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Portland police keep the peace while monitoring an intersection, downtown, in this archive photo. As policies relating to potential conflicts between police, the mentally ill and people of color are investigated, a new report puts a greater emphasis on officers using de-escalation practices to defuse violence.

Less Force, More Empathy

Changes due after report finds police use too much force

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Some insiders within the Portland Police Bureau and social justice advocates outside of it are hopeful for progress in officer training that will put a greater emphasis on de-escalating conflicts between police and the public, while others are cautious about empty promises.

A group of national consultants recently found that the Portland Police Bureau is not training its officers enough

in de-escalation techniques as an alternative to force, especially as it studies deadly force and investigates potential conflicts between police and the mentally ill and people of color.

The consultants wrote in early October that Portland Police training needed to put “greater emphasis to building verbal communication and de-escalation skills.” To date, however, insufficient training time and a lack of quality instruction has been devoted to these important behaviors, the report said.

By observing three of Portland’s annual police training cycles, the consultants noted how in many instances police were often escalating tensions rather than defusing them. Some of the examples involved officers trying to get suspects to follow commands by lacing verbal orders with profanity and a raised voice. While officers recorded

these interactions as “non-force,” techniques, the consultants said they were the opposite.

The report said de-escalation techniques are those that are used to calm an agitated subject, promote rational decision making and gain non-fear based, voluntary compliance.

“There appears to be a large-scale confusion regarding the intent of de-escalation with the bureau and the confusion has yet to be adequately rectified through training and the evaluation of force events,” the consultants wrote.

Portland civil rights organizer Jo Ann Hardesty, who has been working with police to incorporate community relations into training, told the Portland Observer that the idea of stronger de-escalation training would be “one

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Death at Daycare Investigated

A northeast Portland daycare has had its license suspended pending a state investigation into the recent death of infant boy, the second infant to die in the two years at the facility, located at 1205 N.E. Broadway.

Owner Celeste Probasco-Artharee said in a statement that the center will cooperate throughout the investigation.

"The Broadway Children's Center

community is devastated by the tragedy that has taken place," the statement said. "Broadway Children's Center owners and staff have and will continue to fully cooperate throughout this process. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family."

On Oct. 6, a 10-month-old boy was found unresponsive at the facility. The cause of death has not yet been determined pending an investigation by the

medical examiner. The state Office of Child Care, however, did mention Sudden Infant Death Syndrome as a possibility.

When a 7-month old boy died at the daycare in April of last year, a state investigator called the fatality sleep-related, but listed no official cause while determining that no suspicious circumstances had taken place.

TriMet General Manager Retires

Neil McFarlane, who has been with TriMet since 1991 and spent the last seven years as its General Manager, announced last week he will retire in early 2018. An international search for McFarlane's replacement will be launched by the transportation agency and its board of directors, which will include public input listening sessions.



Violent Protestor gets 6 Years

A man who violently participated in a May Day protest in downtown Portland is getting sentenced to more than six years in prison for throwing active road flares into police cars and a Target store. Darnion Feller, 22, pleaded guilty in Multnomah County Circuit Court to criminal mischief, riot, and arson charges. He also faces a malicious damage charge in federal court.

Kid Who Started Gorge Fire Charged

A 15-year-old Vancouver boy who allegedly threw a lit firework into Eagle Creek has been issued criminal charges in connection with the Sept. 2 wildfire there, which rapidly spread to Columbia River Gorge and caused dangerous air quality conditions and snow-like ash falling from the sky. The charges include reckless

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burning, depositing burning materials on forest lands, criminal mischief, recklessly endangering other persons, and unlawful fireworks possession.



Healthy River Push Back on Trump

On Thursday, advocates to clean up polluted sites along the Willamette River from Portland to St. Johns, protested at Portland City Hall, upset that the Trump Administration-led Environmental Protection Agency was backing down on a plan to finally begin river restoration work after decades of study. State officials say a secretive proposal the EPA re-

cently reached with polluters could delay efforts to clean up a highly toxic 11-mile stretch of the river for 5 to 10 more years.

Rape Suspect in Custody

Dominique R. Gonzales, 23, was arrested on rape charges Thursday after an adult female reported the attack at Rocky Butte. The woman told police that attack happened after she had accepted transportation from the man during a downpour. Emergency vehicles transported her to an area hospital.

Judge Quashes Trump's Order

A federal judge in Seattle ruled last week that President Trump's executive order to financially punish sanctuary cities is unconstitutional. The decision comes after Seattle and Portland sued. U.S. District Judge Richard A. Jones said Trump's order failed to provide an adequate connection between immigration enforcement and programs unrelated to immigration like infrastructure, health-care, and affordable housing.

