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A passenger wades through a foot of snow to catch a TriMet bus on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at the beginning of a week of snow and ice covered roads and walkways. A big melt was starting Tuesday with freezing rain and then just rain as more mild conditions move in for the rest of the week.

Ice and snow to give way to rain and more rain

# Big Melt Begins

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON  
PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

One of the largest snowfalls in Portland history started to give way to a big melt on Tuesday that brought freezing rain. Heavy rain was in the forecast overnight and into Wednesday to keep travel extremely hazard-

ous before the big accumulation of ice and snow could be expected to slowly melt away.

More than a foot of snow covered everything in Portland after the biggest 24 hour snowfall in decades hit the city on Jan. 11. Freezing temperatures over the next few days left the snow in place, making travel extremely hazard-

ous. Schools were closed for the fifth straight day on Tuesday because of the adverse conditions.

The National Weather Service says the Portland area should see warmer temperatures Wednesday as milder and wetter weather pushes in from the Pacific Ocean and cold temperatures are pushed out of the region. Heavy

rain through the rest of the week, combined with snow melt, can be expected to cause some localized flooding, officials said. The Portland Department of Transportation urged residents to clear street drains. At press time Tuesday, flooding was not expected on major rivers, but small streams will have to be closely monitored, officials said.



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# Seattle to the Rescue

Seattle's Department of Transportation arrives in Portland with 11 snow plows and 15 crew members on Thursday to help plow the streets and clear downed trees after a foot of snow falls. The extra help was a welcome sight in north Portland where the crews were greeted by Dylan Rivera of the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

## The Week in Review

### Homeless Woman's Baby Dies

A baby born to a woman living in a homeless camp near Southeast 91st and Powell died Monday. The 36-year-old mother may be mentally ill. Authorities say she showed a man waiting at a bus stop the infant hidden under a winter coat. Doctors tried to resuscitate the infant, but a later autopsy declared the child was stillborn.

### John Lewis Rejects Trump

U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a civil rights icon who was beaten in a march with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Ala., told an NBC reporter Friday that he would not be attending President-elect Trump's inauguration, saying Trump's election was not legitimate, citing Russian interference with the election and the Republican Party's campaign of misinformation against Hillary Clinton.



### Inauguration Boycott Grows

A group of Democratic members of Congress announcing they will not attend the presidential inauguration on Friday grew to over 50 on Tuesday, including Oregon's U.S. Representatives Earl Blumenauer, Kurt Schrader and Peter DeFazio. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici

says she will attend the inauguration and the anti-Trump Women's March on Washington the next morning.

### Americans Honor King

As Americans celebrated the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. on the national holiday Monday, civil rights leaders and activists were trying to reconcile the transition from the nation's first black president to a president-elect still struggling to connect with most non-white voters. King's daughter encouraged Americans to fight for the slain civil rights leader's vision of love and justice "no matter who is in the White House."

### Inmate Found Dead

A black inmate was found dead in his cell at Oregon's maximum security prison in Salem Tuesday. The cause of death has not been determined. Danyum Arnold Huey, 45, was serving time for an escape from the Klamath County Jail.

### New Lady Liberty Minted



On Thursday, the Department of the Treasury unveiled a new \$100 coin which portrays Lady Liberty for the first time as African American. The coin is the first in a series to be released in the coming years, in addition to plans for Underground Railroad Abolitionist Harriet Tubman to replace Andrew Jackson on the front of the \$20 bill.

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A banner created by a student at De La Salle High School depicting African Americans who have been killed in confrontations with police in recent years across the country is showcased at a Reclaim Martin Luther King March Sunday at Peninsula Park in north Portland organized by the protest group 'Don't Shoot Portland.'

## Reclaiming the Dream

### Show of diversity's strength amid fears of setbacks

BY CHRISTA MCINTYRE  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

On Aug. 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered one of his most memorable speeches as a quarter of a million people gathered around the Washington Monument, "I have a dream that one day little black boys and girls will be holding hands with little white boys and girls," his baritone voice rang out. On Sunday in Portland, as the city celebrated the annual Martin Luther King national holiday, MLK's dream for racial equality and harmony in Amer-

ica saw the reality of progress as a diverse group of mostly families with children came together and joined hands to advance the arc of justice.

Nearly 100 people braved freezing temperatures, a foot of piled snow and solid inches of ice for a rally at Peninsula Park in north Portland and a march to the MLK statute on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at the Oregon Convention Center.

