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Trudy Pollard, 71, a lifelong resident of the Woodlawn Neighborhood, is part of a group of community advocates trying to keep the former Woodlawn United Methodist Church property at Northeast 15th and Dekum in public service use. A home to Albina Head Start for generations and another non-profit, residents of the inner city neighborhood fear the site will be sold away and lost to gentrification.

Sale Worries Neighbors

Woodlawn wants community use; fears more gentrification

BY DANNY PETERSON
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Advocates of the black community are rallying to retain public use of a Methodist church in the Woodlawn neighborhood where it serves Albina Head Start and other community uses, but they fear the property may sold out from under them, displacing the child development center and a smaller congregation church.

The owners of former Woodlawn United Methodist Church, which has long been in use by Albina Head Start and other community services at Northeast 15th Avenue and Dekum Street, signaled on May 1 that it would prioritize the sale of the property to its current tenants, Albina Head Start and Deliverance Center of Generation X Church—which are both interested in purchasing it.

But those hopes for a purchase waned

among stakeholders last week when a real estate broker gave a tour to 10-15 other potential buyers.

Albina Head Start Executive Director Ronnie Herndon and a representative for the Deliverance Center told the Portland Observer that an outreach to the commercial market raises alarm bells for them, since both non-profits were still waiting to get answers to their inquiries to purchase the property.

“The words are one thing, but what’s happening is completely different,” Herndon said. “It’s very unsettling and there was no attempt again to discuss the purchase of the building with Albina before they put it on the market, which they could’ve done.”

Herndon said Albina Head Start has sent an intent letter to purchase the property “at or near market value,” and has been told to expect a reply by the end of this week, by

May 17.

Albina Head Start is a non-profit that assists low-income children and families with preschool activities and other social services and support.

In its recent letter addressing community concerns, the United Methodist Church Oregon-Idaho Conference said it hopes to seek a non-profit or other public service provider to purchase the property at or near market value.

“We are especially mindful of the decline of communities of color in gentrifying urban centers, including Portland. At the Woodlawn site, we have been blessed for many years to be in partnership with the community, this has included the Albina Head Start program and more recently the Deliverance Center for Generation X,” wrote Greg Nelson, communications director for the regional Methodists

group. “With that in mind, the conference’s priority is to seek a non-profit or other service provider to purchase the property at or near market value.”

The letter coincided with church representatives Daniel Wilson-Fey and Rev. Leroy Barber attending a Woodlawn Neighborhood Association meeting, in order “to be in conversation with the neighborhood,” Nelson said. It came after many community members and activists asked the church conference to hold off on putting the church for sale on the open real estate market.

Nelson told the Portland Observer via email Friday that despite a real estate agent showing the property, that “it was not unusual to continue conversations with other possible buyers even when one offer has been sub-

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Grand Jury Clears Officers

More light has been shed on two fatal shootings in Portland from January, one by a police officer and the other a private security officer, as a grand jury ruled last week ruled that the shootings were in self defense and the jury transcripts became public.

Eugene Pharr Jr. was killed outside a southeast Portland strip club on Jan. 15; and Andre Gladen, 36, a legally blind and mentally ill man, was shot dead by a Portland Police officer after intruding into someone's home. For the first time, the grand jury transcripts show he was holding the officer's knife at the time.

After wrestling with Gladen on the floor, the officer testified he then fired a stun gun at him. Gladen went down, but when he got up again holding the officer's knife from his vest. The officer testified



Eugene Pharr Jr.

he fired at Gladen three times, killing him.

The Police Bureau previously had not acknowledged the knife



Andre Gladen

involved was police-issue, though it directed its officers to no longer carry knives on their outer vests during the investigation.

Lawsuit in Police Shooting

The family of a man killed in a confrontation with Portland Police two years ago has filed a lawsuit against the city and the officers and supervisors involved.

The family claims Terrell Johnson, 24, was experiencing a mental health crisis, for which he unsuccessfully sought help from medical providers, when an encounter with Portland Police at the Flavel MAX station in southeast Portland ended in his death on May 10, 2017.



Terrell Johnson

Portland Police responded to a 911 call from a woman who said Terrell chased her teenage neighbor off of the transit platform. A West Linn Transit Division police officer then confronted Johnson, who told the officer he had a knife.

The lawsuit alleges that Portland Police Officer Samson Ajir acted against Police Bureau directives when he gave chase on foot. Ajir was later cleared of all criminal charges by a Multnomah County Grand Jury.

