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Makeda Hubert, a pre-apprenticeship student doing carpentry work (left) and Lori Baumann, an apprentice laborer working on a bridge. A new effort between the state of Oregon and the support group Oregon Tradeswomen will attempt to bring more diversity to construction work by increasing apprenticeship retention rates of women and people of color.

Gender Barriers Hold True

State teams up with tradeswomen to fight job site duress

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Despite how far Oregon and the country has progressed against outdated and discriminatory traditions impacting gender and racial minorities, studies show both groups still experience inequality in the workplace, especially so in the white and male dominated construction trades where taunts against women and minorities still hold true.

"My, they would say a lot of nasty things. They're just too nasty to really repeat," not-

ed Cindy, a participant in a recent Oregon study on gender and minority discrimination in trades work.

She said the inappropriate remarks from male coworkers, and at times superiors, coalesce with other stereotypes to keep women like her away from the same jobs men hold.

Inequality has long been the norm in the pay female workers earn in all professions, according to national studies that show women earn 79 cents to every dollar men

make for the same work. But in the trades, it's often issues of sexual harassment and bigoted opinions on race and gender that remain major obstacles to progress.

A study conducted by Portland State University and commissioned by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), revealed that women and people of color were less likely to finish their highway construction apprenticeships, partly due to discrimination and unfair treatment.

Only 32 percent of men of color, 26 percent of white women and 19 percent of women of color actually end up completing job site training programs, called apprenticeships, the 2014 report found. White males had a completion rate of 41 percent.

Ben, a black male that participated in the study, described what was typical for him to see on the job.

"A lot of the times in construction the

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The Week in Review



Voting Against LGBT Protections

U.S. Rep. Greg Walden of Oregon was part of a small group of Republicans in Congress that changed their votes last week to defeat an amendment that would have protected members of the LGBT community against discrimination in the workplace.

Governor Takes Shot at Bullseye Glass

Gov. Kate Brown targeted Bullseye Glass of southeast Portland Thursday with demands they suspend all usage of air pollutants in their manufacturing after a local daycare tested lead levels four times higher than they should be in a 24 hour timeframe. Bullseye released a statement prior Brown's directive saying they're working on installing filtration systems.

School Banner Sparks Massive Rally

A banner temporarily hung inside Forest Grove High

School last week saying "build a wall" in support of Donald Trump's plans for immigration reform prompted a massive walk out demonstration from the student body which is about half Latino. The uproar spread to Portland where a march and protest occurred downtown on Monday.

Freddie Gray Officer Cleared of Charges

Edward Nero, one of six officers involved in the arrest of Freddie Gray in Baltimore last year, was acquitted Monday of charges including assault, reckless endangerment and misconduct. An African American, Gray died from complications from a broken neck he sustained in police custody.

Gresham Officer Involved Shooting

Gresham police said they fatally shot a 22-year-old man in an early morning encounter Tuesday near Southeast 189th Avenue and Grant Street. It happened during an "active domestic violence situation," police said.

Bomb Scare at Irvington; Other Schools

Irvington School in northeast Portland, along with three southwest Washington schools were evacuated Monday after being hit with phone calls of false threats. At Irvington, deputies allowed students to return to class after a sweep of facilities found no explosive evidence.

Police Chief Investigated

Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea accidentally shot a friend last month during a hunting trip in eastern Oregon's Harney County, but news of the shooting only reached the public Friday when the incident was disclosed by the Willamette Week.



Larry O'Dea

In addition, the chief may have misled a Harney County sheriff's deputy about the April 21 incident, according to Harney County Sheriff Dave Ward. He said O'Dea and some of his companions at the scene steered the investigating deputy into believing the shooting was a "self-inflicted" accident.

Ward said the deputy didn't learn O'Dea was involved until he was able to interview the wound-

ed man a week ago on May 16. At that point, Oregon State Police was called to help investigate.

By Tuesday, the chief was placed on administrative leave by Mayor Hales pending the outcome of internal and external investigations.

School Board Turmoil Exposed

Julie Esparza Brown, the first Latina to serve on the Portland School Board, exposed a rift on the seven member panel last week following a heated budget meeting.



Julie Esparza Brown

Brown spoke up in a public session about the unfairness she's experienced in her first year in the position saying the behavior of other board members led to her marginalization.

"I don't feel like I have a safe space in which to share my views... If the leadership of the board treats brown people and brown women with an education [this way], then what chance does it have to communicate to students

of color that they are valued," Brown said.

Her speech garnered a stand-

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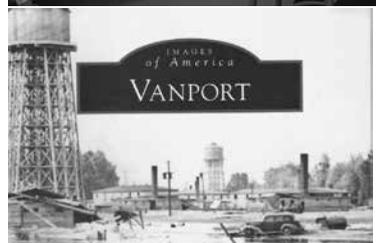
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A group of children from Vanport are depicted in an archives photo courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society.