Sponsored by the organization Don't Shoot Portland, which was formed three years ago as a re-

sponse to police-involved shootings of African Americans across the county, the atmosphere was calm and empowering.

Participants brought signs that read Black Lives Matter, White Silence is Violence, Rebellions are Built on Hope, and Say Their Name. There were inspiring songs such as Gil Scott Heron's "The Revolution Will Not be Televised" and Curtis Mayfield and the Impressions' gospel hit "People Get Ready" played from a boom box.

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## Citizen Police Review Panel Vacancy

Volunteers are needed to serve a three-year term on the Citizen Review Committee – an advisory body to Independent Police Review division under the City Auditor and the Portland Police Bureau. Constantin Severe, director of the review division, says the goal is to have membership on the committee that is reflective of the rich diversity in Portland.

"Service on this committee requires evidence-based decision making, objectivity, fairness and impartiality in regards to law enforcement. We are looking for community members that have a strong commitment to public service and who are willing to make a substantial time commitment,"



Constantin Severe said Severe.

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bers hear community and Police Bureau member appeals of police misconduct investigations, listen to public concerns regarding police conduct, engage in training and other activities to learn about policing, review Police Bureau policies and procedure, and advise IPR.

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Red Hamilton of Don't Shoot PDX leads a Reclaim Martin Luther King March Sunday down Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the King statue at the Oregon Convention Center.

# Reclaiming the Dream

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Karen Haberman Trusty kept her arms deep into her pockets and shuffled her feet to stay warm. A member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) during King's civil rights era, Trusty participated in lunch counter sit-ins for desegregation for which she was arrested and spent some time in jail. A lifelong activist engaged in social justice work, she was awarded the Martin Luther King "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2010 by Portland's World Arts Foundation.

"To me, Black Lives Matter is the new SNCC," she told the Portland Observer.

Her friend, Margaret-Ann Jones,

a retired social worker and long time queer advocate who teams with other individuals and groups to build bridges and empower people across boundaries of color, age, and gender, gave a shout out to a black woman with a tiny jeweled crown and a silk sash which read Miss Idaho 2015-2016.

"I can't believe that a woman of color was made Miss Idaho," she exclaimed.

The Portland Observer asked the title holder, Tamika Jefferson, what brought her to the march and she confidently replied that the event was a perfect opportunity for her to help keep Dr. King's legacy alive.

Teresa Raiford, founder and lead organizer of Don't Shoot Port-

land, announced on a red and white bullhorn: "Mic check, mic check. We're going to begin the march at 2 p.m." Quiet and composed, Raiford's presence was a surprise to some of the folks gathered, as she's been contending with some health issues in the recent week.

Raiford unveiled a 3 by 5 foot multicolored banner with images depicting a group of black people who have been killed in deadly force police incidents, such as Michael Brown of Ferguson, Mo. and Sandra Bland of Waller County, Texas. The banner was designed by a young student named Mia at De La Salle North Catholic High School.

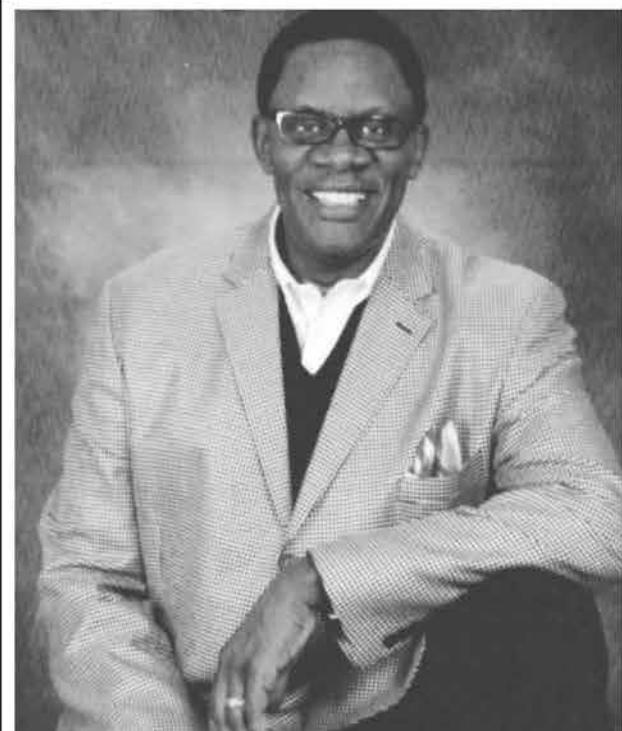
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Alysia Cox of Oregon Health Sciences University provides information on healthy eating at last year's Wellness Village, a free health care event returning to northeast Portland on Saturday, Jan. 21, after a previous December date for the African American Health Coalition event was postponed because of snow and ice.

