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Carolyn Leonard, an inspiring school administrator, educator and community activist, is honored for a lifetime of work to promote peace and equality, taking the torch of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run international relay as it moves on a 10,000 mile journey through Portland on its way to Canada and other destinations.

Spreading Cultural Harmony

Local leader promotes peace and tolerance

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Over the course of her career, Carolyn Leonard has worked to spread cultural harmony and tolerance at home and around the world, most recently making stops in Tanzania, India, Ethiopia, the Dominican Republic and Mexico to promote peace.

The inspiring leader and longtime Portland Public Schools administrator, educator and community activist, joins peacemakers Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Pope Frances and many others in receiving the international Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Award.

The honor was bestowed on Leonard when the organization's Peace Run torch relay made its stop in Portland June 18 on a journey across eight different countries and over 10,000 miles to recognize individuals on an international level that have made waves in the ways of peace and equality, to which Leonard has dedicated much of her life to.

"I just was at the right place at the right time," Leonard says of her worldly, altruistic opportunities. "It's been amazing and it's been a gift from God, because I certainly didn't have anything to do with it. I just tried to remain true to what I believe."

The native Oregonian comes from a black and American Indian background, which she says aided in her ability to look past skin color as a barrier of acceptance, despite the state's former and present racial gap.

"I grew up in an environment where you try not to draw differences between you and other people," Leonard says. "Any day you have to be able to release what you have learned. You have to be prepared to let go and embrace truth. That's what I've spent my time doing, retelling the truth for what it is."

Holding various positions with Portland Public Schools over the last 44 years, Leonard has used her background in multicultural education to cultivate minds in ways outside the classroom, though she's also taught at nearly every educational level in over 20 public and private schools.

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Diversity Pledge in County Projects

OAME meets with county chair

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury shared some of the steps being taken to empower minority business owners in county construction projects when she met with a large group of Portland area business owners, entrepreneurs and contractors at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.

Kafoury shared her admiration for the OAME organization as well as the intentional work that the county is doing for minority contracting through the Sellwood Bridge Project, the new Central Courthouse, the Gladys McCoy Health Department Headquarters and other county capital projects, during OAME's June 24 "Coffee and Issues session.

When the Sellwood Bridge Project wraps up this fall, the county's general contractor will be on track to meet the goal of awarding 20 percent of the subcontracts to minority, women, and emerging small business contractors, Kafoury said.

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury speaks at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneur's "Coffee and Issues" event as OAME Founder and Chair Sam Brooks (right) and Multnomah County Purchasing Manager Brian Smith look on.

She said the county is also taking steps toward a labor agreement on the Central Courthouse Project to make sure it takes into account community values and increases opportunity for minority, women and emerging small business firms.

The county wants a workforce on all public projects that "reflect the diversity of our community," she said.

Kaufory also discussed the county's efforts to decrease homelessness, highlighting the formation of a Joint Office of Homelessness between Multnomah County and the City of Portland and $47 million in new resources for affordable housing, new shelter beds and homeless services.

The Week in Review

No Charges in Clinton Email

FBI Director James Comey said Tuesday that the FBI does not recommend criminal charges against Hillary Clinton for use of a private email server while conducting business as Secretary of State. The Clinton camp rejoiced in the decision, leaving a bitter Donald Trump, her opponent in the presidential election, to start the hastag "#RiggedSystem" on Twitter.

Transgender Ban Lifted

The Pentagon announced Thursday that it will put an end to its ban on transgender people openly serving in the U.S. military. The decision follows a serious review of the roles women, homosexual and bisexual service members have played in the military recently. The ban takes effect immediately, meaning a transgender person can no longer be discharged for that reason.

Affordable Housing Vote

The Portland City Council voted unanimously Thursday to refer a historic affordable housing bond measure to the Nov. 8 ballot. If approved by voters, the measure would raise $258 million from property taxes to build or acquire 1,300 affordable housing units in Portland, housing about 2,900 people each year.

New Police Chief Accused

Word broke on Thursday that newly appointed Police Chief Mike Marshman had assaulted his former stepson during an argument in 2006. Marshman was never charged and downplayed the seriousness of any injury in the incident, but pledged to make the police report public along with his entire personnel file, this week.

Shootings Disrupt Bridges

Both the Morrison and Hawthorne bridges were closed early Friday morning as police were in search of a man involved in multiple shootings and a kidnapping. The initial incident near Southeast 41st and Woodward left a woman wounded. The male suspect, Anthony Stone, 43, has a significant and violent criminal history on the East Coast and is still at large, police said.

Teenager Shot at Transit Center

A 15-year-old boy was shot during an altercation at the Gateway Transit Center in northeast Portland. Police responded to reports of gunfire around 10 p.m. on June 29 but were unable to locate any suspects. The victim is expected to survive.

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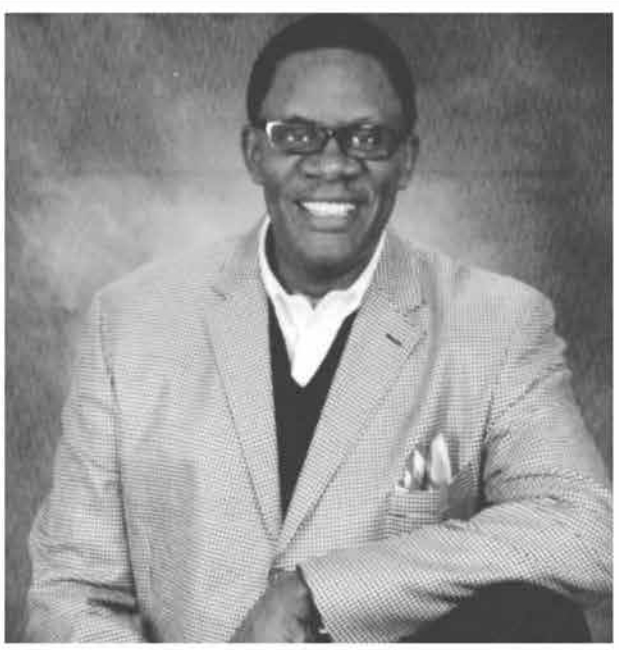
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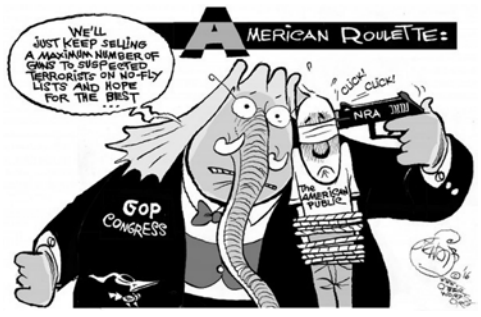