PSU President Resigns

Portland State University President Rahmat Shoureshi resigned



Friday several weeks after allegations of ethical shortcomings, a l l e g e d misuse of a PSU fund for private gain, bullying and improperly influencing a decision to tear down and re-build a historic mansion on campus. The PSU Board of Trustees offered him a generous severance package that included seven months of paid leave.

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Carson on Undocumented

Housing Secretary Ben Carson's plan to make it harder for undocumented immigrants to live in federally subsidized housing advanced Friday. The proposal, which has a 60-day comment period before taking effect, would displace some 76,000 legal residents or citizens—including

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55,000 children who are in the country legally.

Washington Time Change

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee signed a measure last week that would make daylight saving time permanent in the state if national law is altered to allow it. The measure would only take effect is legislation allowing states to observe daylight saving time year-round is passed by Congress.

Dentist Vaccines Approved

Oregon is the first state to allow dentists to administer any vaccine available at a primary care doctor's office, thanks to a bill signed into law last week. Vaccines relevant to oral health such as HPV, which is a common link among a large percentage of oral cancers, may be the most practical application of the bill, which would allow a dentist to educate

patients about the worth of the vaccine then administer it onsite.

Snubbed by Red Sox Players

President Trump's White House welcoming of the 2018 World Series champion Boston Red Sox was clouded by the absence of most of the team's Latino and African American players, who did not attend the Thursday event over disagreements with Trump's politics. Team Manager Alex Cora, a native of Puerto Rico, also sat out in protest against the president's treatment of the island after two devastating hurricanes.

Drug Price Hiking Scheme

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum joined 43 states in a lawsuit Friday against Teva Pharmaceuticals and 19 of the largest manufacturers of generic drugs alleging they worked to restrain trade, reduce competition, and inflate and manipulate prices in a broad conspiracy for more than 100 different generic drugs, which include ones that treat basic infections, diabetes, cancer, HIV, ADHD, and more.

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LOCAL NEWS



CJ McCollum was unstoppable as the Blazers beat the Denver Nuggets on Sunday in Denver to advance to the NBA Western Conference Finals against the Golden State Warriors. (AP photo)

Blazers in West Finals

Viewing party set up at Rose Quarter

A surprise trip to the NBA Western Conference Finals has Blazermania in overdrive.

The series has Portland's sensational guard Damian Lillard returning to his hometown of Oakland; and two brothers from opposing sides named Curry facing each other in a NBA conference finals for the first time, highlighting some key matchups.

The best-of-seven series was scheduled to begin Tuesday evening in Denver with the outcome too late for press time. The series continues in Denver Thursday night before moving to Portland for games three and four on Saturday and Monday.

The Blazers advanced to the Western Conference finals for the first time since 2000 with an incredible road win in the seventh game of the conference semi-finals. CJ McCollum scored 37 points to help

the Trail Blazers overcame a 17-point first-half deficit to beat the Denver Nuggets 100-96 on Sunday.

In the new series, Golden State's Stephen "Steph" Curry, one of the NBA's biggest stars, faces his brother, Seth Curry of the Trail Blazers a key contributor off the Portland bench who has been shooting from the three-point line better in the play-offs than his older and more famous brother. The matchup has the Curry parents, Sonya and Dell, enjoying the series from the sidelines and having the times of their lives.

Fans were given an opportunity to watch the first two road games from a big TV screen and viewing party at the Rose Quarter for free. The entire Western series will be on ESPN and not available to over-the-air broadcasts.

If the best-of-seven series goes beyond four games, they will be played Wednesday, May 22 at Golden State; Friday, May 24 at Portland and Sunday, May 26 at Golden State.



Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors (left) faces his brother Seth Curry of the Portland Trail Blazers in the NBA Western Conference Finals. (AP photo)

Good day African American

business owners, skilled people, church organizations, etc. If you seriously believe that we should help support our own and encourage others to do the same, then we're inviting you to come and get registered to participate in the upcoming "20/20" Regional African American Business directory, featuring what black people are doing in Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Vancouver WA, PTLT, Salem etc.

Registration is taking place now at 2205 N. Lombard, room 103, PTLT, Oregon. After they are paid for, there will be thousands of directories produced and distributed. Basic business directory listing is less than \$40 a year, less than \$15 for skilled people listings.

For appointment hours phone Gloria at 360-952-1432, Ruth at 360-723-8497, John (503) 358-9655 or Lottie (directory organizer) at 206-271-0311.

Free 'Mini-MBA' Program Offered

A program to create opportunity for minority-owned small businesses in the Portland metro area was launched Tuesday by Kaiser Permanente.

