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“Our Eyes Are Wide Open”

Anniversary of killing
draws parallels to today

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Small permanent memorials were placed atop street signs in a southeast Portland neighborhood to honor Ethiopian immigrant Mulugeta Seraw on the 30th anniversary of his death when white supremacists attacked and killed him with a baseball bat because he was black.

Dozens of supporters and civil rights activists attended the Nov. 14 installation and dedication ceremony led by Urban League of Portland President and Chief Executive Officer Nkenge Harmon Johnson. The Portland Bureau of Transportation and the community non-profit Southeast Portland Uplift were co-sponsors of the event.

Members of Seraw's family and the city's Ethiopian community also attended. Mulugeta Seraw had moved to Portland to attend college when he was killed.

Johnson referred to the horrific attack in her remarks. She also took aim at a new modern white supremacist movement which signals that the fight against racism is not over.

“Our eyes are wide open,” Johnson said. “We know that the Patriot Prayer boys, the Proud Boys, the white nationalists, and those other hoodlums who seek to make us unsafe, want to bring us back to 30 years ago when Mulugeta was beaten on these streets by those thugs. Now there are folks who want to bring us back to that. But look at all of you here today.”

The unveiling of 16 street sign toppers between Burnside and Stark streets brings a permanent place of honor with Seraw's name before the public in English and Amharic, Ethiopia's official language, and the listing his years of birth and death.

In Seraw's death, three skinheads admitted to killing him because of his race, part of a group called East Side White Pride. They pleaded guilty to the 1988 slaying and were sent to prison.

The criminal prosecution later became the basis



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Nkenge Harmon Johnson, president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Portland, leads a dedication ceremony in southeast Portland where one of 16 street sign toppers were installed last week to commemorate the life of Ethiopian immigrant Mulugeta Seraw on the anniversary of his murder by racist skinheads 30 years ago.

Two Killed near Portland Bridges

Portland police arrested James J. Barquet, 26, Tuesday morning on murder charges in connection with two deaths hours earlier where a woman was found dead beneath the Morrison Bridge around 9 p.m. and a man was shot and killed on the Burnside Bridge about 4 hours later. It appears that the suspect didn't know the victims and the victims didn't know each other, according to officials.

**Murder Outside Strip Club**

A man was killed in a shooting early Thursday morning outside a strip club at Southeast 159th and Stark Street. Portland police said they responded to reports of gunfire about 2 a.m. and found the victim, identified as Edward L. Taylor Jr., 26, on the sidewalk.

**Gun Fired Over Parking**

A 71-year-old woman was arrested last week after police say she fired a gun at a man outside her home near Northeast 82nd and

Alberta Street. Susan Dowiasz accused the man of trespassing because of where he had parked his car, police said. During the argument, she fired a handgun. The man was not hurt.

Curbs on Protests Rejected

The Portland City Council voted against Mayor Ted Wheeler's proposed ordinance last week intended to stop violence during political protests. Commissioner Nick Fish cast the deciding vote, praising Wheeler's effort to tackle the problem but citing constitutional concerns and expressing hope that opponents of the ordinance would join the city to pursue alternative efforts to combat violence.

Fatal Crash Blamed on Driver

A homeless man collecting bottles and cans was killed Thursday night after the driver of a car on North Willamette Boulevard crashed into multiple unoccupied parked vehicles and the male pedestrian. Police said the driver was speeding and under the influence of alcohol. The victim was identified as Jason Barns, 32.

Juvenile Jailer Sues County

A female employee at the Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention Cen-

ter has filed a \$2.7 million lawsuit against Multnomah County claiming she was sexually assaulted by a 15-year-old inmate in his jail cell. According to the lawsuit, the county didn't warn the employee that the teenager was in custody because he had been accused of sexually assaulting a pregnant teacher at his Troutdale school.

