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Incoming eighth grader Ruebens Francois gets a helping hand on his first day back to school at Ockley Green Middle School in north Portland from adult mentors from Portland's Coalition of Black Men, Chairman Ralph Evans (left), and former executive director Bruce Watts.

Youth Mentoring from the Start

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland's Coalition of Black Men has long sought to change both the perception young black males give and the quality of life they have by connecting with them early on in life through mentoring and positive influence.

The group was formed 28 years ago at time when media coverage in Portland was dominated by negative depictions of young members of the black community and when work was needed to combat a gang problem that was developing in the city, according to Bruce Watts, the group's former executive director and

Coalition of Black Men making a difference for 28 years

current member.

"The Coalition was created to provide a positive image of African American men in the city," Watts says.

Having worked with the Coalition since it was founded in 1988, Watts sees the beneficial impact the mentoring program has achieved.

"We have made a difference and we can tell," Watts says of the many kids of

color who have benefitted. "We try to expose them to opportunities in life that they may not realize are there."

Watts said a recent partnership with Portland Public Schools, ushered in by former superintendent Carole Smith, has made the coalition's work even more impactful.

Smith wasn't pleased with the "glaring discrepancy" Portland schools had in its

discipline of African American male students, Watts says. Youth of color were experiencing suspensions and expulsions at a much higher rate than their white classmates, which led to the superintendent calling for at least a 50 percent decrease in the number of incidents causing this disciplinary discrepancy.

Many of the issues known for landing African American students in helms of the district's punitive disciplinary policies were falling under the guise of "defiant or disruptive behavior" — a description that is more subjective than definitive, Watts

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Driving a Bus for a Career

TriMet recruiting with hiring event

TriMet has put out the word that it expects to hire 20 bus operators every three weeks for the foreseeable future to keep up with service expansions, promotions and retirements.

To help fill the demand, TriMet is hosting a hiring event on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Oregon Convention Center at 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You'll be able to apply for a job, as well as talk to staff throughout the agency about working for TriMet, the benefits and career opportunities.

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TriMet is recruiting bus drivers with a special hiring event on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Oregon Convention Center

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Part-time operators get the same medical, dental and vision benefits full-time employees receive after 30 days of employment.

Springwater Sweep Begins

Portland's sweep of homeless camps on the Springwater Corridor in southeast Portland has begun. A combination of private contractors, city crews and police officers began the process of taking down the encampments at 8 a.m. Thursday after a month of warnings, saying clearance of the entire trail could take several weeks.



Snoop Smokes Portland

Snoop Dogg made a series of stops

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at Mary Jane's House of Grass marijuana dispensary locations in Portland and Washington state last week, including a stop at the Mary Jane's southeast Division location on Thursday. The "Shop with Snoop" events were ticketed, private and included a walk down a red carpet.

Convenience Store Arson



A 7-Eleven store in the St. Johns neighborhood of north Portland was hit by multiple arson fires Monday, leading police to arrest and charge Kevin Mitchell Jr., 25, with first degree arson and criminal mischief. The store was forced to close

due to the damage, officials said.

Fireball in the Sky

Almost 150 reports from all across western Oregon and southern Washington came in to the American Meteor Society Friday night and Saturday morning in regards to a large fireball flying across the sky. All reports say the ball of light was blue in color and travel a "left to right" path. It is undetermined what exactly caused this strange light.

ITT Schools Closed

For-profit and commercially famous ITT Technical Institute announced Tuesday that all of their campuses will be closed immediately. The news comes just days

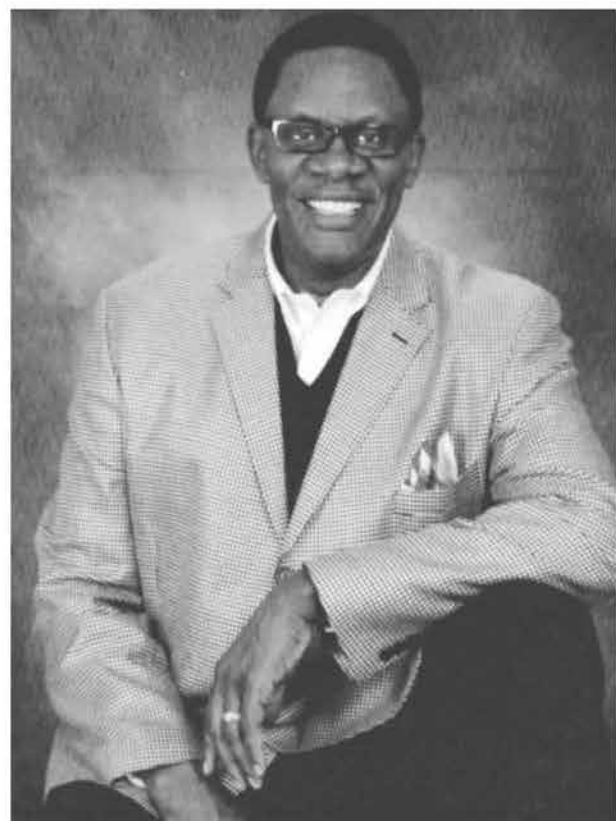
after the U.S. Department of Education banned the institute from enrolling new students that received federal financial aid.