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Local News

Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI) helps local youth realize their full potential by working with schools, families, and partner community organizations to provide support, guidance, and opportunities to achieve personal and academic success. (Photo from SEI website)

SEI to Close Academy

Student services will transfer to re-opened middle schools

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Local nonprofit Self-Enhancement, Inc. is shutting down their famed SEI Academy charter school at the end of the next school year and won't be accepting any more sixth graders for its closing year.

A letter sent to parents earlier this month from SEI President and Chief Executive Officer Tony Hopson provided some detail into the reasons for the closure, stating that there is no longer an existent need for their services now that Portland Public Schools is going to offer a standard middle school structure again in north and northeast Portland.

SEI's Academy started 12 years ago due to a lack of middle school options in the Jefferson High School area. Shortly after, as Hopson states in the letter, PPS switched to a K-8 structure which fully eliminated the typical middle school framework.

The district is now planning to re-open Ockley Green at North Montana and Ainsworth as a middle school for grades 6-8 in the coming year and the Tubman Campus located on North Flint

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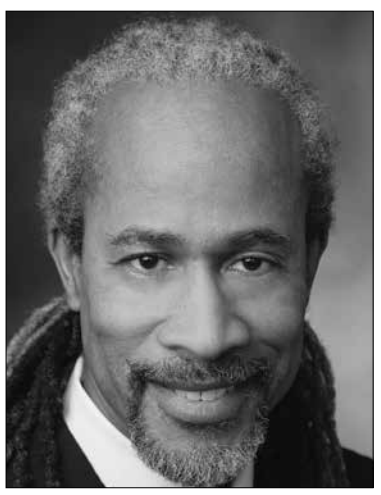
Joining Port of Portland Commission

Former Urban League official named to policy role

Retired Urban League of Portland president and chief executive officer, and seasoned healthcare-industry leader, Michael Alexander, was recently appointed by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown to the Port of Portland Commission.

During Alexander's leadership of the Urban League of Portland from summer 2012 through spring 2015, he made great strides in restoring fiscal discipline to the organization's operations, reconnecting with key business and foundation partners, and re-engaging the organization's base of supporters. The



Michael Alexander

mission of the non-profit, community-based organization is empowering African Americans and other Oregonians to achieve equality in education, employment, and economic security.

During Alexander's extensive healthcare-industry career, he served in executive roles at Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon, Magellan Behavioral Health, and Aetna. He currently serves on the boards of LifeWorks Northwest, the American Leader-

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The Northwest Community Gospel Choir will be auditioning for sopranos, altos and tenors on Saturday, August 6, 2016. The choir performs three Gospel Christmas concerts with the Oregon Symphony each December at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Audition materials will be provided. Rehearsals begin on October 8. The ability to sight read is preferred, but is not essential.

For more information and to schedule an audition time call **503-416-6303**

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Spreading Cultural Harmony

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"As a teacher I felt that there were things I needed to do," Leonard says. "We can erase some of those stereotypes we have. If we change that paradigm we're in a better position to promote peace around the world."

Her educational efforts have taken her to places like Eqypt, Guyana, the United Arab Emirates, Switzerland and Ghana among others.

Though Leonard technically retired in 2012, she hasn't stopped her endeavors in spreading her faith and knowledge in peaceful equality. She still heads the Multicultural Education offices for PPS's Allied Services Team, where the education of youth in diversity is of high importance.

"I think youth especially in the United States don't have the same prejudices we have because of technology. The challenge is not to see ourselves as better than other people, we are all different people. The challenge is to make sure everyone gets an education," Leonard says.

"If we want our child to be free, we have to make sure that every child has that opportunity. Every one of us needs to be able to understand that there are no throw away children."

SEI to Close Academy

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Avenue will likely reopen as a grade 6-8 middle school by fall of 2017.

The SEI Academy was limited to about 50 students per year. Since there will be no incoming 6th graders and the current 8th graders will be moving on to high school level education, the 7th graders going into their next year will be the most affected, according to SEI's Strategic Partnerships Manager Lisa Saunders.

Grade 7 students will be moved into one of the other middle schools for their 8th grade year. The fate of the staff that works with the Academy pupils has not yet been figured out.

SEI intends to continue their services through PPS by collaborating with its student within the new middle schools, particularly focusing on minority pupils.

"We believe that now is the time to not only partner with Portland Public Schools to increase the SEI services at both Ockley Green and Tubman to make them the best schools possible for all students, but also to increase attention on our African-American students," Hopson wrote in the letter.

Tubman is the highest focus for Hopson because of its deep ties in the African American populated neighborhoods of inner north and northeast Portland and where PPS hasn't operated in its own middle school grades since the Young Women's Leadership Academy closed there in 2012.

The school currently hosts K-8 students from the Faubion School while that building is being rebuilt, but OPB reports the blueprint going forward for Tubman would involve pulling students from Boise-Eliot/Humboldt, King, Sabin and Irvington schools as the transition into elementary structures.

"We hope to fully integrate our efforts into Tubman Middle School going forward. It is our hope that given the past history of Tubman Middle School it would maintain an African American culturally specific option that our students can take part in," Hopson stated in the letter.

