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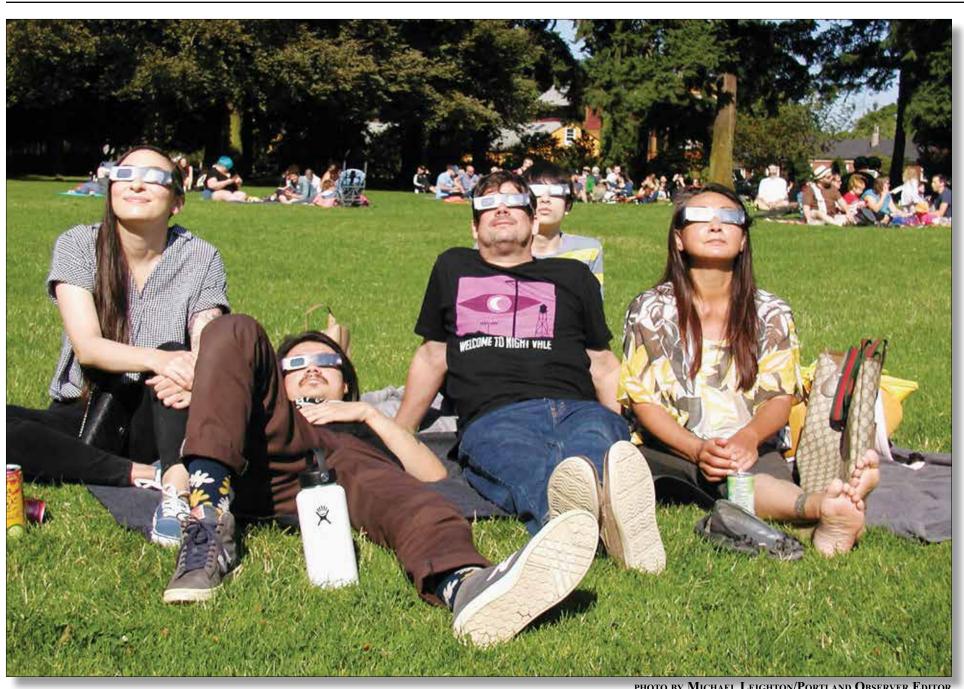


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A group of visitors from Seattle gather on the lawn at Peninsula Park in north Portland Monday morning to view the Great Solar Eclipse.

The Great Solar Eclipse

Amazing sight wows crowds

BY CHRISTA MCINTYRE THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

For a few minutes on Monday morning, the hustle and bustle of Portland's streets came to a pause as the moon passed over the face of the sun.

Families and friends gathered in green spaces and parks, lounging on picnic blankets and relaxing in foldout camping chairs all over the city to view a nearly complete solar eclipse on a bright and sunny morning. The path of complete totality was just south of Portland, stretching from Lincoln City, over Salem, Madras and John Day to the Idaho border.

Starting shortly after 9 a.m. on Monday, the celestial event began. Portlanders could be seen outside their homes, slipping on paper eclipse glasses with black film lenses to view a curved shadow engulfing the sun. Checking their watches for 10:19 a.m. as peak eclipse time edged closer, there was peaceful anticipation in the faces of people grouped together to view the spectacular event. At 99 percent totality, the skies over Portland and southwest Washington dimmed but did not completely darken.

As the moon made its way in front of the

sun, a filtered light took over and a quick cooler breeze swept by. Waving patterns of crescent moon shadows covered the ground, the sides of buildings and fences. The birds, insects and animals were silent.

Other people on the job or on their way to work pulled over in cars, stopped pedaling their bikes and gathered on sidewalks to look up and experience the show. Busy

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The 2017 GMC Canyon Denali, with its starting price of \$39,000, is distinguished with a unique chrome grille and specific wheels - 20-inch ultra-bright-machined aluminum wheels with painted accents.

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Comic Legend Dies at 91

Comedy legend Jerry Lewis, 91, died at his Las Vegas home on Sunday. The comedian, actor and filmmaker touched the lives of many with his life's work over the years, including decades as the former host of the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Labor Day telethon.



10 Sailors Die in Wreckage

Divers began recovering bodies on Tuesday of 10 sailors who died in a flooded compartment of the USS John S. McCain, a Navy destroyer which collided with an oil tanker early Monday morning east of Singapore. The wreckage marks the 4th U.S. warship collision since January.

The Week in Review

Cyclist Hits Truck, Killed

41 year old Tamar Monhait, a local artist and curator, died after crashing her bicycle into a garbage truck early Monday morning near Southeast Taylor Street and Water Avenue. Portland Police remind bicyclists to wear a helmet and have operating lights at the front and rear of their bikes in low-light or dark conditions.

