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Thousands jam the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston seeking shelter from the massive flooding and destruction in southeast Texas from Hurricane Harvey which became the heaviest tropical downpour in U.S. history Tuesday.

Epic Scale Disaster

Thousands seek shelter as water keeps rising

(AP) — As the human toll and the strain on flood defenses mounted, the city of Houston moved Tuesday to open two and possibly three more mega-shelters, and the rain from Harvey officially became the heaviest tropical

downpour in U.S. history.

Louisiana's governor offered to take in Harvey victims from Texas, and televangelist Joel Osteen opened his Houston megachurch, a 16,000-seat former arena, after critics blasted him on social media for not acting to help families displaced by the storm.

The city's largest shelter, the George R. Brown Convention Center, held more than 9,000 people, almost twice the number officials originally planned to house there, Mayor Sylvester Turner

said.

In all, more than 17,000 people have sought refuge in Texas shelters and that number seemed certain to increase, the American Red Cross said.

After the mayor's announcement, volunteers and donors lined up outside the Toyota Center, the downtown arena that is home to the Houston Rockets, in anticipation that it will be one of the new shelters.

The mayor said the city has asked the Federal Emergency Management

Agency for more supplies, including cots and food, for additional 10,000 people, which he hopes to get no later than Wednesday.

Almost four days after the storm ravaged the Texas coastline as a Category 4 hurricane, authorities had confirmed only four deaths — including a woman killed Monday when heavy rains dislodged a large oak tree onto her trailer

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The Week in Review

Oregon Guard Helps Texas with Rescue Operations

The Oregon Air National Guard was deployed over the weekend to help with rescue operations in Texas as thousands of people flee from the rising waters of Hurricane Harvey. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown deployed 15 special tactics airmen to assist rescue efforts. "My heart goes out to Houston and all who have lost loved ones, homes and property," she said.

City Council Adopts 48 Hour Rule for Police

The Portland City Council last week unanimously approved a new rule requiring police officers who use deadly force to speak with police internal affairs investigators within 48 hours of the incident. A court review of the policy will be taken to address officers' due process rights. The council also voted to create a new commission on "community-engaged policing."



Wapato Jail for Sale

Multnomah County announced Thursday that it has retained a property brokerage firm to sell or lease the never-opened Wapato Jail and other surplus properties. It comes after two earlier offers to buy the north Portland jail site fell through. The county built the complex in 2004, but it was never opened.

Portland Completes North-South Bike Corridor

The completion of a \$4.5 million bike corridor from North-

east Lombard Street to the Springwater Corridor of southeast Portland was celebrated Thursday. Roughly following 28th Avenue, the rare north-south route jogs to parallel streets for stretches with most of the 9 mile route comprised of neighborhood greenways, residential streets with low traffic volumes and low speeds, where bicycles and pedestrians are given priority.

Portland Schools Work on Lead Pipes

Work replacing water fixtures for Portland Public Schools started again on Monday with at least some fixtures at all 90 schools in the district to be replaced to ensure that students have access to drinking water that does not have unacceptable levels of lead. Bottled water will again be provided students until the replacements are made.

Trump Reverses Limits on Military Gear for Police

President Trump signed an executive order Monday reviving a controversial program that provided local police departments with surplus military equipment. The directive repeals Obama-era limitations on police agencies' access to such military items as grenade launchers, armored vehicles and other gear that was seen as inflaming confrontations with protesters.

Transgender Ban Challenged

Two federal lawsuits were filed Monday challenging President Trump's ban on transgender individuals joining the military - one in Seattle by multiple plaintiffs and another by the American

Civil Liberties Union in Maryland on behalf of six service members who are transgender.

Missile Fired Over Japan by North Korea

North Korea on Tuesday fired a midrange ballistic missile designed to carry a nuclear payload. It flew over Japan and splashed into the northern Pacific Ocean, officials said, as Washington and South Korea were conducting war games nearby. President Trump later told reporters, "We'll see, we'll see" when asked what he would do.

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New Justice Reform Push

Aim is to redefine the role of DAs

A major new campaign to make Oregon's criminal justice system more effective, fair, and accountable was launched Sunday by the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon

Over 100 supporters of the organization gathered in Beaverton Sunday to hear about the local chapter's "They Report to You" initiative which aims to redefine the role of the state's district attorneys in order to bring needed changes.

"At a time when President Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions are trying to turn our criminal justice system back to the 1990s, we are moving forward for reform in Oregon," said David Rogers, ACLU of Oregon executive director. "This campaign is a top priority. It will last several years and we already have staff working on it full time."

The group's initial goals are focused on increasing voters' understanding of the role that district attorneys play and increasing direct engagement between voters and DAs.

Ultimately, the campaign will push for district attorney's to increase transparency in the justice system; emphasize pre-



David Rogers

vention and treatment; focus on addressing the root causes of crime; commit to fair practices and policies; and be intentional about reducing racial disparities.

"District attorneys need to understand that there is more to accountability than building and filling prisons," said Daniel Lewkow, the ALCU campaign's manager. "Accountability includes doing what is fair and effective such as using more smart-on-crime strategies like prevention, treatment, education, and re-entry support."

The reform efforts follows progress made during the 2017 Oregon Legislature when the ACLU successfully lobbied lawmakers to pass laws designed to end law enforcement profiling, reduce unreasonably

harsh penalties for simple drug possession, limit expansion of prison populations, and make the grand jury system more accountable and transparent.