SEI has won praise for working with students enrolled in local schools. At Jefferson High School, for example, SEI mentorships have helped the school drastically improve its graduation rates. The alliance between the non-profit and PPS has produced graduate Sekai Edwards, for example, who has been accepted to Juillard for the upcoming term. JHS has also been named a Title I Distinguished School and the National Excellence in Urban Education Award winner with SEI assistance. Hopson hopes to transition SEI's achievements to Tubman specifically.

"We believe that Tubman ought to have an African-American focus in some form. What shape that takes, I'm not sure," Hopson told OPB. "But we expect that if we're involved, that we could provide additional culturally-specific services to the African-American students and any other students."

Joining Port of Portland Commission

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ship Forum of Oregon, the Northwest Health Foundation, and Black United Fund.

Alexander is a graduate of Lewis University and Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. He is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and relocated to Oregon in 2005. Alexander lives in Portland's Sellwood neighborhood with his wife, Nancy, and has three children and three grandchildren.

Alexander replaces Port of Portland Commissioner Peter Bragdon. The nine-member panel sets Port policy during its monthly meetings. They are unpaid volunteers who serve four-year terms and can be reappointed for an additional term.

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Mayor Charlie Hales, Commissioner Amanda Fritz and officials from Portland Parks and Recreation join youth from iUrban Teen at the Matt Dishman Community Center to launch a cellphone app to enable youth to easily access information about free summer programs.

Teens Create App for Summer Activities

"I Am A #ForceOf" gives youth good alternatives

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

With summer here, a new cellphone app for teens is making accessing information to free recreational activities much easier.

A collaborative effort between Mayor Charlie Hales, iUrban Teen, Portland Parks and Recreation and the development team Cigna, has led to the development of the "I Am A #ForceOf" app which uses technology to inform young people on what free programs and services are available through Portland's community and recreation centers and on TriMet.

The idea is to promote safe and productive activities as an alternative to gangs and other less productive pursuits this summer and comes as part of Mayor Hales' Community Centers Initiative, a $2 million effort to provide free programs geared to young people. In its first year, 12,000 kids had free access to teen programming and recreational community center events.

"This project was Portland at its best: built for teens, by teens, with city and community support," Mayor Hales said at the app's soft launch last Thursday at the Matt Dishman Community Center in Northeast.

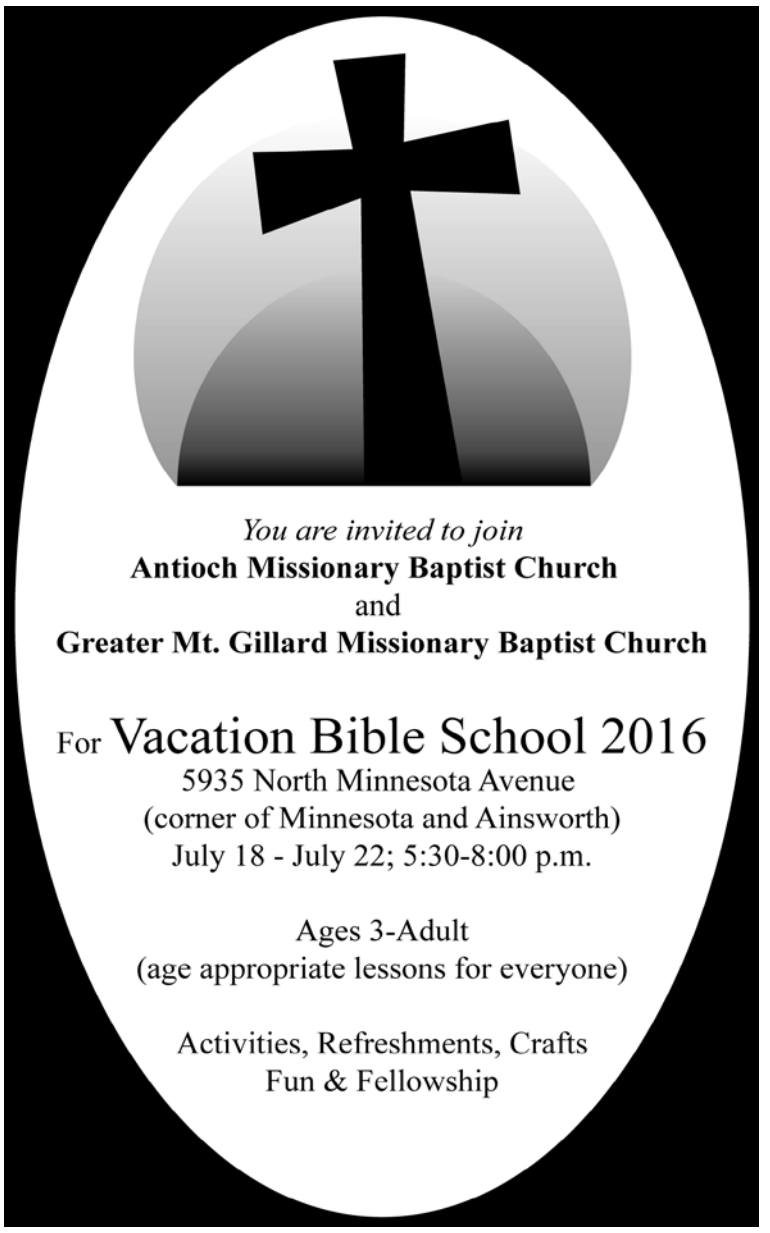
iUrban Teen is a nationally recognized program that connects marginalized groups of youths age 13-18 with hands-on educational based career opportunities, with a specific focus on African American, Native American and Latino demographics. A group of iUrban teens with worked with Cigna on the functionality and app design of "I Am A #ForceOf" to further ensure its receptiveness for its targeted audience.