Fight for Meals on Wheels

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., introduced a budget amendment to the Senate last Wednesday that would stop any proposal to cut to Meals on Wheels as a way to free up monies for tax cuts for wealthy Americans instead. Meals on Wheels currently provides thousands of hot meals to seniors throughout the state of Oregon.

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Jeffrey Eisen, chief medical officer at Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare and Joan Jasper from Scott Edwards Architecture tour the construction of the Garlington Center for Health and Wellness, a new all-in-one facility to bring mental health, addiction counseling and physical health services into one location, while also providing affordable housing options.

Health Center Rises

New Garlington Center shaped by community needs

BY DANA LYNN BARBAR
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Construction of a unique coordinated healthcare facility geared toward the African American community and other vulnerable residents is nearing completion. Slated to open this spring, the Garlington Center for Health and Wellness will provide space for mental health and addiction counseling, medical services, and affordable housing.

Cascadia Behavior Health representatives, along with project partners from Colas Construction and Scott Edwards Architecture, gave a hard-hat tour of the property on Thursday for a behind-the-scenes look at the new facility at 3034 N.E. Marin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The 1.5-acre space will house two buildings. One will be the health center itself, with a clinic, on-site pharmacy, and over 20 rooms for counselors and clinicians to see patients. The other building will be an affordable housing area, with 52 residential units including studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments that patients can apply to stay in. There is also an outdoor courtyard space

and plans for a community garden.

This is the first time that Cascadia will implement a fully integrated, team-based health care model at one of their centers, where mental health, wellness, physical health and housing are consolidated into one space.

Health care leaders have come to realize that traditional addiction care only looks at one aspect of a patient's health needs, and that there are often many other factors that affect a person's well-being, including other mental health issues, physical health, housing, and even transportation.

Cascadia staff members are excited about the possibility of identifying and incorporating the variety of needs and issues a patient faces into their treatment options.

"When mental health is addressed as a facet of a person's entire wellbeing, we more often see lasting improvements in that person's ability to thrive," said Kalindi Kapadia, director of the Garlington Center. "We are so happy to be working on this, and think it's going to be great for everybody," she added.

Derald Walker, Cascadia's chief executive officer, said he was thrilled that the health provider was part of an effort that "finally breaks down the barrier between behavioral care and primary care."

The center is named after the late Rev. John W. Garlington, a black minister and prominent advocate for civil rights in the Portland community in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

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Myeshia Johnson, the wife of army Sgt. La David Johnson, kisses her husband's casket during his funeral service in Florida on Saturday. (AP photo)

Soldier's Widow Backs Claim Says Trump condolence call 'made me cry'

(AP) - A fallen soldier's angry widow joined the stormy dispute with President Donald Trump on Monday over his response to her husband's death, declaring that his failure to remember the soldier's name in last week's condolence call "made me cry." He retorted on Twitter that the call was "very respectful" and her accusation simply wasn't true.

The president spoke in public at two events during the day - including his awarding of the military Medal of Honor to a Vietnam-era Army medic - and made no mention of the case of Sgt. La David Johnson, one of four soldiers killed Oct. 4 in a firefight with militants tied to the Islamic State group in Niger.

In addition to criticizing Trump, Myeshia Johnson, the sergeant's widow, also complained bitterly that she had not been able to see her husband's body.

"I need to see him so I will know that that is my husband," she said. "I don't know nothing, they won't show me a finger, a hand."

Myeshia Johnson spoke for the first time in the dispute on ABC's "Good Morning America." In the interview, she supported critical statements last week by Rep. Frederica Wilson, who had been in the car with the widow and other relatives when Trump phoned.

"Yes, the president said that 'he knew what he signed up for, but it hurts anyway.' And it made me cry 'cause I was very angry at the tone of his voice and how he said he couldn't remember my husband's name," Johnson said.

At the Pentagon, Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said an investigation has still to resolve questions about the Oct. 4 fire-fight. They include whether the U.S. had adequate intelligence and equipment for its operation, whether there was a planning failure and why it took two days to recover Johnson's body.

Besides Johnson's family, members of Congress are demanding answers. Last week, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., threatened a subpoena to accelerate the flow of information.

The row over Trump's call began last week when Wilson, a Florida Democrat, accused Trump of being callous in the conversation and Trump responded that Wilson's account was fabricated.

But Johnson backed Wilson's account, saying that the congresswoman was a longtime friend and listened on a speakerphone in the car with family members.

Said Johnson on Monday: "I heard him stumbling on trying to remember my husband's name, and that's what hurt me the most, because if my husband is out here fighting for our country and he risked his life for our country why can't you remember his name?"