Remembering Vanport Weekend of events begin with proclamation

A proclamation by Mayor Hales and the City Council to remember the flood that destroyed Vanport, the lives lost and the people who survived, kicks off a Memorial Day weekend of events for the first Vanport Mosaic Festival, honoring the 68th anniversary of the tragedy.

The nation's largest public housing project, Oregon's second largest city and home to a large African American community,

was destroyed on May 30, 1948 in a matter of few hours. 18,500 people were left homeless; official records say 15 people lost their lives, but some survivors believe the death toll was much higher.

Wednesday's proclamation will be shared again at the opening of the film *Lost City, Living Memories: Vanport Through the Voices of its Residents* on Saturday, May 28 at 6.30 p.m. at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church;

and again on Monday, May 30 at 3 p.m. at Irvington Covenant Church.

The Vanport Mosaic Festival is a 4-day celebration commemorating the Vanport Flood held at various venues in north and northeast Portland.

Free screenings of the film *Lost City, Living Memories: Vanport Through the Voice of its Residents*

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Sanchez Wins Close Race Not enough ballots left to change outcome

Tawna Sanchez, an executive at the Native American Youth and Family Center in northeast Portland, has won an extremely close nominating contest for state representative in House District 43.

Sanchez has what looks like an insurmountable lead of 111 votes over Roberta Phillip-Robbins, an African American who served as a youth and gang violence prevention specialist for Multnomah County, with too few ballots remaining to be counted to make a difference in the Democratic Primary race, according to a Portland Observer analysis of the vote and figures showing the outcome is outside the threshold triggering an automatic recount.

On Monday, the Multnomah County Elections Division report-



Tawna Sanchez



Roberta Phillip-Robbins

ed that Sanchez has 9,322 votes to 9,199 votes for Phillip-Robbins. With just 1,200 ballots left to be counted countywide, and only a fraction of those returns expected to be designated for District 43 which had 8 percent of the county-

wide vote, there does not appear to be enough ballots to change the outcome of the race.

The official certification of the election won't be made until June

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majority [of the workers] are white guys...a lot of times I've been on the job, I've been the only black guy on the job. So that makes you nervous going into a situation like that. But I just keep strong and I'm here to work, learn and try not to think about it," he said.

Oregon is one of the only states that utilize federal highway funding towards incorporating more women and people of color into highway construction trade jobs, but it's also evident more action is needed to improve the job retention rates.

A new effort to bring diversity to construction work has been taken by the nonprofit support group Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., which is working with BOLI and ODOT on a program that aims to increase the apprenticeship retention rates of women and people of color in highway construction.

"I am really excited about this project, said Tiffany Thompson, the advocacy program manager at

Oregon Tradeswomen. "It has an innovative approach that incorporates workers driving cultural change in the industry while also providing more education about avenues for formal complaints."

Thompson said the effort has the potential to make significant shifts in the way co-workers and managers treat each other.

"We are also doing evaluation research throughout the project, so we know if it actually effective. I feel so grateful that BOLI and ODOT are invested in this and that our partners on the project are dedicated to finding a solution," she said.

The pilot program is part of a two year contract for improving workplace culture. Both workers and supervisors will be trained in having a higher cultural awareness by recognizing abusive language and behaviors.

Training will also be give on how to handle bystander harassment and other aspects of disrespect and discrimination on the job.

"What stands out most for me is that women of color are only completing their apprenticeship programs at a rate of 19 percent. This number should horrify us! We are failing women of color that enter the industry. These women want these jobs," said Thompson.

She lamented at how a hostile worksite can be the turning point among many factors that drive women and minorities out of construction.

"When they leave, they and their families lose out on a career that provides real, family wage jobs. And, the industry loses out on apprentices that they have invested a lot of time and money in. They lose out on strong, capable, intelligent workers at a time when they are in desperate need of new workers to replace their retiring workforce," she said.

The first test of the new program will be made on the Dundee Bypass, a traffic reduction and infrastructure enhancement project along Highway 99W in Newberg and Dundee.

School Board Turmoil Exposed

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ing ovation from everyone except school board members Steve Buel and Mike Rosen.

School Board Chair Tom Koe-

hler later had Brown take over Buel's chair of the teaching and learning committee. Prior to the changeover, she was the only board member without a committee chair.



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Sheryl Paul (left), certified as a childbirth educator, with Shafia Monroe, executive of International Center for Traditional Childbearing.

First Class of Childbirth Educators

The International Center for Traditional Childbearing in Portland has graduated the first cohort of African American Childbirth Educators.

The graduates are Meies Matz, Sheryl Paul, Dianne Clay and Eliya Matz who are now qualified to facilitate and teach childbirth education and baby care classes. Meies and Eliya Matz are also qualified as peer breastfeeding counselors.

The training was the accumulation of a six-month pilot project funded by Kaiser Permanente

Northwest to address the shortage of African American Childbirth Educators in Oregon.

