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Good in the Hood festival organizer Shawn Penney is staying strong in the wake of a racist letter that threatened violence at the upcoming June 23-25 multicultural festival and against him personally. With added security by Portland police and a diverse community that refuses to buckle from fear and intimidation, a decision was made that the 25th Hood in the Good event will go on as planned.

‘Good in the Hood’ festival will go on

BY CHRISTA MCINTYRE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The multicultural Good in the Hood festival will go on as scheduled next weekend despite threats of violence as leaders from the diverse communities who participate in the annual celebration look toward increased security for the event, refusing to buckle to fear and intimidation.

The FBI, US Attorney’s Office of Oregon and Portland Police have taken steps to boost security at the June 23-25 festival and parade in the wake of a racist letter to Good in the Hood organizers that threatened a “blood bath” at the 25th annual event.

Good in the Hood is the largest multicultural art, music and food festival in the Northwest.

The community event is run by a non-profit board and is sponsored by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods,

Staying Strong

the group which received the threatening letter on June 7. On the outside of the envelope was a picture of robed Ku Klux Klan members, a burning cross and what looked like an image of President Trump. The letter also appeared to have a blood stain on the back with a Band-Aid and the words “rush” written on it.

Good in the Hood President Shawn Penney said a NECN worker put on rubber gloves to open the letter. He

then heard screams coming from another room as neighborhood representatives and festival volunteers began to read what was inside.

The letter was typed in all caps with many misspellings, racial slurs, and death threats. It also threatened Penney personally by describing the type of weapon that would be used for the effect of intimidation.

“I asked, what is a .30-06?” Penney said. Then, realizing it was a hunting gun, like the one that killed President John F. Kennedy, he shuttered at the thought.

“The U.S. District Attorney that’s assigned to the case called me and we talked for about two hours on the phone,” Penney said. “He gave me tips and advice on staying safe and said that an FBI agent was on his way to pick up the letter. We have never received a threat like this before at all. Never.”

Good in the Hood organizers actually started planning for better security for this year’s event when southeast Portland’s 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade was abruptly cancelled in April because of possible conflicts between

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'77 Blazers Lead Parade

On the 40th anniversary of the Trail Blazer's historic World Championship win, the Portland Rose Festival honored the team as grand marshals of Saturday's Grand Floral Parade. Players Bobby Gross, Lloyd Neal and Larry Steele road a float with fresh roses and team colors sporting the championship trophy.

Racial Slurs Hurdled

Parents were warned to be vigilant after a student of color at Hosford Middle School in southeast Portland was harassed at a bus stop Thursday by men who shouted racial slurs at him. Other students witnessed the incident and a police report was filed soon after.

Racist Workplace Charged

A Portland area woman filed a \$600,000 lawsuit against Comcast last week claiming the company terminated her for filing complaints about a racially hostile work environment. In one of the allegations, Bridget Cooks,

48, claims a male co-worker constructed a noose in front of her in an attempt to intimidate her.

MAX Heroes Honored

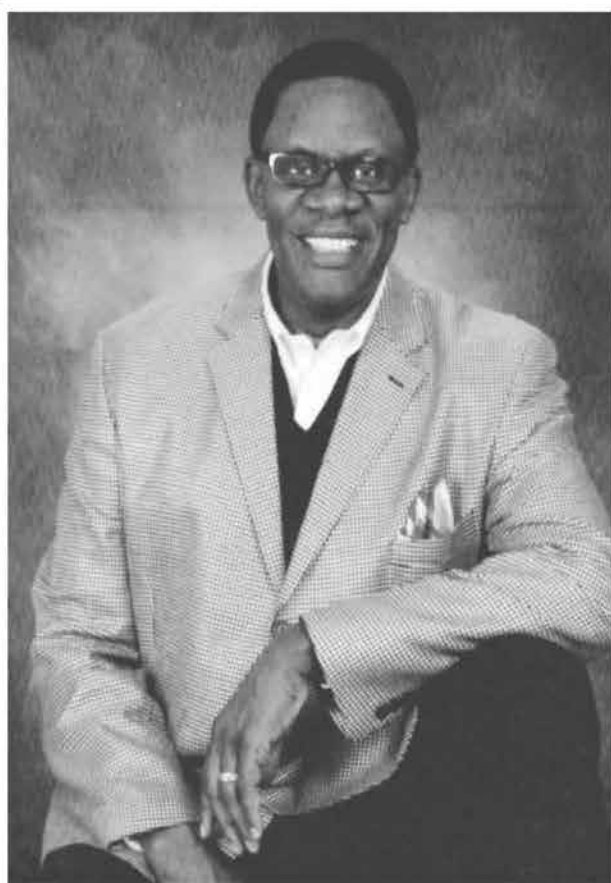
Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley sponsored a resolution to honor the heroes from the May 26 attack on TriMet that passed the Senate last week. Ricky Best, Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche and Micah David-Cole Fletcher intervened during a hate crime targeting two girls. Best and Namkai-Meche lost their lives in the attack.