Powerball Jackpot 2nd Highest

With no winning ticket claimed on Saturday, this Wednesday's estimated Powerball lottery will climb to \$700 million, making it the second largest in U.S. history. The odds of winning are one in 292.2 million.

Mayor Hires 2 Policy Advisors

Mayor Ted Wheeler announced Monday the hiring of two policy advisors to work on housing and emergency management policies. Cupid Alexander will work on housing initiatives and Elisabeth Perez will bring her expertise with emergency communications, such as Portland's 911 ser-

Wildfires Spread Across Oregon

Thousands of Oregonians are preparing to evacuate their homes as wildfires spread. Firefighting crews have been working overtime to contain the flames. One of the most significant, the Checto Bar fire on the southern Oregon coast resulted from a lightning storm and has grown to 98,000 acres.

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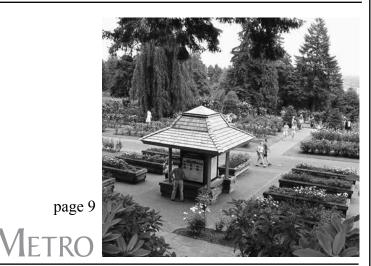
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What's on your list today?



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The historical Rutherford House at 833 N.E. Shaver was built in 1920 and was first home of the NAACP Credit Union. The NAACP Portland Chapter was founded in 1914.

Where History Happened

Preserving the African American experience

BY CHRISTA McIntyre THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland's Architectural Heritage Center, which has long been engaged with preserving the history of the African American experience in the city, has stepped up its efforts to record and place important buildings on the National Historic Registry.

It comes as interest in designating African American historical resources has been on the rise in recent years. Last October, for example, one such designation was made for the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, a majority that relocated to inner north Portland following the 1948 Vanport like "chasing moving targets."

reau of Planning and Sustainability is partnering with the non-profit to document potentially historic black resources, giving property owners a better opportunity to more easily list their property in the National Register.

executive director of the Archi- depth documentation of African



Cathy Galbraith, executive director of the Architectural Heritage

tectural Heritage Center, says that American historic places with with the rapid development that is a report called Cornerstones of African-American congregation taking place today, documenting Community: Buildings of Porthistoric buildings in Portland is land's African American History.

A recognized expert of Port-Now the city of Portland's Bu- land's African American history, she laments the loss of more homes, buildings and churches with historical black ties for new, same looking, "mixed use" box buildings.

In 1995, she worked with Portland scholars and communi-Cathy Galbraith, the founding ty members to create the most in

The late black historian and newspaper columnist McKinley Burt participated with Galbraith in the effort, documenting African American places in Portland for the publication. Burt, who taught in the Urban and Black Studies department at Portland State University, and was a regular contributor to the Portland Observer,

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Remembering activist Dick Gregory

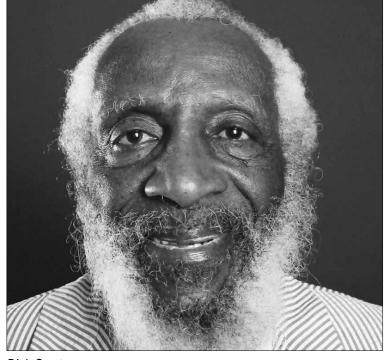
(AP) -- Dick Gregory, the comedian and activist and who broke racial barriers in the 1960s and used his humor to spread messages of social justice and nutritional health, died Saturday. He was 84.

As one of the first black standup comedians to find success with white audiences, in the early 1960s, Gregory rose from an impoverished childhood in St. Louis to win a college track scholarship and become a celebrated satirist who deftly commented upon racial divisions at the dawn of the civil rights movement.

Gregory's sharp commentary soon led him into civil rights activism, where his ability to woo audiences through humor helped bring national attention to fledgling efforts at integration and social equality for blacks.

Gregory briefly sought political office, running unsuccessfully for mayor of Chicago in 1966 and U.S. president in 1968, when he got 200,000 votes as the Peace and Freedom party candidate. In the late '60s, he befriended John Lennon and was among the voices heard on Lennon's anti-war anthem "Give Peace a Chance," recorded in the Montreal hotel room where Lennon and Yoko Ono were staging a "bed-in" for peace.

An admirer of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., Gregory embraced nonviolence and became a



Dick Gregory

vegetarian and marathon runner.

He preached about the transformative powers of prayer and good health. Once an overweight smoker and drinker, he became a trim, energetic proponent of liquid meals and raw food diets. In the late 1980s, he developed and distributed products for the popular Slim-Safe Bahamian Diet.

When diagnosed with lymphoma in 2000, he fought it with herbs, exercise and vitamins. It went in remission a few years later.