Several research studies have found that black communities seek information on the mechanics of labor and birth, infant care, stress management and returning back to work, from culturally competent, community-based healthcare providers.

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a refined interior; and high fuel economy. Its small rear passenger space, however, may compromise comfort for taller passengers.

Under the hood of the 2016 Scion iA is a 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine that produces 106 horsepower and 103 pound-feet of torque. Power is sent to the front wheels through a standard six-speed manual transmission, with a six-speed automatic available at extra cost.

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OPINION

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Bathroom Bills' Don't Help Women at All

Stop trying to legislate discrimination

BY JILL RICHARDSON

The time has come for me to play my Woman Card.

A male Republican politician in my state of Wisconsin has introduced a "bathroom bill" like the one passed in North Carolina, which requires transgender people to use the bathroom of the gender they were assigned at birth.

He says it's to "protect women and children."

Oh, knight in shining armor,

thank you for trying to protect me and my fellow women. But I fear you misunderstand the real issues women have in restrooms.

Here are a few laws you might propose instead to help us out:



Ban men from leaving the toilet seat up, so we don't fall in. Mandate that public restrooms never run out of toilet paper, so we're not left stranded in stalls, fishing through our purses on the off chance we'll find

some tissues. Require establishments to make more bathrooms available for women, particularly in places like theaters — where everyone gets up to use the restroom at the same time, and men

hurry in and out while women

spend 10 minutes or more in line.

But those are, relatively speaking, all quite trivial.

Perhaps instead, you'd prefer to help with the bigger issues we women face. In that case, my biggest concern is that I will, on average, earn less than a man, even for doing the same job.

If you're still intent on legislating values, though, how about weighing in on some of these?

If I assert myself the way a man does, I'll be seen as shrill. Pursuing a PhD, as I'm doing, hurts my dating prospects among men intimidated by my education — even as higher education is seen to make men prime marriage material.

I was raised in a culture that communicated to me continuous-

ly that my role as a woman is to be thin, beautiful, and passive, so that a man can rescue me. And when dating, I'm forced to choose between seeming prudish or promiscuous — both of which carry a social penalty.

I want to live a world where young girls are taught to be strong and capable, just like little boys. Where a woman's self-worth is not equal to her clothing size, or her sexual availability.

And then there's sexual assault, which brings us back to those bathroom bills. I can provide some womanly advice there as well.

I've been sexually assaulted four times. On all four occasions, I was with a man I knew. None of these assaults occurred in a bathroom, and none of the assailants

was transgender. They were simply people who wouldn't take no for an answer.

If you want to prevent sexual assault, dear knight, support comprehensive sexual education and other programs to teach men about consent. Have a talk with your male peers about not treating women like objects. Bullying transgender people will have no effect other than harming an already marginalized group.

In short, stop trying to legislate discrimination in the name of "helping women." Instead, pass laws that actually help women.

OtherWords columnist Jill Richardson is the author of *Recipe for America: Why Our Food System Is Broken and What We Can Do to Fix It*. OtherWords.org.

High-Performing Schools for Every Student

The best gateway to success

BY BRIAN L. PAULING

As the school year winds down, one can't help but think of graduations and where and how students will embark upon the next phase of their lives. Unfortunately, the opportunities for far too many will be limited because of disparities in graduation rates and in opportunities for students at high-performing schools compared with their counterparts at low-performing schools.

Although U.S. high school

graduation rates have significantly improved, U.S. Department of Education statistics show that African-American and Hispanic/Latino students are still

graduating 5 to 10 points behind the national average. Further, students from low-income families are graduating at a rate that's 14.4 percentage points below that of their peers from wealthier backgrounds.

For students to be competitive in post-secondary education and career, they have to be properly prepared. Whether competing for admission to college or entering a career, the student graduating from the high-performing school invariably has the advantage over the

one from the low-performing school. And although each may have a diploma in hand, the student from a low-performing school will more times than not require remedial courses and start behind the curve when trying to achieve long-term success.

100 Black Men of America, Inc. strongly believes the remedy to this situation is advocating for and demanding high-performing schools for all students — and particularly African-American and poor students. We feel that high-performing public schools, whether traditional or charter, are the best gateway to higher education. Coupled with strong parental involvement, quality education options — ones that ensure every child has access to the high-performing school best

suited for him or her — will help them achieve long-term career success.

Sadly, many of the nation's low-performing schools are in minority and low-income neighborhoods. Far too many of these public schools have inadequate resources and their classrooms are overcrowded. They often lack the things higher-performing schools take for granted — experienced teachers, counselors, special education services, current-edition textbooks, and access to technology, to name a few — and their students suffer. When those conditions are allowed to continue, students' paths can deviate from higher education and career to paths of overwhelming struggle, economic challenge and potentially

prison.

