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Roadblocks at the Courthouse

Report on DAs is push for criminal justice reform

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON

PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

As Oregon votes in next week's Primary Election most of the candidates overseeing criminal justice in the state won't face any opposition and that's a roadblock to reforming laws that disproportionately impact minorities, according to a new report by the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon.

District attorneys (DAs) in Oregon are rarely challenged even though they have a powerful role in our criminal justice system and that locks in the status quo, said David Rogers, the nonprofit group's state executive director.

He said the resulting number of unopposed races, including Multnomah County which covers Portland, leads to less voter engagement on criminal justice reform issues and continues a pattern where state district attorneys have blocked a bipartisan push for "smart" justice.

"Given the recent high-profile stories about racial disparity in Multnomah County, it is important to show one of the reasons we aren't making progress," Rogers said.

Earlier this year, a MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice report made in conjunction with the Oregon Justice Resource Center, other justice groups and government officials found that at every stage of the criminal justice system in Portland and across Oregon you are punished more severely if you are black, Latino or Native American.

"District attorneys determine whether someone gets access to treatment or put in jail or prison, whether a youth is charged as an adult, and DAs largely influence the extent of racial disparity in the system" said Rogers. "Voters deserve to know where their elected DAs stand on all of these issues."

Between 2004 and 2014, 78



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Outside the Multnomah County Courthouse, David Rogers, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, gives attention to a new ACLU Oregon report showing how uncontested district attorney races are a factor in tapping down criminal justice reform.

percent of Oregon district attorney races were uncontested, and over 1 million Oregonians did not cast votes in their DA race, according to the ACLU investigation.

The ACLU Oregon investigation finds that district attorneys are in the best position to implement new policies to curtail state prison growth and spending, but points to the Oregon District Attorneys Association for blocking proposed legislative reforms.

"Instead of being the leaders in criminal justice reform, DAs have largely been roadblocks. Even as crime rates have significantly decreased, prosecutors have increased the rate at which they charge people with felonies, Rodgers said. "Oregon's goal should be to reduce the prison population, a goal DAs don't seem to share."

When Michael Schunk retired four years ago as district attorney for Multnomah County after 32 years in office in which he drew an opponent just one time, his chief deputy Rod Underhill ran for the office unopposed. On the ballot for re-election on Tuesday, he again faces no challenger.

Rogers says it's possible Underhill can be a leader on justice reform issues, but being part of the solution won't happen without a public that's more engaged and one that demands accountability.

He cites the Portland Police Bureau's union-contracted 48 hour rule, which allows officers to delay talking to investigators for 48 hours after an officer-involved shooting, as an example of an issue that justice activists have sought to eliminate, but has gone nowhere for years.

Reforming the grand jury process over the decision to indict police officers around misconduct or officer-involved shootings is

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The Week in Review

Ferguson's New Chief

Delrish Moss was sworn in Monday to become the first permanent black chief to lead the embattled police force in Ferguson, Mo. The St. Louis suburb was where 18-year-old Michael Brown, who was black and unarmed, was fatally shot by a white officer in 2014, leading to the Black Lives Matter movement.



Egg Shooter Sent to Jail

A 68-year-old resident of southeast Portland was arrested last week after he retaliated with gunfire following his house getting egged twice. William Dean Thomas was booked on charges of reckless endangerment, unlawful use of a weapon and discharging a firearm in the city.

Grand Champ Timbers are Grand Marshals

Following the Portland Timbers first Major League Soccer title, the Rose

Festival announced Thursday that the Timbers will be the Grand Marshal of the Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade. The team's Alaska Airlines float will be decorated in green and white, with a huge soccer fan and Timber Joey.

Quits Job for Election

House District 43 candidate Roberta Phillip-Robbins resigned her job as a Multnomah County Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Specialist Friday to avoid a conflict with federal law. The Hatch Act states no federal-funded government employee can run for a partisan office, thus leaving Phillip-Robbins with two choices. She will continue on in her race against Tawna Sanchez for state representative in the May 17 Primary.



42nd Ave Mural for Prince

A mural depicting the purple one, Prince, has been erected behind Motivasi Coffee on Northeast 42nd and Prescott. The mural was painted by Ashley Montague who also painted a mural of Michael Brown at the Bonfire Lounge in southeast Portland, which is likely to be covered up soon according to the bar's owner.

Women's Camp Must Move

A recently constructed homeless camp for women, located in the Lents neighborhood at Southeast 93rd and Woodstock, is already being taken down by city officials. The camp was meant to shelter homeless women that have been sexually assaulted, but went up on Portland Development Commission-owned land without permission.

Providence Hospital Sued

The parents of a deceased premature baby boy are suing Providence's St. Vincent Medical Center for \$3 million after learning the ashes they received were that of another deceased child. Norma Arellano and Sergio Maldonado held funeral services and family gatherings with the misidentified ashes, learning five months later that those received belonged to a baby girl.

Obama to Visit Hiroshima

The White House announced on Tuesday that President Obama will be visiting Hiroshima May 27 as part of his trips to Japan and Vietnam, the first president to ever visit the city destroyed by a nuclear bomb in an attack to end World War II. Obama will be meeting with Japan's Prime Minister to discuss a continuing peace without nuclear weapons.

ACLU Blasts Sheriff's Probe

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

An investigation that cleared Multnomah County Sheriff Dan Staton of criminal wrongdoing failed to account for actions that may have violated civil protections, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon.



Multnomah County Sheriff Dan Staton

David Rogers, executive director of the ACLU of Oregon, said the Oregon Attorney General Department of Justice's conclusions, released last week, only represent part of the picture.

"The DOJ's findings strongly suggest to us that Sheriff Staton violated civil law that protects Oregonians from state surveillance as well as free speech and association rights," Rogers said.

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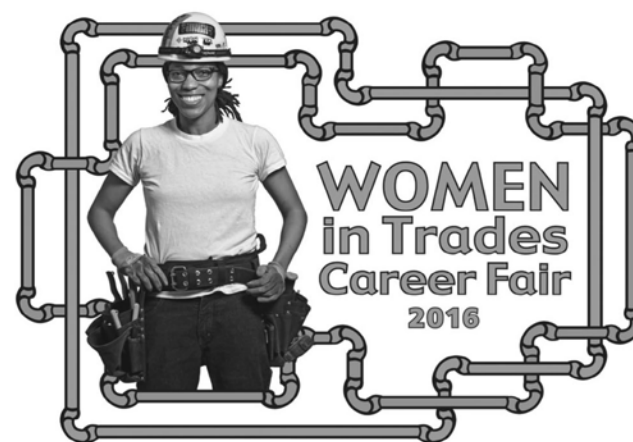
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The Multnomah County Elections Office, 1040 S.E. Morrison St., opens for extended hours ahead of Tuesday's May 17 Primary. Ballots in the vote-by-mail election can be dropped off at the elections office and any official drop site location until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Ballots Due

Decision time for Oregon voters

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Oregon's Primary day is right around the corner and one look into the Voter's Pamphlet shows the magnitude of issues and candidates facing voters. With ballots due by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, the time to hone in on which way to vote is now.

