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Roosevelt High School students Lammi Kalil (from left), Justice English and Isobel Boyd join Portland Trail Blazers point guard Damian Lillard (center) at a school assembly Thursday to kick off a motivational 'RESPECT' program that focuses on encouraging students to adopt core values through respectful behavior.

## Respect and Success: Lillard on young people making good choices

Since his arrival in 2012, Portland Trail Blazers point guard and NBA sensation Damian Lillard has placed a high priority on positive interactions with fans, especially with the young people he can influence to make good choices in life.

As the new school year begins, the Oakland, Calif. native has tipped off a re-energized "RESPECT" program to encourage Portland students to adopt core values through respectful behavior. He met with students at Roosevelt and Parkrose High Schools last week to launch the program. The two schools were specifically chosen

as partners for this year's effort.

Roosevelt Principal Filip Hristic said he was very excited about the program and how it can positively influence students.

"We're so appreciative to Damian," he said. "We will be utilizing the support Damian has to offer to increase school engagement and ultimately our graduation rate. We are grateful for this opportunity."

A new curriculum for 2017 will engage students to show up, work hard and be kind: Showing up by arriving on time each day ready to engage and learn, showing respect for your family and teachers; work-

ing hard by doing your best and showing respect for yourself and your future; and being kind by showing respect and valuing the differences in others.

Throughout the year, teachers and counselors will be empowered to reward students who have embodied the program's principles with tickets to Trail Blazers games; Damian Lillard adidas merchandise; and other special giveaways.

"We are thrilled to have Damian Lillard and RESPECT as part of our students' experience this year," said Parkrose Principal Molly Ouche. "Damian's positive role

modeling and leadership will help make Parkrose High School and Parkrose students even better by providing opportunities and experiences to reinforce showing up, working hard and being kind. We appreciate his level of involvement and commitment to this work."

Lillard started "RESPECT" in 2013 during his rookie NBA season with the Blazers.

"I've always defined success as trying to be the best version of myself, and positively impacting as many lives as possible," he said.





Protesters in Portland gather to oppose the harsh, anti-immigrant policies of the Trump Administration during a visit by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. (KGW photo)

## Sessions Visit Met With Resistance

Protestors, mayor oppose his law and order plea

BY DANNY PETERSON  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland pushed back against Jeff Sessions who visited Portland Monday to meet with law enforcement officials to ask them to cooperate with the Trump Administration to enforce their immigration policies.

Demonstrators from Portland's Resistance, Milenio, Voz Hispana Cambio Comunitario and others were present at all stages of Sessions' visit to protest his anti-immigration policies, criminal justice initiatives, racism, and the Trump Administration in general.

Mayor Ted Wheeler, who refused to attend the meeting in protest, sent a letter to Sessions outlying

why he opposed meeting with him and clarifying Oregon's sanctuary laws.

Oregon state law dating back to 1987 prohibits state and local police from enforcing federal immigration law," Wheeler wrote.

Wheeler also said he opposes the Trump Administration's threats to pull funding from sanctuary cities and states and condemned the administration's revocation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which protects child immigrants, known as "Dreamers," from being deported.

"Dreamers were brought to the United States as children, through no decision of their own. This is the only country they have ever called home. Dreamers today are applying their talents to make a positive difference in our society. We should embrace Dreamers, not reject them," Wheeler said.

## The Week in Review

### Lombard Crash at 15th Avenue Kills 2 People

Two people were killed, including a 12-year-old, and four other were seriously injured in a catastrophic car crash on Northeast 15th and Lombard Street Monday night. Police said a car was traveling west on Lombard at a high speed when it crashed into a pickup truck traveling the opposite direction.

### Protest Legal Observer Claims Police Brutality

The Portland chapter of the National Lawyers Guild says they are "outraged" over a Portland police officer who was filmed shoving a volunteer legal observer during a September 10 downtown protest and have filed a tort claim against the city of Portland. The use of force at the rally, where seven arrests were made, is being reviewed by the Portland police.

### Amazon Hiring 1,000 for North Portland Facility

On Monday, Amazon announced plans to open a fulfillment center in the Rivergate Industrial area of north Portland, which would create more than 1,000 fulltime jobs. Troutdale and Salem were previously announced by the online retailer as future sites of similar warehouses, where the facility will fill, pack, and ship online orders.

