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A recent rally in favor of immigration reform at the White House in Washington, D.C. brings out Michael Claros, 8, of Silver Spring, Md., whose parents would have been eligible for DAPA, or Deferred Action for Parents of Americans, an Obama era policy memo that the Trump administration has since formally revoked. (AP Photo)

Dreamers Abandoned

Trump ends program to furious opposition

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

A wide range of civil rights groups condemned the Trump Administration Tuesday for ending the 2012 program that has deferred deportations for more than 780,000 people who came to the U.S. illegally as children.

Opposition to the move was furious after Trump officials announced they will rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and phase it out over the next

six months, leaving the fate of the so-called Dreamers impacted by the program in the hands of Congress. The decision could impact 11,000 children in Oregon.

"Today, President Trump made one of the cruelest and most racially-motivated decisions in modern American history," said Derrick Johnson, national interim president of the NAACP. "The current administration has abdicated any moral authority associated with the United States in favor of policies designed to promote white supremacy, shrink our democracy and divide our nation. It's simply un-American."

David Rogers, executive direc-

tor of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, said Trump and the forces that helped to end DACA, "threw the lives and future of Dreamer families into disarray, and injected chaos and uncertainty into thousands of workplaces and communities across America."

Rogers said the DACA program served as a critical lifeline for young immigrants who came to America as children and have known the United States as their only home. He said the Oregon ACLU will continue to fight on behalf of their futures.

Ivan Espinoza-Madriral, executive director of the Lawyers' Committee

for Civil Rights and Economic Justice, said deporting dreamers would send them back to countries which they have little or no connection and subject them in many cases to the intense violence or poverty present in some of those countries."

"This latest Trump threat only further divides our country and creates fear in our communities," said Jason Leon, chair of the Latino Caucus of the Democratic Party of Oregon.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., called Trump's decision an effort to punish thousands of innocent young Americans

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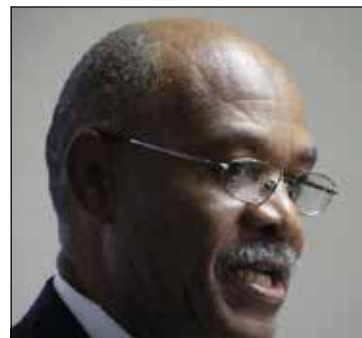
The Week in Review

More Hurricanes Generate; Take Aim

Just as Texas recovers from a week of Hurricane Harvey, another hurricane strengthened to a Category 5 storm Tuesday in the Atlantic and catastrophic damage is possible in the Florida Keys and southern Florida this weekend. A third storm, meanwhile, has formed behind Irma. Tropical Storm Jose could become a Category 2 hurricane as it brushes the Caribbean islands at the end of the week.

Emmett Till Cousin Dies

S i m e o n Wright, who was with his cousin Emmett Till when the Chicago boy was kidnapped and killed in 1955 after whistling at a white woman in Mississippi, has died of cancer. He was 74. Till's death galvanized the civil rights movement when his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, insisted on an open-casket funeral in Chicago to show the world her son's mutilated body.



Benson, Roosevelt Cancel Football Games

Benson High School cancelled Friday's football season opener against Milwaukie and Roosevelt cancelled its opener against Lakeridge because both programs didn't have enough players eligible for competition. The teams expect to resume play this weekend with a sufficient number of players.

55,000 Kicked Off Medicaid Program

Oregon has kicked nearly 55,000 people off its Medicaid program because they no longer qualified or failed to respond to an eligibility check. Officials reported the reduced numbers last week after making up for eligibility checks that had built up due to technology troubles and a massive increase in Medicaid enrollment under the Affordable Care Act.

International School Catches Fire

The International School in southwest Portland caught fire Thursday when flames reportedly in or near a dumpster on the exterior of the school spread inside the building. The fire also damaged the school's electrical supply. Firefighters were able quickly put the fire out.

Damaged Concrete Closes Parking Garage

A downtown Portland parking garage was closed after maintenance workers last week found damaged concrete that could fall and injure people or damage property. Repairs to the city-owned O'Bryant Square SmartPark garage, located near Southwest Stark Street and 9th Avenue, are expected to take four months.