"These smart reforms all faced serious and vocal opposition from the district attorneys, yet Oregon was able to push them forward," Rogers said. "This marks a major shift in the political landscape in our state, and we're just getting started."

Nikki Fisher, executive director of The Bus Project, which is teaming up with the ACLU of Oregon on the "They Report to You" campaign, said many people do not know who their district attorneys are or what they do.

"But once they learned about the role that district attorneys play, they wanted to engage. People recognize that our criminal justice system is out of balance, and they want to see their DAs provide solutions to make the system work better," Fisher said.

The ACLU said interest in the civil rights organization has spiked since the election of Trump and membership in Oregon has quadrupled to over 40,000.

Officials said supporters have been hungry for ways to get involved and the campaign will continue to build and expand its footprint in the state over the coming months.

Hardesty Runs as Unity Candidate

A long time political leader in Portland and member of Portland's African American community kicked off an election campaign for a position on the Portland City Council Saturday with a rally drawing a large group of supporters.

Former state representative and current president of the Portland NAACP Jo Ann Hardesty says she is running to make sure all voices and every walk of life is represented at City Hall.

"This is the voice of One Portland," said Hardesty. "We mean to unite our town, to be a beacon of enlightenment shining across



Jo Ann Hardesty

our country. We cannot be silent as dark clouds of racism and hatred roll out from some places. That is what this campaign is about."

The high energy event at the Mt. Scott Community Center was opened by Oregon Music Hall of Fame Inductee Norman Sylvester and his band, and featured short rousing talks by Rev. LeRoy Haynes, a Portland black pastor who leads efforts for police justice reforms in Oregon and is a member of the Albina Ministerial Alliance, and Hardesty.

Volunteers with clipboards and campaign messages then went into local neighborhoods to listen to Portlanders' concerns and invite them to be a part of the Hardesty campaign.

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home in the small town of Porter. But unconfirmed reports of others missing or presumed dead were growing.

Six members of a family were feared dead after their van sank into Greens Bayou in East Houston. A Houston hotel said one of its employees disappeared while helping about 100 guests and workers evacuate the building.

Houston police confirmed that a 60-year-old officer drowned in his patrol car after he became trapped in high water while driving to work. Sgt. Steve Perez had been with the force for 34 years.

Authorities acknowledge that fatalities from Harvey could soar once the floodwaters start to recede from one of America's most sprawling metropolitan centers.

The storm continued to take a toll even as the weather outlook improved slightly.

A pair of 70-year-old reservoir dams that protect downtown Houston and a levee in a suburban subdivision began overflowing Tuesday, adding to the rising floodwaters from Harvey that have crippled the area after five consecutive days of rain that set a new continental U.S. record for rainfall for a tropical system.

Engineers began releasing water from the Addicks and Barker reservoirs Monday to ease the strain on the dams. But the releases were

not enough to relieve the pressure after the relentless downpours, Army Corps of Engineers officials said. Both reservoirs are at record highs.

The release of the water means that more homes and streets will flood, and some homes will be inundated for up to a month, said Jeff Lindner of the Harris County Flood Control District.

Officials in Houston were also keeping an eye on infrastructure such as bridges, roads and pipelines that are in the path of the floodwaters.

Although forecasters had feared that another 2 feet could fall in some places, it appeared that the outlook had improved somewhat on Tuesday. The weather service said 2 to 3 more inches was expected to fall, perhaps a little less in Houston proper, as the storm moved east.

But southeastern Texas and southwestern Louisiana are still likely to see "relentless torrential rains," with another 6 to 12 inches of rain across the upper Texas coast through Friday as Harvey moves slowly east over the Gulf of Mexico, the National Hurricane Center said.

The disaster is unfolding on an epic scale, with the nation's fourth-largest city mostly paralyzed by the storm that arrived as a Category 4 hurricane and then parked over the Gulf Coast. The Houston metro area covers about 10,000 square miles, an area slightly bigger than New Jersey.



The Portland Police Bureau and Bureau of Transportation are partnering to keep Portland's students safe as they return to school this week.

Back to School Safety Urged

Portland Public School students are scheduled to go back to school on Wednesday this week while other local school districts, as well as private and charter schools, have already or will begin classes during the next two weeks.

To ensure student safety and increase awareness of the start of the school year, the Portland Police Bureau will be conducting high visibility patrols around all schools as part of its annual "Back to

School" safety campaign.

Officers, including Photo Radar Units, will be enforcing traffic laws in these zones to reduce the number of crashes in school zones and to create a safe environment for students returning to school. There will be emphasis placed on traffic safety and traffic education during the morning hours when students arrive at their schools and in the afternoon hours when the schools dismiss their students.



Hugo Gonzalez Venegas



Monique Clayton



Enoch Fleming



Alisha Carter



Elona Wilson

Good in the Hood Scholars

Multicultural fest supports college dreams

Five local scholarship winners were announced last week from donations received through the annual nonprofit Good in the Hood multicultural festival that promotes unity in the community.

Each student will receive \$1,000 toward their academic studies. A ceremony to present the awards, sponsored by Jordan Wing Initiative, will be held Friday, Sept. 8 at Legacy Emanuel Hospital's Lorenzen Conference Center Auditorium, 2801 N. Ganzenbein Ave.

The honorees are Hugo Gonzalez Venegas, Monique Clayton, Enoch Fleming, Alisha Carter and Elona Wilson.

Venegas is a third year student at Lewis & Clark Law School who immigrated to the U.S. with his undocumented family in search of a better life when he was just 5 years old. He hopes to become a social

justice attorney.

