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Officials from Portland Community Investment Initiatives, Inc. celebrate a future site for affordable housing on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, and the adoption of a city policy to help families that were displaced or at risk of displacement receive preference when new affordable housing is built. Pictured, from left, are Travis Phillips, PCRI housing development manager; Maxine Fitzpatrick, the nonprofit's executive director, and Andrea Debnam, PCRI manager of resident services.

Right to Return Home

Pathway 1,000 aims to fix troubled housing history

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Attempting to fix a troubled housing history in the city, Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI) and the Portland Housing Bureau have pioneered a new campaign in hopes of acknowledging and fixing the longtime displacement of mostly people of color and low income

residents from north and northeast Portland.

Approximately 10,000 mainly African American residents have lost their homes between the years of 1990 and 2000 in the city's close-in and historically black neighborhoods. Statistically, that's three people every day for 10 years having lost their home.

PCRI's Pathway 1000 Initia-

tive may be part of the solution.

As a part of the Portland Housing Bureau's North/Northeast Neighborhood Housing Strategy, the initiative is a displacement mitigation plan with the goals of dulling and in turn, reversing the involuntary displacement of those former long term Portland residents that have been pushed out, as well as those who are current-

ly at risk of displacement themselves.

As the longtime executive director of PCRI, Maxine Fitzpatrick has witnessed numerous African American families left abreast to Portland's continual rising housing costs and loss of affordable housing options.

"We cannot undo the harms done, but rather must focus on re-

storing housing justice for those who were harmed. PCRI's goal is to support and encourage displaced African Americans to focus on the future," says Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick and PCRI, along with the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, the Portland Housing Bureau, the Portland

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Commission Candidate Sets Priorities

Childs' emphasis on children, seniors and the displaced

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

With the May 17 Primary Election rapidly approaching, voters are fervently looking at candidates to prove their worth. For those that live within the confines of Multnomah County District 1, which encompasses the west side of Portland, inner southeast Portland from I-84 to Sellwood and east to Cesar Chavez, Marisha Childs just may be the answer needed.

Childs is an attorney and member of the black community in Portland for the last 11 years. She is running on a platform primarily focusing on three specific priorities – improving mental healthcare for senior citizens, food insecurity (especially concerning children) and culturally-relevant affordable housing.

Childs points to her experience on housing issues in the operation of her own family and senior based law firm in Vancouver and having worked on community projects such as finding housing for seniors and foster youth.

Understanding the importance of properly representing



Marisha Childs

communities of color and other disadvantaged populations, she makes a pledge of working with minority-based organizations like Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI), the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), the Urban League of Portland, the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) and the Center for Intercultural Organizing on solidifying housing for those who have been forced out.

“Recognizing the significant impact created by the city in displacing many communities of color, I will work to bring people back to the neighborhood they were displaced from. Living in housing that meets your cultural and emotional needs is uplifting and when you’re uplifted, your whole outlook on life can shift,” says Childs.

Having quality and healthy food is another important facet of life not everyone experiences and Childs seeks to change that. With the somewhat recent cuts to SNAP (food stamps) benefit qualifications and the steadily increasing prices of nutrient rich foods, many are left in food deserts, starved by food insecurity.

“I have yet to understand the disconnect between a city that has such an abundance of ‘great restaurants,’ yet has a food shortage,” Childs says. She hopes to see county buildings and schools brightly livened by the colors of healthy treats. “I envision fruits and veggies being biked around like SoupCycle to area food deserts. Think of ice-cream man music, but a new tune.”

Black Families Talk Madison Rebuild

A community conversation with the African American families in the Madison High School cluster will take place on Tuesday, May 3 at the Highland Christian Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan St. Dinner will be provided starting at 6

p.m. with the community meeting kicking off at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

The school district is asking for the community’s thoughts on what a future Madison should look and feel

like as plans to remodel the school move forward. What parts of the building and campus work well? What parts don’t? How can Madison better support its students and families?

Because Madison High School is a uniquely diverse school, the district seeks to ensure that all the voices of the Madison community are represented in the process.



Remembering Prince

Prince, one of the most inventive and influential musicians of modern times was found dead at his home on Thursday in suburban Minneapolis. His longtime lawyer called the death a complete shock and said Monday that the 57-year-old singer lived a clean and healthy lifestyle, disputing suggestions that he had a drug addiction.

Tamir Rice Family Settles

The city of Cleveland has reached a \$6 million settlement in a lawsuit over the death of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old black boy shot by a white police officer while playing with

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a pellet gun outside a recreation center.

Tubman to Face \$20 Bill

Harriet Tubman, an African-American abolitionist who was born a slave, will stand with George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Benjamin Franklin among the iconic faces of U.S. currency. The \$20 bill will be redesigned with Tubman’s portrait on the front, becoming the first African-American on U.S. paper money, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew an-



nounced last week.

Intel Workers Face Layoffs

Intel has notified Oregon officials it plans to lay off nearly 800 workers in Portland’s western suburbs. The company announced last week it is shedding 12,000 jobs worldwide. The move is part of a restructuring caused by declining personal computer sales. Intel is Oregon’s largest private employer with 19,500 workers in Washington County.

Diverse Workforce Threats at Intel

Intel executives have faced unspecified “threats” from their own employees over their push to diversify the company’s workforce, according to the company’s CEO.

“We’re not bringing in women or African-Americans or Hispanics in exclusion to other people. We’re actually just trying to bring them in and be a part of the whole environment,” Brian Krzanich said at a Friday conference in San Francisco.

