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Sahaan McKelvey of Self Enhancement, Inc., helped develop the framework for a \$652 million Metro housing bond that's before voters in three counties this November. McKelvey said the measure is designed to help communities of color, homeless families and those most in need in the greater Portland region.

Housing on the Ballot

Measures aimed
at growing need

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

In a region where rent and housing prices have increased far faster than wages and a growing homeless population is one of government's most pressing problems, a new bal-

lot measure coming in the November General Election proposes an affordable housing bond that leverages \$652.8 million in new tax revenues for additional affordable housing units across the greater Portland area.

Metro, the regional government agency that spans three counties, unanimously voted in June to refer the largest-ever housing bond measure in the region's history to voters in the

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Judge Sentences Cosby to Prison

81-year-old
led away
from court in
handcuffs

(AP) -- His Hollywood career and good-guy image in ruins, Bill Cosby was led away to prison in handcuffs Tuesday at age 81, sentenced to three to 10 years behind bars for drugging and sexually assaulting a woman at his gated estate.

The punishment made him the first celebrity of the #MeToo era to be sent to prison and all but completed the dizzying, late-in-life fall from grace for the comedian, TV star and breaker of racial barriers.

"It is time for justice. Mr. Cosby, this has all circled back to you. The time has come," Montgomery County Judge Steven O'Neill said. He quoted from victim Andrea Constand's statement to the court, in which she said Cosby took her "beauti-



Bill Cosby departs from the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa. in handcuffs Tuesday to begin serving a three-to-10 year state prison sentence for sexual assault. (AP photo)

ful, young spirit and crushed it."

Cosby declined the opportunity to speak before the sentence came down, and afterward sat smiling, laughing and chatting

with his defense team. His wife of 54 years, Camille, was not in court. Constand smiled broadly upon hearing the punishment and was hugged by others in the

courtroom.

Cosby's lawyers asked that he be allowed to remain free on bail

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Disarm PSU Rally, Occupation

Portland State University students held a march and then occupied the area outside the PSU public safety offices Monday to demand the disarming of campus police officers. The protests come as PSU evaluates the fatal shooting of Jason Washington who was shot and killed by two campus police officers while trying to break up a fight last June 29, and considers if the decision to arm campus police needs reversing.

TriMet Fare Checks Illegal

A Multnomah County judge ruled Thursday that random stops to

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check fares for passengers exiting TriMet trains are unconstitutional in Oregon. Judge John A. Wittmayer found that David Douglas School Board member Ana Del Rocio was illegally stopped and searched because the Portland police officer and TriMet official who stopped her had no reason to suspect that she had not paid her fare.

Fernhill Murder Case Reward

The father of a 25-year-old man who was found murdered last January at Fernhill Park in northeast Portland is offering a \$30,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for his death. According to Portland



Police Bureau, Cody Oller was killed in a shooting and there are no suspects in the case.

Renewed Push on Wapato

Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith who is running for election to the Portland City Council renewed her push to open the never-used Wapato Jail in north Portland as a homeless shelter last week. She drew support from developer Jordan Schnitzer who purchased the jail from the county for \$5 million, but plans to demolish it if he soon doesn't get a proposal to use it as a homeless shelter.

Officer who Killed Neighbor Fired

A white police officer in Texas who shot and killed her black neighbor in his apartment was fired by the Dallas Police Department on Monday. The officer told investigators she confused her

neighbor's apartment for her own and fired two shots when he ignored her verbal commands.

Thorns Lose Title Game

The North Carolina Courage claimed their first NWSL title Saturday by beating the Portland Thorns 3-0 in front of a sold out crowd of 21,144 in Providence Park in Portland, the largest attendance for a professional women's soccer final in any league in US history.

Trade Fight Brings More Tariffs

The trade fight between the United States and China intensified Monday as the two economic superpowers hit each other with their biggest round of tariffs yet. The Trump administration imposed new 10 percent tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods, spanning thousands of products. China retaliated immediately with new taxes of 5 percent to 10 percent on \$60 billion of US goods such as meat, chemicals, clothes and auto parts.

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What's on your list today?



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Gov. Kate Brown (center) speaks out against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh during a rally Friday at Planned Parenthood in northeast Portland. Brown is among the group of Oregon Democratic leaders to oppose Kavanaugh, (including from left) U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, and U.S. Reps. Earl Blumenauer and Suzanne Bonamici.

Opposing Kavanaugh

Unity at Planned Parenthood

Gov. Kate Brown and most of Oregon's congressional delegation has joined reproductive rights leaders in the state to speak out against confirming Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh in the U.S. Senate, even as national Senate Republicans press for a swift vote confirming him to a life time position on the highest court.

Recent sexual assault allegations against Kavanaugh and a belief he will rule in favor of placing restrictions on abortion and other reproductive rights issues, has political leaders lining up to take a position in opposition to the Trump nominee.

A rally at Planned Parenthood with Democratic congressional office holders on Friday and an-

other at the health care provider on Monday with the public at large, voiced support instead for Kavanaugh's alleged victim, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, who put the nomination process in turmoil last week when she came forth with a claim that Kavanaugh attempted a sexual assault against her during high school.

Wyden and Merkley are calling on the FBI to reopen and complete a standard background check to fully investigate the allegations leveled by Ford.

"This nomination poses a fundamental question: Will America go backwards or forwards on women's privacy," Wyden said. "I am proud to stand with Governor Brown and all of you today at Planned Parenthood to say 'no way' to Donald Trump's nomination of Judge Kavanaugh."