Clayton is a 31-year-old mother who returned to school to achieve her dream of becoming a nurse practitioner. She is enrolled at Portland Community College and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Fleming was born in northeast Portland to a family of 11 brothers and sisters. His dream is to become a plastic surgeon and he is studying pre-medicine at Portland State University while working on a bachelor's degree in biology.

Carter is an aspiring educator with a passion for promoting community growth as an active change agent. Pursuing her dream in education is a way to uplift, encourage and give back to those she encounters.

Wilson made it out of a cycle of addiction that trapped her biological mother and members of her family for generations to become a student at Pacific University. She will graduate with a degree in early education and plans to pursue a master's degree in business administration.



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Movement Zones for Better Learning

Rosa Parks students benefit

Fourth grader Day'Anah is stressed over a new teacher and sometimes doesn't want to come to school. When she does come to class, "sometimes I get bored and need movement to wake up."

Day'Anah's recognition that physical activity plays a role in academics has fueled her interest in the Rose Parks Elementary Learning Center's new movement zone, developed by The Shadow Project, a non-profit serving Portland Public Schools.

"Many of my students like Day'Anah are starting to gauge what they are feeling, and they know what they need to do to calm down and focus, so they can get back to class," says Rosa Parks Learning Center Teacher Kim Giarelli.

Kids need regular movement to be successful in school. In addition to the health benefits of physical activity, movement breaks can help students regulate their behavior, and they are then better able to engage in class and retain information.

In Ms. Giarelli's room, students in grades four and five now have access to a stationary bike, a fit board, a trampoline, and a crash pad for timed breaks.

"The bike is my favorite," says Day'Anah. "It helps me to concentrate at school."

In another learning center classroom, students in kindergarten through third grade

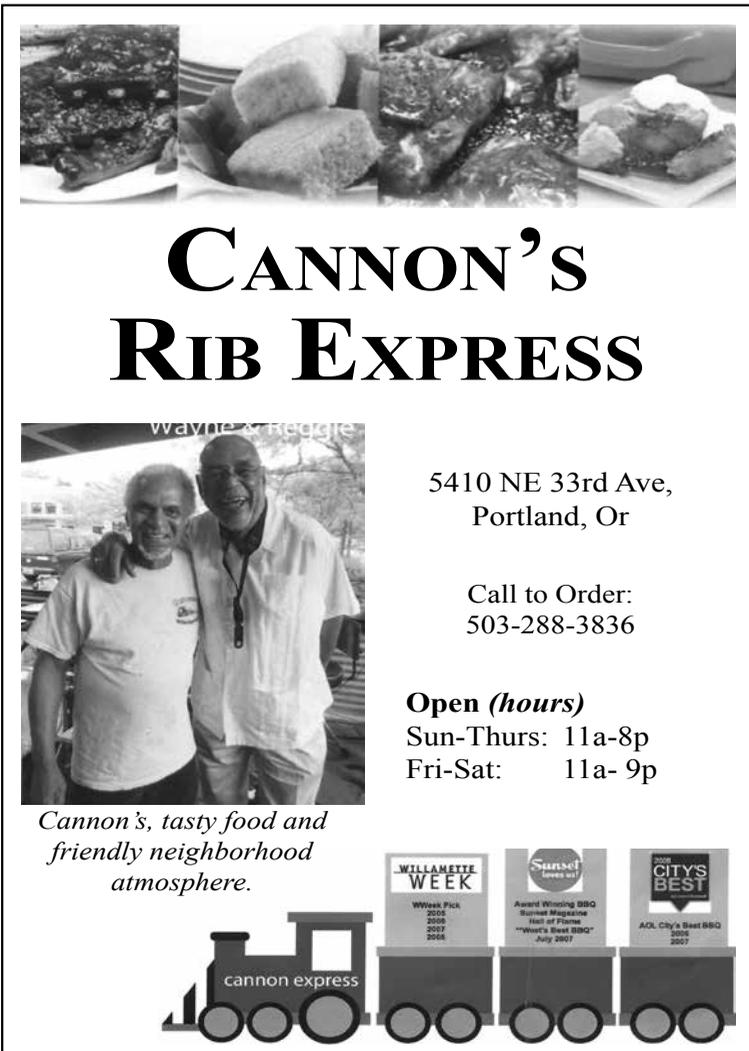


Physical activity breaks up the day and helps Day'Anah keep her focus at Rosa Parks Elementary's new Movement Zone, a literacy space developed by The Shadow Project, a non-profit serving Portland Public Schools.

utilize a weighted lap pad, balance beam, trampoline, crash pad, tunnel for crawling, and squishy balls for shooting indoor hoops.

helping," says Ms. Giarelli. "I see the kids really exerting themselves to improve, not just going through the motions. We are already seeing the benefits."