Apology for MAX Scare

Wilfredo Reyes, 59, was arrested for leaving a suspicious looking backpack with wires sticking out of it on a MAX train at the Hollywood Transit Center Friday and calling 911. He then admitted it was a hoax and said he was sorry. Bomb technicians were called in and the MAX lines were shut down for several hours after the incident.

Housing Costs Rise

A report issued last week from the National Low Income Housing Coalition shows Portland housing cost has jumped 27 percent over 5 years. The report shows that it takes an hourly wage of \$19.78 to afford a modest apartment.



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The Juneteenth Oregon Parade is a Portland tradition. The annual event returns this Saturday, June 17, starting with the parade at 10:45 a.m. and then a day long festival at the Legacy Emanuel Field at North Russell and Williams Avenue.

Celebrate Juneteenth! 'Freedom Day' in Portland and beyond

Free celebrations for Juneteenth, also called Freedom Day, are held Saturday, June 17 in Portland and Vancouver, and on Monday, June 19 at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.

The Juneteenth Oregon Celebration, founded 45 years ago by the late and beloved community leader Clara Peoples, will start Saturday at 10:45 a.m. with a parade from the Safeway parking lot on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, then proceeding down MLK to Russell Avenue, and ending at the Legacy Emanuel Field at North Williams. Festivities will then continue until 6 p.m. with live music, art, food, and a

children's play area. For more information, visit juneteenthor.com

A free Juneteenth BBQ hosted by the Nat Turner Project will take place Saturday, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the c3:initiative, a community and arts gallery space at 7326 N. Chicago and North Denver Avenue. Dub's St. Johns will provide the food and there will be music, poetry, face painting, and an art gallery to celebrate African American culture.

The Vancouver branch of the NAACP hosts a Juneteenth themed event, "Education is Empowerment" on Saturday at Foster Hall on the Clark College campus. The family friendly event will in-

clude a pie contest, spoken word, Hip Hop, African Dance, food and more.

On Monday, June 19, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival will host its 19th annual Juneteenth celebration on the Courtyard Stage in Ashland, celebrating with spoken word, dance, hip hop, art and theatre. For the full line up, visit osfashland.org.

Juneteenth commemorates when U.S. soldiers brought word of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation to Galveston, Texas, two years after it was issued. It is the oldest celebration of the end of slavery in the United States.

Sign Up for Albina Head Start

Albina Early Head Start and Head Start is hosting three open house events this summer where you can attend and tour the organization's pre-school learning facilities, meet teachers and home visitors, and sign up for the program.

Albina Head Start offers services for children 6 weeks to 5

years old for income eligible parents. There is also a home-based program for prenatal moms.

The open houses are June 28 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Richard Brown Albina Head Start, 605 N.E. Ivy; July 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Garlington Albina Head Start, 4515 S.E. Flavel Dr.;

and July 26, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Owen Blank Albina Head Start, 909 N.E. 52nd Ave.

There will be food, fun for the kids, and a raffle and each open house. Interested families should bring documents showing income from last year, and the child's proof of birth and name.