He took a break from performing in comedy clubs, saying the alcohol and smoke in the clubs were unhealthy and focused on lecturing and writing more than a

dozen books, including an autobiography and a memoir.

Gregory went without solid food for weeks to draw attention to a wide range of causes, including Middle East peace, American hostages in Iran, animal rights, police brutality, the Equal Rights Amendment for women and to support pop singer Michael Jackson when he was charged with sexual molestation in 2004.

Richard Claxton Gregory was born in 1932, the second of six children. His father abandoned the family, leaving his mother poor and struggling. Though the family often went without food or electricity, Gregory's intellect and hard work quickly earned him honors, and he attended the mostly white Southern Illinois University.

He started winning talent contests for his comedy, which he continued in the Army. After he was discharged, he struggled to break into the standup circuit in Chicago, working odd jobs as a postal clerk and car washer to survive. His breakthrough came in 1961, when he was asked to fill in for another comedian at Chicago's Playboy Club. His audience, mostly white Southern businessmen, heckled him with racist gibes, but he stuck it out for hours and left them howling.

That job was supposed to be a one-night gig, but lasted two months -- and landed him a profile in Time magazine and a spot on "The Tonight Show."

His political passions were never far from his mind -- and they hurt his comedy career. The nation was grappling with the civil rights movement, and it was not at all clear that racial integration could be achieved. At protest marches, he was repeatedly beaten and jailed.

He remained active on the comedy scene until recently, when he fell ill. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, and 10 children.





A groundbreaking ceremony ushers in the future 'Charlotte Rutherford Place' at 6905 N. Interstate Ave., drawing dignataries from the city of Portland, Multnomah County, Central City Concern and other supporters of affordable, family housing. Pictured (from left) are Dave Underriner, City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, Ed Blackburn, Hon. Charlotte Rutherford, County Commissioner Loretta Smith, and Beth Palmer Wirtz.

Affordable, Family Housing

erty and addictions since 1979, recently broke ground on the first is Health initiative -- a pioneering commitment from local hospitals and health systems in supportive, affordable housing.

land's pioneering African Amerineur. Her parents, Otto G. Ruth-Otto worked there as well.

Central City Concern, a Port- can families and their impact on erford and Verdell Burdine, were land non-profit serving people the entire community, will rise major figures in Portland's Black impacted by homelessness, pov- from 6905 N Interstate Ave., civil rights struggle. Her father providing 31 one-bedroom and 17 two-bedroom units as part of secretary of Portland's NAACP of three buildings in the Housing Portland's housing strategy to chapter in the 1950s, and they address displacement and gentri- played an important role in pass-

was president and her mother was ing the 1953 Oregon Civil Rights Charlotte Rutherford is a com- Bill. Her grandfather, William, munity activist and former civil ran a barbershop in the Golden The Charlotte Rutherford rights attorney, journalist, admin- West Hotel--now a Central City Place--which honors one of Port- istrative law judge and entrepre- Concern residential building, and

Obituary

In Loving Memory

Ronald Stewart

Ronald Gerald Stewart went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 16, 2017. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Ron was born on May 26, 1953 and passed away due to

complications from leukemia. Celebration of Life services are scheduled on Friday, Sept. 1 at 2 p.m. at New Song



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Ron will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His family thanks everyone who made his life full and inspirational.



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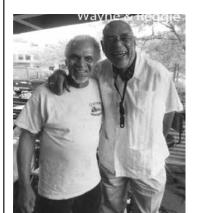
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was affectionately known by his readers as "The

Black folks from every walk of life were interviewed by the Cornerstones team: Barbers, nurses, Pullman porters, doctors, football heroes, electricians, teachers, spiritual leaders, and early members of civil rights organizations. Cultural celebrities provided stories behind the local landmarks. The late Clara Peoples, the mother of Portland's Juneteenth Celebration and who also helped establish Meals on Wheels in Oregon is thanked for her contribution to the project.

When Galbraith and her fellow researchers began the process they expected to find close to 150 buildings with historical roots to the black community, and to their great surprise 1,284

The entries in the index are brief, but telling: 6 N. Tillamook St. was home to the African American YWCA and the NAACP, and is now the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, named after an important Jazz musician of his day. Some stories are endearing: the black Tigner family was blessed with the unusual gift of quadruplets and local Alpenrose Dairy gifted them a home in the 1950's after the births. Mrs. M Russell is described as "a splendid cateress and elocutionist" of the 1930's who works at Mammy Shack. Other stories are honest and heartbreaking, such as Clara Edler who cooked for the same family for 74 years, she was a slave to Colonel James Crawford and then worked for his daughter.