Jarvez Hall, East Metro Economic Alliance executive director, and Gale Castillo, president of the Hispanic Metro Chamber are helping organize the effort. Called Inner City Capital Connections, the program is like a tuition-free "mini-MBA" that provides 40 hours of training and a chance to go to a national event where the businesses can practice their capital pitches in front of investors.

The program is meant to improve not only the health prospects of the business owners and their employees, but of their entire communities.



Jarvez Hall

Access to capital is a key component to economic vitality, and increasing opportunities for underrepresented business owners helps them on a path to economic vitality and economic equity.

"Programs like this help to revitalize communities and create growth from the inside, with businesses who hire people in their local communities," Hall said. "The economic multiplier effect is tremendous, and we are not only investing in business, but we are investing in communities."

Applications are open to nominate a small business by visiting nominate.iccapitalconnections.org, or a business can apply themselves at apply.iccapitalconnections.org.

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Vancouver's Juneteenth

A Juneteenth t-shirt design contest for high school youth, a diversity job fair, forums on racial justice, education and law enforcement, and live entertainment with food vending are some of the highlights coming to the this year's Juneteenth celebration in Vancouver, sponsored by the Vancouver NAACP.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the official ending of slavery in the United States and focuses on promoting and cultivating knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

The Vancouver celebration will be held on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Clark College. The job fair will run from 10 a.m. to noon in Hanna Hall, the same

location for a pop up art gallery, writers forum and most of the Juneteenth events. The YWCA Clark County Val Joshua Racial Justice and Youth Social Justice Awards will take place on the same day between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in Foster Hall.

The Juneteenth theme this year is "Together We Rise" to address the idea that together we rise above the fray of hatred, despair, and discord and we join unified to work towards cooperative economics and purpose for our race, community and nation.

There is a May 17 deadline to sign up for the t-shirt design contest. Email info.uccp@gmail.com for more information. For job fair, sponsor and vendor applications, email naacpvancouver@gmail.com.

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New Play Tackles Race and Police



The Evolve Experience is a new performance experience, featuring works by African Americans and a diverse group of artists who make compelling statements about the complexities of racial profiling from individual, community and law enforcement perspectives.

Presented by the August Wilson Red Door Project and directed by Red Door co-founder and artistic director Kevin Jones of Portland, the production includes monologues from Hands Up, a powerful national theater experience in the wake of police shootings of Mike Brown in Ferguson, Mo. and others across the country; and Cop Out: Beyond Black, White and Blue, reflecting the personal experiences and emotions of police officers in our country today.

The Evolve Experience will be performed at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland for 7:30 p.m. shows on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. A pay what you can donation of \$20 is suggested. For tickets, visit reddoorproject.org/evolve.



Vocalist Julie Amici

Concert at Alberta Abby

Four favorite Northwest musical acts will take the stage at Alberta Abbey, 126 N.E. Alberta, on Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. to raise money for Fly Me To The Moon, a new nonprofit organization that delivers live music performances to seniors in assisted living, retirement communities and memory care facilities.

The concert lineup includes the Duffy Bishop Band, 3 Leg Torso,

Aaron Meyer and Julie Amici.

Fly Me To The Moon was formed in partnership with the Oregon Music Hall of Fame in 2018. Its mission is to bring professional, high quality, affordable live music events to retirement communities, assisted living facilities, and memory care facilities.

For tickets and more information, visit flymetothemoonmusic.org.

Third Time on the Cover

It's hard to believe that Tyra Banks is 45! The legendary supermodel came out of retirement as a model to grace the cover of the 2019 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit edition last week. It comes 23 years after Banks became the first ever black woman to cover the coveted issue alone back in 1997.



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Perfecting the Two-Hand slam

Juno the sea otter perfects the two-hand slam in a behind-the-scenes training pool at the Oregon Zoo. Several years ago caregivers began training Juno's sea otter friend, Eddie, to put the ball through the hoop as a way of exercising arthritic elbow joints. Eddie, was nearly 21 years old when he died last year. Now, 5-year-old Juno appears to have taken up the mantle.

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Good in the Hood Parade

– It's time to get ready for the annual Good in the Hood Parade, coming to inner north and northeast Portland on Saturday, June 22. You can join the fun by organizing a parade entry. Register on the Good on the Hood website goodinthehood.org. The deadline to sign up is May 30.

Sip of Spring Beer Festival – The second annual Sip of Spring beer festival, managed by the same team that produces the Holiday Ale Festival, takes place Saturday, May 18 at Rossi Farms, located at 3839 N.E. 122nd

Ave. from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The festival will showcase 13 small Oregon craft breweries. For more information, visit sipofspring.com.