Pokemon Safety Campaign

The Oregon Department of Transportation ushered in a new safety campaign last week based off the popular game Pokémon Go. Safetymon Go features Pokémon characters done up in safety attire to represent the different angles of being safe and alert while on the road.

Church Shooter Arrested

Police arrested Kevin Michael Farmer, 21, on Wednesday for the recent shooting of Jonathan Pierce, 29, outside of Sanctuary Church in Gresham. Farmer was apprehended when he was pulled over for a routine traffic stop, police said.



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Vivian Satterfield of the nonprofit Organizing People/Activating Leaders (OPAL) calls for reduced transit fares for low income riders. The protest last Wednesday in front of TriMet's administrative offices, downtown, broke up shortly after the building was put on lock down.

Low Income Fares Wanted

Transit advocates push for reduced costs

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Advocates for the poor and disadvantaged are asking TriMet

to adopt a reduced fare for low-income riders as part of a larger strategy to support sustainable growth and livability in the Portland area.

The message was delivered to the agency in the form of a protest last Wednesday by Bus Riders Unite from the nonprofit organization Organizing People/Activating Leaders (OPAL).

"This is about the people in

the community that make incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty line which is a really small amount of money," says Shawn Fleek, OPAL community engagement coordinator. "People in Portland are feeling the squeeze on housing and the cost of transportation, which is the second largest cost that any-

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Beloved Pastor Remembered

A wake and home going for Mary Overstreet Smith

Beloved Portland Pastor Mary Overstreet-Smith, known for her decades of selfless work as co-founder and pastor of the Power House Temple Church on North Williams Avenue, died Aug. 30 after a long illness. She was 78.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life wake in her honor on Friday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at Maranatha Church in northeast Portland. The public is also invited to her going home funeral service that will follow the



Mary Overstreet-Smith

next day, Saturday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m., also at Maranatha Church, according to family and friends.

Overstreet-Smith was always known for having an open door for people in the community who needed food, clothing and other help. After Hurricane Katrina, for example, she sold her "wintertime" home in Glendale, Ariz., to raise money to bring more than 40 people to Portland left homeless by flooding in Louisiana and

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Good in the Hood Scholars

Five members of the community are getting help for college by earning scholarships from the annual Good in the Hood festival. Congratulations to Danny Dean Herr (from left), Shaun Speelman, Indigo S. Irving, Isis S. Irving and Tiffany D. Goss.

Racist Leader's Name Coming Down

(AP) - The University of Oregon's president has called for the renaming of a dormitory on campus that is named after a former faculty member who was the leader of the Eugene chapter of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Register-Guard reports President Michael Schill announced his decision to remove

Frederic Dunn's name from the building in a Thursday memo. But he's holding off stripping UO founder Matthew Deady's name from another building on campus.

The memo says Deady, who was president of the board of regents in the late 1800s, held "views that were racist and pro-

slavery," but he later denounced the Confederacy and joined the Union.

Schill says he's accepting public comment on the renaming of Deady Hall which is the oldest building on campus.

The matter was brought forward by the UO Black Student Task Force.



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Boy Scouts of America district executive and former Peace Corps advisor Jonathan Malloy joins members of the Coalition of Black Men to greet and encourage the success of students entering Ockley Green Middle School in north Portland on the first day of classes for the new school year.

Youth Mentoring from the Start

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says.

To overcome this disparity, school leaders worked harder to ensure that schools with the highest level of minority student punishment were making better use of existing programs directed at helping black kids, while also making clearer guidelines and incentives for better behavior, and using conflict resolution instead of actual punishment. That's also when the district reached out to the Coalition of Black Men.