After the latest project to document buildings important to Portland's African American history was green lit, 1,000 letters were sent out to

I think of all the buildings that were on Martin Luther King in 1998, there was something like 11 or 12 that were in the index, now we're down to five. A couple were burned in fires, but everything else has been demolished and redeveloped. -- Cathy Galbraith, executive director

of the Architectural Heritage Center



were still standing. But Burt warned Galbraith shortly before his death that this work would be akin to "documenting destruction," she ex-

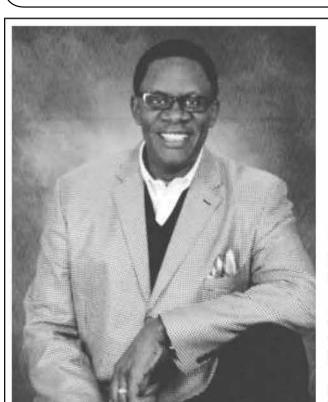
"I think of all the buildings that were on Martin Luther King in 1998, there was something like 11 or 12 that were in the index, now we're down to five. A couple were burned in fires, but everything else has been demolished and redeveloped," Galbraith said.

The 225 pages of Cornerstones is a touching time capsule of the men, women and children who migrated to Portland and established the roots of the African American community. It begins with a history of African Americans in Oregon and ends with an index of historic places.

area home and building owners with the potential to be put on the National Register. Meeting the criteria to go on the registry can be a vital piece to any effort to preserve historic memories and landmarks in the face of gentrification for years to come.

With a grant from the Oregon state Historic Preservation Office, this continuation of Cornerstones will look at the themes, trends and patterns of history related to the African American experience in Portland.

The Architectural Heritage Center welcomes submission of photos, stories or other documentation that may aid in the preservation of Portland's African American history. To share, contact Stephanie



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takes pills. I've tried to convince off the spine and nervous system. When the body yells, "Fire!" and you experience pain; it is trying to get your attention that it is being injured. When there is stress in the nervous system, this is a serious problem.

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friend constantly pain but will do nothing to take the stress treated can cause ill-health in other areas of the body as well. Our specialty is finding the cause of your problem and taking care of it, painlessly, without drugs...Just as nature intended. If you suffer from pain, stop pulling the alarm wires from the walls. Together, we can put the fire out...for

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As a crowd of stargazers gather at Mount Tabor in southeast Portland to view the once-in-a-lifetime solar eclipse on Monday morning, a man who set up a telescope to project the image safely shows the sun being obscured by the moon as reflected on a piece of whiteboard paper.

The Great Solar Eclipse

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pockets of shops, banks and cafes came to a halt and there was a sweet calm on the streets much like a holiday morning.

Hundreds of thousands of tourists descended upon Oregon for the eclipse, but dire predictions of traffic jams and supply shortages

ing the Internet and social media websites showed travelers gathered on the foot paths of bridges and overtaking the higher summits to get the best vantage points. While some felt there was a too much hype built up around the

Hawai'i to South Carolina, the event lived up to its promise. At Mount Tabor in southeast Portland, a little girl was heard

crying, because she wanted the

eclipse which made its way from

did not materialize. Photos flood-

Great Solar Eclipse from Peninsula Park. moon to "do that again." Gasps were reminded of how powerful and tears of joy were seen on adult and amazing our little solar sysfaces. For a moment, the pull of tem is. nature grounded people and they

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

Annie Macer of Portland uses special glasses to safety view the



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR Mother Nature cooperates with clear skies for the Great Solar Eclipse, drawing Andrew Fox of Portland (left) and Jewan Manuel of Michigan to Peninsula Park in north Portland where the view of the moon obscuring the sun reached nearly 99 percent complete, lowering light levels dramatically.

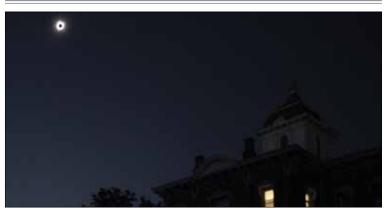


PHOTO BY KEVIN E. CURRY OF LINFIELD COLLEGE A photo from Linfield College in McMinnville, south of Portland, shows the Great Solar Eclipse in the pathway of totality when it is blocked by the moon and is safe to view. Unfiltered views of any part of the sun itself can damage the eyes.

Vision Checks after Eclipse

Damage from unfiltered looks bring warning

Anyone experiencing eye discomfort or noticeable vision changes in the hours, days and

even weeks following Monday's solar eclipse, are encouraged to make an appointment for a comprehensive eye examination.

According to Pacific University's Eye Clinics, eye pain, light sensitivity or other noticeable

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The Legacy of Obo Addy

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To help carry forward his legacy of creating cultural awareness and understanding though African music, dance and culture, a free presentation of Addy's impact on the Pacific Northwest, including a performance by Okropong, will take place on Monday, Aug. 28, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at McMenamins Kennedy School.