Black Health Celebration – North by Northeast Community Health Center, the only medical clinic in Oregon devoted to black health, will hold a Community Supper on Saturday, May 18 at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Join emcee Jamaal Lane, Alonzo Chadwick, Andrew Clay and



many others for a night of music, dancing, community, and raising money for a great cause. For tickets, visit nxneclinic.ejoinme.org.

Junior Parade Float Building – A float decorating workshop for kids and families will be held at the old Post Office site at Northwest Ninth and Johnson on Saturday, May 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Families are encouraged to bring wagons, bikes, umbrellas, carts and boxes to transform into parade entries for the upcoming Fred Meyer Rose Festival Junior Parade, coming to northeast Portland on Wednesday, June 5.

Norman Sylvester Band – Norman Sylvester Band plays Friday, May 17 at C I Bar & Grill in Tualatin; Saturday, May 18 at Smockville Brewhouse in Sherwood; Friday, May 24 at Clyde's; and Saturday, May 25 at the Memorial Weekend Blues Festival at the Nehalem Bay Winery.

Zoo for All – The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a discount program that provides \$5 admission for low income individuals and families. Visitors may purchase up to six of the \$5 tickets by bringing 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.

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.



Neighborhood farmers markets are starting to open for the season, including the King Farmers Market each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at King School Park in northeast Portland. As in past seasons, shoppers eligible for SNAP benefits will be able to get dollar-for-dollar matches at the King Market and at the Kenton and Lents Farmers Market when they open in June.

Farmers Markets Open

King and other weekly markets coming on line

Springtime heralds the opening of Portland Farmers Market's across the city and that means four neighborhood weekly markets are

coming on line for the season.

May marked the opening of the King Farmers Market at King School Park in Northeast Portland, which will operate each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the Portland Farmers Market at Shemanski Park in the South Park Blocks, downtown, which will operate each Wednesday from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come June shoppers and vendors will be welcomed back to the Lents International Farmers Market at Southeast 92nd and Reedway between Foster and Harold each Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Kenton Portland Farmers Market in north Portland, which will operate Wednesdays, from 3

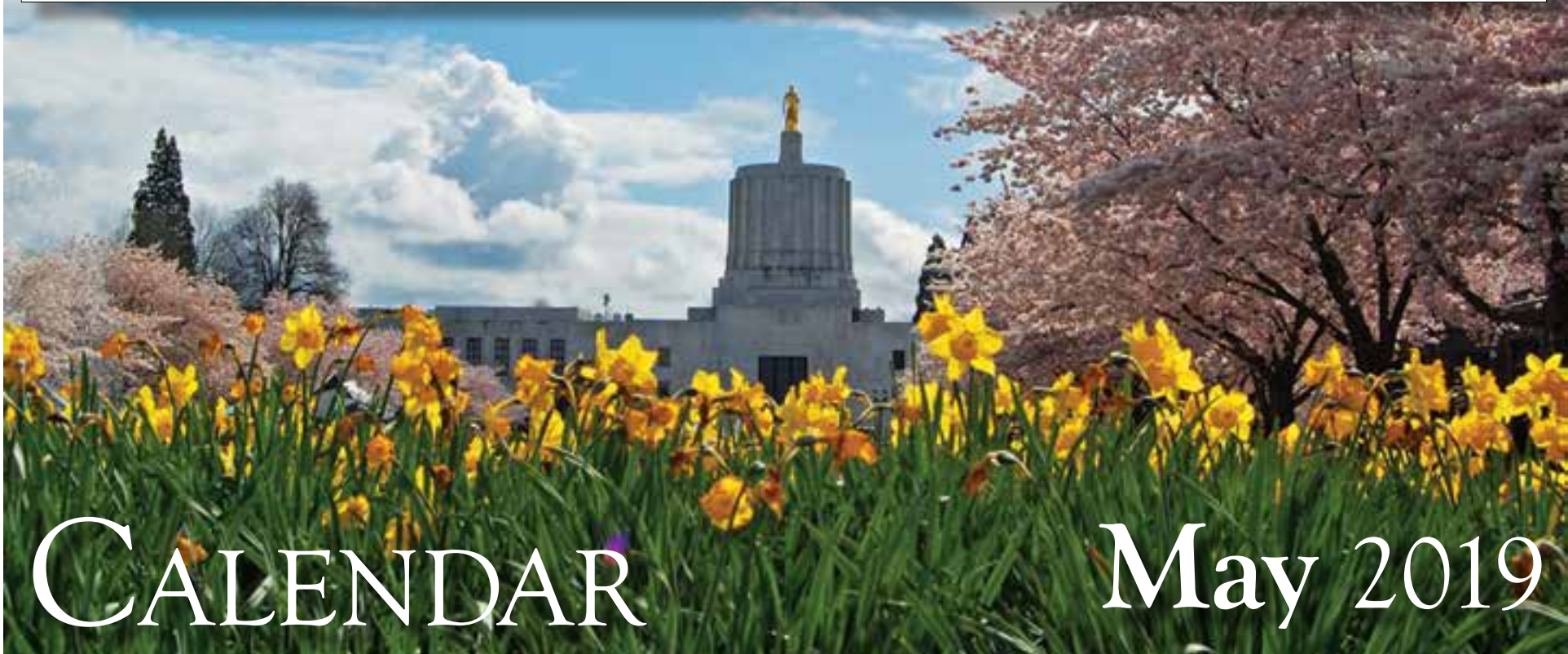
p.m. to 7 p.m.