"The movement breaks are



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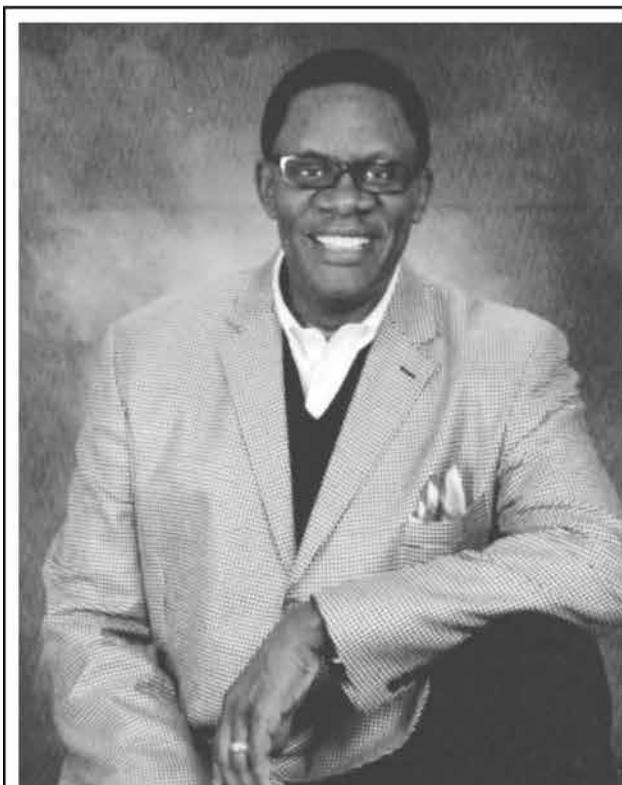
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Miss Ethnic, Not Specific

Comedy a search for self acceptance

Portland actress and writer Kristina Haddad's new multi-media stage play "Miss Ethnic Non-Specific," a comedic take on a search for self acceptance and fighting stereotypes, completes its premiere run this weekend at Shaking-the-Tree Theatre, 823 S.E. Grant St.



Kristina Haddad

Based on her real-life, the play explores Haddad's identity crisis journey from a small town talent show to the cut-throat streets of Hollywood. Along the way, she confronts race, culture, misogyny, and the need to fit into the molds of others -- before shattering them into a million pieces.

has looked in the mirror and tried to change their appearance, or tried as hard as they could to fit into a box, in order to feel welcomed. Her project first emerged last year at Artist's Repertory The-

atre for the Fertile Ground Festival.

"Miss Ethnic Non-Specific," plays Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Adults \$20 and seniors and students \$15.

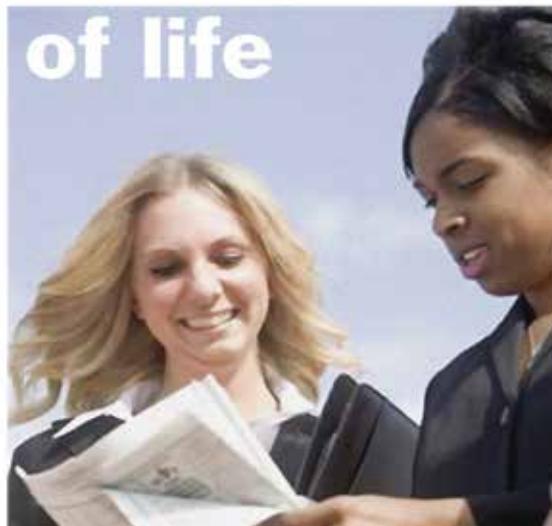
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Obituaries

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 Community Church, 2511 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Ron will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His family thanks everyone who made his life full and inspirational. A special thanks also to the Portland Observer and the Washington family.

Drowning Victim was Caring, Compassionate

Vancouver First Avenue Baptist Church was standing room only as family and friends gathered Aug. 6 to say goodbye to Jonathan James Walker, 18, who drowned off Sauvie Island on Aug. 2 while swimming with friends.



Jonathan James Walker

He was remembered as a caring and compassionate young man.

Walker was a 2017 graduate of Jesuit High School and had recently enrolled at Florida A & M University. While at Jesuit, he participated in football and baseball and was an active member of the campus ministry by participating in and leading program retreats.

Growing up in north Portland he played baseball with the Interstate-Kenton Little League, Roosevelt Roughriders and Portland Baseball Club.

He was involved in many organizations including the Oregon Humane Society, University of Oregon Young Scholars Program, FBI Youth Leadership Academy and iUrban Teen.

He was preceded in death by a brother James C. and grandfather, Jimmy Bang-Bang Walker. He is survived by his mother, Freda Walker of Portland; a brother James D.; sisters Paris and Lauren; three nephews and two nieces and a host of cousins, aunts and uncles, extended family and friends; special big cousin Mechelle, favorite cousin, Tobias, special little cousin Laila, and grand-godmother Berna. His many, Raymond Montgomery, special friend Carlissa Wood and lifelong friends Londyn Johnson-Brooks, Greyson Juono, Bobbie Steen and Delano Harris also mourn his passing.

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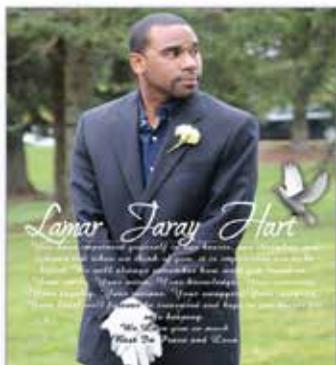
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The Oregon Symphony opens a new season on Saturday, Sept. 2 with its first-ever performance at the Oregon Zoo, an outdoor concert scheduled for 7 p.m.