Men Charged in Multiple Tavern Robberies



Police say two men have been charged in a string of local tavern robberies. On Thursday, Deron A. Crain, 32 was arrested and taken into custody on 14 counts of robbery. Another man, Jhontae D. Hammond, 33, was already in custody in Clark County and also faces 14 counts of robbery in

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What's on your list today?



Portland Fire & Rescue crews protect the Multnomah Falls Lodge from being consumed by wildfire overnight in the Columbia River Gorge in a mutual aid callout. A massive wildfire that spread from the Eagle Creek Wilderness threatened the structure but crews were able to save it.

Massive Fire Drops Ash

Dirty skies add to heat advisory

A light coating of ash fell in the Portland metro overnight into Tuesday leaving a dirty film of black and grey dust on top of cars, patio sets and other outdoor items as a major wildfire grew out of the nearby Eagle Creek Wilderness east of Portland with smoke drifting over the city.

Smoke from the fire is causing poor air quality throughout the region. Portland Public Schools decided to let classes out two hours

early Tuesday afternoon because of the unhealthy air that came in combination with a heat advisory that was already in effect for high temperatures.

The heat and hazardous air quality forecasts will mean that Portland's garbage, recycling and composting trucks will again be making collections early this week to get them off the streets before the hottest parts of the day.

Like it did during hot weather a couple weeks back, the city asks that residential customers set out their roll carts the night before their collection day as trucks may

be out early than the usual 6 a.m. start time.

In the nearby Columbia Gorge, the Eagle Creek fire grew Monday to 3,200 acres and forced new evacuations and caused closures on I-84. Authorities suspect the fire was caused by illegal fireworks when it started on Saturday.

Flames threatened the historic lodge at the bottom of the Multnomah Falls overnight on Tuesday, but hadn't touched the lodge. Multiple fire trucks were on the scene and fire crews were working to protect the historic building, originally completed in 1925.

Building Named for Waters

Albina Head Start and Early Head Start, the pre-kindergarten program serving families from Portland's disadvantaged and minority communities, has named one of its buildings in honor of the late Gladys Waters, an educator and mentor known for her compassionate care during her 40 years of work for the local organization.

The Hughes Memorial Albina Head Start building on Northeast Mallory and Falling Street was recently rededicated in her name and now will be known as the Gladys Waters Center.

"Even though Gladys isn't with us, I'm sure she is smiling down on us with tears of joy," said an Albina Head Start representative.



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Lends Help to Free Clinic

Adrienne Watson has joined the board of directors of the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington.

Watson serves as system director, clinical education for PeaceHealth. She oversees system clinical education and has standardized the clinical nursing orientation process across the system. Before joining PeaceHealth, Watson served as director, education and training for Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center in Houston.

Watson has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Tuskegee University and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix.

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Adrienne Watson

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Sunday March Against White Nationalism Set

Civil rights activists and dozens of community organizations and their supporters will hold a rally and march against white nationalism this coming Sunday in downtown Portland as a response to the

rise of neo-Nazi, KKK and white nationalist organizing.

Portland Stands United Against Hate, a broad-based coalition, says it will again mobilize to confront the Alt Right, white nationalist efforts to recruit and

promote hate in the Rose City.

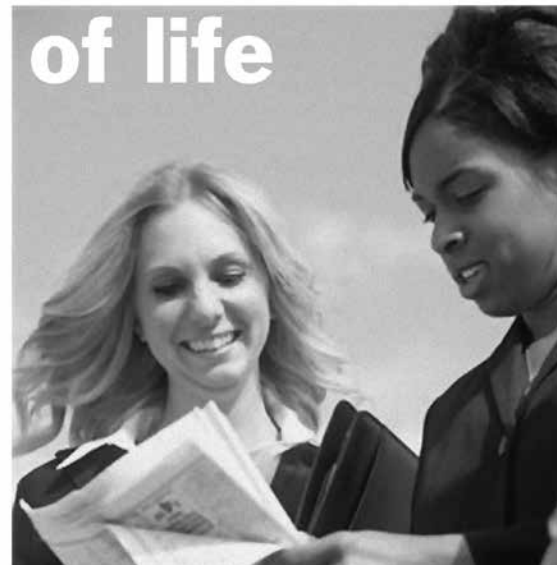
The gathering will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Terry Schunk Plaza, 431 S.W. Madison. The march will proceed to the Salmon Street Fountain at Waterfront Park.