As in past seasons, shoppers eligible for SNAP benefits will be able to receive \$1 tokens using their Oregon Trail Cards to make food purchases. A dollar-for-dollar match for SNAP recipients, up to \$10, will be available at the Kenton, King and Lents markets.









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<div>6</div> <div>Ramadan Begins <i>Eiffel Tower opens to the public in 1889</i></div>	<div>7</div> <div>National Teacher Day <i>1st Stamp Collection Started</i> <i>Pulitzer Prize Established (1917)</i></div>	<div>8</div> <div>National School Nurse Day No Socks Day</div>	<div>9</div> <div><i>First Newspaper Cartoon In the USA in 1754</i></div>	<div>10</div> <div>Clean Up Your Room Day <i>Christopher Paul Curtis born, 1953</i></div>	<div>11</div> <div> Twilight Zone Day <i>Peter Sis born, 1949</i> <i>Mark Lupica (BDay)</i></div>	<div>12</div> <div>Mother's Day International Nurses Day Kite Day Limerick Day</div>
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OPINION

All I Want is Equality for My Child

And for other children and adults like her

BY KAREN DOLAN

What mother on earth doesn't want equality and health for her child? I certainly do.



I gave birth nearly two decades ago to a healthy, beautiful, intelligent child, who cried more than I thought she would and whose tutu-wearing terrible twos persisted into her tiara-wearing terrible threes. This willful nature turned out to be both her most challenging and her finest quality.

She skipped kindergarten because her mind was so sharp. She built fairy houses during recess and enlisted the whole school in creating a moss-covered, magical twig town. She wrote poems about springtime and belted out preteen pops songs about cute boys. She was popular among her girlfriends.

But she wasn't allowed to use the girls' bathroom. She had shoes thrown at her head when

she wore leggings and lacy tops. She endured public school teachers making the sign of the cross and running off when she walked between classes.

All because my daughter was born transgender.

In high school she became part of the solution. She became an advocate for transgender youth, who suffer discrimination and violence at alarming rates.

With the help of her mentors, she eventually brought her advocacy to Obama White House, where she helped Education Secretary Arne Duncan craft guidance making sure Title IX included nondiscrimination against transgender and gender nonconforming students.

Then came the Trump administration — and the equality that she and so many had fought for was cruelly ripped away. Almost immediately, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos rescinded the very guidance protecting her that my daughter had helped to craft.

My willful child was able to meet with DeVos. She explained what this would mean for children like her who would again be denied the use of the bathroom — and who would continue to

be hit, suspended, and bullied by students and teachers alike.

But DeVos and Trump don't care about my daughter's welfare. They want her very human and civil right to exist in public spaces to disappear.

At the National Prayer Breakfast on May 2, Trump told an audience of right-wing religious leaders about a sweeping new rule that will allow medical professionals and employers to deny health care to transgender children and adults for so-called "religious reasons."

He's already banned transgender soldiers from serving in the military. He's already rescinded protections for transgender students in schools. And he's already stricken the very word "transgender" from any publication by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

However, a beacon in the storm came a day before the ominous Prayer Breakfast announcement: The House Judiciary Committee passed The Equality Act, and it's expected to pass the full House.

This could be a historic victory — not only for my child and the LGBTQIA community, women, and people of color, but for prin-

ciple of equality for all that must stand in any democratic society.

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My child continues to use her voice loudly and effectively. She is not bowed. But her very right to exist is threatened even more now than when people were throwing shoes at her head.

All I want us equality for my child — and for other children and adults like her. Is this any different from what every mother wants?

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My Goal is for People to Stop Killing Each Other

What does it mean to teach peace?