The Coalition have stepped up its efforts by mentoring a large group of kids at both Ockley Green and Boise-Eliot Middle Schools, two high-minority enrollment schools serving north and northeast Portland. From the first bell of the current school year to the last, the Coalition, for example, has worked to show the influential impact a responsible, successful and nicely dressed black adult mentor can have on the insights of not only black youth, but all youth in general.

Since the beginning of their collaboration with PPS in 2015, the Coalition of Black Men has mentored 80 male youth, offering guidance on how not to let stereotyped, violent and inappropriate behavior define them. The outreach included field trips to Intel, tours of Legacy Emanuel Medical Center and meeting retired NFL running back Mar-

shawn Lynch.

The efforts have not gone unnoticed.

"A lot of the responses we're getting from school district administrators and teachers are that the boys are more present, more engaged, more involved and respectful," says Watts.

"Each day we're at a school, we go there and greet every kid that's coming through that door, so what we try to do is a model of positive interaction," he says. "It's changed my life being involved with good black men that have a greater mission than just what's good for personal gain."

Useni Eugene Perkins, a distinguished youth worker, poet and playwright from Chicago, started Portland's Coalition of Black Men in 1988 when he served as chief executive officer of the Urban League of Portland. His tenure here was only two years, but the impact he made is carried on by the Coalition today.

Perkins will be a guest of honor, when the Coalition kicks off a drive to encourage new mentors to join them in a "Power of Presence-Mentoring our Youth" conference later this month focused on providing informative materials on how to become a mentor with their group of with similar organizations.

Perkins will speak at the event and a continental breakfast will also be provided.

"The Power of Presence – Mentoring Our Youth" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Legacy Gantenbein Ave.

Emanuel Medical Center Lorenzen Conference Center, 2801 N.

For more information about attending the session, or hosting

a table at the event, contact Cheryl Thompson at 503-919-6804 or cthompson@cobmportland.org.



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Re-examine BA Requirement for Preschool Staff

We agree, rule will narrow path to diversity



BY FRANCES SALLAH AND MOLLY DAY

As the co-directors of Early Learning Multnomah, we add our support to the call for a re-examination of the Bachelors of Arts degree requirement for Preschool Promise providers. “Preschool Promise Conflict, New Requirements Fail Kids of Color,” Portland Observer, July 20.)

We do not have enough affordable high-quality preschool in Multnomah County. With

funding from Preschool Promise, a state-funded initiative administered by United Way of the Columbia-Willamette and Multnomah County, Early Learning Multnomah is able to support the creation of 192 high-quality preschool opportunities for low-income children. It is a small step forward in providing preschool for the thousands of children who would benefit from this important foundation for school success. We want to make this first step a smart one.

In our work with families from communities of color we hear time and again their desire for teachers and caregivers who mirror the communities they serve. Families want to send their children to high-quality preschools staffed by teachers who speak the language of the children, share their racial and ethnic backgrounds and reso-

nate with the families’ life experiences. We want to be able to use Preschool Promise funds to reach that goal.

Unfortunately studies and reports from the Center for American Progress, Brookings Institution, and others highlight the challenges of achieving a diverse preschool teacher workforce. African American early childhood teachers make 84 cents for every dollar earned by their white peers, who are already among the lowest paid professionals in this country with an average salary of \$30,000 year. Wage parity and strategies to attract and retain minority teachers must go hand in hand with the demand for a highly-educated teacher workforce.

Ron Herndon, director of the Albina Head Start Program and Kali Thorne-Ladd, founder of

Kairos PDX have effectively argued that a B.A. requirement for providers will narrow, rather than expand the path for those who are best able to meet the needs of our underserved communities. (“Well Intended, but with Devastating Consequences,” guest opinion piece, Portland Observer July 20 issue.)

We agree. That is why we will continue to push for in-classroom experience as a proxy for a formal educational degree and work to offer continuing education opportunities and training to raise the profile and pay for those who do this important work.

In a statement addressing teacher diversity, U.S. Secretary of Education, John B. King Jr. said, “Achieving a diverse teacher workforce must be a long-term policy goal with a suite of long-term strategies put in place to help

minorities succeed in college and to encourage them to return to the classroom to help the next generation of students. Our failure to do so will keep us stubbornly in the same vicious cycle in which low teacher diversity contributes in a myriad of ways to low minority student success in K-12 and college, which results once again in low teacher diversity.”