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George Weatheroy and Ruben Nunez, representing security services for Portland Public Schools, and Sgt. Hank Hays of the Portland Police Bureau's Youth Services Division, were among a contingency of officers who went to King School Friday to investigate reports of racist intimidation, but nothing was found. It came two days after the multicultural Good in the Hood festival received death threats.

Staying Strong

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Trump supporters and protesters, Still, Penney emphasized, they never expected to receive a threat.

"I've lived here all my life, and northeast Portland is my home," Penney told the Portland Observer. He lamented over an increased

sense of racism in the city in light of the recent racist incident on public transit that saw two men murdered.

"The last two weeks or so has just been hectic with hate crimes and the incident on the MAX," he said.

Two days after Good in the Hood received the threats, rumors began spreading at King Elementary, located next door to NECN offices, that King students were being targeted with racist letters and graffiti. Officers from the Portland Police Bureau's Youth Services Division and other officers responded to investigate but nothing was found.

The school disruption caused the cancellation of an end of the year school carnival, but fortunately, the King's Parent-Teacher Association set up a fundraising page and by Monday over 180 people donated over \$6,000 to reschedule the carnival.

Members of the community welcomed the news that security will be increased at Good of the Hood, but others said it was ultimately up to everyone to look out for each other.

"We know the same mentality that burned and shot up churches is still alive. But the

Good in the Hood will happen,

people will get together with their friends, neighbors and family and celebrate neighborhood life," said Nabeeh Mustafa, a local black activist who volunteers for an organization helping ex-convicts embrace life.

Penney is optimistic for a good turnout. Organizers are expecting 20,000 people to attend Good in the Hood.

"I've had an outpouring of support through social media, through phone calls, my email is overflowing," he said.

Over 15 bands are scheduled to play over the three days of celebration. A market place will offer handmade goods from a range of ethnic backgrounds and a diverse group of entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to make their businesses more visible. Good in the Hood also has one of the largest kid's event areas of Portland summer festivals with OMSI and Emanuel Randall Children's Hospital hosting spaces. The local hip hop radio station WE 96.3 FM will host a new 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

The annual Good in the Hood Parade is held Saturday, June 24 at 11 a.m. starting from King School Park and following Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Russell Street and west to the festival site at Lillis-Albina Park.

For a complete Good in the Hood lineup, visit goodinthehood.org.

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Charles Drew Blood Drive



Dr. Charles Drew was an esteemed African American who invented the blood bank. The Portland Red Cross will hold a blood donation event on Saturday, June 17 to highlight the need for a diverse blood supply.

Event critical for saving lives

Eligible donors are encouraged to give at the 12th annual Dr. Charles Drew blood drive Saturday, June 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Red Cross Portland Blood Donation Center, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

All those coming to donate will

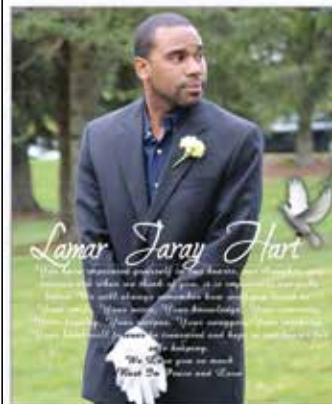
receive a commemorative T-shirt, a \$10 Visa gift card, courtesy of Suburban Propane, and a 50 percent off Adidas coupon, while supplies last.

Dr. Drew laid the groundwork for today's modern blood donation program through his innovative work in blood banking during the 1940s. He then became the first medical director for the American Red Cross in 1941.

"Dr. Drew's contributions to the blood banking industry are momentous," said Dr. Hank Hanna, medical director of the Red Cross Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region. "He was a surgeon, educator, scientist and the first African-American blood specialist who helped shaped the blood services industry. His legacy is far-reaching and we hope this drive helps educate the community about the need for a diverse blood supply."