A split choice in the Democratic Party between Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton gives Oregon a voice on who is best to face Donald Trump in the November General Election. Trump has become

the presumptive Republican nominee nationally after vanquishing all of his primary opponents. Clinton leads Sanders, but hasn't reached the total delegates to push her over the top. Though Clinton has a longer political resume, Sanders' forthright and grassroots campaign has also made him a popular choice.

In local races, Tawna Sanchez and Robert Phillip-Robbins highlight a primary race for state representative in House District 43, covering the heart of Portland's historic African American community in inner north and northeast Portland. The winner would advance to the November General Election as the odds-on favorite in

a heavily Democratic district.

Sanchez and Phillip-Robbins are gunning for Lew Frederick's seat as he turns his attention to running for Senate District 22, which covers the same area as his house district in combination with neighboring House District 44 which extends northwest to St. Johns and the Columbia River.

Some of Frederick's issues are cutting healthcare costs and bringing more afterschool and summer programs to neighborhoods. Sanchez and Phillip-Robbins both support more affordable housing, labor rights, and stabilizing the Cully neighborhood where poverty is greater than other parts of Portland and where many residents live on unsafe streets without sidewalks.

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Ethnic Studies for All High Schools

In a 7-0 vote, the Portland Public Schools Board of Education has agreed to support an expanded ethnic studies curriculum in all of the district's high schools.

The proposal was generated by the Asian Pacific Network of Oregon (APANO) and its youth organization group, Asian and Pacific Islander Leaders for the Liberation of Youth, or "ALLY" for short. Public testimony and

letters in support was also drawn from the Native American Youth and Family Center, the Urban League of Portland, Latino Network and Momentum Alliance.

The original plan was heavily backed by Dr. Julie Esparza Brown, a member of the school board and a Portland State University professor. It calls for at least one ethnic studies course in each Portland high school as well as the creation of both an

oversight committee and a student advisory council to oversee the curriculum's implementation.

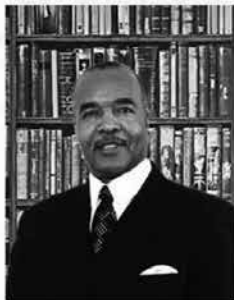
Superintendent Carole Smith will lead the district in working the courses into their budget, while also working with an APANO ALLY leader to co-create the ethnic studies curriculum. With everything in place, course offerings should be in gear by Fall 2018.

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David Rogers, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, speaks out on a new ACLU Oregon report showing how district attorneys (DAs) in Oregon are rarely challenged at the ballot box even though they have a powerful role in our criminal justice system and how the subsequent lack of public engagement in DA races locks in the status quo.

Roadblocks at the Courthouse

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another issues that deserves more attention, Rogers said.

"It is a secretive process," he

said, "There is no recording made and no one in the room can discuss what happened. DAs can get any result they want from the grand jury process but their message to the public is 'trust us'. There is no transparency or accountability."

Citing the "atrophyed democracy" around DA races, he said it's no wonder that public has very little understanding of how powerful district attorneys are and the role they play in the criminal justice system.

"We rely on elections to elevate public conversations around important issues," Rogers said. "The dynamics around district attorney elections and appointments mean that the voters don't get to influence critical policy concerns about the direction of our criminal justice system."

He said there is some hope because of a changing political landscape and the increase attention to the positions raised by the ACLU of Oregon and other advocates.

Local groups like the Portland NAACP and Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform have been on the front lines in the push for criminal justice reforms, and the Black Lives Matter movement has raised the visibility of justice issues nationally and in Portland.

In Chicago, Anita Alvarez, a hardline prosecutor under serious criticism for her failure to hold police accountable for high profile shootings of young black residents, got taken out in the primary, Rogers said, adding that "This was huge."

The ACLU of Oregon report

also calls for the governor to use justice reform-minded criteria when appointing interim district attorneys. Nearly half of all the current DAs in the state were initially appointed to their offices by the governor.

Rogers said the appointment process flies under the radar and allows incumbent DAs to recommend their hand-picked successor to the governor. Once in office, a sitting district attorney is very likely to be reelected, so competition is scarce.

Ultimately, Oregon's criminal justice system is unlikely to be reformed without more competitive district attorney races, gubernatorial appointments that support reform-minded candidates, and increased public engagement with sitting DAs around critical community issues, the study finds.

Rogers was named executive director of the ACLU of Oregon last June. He has over 20 years of social justice organizing, advocacy, and organizational development experience including eight years as the executive director of the Portland-based Partnership for Safety and Justice.

He also has extensive relationships with Oregon advocacy organizations rooted in communities of color and groups working for gender justice, immigration reform, economic and environmental justice, and was the recipient of a Charles Bannerman Fellowship for Organizers of Color from the New World Foundation.

The full DA Roadblocks to Reform report can be found on the ACLU of Oregon website at aclu-or.org/DAREport.

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Ballots Due

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Several minority candidates are vying for voters in races for the Portland City Council and Multnomah County Commission, including Deborah Harris and Bruce Broussard in a crowded race for Portland mayor. They face a daunting challenge to overcome the name familiarity of Oregon Treasurer Ted Wheeler and Multnomah County Commissioner Jules Bailey who are among the 15 candidates running to replace Mayor Charlie Hales, who did not run for re-election.

Portland City Commissioner Steve Novick drew a challenge from long time northeast Portland activist and African-American resident Fred Stewart and eight other candidates. Lanita Duke is facing up

against incumbent City Commissioner Amanda Fritz, and Marisha Childs, a black attorney from southeast Portland is running for Multnomah County Commission in District 1.

In the city and county races, if no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, there will be a runoff between the top two contenders in November.

Two local tax measures are asking for voter approval, specifically Measure 26-174, which would renew a Multnomah County levy supporting the Oregon Historical Society's Museum and Library, and Measure 26-173, a city of Portland proposal to place a .10 cent/gallon tax on gasoline, going towards road and sidewalk repair.

All registered voters should have already received their ballots in the mail, according to elections officials. Any registered voter that hasn't received a ballot must contact the county elections office at 503-988-3720.

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OPINION

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Lifting Communities by Raising the Minimum Wage

The fight for \$15

BY MARC H. MORIAL

Day in and day out men and women all over our country work hard at their jobs—but hardly have anything to show for it.

As the debate over income inequality and narrowing the ever-widening wealth gap continues to dominate our national and political conversations, private corporations and states are taking matters into their own hands, bridging the dueling divides of income and opportunity by increasing the minimum wage.

Target is reportedly raising employee wages this month to a \$10 minimum. This would be the



second wage hike in a year for the retail giant. Only a few weeks ago, the governors of New York and California signed bills that would gradually increase their states' minimum wages to \$15—the highest in the nation.

In the face of the Congress' refusal to increase the federal minimum wage, these gestures from private enterprise and legislative offices reflect a new reality in our post-recession economy: jobs are coming back, but, for the most part, they aren't the kinds of jobs that pay a living wage. Very often, they are not the kinds of jobs that serve as a platform to better paying work. And they are the kinds of jobs that predominately employ young people,

minorities and women—the most vulnerable members of our low-wage, slow growth recovery economy.