This is why we must implore our school administrators on the neighborhood, district, city, state and national levels to do their level best to make public education more equitable in every school. In a Washington Post article, former Education Secretary Arne Duncan called on cities and states to rethink their current incarceration practices and proposed funneling an estimated \$15 billion in savings from incarcerations to substantially raise teacher pay in high-poverty schools. He reasoned that higher salaries could attract better teachers to low-performing schools where the help is most needed.

"With a move like this, we'd not just make a bet on education over incarceration, we'd signal the beginning of a long-range effort to pay our nation's teachers what they are worth," Duncan said. "That sort of investment wouldn't just make teachers and struggling communities feel more valued. It would have ripple effects on our economy and on our civic life."

He gets it. We want to make sure everybody else gets it as well. High-performing schools are the best gateway to success. When our children have access to high-performing schools, it exponentially increases their chances to achieve their full potential.

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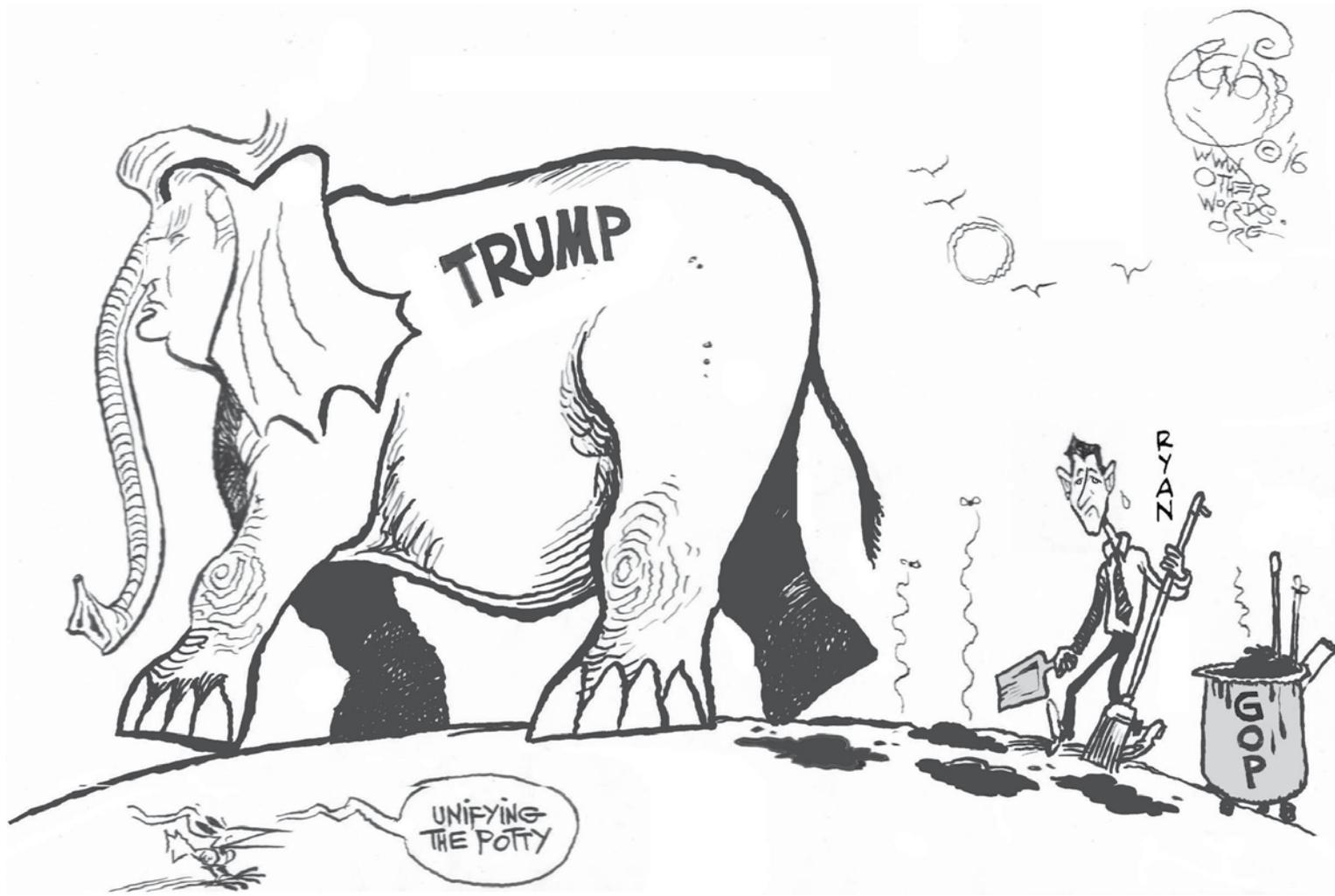
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OPINION



Trump and the Bigoted Conspiracy Peddlers

A coalition of the unhinged

BY MICHAEL B. KEEGAN

It's no secret that Donald Trump, the GOP's all but official new standard-bearer, is a promoter of wild conspiracy theories and harmful lies — from his smear of Mexican immigrants as rapists and drug dealers to his offensive questioning of President Obama's place of birth and religious beliefs.