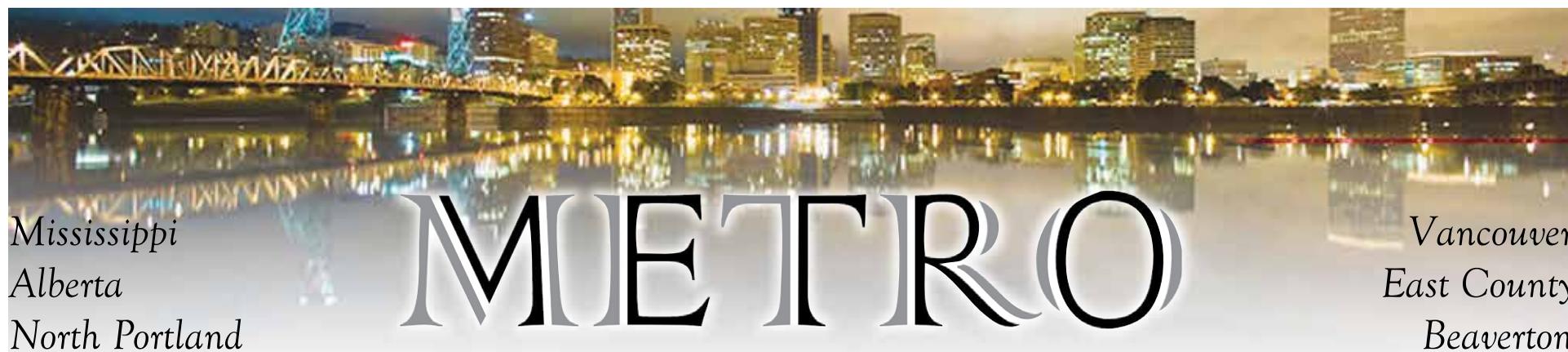
Oregon Symphony at the Zoo

The Oregon Symphony's first performance of its new season will occur Saturday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. with its first-ever performance at the Oregon Zoo, a fitting start to a season entitled "A New Dimension."

The outdoor atmosphere and the evening air surrounded by wildlife will be the perfect setting for this concert conducted by Oregon Symphony Music Director Carlos Kalmar.

The two-hour program will feature blockbuster selections of familiar, crowd-pleasing classical works, with one intermission. The performance will come to an exciting conclusion with Tchaikovsky's rousing 1812 Overture.

In the event of inclement weather, Saturday's tickets will be valid for a rescheduled Oregon Symphony concert at the Oregon Zoo on Tuesday, Sept. 5.



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A memorial plaque telling the story of the late Dr. DeNorval Unthank, the first black doctor in Portland and a dedicated humanitarian who tirelessly advocated for civil rights while building his medical practice, is dedicated at Unthank Park in north Portland during an Aug. 19 community celebration sponsored by Self Enhancement, Inc. Pictured (from left) are Bill Failing, president of the Lang Syne Society of Portland which made the plaque possible, Lesley and Jim Unthank, daughter and son of Dr. Unthank; Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz and Tony Hopson, president and co-founder of SEI.

Building Community Pride

New plaque tells story of Dr. Unthank

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

A memorial plaque telling the story of the late Dr. DeNorval Unthank, the first black doctor in Portland and a dedicated humanitarian who tirelessly advocated for civil rights while building his medical practice, was dedicated at Unthank Park in north Portland during an Aug. 19 community celebration sponsored by Self Enhancement, Inc.

The historical marker is a plaque attached to a large boulder that is now placed in the city park at North Kerby and Shaver that was named in Dr. Unthank's honor before his death in 1977. The memorial was made possible by contributions of the Lang Syne Society of Portland, a business group dedicated to friendship and preserving the memory of individual leaders who helped build the city.

Self Enhancement, Inc., the non-profit organization and public charter school providing academic support and services for African American and other students, sponsored the dedication during its annual

free community "homecoming and music festival," an event that drew more than 950 community members.

The words on the memorial are as follows:

*"DeNorval Unthank, M.D.
1899 – 1977*

Dr. DeNorval Unthank completed medical school at Howard University in Washington D.C. He was recruited to Portland in 1929 and for several years after 1931 was Portland's only black doctor. It was a time when black families were turned away from Portland hospitals. In the 1940s Dr. Unthank began tirelessly advocating for

civil rights while building his medical practice.

He became the first black member of Portland's City Club, served as president of the local chapter of the NACP, and was a cofounder of the Portland Urban League. In 1958, the Oregon Medical Association named him Doctor of the Year, a recognition that was just one of a long list of awards in his 40 years of service. In 1969 the city of Portland dedicated this park to Dr. Unthank in commemoration of his years of activism in humanitarian efforts.

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Party for Lents Park Upgrades

Lents Park in southeast Portland will celebrate its new soccer field and recently installed new playground equipment during a community celebration Thursday, Aug. 31 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be free food, kids activities and family fun. The turf soccer field and field lighting improvements were funded by Under Armour and the playground equipment was made possible by voter approval of a Parks Replacement Bond.



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James Franco stars as a rapper/thug with somewhat veiled intentions, and Selena Gomez and Vanessa Hudgens are wild girls taken under his wing in "Spring Breakers."

Cult Classic 'Spring Breakers'

A 2012 movie now seen as a popular cult classic as it reflects on depictions of gender, sexuality, violence, higher education, race and class is coming to the Northwest Film Center's as the final summer installment of its outdoor Top Down: Rooftop Cinema series.

"Spring Breakers" stars James Franco as a rapper/thug with somewhat veiled intentions, and features former Disney stars Selena Gomez and Vanessa Hudgens as wild girls taken under his wing.

The movie screens Thursday, Aug. 31 around dusk, atop the Hotel DeLuxe's parking structure at Southwest 15th and Yamhill. General admission tickets are \$10.