# Let's Get Healthy Together

## Wellness Village rescheduled after snow event

The African American Health Coalition will celebrate its annual Health Disparities Luncheon on Friday, Jan. 20 and Wellness Village on Saturday, Jan. 21, after the previous December dates for the events were postponed when Portland was hit by snow and ice.

The public is encouraged to attend both events which will be held this year at the New Song Community Center, 220 N.E. Russell St. and Martin Luther

King Jr. Boulevard.

This year's luncheon theme "Health Equity: What Do We Want? What Must Be Done?" will address the principles of practice towards equity and the rationale for equity. Two of the country's leading experts in the field will serve as keynote speakers, Dr. Brian Gibbs, vice president of equity and inclusion at Oregon Health Sciences University, and Dr. James Mason, chief diversity officer for Oregon at Providence Health and services.

To reserve tickets, call 503-413-1850.

Let's Get Healthy Together! Is the theme for the 24th annual Wellness Village which will

take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You're encouraged to bring family and friends for fun activities, healthy cooking demonstrations, health screenings, blood pressure, diabetes screenings, eye exams, health prevention classes, healthy lifestyles, numerous activities and exercise. Lots of fun, games and prizes for everyone!

The Wellness Village is free thanks to generous support of Foot Traffic, New Seasons Market, Fred Meyer, Oregon Health Sciences University, OHSU Casey Eye Institute, Legacy Health, Providence Health and Services, Aetna, Pharma, Family Care, Moda Health and United Salad Company.

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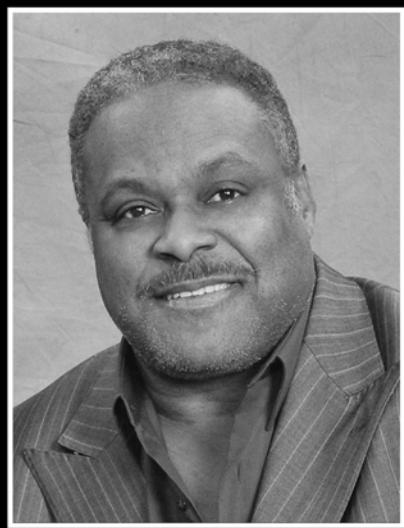


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# OPINION



## The President-Elect is a Pathological Liar

### How can Donald Trump be contained?

BY MEL GURTOV

There's just no getting around it: The president-elect of the United States is a pathological liar. He is also a terribly insecure individual who is desperate for attention and spiteful of critics. Setbacks are humiliating to him; he will answer them with vicious counter-attacks because he cannot stand losing. And when he does lose, he will proclaim victory.

Thus, there is no room around him for naysayers (for they are disloyal), no room for experts



(since policy isn't his thing), and certainly no room for the truth (for, as someone said a long time ago, facts are the enemy of truth). This one-dimensional man thrives on threats, the spotlight, and winning at all costs: the profile of a demagogue.

The central question before us is, How can such an egotistical, power-hungry person who has created a wall around him that defies access be upended? For in Donald Trump we have two very imposing obstacles to democratic rule: his superiority complex, and his so far successful strategy of isolation from questioners.

Trump's character is on display in a PBS video, "President Trump" we should all see: [pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/president-trump/](http://pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/president-trump/).

Why he doesn't believe his promises are meant to be kept (such as holding press conferences, divesting assets, showing his tax returns);

Why he habitually lies and rejects well-established facts that run counter to his instincts;

Why he is so self-congratulatory—he "knows things that other people don't know";

Why he doesn't think he needs intelligence briefings;

Why he is enamored of other super-wealthy people and generals;

Why he characterizes those who oppose him as "enemies."

We have never had a national leader with such a flawed, and dangerous, character. To be sure, we are all flawed in one way or

Why he admires people like himself (and like his father, for that matter)—autocrats;

Why he can't stand to lose, and won't take "no" for an answer;

Why he believes he can order individuals and giant corporations alike to do his bidding;

Why he thinks tweeting is equivalent to governing;

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### Truly Inspirational

Portland Community College's decision to declare itself a sanctuary campus reflects a shift across Oregon and the country to protect targeted and vulnerable immigrants.