But Trump's rhetoric is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the vast network of fringe figures he's decided to associate himself with. The billionaire politician has elevated the profile of some of the most bizarre and bigoted peddlers of conspiracy theories and vitriol in America today.

He's courted the support, for example, of far-right conspiracy theorist radio host Alex Jones. In December, Trump went on Jones' radio show, lavishing Jones with praise and promising him: "I will not let you down."

This is a radio host who's suggested that the U.S. government was complicit in the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Newtown school shooting rampage, and the massacre at a black church in



Charleston, South Carolina. He thinks Beyoncé is part of a CIA effort to instigate racial violence and that President Obama is a "demonic creature" and a "precursor" to the Antichrist.

Jones also recently said that conservative columnist George Will, who's been critical of Trump, should "do the right thing" and shoot himself in the head.

And this is a man Donald Trump doesn't want to let down?

Or take Michael Savage, the host of the popular right-wing radio show *The Savage Nation*, where Trump has appeared multiple times.

Savage has called veterans coping with PTSD "a bunch of losers" and accused President Obama of "dumping" unaccompanied migrant children into our country to "wipe out" Americans through the spread of disease. On his short-lived television show in 2003, Savage told a gay caller to "get AIDS and die, you pig."

Trump has called Savage a "special guy" doing "an amazing job."

And then there's the infamous Ann Coulter.

Trump's repeatedly invited the notoriously offensive right-wing commentator to speak at his cam-

paign rallies, calling himself a "big fan" of hers. Unsurprisingly, Trump doesn't seem concerned by the endless stream of hateful anti-immigrant, racist, and sexist ideas Coulter has pushed throughout the years.

Coulter has warned, for example, that if the United States doesn't crack down on immigration, parents should "get used to your little girls being raped." She's voiced support for poll taxes, which existed to keep African Americans away from the ballot box, and isn't sure women should have the right to vote at all. Speaking about women widowed by the September 11 attacks, she said: "I have never seen people

enjoying their husbands' death so much."

In short, Trump is raising up the cruelest and most extreme voices on the right — people who bash immigrants, demonize women and LGBT people, and spread outrageous lies about government conspiracies. And his support of these figures is entirely consistent with his own wild claims.

While these fringe figures have existed for years, they haven't always had a presidential nominee to echo and elevate their toxic rhetoric. And that should concern all of us.

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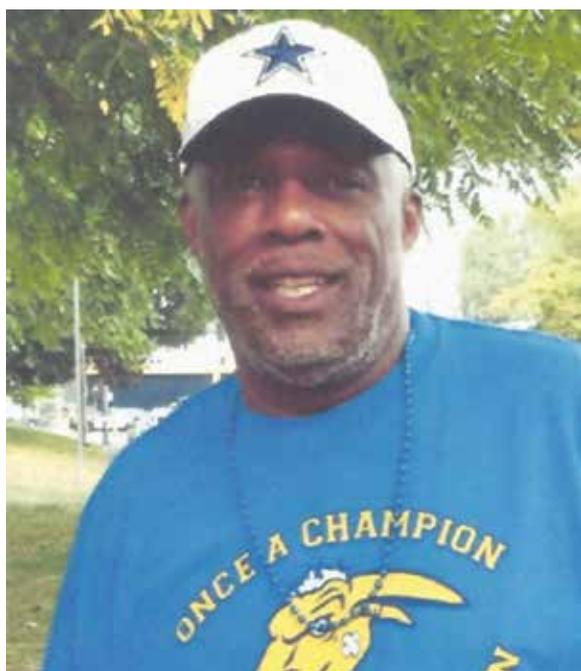
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There will be music, food games and a chance to share your memories. No alcohol please.

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Performances will be held at Lincoln Performance Hall, 1620 S.W. Park Ave., on Saturday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, May 29 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$7 for seniors, available at the PSU Box Office, online at pdx.edu/boxoffice or by phone at 503-725-3307.



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A big welcome goes out to the students at Benson High School from staff members at the new Benson Wellness Center (pictured, from left) Ruben Reyes-Santiago, Dr. Alex Verdieck, Nancy Zink and Caroline Bleckmann.

BY CERVANTE POPE
 THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Providing students with easy access to health services, Benson Polytechnic High School recently unveiled their new student wellness center, in conjuncture with Oregon Health and Sciences University.

Located on the Benson campus, the wellness center is staffed by OHSU Department of Family Medicine residents and faculty, as well as specialists from the

Wellness at Benson

Health center improves outcomes and provides career mentoring

Multnomah County Health Department, Multnomah Education Service District School Health

Services and Western Psychological & Counseling Services.

With the qualified staff, the

center is able to offer a mentorship program to Benson students wanting a career in health care, as

well as fulfilling requirements for the OHSU residents.

