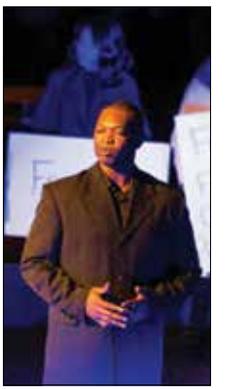
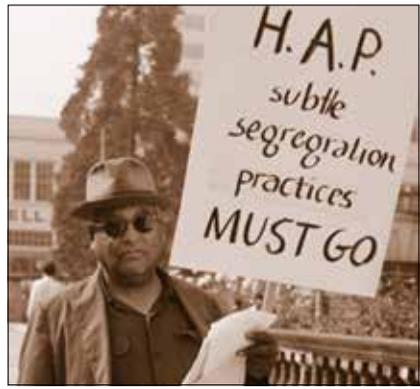


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Special Agent Pete Collier outside the Portland FBI Field Office where is retiring after an illustrious 27 year career as an FBI agent.

The Greatest Honor FBI agent looks back on exciting career

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Stand offs with ant-government militias, tracking down domestic terrorists, and thwarting bank robberies might sound like the perfect recipe for a popcorn thriller, but for retired FBI special agent Pete Collier, it was just another day at the office.

"It's been the greatest honor of my life to work within these walls and to work on

this mission," Collier, told the Portland Observer.

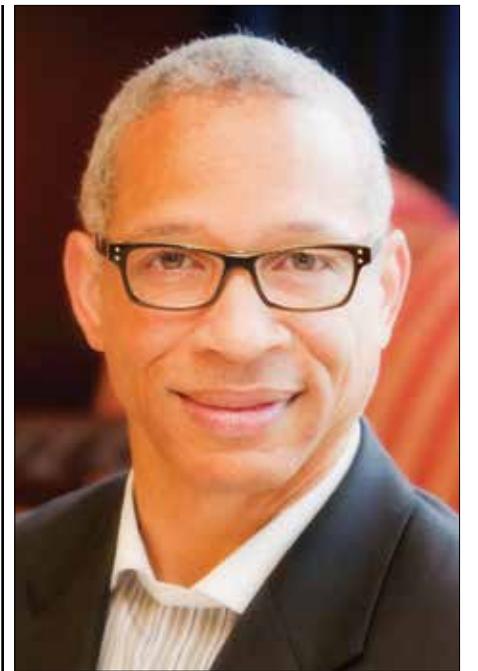
February marks Collier's first month of retirement from the bureau after 27 years with them. In that time, spent in San Francisco then later Portland, he's worked on a number of high profile cases that have captured the nation's attention as much as it has federal law enforcement's.

Now, at 55, just two years before the bu-

reau's mandatory retirement age kicks in, Collier is trading in his badge and gun for a hunting rifle and fishing rod.

Collier was born in Massachusettes, but grew up all over the world, bouncing from place to place as a U.S. Air Force brat. Germany, Florida, and Guam were just some of places he spent time in. It was hard for

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Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr.

Dynamic Pastor Dies

Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr. was humble and inspiring

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr., a humble spiritual leader from Portland's African American community who inspired so many others with his dynamic sermons and lifelong service to his church and community, succumbed to a three year battle with kidney cancer on Friday.

Hardy, 60, was the senior pastor of the Highland Christian Center in north-east Portland for the past 22 years, a third generation preacher from a family of church pastors that included his late father and grandfather.

A thoughtful teacher and a spiritual advisor to countless members of the community, he helped grow a small Highland United Church of Christ congregation on Northeast Ninth and Going Street into one of the city's largest

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Students Protest Racist Note

Students from Lake Oswego Junior High School walked out of classes Monday morning in an organized protest against racism. The response followed an incident in which three white students at the school were accused of using the N-word in a post-it note directed against an African American student.

Police Sweep 'Village of Hope'

A self-managed homeless camp called "Village of Hope" with platforms, latrines and a kitchen on public park land near the Columbia River Slough in northeast

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Portland was swept clean by park rangers and police Friday without arrests. Mayor Ted Wheeler, citing environmental degradation concerns, ordered the evacuation and then thanked campers for leaving without incident.

Brown Promotes Job Training

Gov. Kate Brown laid out her plan to improve technical education and vocational training programs Monday during her state of the state speech at the start of a 35-day session of the Oregon Legislature. She advocated for closing a disparity between Oregonians' job skills and businesses' needs.

Miles Davis to President at Linfield

Linfield College last week named Miles Davis as their next president, the first African American to lead the McMinnville school in its 160 year history, Davis, 58, the dean of the Shenandoah University Business School in Winchester, Va., said he's excited



to take on the new challenge. Born in Philadelphia, Davis was named after the famed jazz trumpeter.

Mysterious Crow Deaths

The Audubon Society has launched an investigation after witnesses saw a flock of crows "falling from the sky" and dying Thursday in a neighborhood around Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Jessup Street. Other dead crows were found near Portland State University, downtown. Tests will be conducted to determine if the birds were poisoned.



Colts Linebacker Killed

Indianapolis Colts linebacker Edwin Jackson and another man were struck and killed by a suspected drunk driver while stopped on the side of the road and standing outside their vehicle early Sunday morning. Authorities said they believe the man who hit them, Manuel Orrego-Savala, is an undocumented immigrant from Guatemala.



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Crack Down on Gun Violence

Police Chief Danielle Outlaw, in response to an uptick in gun-related homicides and suspected gang activity this winter, has enacted Operation Safe Winter, enlisting the help of multiple law enforcement partners, community groups and the Mayor's Office of Youth Violence Prevention.

The initiative was sparked by five gun-related deaths in January. So far, police working on the mission have made 18 arrests and seized 17 firearms. Police said they also found 36 people with outstanding warrants.

Antoinette Edwards of the Mayor's violence prevention office said the effort to tackle the issue includes an outreach to community members, Portland Public Schools, government leaders, faith-based organizations, and

non-profit organizations.

"We are collectively moving forward to resolve the negative impacts associated to these criminal acts, asking for continuing community dialogue and support," Edwards said.

Gresham Police Department, FBI, Multnomah County Parole and Probation officers, non-profit Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, Oregon Youth Authority, and Immigrant and Refugee Community Organizations are just some of the organizations collaborating with the effort.

Authorities remind citizens that anyone who sees a crime in progress can call 9-1-1. You can also take a stand against gun violence by getting involved with the community-led campaign Enough Is Enough PDX via Facebook.