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Tubman on \$20 in jeopardy

(AP) – Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is raising speculation that Harriet Tubman's future on the \$20 bill could be in jeopardy.

Mnuchin is avoiding a direct answer when asked whether he supports the decision made by the Obama administration to replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill with Harriet Tubman, the 19th century African-American abolitionist famous for the Underground Railroad.

He says in an interview on CNBC on Thursday, "People have been on the bills for a long period of time. This is something we'll consider. Right now, we have a lot more important issues to focus on."

During last year's campaign, Donald Trump praised Jackson, the nation's seventh president, for his "history of tremendous success" and said the decision to replace him with Tubman was "pure political correctness."



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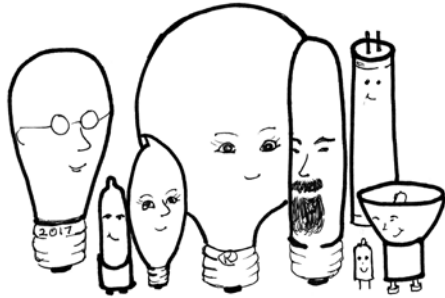
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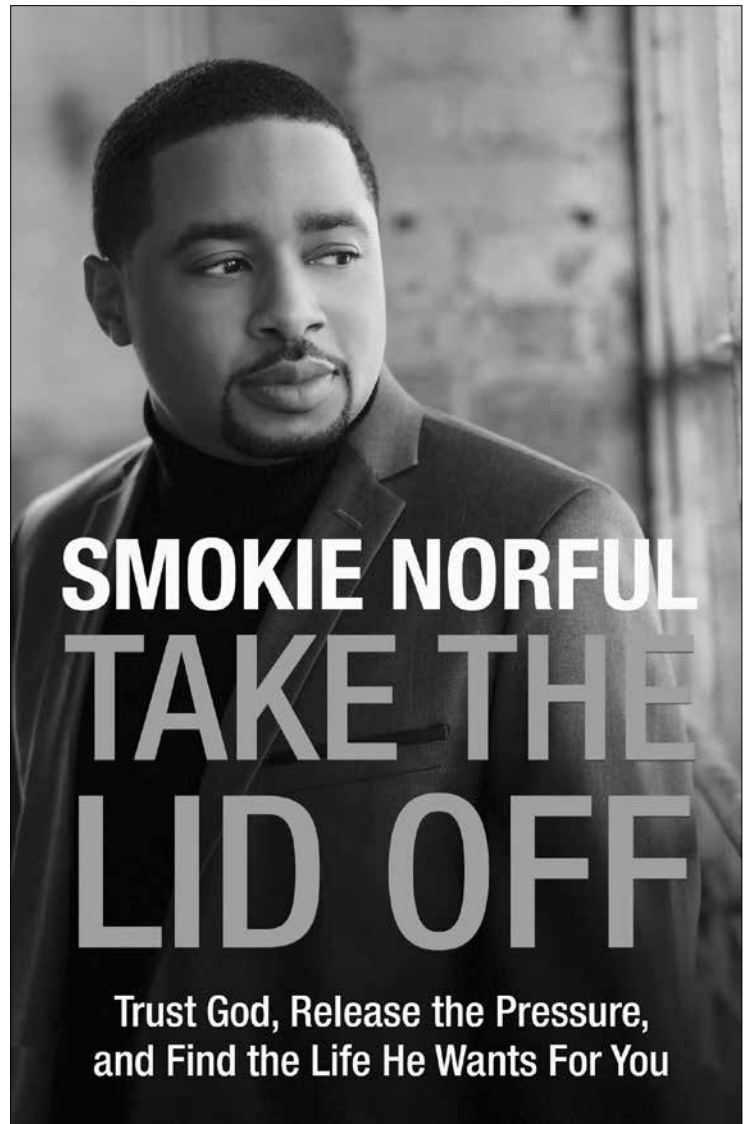


Gospel Artist's First Book

When the pressure of life seems to boil over—and it does for everyone—pastor and Grammy-winning musician Smokie Norful has one piece of advice: Take the lid off.

This concept was inspired by watching his grandmother make her signature dish of sweet rice. When the heat got too high, the pot began hissing and boiling over, like it was about to explode. His grandmother would remind him the only way to avoid an eruption is to remove the lid. Similarly, he writes that the only way to avoid an emotional overload is to take our own lids off—that is, to stop being trapped inside ourselves and instead look to God and his grace to show the strategy for becoming all he intends us to be.

