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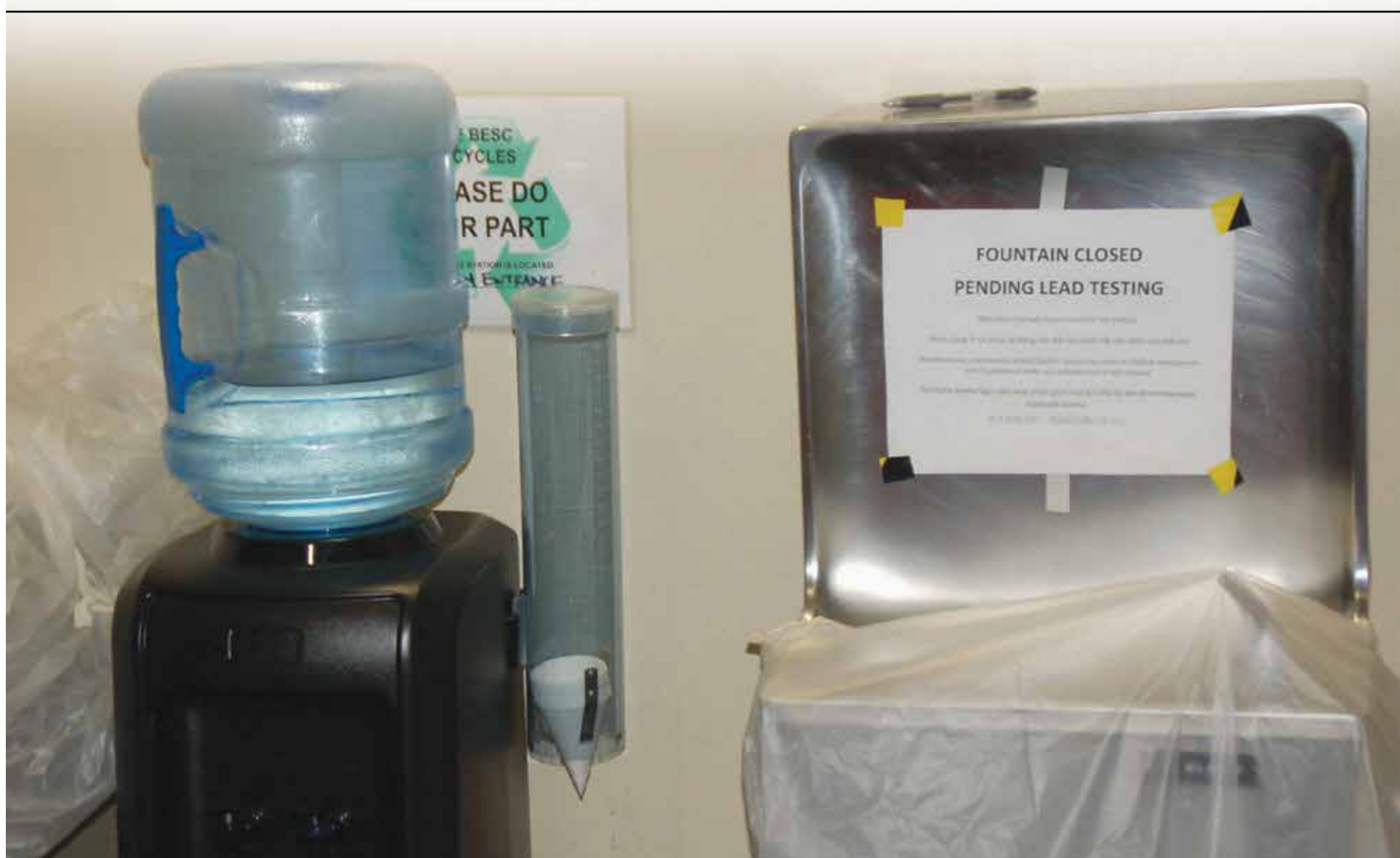


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All drinking fountains in Portland Public Schools have been covered or made inoperable and water dispensers have been made available at every building for the start of school to ensure that all students and staff have safe drinking water.

**A safe water
promise as
classes begin**

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland Public Schools opened the new school year Monday with an emphasis on fixing the lead found in drinking fountains and water taps across the district and providing clean water dispensers in every school to avoid infecting students.

A video posted to the PPS Communication Youtube page features Senior Director of Facilities and Asset Management David Hobbs detailing the plans as school officials journey to install permanent solutions.

Earlier this year, information snow-

Fixing the Taps

ballled to the public in regards to hidden issues on the presence of lead in PPS water faucets, leaving parents and children alike with elevated concern. Two main factors

of their concern involve the water students and staff consume through drinking fountains and food.

Since all drinking fountains in PPS

buildings are shut down, about 1,000 water jug systems will be available for use with paper cup dispensers, Hobbs says in the video.

The paper cups will create will create some waste because they are not recyclable due to a wax lining, according to PPS spokesperson Courtney Westling. But students can bring reusable water bottles to use as an alternative to the disposable cups.