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OPINION

A Feminist Perspective on Trumpcare

Rife with problems and gender bias

BY LAURA FINLEY

Although the American Health Care Act (AHCA) of 2017 is rife with problems, one of the most disturbing is its shocking gender bias. But why should we be shocked that the AHCA, or "Trumpcare," privileges males, as it was crafted by a group of privileged males and is being championed by the most privileged of all, Donald Trump himself?

The House bill now goes to the Senate, where majority leader Mitch McConnell initially convened a healthcare working group composed of 13 men. Amidst criticism, they invited Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-West Virginia) to join, although it is not clear that she will be a regular contributor.

The fact that 13 men, and a woman who may or may not be a regular contributor, are crafting this bill is not the issue, but rather that the architects of the AHCA are treating women as second-class citizens while taking care of their

own interests.

While the AHCA maintains the federal provision requiring that insurance companies provide coverage to people regardless of their medical history, states will be allowed to seek a waiver from the federal law. An amendment to the bill appears to allow insurers to charge people more if they have certain pre-existing conditions or even to deny them coverage entirely.

There's an exhaustive list that penalizes women. Rape and sexual assault themselves are not listed as pre-existing conditions in the proposed bill, yet the most common physical and emotional effects can be used to deny health insurance coverage to women under the proposed law. Research is clear that victims of sexual assault suffer higher rates of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, and sleep disorders—all on the proposed list of pre-existing conditions.

Victims of domestic violence often struggle with these same things. Given that approximately one in six women are sexually assaulted and 30 percent experience

domestic violence, the potential impact is huge.

If you have troublesome periods or menstrual irregularities, expect your premiums to go up. Pregnancy and the need for a C-section are also on the list of pre-existing conditions, and premiums for women who have given birth might be as much as four times higher than for men. In case it's not yet clear — only women menstruate and get pregnant.

The bill would also allow insurers to opt-out of what Obamacare considered the 10 essential health benefits, or services that all insurance plans must cover. These include maternity and newborn care, preventive care like mammograms, cervical cancer screenings, birth control, and access to free or low-cost breast pumps. Before Obamacare, 62 percent of healthcare insurance plans available on the individual market did not cover maternity care, and only nine states mandated maternity coverage.

The AHCA will defund Planned Parenthood for one year and blocks that agency from receiving Medicaid reimbursements. That essentially eliminates birth control access and sexually transmitted infection screenings for an

estimated 390,000 low-income women. About half of the 2.5 million patients who visit Planned Parenthood centers every year rely on Medicaid for their health coverage.

The champions of Trumpcare really don't seem to get it. Or maybe they do, and just don't care. Rep. John Shimkus questioned why men have to pay for prenatal care, while White House press secretary Sean Spicer even joked that older men didn't need maternity care. Funny? Not so much.

At the same time, the architects of the bill deliberately left erectile dysfunction off the list of pre-existing conditions. So, being a woman is a chronic medical condition that must be controlled by men but getting an erection (or not) is protected. If we ever needed more proof that men think with one head more than the other, look no further.

This healthcare bill will continue to entrench male superiority, to the detriment of more than half of the country's population.

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Medicaid Essential for Mental Health Services

Cuts would actually increase overall spending

BY KENNETH E. THORPE

President Trump and Republican Congressional leaders justifiably want to curb the alarming growth in government healthcare spending. Their proposed solution? Cut \$880 billion in federal funds from Medicaid over the next 10 years.

Their plan wouldn't necessarily reduce government spending. At best, it would just shift the burden from federal taxpayers to state taxpayers. In fact, such cuts could increase overall government spending. That's because Medicaid is the most important financing source of mental health services. Expanding access to mental health services would yield billions in savings -- and produce a healthier population.

Roughly one in five American adults will suffer from a mental health condition this year. Half of Americans struggle with mental

health conditions such as depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, and schizophrenia, at some point in their lifetimes.

Mental health conditions are the most expensive medical conditions in the country. In 2013, the United States spent more than \$200 billion treating mental health disorders. That total is about \$50 billion higher than what was spent combating heart conditions.