The continuing dispute drew criticism from McCain, who spent more than five years in a Vietnamese prison. He said on "The View" Monday: "We should not be fighting about a brave American who lost his life."

Confusion over what happened in Niger has dogged Trump, who was silent about the deaths for more than a week.

Johnson declined to directly address Trump on Monday. Asked if she had a message for the president, she replied: "No. I don't have nothing to say to him."



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small step in the right direction.”

Some parts of the report praised Portland Police’s progress in best practices, such as local officers conducting meetings with mental health service partners to gather input from them on how to deliver services. The consultants wrote that they “have been continuously impressed by the collaborative and respectful nature of the meetings.”

The consultants’ report comes as a requirement of a 2014 settlement agreement between the city of Portland and the U.S. Department of Justice after a 2012 investigation found that police were using too much force against people with mental illnesses.

High profile cases like the police shooting death of James Chasse, who had a mental illness, and other officer-involved shootings, served as a catalyst for the investigation.

After the death of Aaron Campbell, a suicidal black man who was unarmed when he was shot by police outside his northeast Portland apartment in 2010, national civil rights leader Jesse Jackson came to Portland and called for the Department of Justice’s intervention.

The city hired Rosenbaum & Associates, a Chicago firm recognized as experts in assessing police behavior and best practices, to help it improve its practices and comply with the settlement terms to reduce crisis encounters between persons with a mental illness and police.

The report found that Portland police were often confused about the difference between what’s called de-escalation and force-mitigation techniques.

De-escalation can involve using calm and empathic communication before resorting to force, whereas force-mitigation can rely on commands and warnings as a first resort to stop a conflict from escalating.

Many Portland police were found to be using force-mitigation techniques when de-escalation would be more appropriate, the report found.

Portland police say they want to incorporate the consultants’ recommendations into their training.

Portland Police Captain Bob Day, who was appointed in July 2016 as the new head of training at the Police Bureau, says he understands the consultants’ call for better de-escalation training and is “very supportive of that,” but told the Portland Observer that the desired instruction presents some obstacles.

There are only 40 hours per year allotted to officer refresher training courses and many of the core classes, like traffic training,



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Captain Bob Day oversees Portland Police Bureau training. He supports the findings of a new report finding officers need better de-escalation training to avoid conflicts, but says he also has to figure out a way to add the training to a curriculum that is already packed into a 40-hour schedule each year.

domestic violence response, etc. are too important to cut out, Day explained.

“You know, at the end of the day, it just becomes a capacity issue. Organizationally, we are going to have to reflect and prioritize,” Day said.

Day said he does not have a dedicated, formal de-escalation class, but now plans to integrate the consultant’s recommendations on de-escalation “as a thread” throughout the police training curriculum.

Dan Handelman, a member of civil rights group Portland Copwatch, told the Portland Observer he believes de-escalation should be given a dedicated class, in light of the recent report.

“I think they should have a separate training for de-escalation for sure. In the same way that they have a class about a weapon that says ‘here’s how to use a weapon,’ they should have a class about de-escalation that says, ‘here’s how to use de-escalation’ and then integrate it,” Handelman said.

He cautions that Portland Police have made reform promises in the past, but haven’t always followed through on them.

“The city had a plan to eliminate racial profiling in 2009,” Handelman pointed out. “Here it is in 2017 and there’s still racial profiling in the city. We can’t keep waiting for them to fix these things when the community is being mistreated,” Handelman said.

According to an independent police report, 2016 marked a peak of community complaints about use of force by Portland Police. There were 143 use-of-force instances which is higher than each of the last five years.

At least six police shootings

in Portland since 2012 were at individuals thought to be experiencing a mental illness. Though officer-involved shootings overall dropped from six in 2015 to two in 2016, conduct and force complaints have increased substantially in the same period.

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Po'Shines at Billy Webb Elks Soul food service begins with Masquerade Ball

Po'Shines Café De La Soul, a church-operated, nonprofit Cajun and barbecue restaurant known for its down-to-earth soul food and public service mission, will expand its reach by serving meals at the Billy Webb Elk's Lodge in north Portland.

On Friday, Oct. 27, Po'Shines and the historic lodge are co-hosting a Masquerade Ball to celebrate the new community partnership. Po'Shines will begin offering dinners at the lodge starting in November and serve each Thursday through Saturday evenings, as well

as serving brunch on Sundays.

The Masquerade Ball will also commemorate a new album release from Po'Shines' founder Pastor E.D. Mondainé.

Linking the Billy Webb Elks with Po'Shines is particularly poignant in that it marks a new chapter of fellowship between old and new anchors in the black community.

