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Linda Colbert is thankful to pick up some free groceries and clothes to help her family through difficult times on the opening day for a new permanent food pantry and clothing depot on Southeast 122nd Avenue and Stark operated by the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division.

Help Moves East

Sunshine Division expands to meet growing need

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The increasingly impoverished populations of east Portland are getting some relief this Thanksgiving season as a non-profit dedicated to food and clothing services has opened a second location.

A bustling crowd of Portlanders got out of a downpour and huddled inside as the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division newest location opened last Wednesday from a storefront at Southeast 122nd and Stark.

Sunshine Executive Director Kyle Cam-

berg said the expansion was only made possible thanks "to the generosity and continued commitment of our donors and partners."

On opening day last Wednesday, Tania Clark, along with a dozen or so other volunteers, helped each patron, one at a

time, pick out two bagfuls of clean clothes from a rack of puffy winter coats, shirts, pants, and blazers, and then sent them to the food section where each patron stocked up on several bags of groceries from neatly

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Out Front and On Point

Women of color share stories from elected office

Each woman was one of the first people of color ever elected to their position. Often, they were the only one. And always, they were outnumbered.

But in a frank, funny and revealing roundtable, three local women of color shared what it was like to run, serve and survive in public office.

More than 50 people gathered last Thursday to hear moderator Traci Rossi, executive director of the Center for Women's Leadership, interview former state Sen. Margaret Carter, state Rep. Janelle Bynum of Clackamas and Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith.



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State Rep. Janelle Bynum of Clackamas, (from left) moderator Traci Rossi from the Center for Women's Leadership, Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith and former state Sen. Margaret Carter of Portland attend a roundtable to share what it was like to run, serve and survive in public.

the Trump Administration. Rep. Tawna Sanchez (D-Portland) spoke up, and Sen. Lew Frederick (D-Portland) and Judge Adrienne Nelson also attended.

Topics ranged from how the elected officials got their start, managed their campaigns, balanced family life, dealt with negative experiences and handled comments on their appearance. Commissioner Smith spoke of the need to bring more, and younger, people of color into the workforce and into leadership.

"I stand on the shoulders of Gladys McCoy who served as a commissioner and county chair almost 30 years ago," Smith said. "It is my responsibility to make sure we get people of color in county government sooner than another 30 years."

Rossi ended by saying, "I want to thank Commissioner Smith because I have been living in Portland and I have not been in a room like this for a long time," she said.

And several people said they left the meeting feeling hopeful.

"Oregon for all the problems, it really is a shining star," Bynum said. "You have women at the highest level of leadership you don't see anywhere else."

Thanks to Multnomah County for contributing this story.

Carter was the first African American woman elected to the Oregon Legislature. Bynum, an electrical engineer who owns several McDonald's restaurants, is the first African American woman to represent House District 51, including east Portland. And Smith is the second African American woman elected to the County Commission and because of term limits is plan-

ning to run for the Portland City Council this coming year.

The trio spoke at the second of four Portland forums on race in the workplace inspired by the hashtag #Black Women at Work. The hashtag emerged in response to harshly personal comments made to Congresswoman Maxine Waters and CNN journalist April Ryan earlier this year after they challenged members of



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The Week in Review

Big Man Recruit Picks Ducks

Bol Bol, son of former NBA player Manute Bol announced on Monday he will play for the Oregon Ducks. The 7 foot 2 center, considered by recruiters as the top big man from the high school class of 2018, chose the Ducks after visiting both Oregon and Kentucky this fall.

ACLU Sues Police for "Kettling"

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon filed a class action lawsuit last week against Portland Police for using a tactic called "kettling," a technique which involves surrounding a crowd and closing in on them, but one which was alleged to have improperly detained innocent observers during a June 4 protest.

Jesse Jackson has Parkinson's

Rev. Jesse Jackson, the civil rights activist, announced Friday he has Parkinson's disease, an incurable neurological disorder that can cause tremors, stiffness, and difficulty balancing and coordinating movements. Jackson said he and his family noticed the changes three years ago and the process of recognizing its effects has been painful.

Fired for Sexual Misconduct

Veteran journalist Charlie Rose has been fired by CBS News due to accusations from eight different women that he was sexually inappropriate with them. The Washington Post reported five women said he groped them, two have said he walked na-

ked in front of them, and one accused Rose of firing her after he physically and verbally harassed her.

Della Reese Passes Away

TV host, R&B singer, and "Touched by an Angel" star Della Reese died Sunday at the age of 86, her family told ABC News. Her family said she "passed away peacefully" in her home.