Patients are all too familiar with this financial burden. Healthcare costs for the average Medicaid adult who doesn't have any chronic conditions total \$4,600 each year, according to the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease, the non-profit I lead. But for Medicaid adults suffering from a mental health condition, annual healthcare spending more than doubles, reaching a whopping \$11,200.

It's no surprise, then, that mental health conditions are also a serious drain on state healthcare systems. States can expect to spend nearly \$70 billion on mental health conditions over the next

15 years.

In addition to increasing medical costs, mental health conditions also drain money from the economy.

Consider the workplace. Due to decreased performance, absenteeism, and other factors associated with mental health conditions, mental illnesses cost employers billions each year.

Or consider the prison system. Unfortunately, more than eight of every ten inmates don't have access to mental health services and support. Without proper treatment, inmates are put at a severe disadvantage when they're released. Many succumb to homelessness. Others relapse into criminal behavior and wind up back in prison.

Lost productivity, additional jail time, and other societal costs associated with mental illness will drain an additional \$3 billion from state budgets by 2030.

But that doesn't have to be the case. Depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and other mental health disorders are treatable diseases. With sensible policy solutions that prioritize access to mental health services, states could realize enormous savings -- and cultivate

healthier populations.

For example, by boosting inmate access to effective mental health services and innovative treatments, states could drastically reduce the number of mentally-ill inmates who received extended or recurring jail sentences. That adds up to nearly \$9 million dollars per year in savings.

The same is true for the workplace. Increasing access to necessary services and detecting mental health issues early on would slash cases of absenteeism and help employees become more productive. Businesses could save millions of dollars each year.

Adopting these new policies could save states upwards of \$475 million each year. That's \$7.1 billion in savings by 2030.

The solution to rising healthcare costs is simple: our government saves money when we have a happier and healthier population. Any lawmaker -- or businessman president -- would be foolish to cut mental health services that yield tremendous savings.

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OPINION

Remembering the Life of John F. Kennedy at 100

His enduring legacy for civil rights

BY MARC H. MORIAL

"One hundred years of delay have passed since President Lincoln freed the slaves, yet their heirs, their grandsons, are not fully free. They are not yet freed from the bonds of injustice. They are not yet freed from social and economic oppression. And this Nation, for all its hopes and all its boasts, will not be fully free until all its citizens are free." — President John F. Kennedy, June 11, 1963 Radio and Television Report to the American People on Civil Rights.

The trajectory and predominate narrative of the civil rights movement in our nation was forever marked by a single day.

Just after midnight, in the earliest moments of June 12, 1963, Medgar Evers, a beloved civil rights leader, would be shot to death by a white supremacist in the driveway of his home. On that



day, two African Americans, Vivian Malone and James Hood, would finally register as students at the University of Alabama under the federal protection of the Alabama National Guard. Earlier that evening, President Kennedy, who had previously—and rightfully—been criticized by civil rights leaders for his tepid, ambivalent embrace of the grand ambitions of the civil rights movement, had addressed our nation and cemented his place in American history as an advocate and partner in the civil rights struggles of African Americans.

President Kennedy's national address was not supposed to be delivered. Its broadcast depended on the outcome of the protracted battle happening on the Alabama campus over the enrollment of Malone and Hood. That morning, both prospective students attempted to enroll in the university, but were met by Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and a phalanx of state troopers blocking the entrance to the university's campus.

That infamous moment, now known as the "stand in the schoolhouse door," was a futile last stand

for Gov. Wallace, who pledged "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever," during his inaugural address the very same year. Gov. Wallace stepped aside, Malone and Hood enrolled later that day, and despite the favorable outcome from this very public showdown in Alabama, the president resolved to address our nation and the "moral issue" of civil rights.

To his credit, the president did more than provide lip service on issues of inequality, discrimination, equal access to services, voting rights and more. President Kennedy went a step further and proposed comprehensive civil rights legislation, declaring that "now the time has come for this Nation to fulfill its promise."