The big empty water jugs will be recycled through the district's water vendor Earth2O, and not by PPS directly, Westling says. Students are encouraged to ask for custodian and other building staff's aid in switching the jugs out whenever they are empty.

Safe water usage in school kitchens was the next issue to tackle, leading PPS to continue a policy it started before the start of summer vacation, using prewashed food

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Camera Captures Shooting

Detectives release video to help solve case

BY CERVANTE POPE
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Portland police have released a video of a shooting that occurred near Alberta Market on Northeast Street and Ninth Avenue in hopes that the public can aid in figuring out what happened and bring charges against the person or persons responsible.

North Precinct and Gang Enforcement Team officers responded to reports of gunfire at the intersection around 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18. Upon arrival



Surveillance video from a camera across the street the Alberta Market at Northeast Alberta and Ninth Avenue shows cars and people caught up in a shooting that police believe is gang related. The video was released by police in an attempt to solve the crime.

officers saw one vehicle that had been hit by bullets while others vehicles fled the scene.

There were no reports of anyone wounded during the gunfire.

The 50 second long surveillance video shows few cars turning northbound onto Northeast Ninth Avenue before a swarm of people begin running to safety both inside Alberta Market and further up Alberta Street. It can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/7ewhTdr3nhg>.

Detectives are asking for witnesses present in the surrounding vehicles at the time of the shootings and any other persons that may have information on the shootings to contact Detective Jeff Pontius at 503-823-2081 or Jeffery.pontius@portlandoregon.gov.

School Day Injury Crash

A 15-year-old boy was hit by a car near George Middle School in north Portland just before 8 a.m. Tuesday morning. The boy was immediately transported to the hospital with potentially life threatening injuries. He was set to being his first day as a freshman at Roosevelt High.

Smith for Wapato Shelter

Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith came out Thursday in support of turning north Portland's unused Wapato Jail into a homeless shelter. The controversial site has been turned down numerous times by Smith's cohorts, County



Chair Deborah Kafoury and most of City Council, but Smith still feels it's the most viable option.

The Week in Review

Homeless Fire Spreads

A 32-year-old woman has been arrested under suspicion of setting a fire at a homeless camp underneath the Hawthorne Bridge on Friday, which then spread to empty warehouse nearby. Police used security camera footage to find the woman and charge her with arson.

Black Actress Hacked

Saturday Night Live and recent Ghostbusters remake star Leslie Jones had her personal website hacked on Wednesday. Hackers posted nude photos of Jones, her passport and driver's license information and pictures of gorillas on her site. The hack comes just weeks after Jones was racially attacked on Twitter.

Paisley Park Public Tours

Rolling Stone revealed last week that Prince's estate, Paisley Park, will be turned into a museum with

tours for the public come October 6. Guests will see some of Prince's personal items on display, as well as getting to look at the park's many rooms. Tickets for the tours went on sale Friday.

Quarterback Anthem Protest



Biracial San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick protested participation in the National Anthem during a preseason game against the Green Bay Packers Friday. When asked about it, Kaepernick stated that he will not "show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color."

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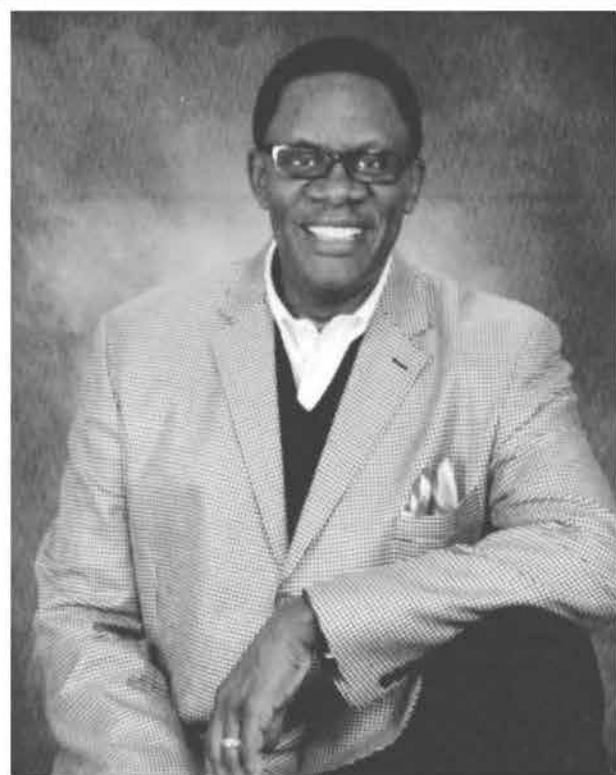


Gene Wilder Passes

Gene Wilder, the comedic partner to Richard Pryor and so many other stars, died Monday at the age of 83 due to complications from Alzheimer's disease. The Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory actor was diagnosed with the disease three years ago, but chose to keep his condition secret.

Lloyd Mall Shooting

Police are investigating a shooting that happened at Lloyd Center Mall on Sunday. Police believe the shooting occurred on the second level of the mall's parking garage. Police said one person was treated for non-life threatening injuries.