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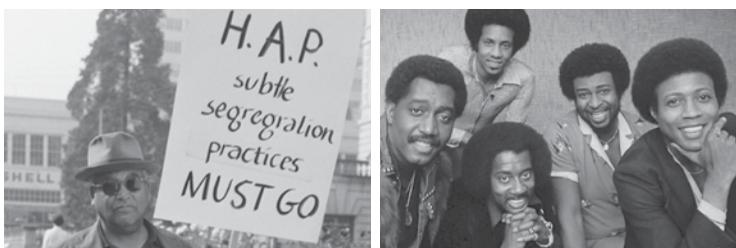
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A ribbon cutting ceremony marks the merger of two community-driven banks as the former Albina Community Bank becomes the newly named Beneficial State Bank branch on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Pictured are Randell Leach, president and chief operating officer of Beneficial State Bank, and Kat Taylor, the bank's co-founder and chief executive officer.

Community-Driven Banks Merge

Combining the financial strength and clout of two financial institutions is intended to boost banking services to low and moderate-income communities, and provide financing for renewable energy, affordable housing, and women and minority-owned businesses.

A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the merger of Albina Community Bank with Beneficial State Bank on Thursday. Leaders for the combined financial institution gathered to celebrate at the newly renamed Beneficial State Bank branch office on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boule-

vard. Attending the ceremony were Randell Leach, president and chief operating officer of Beneficial State Bank, and Kat Taylor, the bank's co-founder and chief executive officer. Customers and local residents also joined the festivities.

Running for Public Office

Maxwell enters county commission race



Sharon Maxwell

Sharon Maxwell, a successful business owner and recognized community leader from Portland's African American community has announced plans to run for Multnomah County Commissioner in the upcoming May Primary.

Her campaign will kickoff Wednesday with a scheduled 11 a.m. rally in the lobby of the Margaret Carter Technical Education Building on the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in north Portland.

Maxwell has been a trailblazer for breaking social barriers. She entered Portland's male- and white-dominated construction field after graduating from PCC's Skill Center construction program 25 years ago. She later formed

promising to tackle discrimination complaints in county workplaces.

Maxwell said employees should never be disparaged in the work environment or feel threatened to speak up for themselves in fear of retaliation, humiliation or loss of livelihood.

Maxwell grew up in north and northeast Portland and continues to reside here. She attended Portland Public Schools in her early years and became a journey-level carpenter and sprinkler fitter after receiving her PCC construction skills training. She went on to graduate with a bachelor's degree from Warner Pacific College in 2015 and said she completed an accounting degree this year.

She is the mother of four adult children and the grandmother of her four loving grandchildren.

This will be Maxwell's second attempt at public office after running for the Portland City Council in 2014.

her own company, Bratton Construction, and was named as one of PCC's 'diamond' graduates in 2012 for her success as a business owner and civic leader. In her new campaign announcement, Maxwell said she is running for office on a platform to strengthen families and push for policies that support families. She also pledged to promote transparency and accountability in how the county spends public tax dollars,

Civil Rights: Then and Now

Social justice activists will lead the discussion

A free open-to-the-public panel discussion about the history of the Civil Rights Movement and what can be accomplished going forward will draw several Portland activists, past and present

Civil Rights: Then and Now is the topic for the Oregon Historical Society's Second Sunday Lecture Series, this Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. Presented by Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Eric Richardson, Intisar Abioto, Percy Hampton, and



A protest for fair housing in Portland from a collection of historical prints from the Oregon Historical Society.

JoAnn Hardesty, the event will be held at the society's downtown museum. Stephen Green will fa-

ilitate the discussion

Event attendees will be able to learn about the connections

between the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and 1970s and the social justice movements that are currently occurring. The panelists will discuss how things have changed, how they have stayed the same, and what audience members can do to get involved.

Haynes serves as the senior pastor of Allen Temple CME Church in northeast Portland. He was a youth organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Southeast Texas, a field organizer for the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, and a co-organizer of the Black Panther Party.

Richardson is president of the Eugene and Springfield NAACP. His family lived by and practiced

the idea of holding African cultural with value and dignity, and currently works to facilitate conversations on identity and cultural inclusion.

Abioto is an adventurer, dancer, photographer, and writer. She created The Black Portlanders series, an ongoing photo essay and exploratory blog imaging people of African descent in the city.

Hampton was preparing to begin studies at Portland State University when a confrontation with police brought him to the attention of Kent Ford and the city's new Black Panther Party chapter. He worked with the Panthers to establish the Fred Hampton Memorial People's Free Clinic and free breakfasts for children.

The Greatest Honor

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Collier to make lasting friendships moving around so much, but before long he finally settled down at 14 in Las Vegas, Nev., where his dad retired. He paid his way through school by working at a dairy farm by day and attending classes, part time, at night at Uni-

versity of Nevada Las Vegas. He graduated in the late 80s with an accounting degree.

"[It was] right at the time that the savings and loan crisis erupted, primarily in Texas. And the bureau was hungry for accountants. And basically, the recruiter tackled me when he saw me," Collier said.

Collier enlisted at age 27 and

soon began the first part of his law enforcement career in San Francisco.

Collier's first criminal case was on the bank robbery squad. The robber was so nervous, Collier explained between laughs, that he had left his wallet, from which he pulled out the written note that instructed the teller it was a robbery, on the counter be-

fore making a get-away.

"That was the first and easiest case I ever worked," Collier said.

Collier went on to work more challenging cases, working with SWAT and chasing fugitives, including Ted Kaczynski, the Unabomber.

A domestic terrorist, Kaczynski made hand crafted wooden pipe bomb explosives sent through the post office that killed 3 people between 1978 and 1995. He sent bombs to universities, airliners,

and private homes. After being on the FBI's watch list since the 70s, Kaczynski was still at large in the 90s when Collier was assigned his case.

"He blew up somebody in Sacramento. And he placed a bomb in a post office in San Francisco, another one had exploded," Collier said. "We got court order surveillance on a lot of the post offices in San Francisco, just trying to catch this guy. We never got him as a result of that."