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History Hub — Oregon Historical Society exhibit for young people explores 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 discrimination and segregation affected people who live in Oregon?,” and “How can you make Oregon a great place for everyone?”

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Seattle rapper and producer Grieves will make the Rose City the first stop on his North American tour, on Thursday, Aug. 31 at the Hawthorne Theater in southeast Portland. Grieves just released his fifth studio album ‘Running Wild,’ via Rhmesayers Entertainment, a followup of his 2014 album ‘Winter and the Wolves’ which reached #13 on Billboard’s Rap/Hip Hop album charts.

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OPINION



Worst Time to Roll Back Affirmative Action

Enrollment rates still not equitable

BY JESSICAH PIERRE

There's a saying: "When you're accustomed to privilege, equality feels like oppression." I

thought of that when I heard about the Trump administration's recent moves against affirmative action.

According to The New York Times, the Department of Justice, led by Attorney General Jeff Sessions, is looking for lawyers to work on "investigations and possible litigation related to intentional race-based discrimination in college and university admissions."

Well, that's the point of affirmative action, right?

When President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order on affirmative action in 1961, the intent was to counteract discrimination that minorities faced in the job hiring process. Since then,

many colleges and universities have instituted similar standards to make sure women and students of color are given a fair shot at receiving a higher education.

But the way Trump sees it, it's white students who are discriminated against.

There have already been a number of cases where white students have challenged universities that implement affirmative action. But in 2016, the Supreme Court decided in Fisher v. University of Texas that affirmative action is in fact constitutional and doesn't hurt white students.

End of discussion, right? Wrong.

After the 2016 presidential elections, a new poll was released by HuffPost/YouGov showing that more than half the nation thought that blacks and Muslims faced a lot of discrimination. Yet the same report revealed that most Trump supporters believed white people were the real victims of racial bias.

Now, Trump's Justice Department is trying to rally that base

by arguing that affirmative action hurts white students.

This argument assumes that students of color no longer face discriminatory barriers. But if you read the news, it's obvious that this isn't true. The horrifying white nationalist rally and domestic terrorist attack in Charlottesville, Virginia is more than enough to prove that minorities are still a target.

But beyond that, African Americans still face economic strains due to racial bias. A 2011 study, for example, found that the median white household wealth remains about 16 times greater than average black wealth.

Receiving a college degree is often touted as a pathway to economic security. But last year, a study by the National Center for Educational Statistics showed that racial divides remain. While college enrollment is increasing across the board, it found that enrollment rates for college-aged white students (42 percent) remain higher than for both black and Hispanic students (34 percent.)

White students also graduate

college at higher rates than black and Hispanic students, according to a recent report from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

While affirmative action has helped lower some barriers created by racial bias, black and Hispanic students still lag behind their white peers in enrollment. Overall, can anyone really say the practice is keeping whites down?

Racism permeates every aspect of our economy and society — whether it's police brutality, the criminal justice system, housing discrimination, the racial wealth divide, or college admissions.

Stripping away affirmative action, one of the only race-based practices meant to counteract these issues, would send a direct message to racist whites that the administration has their back — at the expense of the livelihood America continues to take from people of color.

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OPINION

On the Power of Love in Times of Hate

King showed we can't ignore problem of racism

BY JOSE-ANTONIO OROSCO

As someone who regularly teaches about the political philosophy of Martin Luther King Jr., I often spend time discussing with students the ways in which King's ideas are taken out of context and turned into sound bites in order to support positions he would not himself have taken.

The most obvious example is how his most memorable line from the "I Have a Dream" speech about not judging people based on the color of their skin but the content of their character is used to justify attacks on affirmative action—a policy he definitely endorsed—or cited in a way to claim that the best path forward for racial justice is to somehow ignore race and become colorblind.

The white supremacist violence in Charlottesville is proof that we cannot simply try to ignore the problems of racism now. All across the country, marches and vigils are



scheduled to honor the victims of racist violence and to stand against the surge of white nationalist groups in the United States. People are seeking guidance about how to think about the public and proud resurgence of this form of bigotry.

Inevitably, the words and ideas of Dr. King are being invoked, especially his thoughts on the power of love in times of hate. One of his quotes, often bandied about, is this: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

But the hard question is what does it mean to love and not hate in the aftermath of Charlottesville? Does it mean it's somehow wrong to feel angry or violated about people proudly brandishing neo-Nazi symbols on their weapons and shields? Does it mean the best response is to forgive the purveyors of violence like the young man who ran down protestors, killing Heather Heyer in Charlottesville?

In the speeches in which King talked about love, he often spent time explaining what he meant; love has several meanings. In saying that supporters of racial justice had to have love in their hearts, he didn't mean that they had to be continually positive and upbeat, or that they had to approach racists in

friendship. That's the kind of love we share with intimates or friends.

King said the love that we ought to have in the struggle for justice is the kind that acknowledges all people, even the white supremacists, as human beings. And human beings are capable of making their own moral choices and being held responsible for their actions. We aren't called upon to like or be friendly to those who are racist. It means we ought not to dehumanize or kill them as part of our fight for justice.

Someone asked me recently if, out of love, King wouldn't have asked to sit down with a white supremacist and try to listen to their concerns and understand where they were coming from, in hopes of some kind of reconciliation and dialogue. I thought about this and realized that the answer was probably no. King never asked, for instance, to meet with Bull Connor, the rabidly racist police chief in Birmingham, Ala. who sent police dogs to attack protestors. He never called for public meetings with ordinary black and white citizens to dialogue.

