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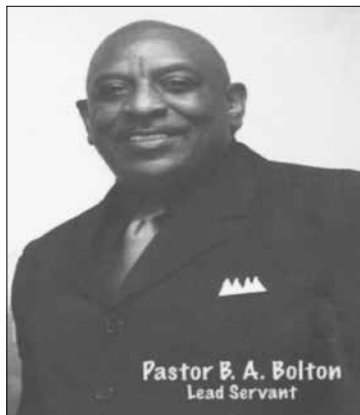
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The Week in Review

Shocking Random Kill

The so-called "Facebook killer" who brazenly gunned down a Cleveland man at random on Easter Sunday, killed himself Tuesday as cops closed in. Authorities said Steve Stephens, 37, (left) shot and killed Robert Godwin seemingly at random, recording the encounter on his phone and uploading the horrific video to Facebook.



Arrests in Park Murder

Two arrests have been made in the shooting death of a Vancouver teenager last week at Holladay Park across from Lloyd Center. The young men arrested are ages 17 and 18 and police said more suspects may be involved.

Police Chief Cleared

An investigation has found that Portland Police Chief Mike Marshman did not violate police bu-

reau rules on truthfulness and he has been returned to duty, Mayor Ted Wheeler announced last week. Witnesses backed up Marshman's statements that he never asked another officer to sign him in for a training session.

Improving Oregon Jobs Report

Oregon's unemployment rate edged down to 3.8 percent in March, from 4.0 percent in February. This was the lowest unemployment rate since comparable records began in 1976.

Blazers Eye Game Two

Golden State won the opening round of the NBA playoffs against the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday in Oakland and will host game two of the best-of-seven series on Wednesday. Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum put on a dazzling display of shot-making for the Blazers in game one, but the Warriors withstood the challenge with a 121-109 victory.



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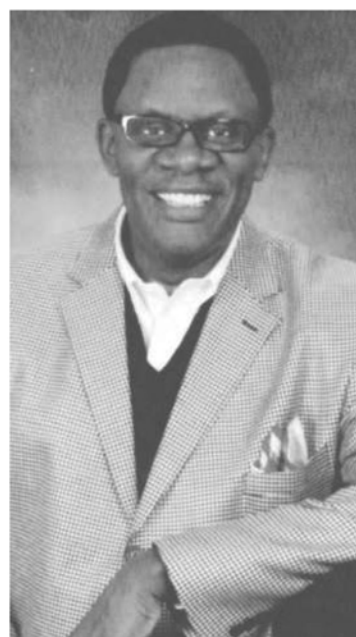
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Dr. Billy R. Flowers

Q: What age groups can a chiropractor help most?

A: This is like asking which age groups benefit most from good health. And yet, each age group has specific problems for which your chiropractor has specific answers.

Infant and Young Children

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since the delivery process itself causes a high percentage of subluxations, infants to need chiropractic care.

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Young Adults and Teenagers

More and more young adults and teenagers are getting involved in active sports. As a result, more and more of them are getting injured, requiring prompt chiropractic care.

Obviously half of the girls in our society develop scoliosis (curva-

ture of the spine) during puberty. Left untreated, scoliosis keeps getting worse over time. However, it can almost always be corrected when chiropractic care is initiated in time.

Needless to say, every teenage girl should be checked regularly for scoliosis and all teenagers and young adults should see their chiropractor regularly to make sure their newly active sports lives aren't creating spinal problems they'll have to live with the rest of their lives.

Adults

The world today is experiencing a terrible level of stress. Long work weeks, seemingly impossible deadlines and economic woes create incredible pressures. In addition, most adults breathe in polluted air,

drink chemically treated water and consume an average of nine pounds of food additives and chemical preservatives in a year, putting even more stress on their bodies. One sure way to keep the stress level from causing potentially dangerous subluxations is with regular chiropractic checkups.

Senior Citizens

Retirement age for many people has become just plain tiresome. Aches and pins, often the result of untreated subluxations, abound. Yet it hardly seems fair that having to suffer with pain or being drugged into numbness are fair rewards for all the years of hard work.