Only two days after the election, I was in D.C. lobbying for sentencing and immigration reform with fellow Oregon constituents where

### Letter to the Editor

It became increasingly evident that the future for immigrants is unclear.

However, the initiatives taken by PCC and other Oregon institutions to shelter young immigrants is truly inspirational. It is why legislation like the Bridge Act, a bipartisan

bill introduced to protect young, undocumented DREAMers, is important now more than ever.

I urge Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley to co-sponsor the Bridge Act in response to the admirable work of constituents to protect their communities.

**Sitara Nath**  
University of Portland student

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# OPINION

## Moral Courage: Standing Up for What is Right

### Thank you Sen. Booker and Rep. Lewis

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

On Wednesday, Sen. Cory A. Booker, D-N.J. and Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., joined the list of speakers testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee against the nomination of Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala. for Attorney General of the United States. Both were assigned to a panel at the very end of the hearing process, a slot fellow panelist Rep. Cedric L. Richmond, D-La., the head of the Congressional Black Caucus, called “the equivalent of being made to go to the back of the bus.” Several of the committee members supporting Sessions left before Booker’s and Lewis’ important testimony began. But that didn’t deter them from speaking out against the threat they see to civil rights progress if Sessions becomes Attorney General.

Congressman Lewis noted that he was born in rural Alabama too, not far from where Sessions grew up, but as a black child he inherited a far different society: “There was no way to escape or deny the choke hold of discrimination and racial hate that surrounded us.” He said, “A clear majority of Americans say they want this to be a fair, just, and open nation . . . They are concerned that some leaders reject decades of progress and want to return to the dark past, when the power of law was used to deny the freedoms protected by the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and its

Amendments. These are the voices I represent today. We can pretend that the law is blind. We can pretend that it is even-handed. But if we are honest with ourselves, we know that we are called upon daily by the people we represent to help them deal with unfairness in how the law is written and enforced. Those who are committed to equal justice in our society wonder whether Senator Sessions’ call for ‘law and order’ will mean today what it meant in Alabama, when I was coming up back then. The rule of law was used to violate the human and civil rights of the poor, the



*“Those who are committed to equal justice in our society wonder whether Senator Sessions’ call for ‘law and order’ will mean today what it meant in Alabama, when I was coming up back then. The rule of law was used to violate the human and civil rights of the poor, the dispossessed, people of color.”*

—Congressman Lewis

dispossessed, people of color.”

In additional written remarks Congressman Lewis was even clearer about some of his current fears: “Some people argue that the 48 years of a fully-operational Voting Rights Act simply erased hundreds of years of hate and violence. This is not ancient history; the scars and stains of rac-

ism are still deeply embedded in our society. This is proven by the thousands of pages of evidence submitted to Congress which verify continued voting rights discrimination across our nation and in the Deep South. Representing Alabama on this Committee, Sessions had an opportunity to lead. Instead, the senator turned a blind eye to the persistent and consistent efforts to make it harder and more difficult for minorities, the poor, the elderly, and others to exercise the right to vote . . . After the Shelby v. Holder decision [the 2013 Supreme Court decision striking down key provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act],

avoid the fact that there is a systematic, deliberate attempt to destroy the advances of civil rights in this country and take us back to a period when America declared its greatness on one hand, but fostered the worst kind of racial discrimination on the other.”

Booker, born after the Civil Rights Movement, made it clear that he feels personally indebted to heroes like Lewis who were attacked and some even killed during the struggle to make America a more just nation — and equally resolute against moving backwards. He took the courageous step of being the first sitting senator to testify against the confirmation of another senator. In his prepared remarks he said, “I want an Attorney General who is committed to supporting law enforcement and securing law and order. But that is not enough. America was founded heralding not law and order, but justice for all. And critical to that is equal justice under the law. Law and order without justice is unobtainable . . . If there is no justice, there is no peace. The Alabama State Troopers on the Edmund Pettis Bridge were seeking law and order. The marchers were seeking justice -- and ultimately the greater peace.”

