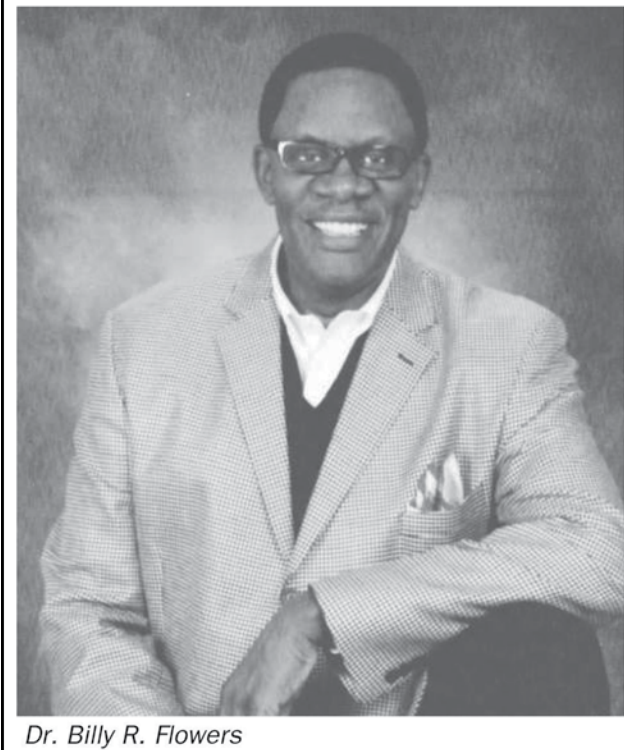
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4 Aesop's Birthday First Hot Air Balloon Flight, 1783	5 First Apple II computers sold, 1977 National Gingerbread Day	6 World Environment Day National Apple-sauce Cake Day	7 Nikki Giovanni born, 1943	8 World Egg Day Frank Lloyd Wright Born in 1867	9 Donald Duck born, 1934	10 Race Unity Day Maurice Sendak born, 1928 National Yo-Yo Day
11 E.T. Movie Premiered In 1982 Robert Munsch born, 1945	12 Anne Frank born, 1929 Magic Day	13 Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen born, 1986	14 Eid al-Fitr, Muslim National Flag Day (U.S.) 'Pop Goes the Weasel' Day	15 Fly a Kite Day Power of a Smile Day	16 National Fudge Day	17 Father's Day World Juggler's Day Eat Your Vegetables Day
18 Chris Van Allsburg born, 1949 International Picnic Day	19 Juneteenth Tasmanian Devil Debuted in 1954	20 American Eagle Day Ice Cream Soda Day	21 First Day of Summer	22 US Department of Justice Established in 1870	23 Theodore Taylor born, 1922 Typewriter Patented In 1868	24 U.F.O. Day; First documented UFO sighting on this day
25 LEON Day - LEON is NOEL spelled backwards	26 Bicycle Patented In 1819 Toothbrush Invented In 1498	27 Helen Keller Born in 1880 Melody for Happy Birthday Song Written in 1859	28 Paul Bunyan Day	29 First iPhone released, 2007 Camera Day	30 Meteor Day National Organization of Women Founded In 1966	





Entrepreneurs, makers, artists and food and beverage artisans converge at the inaugural My People's Market, a celebration of Portland's diverse and vibrant communities that makes its return to the Rose Quarter Commons this Saturday, June 30 featuring over 100 multicultural small business owners and entrepreneurs of color.

# My People's Market

## Diversity will shine at Saturday's encore

My People's Market returns on Saturday, June 30 with an exciting mix of 100 diverse entrepreneurs, makers, and artists along with some of Portland's best food and

beverage artisans.

Following its inaugural last fall, the multicultural marketplace returns to the Rose Quarter Commons on Saturday, June 30 with activities for the whole family from noon to 8 p.m., featuring live music, art, performances and plenty to eat and drink.

There will also be an on-site exhibit, "Honoring the Past, Cel-

ebrating the Present, Reimagining the Future," curated with support from Oregon Black Pioneers. The show will examine the racial history of the area and the enduring role African American-owned businesses have played in Portland's economy.

Saturday's event will also be the first of two My People's Market events this year, following a

successful start back in November that drew rave reviews from participants.

Sponsors include Prosper Portland and Travel Portland, with additional support from YGB Portland, Energy Trust of Oregon, Port of Portland, NW Natural, Kaiser, and TriMet. A full list of participating vendors is posted at [mercatuspdx.com/mypeoplesmarket/](http://mercatuspdx.com/mypeoplesmarket/).



# Celebrating 2018 Good in the Hood

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A float sponsored by Portland's Royal Rosarians, ambassadors of goodwill, salute first responders.