Depending on the degree of subluxations degeneration, your chiropractor can often provide help.

For senior citizens who've been fortunate enough to suffered minimal trauma in their lives, virtually complete spinal recovery should be almost as easy as it would be for younger people.

For those who have suffered needlessly for years, your chiropractor can often slow or stop the degeneration, making life more comfortable. It is certainly worth the effort so that our senior citizens get the dignity of health care they deserve.

Something for Everyone

As you can see, there are practically as many reasons to have regular chiropractic checkups as there are people. Make an appointment for yourself and your loved ones soon.

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What's on your list today?



A TriMet photo shows transit police at the Rose Quarter.

TriMet Budget Battle

Advocates oppose new transit precinct

BY ZACHARY SENN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Advocates for low-income, transit-dependent communities are challenging TriMet's budget priorities, arguing that an added emphasis on policing comes at the expense of efforts to make public transportation more affordable to riders.

OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon and Bus Riders Unite oppose the transit agency plans to spend \$11 million for the construction of a new transit police facility in northeast Portland and an additional \$1.6 million to support transit police and security operations.

"Bus riders need more accessible, affordable transportation, not more racist policing on our buses!" OPAL declared in a community alert last week.

"Given the current political climate, it's a bad time to be putting more vulnerable populations under a microscope," Shawn Fleek,

the community engagement coordinator at OPAL, told the Portland Observer.

A recent study by the Portland State University Criminal Justice Police Research Institute found that racial disparities in fare enforcement were a fact at TriMet. While no explicit racial bias practice was found, black riders, for example, were more likely to receive harsher penalties for fare evasion, such as exclusions, which bans riders from the TriMet system for up to 90 days.

Currently, TriMet transit police are made up of officers from 15 local law enforcement agencies. The officers are supplemented by a team of civilian fare enforcement supervisors.

The budget increase for the fiscal year starting July 1 would cover the cost of moving one of TriMet's four transit precincts, from inside a parking structure at Old Town to a larger parking facility that's being planned for a new convention hotel serving the Rose Quarter and Oregon Convention Center.

TriMet says that over the long run, the move will save them mon-

ey, as the agency will be purchasing the space instead of renting it. Included are plans for two to three holding cells, and a space that officers can use to interrogate detainees.

Roberta Aldstadt, TriMet's media relations and communications manager, says previous attempts to call the new facility a jail are misconstrued.

Aldstadt says the current Old Town precinct already has two detention rooms. In addition, she says, additional space for the east-side location will mark no substantial shift in transit police procedures or policies.

The current location poses operational challenges and the added emphasis on policing is meant to help both riders and operators feel safe, she says.

"Anybody that's riding the system will tell you that it's beneficial to have police nearby when an incident occurs," Aldstadt explains. "There are some issues with the facility itself, such as water intrusion... Also, the parking is extremely limited."

Fleek argues that increasing

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Community Forum on Gun Violence

A free community forum addressing gun violence as a public health issue will be held Saturday, April 22 at the Highland Christian Center at 7600 N.E. Glisan St.

Sponsored by Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland

State University and the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, the session will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 3 p.m. It will offer families and individuals directly impacted by violence, as well as community members interested in

making a difference, a safe venue to collaborate on ideas to reduce gun violence and address the social and society conditions that contribute to it.

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Clean Up Alberta Street

The Alberta Street corridor will get a cleaning Saturday when the community group Alberta Main Street hosts its seventh annual Alberta Earth Day Clean Up, presented by Pacific Power.

Rain or shine, friends and neighbors and other volunteers will focus on cleaning up litter, clearing storm drains, weeding and mulching at bus stops and removing graffiti along Northeast Alberta Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Northeast 33rd Avenue.

Volunteers of all ages are expected, from student groups, church groups, local businesses, area residents and neighborhood community members.

"Everyone is welcome! It is always

wonderful to see people of different ages and backgrounds come together and work toward a common goal," said Sara Wittenberg, Alberta Main Street executive director.