"This is about the future of

our country and what kind of nation we will choose to be for generations to come," Merkley added.

Oregon's two senators said they will vote against Kavanaugh's nomination and in solidarity, they joined Brown, U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, and U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici in solidarity at the rally at Planned Parenthood.

"We're looking at a future where women have fewer rights than we did in 1973," Brown warned.

Kavanaugh is feared by many to be a future vote to overturn Roe v. Wade, a 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, and a judge who will roll back other rights for women. President Donald Trump has said in the past that he would nominate someone to the Supreme Court to overturn the landmark case.

College Fund Night Celebration

You're invited to an evening of excellence celebrating our youth when the United Negro College Fund Portland Leadership Council hosts a scholarship fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. at Columbia Edgewater Country Club, 2220 N.E. Marine Dr.

Evening activities include silent auction, cocktails, raffle and program. Keynote speaker will be Ruth Williams Brinkley, president Pacific NW Region Kaiser Foundation Hospitals & Health



Jerry Bell Jr.

Plan. Music and entertainment will feature DJ Michael Morris and Alonzo Chadwick. The evening emcee will be Jerry Bell, Jr., award winning TV and film actor, producer and director.

The reason for the occasion is to celebrate UNCF Portland Portfolio Project Students. The UNCF Portland Portfolio Project is a unique college preparatory program that provides high schools

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Police Sued for Flash Bag Injury

BY DANNY PETERSON
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A man is suing the city of Portland for being hit in the back of the head with a flash-bang munition that police are accused of launching at counter-protestors without warning during a right-wing rally early last month in downtown Portland.

Aaron Anthony Cantu, who was wearing a bicycle helmet when he was struck, claims he suffered a traumatic brain injury when the device pierced the helmet during the protest and was treated initially by a street medic before being transported to hospital Aug. 4, a tort claim filed last week on Cantu's behalf stated. The injury, which occurred on Southwest Columbia Street between First Avenue and Naito Parkway would've likely been fatal if not for the helmet, the claim said.

"The medics had to move him out of this dangerous situation created by created by Portland Police. Mr. Cantu thought he was going to die," a notice sent to the city by attorneys Juan Chavez and Crystal Maloney stated.

The claim also states that Cantu did not receive warning from police before the projectiles were launched. It also stated Cantu had not witnessed any projectiles or violence from the people on the counter-protestor side.

The photos of Cantu's injuries went viral on social media the day of the protest, though Police and the city's Independent Police Review were unable to speak with him to confirm their



authenticity. Cantu remained anonymous up when the claim was filed a week ago.

When Cantu first heard a loud explosion, the claim states, he immediately started running away. He heard three or more loud bangs before being hit and started bleeding from his head, eyes blurry, and unable to yell or speak. He was attended briefly by a street medic at a bus stop before fleeing on foot again as police continued firing projectiles before being taken to a hospital.

Portland police temporarily suspended use of the flash-bag weapons, which were intended to be a "less-lethal" crowd dispersal tool, immediately following the Aug. 4 protests and the multiple reports of injuries.

Cantu is the second person to have notified the city of the intention to sue for injuries caused by the crowd dispersal munitions. Michelle Fawcett filed a tort claim on Sept. 13 for allegedly receiving third-degree chemical burns from a flash-bang munition that hit her arm and chest.

Portland protester Aaron Anthony Cantu released this photo of his bike helmet punctured from a flash-bang munition that he said Portland Police negligently fired during a counter-protest to right wing demonstrators last Aug. 4, downtown. Cantu has filed a lawsuit against the city, claiming the projectile caused a traumatic brain injury.



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while he appeals his conviction, but the judge appeared incredulous over the request and ordered him locked up immediately, saying that “he could quite possibly be a danger to the community.”

The comedian removed his watch, tie and jacket and walked out in a white dress shirt and red suspenders, his hands cuffed in front of him. He must serve the minimum of three years before becoming eligible for parole.

“For decades, the defendant has been able to hide his true self and hide his crimes using his fame and fortune. He’s hidden behind a character created, Dr. Cliff Huxtable,” Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele said at a news conference, referring to Cosby’s best-known role. But “now, finally, Bill Cosby has been unmasked, and we have seen the real man as he is headed off to prison.”

Constand stood at Steele’s side but shook her head to say she had no comment.

Former model Janice Dickinson, who was among the 60 or so women who have come forward to accuse Cosby of drugging and violating them over the past five decades, looked at him in the courtroom and said: “Here’s the last laugh, pal.”

Another accuser in the courtroom, Lili Bernard, said: “There is solace, absolutely. It is his fame and his fortune and his phony philanthropy that has allowed him to get away with impunity. Maybe this will send a message to other powerful perpetrators that they will be caught and punished.”

The punishment, which also included a \$25,000 fine, came at the end of a two-day hearing at which the judge declared Cosby a “sexually violent predator” — a modern-day scarlet letter that subjects him to monthly counseling for the rest of his life and requires that neighbors and schools be notified of his whereabouts.

The comic once known as America’s Dad for his role on the top-rated “Cosby Show” in the 1980s was convicted in April of violating Constand, Temple University women’s basketball administrator, at his suburban

Philadelphia mansion in 2004. It was the first celebrity trial of the #MeToo era.