Though he passed away in 2012, Addy's work carries on through the Obo Addy Legacy Project, which includes educational offerings, concerts and performing arts groups that tour the country.

Presented by Susan and Alex Addy, the event Holy Names Heritage Center, and McMenam-



is sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society, Performers from Ghana comprise the Portland performing group, Okropong. Part of the Obo Addy Legacy Project, they will perform during a free presentation, "The Legacy of Obo Addy and His Impact in the Pacific Northwest," on Monday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at McMenamins Kennedy School.



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The Platters were among the will showcase the well -known or more information.

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A revamped International Rose Test Garden at Washington Park, 400 S.W. Kingston Ave. provides better access to people with disabilities. A special daylong celebration takes place Saturday, Aug. 26 with a special concert at 6:30 p.m.

100 Years of Roses

Saturday celebration for Washington Park

You're invited to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of an iconic Portland treasure, Portland's Washington Park has just underwent new accessibility improvements and an all day party is thrown this Saturday,

Aug. 26.

The event will kick off at 11 a.m. with remarks from City Commissioner Eudaly and PP&R Director Mike Abbaté, plus free cupcakes while supplies last! Crafts for adults and kids, watercolor painting, face painting, temporary rose tattoos, and Rose Garden tours will be part of the fun.

At 6:30 p.m. a free concert in the Rose Garden

Amphitheater by Pilón d'Azucar is scheduled. Bring your chairs, blankets, food, family, and friends to enjoy the Cuban salsa, timba, and Afro-Cuban jazz sounds of these amazing musicians!

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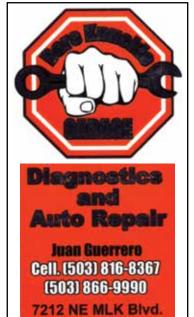
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Pompeii Exhibit at OMSI -- Preserved bodies cast by volcanic debris

in the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius and nearly 200 other artifacts on loan from the unparalleled collection of the Naples National Archaeological Museum in Italy are part of the new OMSI exhibit, Pompeii: The Exhibition. Now showing through Oct. 22.



Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Sept. 1 at the Vinyl Tap; Monday, Sept. 4 at 11 a.m. for the Oaks Park Labor Day Picnic on the Carpenters Union 1503 stage and Friday, Sept. 8 at 9 p.m. at the Spare Room.



Life of an Iconic President -- One hundred years after his birth, John Fitzgerald Kennedy remains a subject of endless fascination for millions of Americans. 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. Runs through Nov. 12.

American Classics -- One of America's most beloved composers is celebrated when the Clackamas Repertory Theatre presents the music of Irving Berlin with "The Melody Lingers On" at the Osterman Theater on the Clackamas Community College campus. Shows are Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees through Aug. 27. Tickets at ClackamasRep.org or call 503-594-6047.

History Hub -- Oregon Historical Society exhibit for young people ex-

plores the topic of diversity with interactive objects and pictures that tell the stories of the people of Oregon, past and present. With puzzles, touch screen activities and board games, History Hub asks students to consider questions like "Who is an Oregonian?," "How has discrimina-



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tion and segregation affected people who live in Oregon?," and "How can you make Oregon a great place for everyone?"

Discount Tickets -- Low income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.







A scene from Standing Rock in North Dakota from Portland story teller and visual artist Carolyn Campbell from her exhibit 'Majestic Ground of North Dakota Moon,' now

Majestic Ground of North Dakota Moon

Most have seen the images of Standing Rock's protests and standoffs of last winter in North Dakota when Native Americans and supporters were driven from land by military force. What you couldn't see, though, was the

magnificent strength of earth and the gentle truths of the people and the spirits that reside in this sacred and mostly forgotten land.

Portland story teller and visual artist Carolyn Campbell presents the landscapes of

Standing Rock besieged by winter that will take your breath away in her photo exhibit which will be on display through Aug. 31 at Destino Café, 1520 N.E. Alberta St.

In this showing, Campbell honors the

legacy of wisdom, the power of place, and the unending grief of those who were here first to capture the untold stories of places and people who are often disregarded or dismissed.

Gallery's August Shows



Contemporary designs, geometric elements and an artist's investigation of borders to explore boundaries are some of the concepts used in art works featured this month at Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

Showing in the Guardino's main gallery are works in 3D fiber sculpture by Shannon Weber and abstract paintings by Chi Meredith. Weber uses reclaimed materials and found objects to create contemporary designs. Meredith's paintings contrast between organic and geometric elements.

In the gallery's feature area, Michael Kurz has titled his work, Borders. He investigates boundaries and markings that divide one space from another.



Shanon Weber makes 3D sculpture designs from reclaimed materials.