Volunteer check-in is at 10 a.m. at Alberta Central on Northeast 18th and Alberta, and clean up starts at 10:30 a.m. Awards and post-cleanup festivities will take place immediately following the clean up with pizza for lunch, Salt & Straw ice cream, and a raffle featuring prizes from local businesses. The celebration will end around 1:30 p.m.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own water bottle, gloves and any tools that will aid in clean up. For more information, visit albertmainst.org.

Section 8 Vouchers Dry Up

People who are on the waitlist for Section 8 vouchers will have to wait at least another year for the housing help.

Michael Buonocore, the executive director of Home Forward, the housing authority for Multnomah County, announced Monday that it will not distribute any new vouchers in 2017 due to federal funding cuts.

"We think it is the only fiscally responsible decision we can make in this housing and funding climate, and we do so with great regret for the families left

waiting," Buonocore said.

He said rapidly rising rents and really low vacancy rates in the city of Portland and the surrounding metro area have already hurt the voucher program, making it very difficult for veterans, families and senior citizens to find and afford housing.

"Once the federal budgeting process plays out, we will have more concrete information for the people on our wait list and for the rest of the community," Buonocore added.

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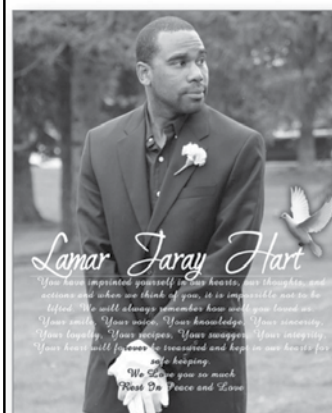
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TriMet Budget Battle

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spending on transit police is the wrong priority when TriMet is not sufficiently prioritizing the needs of low-income riders.

"We want to see that funding go toward increasing service and improving accessibility," he says. "Safety doesn't just mean the presence of more police officers... Safety has a different definition when you're a low income person, or a person of color, who is used to being harassed by police officers."

OPAL wants TriMet to support its low-income fare program proposal, which also is estimated to cost about \$11 million.

The Low Income Fare Equity (LIFE) program would be available to anyone whose income is below 200 percent of the Feder-

al Poverty Line, and would offer monthly passes at the Honored Citizen rate of \$28.

"Transportation is a lifeline, and just because people are unable to afford that \$2.50 doesn't mean that they don't deserve to go to the doctor, or that they don't deserve to get to their job," Fleek says. "The most common instance is when a person has to make a choice between getting on a train and spending the \$2.50 to try and get to the grocery store, or spending that \$2.50 on extra groceries."

Aldstadt says that TriMet is attempting to implement a low-income fare system, and that there are currently services available to help those in need, such as the Access Transit program serving nonprofits and community groups with reduced cost fares.



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A Bigger Problem than our Commander in Chief

Our nuclear folly

BY WINSLOW MYERS

The well-established assumption that North Korea is our most difficult and dangerous foreign policy challenge is worth a little dispassionate examination.



North Korea is not a fun place. If ever a nation had earned the right to be labeled collectively psychotic, it would be the Democratic Republic of North Korea under Kim Jung-un, who apparently just outsourced the bizarre assassination of his own brother. The country possesses neither a viable judiciary nor any kind of religious freedom. Famine has been a cyclical presence. Electrical power is intermittent. In 2015 North Korea ranked 115th in the world in the size of its GDP according to U.N. statistics.

Yet nothing the United States has tried to do, including decades of diplomatic negotiations and the application of severe sanctions, has stopped this isolated conundrum of a country from strutting proudly through the exclusive doors of the nuclear club.

But let's get real. As odd and alienated as North Korea may be, their leaders know perfectly well

that even if the United States had not a single nuclear warhead at its disposal, if provoked we could bomb North Korea until there was nothing left but bouncing rubble. The idea that they would be so suicidally unwise as to use their nuclear weapons to launch an unprovoked first-strike

attack upon the United States, or South Korea for that matter, seems utterly remote from reality.