The center offers a variety of on-site services to students like sports physicals, mental health care and general health screenings like tuberculosis tests. Health insurance is not required to receive assistance.

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Grand Concourse, a West Coast premiere tackling issues of faith and homelessness as well as the perspectives of immigrants and youth is now playing at Artistes Repertory Theater, downtown.

The tragic comedy written by Pacific Northwest native, playwright and acclaimed TV writer Heidi Schreck takes place in an industrial soup kitchen in the Bronx, where we meet Shelley, a nun struggling to pray and questioning her life's work.

With touching humor, a motley group of characters unravel the intricacies of need, the vagaries of compassion and limits of forgiveness.

Plays through Sunday, June 5 on the Morrison Stage, 1515 S.W. Morrison St. For tickets, call 503-241-1278 or visit artistsrep.org.



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Ayanna Berkshire is a nun who questions her life's work amid issues of faith and homelessness in 'Grand Concourse,' now playing at Artists Repertory Theatre, downtown.

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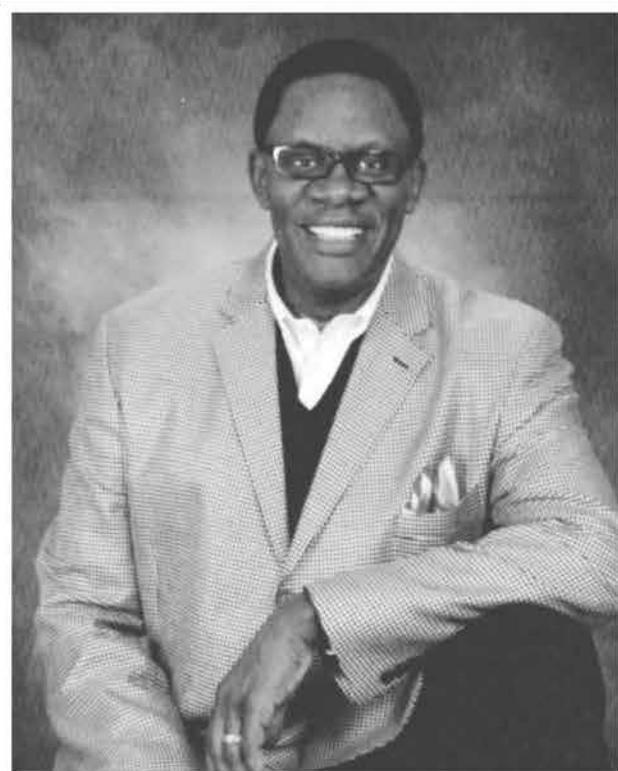
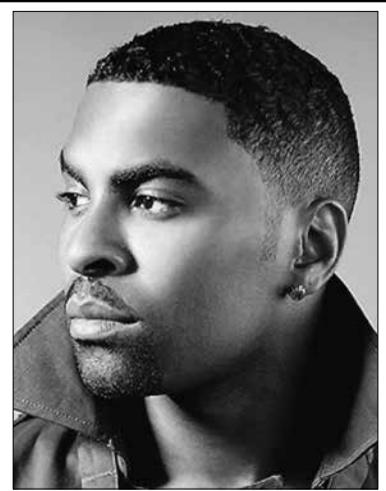
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The History of Vanport

New book published on anniversary of flood

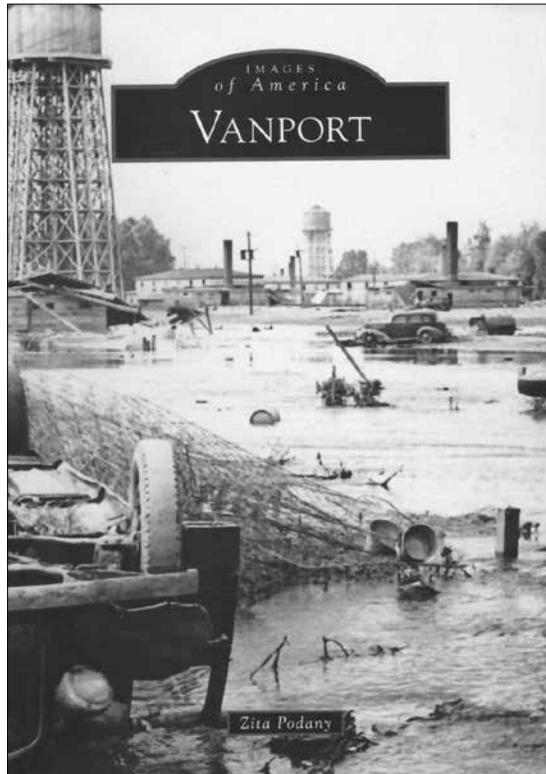
Zita Podany is a longtime resident of Portland and has for many years been fascinated with the story of Vanport, a city that once thrived in an area full of marshes and sloughs between Portland and Vancouver.