Apologizes for Sexual Harassment

Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn. has apologized and called for an ethics investigation following accusations that he sexually harassed a radio host while performing together for troops overseas in 2006. The comedian turned politician purportedly forcibly kissed her and took photos to mock grope her in her sleep, both of which Franklin apparently said at the time was meant to be in jest or part of a comedy act.

Charles Manson Dies in Prison

Charles Manson, the notorious serial killer and cult leader, died in prison Sunday at the age of 83 of natural causes. Manson was imprisoned for being responsible for the killings of seven people over a two-day period in southern California in 1969.

Quits after Racist Comments

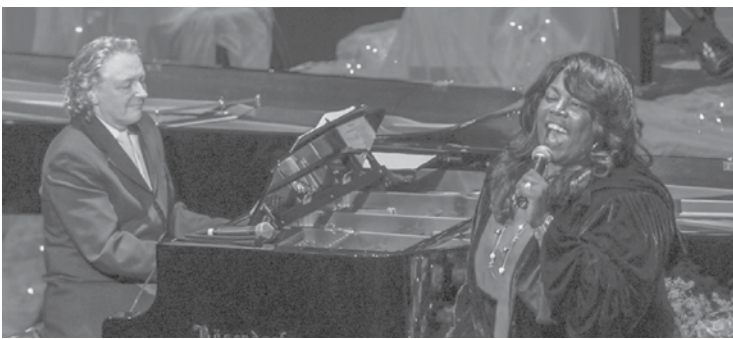
Rev. Jamie Johnson, a Homeland Security official in the Trump administration, has quit following statements uncovered by CNN in which he blamed African-Americans for the prevalence of slums. As a former Iowa radio host, he appeared on many conservative talk shows, and made several controversial comments about blacks and slums on the show.

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Faith Leaders Meet Chief

New Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw (center) is the guest of honor Saturday for a Women of Faith brunch hosted by Dr. Karen Edwards, Cascade campus president of Portland Community College. Sponsors included Women at the Cross Ministries, Women of Faith of Oregon and Southeast Washington and representatives of the Dr. Audrey Terrell Institute.



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Education advocates from Portland African American community get a new pledge to open Tubman Middle School during a Thursday news conference held at the Center for Self Enhancement in north Portland. Pictured are Ron Herndon of Albina Head Start, Joe McFerrin of Portland Opportunities Industrial Center and Dr. Leroy Haynes of the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

New Pledge on Tubman

District will spend more to make sure school is safe

BY DANNY PETERSON

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland Public Schools Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero has made a new pledge to get

Tubman Middle School ready for opening in the fall, reassuring leaders from the African American community.

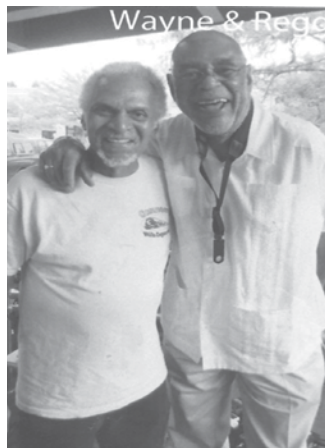
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school, located next to I-5 in the Eliot Neighborhood, the district now plans to spend more money on immediate physical upgrades to the school, taking some safety issues off the table and speeding up the time it takes to fully evaluate concerns.

Any issue under study is not expected to stop the plans for opening the school in the fall, Guerrero said.

The updated timeline came during a Thursday news conference he attended that was organized by education advocates from the black community, including Self Enhancement Inc. founder and director Tony Hopson, Albina Head Start Director Ronnie Herndon, Joe McFerrin of Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, and Dr. Leroy Haynes of the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

The leaders called Guerrero's

presence at the meeting "historic" and congratulated him for having the leadership and courage to attend the meeting in only his sixth week on the job.

"In the past we have never had a press conference where both sides were at the table together," Hopson said.

Guerrero promised that he and the school board were "committed to opening Tubman" and that they're "going to stay aggressive on this timeline" by not searching for a plan "b" and expediting air quality testing.

Guerrero said that Portland Public Schools will make \$11 million for renovations, including fixing roof leaks at the school and adding a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. About \$2 million dollars of that amount will upgrade Tubman's foundational suitability for upgrades, immediately addressing concerns about a sloping hillside, officials said.

However these promises do come with the contingency that unforeseen safety concerns, could still in the long run delay plans and mean the school would not be ready for opening in the fall.

"We believe that we have the support of this superintendent headed in the right direction. But for those of us who have been on this train for a long time, we recognize that if we're not vigilant, if we don't hold folks accountable, things could change again," Herndon said.

Editor's note: A video transcript of the meeting with Guerrero and black educational leaders is included in our coverage of this story on portlandobserver.com.