Instead, they are pursuing a policy—the policy of deterrence—which is a mirror image of our own. But by a collective trick of the mind, our use of weapons of mass destruction to deter is rationalized and justified by the fact that our intentions are good, while from our perspective both their intentions and their weapons are perceived to be evil—as if there were such a thing as good nuclear weapons and bad nuclear weapons. In this particular sense, there is not a whit of difference between our otherwise two very different countries. North Korea took careful note of what happened to Libya when they agreed unilaterally to give up their nuclear program. Their motive is self-protection, not aggression.

It is one thing to say that deterrence was a temporary (now

nearly three-quarters of a century) strategy to prevent planet-destroying war. But can we go on this way forever, with all nine nuclear powers committed to never making a single error of interpretation, never having a single equipment failure, never succumbing to a single computer hack? If we think we can, we're just as out of it as Kim Jung-un. Our bowing to the false idol of nuclear deterrence as the ultimate and permanent bedrock of international security is in its own way as delusional as the way the brainwashed citizens of North Korea give absolute obeisance to their dear leader.

If the United States, as a responsible world player, does not move beyond the obsolete paradigm of endless paranoid cycles of we-build-they build; if it does not begin to think in terms of setting an example; if it does not begin to participate authentically in international conferences to ban these weapons, there is going to be a nuclear war in our future.

We're uneasy with Mr. Trump's finger on the nuclear trigger, but this is a bigger problem than who specifically is commander in chief. When the moment comes and we begin to slide down the slippery slope of deterrence breakdown because of some completely unanticipated dissolution of "fail-safe-

ness," it won't matter how experienced the human parties to the disaster might be.

Whoever is left on this small, no longer so beautiful planet, freezing under the ash clouds of nuclear winter, uselessly nursing their boils and pustules from radiation poisoning, will hate and despise us for what we didn't do for decades, and they will be quite right.

Because we know. We know and yet we do not act on our solemn obligations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. In fact the United States actively undermines legitimate efforts to outlaw nuclear weapons. We just boycotted a recent one.

North Korea is a pariah nation led by a greedy Stalinist family. No one can say with any certainty whether they could be brought to the table to discuss abolition. Why can't we admit that we ourselves harbor a similar reluctance? The process of building trust, agreement and verification among the nine nuclear powers would be the most difficult diplomatic challenge ever undertaken. The only thing more difficult is the unthinkable agony of the alternative.

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OPINION

Trump's War on Urban 'Carnage' was a Ruse

Moves spell trouble for police reforms

BY EBONY SLAUGHTER-JOHNSON

One of President Trump's favorite themes is what he calls "American carnage" — typified by "the violence" and "the gangs."

To that end, he's repeatedly highlighted the violence in Chicago.

A few days after he was inaugurated, he even issued this warning via Twitter: "If Chicago doesn't fix the horrible 'carnage' going on... I will send in the Feds!"

Trump, a vocal supporter of stop-and-frisk, additionally

pledged that his administration will "stop the gangs and the violence" and "stop the drugs from pouring into our communities" by empowering police officers.

To be sure, Chicago is facing a uniquely violent moment in its history: The city witnessed 762 murders and 4,331 shooting victims in 2016 — more than in New York and Los Angeles combined. The homicide rate was the highest it's been since 1996.

Yet the police are a critical component of this violence. A 2016 Justice Department investigation revealed scores of abuses by Chicago police, from racial discrimination to witness intimidation to endangering civilians.

In a particularly memorable

anecdote from 2013, an off-duty Chicago cop watched a man enter a vacant building. Deeming him suspicious, the officer pursued the man. When confronted, the man produced a shiny object, prompting the officer to fire his weapon, killing the man on the spot.

As for the shiny object, it wasn't a gun: It was the man's watch.

Despite not waiting for backup and initiating a deadly confrontation, the officer was put back on the beat. Last November, the same cop killed another man he claimed had brandished a gun. No gun was found.

Under the Obama administration, the federal government played a key role in exposing abuses like these in scores of local police departments.

Yet Trump's attorney gener-

al, Jeff Sessions, has promised to "pull back on" suits against police departments over civil rights violations. He recently ordered a review of all reform arrangements the Department of Justice reached with local police under Obama, which could imperil programs that have been shown to produce enduring positive changes.