### Man Found Shot after Report of Gunfire, Later Dies

Police responded to multiple reports of gunfire about 1:40 a.m. at the 3600 block of Southeast 28th Avenue on Sunday. Wilbert "Billy" Butler, 27, was found with multiple gunshot wounds and was rushed to the hospital, where he died hours later, officials said.

### Police Acquittal Sparks Rage

Protests that started peacefully Friday night in St. Louis over a judge's decision to acquit a white former police officer in the shooting death of a Lamar Smith, a 24-year-old black man, culminated in more than 80 arrests on Sunday as police officers chanted "whose streets, our streets." A night earlier, demonstrators blocked highways, damaged property, and threw rocks at the St. Louis mayor's house and bricks at police officers.



### Lifesaving Transplant for Gomez

Actress-singer Selena Gomez, who has lupus, revealed Thursday that she got a kidney transplant from television actress Francia Raisa. Gomez, who had been in and out of the spotlight over the summer due to recovering from the procedure, calls the surgery "what I needed to do for my overall health."



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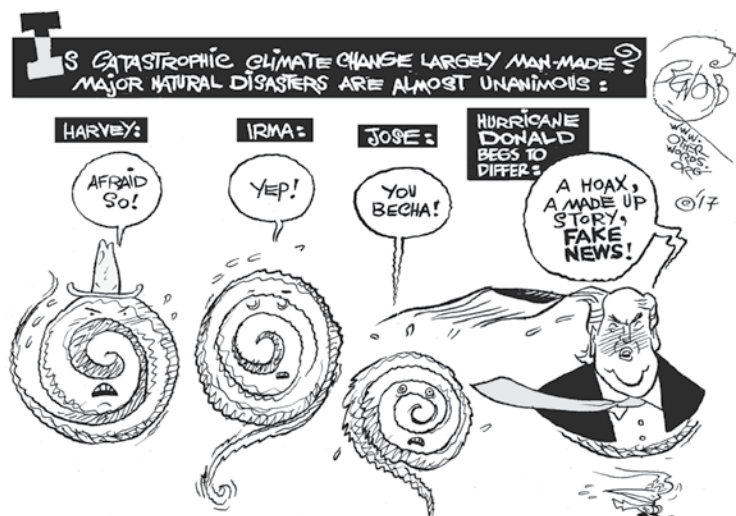
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What's on your list today?



Participants warm up for the MLK Dream Run. The sixth annual event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his "I Have a Dream" speech returns on Sunday, Sept. 24.

## Dream Run on Starting Blocks

### Sixth annual event honors Martin Luther King

There's still time to sign up for the MLK Dream Run coming to northeast Portland on Sunday, Sept. 24.

The sixth annual event, sponsored by the Soul District Business Association, formerly the North/Northeast Business Association, will take off and finish from a new location this year at 6431 N.E. MLK Jr. Blvd. This is a vacant lot on the corner of MLK and Rosa Parks Way and the future site of a new King Park affordable housing complex constructed by way of the nonprofit Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, inc.

This year's MLK Dream Run theme is equity, uni-

ty and harmony

"In these heightened times of stress and unrest, it is important that our narratives continue to work in equity, unity and harmony if we are to have healthy and thriving communities," said MLK Dream Run officials. "We are asking all volunteers, runners, supporters and friends to demonstrate this year's theme by wearing gold wrist bands."

On Sunday's Race Day, events will begin at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. staggered starts featuring 5K, 10K and 15K courses. There will be food and entertainment associated with all the events from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## County Faces Claims of Racism

### Investigation to follow ouster of black director

BY DANNY PETERSON  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury says she will address charges of racism and unfair employment practices following a report last week that former Multnomah County Health Department employee Tricia Tillman, the county's first non-white public health director, was dismissed unfairly.

Kafoury announced that she will hire an outside employment consultant to review and make recommendations to improve Multnomah County's hiring and



Deborah Kafoury



Tricia Tillman

retention practices in regards to the discrimination claims.