"iUrban Teen and our incredible volunteers are helping to close the digital divide and get underrepresented groups involved in tech," Mayor Hales said.

Gabriel Coleman, a 15-year-old iUrban teen who primarily worked on the design of the app, gave a demonstration of the app's different facets.

"It was extremely fun and I loved every part of it," says Coleman. "I could see myself doing tech and app design in the future."

The app is now past its beta stage but isn't commercially available to download. Both the Android and Apple app stores are reviewing the app for consideration and the city plans to officially announce when the app will be available. Until then, the app can be accessed via browser at teenforce.meteorapp.com.



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It was Simple: They Loved Each Other

It's way past time to disarm hate

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

Sunday, June 12, America woke up to news of the worst mass shooting in our gun-soaked history. A celebration of Latin Night at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando turned into a killing field fueled by intolerance, hate and weapons of war. Now is the time to remember those who stand up and stand together in love.

In 1963, young wife and mother Mrs. Mildred Loving decided to write a letter to U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy about a "problem" her family was facing. Four years later Mrs. Loving, who was black, and her husband Richard, who was white, made history when their struggle to have their marriage recognized in their native Virginia led to the landmark 1967 Supreme Court ruling in Loving v. Virginia overturning the remaining laws in Virginia and other states that banned interracial marriage.

The couple, who shunned the spotlight, made it clear they never set out to be social revolutionaries. It was simple: they loved each other, wanted to marry, and beyond that, as Mrs. Loving said, "It was God's work."

The two first met in the early 1950s when she was 11 and he was 17 in Central Point, Va., the small community where they both grew up. They became young sweethearts, and in 1958, when Mildred became pregnant, they decided to get married. They drove to Washington, D.C., for their marriage license, and Mrs. Loving later said she initially thought they were doing that because less paperwork was required there. But Richard already understood something she didn't: Getting a marriage license as a mixed-race couple would have been illegal and impossible in Virginia.

Mr. Loving may not have known how the state would treat legal interracial marriages that had been performed elsewhere, but five weeks after their wedding the newlyweds received a very literal rude awakening: Acting on a "tip," sheriff's deputies surrounded their bed with flashlights at two in the morning demanding to know why they were there together. Their reply that they were husband and wife made no difference. The Lovings were arrested, and Mr. Loving was held in jail overnight while the pregnant Mrs. Loving was forced to stay for several days.

Both were charged with cohabitation and violating Virginia's Racial Integrity Act. Under a plea bargain, in order to avoid a year-long jail sentence they were forced to leave the state and were prohibited from returning together for 25 years.

The Lovings settled in Washington, D.C., and began raising a family there but quickly missed the small town where they had spent their entire lives. Five years later, inspired by the March on Washington and the wave of new civil rights laws, Mrs. Loving decided to write to U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy to ask if any of the new legislation would allow them to return to Virginia, even just to visit. He responded and suggested the Lovings contact the ACLU, where over the next few years dedicated lawyers helped take it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. On June 12, 1967, the Supreme Court justices ruled 9-0 that Virginia's law and all others like it were unconstitutional, and that the freedom to marry was "a basic civil right."

Mr. and Mrs. Loving soon returned to their hometown with their three children. Sadly their own happiness ended in tragedy in 1975 when Mr. Loving was killed and Mrs. Loving lost the sight in one eye in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. But the Lovings had paved the way for thousands of other couples like themselves who were marrying the people they loved. Thanks to God's work and the Lovings' love, my husband Peter and I were the very first interracial couple to be married in Virginia after the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Mrs. Loving never remarried and lived quietly at her home in rural Caroline County, Virginia until she passed away in 2008. But a year before her death, the widow, grandmother, and great-grandmother sent another groundbreaking letter. This time, it was a public statement submitted just before the Massachusetts Legislature's historic vote reaffirming marriage equality, and read aloud at a 40th anniversary celebration of the Loving v. Virginia decision:

"When my late husband, Richard, and I got married in Washington, DC in 1958, it wasn't to make a political statement or start a fight. We were in love, and we wanted to be married . . . My generation was bitterly divided over something that should have been so clear and right. The majority believed that what the judge said, that it was God's plan to keep people apart, and that government should discriminate against people in love. But I have lived long enough now to see big changes. The older generation's fears and prejudices have given way, and today's young people realize that if someone loves someone they have a right to marry.

"Surrounded as I am now by wonderful children and grandchildren, not a day goes by that I don't think of Richard and our love, our right to marry, and how much it meant to me to have that freedom to marry the person precious to me, even if others thought he was the 'wrong kind of person' for me to marry. I believe all Americans, no matter their race, no matter their sex, no matter their sexual orientation, should have that same freedom to marry. Government has no business imposing some people's religious beliefs over others. Especially if it denies people's civil rights.

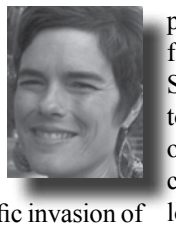
"I am still not a political person, but I am proud that Richard's and my name is on a court case that can help reinforce the love, the commitment, the fairness, and the family that so many people, black or white, young or old, gay or straight seek in life. I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what Loving, and loving, are all about."

In a heartbreaking moment of terroristic hatred fueled by a larger sea of vitriolic and divisive rhetoric, racial and ethnic intolerance, pervasive hate crimes, prejudice, and discrimination against gay people, and guns, guns, guns we let remain the only unregulated consumer product despite their massive lethality, it is critical to listen again to Mrs. Loving's words. We cannot be consumed by bigotry and violence. It's way past time to disarm hate.

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

Public Figures Who Leak Stupidity from Their Lips

Rape is rape, nothing else is



BY LAURA FINLEY

Let me begin with a simple declarative. Nothing, I repeat, nothing, is like being raped. Rape is a horrific invasion of the most sacred thing we have, our bodies. So, it infuriates me to hear celebrities and politicians minimize rape by equating their life experiences to being violently victimized, or by using their powerful public platform to blame victims.