Why? "It is not the responsibility of the federal government to manage non-federal law enforcement agencies," Sessions insists.

All this exposes Trump's promises to curb violence in America's cities to be what many suspected all along: a meaningless ruse. After all, when it comes to civil rights, he's actually pulling the feds out.

Need more evidence? The administration has also proposed depriving the Department of Jus-

tice of over \$1 billion in funding, including major cuts to the Civil Rights Division, which is in charge of managing police reform. And it's attempting to vacate another reform arrangement with the Baltimore Police Department, where the last administration found many similar civil rights abuses.

It's no great surprise that choosing an attorney general like Sessions, another stop-and-frisk proponent who's complained that civil rights protections undermine police officers, spelled trouble for police reform. Now trouble has come — and it seems like more is on its way.

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Help Our Immigrant Brothers and Sisters

Harrowing narratives of detention

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

The just concluded holy season of Lent and Easter in the Christian calendar was a time to reflect and act to help the most vulnerable in our midst.

With harsh assaults on undocumented immigrants and refugees who must fear every knock on their door, many American citizen children are afraid to go to school, afraid of being bullied, and afraid to leave their parents who might be arrested at any moment.

In Texas, these real fears are intensified with stories about building new walls on the border and about children, like their brothers and sisters, refugees from the violence of poverty and gangs and drug lords, locked in residential detention centers in their state.

A ban on crayons. That's what it came to at the visitors' center at the Karnes County Residential Center in Karnes City, Texas, one of three immigration detention centers that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) currently uses to house mothers and children who've been stopped seeking asylum in the United States.

Six volunteer lawyers who work with detained families wrote a letter to ICE explaining why they liked to bring crayons when

they met with clients: "Having children color and draw provides a distraction for children while their mothers relate incidents of trauma, violence and abuse. Other children sit outside the interview rooms and draw at the tables, so they are not forced to listen to their mothers' harrowing narratives nor witness their mothers' fragile emotional states during these interviews."

But ICE determined some of the children were doing "damage" to tables and walls in the visitors' center while coloring. The crayon ban was just another blow to children already essentially being housed as prisoners by the federal government. The latest memos from the Department of Homeland Security outlining plans for enforcing the executive

orders on immigration issued by President Donald Trump mean the numbers of children and mothers being detained this way (in America) will only swell.

Family detention centers are just one way current immigration policies hurt children. The Karnes County center is managed by ICE but owned and operated by the GEO Group, a \$2 billion for-profit private prison company that seeks to double the number of people it can hold there from its current capacity of 532 beds. Across the state, the Southwest Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas can hold 2,400 people. Also managed by ICE, that center is owned and operated by Corrections Corporation of America, also known as "CoreCivic," a for-profit company that makes upwards of \$260 million a year housing mothers and children at a rate of \$300 a

day, per detainee.

In December a Texas court struck down a regulation that would have allowed these two for-profit detention centers to obtain state child care licenses. Children's Defense Fund-Texas Associate Director Dr. Laura Guerra-Cardus, a medical doctor, was among those who testified that family jails are not child care facilities and that children held there with their mothers are not physically or mentally safe. Bree Bernwanger, managing attorney of the Dilley Pro Bono Project, commented, "Yet another court has found that locking up children and their parents is not a form of 'child care.' It's time for ICE to recognize that detaining families is illegal and these facilities should be closed."

Following that ruling 460 women and children were released from

the two Texas detention centers, flooding immigrant support networks in a surprise move officials said was unconnected to the loss in court. Many of those women and children had to be immediately hospitalized due to chronic conditions and other health problems resulting from their detention treatment. The centers have been the source of a number of controversies, including several alleged sexual assault and abuse cases and alleged use of solitary confinement as punishment for hunger strikes at the Dilley center. At the third ICE family center, owned and operated by Berks County, Penn., a group of 22 mothers imprisoned with their children between 270 to 365 days wrote a letter last year explaining why they were starting a hunger strike:

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Music To Feed Your Hip-Hop Craving

Portland's Swiggle Mandela's new mix tape

BY FELICIA SLIDER
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Like wet is to water, Swiggle Mandela lyrics are liquid. Like fat meat is to greasy food, the Portland hip hop artist's new mixtape is phat. If you're looking for some music to feed your hip-hop craving, then hunger no more.