What was a Franklin Roosevelt era labor law meant to put a floor on poverty in America has become a low ceiling barring millions of American workers from present and future prosperity.

For 10 years, the National Urban League has advocated for a federal minimum wage hike tied to the Consumer Price Index, which tracks inflation by observing changes over time in consumer pricing for a variety of goods. If prices are going up—and they are—wages that don't reflect these hikes in prices translates into working-class employees never getting ahead and being forced to

make difficult choices to survive, provide for themselves and their family.

The current federal minimum wage stands at \$7.25. President Barack Obama, during a State of the Union address, said, "Let's declare that in the wealthiest nation on Earth, no one who works full-time should have to live in poverty." Well, on \$7.25 an hour, you can bet they will. In fact, if the minimum wage kept pace with inflation, the current minimum wage would be \$19. We support a \$15 minimum wage, tied to inflation.

With more Americans surviving on minimum wage than at any other point in our history, to ignore the issue of wages is to ignore the problem of income inequality, and to ignore the struggles of men and

women left behind as the economy recovers. While I applaud the initiative taken by states and businesses to provide employees with living wages, we must put an end to the "vast, sporadic remedies" condemned by President Roosevelt.

The current patchwork of state minimum wages is not a solution. Congress needs to do its job. Republicans supported minimum wage increases under President George W. Bush, but have blocked all efforts to raise it since then. Rather than condemn a generation to a lifetime of poverty, let's afford them the opportunity to earn living wages and climb the economic ladder of opportunity and success.

Marc H. Morial is president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League.

Did the Vatican Just Throw Out Its Just War Doctrine?

A turn toward nonviolence

BY ERICA CHENOWETH

Last month, the Vatican hosted a conference on the theme of "Non-violence and Just Peace: Contributing to the Catholic Understanding of and Commitment to Nonviolence," organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace along with the global Catholic peace network Pax Christi International.

In their concluding appeal to Pope Francis, the 80 conference participants recommended that he reject Just War Doctrine as a viable or productive Catholic tradition. They also recommended that he write a new encyclical laying out the Catholic Church's commitment to nonviolence in all of its manifestations—including nonviolent action as a means of engaging in conflict, nonviolent conflict resolution as a way of re-



solving conflict, and nonviolence as the principle doctrine of the Catholic Church.

If such an encyclical follows, this is a big deal.

The just war tradition—which contains numerous doctrines morally justifying violence and war, as well as defining appropriate conduct during war—has served

for the past 1,500 years as the primary normative basis politicians have evoked (correctly or incorrectly) to validate their waging of war.

Because the Catholic Church developed the doctrine between the 4th and 13th centuries, the just war canon has had a monopolistic influence on the way people in the West think about war and violence—whether they know it

or not.

Conference participants acknowledged the main sticking point for many skeptics of nonviolence—that promoting (or using) nonviolence can be difficult in the face of armed aggression.

Marie Dennis, co-president of Pax Christi International and a participant at the conference, claimed that the group fully considered this challenge. Yet she argued

there are five primary reasons for this—among them the fact that contemporary weapons of war render obsolete any positive impacts that war might have; and what he calls "the compelling, thrilling saga of nonviolent action over the 60 years since Gandhi."

Indeed, among the arguments Pope Francis used to encourage the conference participants was the dramatic rise in the effec-

Because the Catholic Church developed the doctrine between the 4th and 13th centuries, the just war canon has had a monopolistic influence on the way people in the West think about war and violence—whether they know it or not. Consequently, many people now take for granted concepts like the right to self-defense, the importance of weighing the goals of war against its potential human costs, the need to exhaust other options before going to war, and the necessity of only fighting wars you think you can win.

or not. Consequently, many people now take for granted concepts like the right to self-defense, the importance of weighing the goals of war against its potential human costs, the need to exhaust other options before going to war, and the necessity of only fighting wars you think you can win.

Whether you're the President of the United States in D.C., a police officer on the beat in Denver, or a student in a self-defense class in L.A., these moral concepts have probably had a deep impact on your thinking and your experience when it comes to the proper uses

that the international community hasn't yet devoted resources to developing or discovering nonviolent alternatives to armed aggression because of our reflexive turn to violence as the only possible response. In her words, "as long as we keep saying we can do it with military force, we will not invest the creative energy, the deep thinking, the financial and human resources in creating or identifying the alternatives that actually could make a difference."

So—why is the Catholic Church reconsidering now? Reporter Terrence Lynne argues that

tiveness of nonviolent resistance over the past century—a trend we hear a lot around the halls of the Korbel School. In fact, one of the participants in this landmark conference was my colleague Maria J. Stephan, whose work on civil resistance in a variety of struggles around the world helped to provide a strong empirical basis for this conference.

How's that for engaged scholarship?

Erica Chenoweth is professor and associate dean at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver.



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OPINION

Ohio Proves Youth Prison Reform Works

Making the case for rehabilitation

BY JOHN KARIAKOU

You might not guess it from the Republican governor or GOP-dominated legislature, but Ohio is proving itself the most progressive state in the union when it comes to youth prison reform.

The Buckeye State has shifted away from punishing kids who get ensnared in the juvenile justice system to rehabilitating them, and it's saved money doing so.

"What we've done in the past is treat the children who are incarcerated like mini adults," explained Linda Janes, the deputy director of Ohio's Department of Youth Services. "We know better now through research and through



all kinds of evidence that that's a mistake. Children have to be treated like children."

That conclusion is good for youth offenders and good for society.

Guards in the Ohio juvenile system are now called "youth specialists," and school uniforms have replaced prison khakis. Offenders spend their days in a school setting and earn their high school diplomas.

Boys spend their spare time raising vegetables in greenhouses and tilapia in large tanks. The vegetables are donated to food banks for the poor, while the boys use the fish to learn cooking skills. (No girls are incarcerated in Ohio. They're sent to "alternative venues," akin to halfway houses.)

The move from punishment to rehabilitation came as a result of a 2004 lawsuit alleging that guards in the state's youth detention cen-

ters used excessive force. The state also faced accusations that it was failing to adequately train staff, educate incarcerated children, and provide enough health services. A federal judge oversaw the complete revamping of the state system.

The result is a national model for youth rehabilitation.

Where 1,800 children were incarcerated at the time of the lawsuit, there are now fewer than 500 locked up. Meanwhile, recidivism rates have declined steadily. This has been a boon for the state, for reformers, and for Ohio's taxpayers.

The research and policy organization In the Public Interest estimates that rehabilitation costs much less than incarceration. In Ohio, the tab for keeping people behind bars tops \$25,000 per prisoner annually.

By contrast, community-based

services for arrested teenagers cost just \$1,000 a year, a bargain by comparison. So, in addition to other positive outcomes, the state can also point now to the \$58 million it's saving on youth services.

How did Ohio succeed?

First, it put politics aside and invited a group of nationally recognized experts on juvenile prison reform to offer advice. Meanwhile, the federal judge who oversaw the process pushed both sides in the state legislature to work together and to keep progress on track.