Man Burned by Gas Siphoning

A man trying to siphon gas from a U-Haul caught on fire and then fled from the fiery scene beneath the Morrison Bridge in southeast Portland just before 7 a.m. Monday, surveillance video shows. Firefighters extinguished flames that had engulfed a van and a U-Haul box truck.

Rose Festival Leader Named

Family's participation goes back decades

Teri Bowles-Atherton has been elected president of the Portland Rose Festival Foundation.

The director of Physician Development and Provider Compensation for Providence Medical Group first volunteered for the organization 10 years ago when she signed up to be wardrobe coordinator and chaperone for the Rose Festival Court. In 2009 she was invited to join the board.

Bowles-Atherton is a second-generation Oregonian and proud daughter of Gail Black-Bowles and Carl Bowles. She was born at Emanuel Hospital and raised in northeast Portland where she attended Alameda Elementary School, Beaumont Middle School and later St. Mary's Academy. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree at Vanderbilt University and returned to Portland where she would meet and marry Jermaine Atherton and raise their daughter Jaiden.

Like many Portlanders, her family has a history with the Rose Festival, dating back to the 1960s when her uncle, "Jimmy Bang-



Teri Bowles-Atherton

Bang Walker" entered the first Grand Floral Parade float representing the African-American 'Albina' community in 1968.

"I was seven years old and given my first volunteer position with my parents, brother, family and friends, in a huge warehouse at 4:30 a.m. I was helping to put the finishing touches on my uncle's float. It wasn't play; it was work," Bowles-Atherton said, "Even at that age I knew that I was contributing to something grand; something bigger than I could even imagine at the time."

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What's on your list today?



Local students participate in the CommuniCare Leadership Retreat at the University of Portland.

Community Service Challenge

Over 300 students from 21 schools, including Portland, had the opportunity to learn and participate in community grantmaking during a leadership retreat last week at the University of Portland. They decided what causes to fund, how to raise the money, who to interview and who should ultimately receive their grants.

The event was sponsored by CommuniCare, a non-profit pro-

gram started in 1997 by Harold and Arlene Schnitzer. It was their dream to provide an environment where young adults learn about the needs of their communities through grantmaking and develop a long-term understanding of philanthropy and the ethic of volunteerism.

Guest speakers included Harold Schnitzer and Kay Toran, a leader from Portland's black community

who serves as chief executive officer and president of Volunteers of America Oregon.

By challenging students to engage in community service that is both rewarding and educational, CommuniCare hopes to encourage them to become active adult citizens in their community. For more information on how this program works, visit communicareor.org.

Police Again Confront Protests

Dueling clashes not as severe, but arrest made

A series of protests Saturday resulted in a mostly peaceful separation of right-wing and counter-protesting left-wing demonstrators by Portland police, though the protests devolved into some skirmishes near the end of the planned events and six were arrested.

The protests took place in a pair of parks near Portland's City Hall, downtown.

Left-wing protestors started mobilizing Saturday morning in response a planned demonstration later in the day by an offshoot of the right-wing group Patriot Prayer which rallied in support of the so-called "Him Too Movement," which claims that men are being oppressed and abused by unfair prosecutions of sexual assault, a response to the Me Too movement.

By late afternoon, Portland police and other

law enforcement officers successfully separated the two sides for more than three hours, shutting down a portion of Chapman Square and some sidewalks adjacent to Terry Schunk Plaza.

When the Patriot Prayer group appeared to disperse, but held an impromptu march downtown, some skirmishes broke out when they intentionally tried to clash with masked, black-clad antifascists.

Police gave dispersal orders to the crowds, but it failed to de-escalate the situation. The assaultive behavior by some of the people attending the protests included the throwing of projectiles at demonstrators and officers, including sticks, glass bottles, lit road flares, bottles filled with what police believed was urine, and gopher gas, authorities said. Police said they used a rubber ball distraction device for crowd control.