She said Multnomah County would also escalate any complaint of offense or discrimination an employee alleges to the county's Chief Operating Officer

and Department Director.

Tillman alleged in a Sept. 7 letter to Kafoury that she was asked to step down by health department director Joanne Fuller,

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# Junior Teen Fights Bullying

A young Portland girl has embarked on a mission to end bullying as part of a new public service campaign and her success in the National American Miss pageants.

Shayla Montgomery won the national 2016 American Miss Pre Teen competition, and this year, earned a follow-up title as 2017 National American Miss Oregon Junior Teen.

Now she's on an even stronger mission to end bullying locally as well as nationally.

"Being someone who has been bullied, my message of spreading anti-bullying is very important to me. I love to impact the lives of others by inspiring them to resolve issues and continue to spread kindness around them," Montgomery posted on Facebook.

She is encouraging others to support her anti-bully efforts by taking a personal photo of themselves with a piece of paper using the hashtag #STANDUP and posting the photo with a caption about bullying to her social media accounts at Instagram @ShaylaMontgomery or Facebook @2017 National American Miss Oregon Jr. Teen.

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2017 National American Miss Oregon Junior Teen Shayla Montgomery of Portland makes it her mission to end bullying.

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I will be creating a video about bullying, the impacts it has in our community, and how we can change it!" she said.

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despite an accomplished track record that included establishing the Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board and overseeing the development of an equity-focused Community Health Improvement Plan.

The dismissal occurred just six weeks after returning from approved Family Medical Leave Tillman took in April to care for her mother, who had stage 4 lung cancer. Tillman is currently asking for higher severance pay than the four month pay initially offered and acknowledgement of her unfair treatment.

In addition, she is asking for a broader look into any pattern and practice of racism as practiced by the chair and other county leaders, and the unjust and disparate treatment of leaders of color, who have served Multnomah County.





Oregon retailers provide video lottery terminals inside their establishments. Officials attending a convention of North American lottery representatives in Portland said there's a need to stay relevant to changing technologies and the new demographics of players to keep up with changing times.

## Keeping Up with the Game

### Oregon Lottery shares ideas on staying 'relevant'

While big jackpots like last month's \$758.7 million Powerball bring a lot of sales and media interest, the lottery industry as a whole needs to innovate to keep up and maintain a growing interest in their games.

That was a message in Portland last week during for a three-day conference of lottery representatives from local governments from across North America meeting at the Oregon Convention Center.

The American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) gathering was an opportunity for lottery executives to share their experience and ideas on how they approach change in customer relationships, product innovation and marketing.

As is tradition, the 'host lottery' sets the program for the conference – and this year theme's "Shift Your Game" was realized by the Oregon Lottery.

"It's really a recognition that lotteries need to stay relevant to changing technologies, new demographics of players, and new demands from the states that support them," said Barry Pack, director of the Oregon Lottery.

While Oregon is not among

the largest lotteries in the nation, it is unique in its games.

It's really hard to compare Oregon to other U.S. lotteries, because there are only a handful of us that have video lottery as well," explained Pack.

Of the 44 states and territories in the nation that have a state-sanctioned lottery, most of them operate solely with scratch tickets and draw games, like Powerball and Mega Millions.

But in Oregon retailers can provide video lottery terminals inside their establishments. In fact, most of the revenue generated by the Oregon Lottery comes from these types of video games.

According to the NASPL, in 2016, 3,465 Oregon retailers generated over \$1.2 billion

in gross sales of lottery tickets. Over \$225 million in prizes was awarded to players, while the economic activity of the lottery generated over \$572 million in transfers to beneficiaries.

According to the Oregon Lottery, 57 percent of its revenue goes into public education; 27 percent to economic development and job creation; 15 percent to state parks and natural resources; and one percent is administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services to programs that treat gambling addiction.

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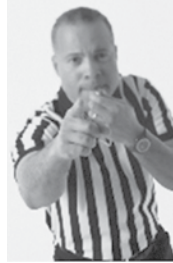
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# Smith to Run for City Council

## Field widens after Saltzman decides not to run for re-election

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith has thrown her name into a May election for Portland City Council seeking a position that will become vacant when Dan Saltzman steps down at the end of his term next year.