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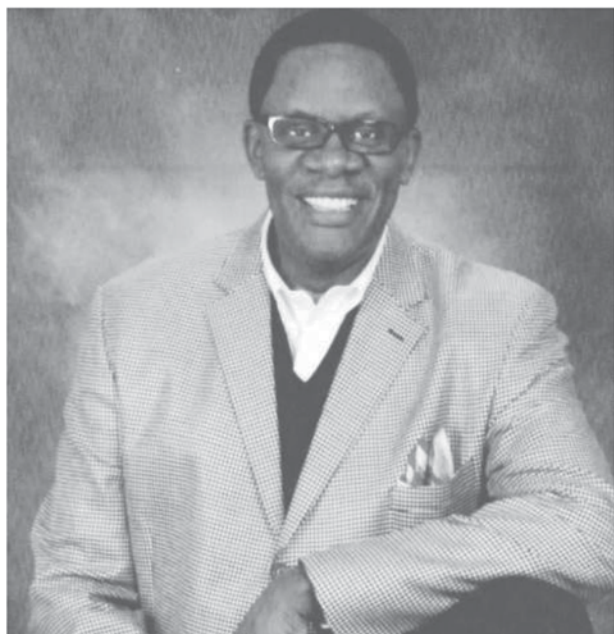
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Kyle Camberg, executive director of the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division, opens a second location at Southeast 122nd and Stark to distribute free groceries and clothes to disadvantaged residents.

Help Moves East

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stocked shelves of canned soup, boxed dinners and frozen food.

"Beats being at home" she said, acknowledging her volunteering commitment. "I don't like to be idle for too long."

The Sunshine Division decided to locate in east Portland in response to rising poverty rates in the area, backed up by figures that show a majority of students east of I-205 are receiving free or discounted lunch programs.

The Reynolds School District, for example, has nearly 74.7 percent of its students on free or reduced lunches; The Parkrose School District is at 74.4 percent; Centennial School District at 75 percent; and the David Douglas School District has the highest number at 78.2 percent. All of those districts are located on the outer eastern edge of Portland.

Other factors, like rising rents, are also hurting more and more low income families.

The Sunshine Division's own surveys showed that many of the patrons that came to its North Thompson Avenue distribution site in the Eliot Neighborhood of inner north and northeast Portland were actually from outer east Portland and Gresham.

"And so, without taking a super deep dive, statistically, into, you know, the income numbers, you can just factually know that three-fourths of children that live east of I-205 in the city of Portland face poverty and are dealing with issues of hunger and a lack of resources based on that data alone. It's pretty startling that the numbers are that high," Camberg told the Portland Observer.

Portland Public Schools, in comparison, only has 46.3 percent of its students on a free or reduced

lunch, while suburbs like Beaverton and Tigard hover below 40 percent.

Neighborhoods in outer East Portland, meanwhile, are seeing rising numbers of poor folks, larger numbers of ethnic minorities, and more people with lower education than the citywide average.

What's more, a report from the Portland Housing Bureau last year found that the cost of rent has been skyrocketing in east Portland, rising faster than anywhere else in the city the previous year.

"People are getting pinched, so the services we provide to families are needed more than ever," Camberg said.

Since 1923, the Portland Police Bureau Sunshine Division has been providing emergency food and clothing relief to Portland families and individuals in need, for circumstances such as the loss of a job, domestic crime, illness, or victims of fire or disaster. The organization will continue existing services at its North Thompson Street location in addition to the new site.

Though the Sunshine Division has since morphed into its own entity, a standalone non-profit, they still get assistance from the police to complete their mission and usually have an officer on standby at any of their locations.

The new location is anticipated to serve an additional 10,000 low-income families with children, seniors, veterans, and disabled individuals with food and clothing assistance in its initial 12 months of operation.

"Sunshine Division helped me when I was down and out," volunteer Tanisia Clark said. "So I decided to give back. It's a great organization."

The 122nd and Stark Sunshine Division will operate Wednesday

through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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The Phil Knight Invitational (PK-80) presented by State Farm will be a two-tournament men's college basketball event held over the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend in Portland honoring Nike Co-Founder Phil Knight for his 80th birthday and in recognition of his contributions to colle-

giate basketball.

Officials said 16 elite college teams will participate and represent the best collection of college basketball teams in one event, at a single site, in the history of the sport.

ESPN and the Rose Quarter will host the competition with games taking place in both the Moda Cen-

ter and the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

The PK-80 will consist of two brackets of eight teams, with each bracket limited to one team per conference. Games will be played on Thursday, Nov. 23; Friday, Nov. 24; and Sunday, Nov. 26. For tickets, visit pkinvitational.com.