Six were arrested, including five charged with

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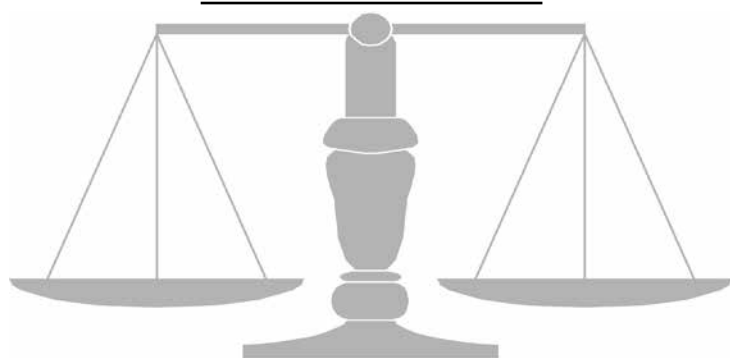
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Portland police release the booking photos of the people arrested Saturday during protests downtown. The names of those arrested were Ruben A. Delahuerge, Hannah R. McClintock, Gary Fresquez, Betsy Toll, Brittany N. Frost and Elizabeth L. Cheek.

Police Again Confront Protests

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interfering with a peace officer: Brittany Frost, 35; Elizabeth L. Cheek, 33; Ruben A. Delahuerge, 25; Betsy Toll, 68; and Gary Fresquez, 52. Fresquez was also charged with disorderly conduct and the sixth person arrested, 19-year-old Hannah R. McClintock, faces a harassment charge.

Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw released a statement shortly after the protests:

"The Portland Police Bureau spent considerable time planning for today's demonstration and counter demonstration," Outlaw said. "We used significant resources and attempted to keep opposing groups apart, both when they were in the parks and as they traveled through downtown. Our goal was to keep all people in the community safe."

The demonstrations came on the heels of a decision by City Council to reject a proposed

emergency ordinance from Mayor Ted Wheeler, and backed by Outlaw, that would've given Wheeler the power to dictate time, place, and manner regulations for demonstrations when there is a threat of violence and other special circumstances.

"The ordinance would have allowed for more tools for use outside of a park that don't already exist in code," Wheeler Tweeted as the demonstrations were winding down Saturday.



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Student Homeless Count High

This Thanksgiving holiday, nearly 22,000 Oregon students don't have a place to call home, leaving them struggling behind their classmates and reducing their chances for success in the future according to a new annual count of homeless children in the state's school system released by the Oregon Department of Education.

Only 60 percent of homeless students are on track to graduate, compared to 85 percent of students overall.

Since 2012, when ODE first started reporting this data, there has been a 20 percent increase in the number of homeless students. While there was a small dip statewide in that number, it comes after years of increases.

Beaverton has the most homeless students in the state with nearly 1,800 students adrift, which is just over 4 percent of enrollment. Medford has the second highest number of homeless students in the state, even higher than more populated areas such as Portland, Salem and Eugene.

Schools with higher percentage

children of color were particularly hard hit by displacement.

"Oregon children continue to bear the brunt of our state's housing crisis and it's time for state lawmakers to take action," says Alison McIntosh of the advocacy group Stable Homes for Oregon Families. "No cause evictions and steep rent spikes are driving too many families out of their homes with no place to go."

Homelessness has a devastating impact on a student's chance for success in school and in life as measured by academic performance and attendance. The data shows homeless students are less than half as likely to meet or exceed standards in math, half as likely for science and dramatically less likely for English and language arts. They are also much less likely to attend school on a regular basis than their peers.

A recent investigation by the Oregonian early this year found that students churning through schools because of evictions and rent increases disrupts not only their lives, but the entire school.

Serving for Thanksgiving

Union Gospel Mission is reaching out to make Thanksgiving a happy occasion for all. The downtown mission plans to serve over 800 meals for the homeless, low income or anyone in need on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 15 N.W. Third Ave.

The meals are served in a large heated tent in front of the mission. Guests will also enjoy live music and receive a gift bag with hand warmers, a first aid kit, hygiene items, and a blanket. New this year will be a resource table with staff and volunteers ready to help guests connect to community resources.