We hope that others interested in educational success for all students will join us to advocate for achieving a diverse teacher workforce and will re-examine the B.A. degree requirement for Preschool Promise providers.

Molly Day and Frances Sallah are co-directors of Early Learning Multnomah, one of the state’s Early Learning Hubs that work within Oregon’s Early Learning Division to support young children and families to learn and thrive.

Make Sure Every Student is in School Every Day

Every child needs to feel welcome

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

As a new school year begins, parents, teachers and administrators are all thinking about how to make it the best year ever. One of the keys to student success sounds very simple but can make a profound difference: making sure every student is in school every day. This is not the case in many schools and school districts across the country. The Department of Education estimates that five to seven and a half million students miss 18 or more days of school each year or nearly an entire month or more.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing at least 10 percent of school days in a school year for any reason. As part of the President’s My Brother’s Keeper Initiative, the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Justice have joined together to launch Every Student, Every Day: A National Initiative to Address and Eliminate Chronic Absenteeism.

I was honored to participate in their national symposium to share what the Children’s Defense Fund has learned since our first report in 1974, Children Out of School in America.

We found from examining census data at the time that at least 2 million children were out of school for at least 3 months, including 750,000 between 7-13 years old. We learned that the large number of



these children had physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. Another large group were children pushed out by discipline policies who never returned to school.

In Holyoke, Mass., we found children who had recently migrated from Puerto Rico staying home when it got cold because they had no winter coats. In rural Maine, we found children who couldn’t afford the local school district’s transportation fees and were unaware that the state would reimburse the local district for transportation costs. In other states like Kentucky the key barriers were book fees.

We wrote: “If a child was not white, or was white but not middle class, did not speak English, was poor, needed special help with seeing, hearing, walking, reading, learning, adjusting, growing up, was pregnant or married at age 15, was not ‘smart enough’ or was ‘too smart,’ then, in too many places, school officials decided school was not the place for that child. In sum, out of school children shared a common characteristic of differentness by virtue of race, income, physical, mental or emotional ‘handicap,’ and age. They were for the most part, out of school not by choice but because they had been excluded.

We’ve made enormous progress since then, especially for students with disabilities. But we haven’t solved the children out of school crisis. Children on the margins re-

main at greatest risk for some of the same reasons we documented more than 40 years ago.

A recent National Public Radio story on absenteeism featured Johns Hopkins scholar Robert Balfanz, who studies chronic school absenteeism, and a high-poverty elementary school in Baltimore making strides tackling the problem: “[Balfanz] has studied high school dropouts for years, and in his research he kept seeing a red flag: chronic absences in elementary and middle school. Students who miss a couple days a month fall behind in reading — and if they can’t read, they can’t pass tests.

eventually drop out of school.”

Chronic absenteeism is not to be confused with the problem of children being truant from school. Often when a child skips school, he is labeled as a discipline problem and ends up being suspended or expelled and sometimes even referred to law enforcement for action. We must prevent suspensions and expulsions for truancy. I have never understood why we put a child out of school for not coming to school instead of finding out why the child is not in school.

The Department of Education is now collecting the right data and doing something about chronic ab-

they enroll in school, allowing those children to get the regular care they need to stay healthy and ready to learn. Some are partnering with health clinics to allow children to be treated on-site for chronic conditions like asthma that contribute to days of lost class time and which can now be addressed in a few minutes out of class.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is partnering with the Department of Education to promote housing stability for families so children aren’t kept out of school when they move frequently and lack necessary school records. Wraparound services also help keep children in school. Wolfe Street Academy in Baltimore, for example, provides a box of donated coats and other clothes in the cafeteria and like other community schools, provides mental health and dental services and a wide range of programs encouraging parents to get involved in their school community.

Many schools provide mentoring services to make sure students feel supported, nurtured, and encouraged to be there. The simple truth is every child needs to feel welcome at school and know that they will be missed by someone at school if they miss a day. Schools must make learning engaging and fun and always keep the children at the center. Those are the schools every child will look forward to going to every day.

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

“To miss a month of school when you’re 11 and 12, there’s got to be something behind that. The list included things like tooth decay, mental health issues, and not having a winter coat. — Robert Balfanz, Johns Hopkins scholar

“To miss a month of school when you’re 11 and 12, there’s got to be something behind that,” Balfanz says — and at Wolfe Street Academy, there was. “The list included things like tooth decay, mental health issues, and not having a winter coat.”