Podany's new book "Vanport," released this month as part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of American series, comes out on the 68th anniversary of the flood that destroyed the city.

Nestled on a floodplain, Vanport was a housing project to help house World War II shipyard workers. When the United States entered the war, the demand for ships and for workers to build those ships became a huge priority. Workers were recruited from all corners of the United States. A large population of African Americans answered the call for work and many residents of Portland and Vancouver today trace their geographical roots to Vanport.

Podany shares a wealth of photos before and after the flood in his book. He tells how Portland had a serious lodging shortage, so much so that these workers lived in cars, tents, parks, and whatever shelter could be found. Vanport, built in a little over a year to house them, was a city that did not sleep.

In its heyday, Vanport was the second-largest city in Oregon with a population of over 40,000



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Baby I'm Back! -- The Rose Festival's CityFair on the downtown waterfront opens this weekend and party-starter Sir Mix-A-Lot holds a special after-party concert on the RoZone stage on Saturday, May 28. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 day of show.



Silent Movies and Live Music -- The Columbia River Theatre Organ Society and the Hollywood Theatre present a Silent Comedy Special starring Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton and Charley Chase, Saturday May 28, at 2 p.m. Four films, *Jumping Beans* (1922); *Bumping into Broadway* (1919); *Crazy Like a Fox* (1926) and *The Scarecrow* (1920) will screen. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Swashbuckling Peter Pan -- Portland Playhouse, 602 N.E. Prescott St., presents the Tony-Award nominated action adventure "Peter and the Starcatcher" at its intimate 100 seat theater. The swashbuckling, family-friendly prequel to Peter Pan is one of the most Tony Award-nominated plays of all time. Shows have been extended through Sunday, June 12. Tickets are \$20-36. Visit portlandplayhouse.org or call 503-488-822.



Barbeque Fundraiser -- The African American Men's Club hosts a barbeque dinner to raise donations for scholarships, Saturday, June 4 from noon to 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 for a choice of rib or chicken dinner with two sides of potato salad, coleslaw or green beans, also including a dessert and soda. Purchases can be made at 606 N.E. Ainsworth St.

Transcending Your Past and Future -- "Note to Self," a play produced by Portland director, writer and editor Adrienne Flagg examines how individuals change and grow over time, six lives played by 12 diverse performers spanning 125 years of love, tragedy, joy, life. Plays through June 5 at CoHo Theater, 2257 N.W. Raleigh St. Tickets are \$21 in advance and \$25 at the door.



Cultures of Asia and the Pacific -- Portland's Lan Su Chinese Garden celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month during the month of May with performances every Saturday and Sunday from local cultural organizations and dance troupes.

Blending Latino and American Pop -- 'Into the Beautiful North' — a hip, heroic comedy based on modern Mexican experiences and inspired by the classic film the Magnificent Seven and American pop culture. Now showing through Saturday, May 28 at Milagro, 525 S.E. Stark St. Tickets available at milagro.org or call 503-236-7253.



Electronic, Hip Hop and Dance -- Kaytranda, a musician, producer and DJ brings his electronic, hip hop, R&B and dance world tour to Portland Sunday, May 29 at the Euphoria, 315 S.E. Third Ave.

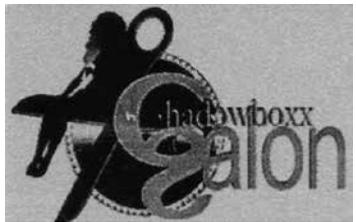


Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts a series of in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

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.

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

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are scheduled at First Baptist Church, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center and Irvington Covenant Church.

Cottonwood in the Flood, a fully-staged drama about the African-American experience in 1940s Oregon and the rapid rise - and even more rapid fall - of the city of Vanport, will open Thursday, May 26 and run through June 12 at the IFCC. Tickets are available through the box office. In conjunction with the play, a free exhibit Vanport: The Surge of Social Change, also at the IFCC, brings a collage of historic images and artifacts that unveil the multi-

faceted social life of Vanport. An academic and free public conversation about the Vanport Flood, including scholars and community members, as well as artists, educators, and Vanport flood survivors, will take place on Saturday, May 28 at 1 p.m. at the Concordia University's Luther Hall auditorium.

Free Welcome Home to Vanport tours will be held on Monday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the historic location of Vanport City. There will be two 5K self-guided walk and bike routes, and exhibits at Portland International Raceway.

For a Vanport Mosaic Festival schedule, visit vanportmosaic.org.

Sanchez Wins Close Race

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6, elections officials said. Since no Republican filed for the office, Sanchez appears headed to the November General Election unopposed.

In other highlights from the May 17 election, Ted Wheeler has easily his race for Portland mayor. Bernie Sanders won Oregon's Democratic Primary.

State Rep. Lew Frederick, the current District 43 office holder and only African-American in the House, won the Democratic

nomination for Senate District 22 in north and northeast Portland unopposed. City Commissioner Steve Novick will face a runoff election in November but Amanda Fritz was re-elected as city commissioner outright with almost 70 percent of the vote.