Second, both former Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland and his Republican successor John Kasich invested in community corrections, which is more effective at targeting at-risk youth. And they insisted that local authorities keep the offenders' families involved in the process.

Powerful Symbols of What We Value as a Nation

The new faces coming to our treasury bills

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

Every day I wear a pair of medallions around my neck with portraits of two of my role models: Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth. As a child I read books about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. She and the indomitable and eloquent slave woman Sojourner Truth represent countless thousands of anonymous slave women whose bodies and minds were abused and whose voices were muted by slavery, Jim Crow, segregation and confining gender roles throughout our nation's history.



also honor Sojourner Truth and other great women and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who never stopped demanding and working to assure that America lives up to its declared creed of freedom, life, liberty, pursuit of happiness and equality for all.

Kudos to the Treasury Department which has announced that Harriet Tubman's face will grace the front of the redesigned \$20 bill, making her the first

75,000 in 1939 after the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to let her sing at Constitution Hall because she was not white. Mrs. Roosevelt and Dr. King will grace the back of the \$5 bill rounding out the inspiring group of determined moral warriors who expanded the civil and human rights of women, people of color and all of us.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said he had an 'aha' moment after recognizing the groundswell of

become. The new bills also will powerfully remind all Americans and teach our children and grandchildren that black history and women's history are American history. They will take us a giant step forward towards healing our nation's profoundly crippling birth defects of slavery, Native American genocide, and exclusion of all women and nonpropertied men of all races from our electoral process and ensuring full participation in our nation's life.

It is so important to make sure all of our children can see their ancestors pictured on something as basic as the money used every day by countless millions and this will deepen the meaning of how we define success in America.

And to black children who remain the poorest group in America, I hope Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth become anchor reminders of their great heritage of strength, courage, faith and belief in the equality of women and people of every color. None of us must ever give up fighting for freedom and equality and human dignity however tough the road. I hope all of our children and all of us will be inspired anew by our diverse and rich heritages and cultures as Americans and renew our determination to build a level playing field in our nation for every child and help our nation shine a brighter beacon of hope in a world hungering for moral example.

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

For too long and for too many money has been the most powerful symbol of what we value as a nation.

woman in more than a century and first African American ever to be represented on the face of an American paper note.

And it's wonderful that she will not be alone. Sojourner Truth and women suffragette activists and leaders will be featured on the back of the \$10 bill. Great contralto and opera singer Marian Anderson, for whom I was named and about whom great conductor Arturo Toscanini said "yours is a voice such as one hears once in a hundred years," will be featured on the back of the \$5 bill. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt arranged for Marian Anderson to perform at the Lincoln Memorial before

public response to his announcement that the Treasury Department was considering changing the design of the \$10 bill. To so many people these new treasury bills will be much more than pieces of paper.

For too long and for too many money has been the most powerful symbol of what we value as a nation. Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Marian Anderson, Eleanor Roosevelt, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Alice Paul, Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott, and Martin Luther King, Jr. — their faces on American currency will send powerful messages about what — and who — we Americans are, value and strive to



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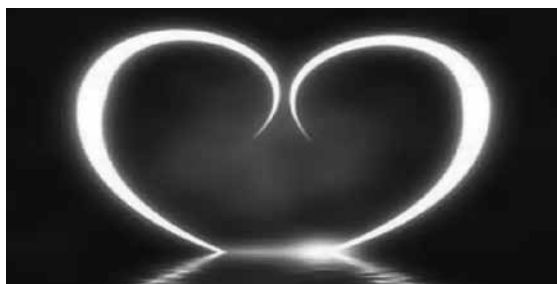
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Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry reacts after making a basket against the Portland Trail Blazers during the second half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series Monday in Portland.

Curry Sensational in OT

Blazers fall to 3-1 in playoff series

(AP) -- Stephen Curry returned from a sprained right knee to score 40 points, including 17 in overtime, and the Golden State Warriors rallied to take a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinals with a 132-125 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night at the Moda Center.

Playing for the first time since he was injured in Game 4 of the first-round series against Houston, Curry was rusty for three quarters and sensational down the stretch after the Warriors trailed by as much as 16 points.

His winning return came hours after a person with knowledge of the award told The Associated Press that Curry would repeat as NBA MVP, with the announcement coming as early as Tuesday.

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The investigation looked into several allegations, including that Staton may have improperly tried to dissuade the head of the Multnomah County Deputy Sheriffs Association from taking a no-confidence vote on him, and allegations that he gathered information in a search on the Internet about members of a county charter review commission that was considering a recommendation that the sheriff's position become appointed, rather than elected.

"In a free county, people shouldn't have to be afraid that law enforcement will investigate them simply because they are politically engaged," Rogers said. "Sheriff Staton unquestionably broke the public's trust and very

likely the law, when he gathered information on the charter review committee members, with absolutely no suspicion of any criminal wrongdoing."

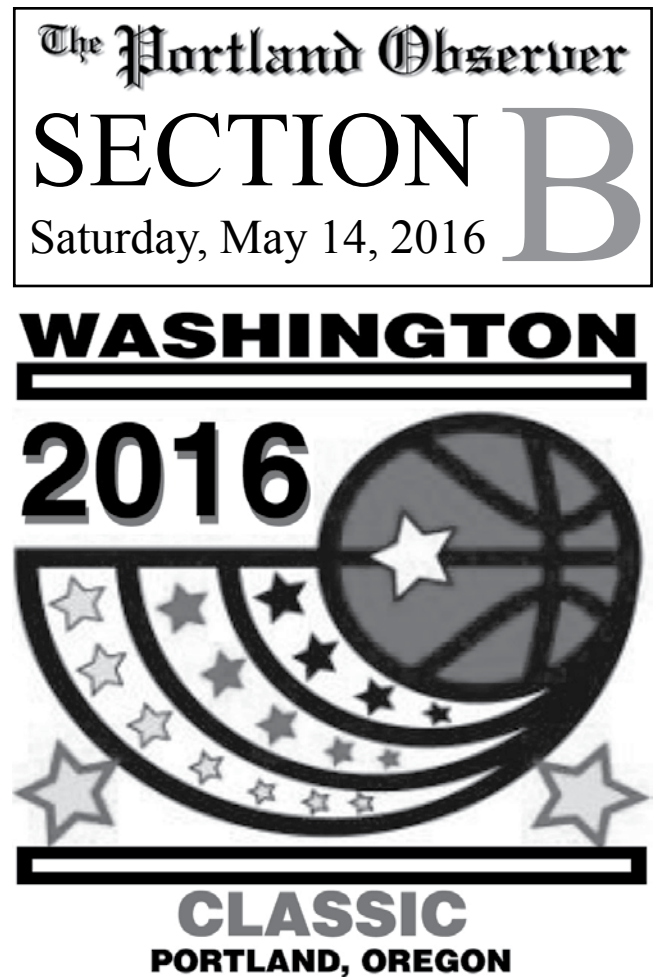
"This is yet another example of top Oregon law enforcement surveilling innocent people," Rogers said. "We call on the attorney general to make it clear that law enforcement is not allowed to track, monitor or compile information about the political activities and associations of Oregonians who are not suspected of criminal activity."