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Portland Black Panthers: Pioneering health care for all

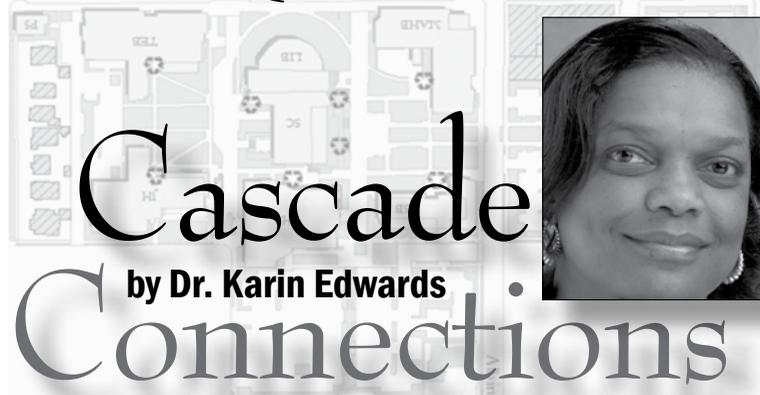
In fall 1969, the Portland Black Panthers dished up a free daily hot breakfast for children. In January 1970, they opened a free medical clinic for all comers, then a dental clinic, in solidarity with many white groups. With each full tummy, vaccine and fixed tooth, the Portland Black Panthers fought for education, health and social justice.

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– let alone dismantle it – can feel like a personal attack. But to this I say – you’ve got to lean into that discomfort, because what’s on the other side is worth it.

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enment for the world. But I can promise you this: if you choose to enroll here and begin shaping your future, you will find a place that welcomes you no matter your background; that affirms your worth as a human being; that is actively working to remove the barriers that divide us; that is part

of the greater effort to move humanity forward.

And if all the haters have to push back with is some tired old posters and stickers – I’d say we’re already winning.

Dr. Karin Edwards is president of Portland Community College’s Cascade Campus.

Just recently, here at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College, a group of people saw fit over the winter holiday to come onto our campus and leave behind an assortment of anti-Semitic and white-supremacist posters, fliers, and stickers. The current political climate, it seems, has emboldened some racists and bigots to come out of the shadows and impose their views on others.

It is safe to say, I think, that we are experiencing a period of profound transition in American life. At no time since the Civil Rights Era have we witnessed such a sustained and insistent questioning of the existing power structure in our nation. Movements like Black Lives Matter have repeatedly shown – sometimes in excruciating detail – the yawning gulf between how communities of color and the white community experience the criminal justice system. The Occupy Wall Street movement laid bare the corrosive effect that extreme concentration of wealth has on our social fabric. And more recently, a procession of women has come forward to declare “Time’s up!”, and hold powerful men accountable for their misdeeds.

Yet even as all these movements have unfolded, we are seeing a pushback, an uptick in the sort of public racism and sexism

we have worked so long to put behind us. Nonetheless, our quest for social justice will not wane.

This is why I am proud to say that at the Cascade Campus, we take this responsibility very seriously. We are consciously, deliberately, and unapologetically committed to making our campus a warm and welcoming place for everyone who chooses to study or work here, and to make ourselves a beacon of free thought and discourse for our community. And this is why there is no room at our campus, or in our community, for the kind of racist and bigoted propaganda that was distributed here over the holidays.

Over the past couple of years, we have endeavored to develop a road map – the Cascade Inclusion Plan – to take our campus to where we want it to be. Using critical race theory as our guidepost, we are intentionally working to reshape our campus culture into something better, more enlightened, and more compassionate. A key component of this effort lies in examining, challenging, and deconstructing privilege.

I’ll be the first to tell you – this effort has made some people pretty uncomfortable. When your life has been shaped by the privilege you enjoy, even an attempt to simply question that privilege

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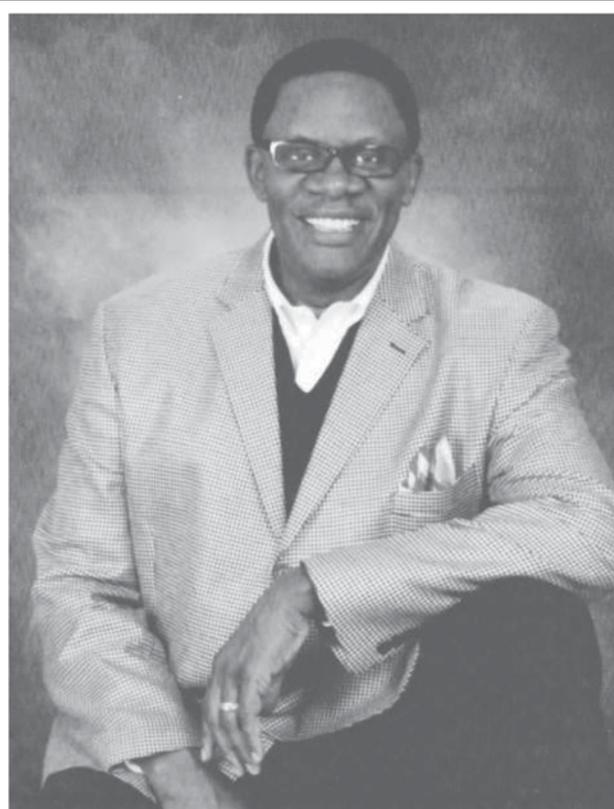
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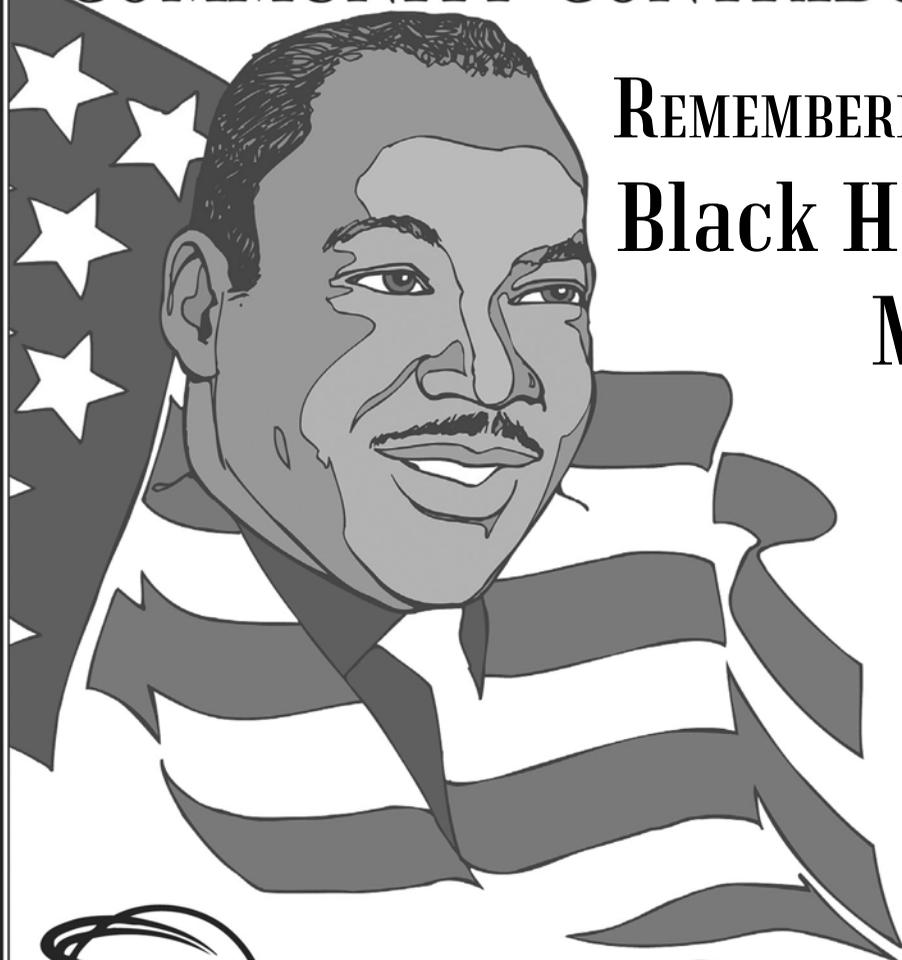
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Dynamic Pastor Dies