Titled "The Master Peace's," the CD will feed your hip hop hunger. Mandela's poetic prose is mentally mind-blowing as he gives respect to the past, present and future of hip-hop. Many of the tracks give reference to Portland, like the popular black-owned food cart "Stoopid Burger," Jefferson High School and a piece on the legality of marijuana in the city called "Portlandsterdam."

His verbal penmanship give a poetic signature that no other artist can counterfeit.

"This is my sequel. I rap for the people. I rap for all artists. I rap for hip hop and music culture that also produces and makes music. I rap to motivate the masses," Mandela says. "I'm half black and half Filipino, often imitated, never duplicated."

I sat down, shared and lounged with the lyrical linguistic during his recent mixtape release show at the Clinton Street Theatre and his X-Ray TV launch.

Each track of "The Master Peace's" is beyond extraordinary. Like a summa cum laude



Portland hip hop music artist Swiggle Mandela releases a new mixtape "The Master Peace's," a melodic master piece.

student, Mandela's swag is rooted in an academic musical record of flawless flows. Each track is an essay of entertainment, but also, edutainment. What Swiggle does dutifully is that he wants his fans to think deep, digging into their mental dungeons, but also party, politic and parlay with the people.

One of the many tracks that fans will love is "Stoopid Burger" a rap about Portland's uber famous black owned, delicious and nutritious food cart. The piece is not just about the food, but the day to day flow of life experiences that people can relax, rejuvenate and relate to.

For those of you that are prefer to find your music swag on social media, he has released some exclusive songs to flex our mental

musical rolodex. Mandela's is a mack when it comes to publicity. He's a social media sovereign. From Band Camp to Reverb Nation, he knows how to market his rhymes to the masses. You can get a peep at his popularity via the virtuosity of viral videos on YouTube.

Like Chance The Rapper, Ace Dough, Cool Nutz, Vurstayl, Mike Capes and an infinite list of locals and artist near and far, Mandela breaks away from the borders of corporate labels. Not because the labels aren't lining up, but because social media is a no limits landscape of the unlimited where the artists have the power to put themselves on if done the right way.

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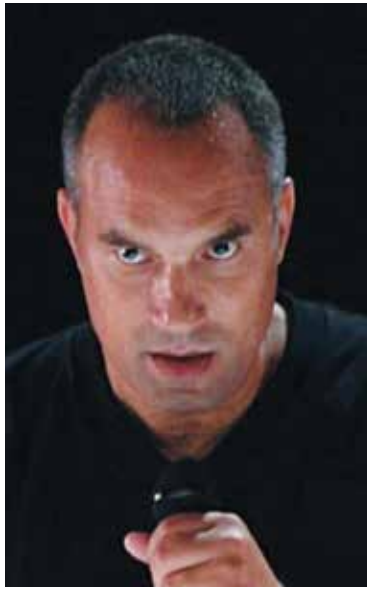
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‘Can We All Get Along?’

Performance artist brings Rodney King to stage

This weekend, Portland’s Artists Repertory Theatre will present “Rodney King,” written and performed by acclaimed actor and performance artist Roger Guenveur Smith.

The production will be Smith’s final stage performances for a piece that has been touring since 2012. The show comes just as the new film Rodney King, directed by Spike Lee, and starring Smith, is poised for its April 28 release. It also coincides with the anniversary of the Rodney King trial verdict of 1992, which acquitted the four police officers who brutally beat King in 1991 and sparked the devastating L.A. riots. Post show discussions will follow every performance.