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury also indicated that she too was disappointed in the thoroughness of the DOJ report, and the Multnomah County Deputy Sheriff's group on Monday issued a vote of no confidence against the sheriff.

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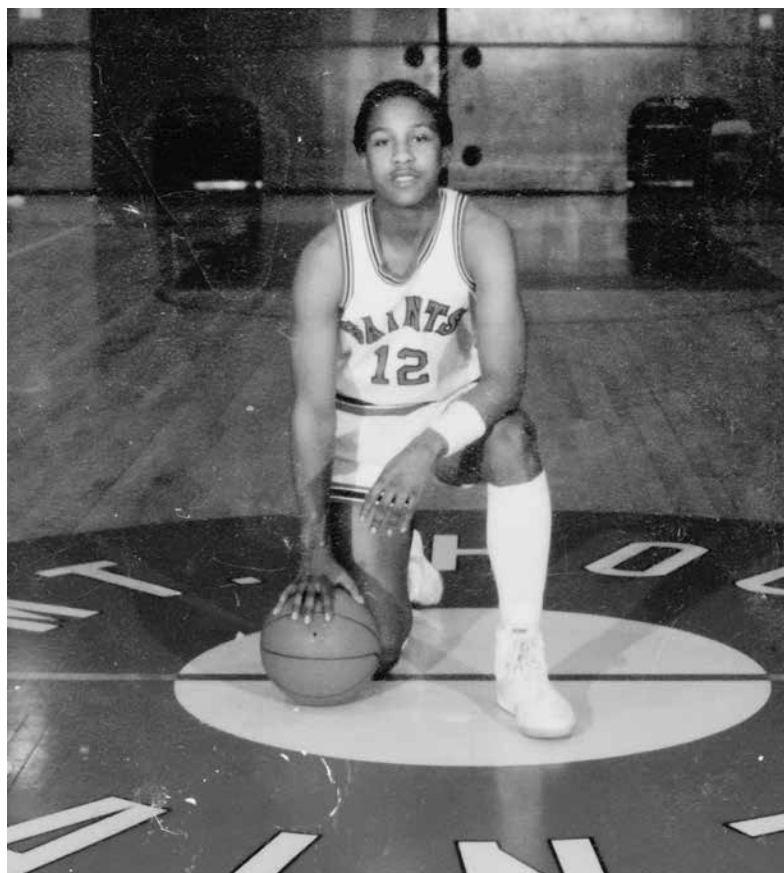
The WNBA's Shoni Schimmel, who played in multiple Joyce Washington Classic games during her years at Franklin High School, had an outstanding college career at Louisville, and currently is playing professional basketball for the Atlanta Dream.

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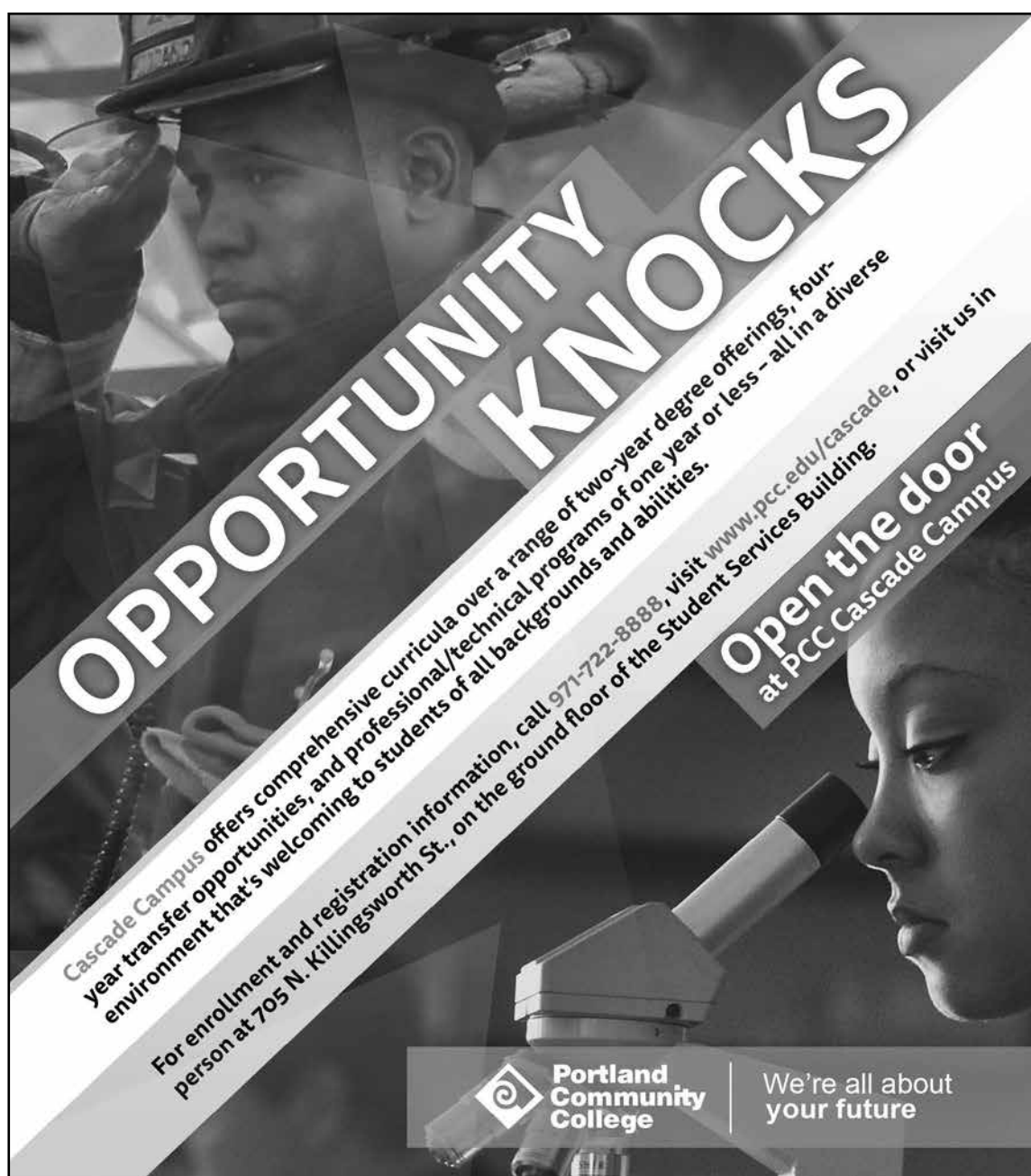
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Tony Washington, Gary Powell of Image Wear Solutions, Mercedes Russell, Eleanor Van Buren and Mark Washington are pictured after the Joyce Washington Classic 2012 game.



Mary Dunn, board member of Joyce Washington Classic takes picture with Coach Gary Thomas and 2012 boys' team.