Smith announced her intentions last week after weeks of speculation about her future. Term limits prevents her from running for re-election as a county commissioner. Her new candidacy came after Saltzman announced he would not seek another term after more than two decades in office.

Smith has been in public service for her entire professional life, first serving with U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden for 21 years, and then as a Multnomah County Commissioner for the past seven years.

She has built her credentials in government by advocating for disadvantaged populations and other people left behind, such as creating jobs for young people of color, educating seniors about scams, and fighting the opioid epidemic.

"The opportunity to continue to fight for the most vulnerable on the Portland City Council would be an honor and a privilege," Smith said in a news release announcing her candidacy. "Our next leaders need to build a shared vision for Portland's future and ensure it remains affordable for working people, stand up for pro-



Loretta Smith

gressive values, and provide every community a meaningful voice in City Hall."

Smith will be the second person from the African American community to run for Saltzman's post. JoAnn Hardesty, the president of the Portland NAACP and a former state representative from Portland announced her candidacy earlier and even challenged Saltzman to step down to open the seat up for new leadership.

On Monday, a third candidate, Felicia Williams, also announced her plans to run for the office.

Williams is a community organizer and historian who has researched and tackled issues of gentrification impacting Portland's black community. She is also an Air Force veteran and serves as president of the Downtown Neighborhood Association.

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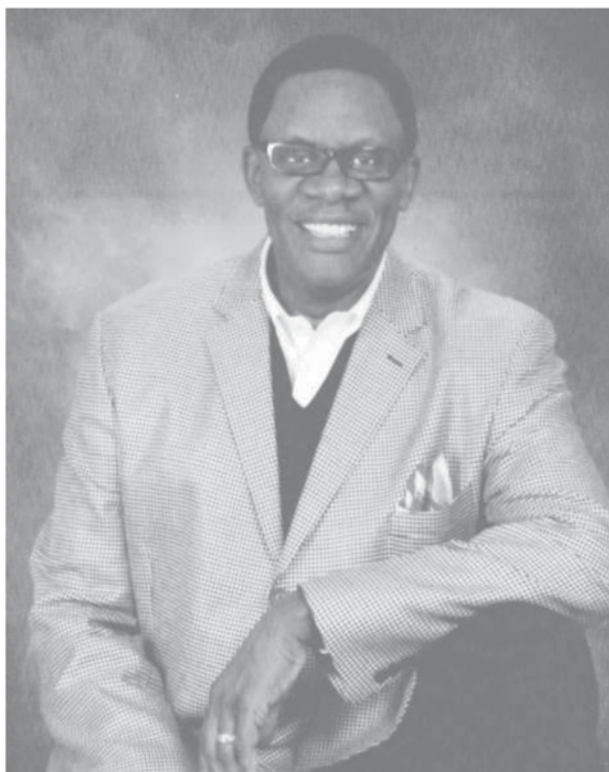
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As one of the biggest names in modern jazz, Esperanza has collaborated with such legends as Patti Austin, Herbie Hancock, Stevie Wonder and Prince plus performed at the Oscars and the White House. Her private concert for the Museum promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime musical experience.

And while Esperanza may be headlining the After Party, the fun does not stop there. The notorious Poison Waters will host the evening while DJ Strange Babes spin tunes long into the night. There will be an open bar, fabulous nibbles and birthday cake. Tickets are \$125 (\$85 is tax-deductible).

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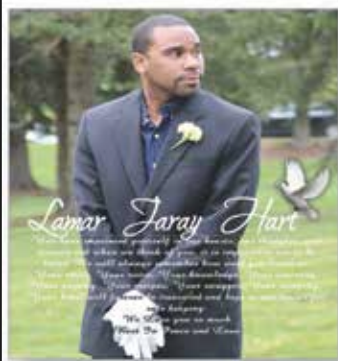
Making a name from herself in New York's underground rock scene where she headlines shows, Vagabon (Laetita Tamko) makes her national tour debut in Portland's at Holocene's on Sunday, Sept. 24. The Cameroon-born multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter and producer taught herself to play music by uploading instructional DVDs when she was just a teenager. In addition to vocals and guitar, she plays drums, bass, and synthesizer on her 2017 album 'Infinite Worlds.'