Young people march in the Good in the Hood Parade in conjunction with Legacy Emanuel Hospital.



Good in the Hood organizers Shawn Penny (left) and Angie Harris.



Malik Mathis (left) and Destiny Redmond of Multnomah County's Healthy Birth Initiatives bring health information to the public at Good in the Hood.



Representatives of the Portland Observer, Oregon's longest continuous minority-owned newspaper, march down Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.



A large group represents the Urban League of Portland at Saturday's parade.



Otha Tyler (from left), Alex Spearman, and Glenn Harper enjoy Good in the Hood festivities at Martin Luther King School Park.



Portlanders Jeanette Carr (left) and Mildred Tarver at the bustling King School Park grounds for the 2018 festival.



Two Portlanders, Eric and Emma, enjoying Saturday's food, fun, and sun.





Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Elders, march with pride for the Good in the Hood parade.



Performers from Rose City Circus awe onlookers with their outfits, athletics, and performance.



Outstanding African American students representing Portland Public School's 9th Annual Young, Gifted, and Black awards march for the parade.



Emmanuel Temple's congregation shows out for Saturday's parade.



Educational non-profit Self-Enhancement Inc. marches down Martin Luther King Blvd. for the annual Good in the Hood Festival parade.



Parade-goers young and old enjoy the sunny day as the parade route stretches along Martin Luther King Boulevard.



City Council candidate Jo Ann Hardesty greets Chonitia Smith at the Good in the Hood festival grounds.



Non-profit Door-To-Grace, an organization helping to cease child sex trafficking, shows out for the parade.



Local firefighters Brent Sheldon (from left), Eric Mann, Damon Simmons, Sultan Shabazz, Pete Straub, and Ted Mayes, enjoy the festivities.



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## Summer Pools Open

It's another fun summer of outdoor swimming and other aquatic activities for Portland Parks & Recreation. The city's outdoor pools are now open for summer offering open play swims, water exercise classes, junior lifeguard training, junior swim training, summer swim teams, and special events. For schedules and more information, visit [portlandoregon.gov/parks](http://portlandoregon.gov/parks).



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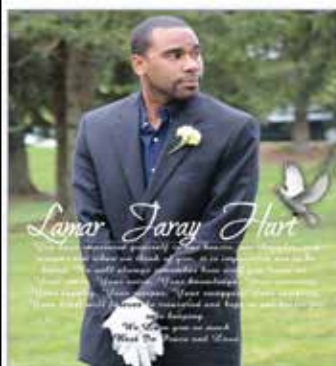
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## World Cup Soccer Weekend

A record 30 teams of all ages will participate Friday and Saturday, June 29-30 for the ninth annual Portland World Cup Soccer Tournament at Delta Park in north Portland, sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation. The tournament celebrates our diverse communities and helps with the integration of recent immigrants and refugees by connecting them to the community to which they now belong.



**Sadie's Garden Party**

— Sabin Community Development Corp., a nonprofit dedicated to providing long term and affordable housing in inner north-east Portland, will host a garden party with its lovable housing hippo mascot Sadie to celebrate the opening of a community garden and to connect with neighbors, on Saturday, June 30 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Alberta Commons, 5010 N.E. 19th Ave.

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## America and Korea are Part of the Same Threat

### Trump, Kim and the nuclear status quo

BY ROBERT C. KOEHLER

I get the skepticism regarding the tentative nuclear disarmament agreement the president and Kim Jong-un reached two weeks ago, but not the cynicism — not the outright dismissal.

It's too easy to hate Trump, but he isn't the point. In his reckless unpredictability — in his lust for applause and desperation to steal headlines from the Robert Mueller investigation — he snatched an opportunity to meet with the leader of North Korea . . . “Little Rocket Man” . . . and talk about reducing the danger of nuclear war. Say what?

It hardly seems possible — but maybe Trump has a mission far beyond anything he himself envisions: visiting creative destruction, you might say, on the planet's geopolitical infrastructure, loosening the certainties of nationalism and armed self-defense. Perhaps the salvation of Planet Earth begins with cluelessness and ego: a superpower leader who has no idea what he's doing.

“It is unclear if President Trump knew the full implications of accepting a meeting with Kim or the fact that a direct meeting with the leader of the United States was a prize three generations in the mak-



ing,” Alexandra Bell, senior policy director at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, wrote recently in the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists newsletter.

“It is also unclear if President Trump had a grand design for a nuclear agreement with North Korea in mind all along, or if he was equally willing to go to war.