Adult Diploma Program Begins

Oregon Outreach Inc. announces an Adult High School Diploma Program for residents of the Portland area. The local nonprofit has provided an alternative, accredited education program to underserved

youth for the past 30 years, including McCoy Academy, a program that recently relocated to space at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus.

The adult curriculum is a

cost-effective program that includes transcript evaluation, dedicated staff, study materials and added support for reaching your educational goals. Whatever the reason that you were unable to finish that diploma, you now have an alternative that can help you cross that item off your bucket list, Oregon Outreach officials said.

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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Holiday Tree Lighting Friday

Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown, hosts the annual holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony presented by SmartPark on Friday, Nov. 24 at 5:30 p.m. The switch will be turned on to a 75-foot Douglas fir generously donated by Stimson Lumber Company. A community sing-a-long will include Portland's own Thomas Lauderdale and members of Pink Martini, the 234th Army Band of the Oregon National Guard, and the Pacific Youth Choir.

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Holiday Festivities in Gresham

The start of the holiday season is celebrated in historic downtown Gresham on Saturday, Nov. 25, when the 26th annual Spirit of Christmas celebration is held with a variety of fun, family friendly festivities all leading up to the lighting of the city's 60-foot ponderosa pine.

The free festivities include arts

and crafts from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with live music, photos with Santa and free treats at the downtown Gresham Arts Plaza starting at 5 p.m. The tree is lit promptly at 6 p.m.

"Gresham may be the fourth largest city in Oregon, but we still celebrate that small-town feel at

our annual tree lighting ceremony, the Spirit of Christmas," said Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis. "We'll bring the beautiful tree, sparkling lights and Santa. But, it's this great community coming together to celebrate with our neighbors that is the heart of this special event."

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Christmas Concert at St. Philip Neri

On Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m., St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, a diverse congregation serving southeast Portland, invites the public to attend a special Christmas benefit concert with the signature contemporary music of Michael Allen Harrison and the

powerful, joyful singing of Julianne Johnson.

For the 16th year in a row, this much loved piano concert comes to one of Portland's renowned music venues and is a great way to kick off the holidays. The church will host a reception

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Tickets are \$15. For more information, call the office 503-231-4955. Tickets will also be available at the door.



Girls learn about self-defense, safety and setting boundaries in GirlsStrength, a companion program to WomenStrength.

Woman Strong

Self-defense classes for women and girls

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

With multiple disclosures of sexual assaults by men against women making national headlines, from movie producer Harvey Weinstein to actor Kevin Spacey, now might be the time to consider getting some tips on self defense by enrolling or volunteering with WomenStrength.

When you sign up, you will be taught the knowledge, skills, and ability to help women and girls be leaders in non-violence. The program, which has been around since 1979 and is supported by the Portland Police Bureau, has trained more than 120,000 women and girls in the Portland area in mixed martial arts skills for physical self-defense, non-physical safety workshops, de-escalation skills, and

boundary setting.

Adult women who can serve as volunteer instructors are also needed. No experience is necessary, but self defense classes for females must be taught by adult women. Instructors from all backgrounds and abilities are encouraged to apply by Dec. 1, with training beginning March 31.

Sarah Johnson started as a volunteer for the organization in 2001 and said that it was some of the most rewarding work she had ever done. She became the director of the program in 2005.

"We have women who take our class who walk in very, very passive the first day and they leave assertive on the third class. So I definitely think it makes a great impact.

You literally watch women's lives change and transform right in front of you, it's pretty powerful stuff," Johnson told the Portland Observer.

A nationwide response to sexual assaults on social media, the Me Too campaign, has been a way for other women to signify that they too have been a victim of sexual violence, and to illuminate how widespread the problem is for women everywhere.

According to a 1998 National Institute of Justice statistic, 1 in 6 American females have been the victim of attempted rape or rape in their lifetime, with the majority

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A Thanksgiving meal prepared by Po'Shine's Café De La Soul restaurant will once again highlight this year's annual free holiday festival at Celebration Tabernacle Church in Kenton.

Free Thanksgiving in Kenton

A community service component of Kenton's diverse Celebration Tabernacle Church and its Po'Shine's Café De La Soul restaurant join forces to host a Thanksgiving Day dinner in hopes to feed 1,000 people.

The holiday event open to all takes place on Thursday, Nov.

23, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will include a free thanksgiving dinner prepared by Po'Shine's as well as music, entertainment and kids' activities. The meal also includes vegetarian options and is held in a wheelchair accessible space.

For the past 16 years, the

church community has gathered the help of neighborhood organizations to create one the area's longest running Thanksgiving community dinners.

Organizers are still accepting food donations as well as people hoping to volunteer. For more information, visit properusa.org.