The Department of Education sees chronic absenteeism as: “a primary cause of low academic achievement and a powerful predictor of those students who may

senteism by promoting ideas we know work. One common sense idea goes all the way back to our days of knocking on doors: More school districts are starting each morning by having staff call or visit every family whose child is absent from school to find out why.

Others also connect with families as the school year begins. Some schools are making strides connecting eligible but unenrolled children with health insurance as

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Honoring All Workers Regardless of Immigration

It's Time to fix a broken system

BY DEBORAH HALL

On Labor Day we honored the hardworking men and women who keep America running. But let's



also remember the millions of aspiring Americans who are forced to work and live in the shadows due to our broken immigration system.

As a member of the American Federation of Teachers and the AFL-CIO, I urge our elected officials to come together on behalf of our nation and come up with a commonsense, compassionate, and comprehensive plan for immigration reform!

The time is now for a comprehensive immigration reform plan that provides a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are often forced to live in the shadows without basic rights and protections. We need a plan that ensures safe, secure jobs, protects labor rights for all workers, upholds family unifica-

tion and expands access to higher education.

I am urging members of Congress to create pathways to citizenship for the approximately 11 million undocumented immigrants and students living and working in the U.S. who deserve a reasonable road map to citizenship.

I currently live in Vancouver, and I know that my city, state, as well as my great country have been strengthened and enriched by the diversity immigrants bring. The failure to pass commonsense immigration reform is hurting our economy and communities around the country.

The reforms must ensure safe, secure jobs and protect labor rights that guarantee the uniform enforcement of worker protection standards, including real, enforceable remedies for labor and employment law violations for all workers—regardless of their immigration status. Abuses in the current visa program that undermine the focus on retraining and hiring American workers should be addressed before any expansion of existing guest worker programs is considered.

An immigration reform plan also should reduce incentives for employers to hire undocumented or temporary foreign workers. All workers, foreign-born and native, should be guaranteed full workplace rights, including the right to self-petition, mobility and the right to organize. Any comprehensive immigration reform legislation must incorporate a workable solution to address the future flow of immigrants that includes the needs of the American economy.

Family unification must be a priority. Families should be allowed to remain together. When parents are deported and separated from their children, our communities suffer. Undocumented immigrants have settled roots and are working and contributing members of their communities. They need a road map to earn legalization to come out of the shadows.

I also strongly support an immigration policy that allows U.S. citizens, visa-contingent workers and lawful permanent residents the ability to seek a visa on the basis of a permanent relationship with a same-sex partner. The plan must also increase access to high-

er education.

The DREAM Act is a critical part of immigration reform. About 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school each year. Yet, without the DREAM Act, they are relegated to a life in the underground economy. Dream Act Students have done everything our society has asked them to do; yet, they are still being punished.

The DREAM Act is good for our students, and it's good for our economy. For our DREAMers who already have gone through the process and received temporary relief through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, there should be a streamlined process towards citizenship.

Let this year be the year that we stand in solidarity with immigrant workers and communities by urging Congress to finally pass comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship and real job protections!

Deborah Hall is a longtime leader at Portland Community College where she has worked and represented classified employees. She resides in Vancouver.



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Jambalya Festival Saturday

Creole-style recipe a family favorite

Meals on Wheels People host the 11th annual Summer in September Jambalaya Festival & BBQ Saturday, Sept. 10, from noon to 6 p.m. at Dawson Park. Live musical entertainment will include BlowFrogz, Heatwave (the Jefferson High School Jazz Band), Speaker Minds, Elite and DJ Dock Rock. Proceeds from the event provide hot meals to seniors in north and northeast Portland.

This will be the last year the culinary team is headed by Teletha Benjamin who uses a traditional Creole-style jambalaya recipe passed down in her family.

A past Meals on Wheels Peo-

ple board member and a native of Southern Louisiana, Benjamin is stepping down after 11 years from the fundraiser she created for the Meals on Wheels People's Martin Luther King Jr. Senior Center.

The menu includes authentic Creole-style jambalaya (a vegetarian version is available) or BBQ Ribs, along with cornbread, salad, beverage and dessert. Admission is free. The meal is \$15 for adults or \$45 for a group ticket for four. Meals are available for take-out.

Dawson Park is located between North Williams and Vancouver Avenue and Morris and Stanton Streets across from Emanuel Hospital. For more information, call David Lomax at 503-953-8207.

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Sasquatch demonstrates crosswalk safety at Cesar Chavez K-8 in north Portland.