## Expecting the Perfect Life

A young woman who expects the perfect life after earning her master's degree in art therapy finds it's not that easy in "Tigers Be Still," an off-beat comedy from one of the writers of the FOX comedy "New Girl," and performed by the Clackamas Repertory Theater. Playing through Oct. 1 in the Osterman Theatre at Clackamas Community College. Tickets and information at [clackamasrep.org](http://clackamasrep.org)

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Joseph Gibson stars in "An Octoroon," a shocking comedy that focuses on the expectations that black artists face.

# Confronting a Shared Heritage

## Artists Rep presents shocking comedy 'An Octoroon,'

Artists Repertory Theatre has launched its new season with an award-winning play that focuses on the expectations that black artists face, a shocking comedy filled with uncomfortable truths and jarring visual poetry.

"An Octoroon," now playing through Oct. 1 on the theater's Alder Stage, downtown, confronts our country's undeniable

racist heritage through unconventional means.

Playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins puts on display and then subverts one of 19th century America's popular, crowd-pleasing pieces of entertainment, "The Octoroon," in all its racist and distressing stereotypes, including the manner in which it was traditionally performed: in blackface and red-

face.

The purpose is for audiences to laugh uncomfortably and involuntarily at this skewering and rewriting of a shared heritage, and to consider how it haunts contemporary life.

"Choosing to produce this profound and difficult piece of theatre has rewarded all of us at Artists Rep with the opportunity to

confront our own relationship to the institution of racism – discussing our past, our privileges, our biases and our mistakes—and to move forward together urgently toward creating an inclusive, diverse and equitable culture," said the play's artistic director and co-director, Damaso Rodriguez.

For tickets and more information, visit [artistsrep.org](http://artistsrep.org).





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Yachty rocketed into the spotlight last year when "1Night," from his Summer Songs, went viral after it was used in a comedy sketch. He is originally from Atlanta and is known for his use of Atlanta's signature hip hop beats.

The concert is an all ages, general admission event.



Lil Yachty

## Taking On Money in Politics

Former Catholic priest Charlie Hardy is 75 years old and has no money or political experience. But none of that dissuades this 21st-century Don Quixote from running for the U.S. Senate in his home state of Wyoming.

Hardy's courage to take a principled stand against money in politics attracts a ragtag group of young volunteers and together they jump aboard a 1970 Crown school bus, campaigning across the Wild West state in a bid to shake up this country's political establishment.

Portland's premier screening of this new document will take place at the Northwest Film Center's Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

The documentary will be followed by Q&A with Hardy and the film's director Reed Lindsay. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students.



A former priest takes on the issue of money's corrupting influence over politics in 'Charlie vs. Goliath' a new documentary that will premiere in Portland at the Northwest Film Center's Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

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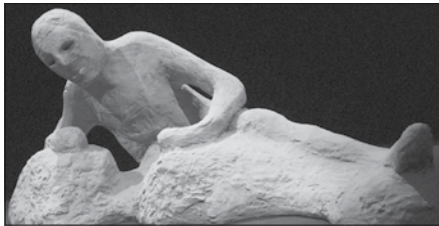
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**Wake of Vanport Movie Screening** -- A documentary about the 1948 flood that destroyed the city of Vanport, displacing hundreds of black shipyard workers and other populations, told by survivors and others, screens Friday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. at the McMenamins Kennedy School Theater in northeast Portland. Immediately following the screening, there will be an opportunity for discussion. Admission is free. Reservations are required.