In addition to turkey, the menu includes real mashed potatoes, stuffing and fresh candied yams, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pies with whipped cream, dinner rolls with butter and coffee.

This mission can still use donations. Turkey and coffee donations can be dropped off at 3 NW Third Ave. Financial donations can be made online at ugmportland.org or by mailing a check to the Union Gospel Mission at 3 N.W. Third Ave., Portland, OR 97209.



Food baskets packed by volunteers at the Union Gospel Mission provide local families a turkey and all the fixings for Thanksgiving. More than 800 meals will also be served in person at the downtown mission on Thanksgiving Day.

Kenton Community Thanksgiving

All are welcome to celebrate Thanksgiving and enjoy a free holiday meal when Celebration Tabernacle in the Kenton Neighborhood opens its doors for its annual Thanksgiving Day Feastival, Thursday, Nov. 22 from noon to 4 p.m.

The holiday event is sponsored by the local community uplift organization Proper USA with partners at Po'Shines Café de la Soul, Celebration Tabernacle and local Kenton neighbors. Residents of any race, class, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, ability, nation of origin, age, and religion are welcome.

Chef James Bradley and the Po'Shines team are creating a fresh, high-quality menu featuring traditional Thanksgiving favorites and innovative new dishes. There will also be music, entertainment, and kids' activities, an inclusive community experience.

"We jump at opportunities like this," says Chef Bradley, "The more we can get people working together, talking together...and even eating together, the stronger we are as a community."


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New Portland street sign toppers commemorate the memory of Mulugeta Seraw, an Ethiopian immigrant and graduate student who was killed 30 years ago by racist skinheads. The city has installed 16 of the signs in southeast Portland's Kerns neighborhood, the district where Mulugeta had lived and was killed.

“Our Eyes Are Wide Open”

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for a successful 1990 Southern Poverty Law Center civil lawsuit filed in Oregon against California white supremacist Tom Metzger. A Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1970s, Metzger founded the White Aryan Resistance in the 1980s. He was found liable of Seraw's death based on the killers' associations with Metzger's group.

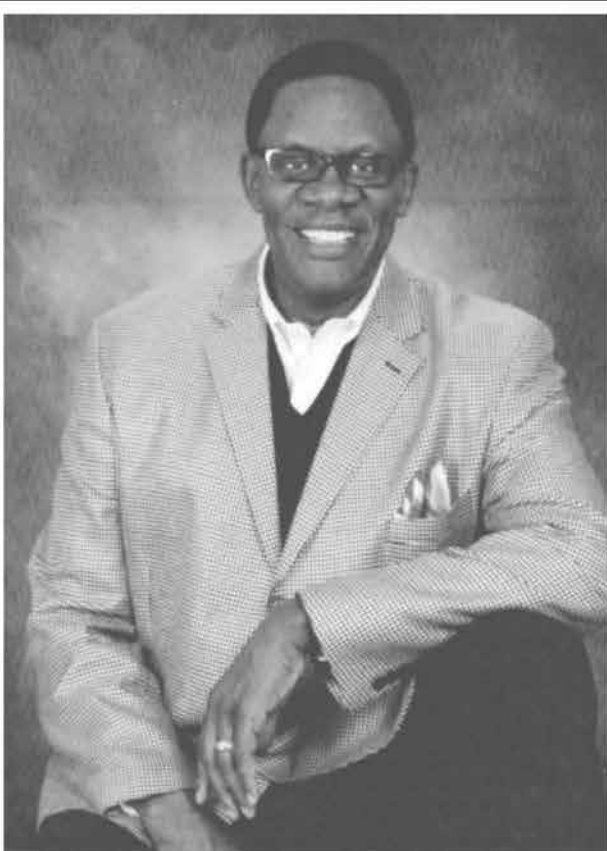
Today, racist groups are actively recruiting in the Pacific Northwest and have contributed to

an escalation of violence at political rallies.