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churches serving a diverse population at 7600 N.E. Glisan St.

Family and church members remember him as community advocate with a whip-crack wit who challenged and inspired church goers with fiery, athletic sermons—sometimes doing splits and diving off the stage.

In February 2015, Hardy announced to his congregation that, despite having a kidney removed, the aggressive cancer had spread throughout his body giving him limited time left and in continual pain. The announcement sent shockwaves throughout the community.

The Portland City Council shortly later declared a Day of Recognition in honor of Hardy and his community service, recognizing his efforts to keep young men out of gangs, feed and support those who are homeless and engage with people who are mentally ill, encouraging conversations in the faith community about mental illness.

“I’d rather live out Christianity than preach Christianity,” Hardy said at the time.

Former Sen. Avel Gordly described him as “a master teacher, teaching us how to live and how to die.”

Hardy was also a friend and community partner of Concordia University in northeast Port-

land for the past dozen years as well as an annual speaker at the school’s Johnson Family Memorial Scholarship Banquet each fall.

“Pastor Hardy touched so many lives, including the lives of students, faculty, and staff at Concordia University,” President Charles Schlimpert wrote in a statement Friday.

The post-secondary institution honored Hardy with its 2015 Christi Cruz Award for having made significant contributions to the church and community.

Hardy transformed Highland into a \$6 million campus with a loyal following. The church initiated programs to feed and shelter the homeless, transition former prisoners into a normal life within the community, and partnered with organizations like Albina Head Start, Multnomah County, the state of Oregon’s REACH program, and the Highland African American Youth Coalition to fulfill the church’s mission of servicing the community.

A home-going service to honor Hardy will be held Friday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Highland Christian Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan St. The service also will be live-streamed on the Internet at hclive.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wilbert G. Hardy Jr. Youth Leadership Academy, 7600 N.E. Glisan St., Portland OR 97213.

Obituary

In Loving Memory

Randy D. Barfield

Randy D. Barfield passed away peacefully at his home in Portland on Jan. 24, 2018. He was born July 14, 1965.

A homegoing service will be held Thursday, Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. at Walker Temple GOGIC, 5023 N. Michigan Ave. A public viewing will take place Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Terry Family Funeral Home, 2337 N. Williams Ave.

He was a great father to his daughter Myra Barfield and a great husband to the love of his life Cristie Barfield. He faced a difficult challenge in 2015, but you would never know it because he went through it with a smile on his face and trusting God the entire time.

He would often say, “God bless and keep God first.”



In Loving Memory

Mildred Carr

Mildred Carr was born Nov. 28, 1923 and died Feb. 3, 2018.

Services will be held Monday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home, 5625 N.E. Fremont St. Viewing will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



SPORTS



Philadelphia Eagles' Corey Clement celebrates his touchdown catch during the second half of the Super Bowl against the New England Patriots Sunday in Minneapolis. (AP photo)

Eagles Win Epic Super Bowl

Backup quarterback leads team to title

(AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles won an epic shootout over the Patriots Sunday in Minneapolis, Minn. to win the franchise's first Super Bowl.

Nick Foles was able to outscore Tom Brady, and the backup quarterback led a pressure-packed 75-yard drive to the winning touchdown to Zach Ertz with just over two minutes left.

Then a defense that had been shredded throughout the second half made two final stands to win 41-33.

It was the first Super Bowl title for Philadelphia (16-3), which went from 7-9 last season to the franchise's first NFL title since 1960.

The underdog Eagles, even injured starting quarterback Carson Wentz, came bolting off the sideline in ecstasy while Brady sat on the ground, disconsolate.

"If there's a word (it's) called everything," Eagles owner Jeffrey

Lurie said. "That's what it means to Eagles fans everywhere. And for Eagles fans everywhere, this is for them."

Super Bowl MVP Foles orchestrated the victory with the kind of drive NFL MVP Brady, a five-time champion, is known for. The drive covered 14 plays, including a fourth-down conversion.