PSU Viking Pavilion Construction

Portland State University broke ground Saturday on the new Viking Pavilion and Peter W. Stott Center. It marks the beginning of a \$50 million renovation of an outdated athletics facility.

Earth Day SOLVE IT Cleanup

Folks came out in force Saturday to make a difference in communities across Oregon for the 27th annual SOLVE IT for Earth Day clean up. Over 41 tons of trash and debris were collected from 173 sites including neighborhoods, parks, school grounds and natural areas around the state.

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An artist's rendering shows the Miracles Central Apartments coming to the neighborhood just east of the Rose Quarter.

Build for Miracles Central Second housing site for culturally competent alcohol recovery

Late this summer, The Miracles Club and Central City Concern will celebrate the opening of Miracles Central Apartments, a new affordable housing apartment building located near the Rose Quarter.

The two groups have worked for the past few years on the project that will bring affordable housing and services to adults and families who wish to live in an alcohol

and drug-free building.

Miracles Central Apartments is based on the Miracles Club Apartments, a similar building on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, specializing in culturally competent recovery support for the African American community.

The new apartments will consist of 47 units of affordable housing, including 28 apartments affordable to lower-income households earning up to 50 percent of the area median income (approximately \$25,750 for an individual).

Families will also be welcomed as tenants. The building's ground floor will be available for program-related services, including meetings and counseling. On-site staff will help tenants with life-skills, employment readiness, and

eviction prevention, and work closely with tenants to develop action plans that may include steps like workforce development or education.

The Portland Housing Bureau dedicated \$7.1 million in capital funding toward the building. Other major funders include Oregon Housing & Community Services, National Equity Fund and JP Morgan Chase. Multicultural Development Group is the project developer with Guardian Real Estate Services LLC leading the project, Carleton Hart Architecture is the lead architect and LMC Construction is the general contractor.

For leasing information, contact Amanda Clark at Guardian Real Estate Services, 503-802-3545.

Biggest Housing Push Ever Portland awards \$47 million for construction

In an effort to counteract an increasingly problematic housing crisis in Portland where soaring rents and housing costs have displaced thousands of residents, the Portland Housing Bureau has delivered its highest funding allocation to date to support the construction of affordable homes. Roughly \$47 million in both local and federal funding was ear-

marked last week for eight proposed affordable housing projects.

The city expects the support to create 585 new affordable housing units, as well as preserving another 255 units through renovation. Of the renovated projects, more than 120 of them are specifically targeted for the lowest-income households, meaning those earning at most 30 percent of the me-

dian family income.

Last fall, Commissioner Dan Saltzman ordered the Housing Bureau to dispense all of its available resources into Portland's housing emergency, including urban renewal funds allocated for future years.

The bureau will be working
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Soul District Leader Retiring

A neighborhood business Awards banquet, Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club. The North/Northeast Business Association event will

present merit awards to 12 local businesses and provide the community an opportunity say good bye to Joice A. Taylor, the group's longtime dynamic and dedicated leader who is retiring



Joice A Taylor

after serving as NNEBA board chair for over 10 years.

Kenneth Doswell, owner of Betty Jean Couture, a north Portland fashion and clothing design house will serve as the new board chair, and John Washington will continue to serve as vice-chair, Ernest Harris as secretary, and Richard Harris as treasurer.

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Activist Acquitted

Jury rules in favor of protester

Portland activist Teresa Raiford was unanimously acquitted Thursday on a charge of criminally obstructing traffic for a protest last year on the one year anniversary of the death of Michal Brown in Ferguson, Mo.

The not guilty verdict was seen as evidence of police bias and abuse of power by activists for police reform in Portland. The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon applauded the Portland jury's decision.

Raiford maintained in a three-day trial that she was lawfully protesting last August when police officers caught her by surprise and suddenly crossed Southeast Division near 82nd Avenue and arrested her. She was leading a crowd of about 100 protesters in chants at the time.

Raiford is the founder of the



Teresa Raiford

Don't Shoot PDX movement which began after Brown's death by a white police officer in Missouri, and mirrors many of the ideals for justice in the Black Lives Matter movement.

In a message to police after the trial, Raiford said, "Leave us alone. Stop targeting black people in Multnomah County...End excessive force. Stop profiling."




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The Magnolia apartment building on Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard brought 50 new, affordable apartment homes to the Eliot Neighborhood.

Dramatic Steps Urged on Housing Affordability

Report calls for immediate, bold action

Portland will not solve its housing affordability crisis with half-measures and business as usual, a new City Club of Portland report has concluded. The report issued this month calls on city and state to take bold and immediate steps, on a variety of fronts.

"The city has a housing emergency, and timid measures won't solve it," said City Club Executive Director Mike Marshall. "Our research committee found that bold reforms to how the city manages land and regulates landlord-tenant relations are required. This issue goes right to the heart of livability and equity issues for all Portlanders."

Recommendations laid out in the report call for a city ban on no-

cause evictions and creation of a just-cause eviction policy, while asking the Oregon Legislature to end a ban on local rent regulation.

In addition, the report says the city should remove barriers and identify incentives that encourage development of more housing types, working with neighborhoods to dispel concerns about "missing middle housing," the housing options like duplexes and triplexes that aren't allowed in Portland's more exclusively zoned single-family neighborhoods.

The City of Portland, Portland Development Commission and Metro should fund a land bank for affordable housing that strategically purchases properties and the Portland City Council should create and fund dedicated revenue streams to build new subsidized affordable housing units, the report says.