Instead, he called for marches, boycotts, and urged legislation that would halt business as usual in that city, deplete the pocketbooks of segregationist business owners, and criminalize racist attacks and intimidation. He

wrote in 1963: "It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me but it can keep him from lynching me and I think that is important also."

This is not to say that fellowship and dialogue are not important, especially when friends approach one another to talk about their fears, hopes, and biases. But in thinking about responses to white supremacy in the country today, we ought to be clear that King's emphasis on love did not mean only sticking to individual efforts and trying to change the implicit racism of our friends and relatives. Toward the end of his life, he called for a revolution of values that would utterly transform the United States and its commitment to materialism, racism, and militarism at institutional levels.

The fight against white supremacy must be tied to issues of poverty, jobs, reducing our military and nuclear weapons, curbing police brutality, and providing decent health care and education for everyone. These were all issues of concern for King; this is what he meant by love.

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Condemning the Message but Not the Messenger

Hypocrisy taints reaction to bigotry

BY DR. RON DANIELS

The vicious assault on counter-protesters in Charlottesville, Va. by a volatile amalgam of Neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan, Alt Right and other white nationalist forces was one of the most horrific acts of domestic terrorism in American history. The day after a Klan-like torch light, racist and anti-Semitic show of force on the campus of University of Virginia, a white nationalist terrorist used his car as a weapon and ploughed through peaceful protesters killing Heather Heyer and seriously injuring several other people.

The words of former Ku Klux Klan Imperial Wizard David Duke captured the motive and aspirations of the largest gathering of White Nationalists in recent history: "We are determined to take our country back..... We are going to fulfill the promises of Donald Trump." Much of America and the world was shocked by this vile and ugly show of force in the "land of the free and home of the brave."

Predictably, there was almost universal expression of outrage and condemnations of the hateful white nationalist army that perpetrated the deadly acts of violence in Charlottesville. Divisions between Democrats and Republicans were swept aside as political leaders of both parties came forward to vociferously denounce these acts of terrorism by white supremacists, that is



except the President of the United States.

Donald Trump initially condemned the hatred and violence on "all sides," thereby equating the righteous protests of the counter-demonstrators with the white supremacist terrorists; equating those who were standing for the vision of an inclusive multi-racial, multi-ethnic society with freedom and justice for all irrespective of race, ethnicity, nationality, culture, religion, gender or sexual orientation with those who wish to "Make America Great Again" by turning the clock back to the good old days of white male hegemony.

The condemnations of Trump were swift and furious. There was a strong push for Trump to use the moral authority of the presidency to condemn the white supremacists by name. Political leaders, pundits and commentators suggested that he was missing his moment to pull the nation together and heal its racial divisions. When he eventually did speak-out, Republicans in particular breathed a sigh of relief that Trump had finally done that which was "politically correct."

But, oops, the sigh of relief was short-lived. In an impromptu press conference at Trump Tower in New York, Trump went off script and unleashed a tirade, angrily doubling down on his original contention that there was blame on both sides.

From my vantage point the condemnation of Trump by the Republicans rings hollow and hypocritical. Republicans enabled Trump by refusing to repudiate him decisively during the campaign and after his election to the White House.

Despite a vile and vicious campaign, clearly Republicans made a calculated de-

cision that power is more important than principle. They have stood with Trump despite his erratic and often hurtful behavior as president in hopes of implementing their rightwing, reactionary agenda.

They know who Trump is. He is the originator of the racist birther movement that relentlessly questioned whether President Barack Obama was born in the U.S. This is the Donald Trump who cemented his credibility with xenophobic, anti-immigrant adherents by blatantly labeling Mexican immigrants rapists and murderers; the same Donald Trump who castigated and insulted an American Judge of Mexican descent; the same Donald Trump who claimed he did not know who David Duke was and equivocated on condemning him; the same Donald Trump who brought an Alt-Right, White nationalist Steve Bannon into the White House as his "Chief Strategist!"

Now their lack of principle and moral courage has exploded in their faces like a pus-infected wound. By and large they have refused to condemn and abandon Trump. They know him; they enabled him, and they own him and should suffer the consequences of their blatant hypocrisy!

Actually, hypocrisy runs deep in the "conservative" ranks of the Republican Party. While Richard Nixon was the first to unveil the "Southern Strategy," Lee Atwater employed it with devastating effectiveness as a strategist for Ronald Reagan's campaign for president. The strategy was designed to use code words to fuel and enflame anti-black sentiment in the South and was used to appeal to the disgruntled supporters of Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

The real deal is that the rightwing reactionaries have courted, appealed to and appeased white supremacist sentiments and forces for decades. The only difference is that Trump made the mistake of doing it openly. Trump brought the bigots and haters that conservative Republicans have been courting under the table, from the fringes, from the margins into the mainstream of American politics; from "the outhouse to the White House."

Charlottesville may well represent the dying gasp of the hard core, reactionary, white supremacist adherents who are now a formidable force within the Republican Party. They must be confronted and defeated. But, they will not succumb willingly or easily. They are emboldened and energized by the blessing of Donald Trump and the complicity of the shriveling, equivocating hypocrites who have placed power over principle in their quest to impose their reactionary agenda.

In this crucial moment, those who stand for a progressive vision of America must build a powerful social movement utilizing protests, economic sanctions, civil disobedience and the ballot to righteously overwhelm the racist and reactionary forces. And, then we must compel this nation to confront its original sins and hypocrisy and repair the centuries of damages inflicted on Native peoples and people of African descent as the basis for creating a "more perfect union."