Booker added: “If confirmed, Senator Sessions will be required to pursue justice for women, but his record indicates that he won’t. He will be expected to defend the equal rights of gay and lesbian Americans, but his record indicates that he won’t. He will be expected to defend voting rights, but his record indicates that he won’t. He will be expected to defend the rights of immigrants and affirm their human dignity, but his record indicates he won’t. His

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## Assessing President Obama’s Impact and Legacy

### Arc of history will judge him favorably

BY MARC H. MORIAL

Throughout our history, the National Urban League has taken seriously our responsibility to hold the President of



the United States accountable to the needs of urban America and communities of color. During the Great Depression, Executive Secretary Eugene Kinkle Jones served on President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s “Black Cabinet.” Lester Granger, who headed the League during World War II, is among those credited with persuading President Harry Truman to desegregate the Armed Forces. Whitney M. Young advised pres-

idents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson and was instrumental in the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act. Urban League Presidents Vernon Jordan, John Jacob and Hugh Price continued our engagement with the Presidents with whom they served to further the work of civil rights and secure support for Urban League programs.

The first African-American Presidency quite naturally has held special significance for the National Urban League. In recognition of Barack Obama’s unique place in American history, we set out to create a comprehensive analysis of his two terms, which we recently released to great national interest.

Any evaluation of the Obama administration must first recognize that he inherited the worst economy since the Great Depres-

sion, and was faced with Congressional opposition unprecedented in its intensity and sinister nature. Both his accomplishments and his failures must be evaluated against those conditions.

In creating our scorecard, the National Urban League harkened back to the famous question Ronald Reagan asked the nation during his sole debate against President Jimmy Carter: “Are you better off than you were four years ago?” In this instance, the question is, “Is the nation better off than it was eight years ago?” And, “Is Black America better off than it was eight years ago?” The answer to both questions is, unequivocally, yes.

President Obama is leaving office with an approval rating even higher than Reagan’s, exceeded only by Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Bill Clinton. During Obama’s

presidency, the economy has added 15 million new jobs, and the jobless rate has dropped from 7.6 percent to 4.7 percent - and from 12.7 percent to 7.8 percent for African Americans. The high school graduation rate for African Americans has increased from 66.1 percent to 75 percent. There are 614,000 fewer long-term unemployed. Wages are up 3.4 percent. More than 16 million Americans who were uninsured now have health care coverage, with the uninsured rate for African Americans cut by more than half.

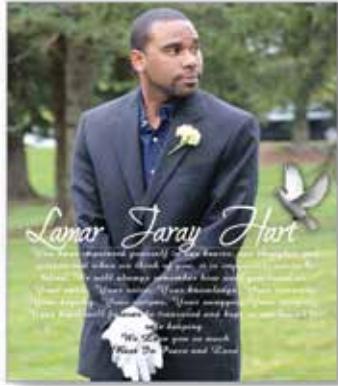
Barack Obama’s passion and steady hand made a huge difference in charting a progressive course and positively impacted the lives of ordinary Americans. Black Americans felt both the pride of his accomplishments and the pain when it was clear his opponents sought to diminish a great American. I am confident the long arc of

history will judge him favorably.

While we scored many of the administration’s achievements with our highest rating, “Superior,” President Obama’s tenure as a whole had shortcomings due to some notable missed opportunities and outright failures, such as the economic development of urban centers, gun violence and the foreclosure rate and bank closure rate in communities of color and low-income neighborhoods. On these and other issues, we rated the Obama administration “Fair” or “Poor.” Our evaluation springs from a consideration of his accomplishments balanced against the conditions under which he served. The National Urban League has given the Obama Administration an overall rating of “Excellent,” our second-highest rating.