BY ELLEN BIRKETT LINDEEN

Depending on your age, people associate peace with protesting the Vietnam War, songs, movies and marches of the 1960's, the time before 9/11, quiet getaway retreats, or their yoga class. So what does it mean to teach peace and how would one do it? I think the why is obvious.

I have been teaching all my life — first more than a decade at the high school level and after that, college students. Most of my courses were writing, composition and literature, but at a certain point in my career I heard about the field of Peace Studies, and I wanted to learn more.

I went back to school, completed the most meaningful coursework I have ever undertaken, and began teaching peace. People frequently ask me what it means to teach peace, or even what specifically I teach. Here's the short version.

Conflict is not bad; conflict is

necessary for all people to have a voice, but conflict is not the same as violence. Violent conflict is not inevitable. Just as people can be taught to kill in the armed services, they can be taught to use other methods of interaction. Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution includes concepts, history and strategies so that people can learn to stop being violent. My

goal is for people to stop killing each other. Humans likely do not come from such violent beginnings. This is a well-entrenched myth, but one that is easy to maintain by those whose plan is to perpetuate armed conflict.

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Peace studies and conflict resolution coursework uses Harvard Negotiation Project concepts, which delineate roles for individ-

manity. We read, discuss, listen, analyze, agree and disagree, reach conclusions, and discuss more.

A crucial goal within the course is to learn nonviolent ways to bring about needed change in people, societies, communities or countries.

Conflict is expected. Most political science courses focus on war, not peace, but courses in peace studies do not necessarily

focus only on historical peacetimes. Peace does not mean the absence of war; that is called negative peace.

Positive peace is based on eight factors, according to the Institute for Economics and Peace: Acceptance of the rights of others, low levels of corruption, free flow of information, high levels of human capital, good relations with neighbors, sound business environment, well-functioning government, and equitable distribution of resources.

To work for a sustainable peace, people focus on factors to generate positive peace, rather than simply to avoid violence. A more peaceful world, or at least a less violent one, seems like a dream worth envisioning to me, and my students agree.

What if peace has not been achieved only because people thought it was unattainable? Why do I teach peace? Because I believe it is possible.

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OPINION

Burning Down the House America Built

A failure to provide oversight

BY OSCAR H. BLAYTON

\$174,000 – That's what every member of the House of Representatives receives in salary each year. Every member, that is, except Nancy Pelosi, who as the Speaker of the House, gets to take home \$223,500.

Those are not bad wages, even if these legislators work five days a week with only two weeks off annually for vacation. But Congress has averaged only 138 legislative days a year since 2001. If you do the math, you will see that comes to less than three days a week.

Undoubtedly, many members of the House of Representatives can articulate why they need so few days in session. Their stated reasoning might include the rigors of carrying out their constitutionally mandated functions.

But therein lies the rub. The House of Representatives is refusing to carry

out one of its more important constitutionally mandated functions.

When the Founders of this nation wrote the Constitution, they did not want the country to be forced to blindly trust and follow the person holding the office of the President. And for this reason, they divided the power of the government into three distinct branches and gave each branch equal status.

In order to prevent the President from becoming a tyrant, the House and Senate were given the responsibility and authority to perform oversight of the Executive Branch.

In order to properly carry out their job, Congress must provide oversight of the president.

We now have a sick and twisted man-baby fouling the oval office. Donald Trump does not respect the rule of law or the institutions of our federal government. He is determined to bend all aspects of our national structure to his will and he has found pliant minions who have been willing

to ignore, and even break, the law in service to their overlord. Neither Congress nor the nation has ever seen anything like this before.

The purulent character of Trump has infected most agencies of the executive branch of our government and released bigots, misogynists, xenophobes and every other manner of villain as antigens into the body of our democratic society.

While Trump burns down the house that America has built, Republican lawmakers have become his collaborators. And too many Democratic members of the House of Representatives, covered by the thought of angering the Republican base, simply quail in the face of this onslaught against our liberties.

Two centuries ago, Congress was given a tool with which to rein in or remove an abusive president because the Founders knew it was possible a day like today might arrive.

The House of Representatives has the power of impeachment. In fact, it

has the "sole" power of impeachment. The Senate cannot impeach. It can only try a federal officer who has been impeached by the House of Representatives.

The process has been clearly laid out in Sections 2 and 3 of Article I of the Constitution. Once the president has been impeached by the House of Representatives for high crimes and misdemeanors, he or she is then tried on those charges by the Senate; and if convicted, he or she shall be removed from office. The House of Representatives does the impeachment and then the Senate conducts the trial.