In the latest in public figures who leak stupidity from their lips, Indian actor Salman Khan attempted to equate filming a difficult scene with being a victim of rape, professing that afterwards he "couldn't walk." Kanye West once compared the paparazzi following him and his family to being raped. Likewise, Charlize Theron, who has been a Stop Rape advocate for the UN, commented that having her privacy violated was tantamount to rape. Johnny Depp compared having to participate in photo shoots with fans to being raped, while Kristen Stewart likened fame in general to enduring sexual assault. And of course, there's Donald Trump's comment that China has been allowed to "rape our country."

My least favorite comedian Daniel Tosh (unless you count the multiple rapist Bill Cosby as one still), when called out by a female audience member for saying rape jokes are always funny, doubled-down to state "Wouldn't it be funny if that girl got raped by, like, five guys right now? Like right now?"

Speaking of Cosby, Damon Ways attempted to defend the man from rape allegations by pronouncing some of the accusers as "unrapeable." Then, of course, there's Congressman Todd Akin, with the infamously moronic comment regarding rape and abortion: "If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try and shut that whole thing down." Not to be outdone, former North Carolina Republican Rep. Henry Aldridge stated that when women are "truly" raped (note the heavy implication that women falsely claim they are sexually assaulted) "the juices don't flow, the body functions don't work and they don't get pregnant." Ron Paul similarly called it "honest rape."

Clearly none of these fools has read even a bit of literature on rape, or they'd know that false reports of rape are quite infrequent and occur no more often than do false reports of other crimes.

More rape myth spewage: In 1988, basketball coach Bobby Knight compared the stress of a game to rape, exclaiming 'I think that if rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it.'' Just two years later, former Texas Gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams echoed that asinine tidbit. Many celebrities have also made jokes implying that drugging someone then having sex with them is completely acceptable. Such comments have come from a diverse array of celebrities, including Miley Cyrus, The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug actor Martin Freeman, and Al Franken. Far from funny and definitely not clever, these remarks are definitely not going to help young men and women navigate sexual relationships.

Victim-blaming is a common trope as well. Whoopi Goldberg, Chrissie Hynde, Serena Williams, musician Cee Lo Green all sadly, and likely scores more, have blamed women's clothing, drinking, or other so-called "inappropriate" behavior for their victimization.

Commenting about Rihanna, Daily Mail columnist Liz Jones wrote that the artist had a "fashion sense on stage that surely invites rape at worst, disrespect at least." When actor Shia LaBeouf said he had been raped years prior, pundit Piers Morgan thought he needed to weigh in, calling it, with no proof at all, "a load of baloney" and insisting that it insults other victims. Hmm. How about they get to decide if they're insulted? And when did he become the rape truth-teller?

It pains me to review the frequency of these comments, some even issued by people I would generally have respected. While some did apologize afterwards, many used that insincere "I didn't mean to offend anyone" garbage. Surely it can't be that hard to avoid equating any minor life annoyance with being sexually assaulted. And time has more than come for people everywhere to withhold their personal diatribes about a victim's personal appearance or behavior. Please. Enough, already.

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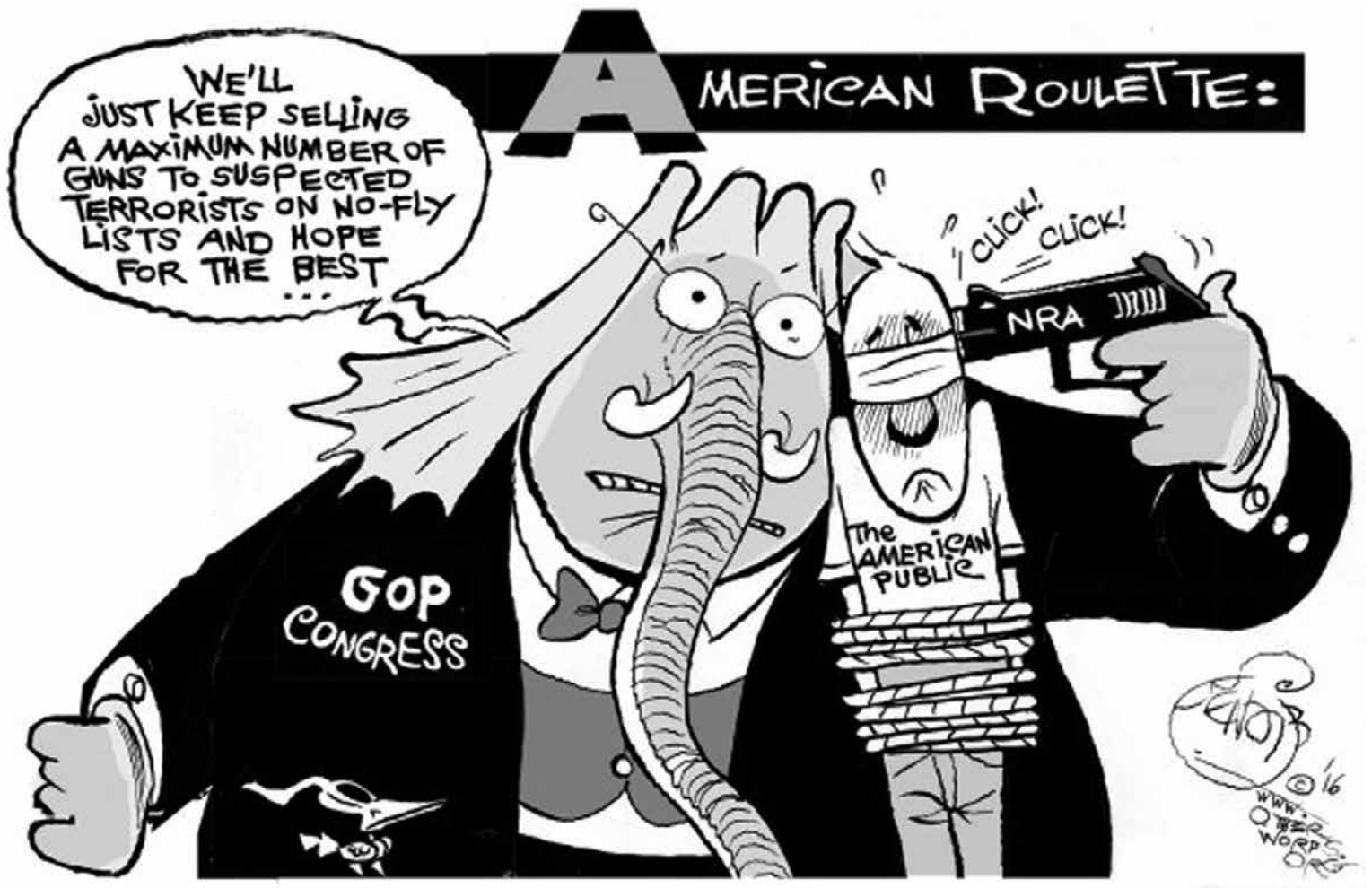