**Norman Sylvester** -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays 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. 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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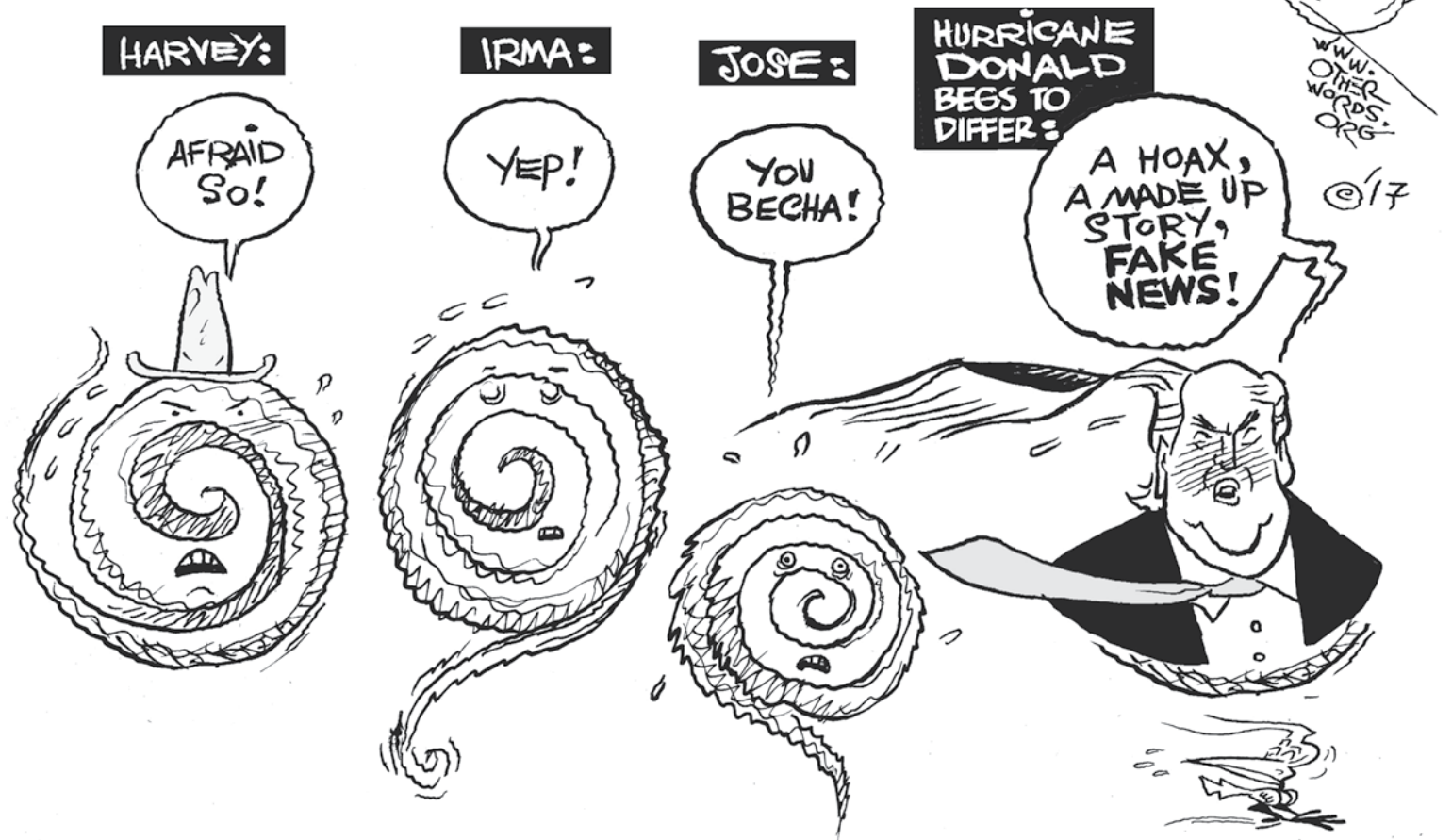
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**IS CATASTROPHIC CLIMATE CHANGE LARGELY MAN-MADE?  
MAJOR NATURAL DISASTERS ARE ALMOST UNANIMOUS:**



## Dignity and Self Worth are Virtues to Follow

### A time to stand up

BY HASSAN HAKIM

If it seems like only yesterday a black person could lose his or her job for speaking up against injustice and racism, it's because it was. For many black people, it's a delicate and difficult part of everyday life. We worry about our families and responsibilities, maybe losing our home and cars or not being able to pay our children's tuition.



Pro athletes must feel more pressure with extended family to support including their parents and adult siblings. Some pro athletes have money to burn while many others cling on to the last roster spot. But no matter how much money you make as a pro athlete, you can give your family pride by standing up for yourself and people who look like you including your family.