The lodge was originally a Colored YWCA; it provided USO services to black soldiers in World War II; and became a community hub after 1948's Vanport flood. Po'Shines has become a heartbeat

in the community as a non-profit restaurant providing culinary training for at-risk youth and young adults.

"We're excited for the opportunity, it's about investing in lives!" Mondainé said about the new relationship.

The Masquerade Ball will be held from 7-11 p.m. Cost for the event is \$25, which includes food and entry for a prize for best costume. Ballroom attire, masks and tickets are required at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at Eventbrite.com.

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Finding Her Voice in R&B

Spanning the past and future of R&B, singer-songwriter Kelela brings her alternative and electronic sounds to Portland's Hawthorne Theater on Wednesday, Nov. 1. A second-generation Ethiopian American, the Los Angeles and London-based artist just released her debut album "Take Me Apart," and she also had a recent performance on the BBC.

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Nikki Williams realizes that her black neighborhood has been “obliterated” by gentrification in a scene from ‘Priced Out,’ a new documentary from Portland filmmaker Cornelius Swart, showing Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum for the opening night of the Northwest Film Center’s Northwest Filmmakers Festival.

‘Priced Out’ 20 Years in the Making Documentary premieres at NW filmmakers festival

Portland’s housing crisis and the impacts on Portland’s black community is the backdrop for a new documentary by Portland filmmaker Cornelius Swart to be screened Wednesday, Nov. 1 on the opening night of the Northwest Filmmakers Festival.

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Film Center, the 44th annual event brings 16 features and 20 short films over four days from northwest filmmakers. Organizers say it appears many of the works are surrounding issues of inequity and social justice.

20 years ago, Swart started production of “North/Northeast

Passage,” a 2002 film about his northeast Portland neighborhood, which expressed hope for a community plagued by violence. Fast-forward 15 years, he finds a much-changed landscape in his 2017 documentary “Priced Out: 15 Years of Gentrification in Portland, Oregon.”

Facing displacement in a rapidly gentrifying city, Swart explores how rising property values have affected the lives and relationships of his once-dominant African-American neighborhood. The screening of “Priced Out” will be on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 7 pm at the Portland Art Museum’s Whitsell Auditorium, with a reception before and after the screening with filmmakers, crew, and production participants.

The Northwest Filmmakers Festival runs Nov. 1-5 at Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum and at the Skype Live Studio at 1211 S.W. Fifth Ave., suite 600. For more information and a complete lineup, visit nwfilm.org.



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Cartoonist for justice to visit Portland

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His political cartoons tackle issues like Islamophobia, immigration and racial justice in America with insight and humor and have been carried by newspapers around the world, including regularly in the Portland Observer.

Now the journalist known for embracing his Muslim, Third-World perspectives for cutting-edge commentary will be in Portland to give a public lecture and a present some of his cartoons as part of a two month exhibit, "The Pen is Funnier than the Sword"

Khalil Bendib was born a refugee in Paris during Algeria's bloody war of independence before moving to America where he earned a college education and started his career. He draws with a sense of humor that invites viewers to see themselves, to laugh, and then to consider what justice might mean for the people and



Political cartoonist Khalil Bendib is known for tackling issues of Islamophobia, immigration and racial justice in America. A regular contributor to the Portland Observer and other newspapers across the country, Bendib will give a talk 'The Pen is Funnier than the Sword,' at First Congressional Church, downtown, on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. His editorial cartoons are part of an exhibit now showing at the church's ArtReach Galley.

societies he depicts.

"My work has always instinctively espoused the side of the underdog -- the side on which I was born," Bendib said. "After early brushes with political censorship in Algeria, at age 20, I voted with my feet and came to the Land of the Free, where my contrarian leanings -- while not always universally welcome -- did find an echo and gradually became

part of the media kaleidoscope that makes this country irresistible to free spirits like me."

Currently based in Berkeley, Calif., Bendib lived in France, Algeria, and Morocco prior to immigrating to the United States. He earned his master's degree at the University of Southern California in 1982 where his political cartoons were published in the Daily Trojan and where he also

studied sculpture and ceramics. His work is currently distributed widely to alternative and small, independent publications like the black family-owned Portland Observer through Otherwords.org and the Institute for Policy Studies.

The public is invited to meet and hear from Bendib during his visit



Khalil Bendib

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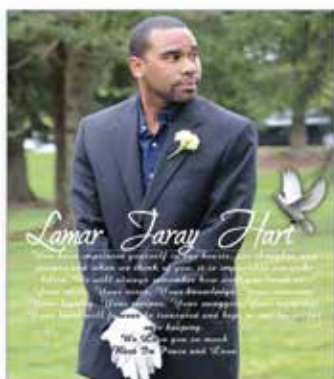
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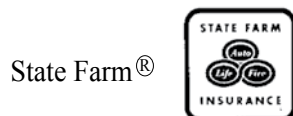


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Dressing in costume is part of the fun during Halloween-themed activity days at the Portland Children's Museum.