The impeachment process allows the House of Representatives to investigate the wrongdoings of Donald Trump – wrongdoings that are clearly laid out in the report of Special Counsel Robert Mueller. And if substantiated, those wrongdoings can then be presented to the Senate where their deliberations can be observed by the American public.

But rather than carry out their sworn duty, the Democratic leadership in the House of Representatives,

citing the difficulties in carrying out impeachment proceedings, would rather call on the American electorate to vote Trump out of office in 2020. This strategy is designed to maximize Democratic seats in Congress while relieving the Democratic majority in the House of the obligation of doing its difficult job.

Fear of losing elections because you did your job is putting party before country.

This calculated political expediency – and shirking from impeachment – is one reason why the current Democratic leadership in the House cannot stay in place much longer. Attempts at dressing this self-serving cowardice in a suit of tactical shrewdness will not dupe right thinking Americans. Nancy Pelosi has argued that impeachment proceedings will solidify Trump's base. Clearly, she is making a political calculation and not a moral decision grounded in the Constitution and her oath of office.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

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Sealed bids are due no later than 2:00 p.m., June 6, 2019 in Metro's business offices at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, Attention: Kim Bardes, Procurement Analyst, ITB 3675.

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A voluntary Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for all potential prime and sub-contractors on May 17, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at gate off McNamee Road (see attached map). Per Metro's Subcontractor Equity Program, Contractors that submit a bid for this project must solicit a sub-bid from ALL COBID certified businesses who attend the pre-bid conference.

Solicitation documents can be viewed and downloaded from the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) at <http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dll/>

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Sale Worries Neighbors

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mitted.” He reiterated that the church is still prioritizing a non-profit or service provider at or near market value for the sale.

“To that end we are willing to have conversation with any person or organization,” he added.

The real estate tour involved a walk-through of the building when Head Start classes were still in session, which upset staff and families, Herndon said.

What’s more, the lease to Albina Head Start is set to expire at the end of June and the Methodist conference has not offered to extend it, despite requests, Herndon said.

Albina Head Start has been using the church complex for three of its classroom since the late 1970s, having worked out a less expensive rental agreement in exchange for paying for utilities and occasional building upgrades with the former local congregation.

The former Woodlawn United Methodist Church was the home to a diverse congregation that disbanded in 2016. When the congregation dissolved, leaders at the Methodist conference met with Herndon where he requested that if they were to sell the building in the future, could they please talk to Albina Head Start before they put it up for sale on the open market so he may negotiate a possible purchase agreement.

He said they never did reach out to him before deciding to sell the building using a broker.

“Normally brokers take a bid from the highest bidder. That’s normally how that works. That’s what the business is doing. So here we go again and this is exactly what gentrification looks like,” Herndon said.

The church conference briefly considered forming a new Methodist ministry at the same location. But their Board of Trustees

ultimately voted to sell the property in December, church leaders said.

A group has formed to ask the Methodist conference to hold off on the open market until further negotiations with the local non-profits and service providers are completed. The Coffee Talk Planning Committee consists of long-time activists who share an appreciation for gathering places important to the life of Portland’s African American community. They share some of the concerns raised by the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association; Deliverance Center of Generation X Church; Albina Head Start; and Trudy Pollard, a lifelong resident of Woodlawn neighborhood who was born in the community and was a member of the Woodlawn United Methodist Church before it disbanded.

“I am disappointed, needless to say, about the status. I am assuming the property is on the open market since the realtor is conducting tours,” said Pollard, 71. Her family was one of the first to attend the original congregation. Pollard’s father, Shelton Bailey, also had a room dedicated in his honor in the church building.

Pollard had been lobbying many United Methodist officials to reconsider putting the building on the open market, arguing doing so would “reopen some of the wounds that have healed and will justify in some minds that it is still okay to maintain and promote Portland’s shameful racist gentrification of its Black Community.”

“My fear is that a developer will come in and quickly make an attractive offer and level the building and replace it with a multiplex of sorts and mask it as affordable housing,” Pollard wrote in an April 10 letter to Bishop Elaine Stanovsky of Greater Northwest Area of the United Methodist Church. She also wrote a similar letter to the United

Methodist Idaho-Oregon Conference Board of Trustees Chair Larry McClure on April 8.

Deliverance Center of Generation X Pastor Treneil Washington said he sent a purchase proposal to the church conference on Friday. He too was disappointed that a real estate broker was giving tours of the building.

In his own purchase proposal, Washington hoped to allow his church and a non-profit he runs, called Torch of Hope—a program to help people get back on their feet after coming out of prison, to buy the property for \$1.4 million, over a 20 year period. Washington, who also runs a for-profit construction contracting company, said he would continue to allow Albina Head Start to lease the property as well, in that scenario.