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Tribute to Tribal History -- The Fort Vancouver National Site will host a ceremony Saturday, April 22, that pays tribute to tribal ideals, honors tribal ancestors and helps heal old wounds. Members of the Nez Perce Indian Nation will present their traditional memorial ceremony, a nearly 3 hour celebration, beginning at 10 a.m. across Fifth Street from the reconstructed Fort Vancouver. It is free to the public, although donations are welcome.

Inner City Blues Festival -- "Healing the Healthcare Blues," a benefit for the sixth annual Inner City Blues Festival, a music and dance party for universal health care, takes place on Saturday, April 22 at the North Portland Eagle's Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Ave, with musical performances on two stages from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 day of show. Visit tickettomato.com.


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. Ash. The shows will feature performances from some of the top rappers from the Northwest. Hosted by Juma Blaq and DJ Fatboy.

Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, April 21 at the Vinyl Tap; Saturday, April 22 for the Inner City Blues Festival at the North Portland Eagles Lodge; and Friday, April 28 at Clyde's.


Exploring Black Cinema -- Featuring films by visionaries, rebels and pioneers willing to tell it like it is, the NW Film Center at the Portland Art Museum hosts a black cinema series through June 11 in conjunction with the museum's African American exhibit "Constructing Identity." For complete listings and advance tickets, visit nwfilm.org.

Poetry Month at the Chinese Garden -- Celebrate poetry month with a series of events at the Lan Su Chinese Garden in Old Town. The series will bring historical and aesthetic traditions of poetry in Suzhou-style Chinese gardens with workshops, tours and multiple poetry series. For more details, visit lansgarden.org.

SOLVE IT Earth Day -- SOLVE and presenting sponsor Portland General Electric, along with thousands of Oregonians will mobilize across the state on Saturday, April 22 for the annual SOLVE IT for Earth Day litter clean-up event. Visit solveoregon.org to get more details, pick your project, and sign up!



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Face painting fun is just one of the activities to draw kids and families to Portland's Arbor Day Festival. The annual Portland Parks and Recreation event returns this year on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, at Mt. Scott Park, located at 72nd and Harold in southeast Portland.

Earth Day Fun for Everyone

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry presents the city's annual Arbor Day Festival this year on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mt. Scott Park at 72nd and Harold in southeast Portland.

The free, multicultural festival is for all ages. You can enjoy food from local vendors and participate in activities for the whole family underneath the park's towering

Multicultural celebration coming to Mt. Scott Park

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City Commissioner Amanda Fritz and PP&R Director Mike Abbaté will welcome guests with brief

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"Trees are an essential component of Portland's livability," Fritz said. "They help enhance the environment, provide shade and wildlife habitat, filter stormwater runoff, and improve air quality. Arbor Day 2017 is a chance to come together and celebrate the special contributions that trees make to our quality of life."



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The NW Film Center at the Portland Art Museum presents the 1999 documentary "Sud," also called "The South," a documentary about the nature of hate and violence and inspired after the murder of James Byrd Jr., the African-American man dragged behind a vehicle to his death.

Hate and Violence Collide

The bold and visionary Belgium filmmaker Chantal Anne Akerman had long planned to shoot a film about the American south — and finally took that opportunity just before the new millennium after James Byrd, Jr., an African-American man, was dragged behind a vehicle for three miles to his death by three white supremacists in Jasper, Texas.

This truly horrific act spurred Akerman to focus on the nature of hate and the violence it so often brings forth in the documentary "Sud," also called "The South." The 1999 film will be screened on Friday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum, downtown, as part of a NW Film Center series on Akerman's works.

Shooting in her characteris-

tically incisive and patient documentary mode, details of the murder and subsequent court proceedings are intercut with pastoral imagery of the Texas countryside, creating a direct link between the absolute terror of racial violence and the seemingly innocuous landscape.

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In Loving Memory

Sharon L. Joiner

Sharon L. Joiner, the beloved wife of Phillip S. Joiner, went home to rest on April 6, 2017.

She was born Feb. 21, 1948, one of the original Vanport flood survivors, and the fourth of 10 children born to the union of Booker T. and Sarah Cason.