Potluck Free Meals Move

A group serving free meals on Sundays has moved to a temporary location under the Hawthorne Bridge ramp in Waterfront Park, downtown.

Potluck in the Park has served a Sunday afternoon meal to anyone in need at O'Bryant Square every week for 26 years, but during inclement

weather they no longer have access to the garage beneath the square to serve their meals because it's undergoing a structural analysis to assess damages from many years of water leaks during rain.

The temporary site presents some difficulties to access for pedestrians and people with physical

and mental challenges because it's fronted by the busy Naito Parkway, but "We are grateful to Portland Parks and Recreation for offering us this space," Utzinger said.

Volunteers are hopeful Potluck meals will return to O'Bryant Square by March.

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Family Movie Night -- Self Enhancement, Inc., 3920 N. Kerby Ave., presents two film favorites for Thanksgiving week when it holds a Movie Family Night on Saturday, Nov. 25. The



screenings will begin with a 4 p.m. showing of the "The Wiz" and a 7 p.m. showing of "Coming to America." Tickets at the door are \$5 per film or \$8 for both. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

Da Vinci Arts Fair -- The popular da Vinci Middle School Arts Fair, with proceeds supporting the school at 2508 N.E. Everett, takes place Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be fine art, boutique crafts, ceramics, clothing, paintings, pottery, photos, food and more. Admission is free. Live music, a cafe and student artwork for sale are other highlights.

Celebrate with Whole Foods -- The holiday season is definitely not the time for added stress and complications. At Whole Foods Market, 1210 N.W. Couch St, you will find a holiday table with staff who are ready to assist and make your holiday life easier. This table is your "Holiday Central" where you can order everything from a turkey to dinner rolls to a full holiday meal.

Christmas Tree Permits -- You can skip the lot and explore the forest while finding this year's holiday tree. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest east of Vancouver is selling \$5 personal-use Christmas tree cutting permits, which include a map of cutting areas and instructions for cutting trees. For more information, call 360-891-5001.

Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Saturday, Nov. 25 at Clyde's.

To Kill a Mockingbird

Revisiting themes of compassion in justice that are as resonant today as when the play was set in the 1930s, Lakewood Theatre Company in Lake Oswego presents 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' the journey of a young white girl whose father has been appointed to defend a black man falsely accused of raping a white woman. Now playing through Dec. 10. For tickets, call the box office at 503-635-3901 or visit lakewood-center.org.



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.

Discount Tickets -- Low income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part

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of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

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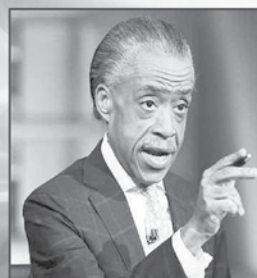
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OPINION



Rewarding Billionaires and Corporate Tax Dodgers

This isn't tax reform, it's a money grab

BY CHUCK COLLINS

Republicans are pushing a huge corporate tax cut bill through Congress. You might've seen a lot of coverage trying to sort out "who wins" and "who loses."

All that misses the point.

The driving motivation behind this bill, rhetoric and packaging aside, is to deliver a whopping \$1 trillion tax cut for a few hundred badly behaved global corporations — and another half a trillion to expand tax breaks and loopholes for multi-millionaires and billionaires.

All the other features of proposed tax legislation are either bribes ("sweeteners") to help pass the bill or "pay fors" to offset their cost.

The news media has been talking about "winners and losers" like this were some sort of high-minded tax reform process with legitimate trade-offs, as in

1986.

But this isn't tax reform. This is a money grab by powerful corporate interests.

The key question isn't who wins and loses but whether we should undertake any of these trade-offs to give massive tax breaks to companies like Apple, Nike, Pfizer, and General Electric — companies whose loyalty to U.S. communities and workers is historically abysmal.

These companies have been dodging their taxes for decades while small businesses and ordinary taxpayers pick up their slack to care for our veterans, maintain our infrastructure, and educate the next generation.

Apple alone is holding \$250 billion in offshore subsidiaries to reduce their taxes.

For wealthy individuals, the proposed House tax bill eliminates the federal estate tax, which is paid exclusively by families with over \$11 million, mostly residing in coastal states.

It eliminates the Alternative Minimum Tax, a provision that ensures that wealthy taxpayers chip in at least a few dollars after gaming all their possible deductions.

And while the top tax rate on high earners remains roughly the same, Congress is proposing to open up a "pass through loophole" that will enable wealthy people and their tax accountants to convert their income to be taxed at a lower tax rate.

We should avoid distracting debates over whether to reform one provision or another, such as the home mortgage interest deduction. The real estate industry understands the score. "These corporations are getting a major tax cut, and it's getting paid for by the equity in American homes," said Jerry Howard, chief executive of the National Association of Home Builders.