Cosby faced anywhere from probation to 10 years in prison. His lawyers asked for house arrest, saying Cosby — who is legally blind — is too old and vulnerable to do time in prison. Prosecutors asked for five to 10 years behind bars, saying he could still pose a threat to women.

The sentencing came as another extraordinary #MeToo drama unfolded on Capitol Hill, where Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh stands accused of sexual misconduct more than three decades ago.

Sonia Ossorio, president of the National Organization for Women of New York, credited Cosby’s accusers with helping pave the way for the #MeToo movement.

“Bill Cosby seeing the inside of a prison cell sends a strong message that predators — no matter who they are, from Hollywood to Wall Street to the Supreme Court — can no longer be protected at the expense of victims,” she said.

The judge ruled on Cosby’s “sexually violent predator” status after a psychologist for the state testified that the entertainer appears to have a mental disorder that gives him an uncontrollable urge to have sex with women without their consent. When the ruling came down, a woman in the courtroom shot her fist into the air and whispered, “Yessss!”

In a statement submitted to the court and released Tuesday, Constand, 45, said that she has had to cope with years of anxiety and self-doubt. She said she now lives alone with her two dogs and has trouble trusting people.

“When the sexual assault happened, I was a young woman brimming with confidence and looking forward to a future bright with possibilities,” she wrote in her five-page statement. “Now, almost 15 years later, I’m a middle-aged woman who’s been stuck in a holding pattern for most of her adult life, unable to heal fully or to move forward.”

She also wrote of Cosby: “We may never know the full extent of his double life as a sexual predator, but his decades-long reign of terror as a serial rapist is over.”

In his testimony, Cosby described sexual encounters with a string of actresses, models and other young women and talked about obtaining quaaludes to give to those he wanted to sleep with.

Cosby’s first trial in 2017 ended with a hung jury. He was convicted at a retrial that opened months after the #MeToo movement had taken down such figures as Hollywood studio boss Harvey Weinstein, NBC’s Matt Lauer, actor Kevin Spacey and Sen. Al Franken.

Constand said Cosby gave her what she thought were herbal pills to ease stress, then penetrated her with his fingers as she lay immobilized on a couch. Cosby claimed the encounter was consensual, and his lawyers branded her a “con artist” who framed the comedian to get a big payday — a \$3.4 million settlement she received over a decade ago.

Five other accusers testified at the trial as part of an effort by prosecutors to portray him as a predator.

Cosby, whose estimated fortune once topped \$400 million, broke barriers in the 1960s as the first black actor to star in a network show, “I Spy.” He went on to superstardom as wise and understanding Dr. Cliff Huxtable on “The Cosby Show,” a sitcom that showed America a new kind of black TV family: a warm and loving household led by two professionals, one a lawyer, the other a doctor.



Portland Trail Blazer and three-time NBA All-Star Damian Lillard will once again interact with fans when the Portland Trail Blazers host a free fan night on Sunday, Sept. 30. (Photo from NBA.com)

Blazers to Host Fans

Preseason showcase has new start time

The preseason showcase that Portland Trail Blazers fans eagerly await is back with a new, later 7 p.m. start time. The 14th annual Blazers Fan Fest presented by Wells Fargo is set for Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Moda Center featuring new entertainment and fan engagement in the arena’s lower bowl, alongside a first-look scrimmage by the new 2018-19 Trail Blazers roster.

The free event features first-come, first-served general admission seating, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Special front-row seating in select courtside areas will be reserved for kids from community-based organizations. Parking on the Rose Quarter campus will be

free, subject to space availability.

Fans can download their free digital tickets online at trailblazers.com/fanfest.

The scrimmage will include four quarters of competitive, intra-squad NBA action. Three-time All-Star and All-NBA point guard Damian Lillard returns for his seventh season with teammates CJ McCollum, Jusuf Nurkic and more. Fans will get to interact with the Trail Blazers television and radio broadcast teams including Kevin Calabro, Lamar Hurd, Brooke Olzendam, Jordan Kent, Brian Wheeler and Michael Holton as they interview players and coaches on the new endzone entertainment stage.

Fans will also see performances by this year’s BlazerDancers and Stunt Team; and have loads of chances at free prizes and other giveaways from team mascot Blaze the Trail Cat.

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Dr. Karin Edwards, president of the Portland Community College Cascade Campus; Dr. Michele Cruse, dean of students at the PCC Cascade Campus; Joy Fowler,



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The Northwest Film Center presents 'Dark Money,' a gripping story uncovering the shocking and vital truth of how American elections are bought and sold, gets a showing at the Portland Art Museum.

Democracy under Threat

Dark money, a political thriller, examines one of the greatest present threats to American democracy: the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections and elected officials.

The film takes viewers to Montana – a frontline in the fight to preserve fair elections nationwide – to follow an intrepid local journalist working to expose the real-life impacts of the Supreme Court's Citizens United de-

cision.

The Sundance award-winning documentary was directed and produced by Kimberly Reed who will be in attendance when "Dark Money" is presented by the Northwest Film Center for two showings, Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29, both at 7 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum. Admission is \$10 general and \$8 for students and seniors.

TV Star to Front Local Gala

From the action-packed sets of zombies and crime-ridden streets, to Vancouver's stunning Royal Oaks Country Club, American film and TV celebrity Lawrence Gilliard Jr. will join the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra as guest of honor at its 40th Anniversary Fundraising Gala on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Gilliard has starred in an array of critically-acclaimed films and television series, most recognizably in The Walking Dead, The Wire, and most recently HBO's The Deuce. A clarinet major of Baltimore School for the Arts and Juilliard School, Gilliard's roots in classical music run deep.