“Regardless of the underlying impetus, the president has shown he is not encumbered by the foreign policy status quo or it would seem, congressional oversight. Because of his unprecedented actions — coupled with a few essential variables, including Kim's confidence in his nuclear deterrent and South Korean President Moon Jae-in's commitment to diplomacy — there is now an opportunity to forge a real and lasting nuclear agreement.”

What happens next won't be simple. It will take long-term negotiating skill along with extraordinary honesty, goodwill and public awareness — indeed, public demand, public prayer — that transcends the limits of geopolitical expertise . . . “the foreign policy status quo” that assumes the necessity of war and regards peace as an impossibility except as it is enforced by Western dominance.

Julian Borger, for instance, reflects the status quo animosity toward the Trump-Kim accord in a recent piece in *The Guardian*. “Many arms control advocates,” he writes, “. . . argue that negoti-

ations with North Korea that are not directly aimed at the speedy dismantling of its rogue nuclear weapons programme would give it legitimacy and send the wrong message to other regimes contemplating whether to build their own bomb.”

Subtle certainties of Western dominance resonate in this sentence. These are “regimes” we're dealing with here, not actual governments. And oh my, we need a speedy dismantling of North Korea's “rogue nuclear weapons” program.

I hadn't been aware that there was an official distinction between approved nukes and renegade nukes and somehow doubt that the Marshall Islanders or Americans who live near the Nevada Test Site — not to mention the hibakusha of Hiroshima and Nagasaki — take comfort in the fact that their radiation-induced cancer, their shattered lives, their lost loved ones were the result of legitimate nuclear testing and use.

The statement also implies that North Korea developed its nuclear weapons program — no small feat for a tiny, impoverished country — out of sheer orneriness and evil (unlike us), and Trump's conferring legitimacy on it through give-and-take negotiations will only encourage other evil regimes to go nuclear.

There seems to be a huge media memory void surrounding North Korea — and the U.S. role in shaping its defense strategy. In

2002, notes Reese Erlich at *Common Dreams*, George W. Bush “declared North Korea to be part of the ‘Axis of Evil,’ which also included Iran and Saddam Hussein's Iraq. After the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, Korea feared it could be the next target for regime change. The DPRK withdrew from the Non-Proliferation Treaty and began a sprint towards developing a nuclear weapon.”

But the memory void goes half a century deeper than that: back to the Korean War, when the United States dropped 635,000 tons of explosives on North Korea, including 32,557 tons of napalm, destroying cities, farmland and hydroelectric dams, and killed as many as 3 million people. Even more might have died if Gen. Douglas MacArthur had gotten his way and the U.S. had used nuclear weapons.

The nuclear threat didn't end with the armistice in 1953. By 1958, President Eisenhower had begun shipping atomic weapons to South Korea and by the mid-'60s “the United States had more than 900 nuclear artillery shells, tactical bombs, surface-to-surface rockets and missiles, anti-aircraft missiles and nuclear land mines in South Korea,” according to Walter Pincus, writing in the *New York Times*. The nukes stayed in South Korea till 1991; their threat understandably shaped the country's strategic thinking.

This is not a defense of North Korea, just an expansion of the

context in which we evaluate the current situation. Over seven decades of murderous contempt for this tiny, communist country, we helped create it.

In terms of world peace, both countries are part of the same threat. Indeed, the U.S. Congress just approved a new defense budget: \$716 billion for the Pentagon, up \$80 billion from last year, and an additional \$21.6 billion for nuclear weapons programs. This includes, according to the recent *Nuclear Posture Review*, the development of “flexible” — low-yield, usable — nuclear weapons.

Military thinking controls the United States, just as it does North Korea. Both countries have rogue nuclear weapons programs. Real peace negotiations would include members of the global public who want to transcend any possibility of nuclear war and would have the courage to bring up Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which the United States signed in 1970:

“Each of the Parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.”

*Robert Koehler, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is a Chicago award-winning journalist and editor.*

## Has Slavery Really Ended or Just Transformed?

### The racial disparities are stark

BY JESSICAH PIERRE

During the week of June 19, cities around the country mark Juneteenth — the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

Dating back to 1865, two and a half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, this holiday marks the day when Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and the enslaved were now free. They were the last people freed from slavery after the war.

In much of the country, howev-



er, mass incarceration has picked up where slavery left off.

Over 150 years after the first Juneteenth, the United States incarcerates more of its citizens than any other nation in the world — over 2.2 million people, a 500 percent increase over the last 40 years. This increase didn't come from rising crime, but rather from changes in law and policy dating back to President Nixon, which led to a dramatic increase in the number of people punished with prison time.