Breaking Barriers to Earn a College Degree

Congratulations Class of 2016

BY MARC H. MORIAL

Congratulations, graduates. Whether you've walked across a stage to receive your high school diploma and begin your journey into a new world of independence, or you finally have your college diploma and are ready to step out into a world outside of lecture halls and dorms, you deserve much congratulations on your achievement.

Today, you are set to begin a new chapter in your life. Celebrate and bask in your well-deserved feeling of accomplishment now, because tomorrow is a new day and there is much work to be done.

Two years from now, it is projected that over 60 percent of all jobs will require some college education. As you prepare to become a part of the American workforce with your degree securely in hand, our nation faces a looming crisis because we are not producing enough men and women like you: graduates.

College enrollment and attainment rates have been steadily increasing in our country across racial and ethnic groups, but the problem is not that there are not enough people enrolling in college. The problem is that there are not enough people finishing college. And from among those who do attain that now vital postsecondary degree, large racial divides in degree attainment persist.

If we, as a nation, do not commit to figuring out what it takes to graduate from college, we risk diminishing the lives of our citizens, who are more likely to find better and better-paying work with a degree. We risk the loss of critical skills and training that will keep our national economy prosperous and thriving. And we risk our country's ability to remain competitive in the global, 21st century workforce.

> *"The solutions to college attainment and completion will be both economic and social—from providing students with grants and low-interest loans, to providing better teachers in our grade schools and middle schools..."*

At the National Higher Education Summit hosted by the National Urban League and USA Funds, a nonprofit corporation that enhances preparation for, access to and success in postsecondary education, panelists addressed many of the obstacles that derail college completion for students of color. Many young men and women who dream and work hard to one day be in your shoes may see their dream deferred or discontinued because of financial need, academic unpreparedness and perhaps even coming from a non-college-going culture.

When you translate those barriers to obtaining a college degree into hard numbers, the statistics are sobering. Over the period from 1990 to 2014, the gap between whites and blacks attaining a bachelor's or higher degree widened from 13 to 18 percentage points, and the gap between whites and Hispanics widened from 18 to 26 percentage points, according to a study by the National Center for Education Statistics.

As long as large numbers of students of color remain ill prepared to navigate and succeed in our postsecondary system of education, we will continue to have an urgent, national conversation about income inequality. The lack of financial aid that doesn't drown students in future debt, the lack of high-quality teachers in K-12 in communities of color and the lack of guidance from professionals about the college experience is a recipe for disaster that will continue to trap our nation's future into poverty. You see, when a young man or woman is denied access to opportunity through education, we all lose.

The solutions to college attainment and completion will be both economic and social—from providing students with grants and low-interest loans, to providing better teachers in our grade schools and middle schools and providing academic remediation for students who need support with college courses. A college educated populace and workforce is a national imperative that requires the across-the-board support and collaboration of all stakeholders, from families to education professionals, employers and politicians.

Despite whatever obstacles you may have faced, you have earned a degree that is promised to reward you with a life you may not have had without that diploma. You have worked hard to be given access to jobs and opportunities that your degree merits. You have beat the odds. Now go out and change the world!

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

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The tap duo of Addam Stell and Thomas Yale perform during Beaverton's "Ten Tiny Dances," a summer showcase of modern and traditional ethnic dance forms that highlights the community's diversity and passion for the arts.

Dance Diversity and Passion

The city of Beaverton presents Ten Tiny Dances, a free, public event that features a wide-variety of dancers who represent modern, contemporary and traditional ethnic dance forms.

This year's performances include traditional lion dance, East Indian dance, break dance, innovative contemporary dance, and more.

Ten Tiny Dances takes place Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Beaverton Farmers Market stage at Southwest Fourth and Washington. Performances begin simultaneously on each of the five stages at 10:30 a.m. and will repeat every half hour. Visit all five stages and you will experience a total of Ten Tiny Dances.

For more information about this event and its performers, visit BeavertonOregon.gov/TTD.

Mississippi Street Fair Saturday

The 15th annual Mississippi Street Fair will take place on Saturday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on historic Mississippi Avenue between Fremont and Skidmore streets. The fair includes over 200 local vendors, crafts, dunk tank, open air gallery, kid's zone, five stages and a variety of family-friendly activities. Proceeds from the fair benefit the Boise Business Youth Unity Project.

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Tax on the Sweet

Initiative wants to tax sugary drinks for kids' benefit

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A new petition initiative seeks to counteract Multnomah County's high rates of heart disease, tooth decay and diabetes, specifically in children.

Upstream Public Health, a nonprofit seeking to address and transform the socioeconomic, community and political factors contributing to the health of Oregonians, has filed for an initiative for a new business tax that would raise money to fund programs for children's physical activity, nutrition and early health education.