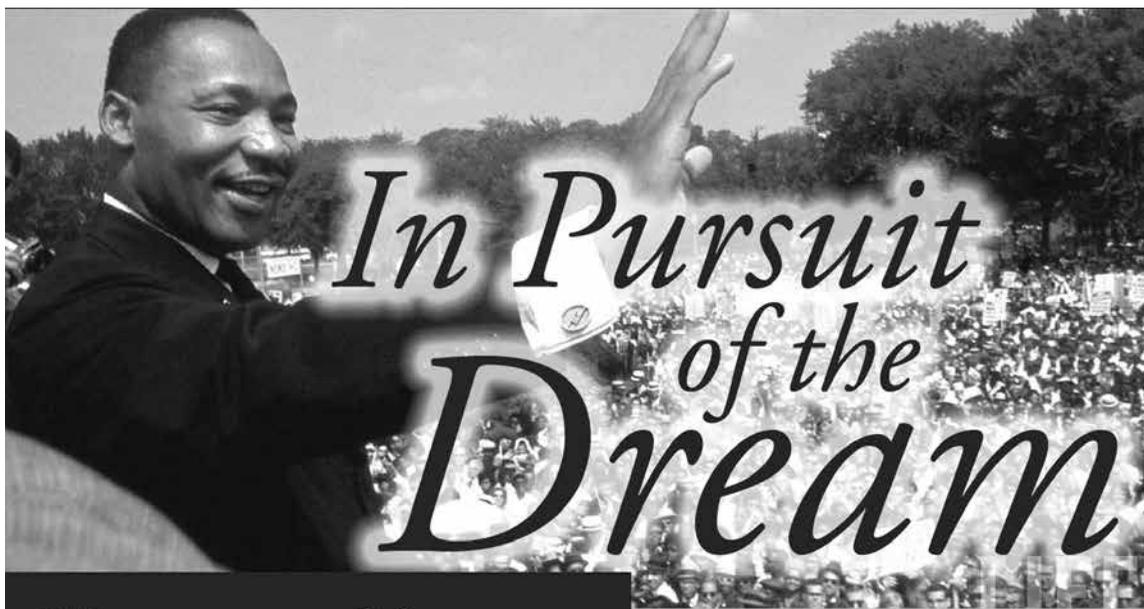
"I felt calm. I mean, we have such a great group of guys, such a great coaching staff," Foles said. "We felt confident coming in, and we just went out there and played football."

The Eagles had to survive a video replay because Ertz had the ball pop into the air as he crossed the goal line.

"If they would have overturned that, I don't know what would have happened to the city of Philadelphia," Ertz said. "But I'm so glad they didn't overturn it."

The touchdown stood — and so did thousands of green-clad Eagles fans who weren't going to mind the frigid conditions outside US Bank Stadium once they headed out to celebrate. But not before a rousing rendition of "Fly Eagles Fly" reverberated throughout the stands once

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The famed Motown group The Temptations in a historical photos shows (front, from left) Otis Williams, Melvin Franklin and Glenn Beonard and (back, from left) Richard Street and Dennis Edwards. Edwards died Thursday. He was 74.

Dennis Edwards was 'Voice for the Ages'

Remembering a Motown legend

(AP) — Dennis Edwards, a Grammy-winning former member of the famed Motown group The Temptations, is being remembered after his death on Thursday after a long illness. He was 74.

Edwards replaced founding member David Ruffin in 1968, and his soulful, passionate voice defined the group for years. A member on and off for about two decades, he was part of the lineup that released hits "Ball of Confusion (That's What the World Is Today)," "Cloud Nine" and the chart-topping "Papa Was A Rollin' Stone."

He possessed a "voice for the ages," with great range, energy and artistry, Paul Riser, a Motown arranger and musician who worked with Edwards during the label's Detroit heyday and on subsequent projects, told The Associated Press. "That voice was just flat-out outstanding — very well-defined."

Edwards was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame with

the rest of The Temptations in 1989.

In the 1990s, a federal judge barred him from performing under his former band's name. Otis Williams, the band's lone original member, sued Edwards for trademark infringement after he had used variations that included "The New Temptations." He was allowed to use "The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards," and performed under that name for nearly two decades, according to Roberts.

"He is now at peace, and our love and prayers go out to his family," Williams said in a statement Friday. "At this moment and always, we acknowledge his extraordinary contribution to The Temptations legacy, which lives on in the music."

Motown star Smokey Robinson said in a statement that he was saddened "that another Motown soldier is gone."

"Rest in Peace my brother," he said. "You were a great talent."

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Edwards lived near St. Louis with his wife, Brenda. He would have turned 75 on Saturday.



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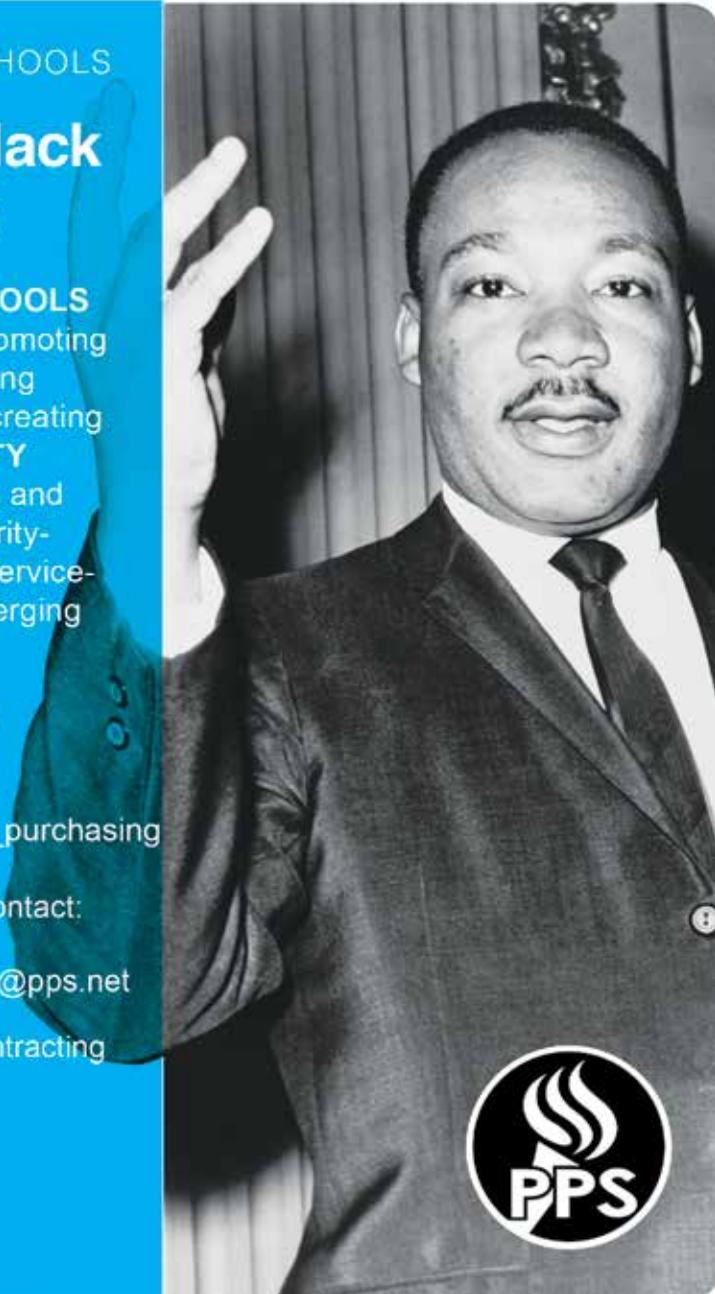
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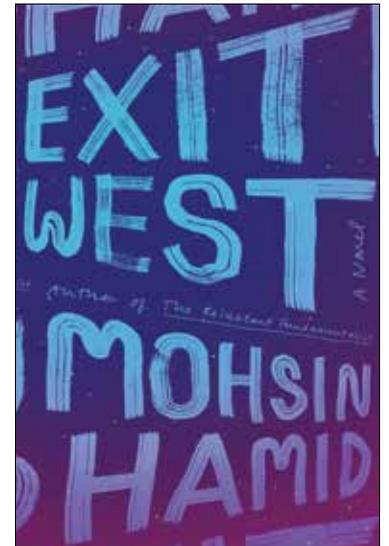
‘Exit West’ to spark conversations on humanity