Reforming the home mortgage interest deduction makes a lot of sense — the current tax break mostly benefits the already wealthy and fails to expand homeownership. But we shouldn't restructure housing tax incentives to pay for a massive tax cut for billionaires and badly behaved global corporations.

Nor should we eliminate the deductibility of student debt, eliminate the deduction for state and local taxes, or require families with catastrophic health expenses to pay more to reduce taxes on big

drug companies and Jeff Bezos of Amazon. This tax bill would do all of those things.

The good news is people aren't falling for the marketing baloney that this tax cut will help the middle class. Fewer than 30 percent of voters support these tax cuts, and solid majorities believe that the wealthy and global corporations should pay more taxes, not less.

But this won't stop Republicans who care more about their campaign contributors than they do about voters.

If the GOP majority in Congress were responsive to voters, they'd invest in updating our aging infrastructure and in skills-based education, as we did after World War II. Instead of saddling the next generation with tens of thousands in student debt, real leaders would be figuring out how to lift up tomorrow's workers and entrepreneurs, just as we did in previous generations.

Under this tax plan, small business and ordinary taxpayers will be the big losers. That's the only score that matters.

Chuck Collins directs the Program on Inequality at the Institute for Policy Studies and co-edits *Inequality.org*. Distributed by *OtherWords.org*

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OPINION

Thanksgiving and Forging Unity in Divisive Times

Praying for a nation's healing

BY MARC H. MORIAL

"This history of Thanksgiving teaches us that the American instinct has never been to seek isolation in opposite corners; it is to find strength in our common creed and forge unity from our great diversity. On that very first thanksgiving celebration, these same ideals brought together people of different backgrounds and beliefs, and every year since, with enduring confidence in the power of faith, love, gratitude, and optimism, this force of unity has sustained us as a people. It has guided us through times of great challenge and change and allowed us to see ourselves in those who come to our shores in search of a safer, better future for themselves and their families," — President Barack



Obama 2016.

While Thanksgiving is clearly a celebration of gratitude for a bountiful harvest, its origin and history in the United States tell an unexpected tale of unity that is particularly relevant in these divisive times.

While the early history of the United States is rife with atrocities committed against Native Americans, the "first Thanksgiving" — a three-day feast in 1621 — was a peaceful moment of fellowship between the English settlers and the Wampanoag among whom they lived.

In one of two existing accounts of that feast, Edward Winslow wrote of the "many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some 90 men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted." Another English settler who arrived shortly after that first feast, William Hilton, wrote in a letter to his cousin described "the Indians round about us" as

"peaceable and friendly."

Over the next century and a half, Thanksgiving was celebrated at different times by the separate colonies. The Continental Congress issued the first National Proclamation of Thanksgiving in 1777: "It is therefore recommended to the legislative or executive Powers of these United States to set apart Thursday, the 18th Day of December next, for Solemn Thanksgiving and Praise..." Over the year, various days of Thanksgiving would be proclaimed by Congress and Presidents, as well as governors, but an annual, recurring, nationwide holiday would not be proclaimed until 1863, in the middle of the Civil War.

He was prompted by the writings of magazine editor Sarah Josepha Hale, who wrote to him on Sept. 28, 1863: "You may have observed that, for some years past, there has been an increasing interest felt in our land to have the Thanksgiving held on the same day, in all the States; it now needs

National recognition and authoritative fixation, only, to become permanently, an American custom and institution."

Lincoln's proclamation was more than a declaration of a holiday, but a heartfelt plea for the end of the war and a reunification of the nation. He invited his fellow citizens not only to set apart the last Tuesday of November "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," but also to "fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

In an effort to lengthen the Christmas shopping season and stimulate the economy in the midst of the Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt briefly changed the date of the holiday to the next-to-last Thursday, but the

move was considered an affront to Lincoln's memory and triggered partisan outrage. Nov. 30, 1939, was considered "Republican Thanksgiving" and Nov. 23 as "Democratic Thanksgiving" or "Franksgiving". The experiment appeared to fail, with no measurable boost to the 1939 and 1940 Christmas shopping seasons. On Dec. 26, 1941, Congress passed a law making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of November, where it has remained — a bipartisan celebration — ever since.

It's instructive that we find the pivotal moments in the development of modern Thanksgiving in the United States at the time of the Civil War and the Great Depression. We are once again facing a crisis of division. As we give thanks for the blessings that have been visited upon us, let us also remember to pray for healing and a reunification of our nation.