The actor and musician will join an exceptional program of performers for his Vancouver visit, including violin virtuoso Mayuko Kamio, Broadway star Susannah Mars, OPB President Gala emcee Steve Bass, the young artist trio 300 Watts, and



Lawrence Gilliard Jr.

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First Thursday Opens Show



Chayo Wilson uses ceramics and metal for her work 'Frieda Head.'

On NE ALBERTA ST Street

The 12th annual "Day of the Dead" show at Guardino Gallery is not to be missed. Each year, the gallery at 2939 N.E. Alberta St. asks artists to interpret this Latino tradition and make it their own.

This year's show will be the largest ever with 57 participating artists, featuring paintings, ceramics, fabric, wood, embroidery, glass and more. The show will open for Last Thursday on Sept. 27, with live music from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and feature Day of the Dead altars and costumes. The show will run through Oct. 21.



A graphite and gouache illustration by Alicia Justice is one of featured works for a Day of the Dead-themed exhibit opening First Thursday, Sept. 27 and running through Oct. 21 at Gardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

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Hard Choices in America

A restaurant bike delivery worker illustrates the tensions of modern-day immigrant life in America where he is treated like a second-class citizen but carries a dignity wholly his own in search of a better life. 'En El Séptimo Día' (The Seventh Day) by director Jim McKay is presented by the Northwest Film Center on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 29 at 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum. Admission is \$10 general and \$8 for students and seniors.



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A grand opening ribbon is cut on Friday in celebration of the new Garlington Campus at 3036 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., a new home for the Garlington Health Center serving disadvantaged populations, and the new affordable Garlington Place apartments. Pictured from left are Cascadia Behavioral Health President and CEO Derald Walker, Emmett Wheatfall, Andrew Colas, Mayor Ted Wheeler, Rep. Earl Blumenauer, Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury, Michelle DePasse, and Michael Buonocore.

New Garlington Campus

Expansion adds health services, housing

BY DANNY PETERSON

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Governmental officials and community members joined Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare's grand

opening and ribbon cutting ceremony Friday to celebrate the new Garlington Center Campus, home to the Garlington Health Center and Garlington Place Apartments at 3036 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The center delivers integrated healthcare in the form of mental health, substance use support, primary care, and wellness services and has an adjacent 52-unit afford-

able housing apartment building where Cascadia clients, veterans, and displaced north and northeast Portland residents can call home.

Named after the late Rev. Dr. John W. Garlington Jr. and his wife, Yvonne Garlington, who together established a compassionate voice for Portland's African American population within the social services community, the center hon-

ors the Garlington's devotion to improving the areas of education, employment, police-community relations and their ministry to individuals and families experiencing poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

The Garlingtons, who died tragically in a car accident in 1986, were survived by a large family, many members of which spoke and were present at the ceremony.



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You're invited to celebrate the installation of a new playground at Kenton Park in north Portland during a grand re-opening celebration on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

New Playground in Kenton

A new playground at Kenton Park is the latest Parks Replacement Bond project to come to completion. To mark the installation, a free and open-to-all celebration will be held Saturday, Sept. 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the park, located at 8417 N. Brandon Ave.

Extensive community input influenced the playground's natural theme, including wooden play elements such as a fort and balance beams, an accessible play surface, new park benches and picnic tables, a new drinking fountain, paved paths, and

playground swings designed for a variety of abilities and ages.

"Portlanders are rightfully proud of our world-class park system. And thanks to the overwhelming support of voters for the Parks Replacement Bond, we're able make much-needed upgrades," says Portland Parks Commissioner Nick Fish. "Kenton Park's new playground and amenities make it one of our flagship parks."

The grand reopening celebration will feature brief welcoming remarks, cake, and activities.



Hop Harvest Beer Tasting

Celebrating Oregon's annual hop harvest with dozens of fresh-hop beers, the 15th annual Portland Fresh Hops Fest will return to Oaks Amusement Park in southeast Portland this Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28-29. Hours are 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday. Visit oregoncraftbeer.org.

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BUSINESS Guide

Tough as Nails -- Portland actress Margie Boule stars as the late Ann Richards, the Texas gov-



ernor who was known for her outspoken feminism and one-liners, in the play "Ann" from Portland's Triangle Productions and now playing through Oct. 14 at the Sanctuary at Sandy Plaza, 1785 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15-35. Call 503-239-5919 or visit trianglepro.org.

Raunchy Musical -- A sexually frustrated country-singing cowgirl is the center of attention in Whiskey Dixie, a play that pokes fun at many sexual taboos and hot topics, now playing through Oct. 13 at Imago Theater, 17 S.E. Eighth Ave. The show is written, directed and crewed primarily by women and playfully navigates the currents of the present-day American patriarchy while encouraging audiences to seize the day.



The Color Purple -- Portland Center Stage at The Armory has launched its new season with the Tony Award-winning musical "The Color Purple," adapted from Alice Walker's classic novel about the sisterhood, resilience and self-empowerment found in a community of black women living in rural Georgia. Now showing through Oct. 28. Tickets range from \$25 to \$87 with special \$5 tickets available for Oregon Trail Card holders through the Arts for All program. Visit pcs.org.



Gorge Shuttle Returns -- The Columbia Gorge Express bus service by the Oregon Department of Transportation has made its return, now going as far east as Hood River and offering serve seven days a week, year round. The bus departs from the Gateway Transit Center to Rooster Rock State Park, Multnomah Falls, Cascade Locks and Hood River.