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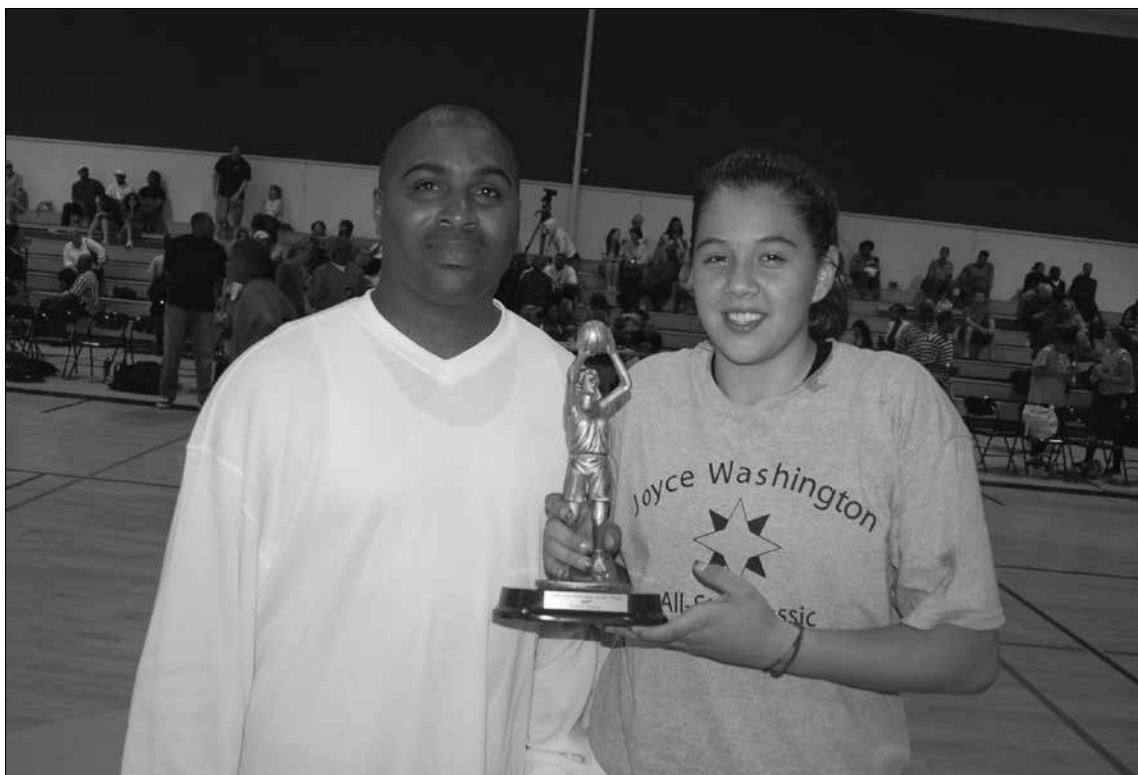
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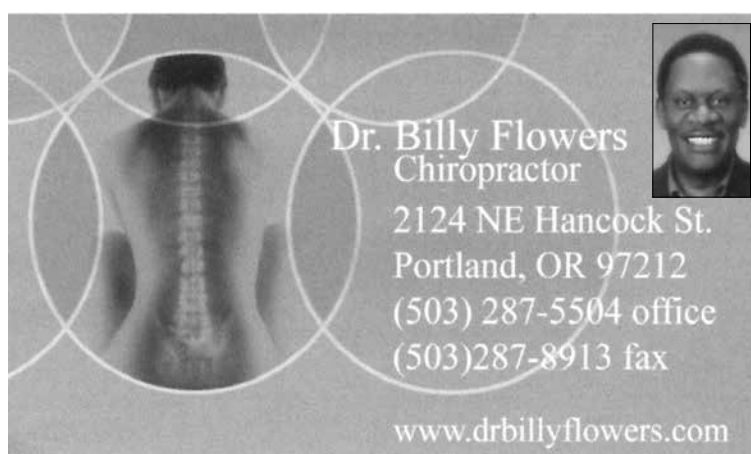
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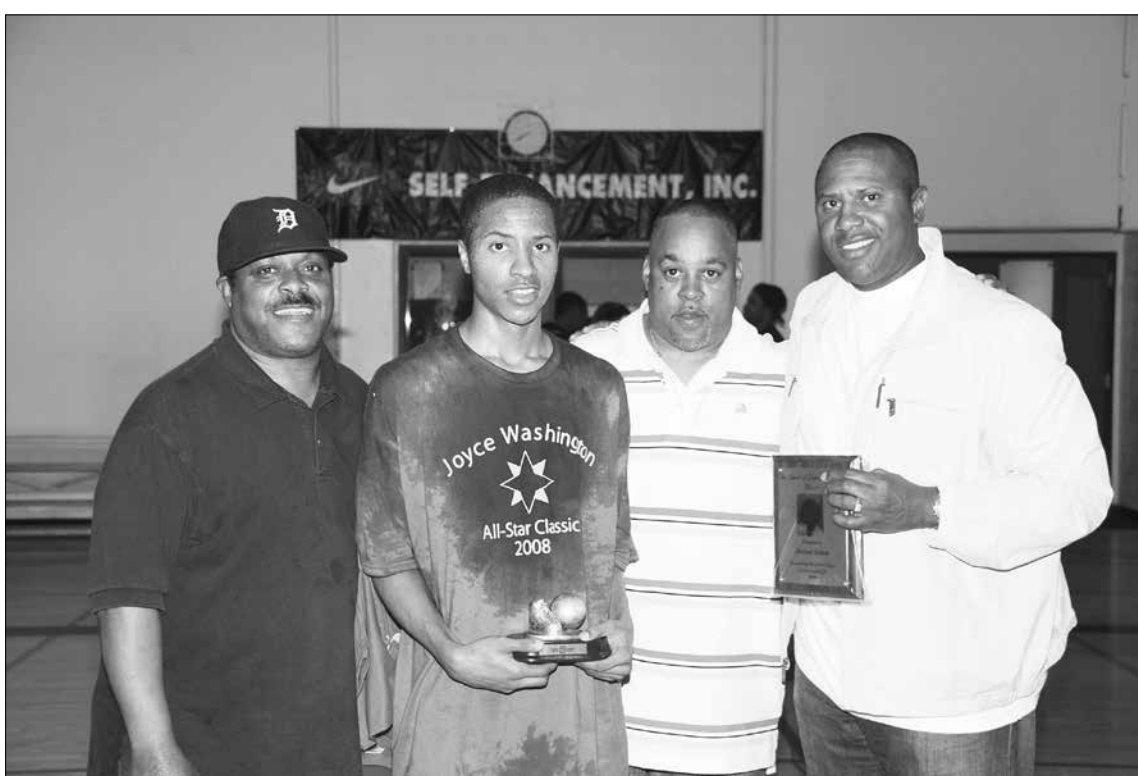
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Former Washington Classic alumni Terrence Jones goes to the hoop. Jones now plays in the NBA for the Houston Rockets.



CeCe Moses on right pictured with Joyce Washington Classic girls 2012 team.



Tony Washington presents award to Lucinda Baldwin.



Mary Dunn (on the left) and Michael Mangum (on the right) and the winning boys team from 2012.