Michael Kurz explores borders to illuminate physical barriers and lines.



Grammy nominee and 8-time Blues Music Award Winner Shemekia Copeland will perform this weekend at the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival.

Hot Jazz, Wines and Fine Art

With its focus on world-class jazz musicians, fine art and crafts, and great Northwest wines, the 20th annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival is coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25-27, to Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver.

The concert lineup features internationally acclaimed Grammy-nominated jazz and blues legends, as well as up-and-coming musicians who are breaking onto the national scene. Local and regional bands, as well the 56th US Army Jazz Band from Joint Base Lewis-McCord will be performing. More than 20 concerts will be staged during the three-day festival.

For a complete lineup and more details, visit vancouverwinejazz.



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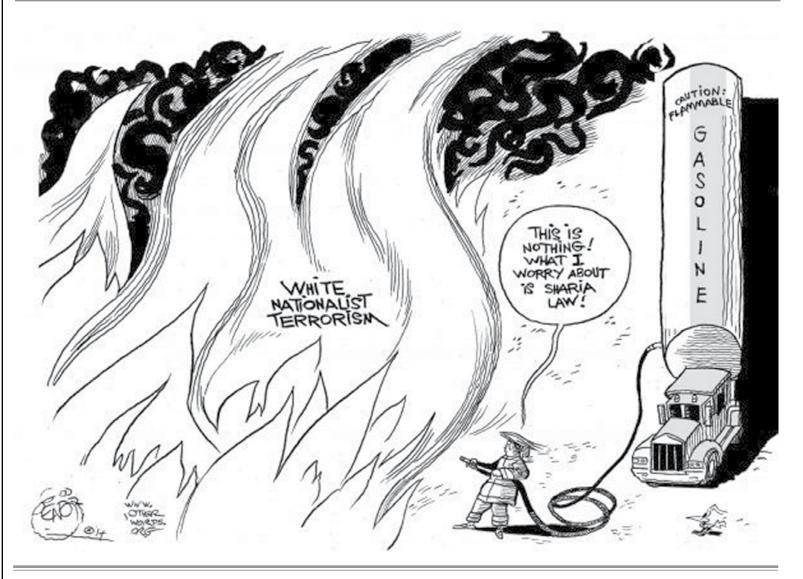
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Affirmative Action: Dissecting Rhetoric from Reality

The attack on equality of education

BY MARC H. MORIAL

In a perfect America founded and operating on colorblind meritocracy, admission to selective institutions

Fortune 500 companies and access to federal contracts would be determined solely by ability, skill and ties that use "intentional race-based talent, never having to take into consideration race or gender—and process because of its purported certainly never having to take into negative effects on Asian-Amerconsideration a moral, national imperative to redress wrongs rooted this is an attack on equality and in a long history of slavery, sexism, structural racism and prejuthe America we call home.

than others), perpetually strived millions of Americans. The Trump lective universities consider an aphigher education or employment. liberty and justice—for all.

the residue of injustice that disproportionately effects communities the very federal agency charged with addressing the impact of discrimination on historically disad-

direction of Attorney General Jeff have to climb the American lad-Sessions, preparing to attack those der of success, and is practically

nities of members of minoriall phases of schooling. ty groups and women."

of higher learning, boardrooms of Justice is planning to redirect resources from its civil rights division to investigate and sue universidiscrimination" in their admissions ican applicants. But let's be clear,

education for marginalized groups.

This brazen, transparent, coun-We live in an America that has proposed initiatives, would seal play in college admissions. (at some points more fervently the door of opportunity shut for for the elusive ideals of freedom, administration has proposed slash- plicant's legacy status as a factor ing the Department of Educathrough the mud of inequality and withholding much needed federal money from high-poverty public communities at a distinct disadvanschools; and reducing funding for of color and women, it is at best federal work-study and Pell Grants, cynical and at worst callous that making it harder for lower income connection gave an applicant a 23.3 and Black and Hispanic students to percentage point advantage over a afford higher education.

laws, policies and guidelines synonymous with opportunity and set in place to end and correct achievement, the executive branch the effects of a discrimination of our government appears driven and "improve the employ- to keep those who can least afford ment or educational opportu- it away from a quality education at

There are a lot of myths out According to a leaked there about affirmative action. memo, the Department of The most prevalent one—the one that fires up the aggrieved Trump base—is that hordes of Black and Brown applicants are taking away opportunities rightfully earned by better-qualified white applicants. The truth is, according to the latest data, the primary beneficiaries of affirmative action have been white women. And though the administration insists it is motivated by a sense of fairness, no attention is bedice. But as we all know, that is not terproductive assault on affirma- ing paid to the growing advantage tive action, coupled with other socioeconomic and legacy status

low-income and underrepresented tage. A 2011 Chronicle of Higher Education study found that a legacy In a nation where education is cants whose parent attended the tional Urban League.

vantaged groups is now, under the the most effective tool most of us school gained an average advantage close to 50 percentage points.