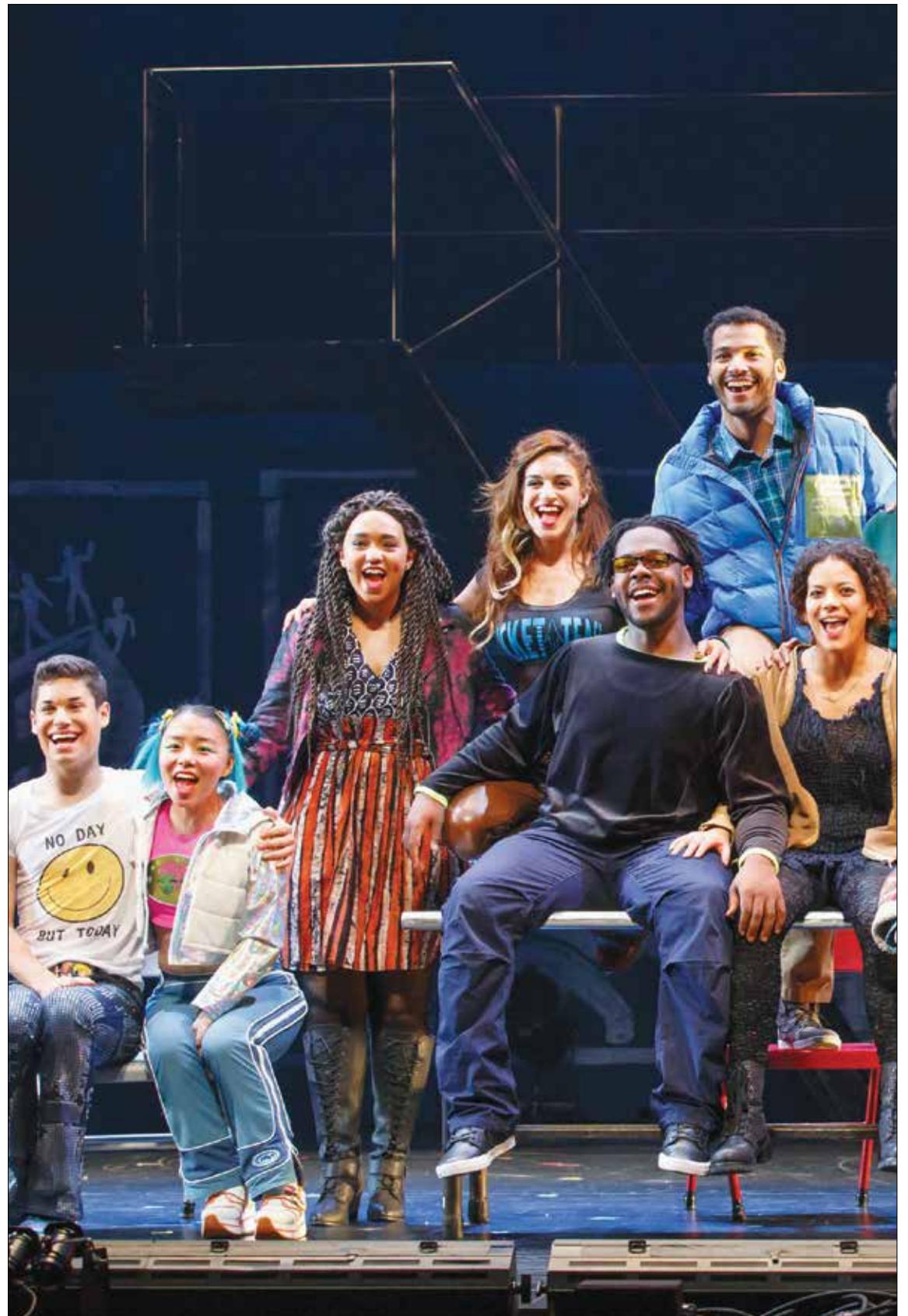
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Olive explains.

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Interested members of the community are encouraged to call Olive at 503-358-9655 or his office manager Ruth at 360-723-8497 to get your survey filled out. You can also get more information and see some of the group’s activities at [johnolive.weebly.com](http://johnolive.weebly.com).

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**Breakout Tuesdays Hip Hop** -- JAMN 107.5 and Cool Nutz from the Breakout Show present Breakout Tuesdays each third Tuesday of the month at the Ash Street, 225 S.W.



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The 21 and over event, which will also feature rappers Styles P and K'Valentine, is coming to the Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St., on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Kweli is known for his conversations with political activists and his genre-straddling sound, "My music has been associated with those types of causes, with positivity, spirituality, intelligence and being thought-provoking and such," he says.



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Portland artist and journalist Donovan Smith, a leading voice in the fight against gentrification, will serve as the inaugural director of an artist and residency program at the Emerson House.

## Building a Stronger Community

### Artist to serve at Emerson House

There's a new neighbor in northeast Portland's King Neighborhood and he's looking to shake things up with his appointment as the inaugural director of the DIY Artist-and-Residency Program at Emerson House.

Journalist and creative Donovan Smith will helm the curation of the arts at Emerson House's gallery space. Emerson House is

a new program centered on creating sustainable, strong communities through arts and education. The organization offers innovative strategies and programming through the arts designed to create greener, safer, and stronger models for neighborhoods.