Multnomah County Library’s Everybody Reads 2018, the library’s 16th annual community reading project, kicked off this month with the distribution of thousands of copies of Mohsin Hamid’s Exit West.

Readers and students from across the county will engage with the ideas and themes – safety, migration, displacement, conflict – presented in the book. Nearly 50 Everybody Reads discussions and related programs will take place at libraries and elsewhere in the community.

Thanks to The Library Foundation, 5,750 copies of Exit West are

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Mohsin Hamid a Pakistani writer who explores conditions of human displacement and migration in his 2017 novel ‘Exit West,’ is this year’s featured book and author for Multnomah County Library’s ‘Everybody Reads’ program.



“I have a life of experience around diversity, equity and inclusion, and I bring the perspective of an African-American female growing up here in Portland. I also have two daughters – one went to school in a different state to be with people more like her. For this reason, I’d like people to be able to experience more diversity, both in Portland and at the Port.”

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Black History Month comes alive with 'Who I Am Celebrating Me,' a stage performance centered on identity, culture and the lived experiences of African Americans from Portland's World Stage Theater. This is the first year the play is part of an expanded Black History Festival NW, with performances Feb. 11-12 at the World Trade Center, downtown, at area schools and other locations, along with other Black History events all month long.

BY DANA LYNN BARBAR
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

World Stage Theatre, a multi-cultural local organization committed to performances that inspire social reflection, hosts its first annual Black History Festival NW this month.

The main event is a stage performance centered on identity, culture, and the lived experiences of African Americans, entitled, "Who I Am Celebrating Me." The play is written by Shalanda Sims of Portland, the festival's founder and artistic director.

Who I Am is now in its 12 season, and the festival is an expansion of World Stage Theater's

Who We Are

Black History Festival puts focus on culture, identity

work in engaging the community with black history.

"We've always known we wanted to do something bigger than the play to engage the broader community, but we didn't have the funds in the beginning," Sims said.

A \$25,000 place making grant, however, from Metro was awarded

to the group recently allowing it to expand their mission of reaching a larger audience, and thus creating Black History Festival NW.

Sims wanted to take advantage of the entire month to focus on black history. In addition to the play, scheduled Feb. 11-12 at the World Trade Center, downtown, and at local schools, the festival

features various events centered on African American history and culture throughout the month in different areas of Portland.

The events include a scavenger hunt for the entire month, a book fair with the Black Parent Initiative on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Barnes and Noble in Clackamas, a game night at Jefferson High School on

Feb 17, and a Black History Unity Gala at Self Enhancement, Inc., featuring ESPN correspondent Jemele Hill as the keynote speaker, on Feb. 24.

Recognizing black history and culture in Oregon is important to Sims for many reasons, a main one being a response to the state's own history of excluding African Americans.

Laws that explicitly forbade the black population from residing in Oregon since its founding in 1859 were not repealed until the mid 1920's. During the World War II era, a large number of African

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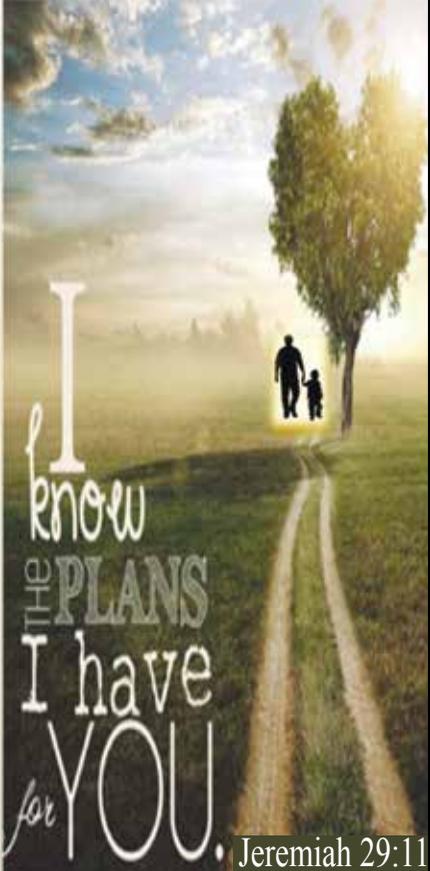
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A 35mm screening of the 1984 film 'The Brother from Another Planet,' starring Joe Morton and with Morton in attendance for a question and answer session following the Saturday, Feb. 24 showing will highlight the month long Portland Black Film Festival, now underway at the Hollywood Theater in northeast Portland.

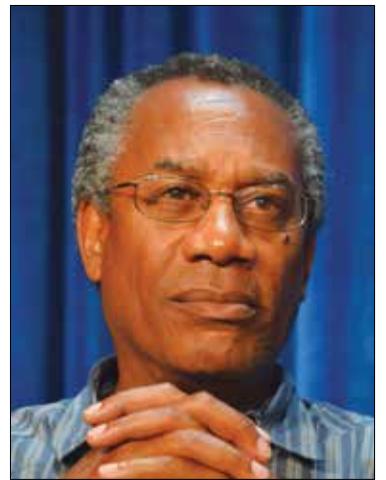
Actor Joe Morton to attend special screening

A film festival to examine the black experience in America and showcase the cinematic achievements of African American stars and filmmakers fills the calendar this month at the nonprofit Hollywood Theatre in northeast Portland.

The 2018 Portland Black Film Festival is curated by Portland writer and filmmaker David F.