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LOCAL NEWS



Intersecting Safety and Trust

Portland Assistant Police Chief Chris Uehara meets a local family at a bicycle safety fiesta at the North Precinct in northeast Portland advancing both traffic safety and community trust. With help from the adjacent Blazer's Boys and Girls Club and the Portland Fire Bureau, the Aug. 19 event drew 350 community members and came with free school supplies and bicycle helmets and most importantly bike safety tips.

You Can Now Text 911

New technology debuts in Portland area

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Multnomah County is among six counties in Oregon and three in Washington that now have the option to text 911 in the case of an emergency.

The new emergency communication service debuted last week in the Portland area as a means to offer an option to those who may not be able to use their voice due to a physical handicap such as being deaf, hard of hearing or mute, or in situations where sound is imperative to survival.

911 Communications Manager Cheryl Bledsoe of Clackamas County said in an interview with Oregon Public Broadcasting that texting 911 would be appropriate for having an intruder in your home or observing a crime like domestic violence where you don't want the parties involved to know you're calling for help. But people are encouraged to always call 911 first (or use relay services or TTY) whenever possible.

A few drawbacks do come with the text-emergency service, aside from the sometimes unreliable



Emergency dispatchers in Portland and the surrounding area now have new technology that allows people to send text messages to report emergencies. (AP photo)

tendency of text messages to not send.

"One of the big drawbacks for us is that the public cannot send us multimedia messages. Those include emojis, pictures and video images," says Bledsoe. "We want full words, but we want to make sure that if folks typically put

emojis in their conversation that they not do that for 911, because that actually corrupts the whole message and we will not receive any part of the message that they might be intending to send us."

Though it might seem unlikely

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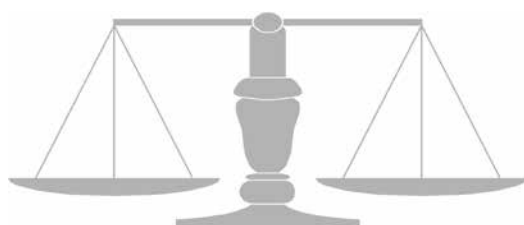
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Parents Call Rap Music Ban Racist

Portland school
bus policy
under fire

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A memo sent out to Portland Public Schools bus drivers stipulating that rap music was not appropriate on school buses leaves parents concerned of an underlying racial bias.

"The stations that are deemed inappropriate include any religious, rap music or talk show programs," the March 9 memo from PPS senior director of transportation Teri Brady reads,

leaving only five stations the district feels are safe to play while transporting students.

Of the suitable options, pop stations 103 FM, 106.7 FM and 97.1 FM were at the top of the list, followed by country station 98.7 FM and jazz station 89.1 FM.

A copy of the memo was obtained by Colleen Ryan-Onken, a white parent to a senior at Roosevelt High School, who shared it with fellow parents that also shared her outrage.

"I think it's overtly racist and leaves out two of our major communities in our music choices," Ryan-Onken told the Oregonian.

Ryan-Onken also pointed out

how Latin music isn't even mentioned and how certain topics covered in country songs make it just as offensive as rap can be.

Portland Public Schools spokeswoman Courtney Westling offered a response.

"We regret the way this was communicated. Our intent is to limit student exposure to religious teachings, profanity and violent lyrics," said Westling. "The transportation department will be revising its guidance to bus drivers shortly to be more inclusive of different genres of music."

Exactly when this revision will be happening has not yet been disclosed.

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that someone in need would add an emoji or smiley face to their cry for help, Bledsoe says the possibility is more likely than one would think.

"There's a big variety of emoji keyboards in this day and age and

so sometimes people might, with language barriers or translation issues, think that they can translate or give us information where they might not know the word for it," says Bledsoe. "That might be a situation where someone might try to use an emoji and try to communicate information to us. But it

doesn't work, unfortunately, yet, in the 911 sector."

She reiterates being precise with messaging and location details without any multimedia attached because "if someone says 'help' or 'I need help' and then sends us an unhappy face, we won't even see the 'I need help.'"

People are encouraged to always call 911 first (or use relay services or TTY) whenever possible.

Fixing^{the} Taps

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until all school kitchen faucets are deemed safe.

Vegetables like lettuce and brussel sprouts will come to school kitchens prewashed and essentially ready to serve, eliminating the need for faucet-run water.

"We are still evaluating fixtures for lead used for food preparation, but the number one priority is getting our kitchens back in order," says Westling.

She also says that PPS is working with a consultant regarding upgrading kitchen pipe systems with the hopes of having the issue resolved by the next school year.

Grains and starches, such as rice and mashed potatoes, will be cooked using a rotation between vegetable broth, meat broth and outside sourced water. Students with religious or dietary restrictions for food will have vegetarian options made available daily, according to Westling.

Additional problems regarding the District's water lead levels involve school community gardens, which is somewhat addressed in a joint statement released by Portland Public Schools and the Oregon Health Authority.

"The amount of lead delivered to soil through water is quite small compared to the amount of lead

already present at background levels in soil. Other potential sources, such as lead-based paint chips and dust, represent a much more significant contributor to soil lead concentrations," the statement reads.