The city should also implement a landlord licensing system

that would allow for housing data collection, increased home inspections and education. A minority report further recommended that the city update zoning to allow middle housing development immediately.

"Portland does not have acceptable housing affordability for a city of its size, demographics, sensibilities and priorities. Our laws, policies and accepted practices regarding zoning, lending, and the rights of renters and owners of single-family homes no longer serve the population well," the report states.

A City Club member-volunteer research committee began studying the issue of housing affordability in July. Over eight months, it interviewed 20 experts and stakeholders, and reviewed dozens of documents.

The full report is available online at pdxcityclub.com/housingaffordability.

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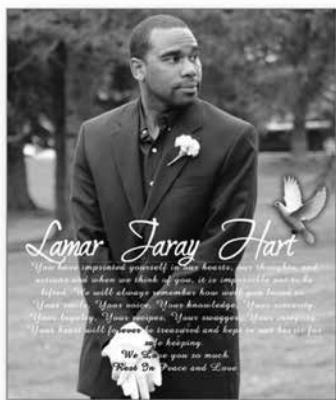
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Nonprofit Buys Land for Housing Cully Neighborhood site to fight displacement

Thanks to a new partnership between the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing (NOAH) and the city of Portland, Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East has purchased a piece of land in

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SPORTS



Clippers point guard Chris Paul (right) leaves Game 4 in Portland Monday after this play defending Gerald Henderson. Paul ends up with a broken hand and the series ends up tied 2-2. (AP Photo)

Blazers Stop Clippers

**Chris Paul
breaks hand and
series is tied**

(AP) -- Al-Farouq Aminu scored a career-high 30 points and the Portland Trail Blazers pulled away after Chris Paul left with a broken bone in his right hand, beating the Los Angeles Clippers 98-84 on Monday

night at the Moda Center to even their playoff series at two games apiece.

Paul departed midway through the third quarter. It was not immediately clear how he was hurt, although his wrist appeared to bend back when he guarded Portland's Gerald Henderson on a layup.

The Clippers were further hurt when Blake Griffin retreated to the bench late in the game after appearing to aggravate the left

quad injury he struggled with this season.

CJ McCollum had 19 points for the Blazers, while Mason Plumlee added 14 points and 10 assists.

Griffin had 17 points before leaving with under 6 minutes left.

Game 5 is Wednesday at Los Angeles with Game 6 scheduled for Friday in Portland. If a final seventh game is necessary it will be played on Sunday in Los Angeles.



A community conversation on ways to fight housing displacement and increase housing affordability in the African American community draws residents to a recent forum sponsored by Portland Community Investment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI)

Right to Return Home

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State University Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning, and PSU's Center for Public Interest Design, plan to build at least 1,000 new homes throughout Portland, with a specific focus on the historic African American neighborhoods.

Ideally, the initiative will allow for families to return to the neighborhoods they were previously forced from, as well as provide many affordable options for those in danger of loss.

The goal is to have 100 new and affordable homes and commercial spaces built every year for the next 10 years, with many of them to be available for affordable home-ownership. Production of these homes began in November, with Colas Construction, a black-owned firm, developing two affordable rental sites in northeast Portland. Preparations for other development sites are also in the works, with intentions to enhance empty or underutilized spaces without compromising the existing neighborhoods.

Of the housing options avail-

able through PCRI and the Portland Housing Bureau, applicants can qualify for a Down Payment Assistance Loan, a Permanent Affordability plan or a Self Help Affordability plan.

Applications for those that qualify will be accepted between May 2 and May 13. Residents can either apply online, in person at a designated site, or mail in an application within those dates. The application, along with a list of designated sites and additional information on the program can be found at portlandoregon.gov/phb/article/570591.



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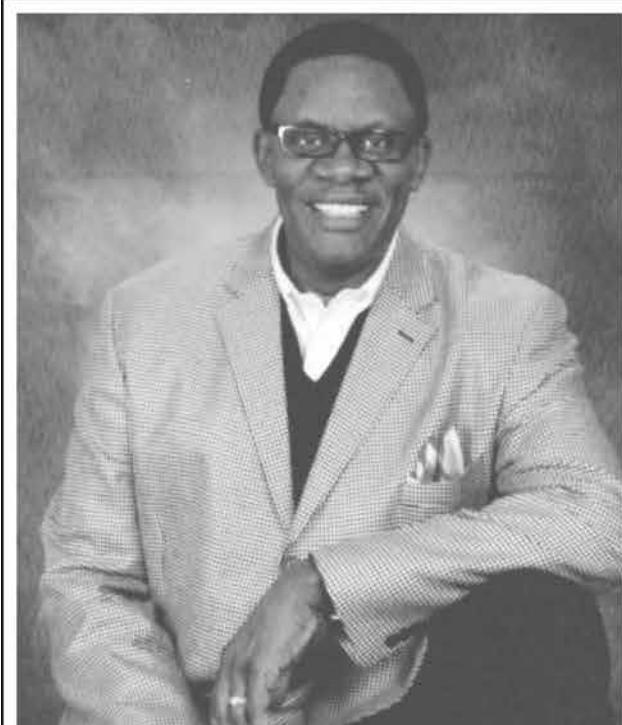


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Ensuring Equity in Housing and Opportunity

'Right to Return' a good place to start

BY MAXINE FITZPATRICK

Fifty years ago, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and others led open housing marches in Chicago called the Chicago Freedom Movement or Chicago Open Housing Movement. The marches inspired the Fair Housing Act, which Congress passed just days after Rev. King's death in April 1968.