Documents revealed just this week show that the FBI has provided an assessment to the Clark County Sheriff's Office that the Proud Boys, a band whose members have appeared at right-wing rallies in Portland and Vancouver and have been involved in street fights with counter protestors, have been designated an extremist group with ties to white nationalism.

The Southern Poverty Law Center had previously listed the Proud Boys as a hate group.

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Instrumental Jazz Night -- The Clackamas Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo will perform traditional and modern jazz on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Guests will also enjoy an original composition that has roots in an old Bob Dylan song from local

composer Charley Gray.

Contemporary Music Ensemble Concert -- The Contemporary Music Ensemble will bring students from diverse musical backgrounds together on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Explore the genres of contemporary music: pop, rock, blues and electronic.

Classical Guitar Ensemble and Wind Ensemble Concert -- The CCC Wind Ensemble will play music from Leonard Bernstein's "On the Town," as well as traditional and modern

works from other composers on Thursday, Nov. 29. The CCC Guitar Ensemble will perform Catalan folk songs and put a new spin on an old classic.

Mainstream and Chamber Choir -- CCC's Chamber and Mainstream choirs will perform familiar holiday carols and new takes on old favorites on Friday, Nov. 30.

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A diverse group of high school students from all over the Portland area gather to tackle social justice issues. They are volunteers with 'What Now Oregon' a youth orchestrated event coming to Wilson High School on Saturday, Dec. 1.

What Now Oregon

Students set table for
social justice event

The stage is set for a youth orchestrated event that puts a focus on social justice issues and provides an opportunity for anyone--especially youth--to participate in our democracy.

"What Now Oregon" makes it return for a full day and evening event, on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Wilson High School in association with dozens of non-profit organizations. Free and open to all, individuals of all backgrounds are invited to join in and put energy into action for good.

This year, for the first time, youth leaders already active in their communities are at the helm of providing the direction, content and structure for the event.

The topics to be covered include racial justice, gun violence, criminal justice, in-

digenous rights, climate change, LGBTQ+ rights, sexual assault and women's rights, refugees and immigration, religious freedom, mental health, and education and student rights.

By exploring these critical and timely topics, student will gain a better understanding of our community and how these social justice topics relate to engagement in democracy.

"The planning committee is adamant about an equity focus in every one of our workshops. We want to make sure underrepresented voices that have been neglected in social justice movements are given total focus," says Gabby Cosey, a senior at Lincoln High School and one of the student organizers focusing on preventing gun

violence.

In 2016, Natalie Sept founded the "What Now" event bringing 2,000 people and over 55 nonprofits organizations together at Revolution Hall after the November election for community members to direct their energy into action for good.

After a successful second year, she along with the help of J.T. Flowers, native northeast Portlander, and Rhodes Scholar recipient for 2018, co-created a succession plan where student activist leaders would assume responsibility for and lead the event moving forward.

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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.

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D. B. Cooper Live Performance -- On Thanksgiving Eve 1971, somewhere over southwest Washington, D.B. Cooper parachuted from the rear of a hijacked passenger plane with \$200,000 tied to his body. The case has never been solved. On the anniversary of the event, Kiggins Theater in downtown Vancouver presents a live radio performance "Skyjack '71 - The D.B. Cooper Transmissions," Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.



Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Nov. 23 at Clyde's; Saturday, Nov. 24 at Mock Crest Tavern; and Sunday, Nov. 25 Norman is guest for the Next Waltz Benefit at 7 p.m. at the Alberta Rose Theater.

Life under Nazi Rule -- The Portland Art Museum and Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education jointly present two exhibitions this fall and winter featuring photographs by the late Polish-Jewish photojournalist Henry Ross offering an extraordinary rare glimpse of life under Nazi rule. Both facilities are offering offer a full slate of exhibit-related programming.

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 Trial Card, Medicaid, Section 8, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Head Start.