"We couldn't be more happy to have Donovan and his unique talents and deep roots throughout the city as part of the community we're creating here," says Diane Freaney, Emerson House owner.

A former award-winning reporter for The Portland Observer and The Skanner, and founder of clothing brand Ignorant/Reflections, Smith has grown a following for his "Gentrification Is WEIRD!" themed projects and clothing line.

He knows the importance of the arts and information in building strong communities.

"We can talk about affordable housing, but ultimately what we're talking about with gentrification, or 'new Portland' vs. 'old Portland' is the loss of communities," Smith says. "Whatever's been happening before, hasn't been working. The Emerson House, is offering itself to as a ground-zero initiative, for strategies to fortify our neigh-

bors and neighborhoods, through connecting the gaps in communication between companies, developers, non-profits, and our neighbors."

A fourth-generation northeast Portland native, Donovan attended nearby King School throughout his elementary years, before continuing his education at the renowned Oregon Episcopal School for his middle and high school years. Located at Northeast 10th Avenue and Emerson Street, Emerson House is centered exactly a block away from the childhood home of Smith's mother.

Since returning to Portland in 2012, after a brief stint at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., Smith 25, has emerged as a leading voice in the fight against gentrification, and the arts.

Already under his direction, the Emerson House has been accepted into Design Week Portland's open house tours for April, and will be exhibiting the works of Julie Keefe, primary photographer for The Skanner, fresh off of her latest showing at the Oregon Historical Society.

For more information, contact Donovan Smith at [dmsmith106@gmail.com](mailto:dmsmith106@gmail.com) or 503-756-6128.



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Black residents facing displacement picket in 1973 when plans move forward to tear down houses and existing buildings in north Portland to make room for the expansion of Emanuel Hospital. 'Left Hook, a new staged reading about the community displacement the project caused opens the weekend of Jan. 20-22.

## Knocked Out by Gentrification

'Left Hook' tells 1970s story of displacement

'Left Hook' a new theater work about gentrification in 1970's Portland will premiere this month as part of the Fertile Ground celebration of new theater works.

'Left Hook,' is set in a boxing club in the once-thriving African-American neighborhood of Albina where community members face loss and anger when their lives are irrevocably disrupted by urban renewal.

The backdrop is the construction of a sports arena and then a freeway that has forced many businesses to close and many residents to move, but now city planners have a new ambitious project in mind: a major expansion of a local hospital. As scores of additional homes are razed, people in

the neighborhood grow increasingly angry about the loss of community and their powerlessness in the face of it.

The stage reading by Rich Rubin is presented by Vanport Mosaic, the non-profit organization created to tell the history of Vanport, a community of workers, including a large black population, which came to Portland for jobs during World War II. Rubin wrote Cottonwood in the Flood, a multicultural play about the Vanport Flood.

Left Hook will show on Friday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5240 N. Interstate Ave. Admission is pay what you can or a suggested \$10 for adults or \$5 for students and seniors. Vanport Mosaic will have a curated conversation following the Sunday matinee.

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

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record indicates that as Attorney General he would obstruct the growing national bipartisan movement toward criminal justice reform. His record indicates that we cannot count on him to support state and national efforts toward bringing justice to a justice system that people on both sides of the aisle readily admit is biased against the poor, drug addicted, mentally ill, and people of

color. His record indicates that at a time when even the FBI director is speaking out about implicit racial bias in policing and the need to address it; at a time when the last two Attorneys General have taken steps to fix our broken criminal justice system; and at a time when the Justice Department he would lead has uncovered systemic abuses in police departments all over the United States including Ferguson, including Newark; Senator Sessions would not continue



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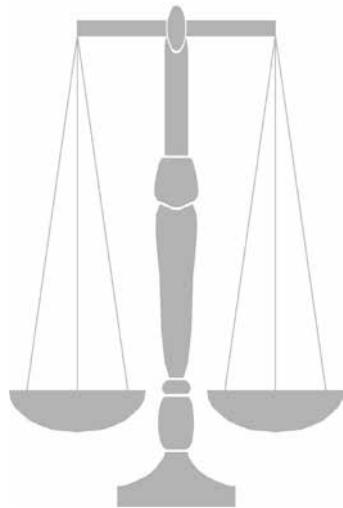
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# President-Elect is a Pathological Liar

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another, and we have had our share of presidents with serious character issues. But Trump is a case apart, someone so out of touch with traditional American values—compromise, equity, openness, community, jus-

tice, lawfulness, respect for difference—and so unpredictable in behavior that I tremble to think how he can possibly deal sensibly with the complicated foreign and domestic problems we face.