SOLVE Cleanup Saturday -- Celebrate and care for your community by volunteering on Saturday, Sept. 29 for the SOLVE Beach & Riverside Cleanup. SOLVE invites all Oregonians to help remove invasive plants and clean up hundreds of miles of beaches, rivers, and

city streets before fall rains wash litter and debris into storm drains and out to sea. Find your favorite project and sign up

at solveoregon.org

New Chinatown Museum -- "Made in Chinatown, USA: Portland," a photo exhibit capturing the cultural pride of Portland's Asian community marks the opening of a new Portland Chinatown Museum at 127 N.W. Third Ave. Admissions is a suggested \$5 and free on First Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Sept. 28 at Clyde's; Thursday, Oct. 4 at 5 p.m. at Portland Center Stage at the Armory; Friday, Oct. 5 at C I Bar and Grill in Tualatin; Saturday, Oct. 6 at Catfish Lou's; Friday, Oct. 12 at Wilf's; Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Spare Room; and Saturday, Oct. 20 at 9 p.m. at the Tiffany Center for the Potluck in the Park benefit.



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

Discount Tickets -- Low income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.



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OPINION



Why Women Don't Report Sexual Assault

**Delays should
not discredit
accusers**

BY JILL

RICHARDSON

When Christine Blasey Ford came forward to report that President Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, sexually assaulted her in 1982, you could cue the response: Why didn't she speak out then? Why didn't she go to the police?

There's a long, long list of reasons why a woman wouldn't speak out even now, and no doubt it was even more difficult in the pre-Anita Hill world of 1982.

I can't speak for everyone who has faced sexual assault, but I can speak for myself.

1. At first, I didn't know that what happened to me was a crime. My first assault occurred in college, 18 years ago. He lived in my dorm. I knew what rape was and didn't think I'd experienced that. But I didn't know that sexual violations without consent that aren't sexual intercourse are also a crime.

2. I couldn't talk about it.

Even now, I can't describe what happened to my therapist in any detail. What happened involved body parts that are too private to discuss with those closest to me — let alone the police, a judge, or a newspaper. Talking about a past trauma can be re-traumatizing. Some of us cope by staying silent.

3. I blamed myself. I physical-

ful. It's a perverse response, but it's apparently not uncommon.

5. I know someone who reported a rape to the police and had a traumatic experience of testifying in court and getting cross-examined by her rapist's lawyer in front of her rapist. And then the rapist was found innocent. I don't want that to happen to me.

I'll tell you this: Like Christine Blasey Ford, if the man who assaulted me was nominated for the U.S. Supreme Court, I'd speak up.

ly resisted for a while and then I froze and it happened. At the time, I told myself that if I really didn't want it, I would've kept fighting. I didn't know that freezing is a normal human response in a traumatic situation.

4. Afterward, I wanted him to be my boyfriend. My therapist said this was my way of trying to improve the situation. If he was my boyfriend, then what happened could be reinterpreted as meaning-

6. Now, 18 years later, the man who assaulted me is an instructor of neurology at a prominent children's hospital. He did a terrible thing to me, once, nearly two decades ago. Should I attempt to ruin his career because of it?

The answer to that is: I don't know. If I thought he was still assaulting women and my speaking out would contribute to making him stop, I would in a heartbeat.

What he did to me 18 years ago

still hurts so much that I would only revisit that assault and expose him publicly if there was a very clear purpose to doing so.

I expect if I did attempt to expose him, I'd be attacked. People would say that it wasn't an assault because I wanted him to be my boyfriend afterward. They would say I wanted it because I froze and stopped fighting. There are good odds I wouldn't be believed.

I'll tell you this: Like Christine Blasey Ford, if the man who assaulted me was nominated for the U.S. Supreme Court, I'd speak up. I don't think a man who violates a woman that way is qualified to rule on cases of violence against women, or any other aspect of their well-being. I don't think he could be impartial.

When a victim of sexual crimes comes forward, even if it's decades after the crime took place, we shouldn't use her past silence against her as "evidence" to discredit her. That urge to discredit is exactly why it takes so long for some to come forward in the first place.

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OPINION

Over Confident Men in Power Often Can't Count

A growing resistance to Trump's tenure

BY LEW CHURCH

Our embattled but still legal occupant of the White House is notoriously bad at math. Donald Trump couldn't guestimate the crowd size of an inaugural parade for all the tea in China. As a beleaguered president, he is also having problems even counting the extent of the growing opposition to his tenure at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Over-confident men in power often can't count. At the end of the 19th century, it appeared that Army Gen. George Armstrong Custer made the same mistake during a confrontation between Sioux Indians in Montana and desperate white men. At a certain point, however, it becomes strategically useful to get an accurate count of the forces gathering around you.

One tactic that has worked for Trump in the past has been spending money from his mountains of financial wealth to target or silence his enemies. In the midst of the battle of the Little Big Horn, General Custer didn't have that option. Custer simply ran out of bullets. Trump asserted he would "never settle" a lawsuit, for example, only to then agree to pay students at his so-called real estate college, Trump Universi-

ty, a \$25 million settlement -- albeit without no admission of fraudulent practices.