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Sasquatch puts Focus on Safe Crossings

The first week back to school came with a crosswalk safety campaign to increase awareness of traffic laws, promote safe and responsible travel, and ultimately reduce the number of people hit or killed by cars, trucks and other vehicles.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation and Portland Police Bu-

reau, for example, held a crosswalk safety education and enforcement action last week at Cesar Chavez School at North Willis Boulevard and Courtenay Avenue.

The star attraction was Sasquatch, the mythical Bigfoot character from "Oregonians Crossing" a statewide traffic safety campaign.

Under Oregon law, every intersection is a legal crosswalk whether it is marked or unmarked. People driving must stop and stay stopped for people walking when the pedestrian is in the travel lane or the adjacent lane.

Near schools, people driving need to be especially mindful and watch out for parents and children

walking and biking.

As students head back to school, it's particularly important to obey traffic laws and drive safely in school zones. Drivers should also be aware that Portland police officers will be at every school during the first few weeks of the school year to enforce school speed zones and other traffic laws.

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The Beaverton Celebration Parade will honor the centennial of Beaverton High School this Saturday, Sept. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. in downtown Beaverton. You can grab a seat along the parade route from Allen Boulevard to Erickson to Fifth Street.

Celebrating 100 Years

100 years of history at Beaverton High School will be honored Saturday, Sept. 10 when the city of Beaverton holds its annual Celebration Parade.

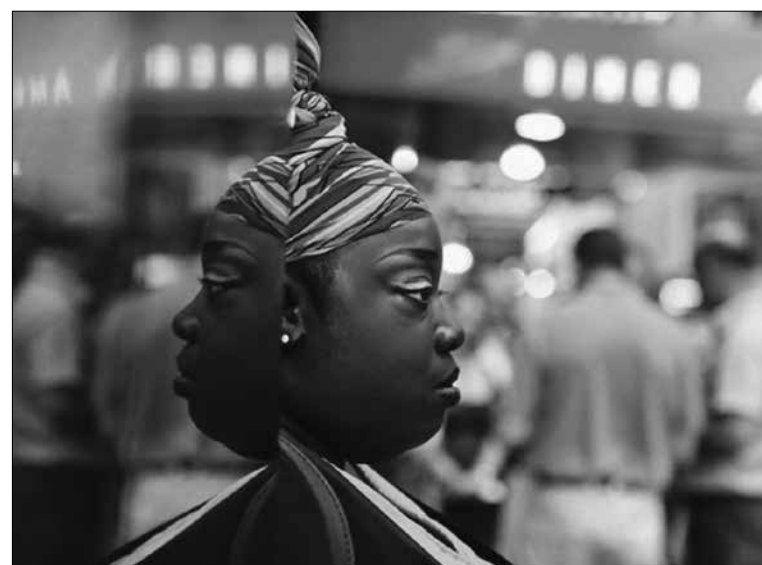
More than 100 of Beaverton High School's staff, alumni, student athletes, band members, clubs and more will be partici-

pating in the parade, which kicks off from downtown Beaverton at 10 a.m. along Allen Boulevard to Erickson to Fifth Street.

"Over the last 100 years, generations of Beaverton High School alumni worked, raised families and contributed to the overall sense of community that makes

Beaverton such a special place to live," said BHS Principal Anne Erwin. "This year's parade celebrates the long-lasting connection between community and school and the impact. It also celebrates the dynamic and exciting future that awaits us in our second centennial."

The Goddess by Zun Lee, one of the works depicting black culture now on exhibit at the Upfor Contemporary Art gallery at 929 N.W. Flanders.



The Soul of Black Art

The Soul of Black Art: A Collector's View opened this month at the Upfor Contemporary Art gallery, 929 N.W. Flanders.

The exhibit surveys changes in the depiction of black culture in America over the last 100 years and includes paintings, prints, photographs and video art by 14 artists. The show runs through

Oct. 15 and is free to attend and open to the public.

Upfor Contemporary Art gallery was founded in 2013 to feature emerging and established artists working in digital and other mediums. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit upforgallery.com.

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Gene Wilder Willy Wonka Salute -- Newberg's 99W Drive-In will screen "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" from Friday, Sept. 9 to Sunday, Sept. 11 in honor of Gene Wilder, the comedian and actor who played the candy man in the 1971 classic and died last month at the age of 83.