> That our universities and workplaces review candidates through a race- and/or gender-conscious lens is an acknowledgement of the outsized role racism and sexism currently plays and has historically played in our nation's history. The Supreme Court has ruled—time and again—that schools, in particular, have the right and "compelling interest" to use race in a limited way to achieve a diverse student body. The goal is not to disadvantage any group, but to recognize and attempt to remedy centuries of injustice.

The National Urban League unequivocally condemns any effort by the Department of Justice to undermine the still necessary role of affirmative action in college admissions, taking us back to a time when African Americans, women and other marginalized groups did Like race or gender, many se- not have equal and fair access to

I look forward to the day when in the admissions process, which a man or woman will neither be But as we collectively labor tion's funding by over \$9 billion; puts students from marginalized, preferred nor penalized based on gender, color or socioeconomic class. Perhaps affirmative action, as a lasting solution, is complex and imperfect, but so is the nation we call home.

> Marc H. Morial is president and non-legacy applicant. And appli- chief executive officer of the Na

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You Can Vote Every Day – With Your Dollars

The power from

your wallet

BY ELEANOR GREENE

All shopping is created equal we all have our preferred soaps and brands. I'd phone rather walk a bit fur-

ther to my favorite grocery store than the closer one at the end of the block.

Sometimes these choices are based on convenience, familiarity, quality, or price. But how ofthey'll make on the world?

Since I started learning about environmentalism, I've discovered the dark sides of products I'd been blissfully ignorant of — like that they come from companies with no regard for the environment, or they're made by people Trade works by paying a premi-

who don't get a living wage.

With politics the way they

are, it can feel like big business will soon be able to get away with anything. It can all seem unbearable, and it's not possible to campaign 24/7 making dozens of phone calls a week or

marching every weekend. So how can I make sure my

purchases aren't undermining my values?

By voting with my dollars.

Voting with your dollars can ten are they based on the impact be done every day. It's a goal, but it's flexible.

> For example, I buy fair trade coffee. It might cost a dollar more, but I know the farmers who grew those beans in Ethiopia, Colombia, or Peru are making

reinvested into improving the farm or community.

It's a start at least. I could take another step and buy coffee from a local business instead of the chain I go to. I also shop at a grocery chain, but I could do better by going to local businesses or farmer's markets more often. I buy organic dairy and eggs, but if I had a bigger budget I'd go all organic.

When I learned that my bank doesn't treat customers well and worse, loans money for fossil fuel projects — I changed to a local credit union. It's not like I'm making so much that a big bank will miss me. But in a credit union, my money goes into home loans, local businesses, and development I support.

Last fall, during the Standing a wage they can get by on. Fair Rock Sioux Tribe's fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline, we

Sun Trust and Wells Fargo were giving loans to the company building it.

Now at least I know I'm not supporting that project. And if you write or call your bank when you leave explaining why, they'll know, too.

We can't expect ourselves to be perfect, but we can push ourselves to be better.

Sometimes voting with your dollar means keeping it in your wallet. Every dollar you don't spend on junk is a dollar you can put in a community bank or credit union to finance jobs, housing, and social services that every community needs. Or it can be donated to a charity that helps the less fortunate, combats hate, or takes action on climate change.

The organization I work for is trying to build a green economy. That means more than trying to

um to producers, which is then learned that big banks including avoid supporting harmful corporations — it means actively supporting businesses that adopt green practices, grow local economies, and pay suppliers fairly.

> Where you shop and what you buy send a direct message to business owners. If enough of us shift our spending and investments at once, it can force large corporations to reconsider their supply chains and business practices. And it can help small businesses stay afloat.

> It can be hard to feel like your voice matters when you vote. But your money has the power to support Earth-friendly practices, fair wages, healthy food, and local economies. It has that power every time you reach for your wallet.

> Eleanor Greene is the associate editor of publications at Green America. Distributed by Other Words.org.

A Prayer for Advocates for Children, Families

Fighting for just policies and practices

By Marian Wright Edelman

Below is a prayer for child advocates. Teachers and school administrators are always on the front lines advocating for chil-

dren so maybe one of them could use this today as they prepare for the new school year. They are not alone.

Parents and grandparents and all who care for chil-

dren and strive to be good role models for them are child advocates. Doctors, social workers and others who work with and serve children are child advocates. Librarians and coaches are child advocates. Political leaders who put children first are child advocates.

And all are joined by the millions of peo-

ple, with or without children of their own, who spend time and talent fighting for just policies and practices that help children and families and all who are vulnerable and needy.