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Children Succeeding Against the Odds

It's time to hear and help them

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

After two years of divisive, hateful rhetoric from the highest levels of government, the profoundly inhumane treatment of immigrant families, and the placing of corporate profits ahead of the basic needs of children—the poorest age group in America—the results of November's election instilled in many that most precious resource: hope.

Change began sweeping across our country with the election results, bringing a new, diverse set of faces into the halls of Congress, governors' mansions and statehouses. With them comes a new opportunity to improve the odds for children.



We look to the two years ahead with more hope and determination that incumbent and new leaders alike will commit to common sense, fiscally responsible and compassionate policies to help end child poverty and inequality in America. Every child deserves health care and food, schools that are equitably funded, and protection from relentless gun violence. Every child needs a level playing field and an end to the Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline crisis.

But it is not our political leaders that give me the most hope—it is our courageous and resilient young people. I was reminded of that yesterday as the Children's Defense Fund honored five Washington, D.C. metro-area high school students at our annual Beat the Odds celebration.

The Beat the Odds program identifies

and rewards young people who have overcome tremendous adversity, demonstrated academic excellence and are giving back to their communities. By providing them college scholarships, leadership skills and more, the program supports these astounding youths—who too many people would write off—to become the next generation of effective servant leaders.

Because of CDF's Beat the Odds program hundreds of young people who have persevered and overcome profound family challenges, homelessness, parental incarceration, drug and alcohol addiction, neglect and abuse, or gun violence have been able to attend college and become outstanding adults. They are doctors and lawyers, teachers and Peace Corps volunteers, and responsible parents. They are living proof that no one should ever give up on a child.

These amazing young people have beat-

en formidable odds stacked against them, challenging our notions of what is possible and inspiring us all to persevere despite setbacks. But the truth is, our children should not have to struggle so hard to beat the odds.

You and I and our political leaders must improve and even the odds for children, especially children of color and those living in poverty. Across our country children are crying out for us to protect them from hunger and homelessness, abuse and neglect, and gun violence and bigotry. It's time to hear and help them.

If the challenge seems too great or our political system seems too broken, just remember the example set by brave young people across our nation and commit to fight for their future and countless others like them.

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

2018 Midterms: Hardly a Sigh of Relief

The issues that won't go away

BY ROBERT C. KOEHLER

How much real change manifested itself in the 2018 midterms? How deeply does the outcome reflect the American soul?

Apparently, about 113 million Americans, basically half the electorate, felt compelled to vote in the midterms, revved up either by intense opposition to or support for Donald Trump. This is a lot more than usual for a non-presidential election, but still fairly pathetic for "the world's greatest democracy."

How much closer did we move to becoming a nation able and willing to focus on the real issues that threaten the planet?

Some progressives determined to change the game were among those who gained office in this election, which is something worth celebrating — but hardly reason to heave a sigh of relief. Most of the issues that truly matter, that require a fundamental shift in American politics, remain rawly unaddressed and unacknowledged. They were essentially invisible in the mainstream election coverage, which, as usual, presented it as a horse race for the entertainment of Spectator America, not the creation of the future.

The issues that won't go away include:

A. Militarism, endless war, unconscionable military spending, nuclear weapons. This was utterly off the table in the midterms. As Chris Hedges pointed out, some 85 percent of Senate Dems voted for this year's \$716 billion military spending bill, indicating a "unity" of surrender to military-industrialism. We no longer glorify our wars, we ignore them. And even progressive candidates seldom declare an in-



tent to challenge the culture of war. Is there any political traction whatsoever for the antiwar movement? I fear there hasn't been for four and a half decades — since the defeat of George McGovern.

B. Climate change, environmental catastrophe. This is not unrelated to the issue of war, since the world's militaries are by far the biggest polluters. While environmental sanity is at least something that can be addressed politically, the urgency of global warming hardly has political traction. And, as a headline on Vox summed things up regarding the midterms: "Fossil fuel money crushed clean energy ballot initiatives across the country."