More famously, Trump's stash of cash has proven useful to buy the silence of women who have had personal encounters with him. This has been true, up to a point, with both the adult film actress Stormy Daniels and with former Playboy centerfold Karen McDougal. But even in those two cases, payments of up to \$130,000 to try to buy silence had unintended conse-

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quences. This is especially true after the president's personal lawyer of 10 years, Michael Cohen, who pled guilty to a felony regarding campaign finance violations "at the direction" of the president in order to influence the outcome of the election.

Denying knowledge of, and then admitting knowledge of, such hush money payments raises the question of obstruction of justice at the highest level.

Having a stash of cash at the ready also comes in handy when, for the first time in U.S. history, the president refuses to disclose personal and business tax records. The implication is that people in power don't have to disclose such records, even when other presidents have done so in the past. Having such cash resources, without an accounting of tax payments, allows for greater flexibility for improper use of such resources once a candidate takes office.

What we do know is Trump can't count! In terms of the Mueller probe, the 16 felonies committed or pleaded already, including Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort and Trump personal attorney Michael Cohen -- don't appear to be 'adding up' in Trump's mind. Whether the Stormy Daniels situation gets 'added' to this math, or rises to the level of 'high crimes and misdemeanors' -- has yet to be decided.

There is an old German film, directed by the great Werner Herzog, about a conquistador under Juan Pizarro in South America in the 1500s, called "Aguirre, the Wrath of God." Klaus Kinski portrays this character, a megalomaniac searching for El Dorado, "the lost city of gold" in the Amazon rainforest.

Unfortunately for the two Spanish women and a troop of 20 men under his command, this protagonist does not fare well. At the end of this epic film, Kinski's crazed character finds himself alone and adrift on a raft in the middle of the Amazon River. The women, together with his men, have been killed by the natives, or fallen ill in the Amazon rainforest. In the end, Aguirre goes round in circles alone, with only a crew of 30 monkeys to keep him company on his makeshift raft.

The lesson of the film seems to be: The Indians are coming, and they are coming for you! It helps to know your math, whether you are a general at the Little Big Horn, a fictional conquistador, or the president in a turbulent White House. General Custer suffered from this malady, and it did not end well.

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Has Nation Lost All Sense of Decency and Justice?

Congress keeps throwing money to the wealthy

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."



These words are from President Franklin Roosevelt's second inaugural address given Jan. 20, 1937. The President was speaking to a nation crawling out of the Great Depression. Progress had been made but President Roosevelt knew a great nation was still capable of so much more.

We are facing another test of our moral progress today -- and we are failing.

U.S. Census Bureau figures for 2017 released this month show nearly 1 in 5 children in America still lives in poverty making them the poorest age group in our country. Almost one-third of the 39.7 million poor people in the United States are children. While the data show a slight reduction in child poverty in 2017 compared to 2016, the number of poor children -- 12.8 million, 17.5 percent of all children -- remains indecently high. And though unemployment numbers continue to fall, these gains have not kept families and children

out of poverty. More than 70 percent of poor children come from working families who often face low and stagnant wages.

The fact that nearly 1 in 5 children in America lives in poverty is morally and practically unacceptable and economically costly. That our youngest children are the poorest group of children during their years of greatest brain development is a shameful indictment of our values and our common sense given our very wealthy nation's failure to invest in our vulnerable young.

More than 1 in 5 children under six are poor in 20 states and the District of Columbia. More than two-thirds of poor children are children of color who will soon be a majority of our child population responsible for supporting our increasingly aging population into the future. Only five states have black child poverty rates under 20 percent.

How shockingly wrong-headed, immoral and costly it is that as 12.8 million children are struggle to learn while growing up in poverty, the Trump Administration and Republican-controlled Congress propose to throw money at non-needy millionaires and billionaires. In 2017 the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act gave massive tax cuts to billionaires, millionaires and powerful corporations at the expense of the majority of taxpayers and children at a cost of \$1.9 trillion over the next 11 years. To fill this huge deficit hole, the Trump Adminis-

tration and Republican leaders in Congress have threatened cuts to critical investments in child health, nutrition, housing and education.

Over the past few days, House Republicans introduced their Tax Plan 2.0 that would again reward the wealthy and continue to increase already indefensible inequality. If enacted it would permanently extend the 2017 tax law's individual provisions slated to expire after 2025 that benefit the top one percent of households twice as much as those in the bottom 60 percent.

Initial estimates indicate Tax Plan 2.0 would add around \$3 trillion more to the originally projected \$1.9 trillion deficit in the first 10 years the individual provisions become permanent.

And with significantly higher projected deficits, the threat remains that the Trump White House will continue to propose debilitating cuts and starve programs poor children and their families desperately need to buy groceries, see a doctor and find a safe affordable place to live. All of this in order to pay for huge tax breaks for wealthy corporations and individuals. Has our nation completely lost all sense of decency and justice?

Our babies' survival needs should trump billionaires' and millionaires' greed. Our children's present and future lives are too valuable to let these profoundly unjust practices continue. This new Tax Plan 2.0 and any additional cuts to key survival programs

must be rejected. And every single person in America needs to speak out and mount a campaign to end child poverty now.

The recent Census Bureau report shows how key investments can help end child and family poverty. We must provide jobs and decent wages and support investments in child and family basic needs.

In 2017, millions of children were lifted above the poverty line by the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other refundable credits (4.5 million), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (1.5 million), the National School Lunch Program (722,000), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (156,000), housing subsidies (897,000), the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program (472,000), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and general assistance (296,000).