Walker. This year's guest of honor will be actor Joe Morton, who will join the festival for a special screening of his 1984 film "The Brother from Another Planet," on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m., with a question and answer session to follow.

Morton is an Emmy and NAACP Image Award winning film, television, and stage veter-



Joe Morton

an and best known for his role as "Rowan Pope" on the ABC series Scandal.

Additional festival highlights include a spotlight on local instructor, artist and filmmaker Elijah Hasan on Wednesday, Feb. 21; an extremely rare 35mm print of "The Spook Who Sat by the Door" showing Saturday, Feb. 17.

A complete festival lineup is available at hollywoodtheater.org. Tickets for the Joe Morton special event are \$20. Tickets for the rest of the festival screenings are \$9 (\$7 for students and seniors).

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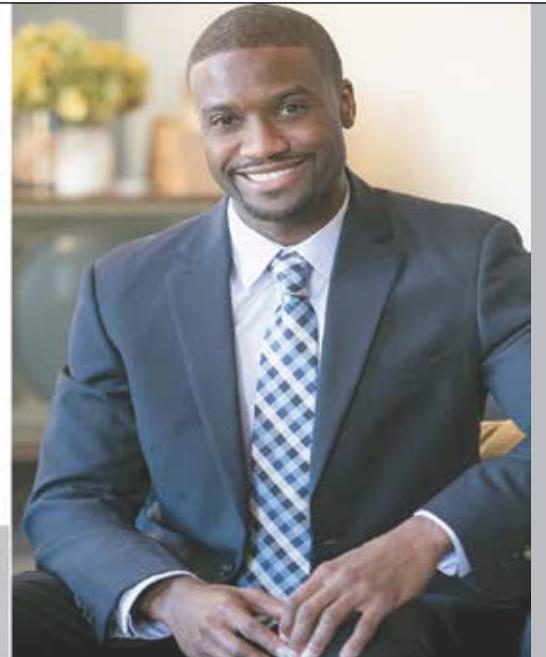
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Every Twist and Turn

-- An untimely death on her wedding day sends young Eurydice plummeting to the underworld. Oregon Children Theatre's Young Professionals Company presents 'Eurydice,' now playing through Feb. 11 at the group's performance venue, located at 1939 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Recommended for ages 12 and up. For more information, visit octc.org.



Brothers Sing On! -- Come join the men of the University of Portland Singers for a festival of choral music to include five high school and community choirs, and singers ranging in age from 15 to more than 80 years old. The free and open to the public concert takes place Sunday, Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. at the UP Buckley Center Auditorium, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. The women of the University Singers will have their own performance this April.



OMSI Exhibit on Arctic Thaw -- "Digging into Permafrost" is a new exhibit at OMSI addressing the subject of climate change as viewed through the lens of a thawing Arctic using exciting interactive features such as an Alaskan permafrost tunnel replica, fossil research stations and interactive games.

Valentine Dinner and Show -- Portland entertainer Tony Starlight and the Tony Starlight Showroom, 1125 S.E. Madison, is celebrating Valentine's Day with two shows, one featuring

favorites for lovers and dancers in mind on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m., and the other playing love songs by request on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets available at tonystarlight.com

Johnny Mathis Valentine -- Johnny Mathis will perform from his newest release "Voice of Romance" and several of his favorite songs when the legendary singer fronts "A Johnny Mathis Valentine," concert on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. with the Oregon Symphony at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Tickets begin at \$24. Visit orsymphony.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.

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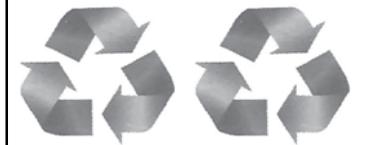
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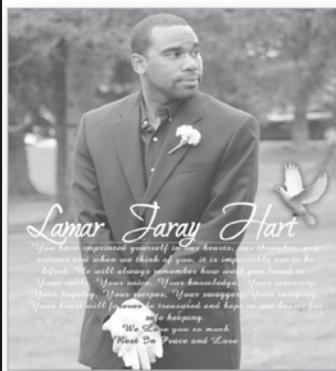
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World Stage Theater actors recreate the historic 'March on Washington' and Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech during a performance of 'Who I Am Celebrating Me.'

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Americans lived in housing built for building war ships in Portland and Vancouver, including the city of Vanport, the town on the banks of the Columbia Slough. It flood-

ed in 1948, displacing the community to mostly north and northeast Portland.

Later, a combination of urban renewal projects, gentrification, and soaring housing costs contributed to the black community

needing to find other options, and now African Americans are deeply spread out across the Portland metro area.

Sims herself moved east from north Portland to Troutdale in 2002. In a predominately white neighborhood, she felt distanced and isolated, and wanted her children to have a sense of kinship like she did growing up.

Having studied and practiced theater throughout her education, she decided to create a production of her own in the hopes of building community. That is how Who I Am was born.

In addition to performing every February, the actors and crew bring the play into Portland metro schools as a way to teach black history in an unbiased manner.

Sims herself is a professional artist, but she is proud of the fact that the majority of the cast are not professional. "They are community members who want to make art and perform, and we give them that opportunity," she added.

Sims' hope for the festival is that it brings people together, and that it makes more people aware of black history, including the African American community.

Sims said that she didn't start learning more about black history until she was an adult. "I'm black, I went to Jefferson High, I was aware of my culture, but not necessarily my history," she noted. She wants young black people to walk away from the festival inspired that they "can do something to change history for the better."

And her hope for non-black people who attend is that they learn more about black history in America so they are not "in denial," she said, noting that we cannot change the course of this country's future if we do not know about the past.

Sims takes pride in the fact that the festival is gaining a lot of buzz, and that many companies and local black-owned businesses are supporting it.

"I'm glad that the community is excited to have a space to celebrate our heritage, and I'm excited to welcome anyone who wants to learn," she said.

Tickets to Who I Am, and a schedule of all festival events, can be found at blackhistoryfestival.org.

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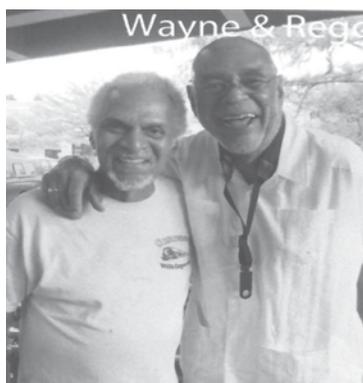
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Eagles Win Epic Super Bowl

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the trophy was presented to owner Jeffrey Lurie. Later, fans danced along with the “Gonna Fly Now,” the theme from “Rocky,” the city’s best-known fictional underdog.