“I understand that this thing is bigger than money. It’s about hope. It’s about saving a place for people that have already been pushed out,” Washington said.

The fair market value for the 6,648 square foot property is listed by the Multnomah County Assessor at almost \$1.7 million. Built in 1957, the site provided space for a chapel and classrooms serving a Portland congregation that originally formed in 1891, Nelson said.

Albina Head Start has 33 Head Start classrooms overall—serving children three to five-- from 22 Early Start centers—serving prenatal to three year olds—around Portland.

The Tina Clegg Albina Head Start Center at Woodlawn United Methodist has been servicing low income children and families in three Head Start classrooms for over 40 years. Currently it serves about 60 children and their families, who receive social service support through housing, food, and security assistance, among many other services. About 70 percent of the staff are current or former Head Start recipients, and are majority black or Latino, Herndon said. The

organization is also incredibly culturally diverse, with staff originating from over 25 different countries and who speak as many different languages.

Offsetting its rental costs, Albina Head Start has facilitated repairs to the building over the years, as part of their agreement with the original congregation. The organization installed two new furnaces and remodeled the kitchen in 2015, and added two new air conditioning units in 2017.

When the building’s management fell under the purview of the United Methodist Oregon-Idaho Conference, after the original congregation subsided three years ago due to dwindling membership, Albina Head Start’s rent jumped by 40 percent, Herndon said.

The management of the building, at the behest of the wider church organization, has changed hands quite a bit. It had been previously managed by Pollard, from the mid 2000s until 2017, but a community organization called Multicultural Impact Center (MIC), headed by Pastor Jon Umdenstock, took reigns after the congregation collapsed. Umdenstock moved on to a ministry in Idaho and the management since 2018 has fallen into the hands of Washington and his Deliverance Center of Generation X, a new congregation that has been using the space for what will be one year next month.

The building is also host to other community programs, like an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting place of over 10 years, and The People’s Poets, an open mic event whose goal is to amplify voices of color, hosted by MIC.

Nelson advised that “Any person or organization, particularly those who are current tenants, who are interested in purchasing the former Woodlawn UMC property can contact Rev. Daniel Wilson-Fey, Conference Treasurer for more information about the process at 1505 S.W. 18th Ave. Portland, OR 97201.”



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FOOD *Pasta Primavera*

Ingredients:

- 1 bunch fresh basil
- 3 cups chicken broth, divided
- 1/2 cup olive oil 2 cloves garlic
- 1 pound fettuccine pasta
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large leek, chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and diced
- 2 pinches salt
- 2 zucchinis, diced
- 1 cup chopped sugar snap peas
- 1/2 cup shelled English peas
- 1 bunch asparagus, stalks diced, tips left whole
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, or as needed

Directions:

1. Fill a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rolling boil. Hold basil bunch by the stems and dip basil leaves in boiling water until bright green, about 2 seconds. Immediately immerse basil in ice water for several minutes until cold to stop the cooking process.



Once the basil is cold, drain well. Remove basil leaves from stems and discard stems.

2. Blend basil leaves, 1 cup chicken broth, 1/2 cup olive oil, and garlic together in a blender until smooth.

3. Stir fettuccine into the same pot of boiling water, bring back to a boil, and cook pasta over medium heat until cooked through but still firm to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain.

4. Heat remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook and stir leek and green onion in hot oil

until softened, about 5 minutes. Add jalapeno and salt; cook and stir until jalapeno is soft, about 5 minutes.

5. Increase heat to medium-high. Stir 2 cups chicken broth, zucchini, sugar snap peas, and English peas into jalapeno mixture; bring to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes. Add asparagus and continue cooking until asparagus is soft, about 3 minutes more.

6. Pour 1/4 cup basil-garlic mixture into zucchini mixture and cook and stir until heated through, about 1 minute. Remove from heat.

7. Place pasta in a large bowl; pour zucchini mixture over pasta and pour remaining basil-garlic mixture over the zucchini mixture. Spread Parmesan cheese over the top. Toss mixture briefly to combine and tightly wrap bowl with aluminum foil. Let stand until pasta and vegetables soak up most of the juices and oil, about 5 minutes. Toss again.



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- oil for misting
- spices (such as paprika and cayenne pepper)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Drain and rinse the chickpeas.
2. Line a baking sheet with paper towels. Pour the chickpeas on top and use more paper towels to dry them off as well as possible.
3. Remove the paper towels.
4. Mist the chickpeas with oil, sprinkle with spices and shake pan gently until all the chickpeas are well coated.
5. Place pan in a cold oven.
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