This is the premise behind Norful's new book "Take the Lid Off: Trust God, Release the Pressure, and Find the Life He Wants for You." Norful is the founder and pastor of Victory Cathedral Worship Center, a large congregation with three campuses in the Chicago area.



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and split apart families.

"It goes against our American values and further divides our nation," Wyden said. "I will be fighting tooth and nail alongside my Senate colleagues to preserve the ability of these young people to continue to contribute to our country. Congress must come together and

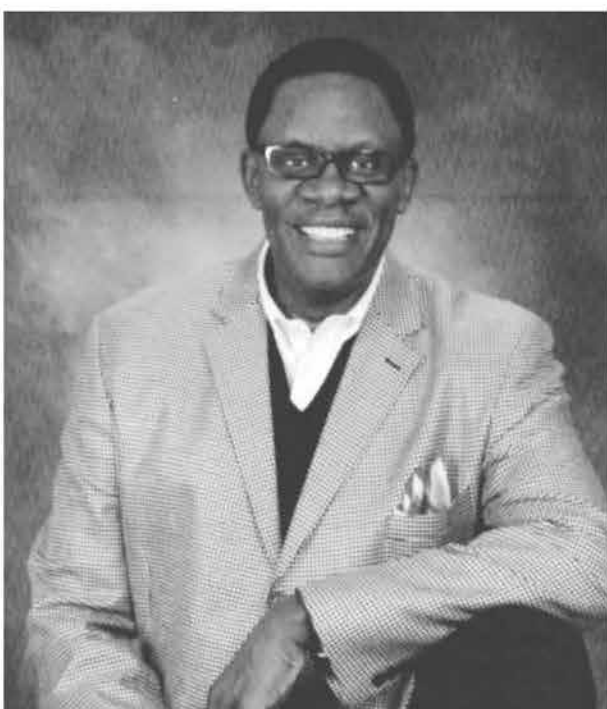
work on comprehensive immigration reform and a fair path forward for Dreamers."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions outlined Trump's decision Tuesday at a press conference at the Justice Department, arguing that the program, created by President Obama, was unconstitutional and was an executive branch overreach.

The acting secretary of the

Department of Homeland Security, Elaine Duke, issued a memorandum later the same day formally rescinding DACA and phasing it out.

DHS is providing a six-month window in which it will adjudicate pending requests and will give Congress a chance to pass a legislative alternative. As a result, the program will end at different times for different people, expiring on a rolling basis.



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Headlining Gospel singer and musician David Daughtry of Los Angeles will perform live, including his No. 1 hit 'God is Great,' during a free Gospel Greats of the Pacific Northwest Awards and Concert event scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16 at Highland Christian Center.

Celebrating Gospel Music

Highland church to host awards and concert

Four new Gospel Greats of the Pacific Northwest will be named during a Gospel Greats of the Pacific Northwest Awards and Concert celebration coming to northeast Portland's Highland Christian Center, a historically black and multicultural congregation.

Under the direction of Highland Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. W. G. Hardy Jr. and Lampkins' 1st Option Media Relations, this free concert, the third of a series since 2013, will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the church, located at 7600 N.E. Glisan

Headlining the event will be national touring Gospel singer, musician and praise and worship leader David Daughtry of Los Angeles, and Gospel Great Alumni DaNell Daymon and the Greatest Works Choir of Washington D. C.

This year's honorees are Deborah Greenidge, Derrick McDuffey, Yvette Williams

and Robin Henderson, representing more than 200 years of outstanding ministry.

"I'm elated as well as humbled to be considered a gospel great of the Northwest," said McDuffey. "My greatest prayer is that lives are impacted by what God had imparted in me." Robin Henderson from Seattle/Tacoma area says, "I am excited and deeply humbled by the wonderful display of love and appreciation being shown to me on this weekend. More so because of the illustrious company I find myself in. God bless you all for this tremendous honor."

Daughtry will perform live, including his No. 1 hit, "God is Great."

Daymon and her Greater Works Choir recently brought the house down on Americas Got Talent.

A special performance from the Highland Christian Center mime team will also take place. In addition, Jarrell Hosley and Perpetual Prayze will headline an all-star praise and worship team featuring renowned local talent.