"In general, garden plants do not absorb significant quantities of lead. However, it is important for people to wash vegetables and hands after gardening to reduce possible exposure to lead in soil, which is the major potential source of lead contamination on produce."

PPS is still discouraging use of community gardens due to spigots containing lead that may have fed water into the gardens. Westling says the District has no intentions to shut down their near 75 community gardens, but that vegetables grown in them will not be used in school kitchens.

Vegetables from schools' community gardens will not be used again until untainted cold water fixtures can be secured to safely wash garden produce.

PPS plans to continue updating concerned parents and the general public through videos, newsletters and posted signage like they have already exercised since the lead issue became such a hot topic.

Communication on the topic is available in English, Somali, Vietnamese, Russian, Chinese and Spanish, though Westling says interpretation is available for additional languages as well.

"We're really trying to hit people from all angles with communication since not everyone receives information in the same way," Westling says.

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Kali Thorne-Ladd takes the oath of office as vice-chair of the Portland Community College Board of Directors. PCC Interim President Sylvia Kelley (left) led the Aug. 18 ceremony.

PCC Board Leaders Named

The Portland Community College Board of Directors has named Gene Pitts, a high tech executive, as chair and Kali Thorne-Ladd, an education leader from Portland's black community, as vice chair.

Pitts, a technical marketing director at Intel Corp., was first elected to the board in 2009 representing southwest Portland and Washington and Yamhill counties. He graduated from Clemson University with bachelor and master's degrees in electrical and computer engineering and

has more than 30 years of experience in the high-tech sector.

Thorne-Ladd was appointed to the board in 2012 and elected in 2013. She represents north Portland and portions of Columbia County and serves as co-founder of KairosPDX, which is a non-profit organization focused on equity and access to quality early learning opportunities.

Thorne-Ladd formerly worked as the education strategies director for the Port-

land mayor's office. In addition, she is a board member with Camp Fire USA, Portland Leadership Foundation and is a steering committee member with the Cradle to Career Initiative. She holds a master's degree in education policy and management from Harvard University.

The PCC Board governs the college, which includes selecting the president, approving the hiring of other staff and faculty, approving the college budget and establishing school policies.



Jeremy Patrick Kidwell

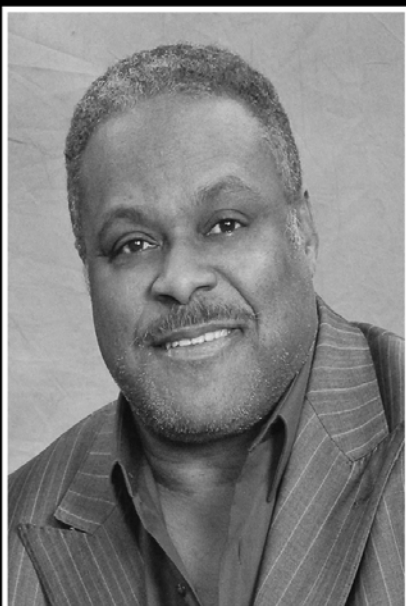
Explosive Targeted Homeless Family

Police arrested a southeast Portland resident accused of placing an explosive device underneath a motor home occupied by a homeless family.

Police said Jeremy Patrick Kidwell, 46, lived in the area and indicated that he was upset with people living on the street in RVs in the neighborhood.

The motor home was parked along Southeast 160th and Division when a pipe with a fuse was tossed under it around 5 a.m. on Aug. 24. The homeless family was inside. The Metropolitan Explosives Disposal Unit responded to the scene to collect and assess the unexploded device. No parties involved were injured.

Later, at about 6 p.m. later that evening, police identified Kidwell as the suspect when he returned to the scene and was questioned. Kidwell was taken into custody on charges of manufacturing and possession of a destructive device and arson.



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A Massive Deployment of Nukes Next Door

Living with the bomb

BY MARTHA BASKIN

The ad pierces your consciousness and catches you by surprise. Plastered on the side of Seattle's King County Metro it hurls you momentarily back in time, to a time when nuclear weapons were an imminent threat to our survival. Or did the era never end?

The ad — sponsored by local Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action — reads: “20 miles west of Seattle is the largest concentration of deployed nuclear weapons in the U.S.”

Behind this text is a map, depicting the proximity of Seattle to Naval Base Kitsap, located on the eastern shore of Hood Canal, one of the four main basins in Washington state's Puget Sound. The base is home port for eight of the US Navy's 14 Trident ballistic missile submarines as well as an underground nuclear weapons storage complex. Together they're believed to store more than



1,300 nuclear warheads, according to Hans Kristensen, director of the Nuclear Information Project at the Federation of American Scientists.

This is arguably the biggest single concentration of nuclear warheads not only in the U.S., but in the world.

King County Metro was initially hesitant to run the ad, until Kristensen confirmed its accuracy. The combined explosive power contained in the base is equivalent to more than 14,000 Hiroshima bombs, he says.

But the most surprising thing to him about the underground nuclear weapons storage complex — known as the Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific and completed in 2012 — is the extent to which a \$294 million bunker has largely escaped public debate, except for a few industry-related articles.