Koman Race for the Cure -- Portland's Race for the Cure will celebrate 25 years on Sunday, Sept. 18 as the annual event to fight breast cancer takes off during the early morning hours at Waterfront Park, downtown, with activities continuing through the day. To register, visit komanoregon.org.

9/11 Remembrance -- The city of Vancouver and the Community Military Appreciate Committee invites the public to a special Patriot Day ceremony in front of Vancouver City Hall, 415 W. Sixth St., on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. The ceremony will include an honor guard, musical performances and a ceremonial bell ringing.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band play Friday, Sept. 9 at the Spare Room; Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Billy Blues in Vancouver; Friday, Sept. 23 at Clyde's; and Saturday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ilwaco Blues and Seafood Festival.

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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.

Black Music Festival -- The Portland Black Music Festival celebrates the immense variety of local black contributions to music in the genres of jazz, funk, soul, hip hop and more. Sunday, Sept. 11, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at McMenamin's Mission Theater, 1624 N.W. Glisan St.

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.



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.

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.



Democracy's Blueprints -- The Declaration of Independence, 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

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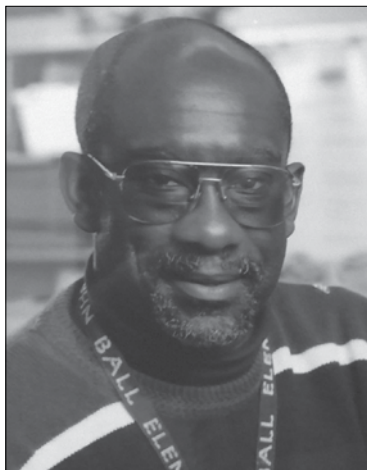
Obituaries

Former School Principal Remembered

Lemil Ivory Speed, former principal of Woodlawn Elementary and vice principal at Grant High School, passed away Aug. 5, 2016 in Chandler, Ariz.

He was born Oct. 8, 1945 in Lakeland, Fla., the only child of Thirsa Lee Speed. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Air Force and served as a military police officer. He left the military after eight years and moved to Eugene where he worked as an assistant manager for a McDonald's restaurant where he met many life-long friends.

During his stay in Eugene he changed careers by working for First Interstate Bank (now Wells Fargo Bank) in various departments, and eventually moved to the Portland area. After 16 years with the bank, he was laid off. In 1989 he enrolled in the Portland Teachers Program through Portland Community College and Portland State University. Upon graduating with a Masters of Education degree, he was hired as a fourth grade teacher at John



Lemil Ivory Speed

Ball Elementary School (now Rosa Parks Elementary School). He taught in the classroom for a few years, but was encouraged to move into school administration. After several years as vice principal at Grant High School and later principal at Woodlawn Elementary School, he retired in 2009.

He met the former Lynette Harris-Brown in September 1988. After a 48-day whirlwind-dating spree, they were married Nov. 12,

1988. They had a blended family of four daughters and one son. He was also a deacon and life group leader at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Portland for many years.

Last September, the Speeds relocated to Arizona where they created new memories in the "Land of the Sun" and became members of Christ Life Church.

Speed is survived by his wife, Lynette; daughters Yolanda Pritchett (Christopher) of Greensboro, N.C.; Tiffany Brown of Maricopa, Ariz.; Angela Brown of Phoenix, Ariz.; Julia Bryant and son David Speed (McKenzie), both of Hillsboro; 14 grandchildren and three great grandsons. He was very endeared by his brothers-in-laws Derrick Harris (Benita), Dean Harris (Antonia) and mother-in-law, Ernestine Harris. Three special nieces also survive him.

A celebration of Lemil Ivory Speed's life will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 8501 N. Chautauqua Blvd.

Home, 2337 N. Williams Ave., with a public viewing following from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



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The Regional Arts & Culture Council is seeking a part-time, temporary, on-call Campaign Assistant, September - December 2016. Job duties include speaking with employees at workplace giving events about the value of contributing to Work for Art's 100+ funded arts and culture organizations and in-office support of event preparation. Hourly wage is \$16. See <http://bit.ly/wfajob3> for the full job announcement. Open until filled, expected hire date 9/19/2016.

In Loving Memory

Richard "Ricky" L. Perez was born May 31, 1965 and passed away on Aug. 28, 2016.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at University Park Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4007 N. Alaska.

A viewing for family is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Terry Funeral



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Bids will be received at the offices of Lease Crutcher Lewis, LLC, (CM/GC), 550 SW 12th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97205, until 3:30 p.m. PDT, September 29, 2016 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals shall be clearly marked "University of Oregon – Oregon Bach Festival: Bid Package #___"

The total building construction cost is projected to be approximately \$6 million.