The revenue for the programs would come from a 1 cent per ounce assessment on sugary beverages sold, such as sports drinks and soda. Priority would be given to programs that serve people of color and low income communities, according to the proponents.

Mel Rader, executive director of Upstream, said the proposal is being made only in Multnomah County at this time, but the group is in communication with other organizations that are moving similar forward proposals across the country.

While cities like Berkeley, Calif. and Philadelphia have been the first to pass a similar tax on sugar-laden beverages, public health leaders in Portland have not yet taken a stance on the Upstream initiative.

Julie Sullivan-Springhetti, spokesperson for the Multnomah County Health Department, said local officials are currently tackling the diseases caused by high consumption of sugar by working with local school districts on implementing policies and practices that increased the availability of water as an alternative to sodas and other high-calorie drinks.

The health department encourages school districts to allow refillable water bottles in school to encourage students to drink more water and works to educate students, staff and the public on the dangers with surgery-laden drinks with the advertisement "Your kid just ate 16 packs of sugar."

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A cooler packed with surgery drinks at a Plaid Pantry store in the St. Johns neighborhood of north Portland.

The educational component is also targeted to faith-based institutions. By working with pastors who urge their congregations to consume less sugar and sweetened beverages, some 60,000 people have been reached, Sulivan-Springhetti says.

"The county has long supported healthy eating and active living. We know consumption of sugary drinks, including sodas, sports and energy drinks, and juices with added sugar, are a significant contributor to the extra calories driving the obesity epidemic," she says.

Upstream Public Health filed their business tax proposal with the Multnomah County Elections Office last month. Rader says there will be a legal review of the initiative that will take be around 2 to 3 months and then they would have 6 months to gather signatures.

The petition would need 17,381 valid signatures of registered voters to get on the ballot, with a majority of voters approving it for the tax to go into effect.

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Squeals of Joy at the Zoo

A 3-week-old Visayan warty pig — a species considered among the most endangered in the world — prompted squeals of joy from Oregon Zoo visitors last week as he explored his outdoor habitat for the first time, frolicking alongside his mom, Marge. Visitors can see the new arrival most days between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the zoo's Island Pigs of Asia habitat.

'Repect Yourself' Composer Remembered

Mack Rice, the composer of '60s hit "Mustang Sally" and co-writer of the Staple Singers' landmark "Respect Yourself" is being remembered after his death last week at age 82.

"Sir" Mack Rice was best known for writing "Mustang Sally," which he initially recorded but singer Wilson Pickett popularized. They had been in a group together called the Falcons.

Rice was a songwriter for Memphis, Tenn.-based Stax Records and split his time between there and Detroit, where he moved from Mississippi as a teen.

He wrote "Respect Yourself" with late R&B singer-songwriter Luther Ingram for the Staple Singers, which became Stax's biggest hit. His wife said he wrote it in about 15 minutes after talking with other musicians in the studio about the need for people to respect themselves in order to be respected by others.

Mack Rice

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

New York City rapper Azealia Banks brings her show to Portland's Hawthorne Theater.

Perfecting Her Rap

Controversial rapper Azealia Banks comes to southeast Portland for a show on Friday, July 8 at 8 p.m. at the Hawthorne Theater.

Raised in Harlem, Banks has steadily been perfecting her craft and making a name for herself. She originally got on the radar of many record labels with her fist recording "Seventeen." Classically trained in the performing arts, she has "upped" her profile in the past couple of years with various public controversies.

Banks uses Twitter as her weapon, for example she first hit Bay Area rapper Kreayshawn in 2012 calling her a "dumb b****" and threatening to sit on her face. In 2013, she made openly gay celeb gossiper Perez Hilton her target by firing various homophobic slurs his way and encouraged him to commit suicide when he took the side of fellow female and bisexual rapper Angel Haze. A racially driven attack on former One Direction star Zayn Malik and Disney Channel actress Skai Jackson caused Twitter to suspend her account.

Whether it's her seasoned barbs, voice and hooks, Azealia Banks gives you a reason to pay attention.

Empowering Women for 100 Years

One of the first allies of the NAACP in the fight for civil rights and one of the first groups to advocate for women and for marriage equality, YWCA Clark County will celebrate its centennial year with a free summer reunion.

A family-friendly event for the entire community, current and former staff, volunteers, donors, supporters and participants are invited to gather together in celebration of the lives transformed through the last 100 years of service. The reunion will take place at Vancouver's Esther Short Park on Sunday, July 10, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Community Cookout -- You're invited to stand together to make Northeast Portland a safe and friendly place by attending a "Community Cookout" a free and open to the public event on Saturday, July 9, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at King School Park, 4906 N.E. Sixth Ave. Sponsored by Self Enhancement Inc., the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and Martin Luther King School, the day will include family-friendly activities and a dialog around violence and its impact on children.

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.

Soulful Line Dance Workout -- Join Sistahs4Life for a Soulful Line Dance Workout each Wednesdays at Holladay Park this summer through Aug. 31 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit sistahs4life.com or call 971-319-3745

Blast Off to Space Exploration -- The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) take guests through an out-of-this-world experience with Journey to Space: The Exhibition, featuring hands-on experiences that will give visitors an up-close look at what it takes to live, work, and survive in the extraordinary environment of space. The Exhibition runs through Jan. 8. To learn more visit omsi.edu.

Summer Story Time -- Children of all ages and their parents are invited to drop in for a free summer story time at Concordia University in northeast Portland. The events are scheduled each Saturday during the months of June, July and August from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Concordia's George R. White Library and Learning Center.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band play Wednesday, July 6 at Billy Blues; Friday, July 8 at Gemini Bar & Grill in Lake Oswego; Saturday, July 9 at 4:15 p.m. at the Mississippi Street Fair, and later at 9 p.m. at the Spare Room.