Not-So-Scary Halloween Fun

Find not-so-scary Halloween-themed fun at the Portland Children's Museum as three days of activities are planned for the annual celebration, starting Sunday, Oct. 29 and continuing through Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The events will include a pumpkin scavenger hunt, spooky story times, Halloween clay glazing,

pumpkin squish, glow-in-the-dark painting, trick-or-treat bag decorating, and more. All activities are free with admission to the museum, open daily between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Dressing up is encouraged!

Museum staff and volunteers will be passing out candy on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum will also host

a candy-free Halloween on Monday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.--1 p.m., handing out glow sticks, buttons, toys, and other treats that are sugar-free for everyone to enjoy.

The children's museum is located in Washington Park across from Oregon Zoo in southwest Portland. For more information, visit portlandcm.org.

Think Safety for Halloween

BY KAY NEWELL
THE LIGHTBULB LADY

Boo lights can add to the fun of your Halloween festivities and delight the little trick or treaters arriving at your door, but electrical shorts can be really scary. So light up your yard with safety.



PHOTO BY COREY COYLE

Be sure to think safety when lighting up your home for some Halloween fun.

Do not use any cord that is cracked, has loose connections, or is not rated for the total wattage of the bulbs you are using. Do not connect too many light strings together. Each run needs to be plugged to its own outlet. A 100 light bulb strand, two 50 light strands, or three 25 light strands are each counted as one run.

Bulbs of 11 watts or lower can be used outdoors when installed in the proper cords. The higher wattage bulbs, ranging from 50 to 100 watts, should be installed in par

lamp fixtures. These outdoor flood lights come in many colors.

Use outdoor rated electrical boxes to plug in your holiday strings. A guy wire, which is a special kind of tension cable designed for stability, or support, should anchor lighting strings on a solid surface so that the wind and weight of the decorations cannot dislodge the bulbs or the cords.

Be safe--keep all connections and wires away from contact with weather, pets, and people.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Haunted Walks -- Haunted excursions blending local myths, oral histories and research on Vancouver's sometimes sordid past are the backdrop for the Clark County Historical Museum's Haunted Walking Tours each Friday and Saturday night during the month of October. Reservations are limited. Call 360-993-5679 or visit cchmuseum.org to hold your spot.



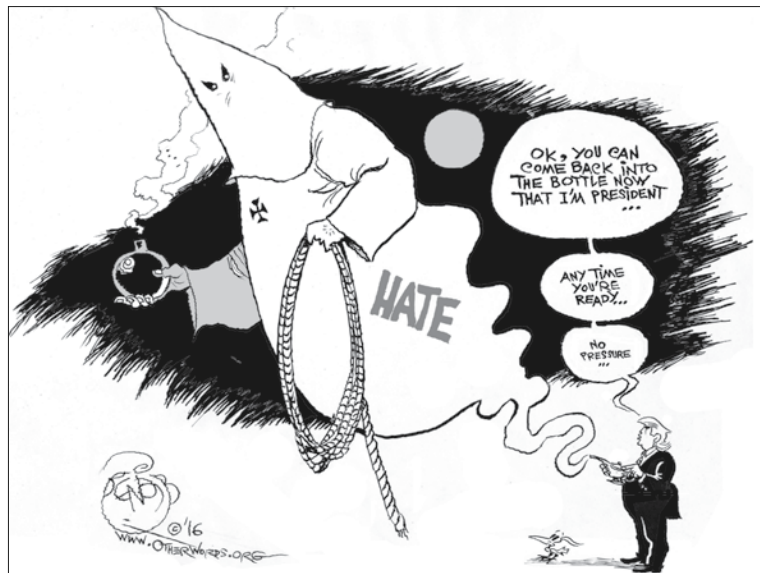
Roosevelt Theater -- Roosevelt High School's theater department will present the musical "Charlotte's Web," opening Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m., and continuing with 7 p.m. shows Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday matinees through Nov. 4. Tickets available at the door or online at roosevelttheatre.org.

Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Oct. 27 at C I Bar & grill in Tualatin; and Saturday, Oct. 28 for the Food for the Soul Concert at the Tiffany Center featuring Tom Grant.

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?"

Zoo for All -- The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a new discount program that provides \$5 admission for low income individuals and families. Visitors may purchase up to six of the \$5 tickets by bringing a photo ID and documentation showing they participate in low income service, like the Oregon Trial Card, Medicaid, Section 8, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Head Start.