Fear for the passage of the Civil Rights Act led Kennedy initially to oppose the March on Washington. In June 1963, civil rights leaders including National Urban League President Whitney M. Young, K. Phillip Randolph, Martin Luther King Jr., and John Lewis, met with Kennedy and announced there would be a march. Kennedy feared that any violence

at the march would deter members of Congress from voting for the bill. The civil rights leaders would not be deterred, and Kennedy's enthusiasm for the march grew during the summer. The success of the march paved the way for passage of the Civil Rights Act.

But Kennedy did not get to see his civil rights bill passed. A bullet from an assassin's gun would cut his life short less than three months after the march. It was his successor, President Lyndon B. Johnson, who would pass the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited and outlawed racial discrimination and segregation in public accommodations, employment, public education and federally assisted programs.

In his address to Congress, President Johnson declared, "we have talked long enough in this country about equal rights. We have talked for one hundred years or more. It is time now to write the next chapter, and to write it in the books of law."

The act, the most sweeping civil rights legislation in the nation's history since the Reconstruction era, laid the foundation for future

progressive legislation, including the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

By President Kennedy's request, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law was formed. The nonpartisan group mounted civil rights cases with pro bono support from private lawyers in courtrooms across the nation—and its work continues today.

On May 29th, we marked the centenary of President Kennedy's birth. Whatever history has assigned to him as flaws, shortcomings and misdeeds, he believed our country could do better for all of its citizens, regardless of race, color or creed.

As we reflect on so much of his enduring legacy, let us recommit ourselves to ensuring that his evolution and eventual stand on civil rights are more than words on a page in a dusty book, but a call to continued action and activism undergirded by the principle that "all men are created equal, and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened."

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

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The Golden State Warriors celebrate after beating the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Monday. The Warriors won 129-120 to win the NBA championship. (AP photo)

NBA Title with Best Run Ever

(AP) -- They could outrun teams like the Showtime Lakers and outgun them like Michael Jordan's Bulls — and the Golden State Warriors had a more dominant postseason than either.

Their run was better than anything Bill Russell or Larry Bird did in Boston, so they should be able to claim a spot on the list of the NBA's best teams ever.

Golden State finished the

playoffs 16-1 when they beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 129-120 Monday night in Game 5 of the NBA Finals. They ended with the highest winning percentage ever in the NBA postseason and won 15 consecutive games, the longest streak in the majors of North American sports.

"This is history. We're going down as one of the best teams ever, and that's a special thing you cannot take away from us,"

reserve Andre Iguodala said.

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503 Runnin' Rebels 4th and 5th grade girls with coaches (from left) Marlin McCowan, Van Johnson and James Johnson.

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2017 Washington Classic referees Mike Schaefer and Leonard Latin.



Portland Observer Ballers 4th and 5th grade boys with coaches Mark Washington (left) and Jeff Ta. The 2017 Washington Classic was held Saturday, June 3 at SEI.



NAYA Warriors 4th and 5th grade boys with coaches Chenoa Landry (from left) and Jett Sheng. Coach Micah Johnson not pictured.



The Heat 4th and 5th grade boys with coaches Reggie Davis (left) and Phillip Mathews.



First Step Basketball 8th grade boys with coach Kari Bloodsaw (right) and assistant coach Jamaal Galloway.



Elev8Hoops 4th and 5th grade girls with coach DaRaysha Kennedy.



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Portland Pride Parade and Festival -- Celebrate the LGBTQ community and gay rights when Pride Northwest presents the 2017 Portland Pride Festival and Parade. The festival runs Saturday and Sunday, June 17-18. at Tom McCall Waterfront Park and the parade takes off on Sunday at 11 a.m. from the North Park Blocks at Northwest Burnside and Park Avenue and proceeds to the downtown waterfront.

The Divos -- The Portland Gay Men's Chorus presents a showstopping production filled with songs from some of the top male singers in music. 'The Divos,' a one-night-only event takes place Saturday, June 17 at 7 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. For tickets, call 503-226-2588.