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Dawud Whansby promotes a universalist understanding of Islam.

Spiritually Uplifting Concerts

Dawud Whansby, a Muslim singer-songwriter and world ambassador for promoting a universalist understanding of Islam, comes to Portland for two spiritually uplifting Nasheed concerts sponsored by the Muslim Educational Trust.

The performances, scheduled

for Friday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the MET Center, 10330 S.W. Scholls Ferry Rd., and Saturday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at Director Park, 877 S.W. Taylor St., will be free events for all ages to enjoy.

Whansby is a multi-instrumentalist performer, poet, educator and television personality from

Canada who is best known for his musical/poetic genre of English language Nasheed and spoken word. Nasheed is Arabic for poetically rich vocal music sung in cappella or accompanied by percussion instruments.

Chic Urban Fashion Show

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Jerald Doswell

designer Jerald Doswell of Betty Jean Clothing presents a fashion show on Saturday, Sept. 9 in the diverse Rockwood community of Gresham, a free event for the general public with food, fashion and entertainment.

An array of different cultural fabrics will be on display between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Sunrise Center, 18901 E. Burnside. The fashion show will take place at the same location between 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Doswell, the brother of Kenneth Doswell of northeast Portland's Betty Jean Couture line, has a background and education in fashion, art and design. His company is also named after his mother whom at the age of 46 passed on from battling breast cancer.

He has developed a collection of painted jeans, hats, richly colored dresses and ornamental gowns in plus sizes that will simply astonish the audience. A powerful and inspiring collection that will diminish the idea of high fashion only comes in a standard size.



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Benefiting More People



Bike share program expands low income discounts

Biketown for All, the city-sponsored program that provides residents living on low incomes with a reduced-cost membership when using the orange Nike Biketown rental bicycles around town, has expanded who qualifies for the program.

Now individuals with an Oregon Trail Card are automatically eligible for the discounts. Portlanders who are affiliated with participating affordable housing, social service and non-profit community organizations are also eligible for the program.

"Biketown for All is a great example of Portland's values being seen on the ground in our community," said Transportation Commissioner Dan Saltzman. "All Portlanders should have access to our bike share system."

The discounts are made possible by a partnership between the non-profit Community Cycling Center, the Portland Bureau of Transportation, Motivate, the Better Bike Share Partnership, and participating affordable housing communities, social service agencies, and other local nonprofits serving Portlanders with low incomes.

Biketown for All memberships are \$3 per month and include unlimited rides up to 90 minutes per trip. Full-cost memberships are \$12 per month.

The program offers a three-hour workshop to cover how to use the bike share system and includes a group ride to teach essential skills for riding a bike in the city. Participants also receive a free helmet. You can visit biketownforall.com for more information.

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Jon Horton gets a discounted rate on his Biketown bicycle rental membership thanks to Biketown for All, a program geared to people with low incomes.

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Beaverton honors its vibrant and diverse community with its annual Celebration Parade, with marching bands, festival floats, dance groups and more, returning Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Get Ready to Celebrate!

Celebrating a welcoming, vibrant and diverse community, Beaverton's annual Celebration Parade, presented by Bob Lamphere's Beaverton Honda, takes off this Saturday, Sept. 9 with festive floats, marching bands, dance groups, local celebrities and more.

This year, more than 80 local businesses and organizations will walk, dance or drive through the city. The theme 'Be Green in '17' will showcase all that Beaverton is doing to be more sustainable and make a positive difference on our environment.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Southwest Wilson Ave and Allen Boulevard and ends at Griffith Park. A 5K Parade Run will start the day's festivities at Griffith Park at 9 a.m. To participate in the run, register at IMAthlete.com/events/bpr.

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'Bight of the Twin,' a documentary that takes viewers to the west African nation of Benin to explore the origins of the Voodoo religion, and where friends and collaborators Hazel Hill McCarthy III and Genesis Breyer P-Orridge explore the relationship between Voodoo and Western secular art and performance.

Exploring Gender and Voodoo

Transcending assumptions of what it means to be gendered, "Bight of the Twin," a visual and musical documentary, tells the story of musician and artist Genesis Breyer P-Orridge and filmmaker Hazel Hill McCarthy III's journey to the west African nation of Benin to explore the origins of Voodoo.