Political cartoonist Khalil Bendib uses humor and dramatic images to challenge viewers about issues of justice.

The Pen is Funnier

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and lecture on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park Ave. A reception will follow in the church's ArtReach Gallery, the location for the cartoonist's exhibit, now showing through Nov. 26.

The event is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council

of Oregon, the Muslim Educational Trust, and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and is free and open to the public.

"The Pen is Funnier than the Sword," exhibit at ArtReach Gallery can be seen weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and by appointment with the curator by emailing drsheldonhurst@gmail.com.

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NEWS ITEM:
**TRUMP ROLLS BACK BIRTH CONTROL MANDATE
WHILE STILL OPPOSING ABORTION RIGHTS:**



Unlimited Hope for a Boundless Future

Advancing equity in education

BY MARC H. MORIAL

New pencils, new books, an apple for the teacher, and unlimited hope for a boundless future – it's back to school time across the country. And whether their children are boarding a school bus on a country road or



a public transit system heading across the city, parents are united in their hopes and aspirations for their children. And the Urban League Movement shares those dreams.

A high-quality education is a civil and human right. One of the National Urban League's empowerment goals is that every American child is prepared for college, work and life.

In 2015 when the Every Stu-

dent Succeeds Act was signed into law, we worked to ensure that there were strong regulations that would provide necessary safeguards for students and families.

With a different administration, we have redoubled our efforts -- supporting national and state advocacy, engagement and education reform actions throughout the Urban League Affiliate Movement and with other civil rights organizations.

ESSA is an opportunity for states to close opportunity and achievement gaps by increasing access to effective teachers and advanced coursework, closing funding gaps, supporting English learners and addressing students' social and emotional needs.

Equitable implementation is key to ensuring the promise of ESSA for all children.

Our goal within the Urban League Movement is to advance equity in education. We make it plain: equity does not end at access to education, but rather it is evidenced by successful completion. For we know that students who receive a high-quality K-12 education are likely attend college, achieve professional success and become engaged members of their communities.

It's no coincidence that the cornerstone of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty was the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. He called education "the only valid passport from poverty" when he signed the Act in 1965, a year that also saw the creation of other Great Society initiatives like Head Start and Upward Bound.

In the 10 years after the creation of those programs, the poverty rate in America declined significantly. We know that a commitment to educational equity and excellence yields dramatic results. We won't forget it, and we won't let the decision-makers in Washington or state capitols or city halls forget it, either.

We are all familiar with the United Negro College Fund's slogan, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." But it's not only a waste for the individual whose potential is untapped, it's a waste for the entire nation. As former Oklahoma governor Brad Henry said, "No other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education. An educated workforce is the foundation of every community and the future of every economy."

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OPINION

No Defending Slavery by Founding Fathers

A tour guide's faulty justification

BY SARAH BROWNING

This summer, on the very day that white supremacists rioted in Charlottesville, Va., I was down the road visiting Montpelier — the home of James Madison, our fourth president.

On the house tour, we stopped in Madison's upstairs library, where he spent hundreds of hours reading about earlier attempts at self-governance.

There, he imagined the previously unimaginable: freedom of religion, freedom of expression, the right to a jury of one's peers. Madison would go on to write those amendments into the Constitution, earning him the name "Father of the Bill of Rights."

As we stepped outside to Montpelier's beautiful grounds, we learned something else: To keep his small family of four white



people in the height of 18th century luxury, James Madison enslaved 100 black people.

Indeed, Montpelier now has an Enslaved Community Exhibit and tour. I was eager to see how these two Madisons were being interpreted: the man who conceived unimaginable freedoms for himself and his kind, while simultaneously denying freedom to countless others.

The Enslaved Community Exhibit is powerful: historians, archaeologists, and descendants have worked hard to document the lives of the hundreds of African Americans enslaved at Montpelier over the years.

Artifacts of their lives are on

display, and hundreds of their names are painted on the exhibit walls. Videos recreate the story of enslaved people who tried to escape and were recaptured and imprisoned.

Then I took the tour.

The white guide began to explain why James Madison didn't free any of the people he enslaved when he died. "James Madison was a practical man," the guide said. "He knew that they would not be welcomed into the deeply prejudiced society of the time."

I tried to give the man a way out. "Perhaps this is what Madison told himself so he could sleep at night. But if he'd asked any of the people he enslaved, I'm sure they would've preferred freedom."

"No, no," the guide continued, "slave states required that freed men and women leave the state within a year. Even the North wasn't welcoming. ... They

would've had to go all the way to Canada."

Canada? Would that really have been worse than slavery?