I do have one project I would like to see materialize right now: media representatives, mainstream and alter-

native, come together to issue a joint challenge to the Trump team, and Donald Trump in particular, to start communicating regularly, directly, and factually with the American people on the major policy issues. “Stop lying, stop hiding, and fulfill promises.”

*Mel Gurtov, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is professor emeritus of political science at Portland State University and blogs at In the Human Interest.*

# Reclaiming the Dream

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Raiford held up the new banner with 7-year-old Rachele Davis for a photo op. Davis’ mother, Karen, said she appreciated the event’s family focus and having an opportunity to voice her concerns at a protest that was planned during the day when it felt safer.

Don’t Shoot Portland activists Laurreta Reye and Red Hamilton grabbed their bullhorns at about 2 p.m. and began the march by heading out of the park onto Rosa Parks Way. The chants began, “First name Martin, last name King. Whos’ Streets? Our Streets!” Drivers patiently waited on the side, some mouthing along with the chants and giving ‘thumbs up’ from the inside their warm vehicles.

As the marchers reached Martin Luther

King Boulevard and traffic got heavier many drivers rolled down their car windows to give the protestors high-fives, took photographs with their smart phones and honked their car horns in praise.

As the march passed by Geneva’s Shear Perfection Barber and Beauty Salon, a man who was getting his haircut ran outside with a plastic cape still on and his barber carrying a black electric razor. A voice rang out to the marchers and asked if the cops had killed another person that day.

When the marchers reached the North Police Precinct at MLK and Killingsworth Street, Reye guided the group off to a side street. Standing next to a police car with an officer in the driver’s seat and his vehicle lights on, Reye took to the bullhorn and said: “Now, we’re going to have a four and a half minute of silence. Do you know

why we’re having a four and a half minute of silence? To honor Michael Brown, who was shot by police in Ferguson, Missouri. Do you know how long his body was left in the street bleeding before it was taken away by an ambulance? Four and a half hours.” The marchers and children hung their head in prayer and then headed back to the boulevard.

When the protest stopped at the old Burger Barn, a relic of a building owned by Teresa Raiford’s family and the site of a racist possum incident by police in the 1980s, a group of women nearby standing on the sidewalk were smoking cigarettes and began to dance along to the march chant: “All my life I’ve had to fight, but I’m gonna be alright.”

The sun was sinking behind the city skyline when the march arrived at the Martin Luther King Jr. landmark. On the corner in front of the statue stood Pro Life protestors carrying signs with hurtful slo-

gans like “Hillary for Jail” and “Planned Parenthood: The Democrat Negro Project that Kills Black People.” After a few brief and sharp words, Don’t Shoot organizers announced on the bullhorn: “We do not engage in ignorance. Do not engage.”

Raiford thanked the King march participants for their dedication in freezing temperatures and their generosity by donating three cars full of items for houseless people.

Don’t Shoot Portland’s Reclaim Martin Luther King March was the first of at least six local protests coming during the same week as President-elect Donald Trump’s inauguration. Most of the marches and protests will happen on Inauguration Day, Friday, Jan 20 and this weekend. With Trump’s promises in his racially-divisive campaign and choice of presidential cabinet members, many in the nation fear that the clock will be turned back on long time and hard won civil rights.



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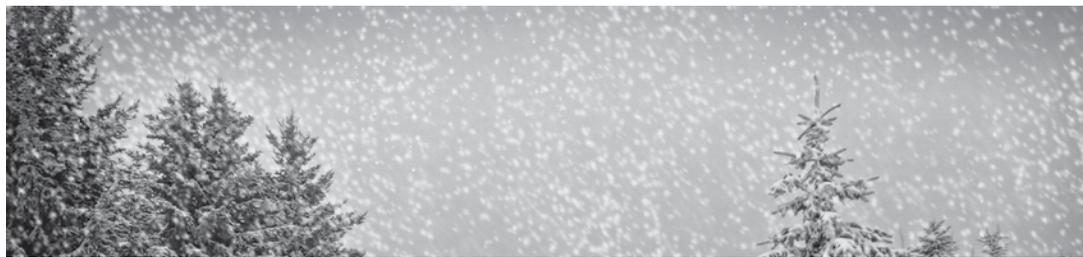
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