We can and must provide enough for our young who have too little instead of padding the pockets of millionaires and billionaires who have far more than their fair share of public welfare. No child in our nation should live in poverty. Shielding children from the lifelong consequences of poverty will improve child lives now and reduce future child poverty. We have all the resources and know how to end child poverty and cannot wait. Our children's and nation's future depend on acting right now.

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

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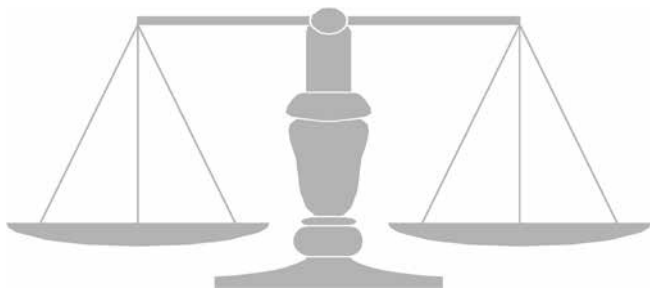


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Making Cycling More Inclusive

Two Portland-based business owners will be recognized for their efforts to make cycling more inclusive, accessible and safe when the non-profit Street Trust hosts its annual Alice Awards, Friday, Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Castaway Portland.

The awards will be presented to Leah Benson, the founder, and owner of Gladys Bikes, a gender-inclusive bike shop, and William Henderson, the co-founder of Ride Report, a company helping cities to improve biking with crowd-sourced data and maps.

"Leah and William are leaders making cycling more inclusive, accessible and safe. Their work demonstrates that transportation alternatives are good for business," says Jillian Detweiler, executive director at The Street Trust.

Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson will emcee the event which will bring together commu-

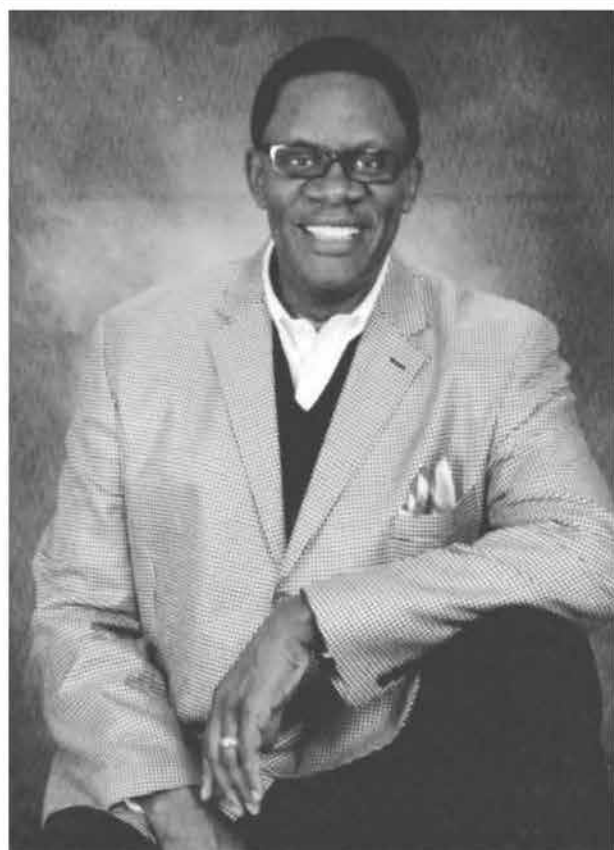


Leah Benson

nity members, transportation activists, and local leaders to celebrate the work to make the northwest the best region to walk, bike and ride transit. There will be food, wine and beer and a live auction with prizes, with the proceeds to benefit The Street Trust. Tickets are available at thestreettrust.org/alice2018.

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Housing on the Ballot

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form of Measure 26-199. Standing on its own, the bond could provide 7,500 people with affordable homes. If a second, statewide ballot measure that amends Oregon's constitution passes, too, that could allow the bond to house even more: 12,000 people, according to Metro.

Though the bond measure has seen the support of many public officials and organizations across the political spectrum, including Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, the Portland Business Alliance, and the Urban League of Portland, there's been some opponents of the measure as well.

The bond would tax property owners 24 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value, which works out to about \$5 per month for the average Portland-area home owner, according to Metro. The bond could leverage an additional 2,400 or 3,900 new housing units, the total depending on the result of a statewide ballot measure called Measure 102, also on the ballot in November, that would allow regional bond money to co-mingle with federal funds specifically for creating affordable housing for private and non-profit developers.

The Metro measure has been compared to Portland's \$258 million housing bond that voters passed two years ago for creating at least 1,300 affordable housing units.

This time around, the housing bond is before voters in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah counties, and if passed, the monies would be distributed to the respective low-income housing authorities in those counties.

Sahaan McKelvey, 42, who works for non-profit Self Enhancement Inc. (SEI), was on the steering committee made up of a coalition of local organizations that worked closely with Metro to help develop the framework for the housing bond, a set of guidelines that have an equity-lens that local housing authorities would have to agree to work within when they use the money.

"[We] worked with them to ensure that the framework was developed in a way that was going to be equitable and useful for primarily communities of color and lower income families," McKelvey told the Portland Observer.

That doesn't mean prioritizing one population over another, McKelvey clarified, but creating opportunities for those most in need in our society, those with severely limited income, a plight which happens to disproportionately affect communities of color.

Low-income families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities, are also some of the groups that will benefit from the bond, according to the official form of the measure from the county's elections website.