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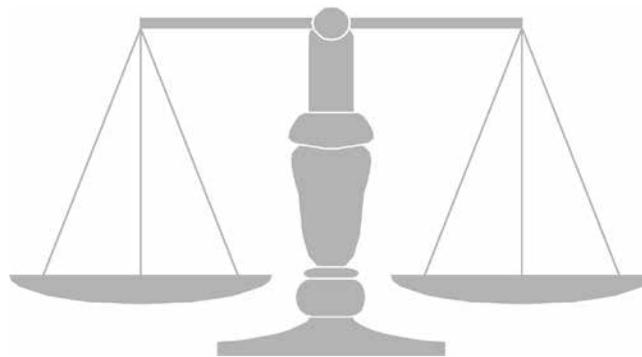


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<p>7 Australia Picnic Day Betsy Byars born, 1928 Sea Serpent Day</p>	<p>8 Dollar Day, US dollar was created in 1786 Thomas Edison patent for the mimeograph machine, 1876</p>	<p>9 National Rice Pudding Day Smokey Bear's Birthday (1944)</p>	<p>10 Herbert Hoover Born, 1874, West Branch, Iowa. S'Mores Day</p>	<p>11 Play in the Sand Day Last total solar eclipse of the millennium (1999)</p>	<p>12 IBM PC, 1981 Middle Children's Day Hawaii Annexed to the U.S. (1898)</p>	<p>13 Left-Hander's Day National Filet Mignon Day Fall of Aztecs, 1512</p>
<p>14 Japan Surrendered in World War II, 1945</p>	<p>15 National Relaxation Day Transcontinental Railroad completed, 1869</p>	<p>16 National Tell a Joke Day Roller Coaster Day, Roller coaster patented in 1898</p>	<p>17 Myra Cohn Livingston born, 1926 Davy Crockett Born in Tennessee in 1786</p>	<p>18 Louis Fatio born, 1904 Bad Poetry Day Wizard of Oz Premiered, 1939</p>	<p>19 Homeless Animals Day National Aviation Day Potato Day</p>	<p>20 National Radio Day Mosquito Day Vitus Bering discovered Alaska in 1741</p>
<p>21 First Lincoln-Douglas Debate, 1858. SOLAR ECLIPSE 10:00AM PST</p>	<p>22 Be An Angel Day Ann Franklin's Birthday (1762) 1st female newspaper editor</p>	<p>23 First Photo of Earth From the Moon, 1966 First National Women's Rights Conv., 1850</p>	<p>24 International Strange Music Day National Waffle Day Mount Vesuvius Erupted, 79 A.D.</p>	<p>25 Kiss and Make Up Day National Park Service Established 1916</p>	<p>26 Women's Equality Day Mother Teresa Born, 1910</p>	
<p>28 Dream Day, Martin Luther King Jr. gave the 'I Have a Dream' speech in 1963</p>	<p>29 First Scout Camp Opened, 1934 Michael Jackson Born, 1958</p>	<p>30 Thurgood Marshall took a seat on the Supreme Court, 1967</p>	<p>31 National Trail Mix Day Educator Maria Montessori's Birthday, 1870</p>			

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- 1/4 cup of salt
- 2 TBSP caraway seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- ground black pepper to taste
- Fermentation Crock with weight (If using mason jars, use *2 quart-size mason jars or 1 half-gallon mason jar with fermentation weights and airtight lid)**see note below

Instructions:

- 1. Get things clean** - Wash all equipment, work surfaces, and your hands in warm soapy water.
- 2. Slice the cabbage** - Remove the outer leaves and cores from cabbage. (Compost them if possible). Slice the cabbage into quarters for easier slicing. Then, thinly slice cabbage into very thin ribbons. If you have one, a food processor speeds up this process.
- 3. Add the salt** - Place the thinly sliced cabbage in a large, clean bowl. Sprinkle the salt over it. Knead and squish the cabbage/salt with your hands for about ten minutes. At first, it won't seem like it is doing anything at all, but be patient. After a few minutes, the cabbage will start releasing liquid and by the end, there should be enough liquid brine to cover the cabbage in the crock or jar. Add the caraway seeds, celery seed, and onion and garlic powder at this point.
- 4. Move it to the fermentation vessel** - Stuff the cabbage very tightly into the jars or fermentation crock. Pour any liquid from the bowl into the jar. If needed, add just enough water to make sure the water/brine covers the cabbage entirely. If the cabbage is fresh, no liquid may be needed, but don't worry if you have to add a little water.
- 5. Weigh and cover** - Add the fermentation weights and fermentation seal (or use the fermentation crock as directed). If you are just using a basic mason jar, you can also do this by adding a smaller jar that just fits inside the lid of the mason jar and covering both jars with a cloth and a rubber band.
- 6. Let it ferment** - Now you get to practice patience! Fermentation will begin within a day and take 2-5 weeks depending on temperature and desired tartness. After 2 weeks, check for desired tartness. The sauerkraut is technically slightly fermented after only a few days, but the best flavor seems to be at the 2-3 week mark. Taste is the best measure here, so check it often and stop the ferment when you get the desired taste. *Note: It is normal to see bubbles, white scum, or foam on top during the fermentation. You shouldn't see any actual mold, though. If you do, scrape it off the top, and make sure all the rest of the cabbage is fully submerged. All cabbage below the brine level should still be fine.*
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