Honoring the passage of the Fair Housing Act during April, now recognized as Fair Housing Month, is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of the Act in prohibiting discrimination (and a reminder: If you believe you have



been a victim of housing discrimination, stop what you're doing and call the Fair Housing Council of Oregon at 503-223-8197). It is also a time to look at history and re-evaluate how well (or not) we are doing at achieving the intent of the act: To ensure equity in housing and opportunity.

Unfortunately, prohibiting racially-biased policies has the unintended consequence to prevent us from closing racial wealth and homeownership gaps and achieve equity. White Americans, including Oregonians, benefitted richly from historic discriminatory and exclusionary policies and practices: The Oregon Donation Land Law of 1850 provided up to 320 acres of free land—but only to white men and their wives.

In the 1950s, exclusionary zoning kept blacks and other minorities out of white neighborhoods in Portland and all across America. Restrictive covenants in many

homes' deeds had the same effect.

In fact, many deeds still contain these racial covenants, even though they're no longer valid. And out of 67,000 low-cost mortgages insured by the post-World War II G.I. Bill, less than 100 went to blacks, who had to settle for more costly loans if they could get them at all: The FHA drew a red line around black neighborhoods to warn banks not to lend there. Even with Fair Housing protections, this practice of redlining continued into the 1990s. And after redlining practices faded, subprime loans targeted the same neighborhoods of primarily minority households.

Recent court cases have raised the issue of disparate impacts: That a practice "does not appear to be discriminatory on its face; rather it is one that is discriminatory in its application or effect." As Portland battles its reputation as the whitest big city in America

and the most rapidly gentrifying city in the country, we must think about fair housing as something more than simply banning outright discrimination.

Fair housing "protections" may prevent us from simply granting land or offering discounted mortgages to households of color, but we can't let this prevent us from considering how to better achieve equitable opportunities and outcomes.

"Right to Return" and geographic preference policies are a good place to start. While they don't specifically benefit households of a particular race, they recognize that in areas like north and northeast Portland, black residents built a thriving community despite being confined to specific neighborhoods where they were allowed to live. But when public investment and urban renewal made their way to these neighborhoods, black families—often

renters because historic policies forbade them from owning their homes—were among the first households displaced.

We must also ensure a safety net for residents who are at risk of displacement in neighborhoods that have already changed (like the Albina area) as well as those that are now beginning to change (like Cully). Home repair programs, foreclosure mitigation and property tax deferrals are available to many senior residents and must be expanded to other households, especially those with lower incomes.

Preventing discrimination and achieving fairness in housing is crucial. And as this Fair Housing Month comes to a close, let's commit to taking fairness even further to achieve housing equity.

Maxine Fitzpatrick is executive director of Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI)

Income Inequality: The Housing Struggle

Trapped in a tragic eviction cycle

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

"And the tragedy is, so often [poor Americans] are invisible because America is so affluent, so rich," -- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words during his last Sunday sermon on March 31, 1968 at the Washington National Cathedral calling for support for a Poor People's Campaign. Almost 50 years later questions about how much poor Americans are forced to pay for housing -- and what happens when they can't afford it -- are back in the national spotlight.

The new book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Harvard University sociology professor and Justice and Poverty Project co-director Matthew Desmond is calling renewed and urgently needed attention to a tragic eviction cycle invisible to many but all too familiar to families trapped in the cruel prison of poverty.

Dr. Desmond found that in the face of stagnating or falling incomes and soaring housing costs eviction has become more commonplace in America than ever. He spent months in Milwaukee,

Wis., living first in a trailer park and then in an inner city rooming house, documenting the experiences of eight families he met.

"Most Americans, if they don't live in trailer parks or in the inner city, think that the typical low income family lives in public housing or benefits from some kind of housing assistance, but the opposite is true," Desmond ex-

plained in a recent interview. In reality, only one in four families who qualify for housing assistance receives it: Three in four are forced to struggle on their own.

Arleen and her boys were evicted so many times as he followed her trajectory, they lost count. One

often overrepresented in eviction proceedings, just as black men are in prison: "Poor black men were locked up. Poor black women were locked out."

Last year, the Children's Defense Fund included in our Ending Child Poverty Now report an expansion of housing vouchers to all households with children below 150 percent of poverty whose fair market rent exceeds 50 percent of their income. Of the nine policy improvements to alleviate child poverty we proposed, this had the single greatest impact. It would reduce child poverty 20.8 percent and lift 2.3 million children out of poverty. How then do we build the political and public will to do what works?

Dr. Desmond also met Vanetta in Milwaukee who said in a recent interview: "I grew up in every shelter, basically, in Illinois and Milwaukee. I didn't have a stable place over my head. I didn't have proper food, or I didn't even know a few times how I was going to eat that night. We missed meals multiple nights, and it was hard. And all I ever wanted for my kids was not to put them through that."

Her troubles started during the recession when her hours at the Old Country Buffet were slashed from five days to one day a week. Suddenly she had to choose between paying arrears to keep the electricity on or paying the rent. Falling further and further behind,

she received an eviction notice. Terrified of being homeless and losing her children, and desperate to pay the bills, Vanetta participated in a robbery. She'd been on the waiting list for public housing for two years, but after the robbery she became a convicted felon, which meant her chances of ever being approved were almost zero.