The enormous amount of nuclear weaponry in Seattle's backyard is no secret to industry analysts, military contractors, or public officials. But the general public is less informed, say those who initiated Ground Zero's bus campaign. They describe the goals of the

advertisements as two-fold: to lift the veil of secrecy surrounding the naval base, and to re-ignite public debate about nuclear weapons in the U.S. arsenal.

“This is a wake up call,” says Ground Zero's Leonard Eiger. “Why do these nuclear weapons exist 70 years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Why do we continue to not only deploy them but why are we maintaining them and planning for a new fleet that could run over \$100 billion? What are the economic, political and social costs?”

The Washington Military Alliance — a group formally established in 2014 by Gov. Jay Inslee, which advocates for military investment in the state — claims that Naval Base Kitsap is a driving economic force in the region.

The U.S. Navy has presented a plan to spend more than a trillion dollars during the next 30 years upgrading and maintaining the entire triad of U.S. based nuclear weapons, according to Martin Fleck of Physicians for Social Responsibility, a group that advocates for nuclear disarmament. This includes over \$100 billion to replace the base's nuclear submarines.

The plan was approved by Obama in 2010.

“We and our allies,” says Fleck, “are arguing for sanity with nuclear weapons given that we have enough already to end the world several times over. Why on earth would we invest another trillion dollars in them at this late date?”

Nuclear weapons contractors in the United States brought in \$334 billion in government contracts between 2012 and 2014, according to research conducted by Physicians for Social Responsibility.

The ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., has questioned the nuclear spending currently being proposed. Smith joined 159 other members of the House of Representatives to support an amendment to the House Defense Appropriations bill, which would have slashed funding for a nuclear cruise missile.

Both Lockheed Martin and Boeing Corporation weighed in to oppose the amendment, and it was defeated along partisan lines. But the vote, says PSR's Fleck, proved that Congress is far from united over the government's massive

WMD spending plan. Smith later penned an op-ed for Foreign Policy magazine, titled “America Already Has More Than Enough Nuclear Missiles.”

Kristensen of the Federation of American Scientists disputes whether a new nuclear arms race is underway, but admits there's been a resurgence in the adversarial relationship between the United States and Russia. As a result, “nuclear weapons are gradually becoming more explicit. For now, this is fueling modernization of arsenals and adjustments of operations and strategies.”

Nine nations, including China and North Korea, are engaged in building or modernizing their nuclear arsenal. In the face of this, those behind Ground Zero's bus ad say it's time to “demilitarize diplomacy.”

“It's time to step back from building another generation of nuclear weapons,” says Eiger. “The doctrine came out of the Cold War but it still exists. It's a dangerous road to travel.”

Martha Baskin is a Seattle-based journalist. Distributed by PeaceVoice.

Diversity Wins Gold at 2016 Olympic Games

The winning mosaic of America

BY MARC H. MORIAL

For 16 days, the eyes and the attention of the world were trained on the drama of victory and defeat in Rio de Janeiro. At a time when intolerance, conflict and division invade our headlines on a daily basis, the



greatest athletes from 206 countries gathered at the Games—held for the first time in a South American country—and reminded us that tolerance, peace and unity are real ambitions that can be achieved, even in the heat of intense competition.

Team USA set a gold standard for diversity in Rio. From the balance beam to the swimming lanes, our country's 555 athletes represented the gender, ethnic and religious diversity that has always made America great.

Team USA featured more women athletes than male athletes (292 to 263). Ibtihaj Muhammed, a Muslim-American fencer who went on to win a bronze medal, became the first Olympian to compete while wearing a hijab. Our women's gymnastics team—also known as the “Final Five”—was the most racially and ethnically diverse in the team's history.

A Kenyan-born American, who is a sergeant in the United States Army and has a brother serving in Afghanistan, competed for our nation in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. American lightweight boxer Carlos Balderas scored an emotional victory in Rio, representing our country all the way to the quarter-finals. The 19-year-old, a first generation Mexican-American, dedicated his victory to his grandfather and uncles who came to America and labored in California's strawberry fields to achieve a better life for their family.

Team USA's 121 medals are the most ever for a U.S. team in a non-boycotted Games, and individual achievement was everywhere to be seen. Winning five gold medals and a silver in Rio, swimmer Michael Phelps became the most decorated Olympian of all time with a total of 28, and holds the record for

most Olympic gold medals, with 23. The two gold medals she earned in Rio made runner Allyson Felix the only female track and field athlete to win six Olympic gold medals. And Simone Biles, the most decorated American gymnast of all time, set a new American record for most gold medals in women's gymnastics at a single Olympics. She was the first gymnast since 1984 to win four gold medals at a single games.

These stories, these achievements—some of them historic—these athletes, who train night and day and sacrifice everything for the love of their sport and our nation, could not exist in an America that builds walls.

Many of the inspirational stories we've watched unfold—and most importantly, our children can now take for granted—could not exist in an America that bars people from our country based on their religious belief. The winning mosaic of America we all watched walk in the Opening Ceremony's parade of nations could not exist in an America that shuns diversity and prizes above all the forced and inevitable homogeneity of ideological screen tests.