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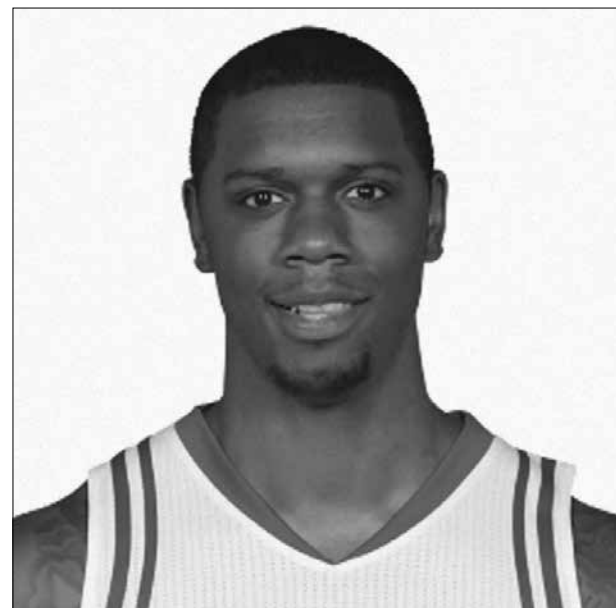
Joyce Washington Classic Alumni who are now in the NBA and WBNA



Terrence Ross, Toronto Raptors



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Joyce Washington 1

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 Mahogany Menefee--*Benson*
 Natasha Venecia--*South Ridge*
 Ahilah Nordstrom--*Roosevelt*
 Irie Wright--*Roosevelt*
 Alaygza Portis--*Madison*
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Coach: Van Johnson

Joyce Washington 2

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Ellington's iconic white baby grand piano could bring as much as \$1 million. There are tuxedos and dinner jackets with Ellington's name written inside the jacket pockets, ranging from \$3,000 to \$6,500.

The Grammy-award winning artist composed thousands of songs during his 50-year career. The auction has two dozen music manuscripts penned in Ellington's hand. An orchestra arrangement of "Mood Indigo" could fetch up to \$20,000.

Ellington also painted. The sale has several of his works. A portrait of his collaborator Billy Strayhorn is estimated at \$30,000 to \$40,000.



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Volunteers distributing free school supplies is one of a series of community service photographs on display at the Beaverton City Library honoring the late City Councilor Cathy Stanton.

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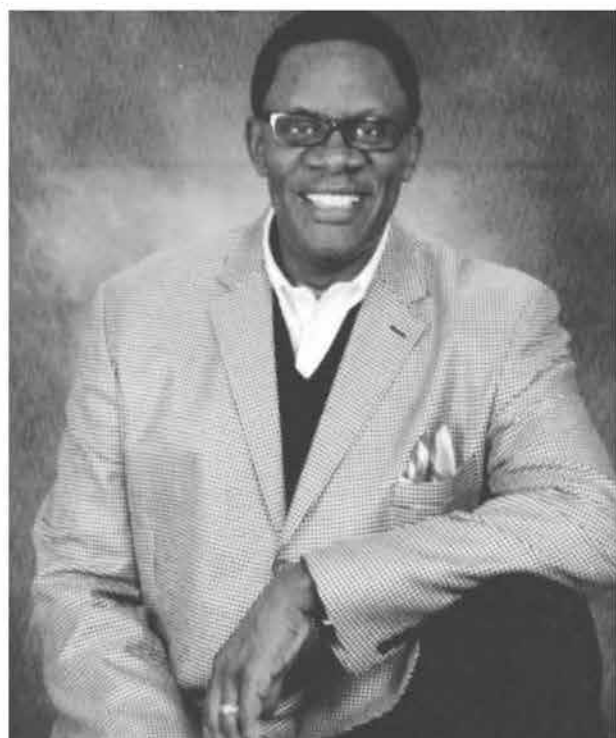
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Beaverton a vibrant and engaged community.

The photographs are intended to inspire viewers to give back to the community and make Beaverton better for this and future generations. The images were compiled by the city's arts pro-

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-- The Jacksons with brothers Jackie, Jermaine, Marion and Tito will perform live in

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Through Indian Eyes: Native American Cinema

-- Organized by the UCLA Film and Television Archives, the NW Film Center at the Portland Art Museum, presents a series of films by First Nations filmmakers that aim to reach mainstream audiences and Native communities while working to recuperate tribal languages, spirituality, and community. Now showing through May 22. Visit nwfilm.org for a complete listing.



Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts a series of in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

Fourth Sunday Jam Night -- A friends and family variety comedy show in a Saturday Night Live format with local recording and performing artists, bands, dance crews, poets, and drama groups, takes place each fourth Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. at Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. The free event is open to the community.

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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

St. Johns Throws a Party

The St. Johns community of north Portland throws a party Saturday, Saturday, May 14 with its annual Parade and downtown Bizarre.

The St. Johns Parade with its floats, bands, drill teams, and horses has been a tradition since 1962. The parade kicks off promptly at noon.

Celebrating its 10th year, the St. Johns Bizarre is coming into its own with an eclectic lineup of local musical talent, an expanded craft fair featuring over 100 vendors, and more family-friendly offerings than ever before.

A free event, the Bizarre takes place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The group Quasi will headline a lineup of entertainment that also includes the R&B/post-disco phenoms Chanti Darling, the weirdo-pop confectioners Minden, the perfectly crafted folk-rock of The Domestics, and the infectiously catchy power-pop of Patsy's Rats.



Chanti Darling will bring their pop and disco sounds to St. Johns Saturday, May 14 as part of the entertainment at the annual St. Johns Bizarre, a day-long event in the heart of the north Portland community that is held in conjunction with the St. Johns Parade, which starts at noon.



Danish Gospel at Celebration

Celebration Tabernacle on North Denver Avenue in Kenton presents the KEFAS Gospel Choir of Denmark which will perform a free public concert on Sunday, May 15 at 7 p.m. The esteemed and world-touring choir was founded in 1975 and is based in the Methodist church in Copenhagen, Jerusalemskirken.

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Obituary

In Loving Memory

Maddie Mary Davis Richmond

Maddie Mary Davis Richmond was born April 9, 1927 in Garyville, La., to Gertrude Smith and RD Davis. Her twin sister Martha passed away in infancy. She also had a father known as "Daddy Smith" of New Orleans.

She was raised by her paternal grandmother, Rebecca Davis, whom she loved as her mother and was affectionately known as "Grand Mama Dynamite."

She was baptized at an early age and later became a devoted Catholic. She and her mother moved to Portland in 1945.

In 1946 she married her childhood sweetheart, Marshall C. Richmond Sr., in Vancouver. To this union were born 11 children.

Maddie was a retired cosmetologist of 35 plus years. She trained and mentored with Mrs. Etoile Cox, and in 1944, passed a state of Oregon board to acquire a license in cosmetology. She worked with Ms. Irving and with Mrs. Dean's hair salon on Hancock Street. Shortly after, she acquired her own hair salon from lovely Hattie Porter and became the owner of Maddie Beauty Salon on North Albina. She also worked at several funeral homes preparing hair and make-up for home-going services.

She has two grandkids named after her from her son Randall, his daughter Mary and grandson Nate. She also has a great-granddaughter D'Naejah who was born on her birthday. These are special memories she held dear.