Most of the issues that truly matter, that require a fundamental shift in American politics, remain rawly unaddressed and unacknowledged.

C. Poverty, inequality. "In the wealthiest country in the history of the world," writes Maria Svart, national director of Democratic Socialists of America, "many of us live in quiet desperation. Farmers are committing suicide, and so are taxi drivers in New York City. That's why in the battle for the soul of our country, we must win." Capitalism is still sacrosanct and Donald Trump, the alleged working class populist, cuts the taxes of the rich and is, as Hedges notes, an "embarrassing tool of the kleptocrats." But socialism is no longer a taboo word in American politics and

self-declared socialists are getting elected. Medicare for all and publicly funded college tuition are gaining political traction. The 99 percent have a voice. But of course the rich still have almost all the power; for the most part, this means that their self-interest rules.

D. Guns, violence, mass murder, a culture of violence. This issue still carves a deep gouge across the American electorate. Mass murders keep occurring. Should we get serious about gun control or should teachers and rabbis be armed? There is no real dialogue across the divide. We still live in a culture that worships violence. Just as we will not, as a nation, consider demilitarizing, neither will we disarm. And

war keeps coming home.

E. Militarized police, police shootings and racism. The antidote emerges in concepts such as community policing and restorative justice — security that involves connecting with and understanding others, even those we dislike and distrust. This transformation is taking place across the whole planet, quietly, and for the most part beyond the world of politics. From my point of view, it's one of the biggest sources of hope — it's the cultural path beyond the worship and glorification of violence.

F. The prison-industrial complex. The

United States has the largest prison system in the world (and it's becoming increasingly privatized), with 2.3 million people — mostly impoverished people of color — behind bars. Our prison system is a regrouping of Jim Crow America, which can't stand having a country without second-class and tenth-class citizens. But here's some good news from this year's midterms: "Florida restored voting rights to more than 1 million people with felony records, which amounts to the biggest enfranchisement since the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the women's suffrage movement," Vox reports.

G. Immigrant scapegoating, hatred and fear. Because our unwinnable, endless wars can no longer serve the function of unifying the country, Trump has turned to immigrants — in particular, that "invading caravan" of desperate, shoeless Central Americans — as the Other he needs to rev his base and get the vote out. However, the Trump administration's treatment of immigrants, including the cruel separation of parents and children, has shocked and enraged much of the country, putting the country's long-standing policy of cruel indifference to global suffering (and of course one of its leading creators as well) into the national spotlight like never before.

H. Voter suppression, gerrymandering, hacking. Ah, democracy, a nuisance to the powerful, a system to be gamed! If the voting can't be controlled, my God, Republicans could lose. Witness Georgia and North Dakota, where bureaucratic twists deprived African-American and Native American citizens of their right to vote in large enough numbers to skewer election results.

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

OPINION



The 'Blue Wave' was also a 'Muslim Wave'

Bringing more diversity to Congress

BY DOMENICA GHANEM

With the Muslim Ban, the promotion of torturer Gina Haspel to CIA director, and increases in hate crimes, it's been a rough year for us Muslims in the United States.

So hearing the words "Salam Alaikum" as Ilhan Omar took the national stage on Election Night to accept her win as Representative of Minnesota's 5th District made it feel like I could finally breathe a little bit easier.

The first Somali-American elected to Congress, Omar joined Rashida Tlaib, a daughter of Palestinian refugees, as the first Muslim women to be elected to U.S. Congress.

The election of these women to Congress is a direct repudiation of the domestic and foreign policies of a country that's been hostile to migrants and refugees from a number of countries, including Somalia, and has funded



Israel's occupation and destruction of Palestine.

But even though Minnesota is home to the largest Somali population in the country, and Tlaib's state of Michigan has a large population of Arab and Muslim Americans, this "Muslim wave" was about more than faith or ethnicity.