In that final Sunday sermon Dr. King reminded us: "Ultimately a great nation is a compassionate nation. America has not met its obligations and its responsibilities to the poor. One day we will have to stand before the God of history and we will talk in terms of things we've done. Yes, we will be able to say we built gargantuan bridges to span the seas, we built gigantic buildings to kiss the skies . . . It seems that I can hear the God of history saying, 'That was not enough! But I was hungry, and ye fed me not. I was naked, and ye clothed me not. I was devoid of a decent sanitary house to live in, and ye provided no shelter for me.'"

Dr. King said, "This is America's opportunity to help bridge the gulf between the haves and the have-nots. The question is whether America will do it." For millions of Americans, including all those who still can't afford decent shelter for their families that question remains unanswered.

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

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plained in a recent interview.

In reality, only one in four families who qualify for housing assistance receives it: Three in four are forced to struggle on their own.

"We've reached a point in this country where the majority of poor renting families are giving at least half of their income to housing costs and one in four are giving over 70 percent of their income just to pay rent and keep the utilities on," Desmond said.

When Dr. Desmond met Arleen, a single mom with two boys, she was paying 80 percent of her

time her son threw a snowball and hit a passerby, and that person retaliated by kicking in the door to their apartment. The landlord evicted Arleen's family because of the damage to the door. Dr. Desmond says Arleen then missed an appointment with a welfare caseworker because the letter about the appointment went to her old address. So she got evicted from the new apartment. The crises families face trying to pay for housing are "not just a consequence of poverty, but a cause of poverty" he says. He also noted black women are

OPINION

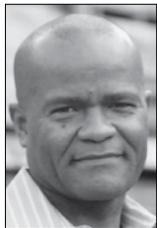


Shady Shell Companies and Tax Havens

Panama Papers reveal abuses

BY MAURICE RAHMING

It is hard to believe that the second easiest place in the world to run a shady, anonymous, and often criminal corporation is right here in the United States.



According to a recent academic study, the United States is second only to Kenya for harboring these shell companies used to launder money and skirt their taxes.

Much like the classic sleight of hand game, companies across the country, including many here in Oregon, are shifting and shuffling ownership and holdings until we lose track of who or where they are.

Criminal organizations regularly set up shell companies to launder ill-gotten revenues and fund their criminal enterprise. In the case of multi-national corporations, however, what they are doing is not illegal. That doesn't mean there aren't victims, though. The elaborate game of deception corporations play costs the average taxpayer nearly \$1,500 annually, close to \$4,000 if you own a small business. They shift, they shuffle, and we pick up the tab.

This month's leak of the Pana-

ma Papers revealed more than 11 million documents from a Panamanian legal team showing the actual devastating toll anonymous shell companies take on the world, signally a time for U.S. action.

Our own Senator Ron Wyden has commented on the paper's release and says he will open an inquiry into the tax evasion issues revealed. While we applaud his efforts, this issue can't be tackled alone. The Main Street Alliance, and our national coalition partners at FACT (Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency) call on Senator Merkley and our representatives in Congress to not only look into the criminal avoidance of taxes but to develop a head on approach.

We are calling on our members of Congress to pass a law to stop the creation of anonymous shell companies that facilitate crimes, of which everyday Americans are the victim, and call these tax avoiding multinational corporations what they are, criminals. America shouldn't be one of the easiest places in the world to form these companies; we can't afford to be.

Roughly 100 media outlets collaborated on the "Panama Papers" investigation, and they have begun publishing a series of stories

based on documents leaked from the prominent Panama-based law firm Mossack Fonseca. Many of these secretly owned companies exposed in the papers operate in Nevada or Wyoming, but recent reporting from the Portland Business Journal suggest that Oregon is not far off.

These states act as getaway cars for money launderers, terrorist, and corporate tax evaders, and it is time to take away the keys. Requiring the collection and publication of information on who owns and controls these companies would make it much harder to launder dirty money and leave the rest of us safer.

Small business owners across the country and our coalition partners urge the House Ways & Means Committee to eliminate the offshore tax loopholes abused by wealthy individuals and multinational companies to avoid paying taxes that then must be made up by individual citizens and small businesses, to the tune of \$150 billion a year.

Some of the biggest companies in the country—Apple, Pfizer, Walmart and, of course, Nike... just to name a few—shift their profits offshore to a network of foreign subsidiaries in countries known for their abnormally low corporate tax rates. Use of such systems allows 358 of the largest 500 mul-

tinational companies in the U.S. to avoid paying their fair share in taxes.

Likewise, offshore tax haven secrecy enables wealthy Americans to secretly hide their wealth abroad, away from tax authorities—sticking the rest of us with the tab. The Stop Tax Haven Abuse Act—currently pending in both the House and Senate—would end the ability of wealthy individuals to cheat on their taxes while simultaneously putting an end to the ability of the biggest companies in the world to indefinitely defer paying the taxes that they owe.

Companies based and operating in this country benefit from our education system, roads and bridges, national defense and legal systems and are obligated to support them through taxes. Corporate taxes as a share of federal tax revenue has slipped to 8 percent in recent years, far lower than the share paid by individual Americans. When companies pay little or nothing, the rest of us—including small and other local businesses—pay more. It's time to tell multinational corporations, wherever they are, to pay what you owe.