Orridge and his/her late wife Lady Jaye underwent a series of surgical procedures to become physically identical to one another, seeking to perfect a gender-neutral state. In Benin, twins carry sacred meaning and are venerated as gods.

The NW Film Center presents the movie as part of Portland In-

stitute for Contemporary Art's month long "TBA 17" festival, on Friday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Whitsell Auditorium, located in the Portland Art Museum, downtown.

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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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. 8 at 9 p.m. at the Spare Room; Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Billy Blues in Vancouver; Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Adrianna Hill Ballroom; Friday, Sept. 22 at the Rogue Pub; Saturday, Sept. 23 at Clyde's; Friday, Sept. 29 at the Blue Diamond; and Saturday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. for the Portland Guitar Society's Faces of Guitar showcase at Portland State University.

Kubrick on Film -- The nonprofit Hollywood Theatre on Northeast Sandy Boulevard continues its summer showcase of legendary directors with "Kubrick on Film," a screening of films by Stanley Kubrick during September, from his "2001: A Space Odyssey" to "The Shining." For the complete lineup, visit hollywoodtheatre.org.

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.



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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Blues, Boogie and Soul

An explosive rocker, Benjamin Booker, brings his frenzied guitar-strumming and raw, soulful vocals to Portland for a concert at the Wonder Ballroom on Friday, Sept. 8. Doors open at 8 p.m. Booker is a musician, singer, songwriter and guitarist who was born in Virginia and raised in Florida. After college he moved to New Orleans to work for a non-profit and began playing shows. His music is described by the Chicago Tribune as "a raw brand of blues, boogie and soul."

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OPINION



Committing Acts of Brutality with Impunity

A deeply
disturbing
pardon

BY EBONY
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During a speech to a group of police officers in July, President Trump returned to one of his favorite themes of the campaign season: violence. "Please don't be too nice" to the "thugs being thrown into the back of a paddy wagon," Trump advised the officers. Be "rough."

The president's endorsement of police brutality was met with applause from the officers and shock from activists and pundits alike.

Sensing the brewing backlash, the White House insisted that the president was simply making a joke. Even Attorney General Jeff Sessions, the country's top law enforcement official — a man with his own complicated history of encouraging the worst impulses of the police — attempted to distance himself from the controversy.

Yet the president just proved that when it comes to endorsing police brutality, especially against communities of color, he's dead serious.

For more than 20 years, Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Arizona terrorized Latino communities, harassed immigrants, and made life a living hell for prisoners in his care in order to build a reputation as "America's toughest sheriff".

These systematic violations of

human and constitutional rights eventually landed Arpaio in legal trouble of his own. Then President Trump pardoned him.

Arpaio had been awaiting sentencing for a July conviction of criminal contempt.

Back in 2011, a federal judge ordered Arpaio to stop targeting and detaining Latinos just to inquire about their immigration status. Nevertheless, Arpaio persisted for another 18 months, insisting that his racial profiling was lawful. He emasculated inmates, forcing them to wear pink underwear, and attempted to starve them with food that was called inedible.

He tortured them, too: Beginning in the 1990s, Arpaio opened Tent City Jail, which forced inmates to live outside in the extreme Arizona heat. An untold number of inmates died.

To the law, Arpaio is a convicted criminal who built his career on denying the constitutional and human rights of the most vulnerable among us. To Trump, he's "a patriot" who kept "Arizona safe."

"Throughout his time as sheriff," a White House statement bleated, "Arpaio continued his life's work of protecting the public from the scourges of crime and illegal immigration." In other words, the innocent immigrants

who were harassed, and the prisoners who were tortured, were the real criminals.

Trump promised to be the "law and order candidate" during his campaign. He codified this promise once he became president in the "Standing Up For Our Law Enforcement Community" section of the White House website. "The Trump administration will be a law and order administration," it echoed.

For the president, it seems, "standing up" for law enforcement includes allowing officers to subvert the rule of law to commit acts of brutality with impunity. Empowering law enforcement to "keep our streets free of crime and violence" means supporting racial profiling. And "law and order" only applies to some, namely those that support the president.

With Trump's pardon of Arpaio, a message has been sent: When it comes to police brutality of the kind Arpaio perpetuated for decades, the Trump administration won't simply be complicit in it. It will promote it.

And that's nothing to joke about.