A focus on setting aside a significant portion of the housing for those in the lowest income bracket, low income families, and dedicating much of the funds toward generating new housing stock, rather than rehabilitating older units, were some of the main points McKelvey cited as particularly equitable aspects of the framework.

Up to 40 percent of the housing that would be created by the bond would be set aside for those in the 0-30 percent Area Median Income [AMI] range, McKelvey said. (That's 1,600 homes set aside for the 0-30 AMI group if the companion constitutional amendment passes or 1,200 without the constitutional amendment.)

"That was a big deal for us," he added.

In order for to ensure the measure helps families, the framework's goal is to create at least 50 percent of the homes with 2-5 bedrooms. McKelvey, who works with families at SEI, said that's important in a region where a significant portion of the homeless population is families, including thousands of kids. Keeping families together, he added, was a high priority in drafting the framework.

"It's an extremely important part of the cultural fabric of some of the populations that we're working with," McKelvey said.



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Sahaan McKelvey used his expertise helping African American families at the north Portland non-profit, Self-Enhancement Inc. to help craft the framework for Metro's housing bond to create affordable housing to help people of color and other disadvantaged populations. The measure will be on the ballot this November.

Another equity-focused goal of the framework, McKelvey said, was for a significant portion of the housing created to become new housing stock, not just rehabilitation of units already on the market.

"We have seen instances before where acquisition and rehab of existing units and facilities has been done in a way that can be inequitable and causes folks to be pushed out through that process," he added.

Rehabilitating older houses will still be done, McKelvey said, but many will be homes in such a state of disrepair that they would have gone off the market anyway.

McKelvey also cited the prevalence of vacant luxury homes in the greater Portland area as a sign that subsidized housing could be a viable solution to housing the poor, rather than solely relying on the private housing market to meet that need.

Despite these points, the Metro housing bond has seen a level of opposition that the city housing bond from two years ago saw

little.

Among those opponents is Andy Duyck, the chair of the Washington County board of commissioners and chair of Washington County Housing Authority (the agency which would distribute the bond dollars should it pass).

In his opposition, Duyck finds himself in the company of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, Beaverton Chamber of Commerce, Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, and Portland Metro Realtors Association, Duyck told the Portland Observer. Duyck also joined the political action committee that opposes the bond, called "Affordable for WHO?," describing himself as a reluctant spokesperson for the campaign which he did not form.

Though Duyck doesn't dispute that there's an affordable housing crisis in the region, he contends initiatives for affordable housing would be more efficient and

which the Metro housing tax would be determined for each home. Due to Oregon's tax limitation measures from the 1990s, measures 50 and 5, newer homes often have a higher assessed value than older ones, he said.

"It's disproportionate in how it affects the property owners. It means that anybody who has bought a home that's been built since measure 50 and 5 were put in place is going to be paying a lot more than \$60," Duyck said, referencing the \$60 per year that Metro said the average Portland-region homeowner will pay for the bond.

McKelvey said the potential amount of tax that homeowners would pay may fluctuate from home to home, but not drastically.

"If we're looking at an average annual cost of \$50 or \$60 across the tri-county region we're probably looking at maybe \$15 to \$25 dollar difference."

McKelvey, who spent the majority of his life in Portland, his home town, added that he understands the concerns about taxes that Duyck and others raised, but said fears of tax dollars being misused are unwarranted.

A 7 percent cap for the bond dollars to be used for administration, oversight and transaction costs at the regional and local level makes it possible to "hold our Metro government accountable," McKelvey said. An oversight committee would also be created.

McKelvey said he's also heard concerns that the measure will be too Multnomah County-centric. When asked if that was a concern for Duyck, he said no. Even so, the homes created by the bond will be distributed region-wide based on assessed value of each county, according to Metro's bond framework. That means 45 percent of the homes created would be in Multnomah County, 34 percent in Washington County, and 21 percent in Clackamas County.

However, McKelvey argues that as Multnomah County's cost of living rises, those who get pushed out to neighboring counties see an increase in cost as well. Hence, the bond would benefit all three counties and make spending for things like homeless services more efficient.

"We can keep playing musical chairs and the people can keep trying to find their seat in Multnomah or Clackamas or Washington county or we can try to work together to make sure everybody has a seat."

Though McKelvey lauds the measure as a good start for turning the region's affordable housing crisis around, he added that it's only the beginning of what's needed as it would provide only a tenth of the financial need to house all homeless people in all three counties.

The coalition that McKelvey was a part of to develop the Metro housing bond framework was called the Welcome Home committee and was made up of dozens of groups representing affordable housing developers, civil rights organizations, faith communities, and anti-poverty non-profits like Living Cully, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, and Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives.

That same committee was also instrumental in developing the Portland City housing bond that voters passed two years ago, McKelvey said.

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effective if it were done on the local level, rather than through Metro. He also accused Metro of "mission creep" for creating the bond proposal, citing that it's not a housing authority. Duyck also opposes the use of taxes for creating affordable housing, saying it would raise rents.

"People are becoming so tax burdened they're being priced right out of their own home. And it doesn't matter if they own that home or if they rented. All of those costs it attributed to the cost of housing," Duyck told the Portland Observer.

Duyck said Washington County was contemplating putting forth an affordable housing levy to voters, but nixed the idea once Metro's bond measure was approved for the ballot.

"Our polling was pretty clear that that support for any kind of a housing measure was tepid at best anyway. And to have two on there would just confuse the voters."

In addition, Duyck questions the way in

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