African Americans are incarcerated at many times the rate of their white counterparts, leading law professor Michelle Alexander — author of *The New Jim Crow* — to argue that racial discrimination has transformed mass incarceration into modern-day slavery.

Like slavery before it, the pris-

on industrial complex is now an economy unto itself. As the number of incarcerations has soared, prison industrialists seized the opportunity to capitalize and started bidding for the right to incarcerate Americans and otherwise cash in.

The racial disparities are stark, particularly when it comes to the drug war. Despite the fact that African Americans and whites use drugs at similar rates, the imprisonment rate of African Americans for drug charges is almost 6 times that of whites. Prison Policy Initiative data confirms that nonviolent drug convictions are a defining characteristic of the federal prison system. Even nonviolent drug charges give people criminal records, reducing their employment prospects and increasing the likelihood of longer sentences for any future offenses.

This has impacts across gener-

ations. A recent report by the Economic Policy Institute found that by the age of 14, approximately 25 percent of African American children have experienced a parent — in most cases a father — being imprisoned for some period of time.

The “evidence is overwhelming that the unjustified incarceration of African American fathers (and, increasingly, mothers as well) is an important cause of the lowered performance of their children,” the report concludes. For example, children of incarcerated parents are more likely to misbehave at or even drop out of school, develop learning disabilities, and to suffer from migraines, asthma, high cholesterol, depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, and homelessness.

Juneteenth represents a milestone for America, but it's time to take the next step: criminal justice

reform to stop the growth of mass incarceration. Some states have begun to take matters into their own hands, implementing important policies to reduce the number of people in prison. But federal action is necessary to propel long-term systemic change.

Last month the House passed the First Step Act aimed at reforming our prison and jail system. Unfortunately, House members are divided over the provisions of this bill, and key Senate members have criticized the bill for not including sentencing reform.

In the spirit of Juneteenth, we need sweeping criminal justice reforms so that we can reduce mass incarceration and improve the lives of all Americans.

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## OPINION



## Immigration and Trump's Dehumanizing Language

Cruel policies follow such patterns of thinking

BY JOSÉ-ANTONIO OROSCO

As I listened to the recording of immigrant kids crying because they were being separated from their parents, I heard the Border Patrol agent joke that they sounded like an orchestra without a conductor. My reaction was to wonder how anyone could be so cruel to the fear of young children. What could make a person so cold to that kind of pain?

The incident reminded me of philosopher Phillip Hallie who wrote about the concentration camps of Nazi Germany. Hallie pointed out that amid the daily horror of the camps, there were guards who had not been broken down by the constant show of degradation and would display kindness to the prisoners. They would share a kind word, or sneak an extra roll of bread to a starving person. Such examples are often used to argue that despite cruel situations, there might be solitary individuals who recognize the humanity of others. The Border Patrol agent laughing at children in terror doesn't seem to be one



of those.

But Hallie warns that we shouldn't narrow our focus on the morality of individuals or on episodic instances of cruelty or kindness when thinking of the concentration camps. In fact, a Nazi guard's smile or an extra ration from the camp kitchen only works to remind the prisoners that there is a world in which people can be kind and people are treated with dignity, but they aren't part of that world inside the camp.

Hallie argues that the way to comprehend the immorality of slavery or of the Nazi concentration camps is with the idea of "institutionalized cruelty"—the way in that the individual infliction of pain and suffering becomes normal, justified, and everyday. The Nazi guards could kill, beat, starve, torture prisoners because they had lived for years with their leaders telling them that their country, and their own families, were threatened by enemies who were not quite human. Ordinary Germans tolerated the Nazi policies because they became convinced by Nazi rhetoric they were somehow morally better than Jews, and therefore, deserved to control and dominate them.

Recent public opinion polls

suggest that 28 percent of Americans approved of the President's policy of separating immigrant children from parents at the borders; among those identifying as Republican the approval shot up to almost 60 percent. These numbers indicate that more than 1 in 4 Americans think that there is an immigration crisis facing the nation that requires an extraordinary effort of cruelty to solve. How could they be convinced of that?

Trump started his presidential campaign in 2016 by railing against Mexican immigrants as dangerous criminals, assuring his followers that (only) some of them are good people. He continued this way of thinking at the beginning of this year, bemoaning that the only kinds of refugees we attracted came from "shithole" countries. Then he warned that our laws were letting in "animals," having then to clarify that he meant specific MS-13 gang members and not undocumented immigrants in general. The ambiguity in Trump's language might be attributed to lazy speech, but just this week he reiterated that immigrants want to "infest" our country. It's clear that when it comes to immigrants, Trump relies on metaphors about animals, insects, disease, filth, and crime. It's really not surprising that cru-

el policies follow such patterns of thinking.