A Child Advocate's Beatitudes

(INSPIRED BY CLARENCE JORDAN'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT)

Blessed are the poor in spirit — who do not measure themselves by money or worldly power but who ask God for what they need and are not mired in pride — for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are those who mourn — who are concerned about the needs of children and the poor and others in need who cannot speak for themselves — for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek — who do not seek only their own good but their neighbors' too — for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness – who do not work for the praise of others or earthly gain or fame and share gladly their talents, energy and money — for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful — who know they are sinners and are dependent on God's and others' forgiveness every minute of every day — for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart — who are not hypocrites but who struggle to live what they preach — for they will see God.

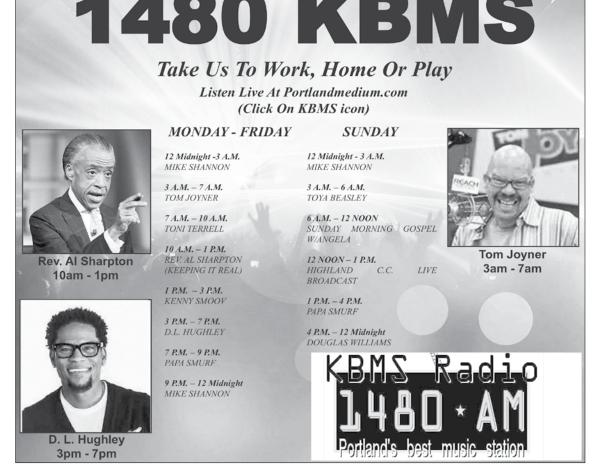
Blessed are the peacemakers — who do not prepare for war while talking about peace, who do not kill others in order to stop killing, who do not love just those who love them but reach out to make their enemies friends — for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake who do not run or waver in the face of criticism, threats, or death for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who speak kindly and not meanly of others who do not tear down others but build them up for the kingdom's work and children's well-being — for they shall receive their reward.

Blessed are the just — who do not adhere to the letter of the law and regulations for some but ignore them for others — for they will hear God's well done.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense



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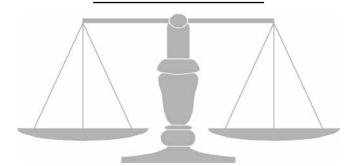
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Vision Checks after Eclipse

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changes to vision can begin immediately, or more commonly, several hours and possibly days after viewing the sun without an appropriate filter such as ISO-approved solar glasses.

Solar retinopathy (damage to the eye's retinal tissue), may occur after viewing the unfiltered sun for just a few seconds, even if the sun is almost but not entirely eclipsed, as it was in most of Oregon on Monday morning.

Often times, there are no immediate symptoms or pain associated with retinal damage because retinas do not have pain receptors, says Dr. Lorne Yudcovitch. Changes to vision or light sensitivity may not be noticeable until the following day or longer, he

added.

And, depending on the severity of the damage, vision problems may be treatable or permanent, but time is of the essence. Notice any discomfort or impairment in vision and have your eyes examined as soon as possible, he says.

Those who experience pain or vision difficulty, or are otherwise concerned about their eye health, can schedule a comprehensive examination at Pacific EyeClinic locations in Portland (downtown), Beaverton (The Round), Hillsboro (Health and Education District), Cornelius (Virginia Garcia Wellness Center) and Forest Grove (Pacific University Campus).

tors, says Dr. Lorne Yudcovitch. Changes to vision or light sensitivity may not be noticeable until the following day or longer, he For more information, including a complete list of EyeClinic appointment phone numbers, the following day or longer, he

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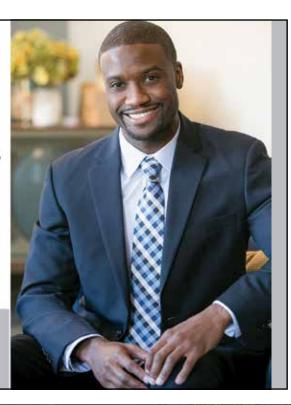
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Greek Salad

Salad INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pt. grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cucumber, thinly sliced into half moons
- 1 c. halved kalamata olives
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 3/4 c. crumbled feta

DRESSING INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp. red wine vinegar
- Juice of 1/2 a lemon
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- kosher salt
- · Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 c. extra-virgin olive oil



DIRECTIONS:

- **1.** In a large bowl, stir together tomatoes, cucumber, olives, and red onion. Gently fold in feta.
- **2.** In a small bowl, make dressing: Combine vinegar, lemon juice, and oregano and season with salt and pepper. Slowly add olive oil, whisking to combine.
- **3.** Drizzle dressing over salad.