Maurice Rahming, co-owner of O'Neill Electric in Portland, Oregon and member of the Main Street Alliance of Oregon



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Biggest Housing Push Ever

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with Home Forward, Central City Concern, Bridge Housing Corp, REACH, and the Meta Housing Corp on these projects, with developments and renovations spanning from north and northeast Portland all the way to the Hazelwood, Lents and Montavilla areas.

The projects were selected to align with a new N/NE Neighborhood Housing Strategy, "A Home for Everyone" plan to end homelessness, and give priority to longtime and displaced residents under a new preference policy.

Additionally, the non-profit housing organization Human Solutions is negotiating with Port-

land housing officials on creating 40 affordable housing units for low income families in Gateway, as well some specifically reserved homes for families at risk of becoming homeless or who are already homeless, and refugee families.

"This unprecedented level of funding is helping move the needle be providing affordable housing for vulnerable Portlanders," said Kurt Creager, housing bureau director.

Creager said the projects also are expected to leverage an additional \$141 million in public and private funding and create new employment opportunities across the city.

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Quang (James Ryen) and Nhan (Will Dao) argue over what to do as Saigon falls in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's production of 'Vietgone.'

Between Vietnam and America

Artists outside dominant culture find their voices

OPINIONATED JUDGE
BY JUDGE DARLEEN ORTEGA



Why do I know so little about the perspective of Vietnamese refugees to the U.S.? Why have I never seen a sex comedy involving two compelling Vietnamese immigrants? Why do I expect Vietnamese characters living in the U.S. to speak in broken English?

These are among the questions that rose for me as I experienced the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's production of "Vietgone," which opened this month and plays until late October. Based on the experiences of playwright Qui Nyugen's parents, who

immigrated to the U.S. as refugees in the mid-1970s, the play moves back and forth in time between Vietnam and their early years in the U.S., including their meeting in a refugee camp and the steamy affair that began their relationship. Though Nyugen's parents told him most of his life that they had fallen in love at first sight in that refugee camp in Arkansas, they admitted to him more recently that the truth is a bit more coarse than that -- though also a tale of how they saved each other in a time when both were traumatized and longing

for home.

Most of the few immigrant stories that make it into American popular culture involve people who were desperate to move here to make a better life for themselves; I suspect that, at some level, the experience of immigrants who came reluctantly and pine for home defies American expectations. Nyugen's father, Quang, was a pilot with the South Vietnamese army, and his mother, Tong, worked in the U.S. embassy in Saigon. They both escaped to the U.S. to avoid certain death when the South Viet-

namese capitol was invaded; Quang left behind a wife and two kids who he had no way of retrieving, and Tong left behind a beloved brother.

The play's humor and raunchiness never obscures that these two 30-year-olds didn't want to be in the U.S. They were in anguish about the state of things at home, and folks in the U.S. saw in them only their Vietnamese enemy. The two refugees have left behind lives they cared about, and have traded respectability for places at the bottom of the social ladder.

As presented here, Nyugen's parents defy stereotypes. Quang (James Ryen) is tall and muscular and virile; Tong (Jeena Yi) is self-assured and irreverent. They utter their dialogue in perfect American

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Celebrating Women -- The motivational Dr. Audrey Terrell Institute presents its first annual awards luncheon, Saturday, May 7 at 12 p.m. at Embassy Suites, Portland International Airport. Topics include women in faith, government, education, and labor; a young woman moving forward; and making life's challenges the keys to your accomplishments. Tickets are \$35. Email draudreyterrel@datinststitute.org or call 313-510-9968.

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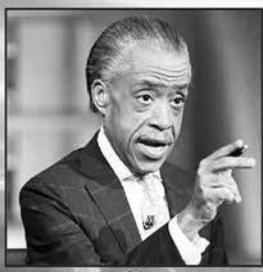
the nation. "Sundown laws" prevented African Americans and Asians from even staying overnight in many cities and towns.

Departing Saturday, April 29 at 8 a.m., the 3.5-hour tour takes place in a comfortable, charter bus and features historic first-hand accounts by local experts. The tour departs the Ambridge Center at 1333 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and will be followed by a lunch and post-tour discussion. Tickets are \$85 to \$115. Visit multifamilynw.org or call 503-213-1281.

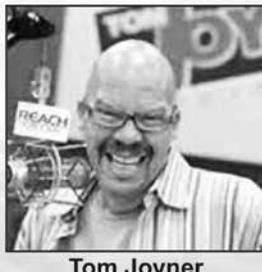
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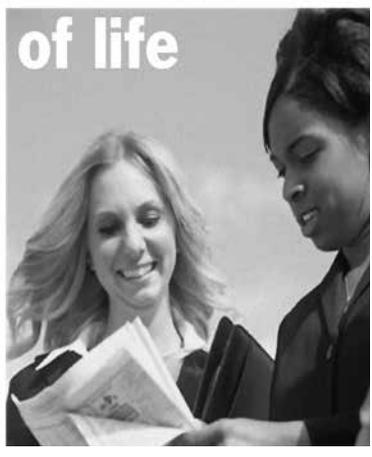
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The fund was established so that developers could move quickly to acquire land for affordable housing development when

opportunities become available. In a hot real estate market such as Portland's, purchasing land for future affordable housing development is an important strategy and is seen as a key anti-displacement measure.

NOAH is leveraging the city's money with capital from Meyer Memorial Trust, the Mac Arthur Foundation, Oregon Housing and Community Services, private banks and NOAH's resources to lower housing costs related to down payment and interest.

"This dynamic market called for a tool that would give our community the flexibility to act where there is need and opportunity.