When I wrote to the Montpelier administration afterward expressing my outrage that their staff would justify slavery on any grounds, the reply included this information: "A visitor to Montpelier in 1835 noted that [Madison] 'talked more on the subject of slavery than on any other, acknowledging, without limitation or hesitation, all the evils with which it has ever been charged.'"

My correspondent then explained that Madison's solution was support for the American Colonization Society, which proposed — and implemented — the outrageous scheme of sending African Americans to West Africa, to what's now Liberia.

In other words, though Madison could imagine a brand new form of government, he couldn't

imagine living a more modest lifestyle, side by side with people whose skin was a different color from his own.

Let's pause a moment and consider the possibility: What if James Madison — and the other most powerful men of his time — had declared publicly, as apparently they did at home, the evils of slavery? What if the original Bill of Rights had ended slavery outright?

It seems shocking, I know. But in 1789, so did freedom of religion.

What if we were the new revolutionaries, and dedicated ourselves to building a society that truly enacted the promise James Madison imagined — for all our people?

Sarah Browning directs the Split This Rock poetry collective. She's an associate fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies. Distributed by OtherWords.org.

An Independent Thinker's Guide to the Tax Debate

There's a heist coming; arm up with the facts

BY CHUCK COLLINS

For 40 years, tax cutters in Congress have told us, "We have a tax cut for you." And each time, they count on us to suspend all judgment.



In exchange, we've gotten staggering inequality, collapsing public infrastructure, a fraying safety net, and exploding deficits. Meanwhile, a small segment of the richest one tenth of 1 percent have become fabulously wealthy at the expense of everyone else.

Ready for more?

Now, Trump and congressional Republicans have rolled out a tax plan that the independent Tax Policy Center estimates will give 80 percent of the benefits to the richest 1 percent of taxpayers.

The good news is the majority aren't falling for it this time around. Recent polls indicate that over 62 percent of the public oppose additional tax cuts for the wealthy and 65 percent are against additional tax cuts to large corporations.

Here's the independent thinker's guide to the tax debate for

people who aspire to be guided by facts, not magical thinking. When you hear congressional leaders utter these claims, take a closer look.

"Corporate tax cuts create jobs."

You'll hear that the U.S. has the "highest corporate taxes in the world." While the legal rate is 35 percent, the effective rate — the percentage of income actually paid — is closer to 15 percent, thanks to loopholes and other deductions.

The Wall Street corporations pulling out their big lobbying guns have a lot of experience with lowering their tax bills this way, but they don't use the extra cash to create jobs.

The evidence, as my Institute for Policy Studies colleague Sarah Anderson found, is that they more often buy back their stock, give their CEOs a massive bonus, pay their shareholders a dividend, and lay off workers.

"Bringing back offshore profits will create jobs."

Enormously profitable corporations like Apple, Pfizer, and General Electric have an estimated \$2.64 trillion in taxable income stashed offshore. Republicans like to say that if we give them a tax amnesty, they'll bring this money home and create jobs.

Any parent understands the folly of rewarding bad behavior. Yet

that's what we're being asked to do.

When Congress passed a "repatriation tax holiday" in 2004, these same companies gave raises to their CEOs, raised dividends, bought back their stock, and — you guessed it — laid off workers. The biggest 15 corporations that got the amnesty brought back \$150 billion while cutting their U.S. workforces by 21,000 between 2004 and 2007.

For decades now, those big corporations have made middle class taxpayers and small businesses pick up the slack for funding care for veterans, public infrastructure, cyber security, and hurricane mop-ups. Let's not give them another tax break for their trouble.

"Tax cuts pay for themselves."

Members of Congress who consider themselves hard-nosed deficit hawks when it comes to helping hurricane victims or increasing college aid for middle class families are quick to suspend basic principles of math when it comes to tax cuts for the rich.

The long discredited theory of "trickledown economics" — the idea that tax cuts for the 1 percent will create sufficient economic growth to pay for themselves — is rising up like zombies at Halloween. As the economist Ha Joon Chang observed, "Once you realize that trickle-down economics does not work, you will see the excessive tax cuts for the rich as what they are — a simple upward redistribution of income."

"Abolishing the estate tax will help ordinary people."

This is the biggest whopper of them all. The estate tax is only paid by families with wealth starting at \$11 million and individuals with \$5.5 million and up. There is no credible economic argument that this will have any positive impact on the economy, but it would be a huge boon for billionaire families like the Trumps.

This tax cut plan is an unprecedented money grab. Whether the heist happens, is entirely up to the rest of us.