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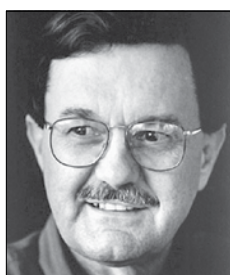
OPINION

The Old General Fought for an Ugly Cause

But even he
could lend
some wisdom
to Trump

BY JIM HIGHTOWER

While our president's moral character seems stuck somewhere between boorish and brutish, it's only fair to note that he also has an aesthetic dimension.



This surprising side of Trump popped out several days after the Charlottesville, Va., attacks by raging white supremacists. In a presidential tweet, he said: "Sad to see the history and culture of our great country being ripped apart."

Yes, very sad to see a resurfacing of raw bigotry ripping so viciously into America's historic attempts to create a culture of mutual respect and unity in a nation of extraor-

dinary diversity — e pluribus unum, as our national maxim puts it.

Oh... wait. That's not what Trump meant.

He was actually advocating keeping the statues of Confederate champions of racism — pieces of bronze and granite that publicly celebrate America's shameful history of slavery, secession, and white supremacy.

The KKK thugs invaded Charlottesville in violent objection to the city's planned removal of a statue of Robert

E. Lee, who led the southern states' war against the United States so they could keep enslaving African Americans. Trump's lament, then, was not about the attack on America's better angels, but merely about "the removal of our beautiful statues."

Apparently, it never occurred to him that most Americans don't consider those statues either "beautiful" or "ours."

Ironically, Robert E. Lee himself opposed erecting Confederate statues across

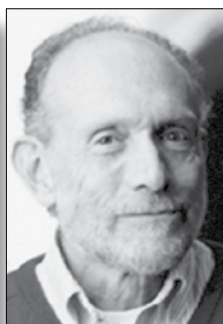
the south: "I think it wiser not to keep open the sores of war," he said, but instead "to obliterate the marks of civil strife."

We could use a leader with such wisdom today, when bigots feel newly empowered to incite civil strife across our nation.

OtherWords columnist Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, and public speaker. He's also the editor of the populist newsletter, The Hightower Lowdown. Distributed by OtherWords.org.

Should I go that Neo-Nazi Rally to Fight Back?

When the level of
dehumanization is
extreme



BY STEPHANIE VAN HOOK AND
MICHAEL NAGLER

When we hear that the Neo-Nazi movement is coming to our town, most of us naturally feel called—or pushed—to some kind of action. But not every action is going to be effective, especially if we are walking into a situation where the level of dehumanization is extreme—where people are prepared to harm or kill others. How then can we draw from the power of nonviolence in a situation of escalating violence?

First, we have to understand that nonviolence is strategic, principled and revolutionary. It answers to the violence around us by offering, in a disciplined manner, its opposite.

Nonviolence is by no means passivity. It is not inaction. And, we would include, it should not be shortsighted, reactive action. When using this power we should know what we are taking on and be prepared for encountering hatred without the fear of being overcome by it. Remember, the power of nonviolence comes from not opposing

the real well being of anyone, even — or especially — when we have to oppose their actions.

When we choose to go against our "fight or flight" response, we can find creative, nonviolent ways for responding to "Unite the Right" rallies that do not escalate violent tensions with more violence—whether defensive or offensive.

The real answer to violence is not counter-violence, however strongly we've been conditioned to believe that, but the demonstration of a counter-force.

1. When a hate group is coming to town, instead of directly confronting them and falling into the trap of chaos they want to create, instead of providing them the publicity that blows their importance out of proportion, we can engage in other activities and get the media pointed at those, such as a pro-peace concert or dance contest at the same time as their meeting. Or failing such an alternative, just plain ignore them — the way the good people of Montgomery just ignored a normally terrifying Klan ride in 1958. It shows that we are reclaiming

3. In all this, though, it's important to not unthinkingly imitate past sensational nonviolent actions or tactics. Each situation is different, and we need to explore what is at stake and plan for a variety of possible outcomes. Maybe we'll get arrested by the police, but what happens if we don't? How will we take care of each other if we do? If someone is hurt? If we don't ask these kinds of questions, we leave the door open to violence, which can only add fuel to the fire.

Make no mistake: nonviolent action takes courage, planning, and intelli-

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Here, then, are some of the things we can do.

our spaces with humanity and safety while acting together as a mature, loving community.