Two ballot measures were decided. Measure 26-174 to support the Oregon Historical Society's funding passed easily while Measure 26-173 to apply a .10 cent tax per gallon of gas was passed by a much smaller margin.

Obituary

Community Leader Led Impactful Life

Joice Taylor

Joice Antoinette Taylor, 66, a longtime Portland community leader and role model, passed away on May 18, 2016.

She was born Joyce Johnson on Dec. 17, 1949 in Portsmouth, Va., the youngest of six children born to Linwood Bernard Johnson and Ethel Lee Johnson. She was educated at Holy Child Academy High School in Portland.

Art and culture were a mainstay in her world starting early in life when she was trained as a child in ballet and tap. As a young woman, she traveled to New York, Washington and Canada as a professional model before returning to Portland to start a model and talent agency.

Her passions in the community centered around health and social justice, youth development, building networks, and creating safe stable neighborhoods with affordable housing and entrepreneurship.

She had more than 25 years of professional experience with the Portland School District with duties that included consulting, training and strategic planning. Education was of utmost importance to her and she made sure that all of



her family members also strived to become lifelong learners.

Even late in life, she return to school to earn a college degree in international business from Marylhurst University in 1995 and then she pursued masters' level coursework in communications at Portland State University.

She last served as chief executive officer and president of Global Management Strategies, and was a partner with the Rural and Urban Development League. She also shared her expertise with local, city, state economic development leaders and racial equity

organizations, small businesses, non-profits, and corporations.

She served as Board Chair of the North/Northeast Business Association from 2008 until she retired this year. On April 28, the association honored her with a Neil Kelly Distinguished Service Award, celebrating her business excellence and community achievement.

She is survived by her children, Gaylon Michael Taylor, Aunice Martoinette Taylor, and Bakari-Ajamu Taylor Rhodes; sisters, Linda Johnson and Barbra Daniels; brothers, James Johnson and Everett Johnson; and several grandchildren, great grandchild, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Clarence Brooks.

A Homegoing Celebration will be held on Friday, May 27 at 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Temple, 1033 N. Sumner St. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. with a reception to follow the service.

The family is respectfully asking for donations to help with the costs of the tribute service and for any unpaid healthcare costs. Contributions can be made to the Joice A. Taylor donation account No. 153694167849 in care of U.S. Bank.



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Bid Date: Wednesday, June 29th, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

The City of Vancouver (City) is seeking Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) of qualified consultant teams or individuals to perform construction management, inspections and other related professional services for the Main Street Fiber Optic Project, which is federally funded.

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Technical questions regarding this Request for Qualifications may be directed to the Project Manager, Charles Fell at (360) 487-7790 or by e-mail at charles.fell@cityofvancouver.us. General procurement questions can be directed to Scott Cramer, Senior Procurement Specialist at (360) 487-8426 or by email at scott.cramer@cityofvancouver.us.

Sealed responses will be received by the Procurement Services Manager of the City of Vancouver, Washington up to the hour of 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 29th, 2016. Responses delivered later will not be accepted. The City of Vancouver is not responsible for delays in delivery.

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Wellness at Benson

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center was designed to fuse mental, medical and behavioral health visits into one convenient location for students that are in need financially as well as those students enrolled in physical Education, health and career tech education courses.

Students have additional access to the wellness center during their PE and health class time. Class curriculum in those subjects has also expanded to include health literacy.

The medical and mental health care providers are also available part time to aid the school's athletic trainer, school nurse Laurel Merz and social worker Caroline Bleckmann.

School officials are expecting an increase in preventative health screenings for teens because of the center, as well as fewer classroom disruptions caused by behavioral issues related to health, and a decrease in student absence due to

illness. A report found that about 31 percent of Benson students have missed school in the past for medical reasons.

Funding for the center was provided by Portland Public Schools, CareOregon, FamilyCare, Kaiser Permanente and specific align-

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Triple Bean Bok-Choy Salad

BY PAUL A. NEUFELDT/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Fiber and iron-rich beans along with the very healthy and fiber rich bok choy make up this quick and easy salad. The mixture of olive oil, vinegar, and lemon juice gives the dish a tangy flavor without the saturated fat found in creamy dressings. Serve it as a side dish or over romaine lettuce for a light lunch.

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon coconut oil
- 2 cloves finely diced garlic
- 1/2 cups red onion chopped
- 1 cup finely chopped whole stalks of bok choy
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can kidney beans, drained
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Preparation:

1. Combine coconut oil, garlic, red onions and bok choy in a sauce pan, cooking until tender on medium heat (about 15 minutes).
3. While sauce pan is cooking, combine bell pepper, green onions, garbanzo beans, kidney beans and black beans in a large bowl.
4. Add cooked garlic, red onions and bok choy to bowl with beans and peppers.
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