What you stand for is exemplified by what you're standing up for and in some brave cases kneel for. You don't have to be Colin Kaepernick, but you do need to say to em-

ployers who want your highlights but not humanity that they are investing in a person and not just a product.

Success isn't just how you earn money, it's how you sleep at night after you've earned it.

Some of the biggest and toughest men shrink in life's most important moments. Black men and women who play professional sports should understand the world is watching and asking where is pride and that beating heart you so boldly pull your jerseys to the side to show?

Is your proud family name on the back of your uniform worth standing up for? Did someone at some point in time stand up for you so you could make the salaries you command?

Are you upset about the injustices taking place in your country? Is there blood pumping through those veins or just league-sponsored Gatorade?

It's time for something to fuel your soul and spirit, a cup of dignity to rehydrate your humanity. After your games are over with, you're not just athletes, you're black people in America, and that is also a full time job with responsibilities.

Colin Kaepernick wasn't just kneeling during the National Anthem; he was standing up for himself during a national crisis. Colin Kaepernick's sense of dignity and self worth are virtues in and on any field that we all should want on our resume.

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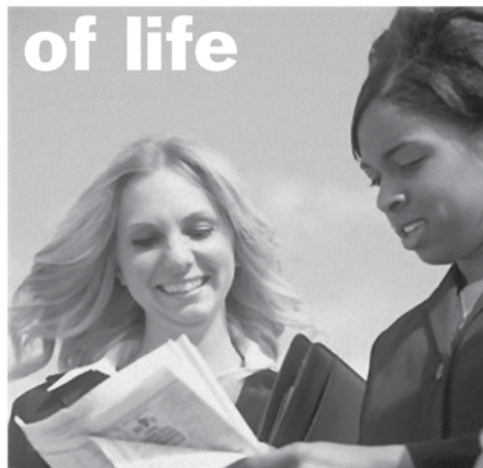
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# OPINION

## Protecting ‘Dreamers’ is the Right Thing to Do

### Deportation would be shameful

BY MARC H. MORIAL

*“As the leaders of communities across the country—individuals and institutions that have seen these young people grow up in our communities—we recognize how they have enriched and strengthened our cities, states, schools, businesses, congregations, and families. We believe it is a moral imperative that the administration and the country know we are with them. We also join together to send our assurances to Dreamers: we see you, we value you, and we are ready to defend you.”* — **An open letter signed by more than 1,800 governors, attorneys general, mayors, state representatives, judges, police chiefs and other leaders.**

An overwhelming majority of voters — about 85 percent — are opposed to



deporting immigrants who are eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. These “Dreamers,” as they are known, were brought into the United States as children, most of them younger than 7. About 90 percent of Dreamers are employed; more than 70 percent have attended college.

Despite widespread support for allowing Dreamers to remain, the Trump Administration has acquiesced to 10 state attorneys general who threatened to sue if it did not end the program. But even President Trump does not want to deport Dreamers.

“Does anybody really want to throw out good, educated and accomplished young people who have jobs, some serving in the military?” he wrote on Twitter. “Really!...”

Sadly, many of the people who voted for him do, and voted for him because he said he would do it. But even among the most hard-core supporters of the President, those who say they “strong-

ly approve” of his performance, only a third favor deportation of Dreamers.

With this kind of support, it’s hard to understand why 800,000 hard-working, law-abiding contributing members of society are in danger of being wrenched from the only country they’ve ever known. Many do not even speak the language of the countries of their birth.

In addition to the human catastrophe deportation of Dreamers represents, the U.S. would lose about \$460 billion in GDP over the next 10 years and about 700,000 people could lose their jobs.

Earlier this month, 15 states and the District of Columbia filed a suit seeking to stop the repeal of DACA. California just filed a separate lawsuit, which was joined by Maine, Minnesota, and Maryland. Meanwhile, President Trump has struck a tentative agreement from the House and Senate Minority Leaders to support legislation protecting Dreamers in exchange for

enhanced border security.