2. Another creative solution that can deflate the vehemence of a hate rally is to gather the community to donate money to a group like the Southern Poverty Law Center for every square foot covered by the hate group. Turn their gatherings turn into nonviolent, anti-fascist, pro-peace fundraisers.

gence. It's the best and quite possibly the only way to really counter these manifestations of hatred and ignorance that are disfiguring our society.

Stephanie Van Hook and Michael Nagler write for PeaceVoice. Van Hook is executive director of the Metta Center for Nonviolence; Nagler is professor emeritus at UC Berkeley and co-founder of the university's Peace and Conflict Studies program.

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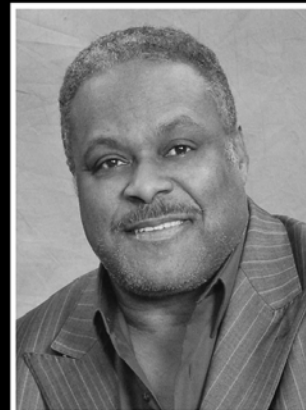
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Obituary

In Loving Memory

Bobby Ray Harris

Bobby Ray Harris, affectionately known as "Brother Bob" transitioned from his earthly home to his eternal home on Aug. 25, 2017 surrounded by loving wife and daughter.

The seventh of 10 siblings, he was born June 10, 1938 to the late Bennie Harris Sr. and Cornelia Walden Harris of Forest, Miss. He was educated in Scott County, Miss. public schools and graduated from E.T. Hawkins High School in 1958.

After enrolling at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., majoring in science education, he met the love of his life Mary Agnes "Louise" Jones of Clinton, Miss. They united in holy matrimony on March 27, 1962.

In 1962 Bobby and Agnes left Mississippi, blazing the



trails to Portland, where they made their home for 55 years. They were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Cynthia Harris on June 10, 1963.

Bobby leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife; his daughter of Vancouver; and granddaughter, Rakiyah Johnson of Vancouver; three sisters, Mary Louise Coleman of Portland, Shirley Ann McGowan (Edward) of Lawrence, Miss., and Bobby Jean Greer (Willie), of Riverside, Calif.; two brothers, Bennie Harris Jr. of Forest and Paul Harris (Joyce) of Portland; two brother-in-laws, Albert Jones (Julie) of Clinton, Miss. and Tommie Jones (Bettye) of Jackson; two sister-in-laws, Betty Jones of Jackson and Irene Hearn's of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a special god-son Daryl Wooding of Birmingham, Ala.; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Public visitation is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 8 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Terry Family Funeral Home, 2337 N. Williams Ave. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9 starting at 11 a.m. at Highland Christian Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan St.



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In Loving Memory

Cecelia Helen Kelly

Cecelia Helen Kelly was born Aug. 21, 1964 and died Aug. 30, 2017.

Also known as "Tubby" or "C.C." she has gone to be with her husband Michael Kelly, her mother Jean Lewis and dad Patrick Pichon. She leaves behind two adult children, Marion Pichon, aka Pebbles Jackson, and Eugene Kelly,



aka Bam Bam; three grandkids; six sisters, Winniefred Pichon, Melanie Pichon, Martha Thomas, Penny Mims, Lillian Nicole "Nikki" Jones, and Karen Williams; a sister on her dad's side, Jeannie Pichon; and a host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

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11 Make Your Bed Day World Trade Center attack in 2001	12 National Chocolate Milk Shake Day	13 ◐ National Peanut Day Positive Thinking Day	14 Francis Scott Key wrote the 'Star Spangled Banner', 1814	15 Make A Hat Day National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins Sept. 15, ends Oct. 15	16 Collect Rocks Day Mayflower Day Mexican Independence Day Stepfamily Day	17 Citizenship Day National Apple Dumpling Day Constitution Day
18 The New York Times was first published in 1851	19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day Poet John Keats Wrote 'To Autumn' in 1819	20 ● First Railroad Station Opened Magellan started search for Spice Islands, 1519	21 Miniature Golf Day World Gratitude Day International Peace Day H.G. Wells born, 1866	22 First Day of Autumn California Native American Day Dear Diary Day	23 Nintendo founded in 1889 - made playing cards	24 Good Neighbor Day National Bluebird of Happiness Day Supreme Court est. in 1789

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