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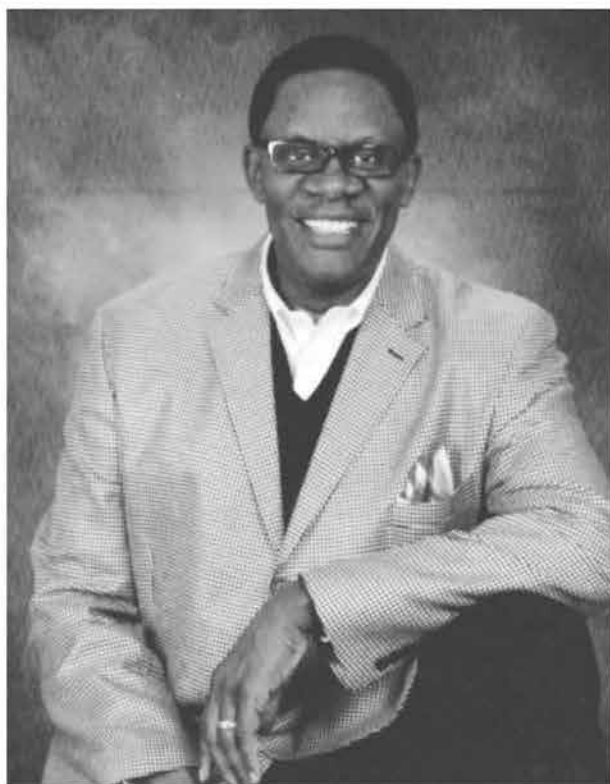
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<div>8</div> <div><i>Edward Ormondroyd born, 1925</i> <i>The Great Chicago Fire started (1871)</i></div>	<div>9</div> <div>Leif Ericson Day Columbus Day Thanksgiving Day in Canada Moldy Cheese Day</div>	<div>10</div> <div><i>James Marshall born, 1942</i> <i>Henry Cavendish born in England in 1731</i></div>	<div>11</div> <div><i>Eleanor Roosevelt born, 1884</i> <i>First Steam-Powered Ferryboat 'Juliana' began operations in 1811</i></div>	<div>12</div> <div>National Poetry Day (England) Farmer's Day Dia de la Raza (Mexico)</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Margaret Thatcher born in 1925. Molly Pitcher (Revolutionary War Heroine) born, 1754</div>	<div>14</div> <div><i>Lois Lenski born, 1893</i> <i>Dwight David Eisenhower (34th President) born, 1890</i></div>
<div>15</div> <div>National Grouch Day</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Dictionary Day Noah Webster born, 1758 World Food Day</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Black Poetry Day San Francisco Earthquake (1989)</div>	<div>18</div> <div><i>Mason-Dixon Line Established (1767)</i> <i>Puerto Rico Became U.S. Colony In 1898</i></div>	<div>19</div> <div><i>Thomas Edison Electric Light, 1879</i> <i>Final battle of the Revolutionary War (1781)</i></div>	<div>20</div> <div>Sir James Chadwick (Discoverer of the Neutron) born, 1891</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Sweetest Day Guggenheim Museum Opens (1959)</div>
<div>22</div> <div>Mother-in-Law's Day National Nut Day</div>	<div>23</div> <div><i>iPod First Revealed (2001)</i> Red Ribbon Week (Oct 23-31)</div>	<div>24</div> <div><i>Bruno Munari born, 1907</i> National Bologna Day United Nations Day</div>	<div>25</div> <div><i>Pablo Picasso Born in Spain in 1881</i></div>	<div>26</div> <div><i>Hillary Rodham Clinton born, 1947</i> <i>International Red Cross Organized In Geneva, Switzerland in 1863</i></div>	<div>27</div> <div>Theodore Roosevelt born in 1858</div>	<div>28</div> <div><i>Bill Gates born, 1955</i> Plush Animal Lover's Day <i>Statue of Liberty dedicated in 1886</i></div>
<div>29</div> <div><i>Stock Market Crash - 1929 (1929)</i></div>	<div>30</div> <div><i>John Adams born in 1735.</i> <i>Emily Post (author) born, 1873</i></div>	<div>31</div> <div>Halloween <i>Juliette Gordon Low Born in 1860, she started United States Girl Scouting in 1912</i></div>	<div><p>October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month</p></div>			



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- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Place 2 cups flour and salt in a food processor; pulse until blended. Add 1 cup butter; pulse until butter is the size of peas. While pulsing, add just enough ice water to form moist crumbs. Press mixture onto bottom of a greased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake 20-25 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack.
2. In a large bowl, combine apples, 1 cup sugar and cinnamon; toss to coat. Spoon over crust. Place remaining flour, butter and sugar in food processor; pulse until coarse crumbs form. Sprinkle over apples.



Bake 60-70 minutes or until golden brown and apples are tender. Cool completely on a wire rack. Cut into bars. Yield: 2 dozen



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