I believe the power of our Olympic victory lies in its representation

of what we as a nation are constantly striving to be: inclusive, tolerant, peaceful, united under one flag and committed to excellence at home and abroad. There are real problems and concerns we face as a nation and we must remain committed to solving them and keeping our country safe, but tolerance, diversity and camaraderie are not problems, and if the Olympics are any indication, they are, in fact, our strengths.

Our athletes are back now and they should how proud we are of them—all of them. President Barack Obama, our nation's first black president, can add this factoid to his legacy: with a total of 289 medals under both his terms, Team USA brought home more Olympic medals during his presidency than any other presidency. The president with the second highest tally of Olympic medals is Ronald Reagan with 282 medals.

There are many lessons to be learned from the Summer Olympics, and my hope is that one of them will be that America is great and always wins when we embrace, nurture and support the talent and skills of all Americans in all arenas.

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OPINION



Federal Marijuana Laws Reek of Hypocrisy

Keeping pot on same list as heroin

BY JILL RICHARDSON

For a few brief months, it looked like America might take a step closer to sanity. And then came the news: the Obama administration will not loosen federal restrictions on marijuana after all.

Before delving into the issue of marijuana, consider its two fellow "gateway drugs:" alcohol and tobacco. Aside from the potential benefits from drinking a glass of red wine, neither one is good for you.

Alcohol can be incredibly harmful, either via acute alcohol poisoning or via chronic destruction to your life and liver. Cigarettes are always bad for you.

All three—alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana—supposedly entice users to take a timid step into the world of drug use and then find themselves plunged all the way in with "harder" drugs like heroin, cocaine, or meth.



And while illegal drugs like meth and heroin can ruin your life or kill you, so can legal ones like alcohol. Just ask any recovering alcoholic.

But among the three so-called gateway drugs, marijuana alone is illegal according to the federal government.

Marijuana is classified as a Schedule I drug, defined as having no medical use and being subject to abuse. It's more regulated than cocaine, which hospitals have on hand for medical use.

But half of all U.S. states disagree and have enacted laws to legalize medical marijuana at the state level.

So recently, two governors asked the feds to take another look at its classification. The Obama administration and the DEA had a chance to ask themselves—should marijuana really be on the same list as heroin, as it is now?

Yes, they decided, it should.

They've agreed to expand the availability for "legitimate researchers" to conduct clinical trials to determine whether marijuana has any legitimate medical

uses, but they currently say there's no credible evidence that it does.

The hypocrisy is unbelievable, on two levels.

First, because alcohol and tobacco are allowed, even though people can abuse them, and even when they provide no medical benefit.

Second, because we use an entirely different standard to determine the safety and legality of any number of other chemicals.

In most cases, our laws treat chemicals as safe until proven dangerous. Marijuana, on the other hand, is being held to a higher standard. It's not even that it's considered dangerous until proven safe. The government says that they won't lift regulations on it until it's proven beneficial.

In the last 40 years, the EPA banned just five out of over 80,000 chemicals used in the U.S. So while asbestos was still legal, even after scientists knew how toxic it was, people were locked up in jail for smoking pot.

To be fair, Congress just passed a reform of toxic chemical regulations this year. But the new law only goes so far. The EPA is currently working its way down a

list of 90 high-priority chemicals that are both toxic and legal, including asbestos and arsenic.

Why do we have one standard for thousands of chemicals—considered safe until proven otherwise—and another for marijuana?

Imagine a world in which asbestos had to be proven safe before it could be sold legally. How many horrible deaths from mesothelioma would've been prevented?

Meanwhile, what if marijuana, which has caused zero deaths by overdose, was considered safe until proven otherwise?

We could regulate it just like we do tobacco and alcohol. We could say no advertising its use, no driving or working while high, no selling marijuana to anyone under 21, and so on.

The decision to keep marijuana illegal on a federal level until it's proven to be beneficial reeks of hypocrisy.

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.



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Beyonce accepts the award for Video of the Year for 'Lemonade' at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York City on Sunday. (AP photo)

Beyonce Rocks MTV Music Awards

(AP) — Beyonce proved once again she is the contemporary rock star, and she used the MTV Video Music Awards stage to showcase her skills and outshine her peers, from Rihanna to Britney Spears.

Beyonce won eight awards, including video of the year, and

performed five songs from her visual album "Lemonade" in an epic 16-minute concert Sunday that had the New York City audience at Madison Square Garden in awe.

She sang live, danced heavily and worked the crowd as she ran through "Pray You Catch Me," "Hold Up," "Sorry," "Don't Hurt Yourself" and "Formation," which won the top prize over Adele, Drake, Justin Bieber and Kanye West.

"First of all, I'd like to thank my beautiful daughter and my incredible husband for all of their support," said Beyonce,

who walked the carpet with daughter Blue Ivy and the mothers of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Eric Garner and Oscar Grant — who all appeared in the singer's "Lemonade" movie.

It was reminiscent of the 2014 VMAs, when Beyonce also performed for 16 minutes and accepted the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard award. This year it was awarded to Rihanna, who split up her performances throughout the night, singing hits such as "Work," "We Found Love" and "Love on the Brain."