Shakespeare in Beaverton -- The Experience Theatre Project presents Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Friday through Sunday, July 1-3 and July 7-10 at The Round, 12600 S.W. Crescent. Free to the public.

Clothing Closet -- Each first Saturday of the month, a complimentary breakfast and clothing drive takes place at First AME Zion Church, 4304 N. Vancouver Ave. The goal is to clothe and feed Portland one person at a time. For more information, call Nydia Campbell-Pullom at 503-317-1089.

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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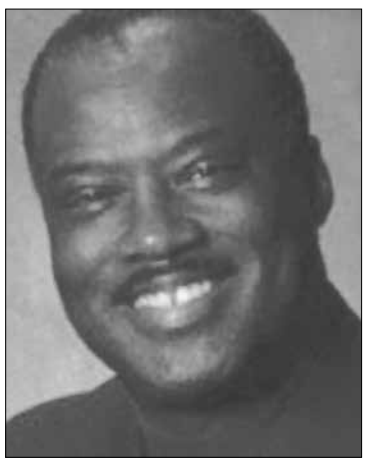
In Loving Memory

Carmon Cunningham



Carmon Cunningham, a loving father, husband, brother and friend who was highly loved and respected by members of the community with whom he worked, has died at the age of 62.

He was born on May 30, 1954 to Melvia and Roosevelt Cunningham. He graduated from John Adams High School in northeast Portland in 1972, and earned a bachelor's degree in economics at Pacific University in Forest Grove in 1976. At Pacific, he was known for starting the Concerned Black Students organization and also for his role as a DJ for the college radio station.

He worked as a business professional in the Portland area for several years, first at Xerox Corporation and then for Digital Equipment Corporation. He became the proud father of his son, Dante Cunningham, with Estena Simms in 1983. He moved to Boston as part of a promotion with DEC in 1987.

He received his Masters in Business Administration from Boston University in 1991. In 1995, he became the director of alumni relations for the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While at MIT, he met his wife, Paula T. Hammond Cunningham, and they married on Sept. 9, 2000 and moved to Newton, Mass.

He became the vice president of communications and technology for the Boston non-profit, Jobs for the Future, working to increase the education and training level of young adults.

He opened the Cleaner Spot, a dry cleaners in Wilmington, Mass., with three locations. He also served as president of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout his lifetime, he gave back to the community and was a close member of the faith community. He was heavily involved in Concerned Black Men of Massachusetts, an organization that reaches out to young boys of color and provides them mentorship and training. He served on the boards of the Thompson Island Outward Bound and the Big Brothers Association.

He is survived by his wife Paula; son Dante; daughter-in-law Rathana Bun; stepson James Hammond, mother Melvia Cunningham, and two brothers, Gerald and Derwin Cunningham. He also leaves behind several cousins, nieces and nephews, and multiple friends from every phase of his life.

A funeral service was held June 28 at Boston's Old South Church. Donations in his memory can be made to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay.

In Loving Memory

Lannis W. Warfield

Lannis W. Warfield was born April 1, 1940 and died June 27, 2016.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Rebecca (Reba) Newman; son Lawrence Kevin Warfield; two grandchildren; one great granddaughter; five sisters and four brothers.

Public viewing will be Wednesday, July 6, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Terry Family Funeral Home. A funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, July 7 at Mt Olivet Baptist Church, 8725 N. Chautauqua Blvd.

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Title: Botanic Technician I
Open: Monday, July 4, 2016
Deadline: Monday, July 25, 2016, 4:30pm
Salary: $20.08 - $26.91
Position: The Botanic Technician I performs natural resource restoration work as assigned; removes non-native vegetation with hand and power landscaping equipment and herbicides, plants native plants in natural area locations suited to the plants' growing requirements; applies knowledge of botany, horticulture and/ or natural resource areas to assignments. Positions may also work with soft surface trails. Please visit our website at www.portlandoregon.gov/jobs for the complete position description, required minimum qualifications and application process. The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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CALENDAR July 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Canada Day International Joke Day National Postal Worker Day	2 *First Zeppelin Flight in 1900*	3 Build a Scarecrow Day Dog Days Begin
4 CARICOM Day (Caribbean Day) **Independence Day**	5 *Eid al-Fitr, Muslim Holiday (6th in North America)* *P.T. Barnum born, 1810*	6 *First Picture Postcard Made* National Fried Chicken Day National Kissing Day	7 Macaroni Day	8 *Liberty Bell Cracks In 1835* Video Games Day	9 National Sugar Cookie Day	10 Barn Day *Martin Provensen born, 1916* Teddy Bear's Picnic Day
11 *E.B. White born, 1899* Cheer Up the Lonely Day	12 Battle of the Boyne Paper Bag Day *(paper bag manufacturing machine patented)*	13 Go West Day National French Fries Day	14 Bastille Day	15 Cow Appreciation Day *First Boeing 707 Flew In 1954*	16 *Apollo 11 Lifts Off on it's voyage to the moon in 1969*	17 *Karla Kuskin born, 1932* *Disneyland Opens In 1955*
18 National Caviar Day	19 Stick Your Tongue Out Day	20 *Moon Day (First landing on the moon.)* International Chess Day	21 National Junk Food Day	22 Pied Piper of Hamelin Day	23 *Robert Quakenbush born, 1929* Ice Cream Cone Introduced In 1904	24 Amelia Earhart Day *Marvin the Martian First debuted in cartoons in 1948*
25 Thread the Needle Day	26 *Bert's Birthday (Sesame Street Character)* *Jan Berenstain born, 1923*	27 *Scott Corbett born, 1913* *Bugs Bunny First debuted in cartoons in 1940*	28 *Ernie's Birthday (Sesame Street Character)* *First Fingerprint taken*	29 *NASA Established in 1958* National Lasagna Day	30 National Cheesecake Day	31 *First US Patent Issued Granted to Samuel Hopkins in 1790*

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