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

Fragments of Shame, Contrition and Desperate Denial

Trapped in 'a man's world'

BY ROBERT C. KOEHLER

The "man's world" I grew up in is shattering into fragments of shame, contrition and desperate denial. Allegations of sexual harassment and abuse are catching up with powerful perps, sometimes decades after the fact. On Capitol Hill, we now know about a "creep list." Women shouldn't ride alone in an elevator with these guys. This is our democracy.

The only real surprise in all this is that suddenly it matters . . . that women — as well as young males, children of both genders — were harassed, humiliated, raped by powerful male adults: that "me too" resonates in the news. At one time, outright denial of a sexual abuse allegation wasn't even necessary because, even if it were true, so what? That was then. The idea of "a man's world" was solid and, well, boys will be boys.

"When Nelson got in Moore's car" — this is Beverly Young Nelson, describing an attempted rape by Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore in 1975 — "she said he drove behind the restaurant and parked near a dumpster instead of taking her home. Nelson said Moore groped her and tried



to force her head onto his crotch. Nelson says she yelled and tried to leave the car, but Moore locked the door.

"I was not going to allow him to force me to have sex with him," Nelson said. "I was terrified. I thought he was going to rape me. At some point, he gave up."

"Nelson said before Moore opened the door — at which point she either fell out or he pushed her out — he told her: 'You're just a child and I am the District Attorney of Etowah County, and if you tell anyone about this, no one will ever believe you.'"

She was then 16 years old.

Tempting as it is to revel triumphantly in moral judgment of Moore, the homophobe and evangelical hypocrite, I can't avoid putting his suddenly newsworthy behavior into a larger social context, not to let him off the hook but to figure out how real change can occur. Moore and all the other celebs and bigshots caught in the current avalanche of sex-abuse allegations have at least one thing in common. They grew up in a world where sex was a dirty secret and discussion of it was taboo, except adolescent-to-adolescent: "Did you get any last night?"

Men who attain power in such a world do so, often enough, un-

encumbered by maturity, which requires respect for the feelings of others. All they have is power and, creepily, a sense of permission.

And thus I quote President Trump: "And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab them by the pussy. You can do anything."

A man's world is a world that values domination. It values winning. At the same time, it devalues "female" qualities: nurturing, em-

months ago, a staggering 6,172 cases of sexual assault were reported across the military in 2016, out of nearly 15,000 that actually occurred, according to the results of an anonymous survey. Eerily, the good news here is that the number of reported cases has nearly doubled from four years ago, when 3,604 cases were reported, out of an estimated 26,000 incidents that occurred.

However: "Fifty-eight percent

some compassion into the mix for the sexual harassers suddenly at the center of unwanted public attention. I know the world in which they grew up; I grew up in it too. This is a world in which young people "come of age" — come into their sexuality — in utter isolation. While violence is lovingly spread across the entertainment and news media, sex remains sealed in cringing aversion.

Remember Jocelyn Elders? She was the former U.S. surgeon general who, at a United Nations conference on AIDS in 1994, had the courage to respond candidly to a question about masturbation. Might teaching children about masturbation reduce unsafe sex? "I think that is something that is a part of human sexuality," she said, "and it's a part of something that perhaps should be taught. But we've not even taught our children the very basics."

Oh, the horror! Bill Clinton, responding to the shock and uproar these words provoked, immediately fired her.

And thus we live in a world in which powerful men are trapped in their own adolescence. Let's break the glass ceiling and free everyone.

Robert Koehler, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is a Chicago award-winning journalist and editor.

The truth is that the scourge of sexual assault in the military remains status quo.

— Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

pathy, love. These are for sissies.

And the House of Representatives has just approved the National Defense Authorization Act of 2018, with a military budget of nearly \$700 billion to continue our wars around the planet. This is an increase of nearly \$80 billion in military spending over 2017 — at a time when virtually all other spending is slashed to the bone. There's a desperation here the size of an empire.

I mention this in the context of domination culture, with the U.S. military leading the way. According to a Reuters story from six

of victims experienced reprisals or retaliation for reporting sexual assault," Reuters reported.

And: "The truth is that the scourge of sexual assault in the military remains status quo," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand said.

I hope the "me too" movement doesn't let up, and that its power and impact begin to penetrate U.S. military culture. I also hope the concept "it's a man's world" starts coming undone at the structural level and we start rebuilding our world around deeper values than winning and domination.

In that spirit, I also throw

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Obituary



In Loving Memory

Lila Mae Robinson-Butler

Lila Mae Robinson-Butler was born Dec. 17, 1924 in Ethel, Ark., and died Nov. 8, 2017 in Portland.

She was a registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital for over 30 years, and an active ordained minister for 10 years until a stroke.