Portland Trans March -- The fourth annual Portland Trans March bringing much-needed visibility to sexual identity issues, while also highlighting the strength of mentor networks and the power of collective resistance, resilience, and solidarity, will be held Saturday, June 17 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Park Blocks, 235 N.W. Park Ave.

Fishing Clinics -- The Mt. Hood National Forest is hosting annual free fishing clinics for kids 12 and younger. Next session is Saturday, June 24. Bring lunch, warm clothing, a rod and reel if possible and a cooler to bring home your catch! For more information, call 503-630-8801.

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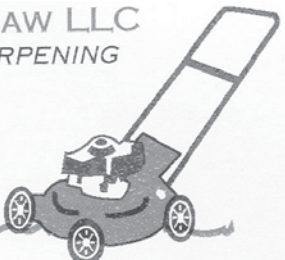


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Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith and Los Angeles-based filmmaker A.J. Ali shake the hands of young members of the community attending a town hall to discuss solutions and best practices to address racial disparities in the county's justice system.

Youth and Justice Focus

Town Hall looks for solutions and best practices

BY MELISSA NAVAS

While African Americans in Multnomah County make up less than 6 percent of the population, they make up about 22 percent of the jail population.

That overrepresentation – while not new – prompted County Commissioner Loretta Smith to bring together local youth, community members, law enforcement officials and black elected county officials from across the United States to discuss solutions and best practices to address racial disparities in Multnomah County's justice system.

Smith hosted the Black and Brown Boys and Men Town Hall May 31 as a precursor to a meeting in Portland of the National Organization of Black County Officials.

Emceed by author and actor Hill Harper, the session included Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill; Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Reese; Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Capt. Derrick Peterson; Los Angeles-based filmmaker A.J. Ali, and Alameda County, Calif. Supervisor Keith Carson.

Smith said that many of the racial disparities in Port-

land are issues mirrored in communities across the nation.

"We need to get to the bottom of it," she said. "We need to figure out how can we decrease some of those disparities."

Harper, who has authored books and starred in television and film, highlighted the current climate for addressing racial disparities and the key role that access to public education plays.

"It seems the political debate has become more and more preoccupied with power maintenance with very few real solutions ever offered," Harper said. "Meanwhile millions of young men and women graduate from the streets and matriculate to prison rather than to college."

Hill shared statistics on what he called a "hyper incarceration" crisis. About 2.24 million people in the United States are now held in federal, state, and local jails, representing one-quarter of the world's total prisoners. Another 4.8 million people in the U.S. are under parole, supervision or probation. In 30 years, the United States' prison system has quintupled.

Harper asked the panelists to address topics like sentencing disparities, law enforcement living in the communities in which they work, fear of police, and police training and recruitment.

District Attorney Underhill spoke about his office's work to identify root causes of racial disparities in the criminal justice system. A Racial and Ethnic Disparities Report from last year found that black people are overrepresented at every stage through Multnomah County's adult criminal justice system - from arrest through sentencing.

"We need to sink our teeth into what we're seeing here" to make policy adjustments, Underhill said.

Smith highlighted a Coalition of Communities of Color report which identified social, economic and educational barriers faced by people of color.

"You can't achieve equity when you face challenges like this. Education should offer a pathway out of poverty but all too often it doesn't," she said.

Smith, who has championed jobs for young people in Multnomah County, focused on how a community supports its youth.

"Until we give our young people an opportunity to have an opportunity there are going to be high disparities in the jail system, there are going to be long sentences longer than anyone else, there are going to be folks who live in communities who are highly policed," Smith said.

Melissa Navas is a communications advisor in the office of Multnomah County Communications.

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The Oregon Historical Society's current exhibition "High Hopes: The Journey of John F. Kennedy" explores Kennedy's early life, his road to the presidency, and the changes he effected during his time in office.

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High Hopes is on view at the Oregon Historical Society through Nov. 12.



Tamae Frame's ceramic 'Whispers of Earth.'



Samyak Yamauchi's acrylic 'Might As Well Dance.'

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Tamae Frame features her ceramic art at the gallery, works that examine emotions, moods, feelings, and epiphanies. She uses the female figure as her primary

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