In 2010 Maddie's daughter Sheila Washington preceded her in death. The two were inseparable at the time, enjoying thrift shopping, bingo and grocery



shopping. They also worked together as certified nursing assistants. Maddie's hobbies included going to the race track, playing cards and going to OG Motors when in the market for a Cadillac. She also loved her last car, a Lexus. She enjoyed cooking gumbo, frying fish, making greens and hot water corn bread.

She had a very strong and independent personality. If you knew her then you respected her. She was a very loving and generous person. She would feed anyone and help them financially if they needed it. If you crossed her she had no problem telling you where to go and how to get there. She loved her husband and enjoyed talking about him. She was a loving mother who protected her children and grandchildren. She loved her sisters and brothers. She will be deeply missed.

She leaves to cherish her life with memories, children Mar-

shall (Ly) of Las Vegas, Nev.; Gail Blake of Portland; Rebecca Gator of Atlanta, Ga.; Ralph Richmond, Ellen Stevenson, Randall Richmond, and Marilyn Lindsey, all of Portland; Arnetia Hammick of Federal Way, Wash.; and Ramona LaGrone-Eshmon (Reginald) of Tacoma, Wash. Brothers and sisters James Smith (Shirley) of Seattle; Rudolph Smith (Margaret), Emile Smith and Irma Smith, all of New Orleans, and a host of grandchildren, great grand children and great-great grandchildren. She also leaves to memory, a host of nieces, nephew, and friends.

Also preceding her in death were her husband, Reginald Richmond; and siblings Herman King, Elenora King, Alfred King, Anna Mae King and Joe Smith.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 806 N.E. Alberta St. on Thursday, May 12 at 11 a.m., with entombment to follow in Rose City Cemetery, under the direction of Rose City Funeral Home.

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In Loving Memory

Gladys Farve

Gladys Farve passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. She was born on Dec. 12, 1941 in Bonita, La. to Amos and Helen Hawkins Mott.

In addition to Antione, her loving husband, she is survived by her children, Gail Farve of New Orleans, Antione J. Farve IV of Portland, Desiree Farve of Gaithersburg, Md., Antionette Robinson of Portland, and Delaney Farve of Vancouver; and five grandchildren, five great grandchildren,



eight siblings and host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by two of her children, Andre Farve of Portland, and Denise Farve of New Orleans; her parents; step-father Robert Taylor and four siblings.

A viewing will be held Wednesday, May 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Terry Family Funeral Home, 2337 N. Williams Ave. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, May 13 at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew Church, 806 N.E. Alberta St. A repast will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the church community center. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<div>1</div> <div>Hawaiian Lei Day May Day Worthy Wage Day For child care providers.</div>	<div>2</div> <div><i>Dr. Benjamin Spock</i> <i>Born in 1903</i></div>	<div>3</div> <div>National Teacher Day National Sun Day Constitution Memorial Day, Japan</div>	<div>4</div> <div>National Weather Observers' Day <i>Susan's Birthday (Sesame Street)</i></div>	<div>5</div> <div><i>Leo Lionni born, 1910</i> Cinco de Mayo Children's Day In Japan</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Space Day <i>Eiffel Tower opens to the public in 1889</i></div>	<div>7</div> <div><i>1st Stamp Collection Started</i> <i>Pulitzer Prize Established (1917)</i></div>
<div>8</div> <div>Mother's Day No Socks Day</div>	<div>9</div> <div><i>Eleanor Estes born, 1906</i> <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>National School Nurse Day Twilight Zone Day</div>	<div>12</div> <div>International Nurses Day Kite Day Limerick Day</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Tulip Day</div>	<div>14</div> <div><i>Beginning of Lewis and Clark Expedition In 1804</i> National Dance Like a Chicken Day</div>
<div>15</div> <div><i>Norma Fox Mazer born, 1931</i> National Chocolate Chip Day</div>	<div>16</div> <div><i>First US Nickel Minted In 1866</i></div>	<div>17</div> <div><i>First Kentucky Derby In 1875</i> <i>Gary Paulson born, 1939</i></div>	<div>18</div> <div>International Museum Day <i>Mt St. Helens Erupted, 1980</i></div>	<div>19</div> <div>Circus Day <i>(Ringling Brother's Circus opened in 1884)</i></div>	<div>20</div> <div>Lindbergh Flight Day (1927) <i>Mary Pope Osborne born, 1949</i></div>	<div>21</div> <div>Armed Forces Day <i>American Red Cross Founded by Clara Barton, 1881</i></div>
<div>22</div> <div><i>Arnold Lobel born, 1933</i> Buy-A-Musical Instrument Day</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Victoria Day in Canada <i>Margaret Wise Brown born, 1910</i> Penny Day</div>	<div>24</div> <div><i>First Morse Code Message Sent (from Washington DC to Baltimore, 1844)</i></div>	<div>25</div> <div>National Missing Children's Day National Tap Dance Day</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Blueberry Cheesecake Day</div>	<div>27</div> <div><i>Golden Gate Bridge Opens in 1937</i> <i>Masking Tape Patented in 1930</i></div>	<div>28</div> <div><i>Jim Thorpe Born in 1888</i></div>
<div>29</div> <div><i>John F. Kennedy born in 1917</i> <i>Andrew Clements born, 1949</i></div>	<div>30</div> <div>Memorial Day</div>	<div>31</div> <div>World No Tobacco Day</div>				

FOOD

Zucchini, Black Bean and Rice Skillet



Zucchini combined with black beans, fire roasted tomatoes and rice for an easy skillet meal. 276 calories.

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon Pure Wesson® Canola Oil
- 1-1/2 cups quartered lengthwise, sliced zucchini
- 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 can (15 oz each) Rosarita® Premium Whole Black Beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 can (14.5 oz each) Hunt's® Fire Roasted Diced Tomatoes with Garlic, undrained
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 cup instant white rice, uncooked
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese blend

Directions:

1. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add zucchini and bell pepper; cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add beans, undrained tomatoes and water. Increase heat and bring to a boil.
2. Add rice; stir well. Cover; remove from heat and let stand 7 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Sprinkle with cheese.



Grilled Salmon With Creamy Avocado Dip

The avocado sauce adds the perfect creamy flavor and texture to your regular grilled salmon. Make sure you opt for Greek yogurt instead of the plain one for more delicious and authentic flavors.

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe avocados (peeled, diced)
- Cloves (minced), 2 cloves
- Greek yogurt, 3 tbsp
- Salmon steaks, 2 lbs
- Fresh lemon juice, 1 tbsp
- Dried dill, 2 tsp
- Lemon pepper, 2 tsp
- Salt, to taste
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- Olive oil, to grease

Directions:

1. Prepare your grill pan or set your outdoor grill to preheat at high heat setting. Grease with a little oil.
2. In a mixing bowl, mash together garlic, avocados, lemon juice, and yogurt. Season with salt and pepper. Mix well until fully incorporated. Set aside.
3. Rub salmon with lemon pepper, dill, salt and pepper. Rub evenly and set to grill. Cook for 15 minutes, turning once. Grill until cooked and tender.
4. Pour the avocado mixture on top or the side and serve warm for delicious flavors.

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