We're thrilled to see our investment already beginning to pay off for Portlanders," said Commissioner Dan Saltzman, who oversees the Portland Housing Bureau. "We commend Habitat for Humanity for taking such quick action where land is becoming an increasingly precious commodity so that more Portland families will have a pathway to achieve homeownership."

Vietnam and America

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slang, some of it in the form of rap music, while the occasional American who attempts to converse with them speaks in broken English. The fact that I required a few moments to adjust to this brought me up short and confronted me with my own unexamined expectations of Asian and immigrant characters. Of course the playwright realizes that the characters' current-day American diction is not historically accurate in one sense--but in another sense it is accurate, because it helps us to experience the characters much more as they likely experienced each other.

In the world of this play, Quang and Tong are brave and angry and frustrated and strong -- and hot. Americans are the other; Americans sound stupid and ignorant, often because they so relentlessly confuse their perspective for the truth without any curiosity about the perspectives they are missing. And importantly, in the world of this play, U.S. intervention in South Vietnam is not something for which these refugees believe they are owed an apology; in fact, it is the commonly held American view that the Vietnam War

was a misbegotten adventure that wounds these war-generation Vietnamese people.

Playwright Nyugen recently won a major critics' prize (the Harold and Mimi Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association New Play Award) for this play, and has several more plays planned that will explore his parents' experiences. His work is a vibrant example of what a struggle it can be for artists from outside the dominant culture to find their voices, with so few models to follow--and of what unexpected gifts such voices can offer audience members. OSF's production hums with humor and physicality and raw emotion, and sparks overdue curiosity about the experiences of a long-neglected segment of the American community. It's one of my favorites of this OSF season, and well-worth a sojourn to Ashland to see it.

Darleen Ortega is a judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals and the first woman of color to serve in that capacity. She also serves on the Oregon Shakespeare Festival board. Her movie review column Opinionated Judge appears regularly in The Portland Observer. You can find her movie blog at opinionatedjudge.blogspot.com.

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Contract Documents and the Invitation to Bid may be reviewed at the following locations beginning April 21st : Lease Crutcher Lewis, LLC (CM/GC)/Portland, OR; Central Lincoln People's Utility District/Newport, OR; Daily Journal Plan Center/Portland, OR; Eugene Builders Exchange/Eugene, OR; Oregon Contractors Plan Center/Clackamas, OR; Oregon Assoc. of Minority Enterprises/Portland, OR; McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge/Portland, OR; Bay Area Plan Exchange/Coos Bay, OR; Central Coast Plan Exchange/Florence, OR.

Contract Documents may be purchased (non-refundable) in its entirety or in part from Precision Images, (503) 274-2030.

Drawings and bidding documents are available online through the following Lewis FTP site: <https://lewisbuilds.exavault.com/share/view/aj2v-aq54118v>

All proposers must comply with the following requirements: Prevailing Wage Law, ORS 279C.800-279C.870, Licensed with Construction Contractors Board ORS 671.530. Bidder shall indicate Resident Status per ORS 279A.120. If Required, Bidders must obtain business licenses to perform work in the City of Newport prior to mobilizing on jobsite.

Bids will not be considered unless RECEIVED by 3:30 p.m. PDT on May 10, 2016, and fully completed in the manner provided by the "Instructions to Bidders".

"NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Executive order 11246)".

Lease Crutcher Lewis, LLC (CM/GC) is committed to taking affirmative action to encourage and facilitate the participation of minority, women-owned, and emerging small business enterprises (M/W/ESBE) in State projects and encourage Subcontractors to provide similar opportunities for their subcontractors / vendors.

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The Portland City Auditor's Independent Police Review (IPR) is responsible for the civilian oversight of the Portland Police Bureau (Police Bureau). The Citizen Review Committee (CRC) is an advisory body to IPR and the Police Bureau.

CRC holds appeal hearings of police misconduct investigations; listens to community concerns; periodically serves on the Police Review Board, an advisory body to the Chief of Police that makes recommendations as to findings and discipline of sworn police members; reviews Police Bureau policies; and advises IPR on complaint handling processes.

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Candidates must be Portland, Oregon, residents or business owners, and be impartial and objective in regards to law enforcement.

Applications are available at www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr or the IPR office: City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 140, Portland, OR 97204. Return applications by 5:00 pm, Thursday, June 2, 2016, via fax 503-823-4571, e-mail crc@portlandoregon.gov, mail, or hand-delivery to IPR.

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Checkroom Attendant, part-time, Portland's 5 Centers for the Arts, \$12.88 - \$13.13 hourly. Deadline: 05/05/2016

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INVITATION TO BID

#2016-12 BUS STOP SAFETY, STREAMLINING, & REHABILITATION PROJECT – PHASE V

The Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area (dba C-TRAN) is requesting bids from interested bidders for the Bus Stop Safety, Streamlining, & Rehabilitation Project – Phase V. Invitation to Bid documents may be obtained from C-TRAN at 2425 NE 65th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98661 by calling (360) 696-4494, via e-mail to procurement@c-tran.org, or accessing our Web page at www.c-tran.com. Under "Quick Reference," click on Procurement and then click on Current Bid and Proposal Opportunities or by going directly to the following link:

<http://www.c-tran.com/about-c-tran/business/procurement>

Bids will be accepted until **3:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, May 25, 2016.**

Clark College is currently accepting applications for the position of **Educational Planner – Professional/Technical**. This exempt position reports to the Associate Director of Advising Services. The salary is \$43,866 annually. Closing date: 5/12/16. For complete position description, requirements and to apply, access our website at www.clark.edu/jobs. Clark College Human Resources, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98663 (360) 992-2105. AA/EO employer.