Sharon had a love for working with children and did so as a teacher for 33 years at Albina Headstart. She was a lifetime member of the Church of God in Christ and worked with the church-affiliated Sonshine Band for children ages 4 to 13 years of age up until her illness.

She will be deeply missed. Those who remain to cherish her memory are her husband Phillip of 20 plus years, her siblings, nieces, nephews and many friends.

There will be public visitation on Wednesday, April 19, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Terry Family Funeral Home with funeral services scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 10 am at Life Change Church.

For more information, visit terryfamilyfuneralhome.com.



In Loving Memory

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Performances that focus on music of peace and unity and honor America's indigenous people will highlight the Portland Chamber Orchestra's final "In Peace + Harmony" seasonal concert series this weekend. Special guests include members of the Nez Perce tribe as well as city, county and state officials.

The oldest incorporated chamber orchestra in the country is celebrating its 70th anniversary in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of Lewis & Clark College with performances on Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m., both at the Agnes Flanagan Chapel on the Lewis & Clark campus. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors, and free for children 12 and under.

The chamber orchestra will also announce its upcoming season which is based on a new diversity, equity, and inclusion plan which focuses on engaging traditionally underrepresented communities while providing fun, entertaining, high quality performances.

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The new executive orders on immigration could mean locking up more families and building more detention centers. This may be fantastic news for the private prison stock business and for-profit prison industry but it is terrible news for the thousands of innocent children at risk of inappropriate cruel and unusual punishment.

ment. Now there is another cruel twist: the Department of Homeland Security is considering separating children from their parents at the border. Parents would be detained while their children would be placed in the care of the government or sent to live with relatives in the United States.

It's hard to imagine separating children and families even in familiar surroundings — and certainly not in a new country and in the horrendous situations we have seen these families face. I can still remember the overwhelming panic I felt the day I became separated from my mother at New York's large Abyssinian Baptist Church right before


a worship service began when I was about seven. In the bustling crowd going up into the balcony, I let go of my mother's hand. Happily I was among friendly people who summoned an usher who took me down to the pulpit where the preacher embraced me and asked the congregation if anyone knew this child. My mother who had been frantically looking for me in the balcony stood and said yes and an usher reunited us immediately. But I remember the panic and fear. Nothing is worse than feeling abandoned and separated from a parent in a strange place with strangers. Is this how our nation is going to treat “the least of these” — our little ones? Surely we are better than this!

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



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<div>10</div> <div>Passover Begins at Sundown Encourage a Young Writer Day National Sibling Day</div>	<div>11</div> <div>President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act, 1964 (1964)</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Space Shuttle Columbia First Launched Crewed by John Young and Robert Crippen - 1981</div>	<div>13</div> <div>3rd President Thomas Jefferson born, 1743 Lee Bennett Hopkins born, 1938</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Titanic Struck an iceberg shortly before midnight on April 14, then sinking.</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Income Tax Day Artist/Inventor Leonardo Da Vinci born, 1452</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Easter Garth Williams born, 1912 Aviator Wilbur Wright born, 1867</div>
<div>17</div> <div>Sherlock Hemlock's Birthday (Sesame Street character)</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Paul Revere's Famous Ride (1775) Great San Francisco Earthquake In 1906. Pet Owner's Day</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Humorous Day Revolutionary War began (1775)</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Scientists Marie & Pierre Curie isolate radium (1902)</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Kindergarten Day Barbara Park born, 1947</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Earth Day established 1970 Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Home Run Day, Hank Aaron hits his first home run in 1954. William Shakespeare born, 1564</div>
<div>24</div> <div>Library of Congress established (1800) Pigs-in-a-Blanket Day</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Anzac Day (Australia, New Zealand) Hubble Telescope launched, 1990 World Penguin Day</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Administrative Professionals/ Secretaries Day Hug a Friend Day National Pretzel Day</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day Take Our Daughters to Work Day Tell a Story Day</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Arbor Day James Monroe born, 1758 (5th President)</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Zipper Day (patented by Gideon Sundback in 1913)</div>	<div>30</div> <div>National Honesty Day Anniversary Louisiana Purchase completed (1803)</div>

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