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Area kids get bike safety tips at the annual Bike Beaverton safety rodeo, an educational bicycle obstacle course. The free event sponsored by the Beaverton Police Department and the Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Committee returns Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. at City Park at Southwest Fifth Street and Hall Boulevard.

Back to School Bike Safety

Kids can put safety first as they make plans to return to school by attending Beaverton's annual Bike Beaverton event starting at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11 at City Park at Southwest Fifth Street and Hall Bou-

levard.

The Beaverton Police Department will lead the bike safety rodeo, an educational bicycle obstacle course for kids. A family-friendly community bike ride will follow at 2 p.m. and

a free ice cream social will conclude the event, co-sponsored by Beaverton's Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Helmets are required for all ride participants. The Northwest Bicycle Safety Council will conduct helmet

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Ringtail Babies Arrive

A baby ringtail with its long striped tail and Yoda-like ears is weighed at the Oregon Zoo. The 2-month-old member of the raccoon family was born with another kit on June 21 and are only infrequently on public view for now. Public viewing will increase as the ringtails get older and bolder.

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"Unseen," a new documentary about the serial killing of 11 African American women makes its West Coast premiere Friday, Sept. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Laurelhurst Theater as part of the Portland Film Festival.

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Brutal Loss and Survival

"Unseen," a film about the serial killing of 11 African American women in Cleveland, Ohio, makes its West Coast premiere Friday, Sept. 2 at the Laurelhurst Theatre as part of the Portland Film Festival.

In 2009, Cleveland police discovered the bodies of 11 black women decomposing in and around the home of known sex offender Anthony Sowell - yet reports of the missing women went virtually ignored by police.

With unprecedented access to the surviving victims, "Unseen" tells a chilling story about the invisibility of women on the margins of society

and raises troubling questions about why this killing spree went unnoticed for so long.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer called it "a moving brutal tale of loss and survival".

Producer/Director Laura Paglin grew up in Portland and moved to Cleveland where she has made a name for herself bringing the stories of marginalized communities to a world-wide audience.

Prior work includes "No Umbrella - Election Day in the City" which premiered at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival and was acquired by HBO documentary films and "Facing Forward: A Student's Story" which aired nationally on PBS.

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A pair of new futsal courts at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School support local youth program and encourage children to live healthy, active lives. The courts were made possible by the Portland Timbers and the team's community sponsors.

Futsal Courts for Healthy, Active Lives

A pair of new futsal courts at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in northeast Portland will support local youth programs, and encourage children to live healthy, active lives. The recently constructed courts signify a strong public service commitment by the Portland Timbers and their community partners.

Portland Mayor Charlie Hales joined Timbers players Fanendo Adi, Taylor Peay and Gbenga Arokoyo, and others for a special dedication of the courts earlier this month.

The unveiling marked the second set of futsal courts presented by the Timbers' Fields for All partnership. Since 2011, the professional soccer club has contrib-

uted to 11 soccer fields and futsal courts, providing the greater Portland area with organized outlets for playing soccer.

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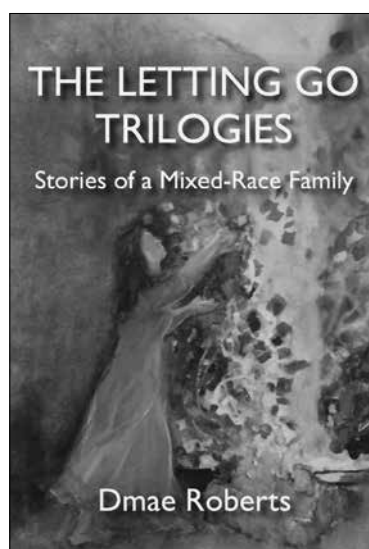
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Dmae Roberts will be reading from her memoir book on what it means to be a mixed-raced adult on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 'Another Read Through' bookstore, 3932 N. Mississippi Ave.

Journey through Biracial Identity

Dmae Roberts' book *The Letting Go Trilogies: Stories of a Mixed-Race Family* traces four decades of what it means to be a mixed-race adult who sometimes called herself "Secret Asian Woman."

With her personal essays written over a 10-year period, Roberts journeys through biracial identity and her interracial Taiwanese and Oklahoman family amid love, loss and letting go of past regrets and

grief.

You're invited to join the author when she reads from her memoir book at Another Read Through bookstore, 3932 N. Mississippi Ave., on Thursday, Sept. 1 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The presentation is part of the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project topic "What are You? Mixed-Race and Interracial Families in Oregon's Past and Future."

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Free Waterfront Concert -- The Oregon Symphony's free Waterfront Concert, highlighting artistic programs from around the Northwest, returns Thursday, Sept. 1, starting at 12:30 p.m. and continuing through the evening capped by fireworks.



Rhythms of Africa -- Disney's The Lion King is now playing at Keller Auditorium through Sunday, Sept. 4. Fusing popular music and the distinctive sounds and rhythms of Africa, the Lion King has been one of the most popular stage musicals in the world. For tickets, call 503-241-1802, visit broadwayinportland.com or any TicketsWest location.