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CALENDAR April 2016

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>24</p> <p><i>Library of Congress established (1800)</i> Pigs-in-a-Blanket Day</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Anzac Day (Australia, New Zealand) <i>Hubble Telescope launched, 1990</i> World Penguin Day</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Hug a Friend Day National Pretzel Day <i>Seismologist Charles Richter born, 1900</i></p> | <p>27</p> <p>Administrative Professionals/ Secretaries Day Tell a Story Day</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day Take your Daughter to Work Day</p> | <p>☾ 29</p> <p>Arbor Day Zipper Day <i>(patented by Gideon Sundback in 1913)</i></p> | <p>30</p> <p>National Honesty Day <i>Anniversary Louisiana Purchase completed (1803)</i></p> |

CALENDAR May 2016

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| <p>1</p> <p>Hawaiian Lei Day May Day Worthy Wage Day For child care providers.</p> | <p>2</p> <p><i>Dr. Benjamin Spock Born in 1903</i></p> | <p>3</p> <p>National Teacher Day National Sun Day Constitution Memorial Day, Japan</p> | <p>4</p> <p>National Weather Observers' Day <i>Susan's Birthday (Sesame Street)</i></p> | <p>5</p> <p><i>Leo Lionni born, 1910</i> Cinco de Mayo Children's Day In Japan</p> | <p>● 6</p> <p>Space Day <i>Eiffel Tower opens to the public in 1889</i></p> | <p>7</p> <p><i>1st Stamp Collection Started</i> <i>Pulitzer Prize Established (1917)</i></p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>Mother's Day No Socks Day</p> | <p>9</p> <p><i>Eleanor Estes born, 1906</i> <i>First Newspaper Cartoon In the USA in 1754</i></p> | <p>10</p> <p>Clean Up Your Room Day <i>Christopher Paul Curtis born, 1953</i></p> | <p>11</p> <p>National School Nurse Day Twilight Zone Day</p> | <p>12</p> <p>International Nurses Day Kite Day Limerick Day</p> | <p>☾ 13</p> <p>Tulip Day</p> | <p>14</p> <p><i>Beginning of Lewis and Clark Expedition In 1804</i> National Dance Like a Chicken Day</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p><i>Norma Fox Mazer born, 1931</i> National Chocolate Chip Day</p> | <p>16</p> <p><i>First US Nickel Minted In 1866</i></p> | <p>17</p> <p><i>First Kentucky Derby In 1875</i> <i>Gary Paulson born, 1939</i></p> | <p>18</p> <p>International Museum Day <i>Mt St. Helens Erupted, 1980</i></p> | <p>19</p> <p>Circus Day <i>(Ringling Brother's Circus opened in 1884)</i></p> | <p>20</p> <p>Lindbergh Flight Day (1927) <i>Mary Pope Osborne born, 1949</i></p> | <p>○ 21</p> <p>Armed Forces Day <i>American Red Cross Founded by Clara Barton, 1881</i></p> |



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Beaverton: May 3, 5:30–7:30 p.m. @ PCC Willow Creek Great Room, 241 SW Edgeway Dr.

Gresham: May 4, 5:30–7:30 p.m. @ East County Health Center Blue Lake Room, 600 NE 8th St.

NE Portland: May 5, 5:30–7:30 p.m. @ Velo Cult, 1969 NE 42nd Ave.

Alternate formats, sign language interpretation and communication aids are available.

Call 503-962-2455 or TTY 7-1-1 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays) at least 48 hours before the meeting.



FOOD

Crispy Quinoa Cakes

Good and healthy regardless, but for those with dietary preferences, these are also vegan, gluten-free, nut-free, refined sugar-free, and soy-free. Recipe inspired by Oh She Grows.

Ingredients:

- *1 1/2 cups cooked quinoa
- *2 tablespoons ground flax + 6 tablespoons water
- *1 cup destemmed and finely chopped kale
- *1/2 cup cooked rolled oats (1/4 cup water and 1/4 cup rolled oats microwaved for 3 minutes works for a small batch)
- *1/2 cup finely grated sweet potato
- *1/4 cup finely chopped, oil-packed, sun-dried tomatoes
- *1/4 cup sunflower seeds

- *1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, finely chopped
- *2 tablespoons finely diced onion
- *1 clove garlic, minced
- *1 tablespoon runny tahini paste
- *1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
- *1 1/2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- *1/2 teaspoon fine grain sea salt, or to taste
- *3 tablespoons gluten-free all-purpose flour
- *red pepper flakes, to taste



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Line large baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Mix ground flax and water in small bowl, set aside for 5 minutes or so to thicken.
3. Combine all ingredients together in a large bowl. Stir well until the mixture comes together. Don't forget the flour to bind the patties.
4. Shape mixture into 1/4-cup patties with wet hands. Pack tightly so they hold together better. Place on baking sheet.
5. Bake for 15 minutes, then carefully flip cakes, and bake for another 8-10 minutes until golden and firm.
6. Cool for 5 minutes on the sheet and then enjoy!
7. Store leftovers in a container in the fridge for up to 5-6 days. To reheat, preheat a skillet over medium heat, add a bit of coconut oil, and cook patties for about 3 minutes per side, or until heated through.



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