While there is a chance that deportations of Dreamers will not occur, it’s shameful that they should be in a position to fear it at all. Dreamers trusted the United States government in enrolling in the program, now that very trust could be used against them. There is no justification for ending the program even as a legislative solution is sought.

Protecting Dreamers is quite simply the right thing to do. It is the moral thing to do. It’s the economically sound thing to do. And even though it shouldn’t matter, it’s the popular thing to do. We urge Congress to immediately pass legislation protecting Dreamers and call upon the Trump administration to reinstate DACA so no Dreamer has to fear deportation from the home they love.

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

## Militarizing Police under a Cloak of Secrecy

### A misguided reversal in police accountability

BY LISA ROSENBERG

In a move that will further militarize police departments across the country while decreasing accountability, the President issued an executive order that strips away limits on weapons of war that the Defense Department can hand over to state and local police forces.

The President’s order expands an existing Pentagon program that authorizes the transfer of military-grade tactical weapons, surveillance equipment and vehicles to civilian police departments, eliminating restrictions on the types of weapons that can be transferred and vastly reducing oversight of the program.

The weapons program became notorious when police fitted with battle gear were photographed pointing assault weapons at protesters in the streets of Ferguson, Mo. After the images went viral, then-President Barack Obama issued an executive order that placed restrictions on the program and established reporting, oversight and training requirements for law enforce-



ment agencies requesting the military equipment.

The Obama-era order prohibited weapons like bayonets and grenade-launchers from being transferred to local law enforcement. Reversing the ban, the Trump order places weapons designed to be used by soldiers on battlefields in the hands of police, opening the door to intimidation and abuse of civilians which could result in a chilling

and local police departments to get basic figures on the amount and type of equipment that local police and sheriffs received, exposing just how prevalent the program is across the country.

Now, even those minimal accountability measures have been stripped away.

Contrary to the administration’s claims that the program will make us safer, expanding the weapons transfers while reducing accountability exacerbates the threat to public safety.

By expanding the program and decreasing safeguards to prevent abuse, the President increases the likelihood that dangerous weapons could fall into the hands of individuals who intend to do us harm.

It now falls to Congress to push back against the creeping authoritarianism evidenced by the President’s decision to further militarize law enforcement while shackling oversight. To preempt this administration’s misguided actions, Congress must, at a minimum,

*“It took a strategic campaign by journalists and open government advocates to pry information from the Pentagon and local police departments to get basic figures on the amount and type of equipment that local police and sheriffs received, exposing just how prevalent the program is across the country.”*

effect on public dissent and protest.

At the same time, abuses will be harder to detect. The President’s executive order will scrap minimal transparency requirements that had applied to the already secretive program, leaving the public in the dark about dangerous weaponry flowing into their communities.

It took a strategic campaign by journalists and open government advocates to pry information from the Pentagon

Just last month, a government watchdog agency released a shocking assessment of the Pentagon program, exposing how easy it is for military weapons to fall into the wrong hands. Posing as a fake law enforcement agency, investigators requested and received over a million dollars in rifles, pipe bomb equipment, and night vision goggles after the Defense Department failed to verify the identity of individuals re-

assert its oversight authority and put in place requirements to ensure that if any transfers are permitted, they are subject to transparency mandates and that the Pentagon and police departments remain accountable to the public.

*Lisa Rosenberg is the executive director of Open the Government, a non-partisan coalition advancing transparency for accountability. Distributed by American Forum.*



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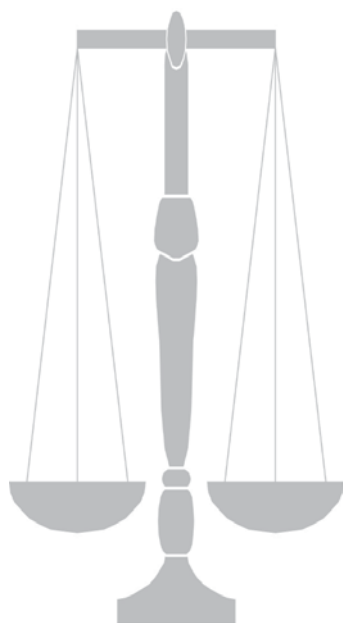
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### In Loving Memory

#### Edward 'Tuna' Brown

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