Omar and Tlaib ran on unabashedly progressive platforms, joining other successful progressives like Alexandria Ocasio Cortez in New York, Jesus "Chuy" Garcia in Illinois, Veronica Escobar in Texas, and Sharice Davids — the first openly lesbian indigenous representative, who flipped a red seat in Kansas.

They're also joined by more local progressive representatives like 26-year-old Mari Manooch, who flipped a Michigan state house seat blue, and Sudanese immigrant Mo Seifeldein, who joined the Alexandria, Virginia city council. Both were endorsed by the Emgage PAC, which calls itself the "policy home of American Muslims."

These candidates ran on health care for all, taking on our corpo-

rate welfare system, protecting black lives, and reversing our climate disaster. And many were unafraid to speak out against U.S. foreign policies that cause refugee crises and domestic policies that punish the desperate people feeling them.

The progressive Muslim wave, with the most Muslims running for office since 9/11, thrived even as it faced one of the most Islamophobic elections of our time.

A report by Muslim Advocates called Running On Hate outlined how, though anti-Muslim politicians have been lurking on the fringe for decades, "Trump's presidency emboldened a new wave of anti-Muslim conspiracy theorists to run for office nationwide and at all levels of government."

Anti-Muslim hate groups falsely attacked Omar and Tlaib as anti-Semites supporting terrorism. Groups supporting Dave Brat, a Republican candidate from Virginia, attacked his opponent for serving as a substitute teacher at a Muslim school, calling it "terror high." Kansas gubernatorial candidate Kris Kobach brought Trump a proposal to question "high-risk immigrants

over support for Sharia Law." Joe Kaufman, the head of anti-Muslim group Americans Against Hate, ran in Florida's 23rd District.

But what many of those candidates have since learned the hard way is that smearing Muslims is not a successful campaign strategy. They all lost to Democrats, with Brat's race flipping a Virginia seat blue.

And even some Islamophobes who did make it, like Reps. Steve King and Duncan Hunter, won by smaller margins in part because voters soured on their anti-Muslim, white supremacist rhetoric.

What all of this tells me about the U.S. electorate is that they care about issues like raising the minimum wage, expanding Medicare, and funding for education at the same time that they reject racist Muslim and immigrant-bashing.

And I have a feeling this is just a drop in the bucket of an even bigger progressive, young, woman, Muslim wave to come.

Domenica Ghanem is the media manager at the Institute for Policy Studies. Distributed by OtherWords.org.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
12 <i>Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was born in 1815</i> Veteran's Day (Celebrated)	13 Young Reader's Day Mom's and Dad's Day <i>Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1982</i>	14 <i>National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day</i>	 15 America Recycles Day Pack Your Mom Lunch Day	16 <i>Jean Fritz born, 1915</i> <i>Fall of the Inca Empire (1533)</i> Button Day	17 Homemade Bread Day <i>Lewis & Clark Reached the Pacific in 1805</i> Take A Hike Day	18 <i>Antarctica discovered in 1820</i> William Tell Day
19 <i>Gettysburg Address, 1863, by President Lincoln</i> <i>Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1917</i>	20 Mexican Revolution Day <i>Traffic Light Patented in 1923</i>	21 <i>Mayflower Compact Signed in 1620</i> World Hello Day	22 Thanksgiving Day Stop the Violence Day <i>John F. Kennedy Assassinated in 1963</i>	 23 Black Friday National Cashew Day	24 <i>Charles Darwin publishes 'The Origin of Species' in 1859</i>	25 <i>Andrew Carnegie born in 1835</i> <i>Crescent Dragon-wagon born, 1952</i>
26 <i>Charles Schulz born in 1922</i> National Cake Day	27 Pins and Needles Day <i>Astronomer Anders Celsius born, 1701</i>	28 <i>Tomi Ungerer born, 1931</i> <i>Magellan reached the Pacific (1521)</i>	 29 <i>Madeline L'Engle born, 1918</i> <i>King Tut's Tomb Opened (1922)</i>	30 <i>Mark Twain born, 1835</i> Stay At Home Because You're Well Day		

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