She was married to Odel Butler Sr. for 75 years until his death on May 30, 2015. Also preceding her in death, were her daughters Dorsey Carney and Shirley Reid. She leaves to cherish her memory, daughter Charlene Ware, sons Odel "Sunny" Butler Jr. and Harvey Butler, and five grandchildren she also raised.

Services are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. at Corner Stone Community Church of God in Christ, 2216 N.E. Killingsworth St.

In Loving Memory

Andrew Craig Vaughn

Andrew Craig Vaughn was born Feb. 14, 1960 and died Oct. 22, 2017

Survivors include a daughter Anndrea Vaughn, brothers James Vaughn, Delocha Vaughn and Willie Vaughn, and sisters Gloria Vaughn, Nora Graham and Nellie Hunter.

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 - 1 large leek
 - 1 onion
 - 1/2 cup butter (or less to taste)
 - salt and pepper
 - 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves
 - 1 lb cabbage (or kale, Swiss Chard, silverbeet or collards)
 - 1 1/2 lbs spicy sausage (Dutch Rookworst or Spanish Chorizo)

Directions:

1. Prepare the vegetables: Peel and roughly chop the potato, Butternut squash (pumpkin), sweet potato/yam, carrots, parsnips and turnip. Peel and finely chop the onion. Wash any grit from the leek and cabbage, then slice both fairly finely.
2. Place the chopped vegetables in a large stock pot, and add water to barely cover. Place over heat, cover, bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, around 20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cook the rookworst as per the instructions on the wrap, or saute the chorizo, or other spicy sausage you choose, in a little oil. Slice, then keep warm.
4. Drain the vegetables well, then mash - but not too smoothly - some lumps are good ;-) Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add the butter, and mix through (use less than 1/2 cup if you prefer). If desired, stir through the chopped parsley.
5. Serve the stamppot topped with the sliced sausage.





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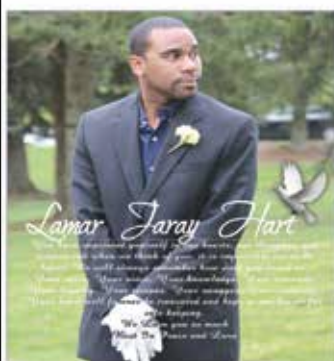


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Martial arts skills, de-escalation techniques and boundary settings are techniques learned by women in self defense classes taught locally by a group called WomenStrength.

Woman Strong

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of victims being under 30. And in Oregon, an estimated 27 percent of females have been raped, compared to 18 percent of women and girls nationally, according to The Women's Foundation of Oregon.

"This has been women's experience probably, I can't say forever, but I can say in my lifetime," Johnson said. "The first time I had sexual harassment/sexual assault [happen to me] I was in sixth grade. That's the first time. And I literally couldn't count the number of times it has happened to me in my adult life. It's too many to name."

Though Johnson said the Me Too campaign has been a powerful tool to bring light to the issue, she also respects women who chose to keep the experiences confidential because she understands it can be painful for women to relive.

Ninety-four percent of women who are raped experience post traumatic stress disorder, which can involve flashbacks of the inciting event during the first two weeks following the rape and 30 percent of women report symptoms of PTSD, nine months after

the rape, according to the Journal of Traumatic Stress and American Psychiatric Press.

In addition to the self defense skills taught at WomenStrength, 40 percent of the course also teaches non-physical safety workshops and verbal de-escalation training.

"I think simply by teaching women boundary setting, more comfortable boundary setting, is a prevention tool," Johnson said.

A 2014 article at University of Oregon showed that female college age students who took self-defense classes experienced fewer and less severe instances of sexual assault the following year than those who didn't.

WomenStrength also teaches a program to males called BoyStrength, which they are also accepting volunteers for and can be taught by men. Instead of teaching self-defense, though, the course teaches things like yoga, breathing and meditation techniques, and lessons healthy relationship to teach boys how to become leaders of non-violence in their communities.

"Men have more power in this country than women, so men have

more power to help end violence against women," Johnson said.

According to a 1997 U.S. Department of Justice report, 99 percent of sexual assaulters in single-victim incidents were men and 6 out of 10 were white.

Johnson said some of the ways men can be allies to the cause of preventing sexual violence against women is by donating to a shelter or violence prevention organization like WomenStrength, getting involved with the Portland-based advocacy group Men Engaging Now (find them on Facebook), and empathizing with women who may have experienced past trauma.

"The other thing I think that men can do is gently ask the women in their lives about their experiences, not that they have to tell them to you. But be open about, 'I don't know how to respond to this, how can I help you?' And I think we need more of that from men, we really, really do."

For more information about volunteering for WomenStrength or attending the year round classes, which occur twice monthly on evenings and weekends at a rotating venue, visit portlandoregon.gov/police/womenstrength.

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