Hallie pointed out that the remedy to institutionalized cruelty is not kindness but what he called "hospitality"—caring for the victim of cruelty in a way that removes them from the relationship of domination that makes them suffer. Hallie's heroes were the people who sheltered runaway Jewish families and kept them out of the grasp of the Nazis. This suggests that what we need now is not just a reform to keep immigrant families together, but also a recommitment to assist refugees and asylum seekers and attention to the economic and political circumstances that are creating waves of migrants to our borders. And we need to stand up to the dehumanizing language from our leaders that hardens hearts and then, crushes bodies. Like Hallie's heroes, we ought show kindness not only by alleviating the suffering inside the tent cities where immigrant families are being detained, but by making sure that such places don't come to exist at all.

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# Sex Ed on the Line

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also to support staff in schools. In communities of color, it's a bit more of a taboo."

Williams said the fact that teen pregnancies have diminished in recent years is proof that comprehensive sex education works.

"Look at the statistics. Numbers don't lie and we have been able to make such huge progress," she said. "But we don't need the government to censor us."

Talking to their children about sex is often difficult for people of color, because it's traditionally been less acceptable than some other cultures. But funding through Title X grants through

Multnomah County have helped nonprofits give parents and educators the tools they need – the facts and science about sex – and as a result, teen pregnancy rates have gone down dramatically in our area.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, from 2001 to 2015, teen pregnancies for 15 to 17 year olds decreased from about 32 for every 1,000 females to 11 per 1,000.

That will no longer be the case if the federal government's "gag rule" for Title X grants goes forward, said Jimmy Rodasta, spokesman for Planned Parenthood Oregon.

"Everything about this gag rule



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Jimmy Rodasta, spokesman for Planned Parenthood Oregon, said a new gag rule on discussing the full range of options for preventing pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases is dangerous and will reverse gains made against unintended pregnancies and STD rates.

is dangerous and will reverse all the great progress and unintended pregnancy and STD rates," Rodasta said. "We are deeply concerned that this will take us backwards at a time we can't afford to be doing this."

Multnomah County in 2015 used \$1.25 million in Title X grants to educate 15,000 teens, train 107 teachers and engage 329 parents and caregivers in 32 middle and high schools throughout the county.

After receiving that same

amount for three years, last year Health and Human Services terminated the county's grants without explanation. The county has joined a class action lawsuit objecting to the cancellation. In five cases, federal judges have ruled those types of terminations unlawful, meaning HHS must still process grant applications. But whether the federal government will appeal those rulings is unknown at this time, according to the county, so many programs are in limbo.

The 2015 funding from Title X was administered by the county in partnership with Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette, Latino Network, Self Enhancement Inc., the Native Youth and Family Center, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland.

Kim Toevs, director of the Adolescent Sexual Health Equity program for the county, said it's important to keep a wide range of information about sexual health and pregnancy legal. She said the White House restrictions are based on morality concerns, not science, and that's not what Congress intended.

"The new rule is a burden on communities of color," she said.

Veronica Leonard, health and wellness manager for the Latino Network, said the data is clear that Title X-funded sex education has benefited communities of color.

"But now they are erecting more barriers to information and health services," she said. "Without funding it's harder to do our work and people will lose jobs."

According to Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, the administration's new rules would mean that the 41 percent of Oregonians who rely on Planned Parenthood would lose access to essential services like birth control, cancer screenings, and STD testing and treatment.

In addition, if Planned Parenthood is excluded entirely from Ti-

tle X funding, because they offer abortion services (for which they use no federal funds), that would mean other Title X-funded sites in the state, already stretched thin, would have to increase their contraceptive client caseloads by 69 percent.

The new rules would also place new restrictions for doctors, nurses, hospitals and any other health provider working under Title X to tell their patients how they can safely and legally access abortion.

Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated to family planning and related health services, and was designed to meet the needs of low-income families and those with no insurance.

The Administration's new restrictions are opposed by the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, along with more than 110 other public health organizations, according to Planned Parenthood.

Last month, U.S. Sens. Patty Murray, D-Wash., Tammy Baldwin, D-Wisc., and Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., introduced a resolution opposing the restrictions claiming they would "undermine the health care access for millions of patients."

Dr. David Barbe, president of the AMA, released a statement that his group is "particularly alarmed" by government interference in patient-physician relationships.

"High-quality medical care relies on honest, unfiltered conversations between patients and their physicians," he wrote. "Title X is popular, successful and has had bipartisan support for decades. We are at a 30-year low for unintended pregnancy and a historic low for pregnancy among teenagers – largely because of expanded access to birth control. We should not be walking that progress back."

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