Miss Sharon Jones! -- A new film exploring the life of the dynamic soul singer, 'Miss Sharon Jones,' will be screened Friday, Sept. 2 at the Hollywood Theater in northeast Portland. The movie documents a singer that has been compared to James Brown as she transforms from a cancer patient and back into a full-throated force behind 'Sharon Jones and The Dap-Kings.'

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band play Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Ball-Michel Park in Milwaukie; Saturday, Sept 3 at Roadhouse 101 in Lincoln City, Monday, Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Oaks Park Labor Day Picnic; Friday, Sept. 9 at the Spare Room; and Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Billy Blues in Vancouver.

Democracy's Blueprints
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U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, and other bedrock documents that laid the foundation of American democracy are on view in a new exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society, downtown, through Feb. 1.

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.

Unsettled to Resettled -- Of the over 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated in U.S. camps during World War II, many returned to their former communities homeless and jobless. Learn about this lost chapter of Pacific Northwest history through interviews, archival footage, photographs and original artworks at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 121 N.W. Second Ave., which is hosting this traveling exhibit through Sept. 25.



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.

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.

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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Comedian Kevin Hart is interviewed by KATU during the Hood to Coast relay. (KATU photo)

Comedian Runs Hood to Coast

(AP) — Actor and comedian Kevin Hart says he's up for a sequel after running in Oregon's Hood to Coast relay.

Hart competed in the 198-mile course Saturday, completing three legs of the race.

The event is a 35-leg relay that starts near the top of

Mount Hood and ends at the Oregon coast in Seaside.

In a video posted on his Facebook page, Hart said he didn't realize how hard the race would be. He described the relay as his own Olympics.

Hart praised race organiz-

ers and the state, and said he "can't wait" to run again next year.

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A historical photo from Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church which will be celebrating its 72 anniversary with a special Golden Jubilee and scholarship fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 4 at 2 p.m.

Vancouver Avenue Homecoming

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Baptist Church, 3138 N. Van-
couver Ave. will commemorate
its 72nd anniversary as part of
a homecoming celebration and
benefit fundraiser for its annual
Drum Major Scholarship Fund.

The community is invited to
attend the Community Golden
Jubilee of a Heartfelt Welcome
Reunion Homecoming on Sun-
day, Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. The event

will catch the authentic heart
and soul of the message, the
music and the memories of this
historic church. Vancouver Av-
enue is known for its African
American and multi-cultural
experiences through family
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grams and annual events that
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According to the organiz-
ers of the anniversary benefit,
you should prepare yourself
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CALENDAR September 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 <i>World War II began, Hitler invaded Poland, 1939</i>	2 <i>National Blueberry Popsicle Day</i> <i>U.S. Treasury Dept. Established, 1789</i>	3 <i>Barkley the Dog's Birthday (Sesame Street)</i> <i>Treaty of Paris Signed, 1783</i>	4 <i>Newspaper Carrier Day</i> <i>Google First Incorporated (1998)</i>		
5 Labor Day <i>First Continental Congress Convened (1774)</i>	6 Read a Book Day <i>Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth, England (1620)</i>	7 <i>Grandma Moses born, 1860 (painter)</i>	8 International Literacy Day <i>King Richard the Lion-Hearted born, 1157</i>	9  9 <i>Teddy Bear Day</i> <i>California became the 31st state in 1850</i>	10 <i>Swap Ideas Day</i> <i>Elias Howe patented the sewing machine, 1846</i>	11 <i>National Grandparents Day</i> <i>Make Your Bed Day</i> <i>World Trade Center attack in 2001</i>
12 <i>National Chocolate Milk Shake Day</i> <i>Jesse Owens Olympian, born 1913</i>	13 <i>National Peanut Day</i> <i>Positive Thinking Day</i>	14 <i>Francis Scott Key wrote 'Star Spangled Banner' in 1814</i>	15 <i>Make A Hat Day</i> <i>National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins</i>	16  16 <i>Collect Rocks Day</i> <i>National Play-Doh Day</i> <i>Mayflower Day</i>	17 <i>Citizenship Day</i> <i>Constitution Day; In 1787 U.S. Constitution signed</i>	18 <i>The New York Times was first published in 1851</i>
19 <i>International Talk Like a Pirate Day</i> <i>Poet John Keats Wrote 'To Autumn' in 1819</i>	20 <i>First Railroad Station Opened</i> <i>Magellan started his search for the Spice Islands In 1519</i>	21 <i>World Gratitude Day</i> International Peace Day <i>H.G. Wells born, 1866</i>	22 <i>First Day of Autumn</i> <i>Elephant Appreciation Day</i> <i>U.S. Post Office Opened In 1789</i>	23  23 <i>California Native American Day</i> <i>Nintendo founded in 1889 - made playing cards</i>	24 <i>First Toy Store Opened</i> <i>National Bluebird of Happiness Day</i> <i>Supreme Court established, 1789</i>	25 <i>Good Neighbor Day (4th Sunday)</i> <i>Mary Poppins Debuted in 1964</i>

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