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A non-mandatory pre-bid conference for all bidders will be held on September 13th at 2:00 pm at the jobsite located at 975 E 18th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

Contract Documents and the Invitation to Bid may be reviewed at the following locations beginning September 6th: Lease Crutcher Lewis, LLC (CM/GC)/Portland, OR; Daily Journal Plan Center/Portland, OR; Eugene Builders Exchange/Eugene, OR; McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge/Portland, OR; Oregon Contractors Plan Center/Clackamas, OR; Oregon Assoc. of Minority Enterprises/Portland, OR; Salem Contractors Exchange/Salem, OR; S.W. Washington Contractors Association/Vancouver, OR.

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To pay for the new rider benefits and

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TriMet currently makes around \$4 million from company advertisements on transit vehicles, train stations and bus shelters, nearly \$13 million less than what San Francisco made from advertising, the advocates say.

“We want to make sure that TriMet receives the message that we are not going away and we will continue to remind them of how important an issue this is,” says OPAL member David Bouchard. “We will always be the watchdogs making sure they’re doing right by us, the riders. We have the right to be heard.”

Beloved Pastor Remembered

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Texas.

She helped start the the North by Northeast Community Health Center, one of Portland’s first free health clinics, along with an autism center.

Here’s a statement sent out by the North by Northeast Clinic:

“Our hearts are heavy and full as we share the sad news that our beloved co-founder, Pastor Mary Overstreet Smith, passed away after a long illness. While the loss is still sinking in, we are filled with memories of the wisdom, love, encouragement and laughter she shared

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Mary Overstreet-Smith was born Nov. 2, 1937 in Gulfport, Miss. She moved to Portland in February 1965. She was the mother of six children and was preceded in death by a son, Michael Forbes.



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CALENDAR September 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			<div>1</div> <div>World War II began, Hitler invaded Poland, 1939</div>	<div>2</div> <div>National Blueberry Popsicle Day U.S. Treasury Dept. Established, 1789</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Barkley the Dog's Birthday (Sesame Street) Treaty of Paris Signed, 1783</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Newspaper Carrier Day Google First Incorporated (1998)</div>
<div>5</div> <div>Labor Day First Continental Congress Convened (1774)</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Read a Book Day Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth, England (1620)</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Grandma Moses born, 1860 (painter)</div>	<div>8</div> <div>International Literacy Day King Richard the Lion-Hearted born, 1157</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Teddy Bear Day California became the 31st state in 1850</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Swap Ideas Day Elias Howe patented the sewing machine, 1846</div>	<div>11</div> <div>National Grandparents Day Make Your Bed Day World Trade Center attack in 2001</div>
<div>12</div> <div>National Chocolate Milk Shake Day Jesse Owens Olympian, born 1913</div>	<div>13</div> <div>National Peanut Day Positive Thinking Day</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Francis Scott Key wrote 'Star Spangled Banner' in 1814</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Make A Hat Day National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Collect Rocks Day National Play-Doh Day Mayflower Day</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Citizenship Day Constitution Day; In 1787 U.S. Constitution signed</div>	<div>18</div> <div>The New York Times was first published in 1851</div>
<div>19</div> <div>International Talk Like a Pirate Day Poet John Keats Wrote 'To Autumn' in 1819</div>	<div>20</div> <div>First Railroad Station Opened Magellan started his search for the Spice Islands In 1519</div>	<div>21</div> <div>World Gratitude Day International Peace Day H.G. Wells born, 1866</div>	<div>22</div> <div>First Day of Autumn Elephant Appreciation Day U.S. Post Office Opened In 1789</div>	<div>23</div> <div>California Native American Day Nintendo founded in 1889 - made playing cards</div>	<div>24</div> <div>First Toy Store Opened National Bluebird of Happiness Day Supreme Court established, 1789</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Good Neighbor Day (4th Sunday) Mary Poppins Debuted in 1964</div>
<div>26</div> <div>Johnny Appleseed born John Chapman, in 1774</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Crush A Can Day First Steam Locomotive Run (1825)</div>	<div>28</div> <div>First Airport Opened (1909) William the Conqueror Invaded England, 1066</div>	<div>29</div> <div>The U.S. Army was established in 1789</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Edgar d'Aulaire born, 1898 Safety Pin Invented (1849)</div>		

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