The Patriots (15-4) seemed ready to take their sixth championship with Brady and coach Bill Belichick in eight Super Bowls. Brady threw for a game-record 505 yards and three TDs, hitting Rob Gronkowski for 4 yards before Stephen Gostkowski’s extra

point gave New England its first lead, 33-32.

Then Foles made them forget Wentz — and least for now — with the gutsiest drive of his life, including a fourth-down conversion to Ertz at midfield.

Foles has been something of a journeyman in his six pro seasons, but has been spectacular in four career playoff games. He finished 28 of 43 for 373 yards and three TDs.

The combined 1,151 yards were the most in any modern NFL game, and Brady’s 505 were the most in

any playoff contest. The 40-year-old master finished 28 of 48 and picked apart the Eagles until the final two series.

It was such a wild game that Foles caught a touchdown pass, and Brady was on the opposite end of a Danny Amendola throw that went off his fingertips.

Eagles coach Doug Pederson brought home the championship in his second year in charge. Belichick is 5-3 in Super Bowls and his teams have only a plus-4 overall margin in those games.

Community Reading Project

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available through libraries across Multnomah County, including e-books and audio books. High schools and organizations serving youth will receive about 2,000 of those copies.

Hamid will speak on Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 pm at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. This event is presented by Literary Arts; tickets are available from Literary-Arts.org.

“Exit West examines many

of the questions — of safety, fate, belonging, otherness — that surround us today,” said Director of Libraries Vailey Oehlke. “Moshin Hamid takes concepts that we sometimes treat in abstract or clinical terms and washes them in humanity to help us think and feel differently. Exit West is an incredible work.”

Mohsin Hamid is a Pakistani writer. He is the author of four novels and his writing has been featured on bestseller lists and adapted for the cinema.



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MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

February is **Black History Month**. Famous and influential black individual’s birthdays throughout the month are included below. Also see listings throughout the year at <http://www.blackintime.info/black-birthday-monthly.html>

1
Nat. Freedom Day
Robinson Crusoe Day
Langston Hughes,
1902-1967 (writer)

2
Groundhog Day
William Artis, 1914-
1977 (ceramacist
and sculptor)

3
Elizabeth Blackwell
born 1821 (1st
female doctor)
Dennis Edwards,
1943-2018, R&B
Singer

4
Create a Vacuum
Day
**Rosa Parks born,
1913 (civil rights
leader)**

5
Weatherman’s Day
Disaster Day
Henry “Hank”
Aaron, 1934- (Co-
median, actor)

6
Monopoly Board
Game Goes on
Sale in Stores,
1935

7
Charles Dickens
born, 1812
Laura Ingalls Wild-
er born, 1867

8
Gary Coleman,
1968-2010 (Actor,
1970s and 1980s
television child
star)

9
Alice Walker, 1944-
(Pulitzer Prize-win-
ning author)
Toothache Day

10
Umbrella Day
Leontyne Price,
1927- (Award-win-
ning operatic
soprano)

11
National Inventors’
Day (In honor of
Thomas Edison’s
birthday)
White T-Shirt Day

12
Arsenio Hall, 1956-
(Actor, Comedian)
Abraham Lincoln
born, 1809 (16th
President)

13
Mardi Gras
Emmett J. Scott,
1873-1957 (Chief
aide to Booker T.
Washington)

14
Frederick Douglass,
1818-1895 (Ex-
slave, abolitionist,
statesman)
Valentine’s Day

15
Brian Holland, 1941-
(Songwriter &
Record Producer)
Susan B. Anthony
born, 1820

16
**Chinese New Year
- Year of the Dog**
Levar Burton, 1957-
(Actor and Televi-
sion peronality)

17
Random Acts of
Kindness Day
Michael Jordan,
1963- (Basketball
Superstar)

18
Pluto, Discovered,
1930
Toni Morrison, 1931-
(Nobel & Pulitzer
Prize author)

19
President’s Day
William “Smokey”
Robinson, 1940-
(Grammy-winning
Music Legend)

20
John Glenn Orbits
Earth. 1962
Sidney Poitier, 1927-
(Acadamy award
winning Actor)

21
Malcom X Assassi-
nated (1965)
Nina Simone, 1933-
2003 (musician,
civil-rights activist)

22
George Washing-
ton born, 1732
Julius Erving, 1950-
(boxing champion
in 6 catagories)

23
International Dog
Biscuit Apprecia-
tion Day
U.S. Flag raised at
Iwo Jima (1945)

24
Steve Jobs born,
1955

25
Quiet Day
Donald Quarrie,
1951- (Olympic
gold medalist
sprinter)

26
“Fats” Domi-
no, 1928-2017
(best-selling R&B
artist)

27
Marian Anderson,
1897-1993 in Port-
land OR (opera
singer)
Polar Bear Day

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Charles A. “Bubba”
Smith, 1945- (NFL
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OPINION



What Trump Wants on Immigration is Ethnic Cleansing

‘Open hand’
full of
poison pills

BY PETER CERTO

I’ll be honest: I didn’t watch Trump’s State of the Union address when it aired.

Instead, I put my baby to bed and watched reality TV with my wife. If that rattled a few brain cells, hopefully I saved a few more by not guzzling the bourbon I’d set aside to steel myself for the speech.

The next day’s headlines put an end to this brief indulgence in self care.

Trump had extended an “open hand” to work with Democrats on immigration, they reported. He crowed that he’d come up with a “bipartisan approach” that “should be supported by both parties as a fair compromise.”

The first part of the deal should sound familiar: Trump said he’d support “a path to citizenship” for nearly 1.8 million

undocumented young people, or Dreamers, in exchange for his border wall.

What Trump didn’t say was that he’d already removed deportation protections from the

700,000 young people who rely on the DACA program, which Trump unilaterally revoked. And he’d already rejected an offer by Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer to fund the wall in exchange for authorizing those same people.

Democrat Luis Gutierrez, perhaps the staunchest wall critic and immigrant advocate in the House, even said he’d “take a bucket, take bricks, and start building it myself” if it saved the Dreamers.

Trump’s about-face on that deal is why the government shut down this January.

Now Trump wants two more enormous concessions: an end to the so-called “diversity visa” program and the end of family reunification policies for documented immigrants who are already here.

Trump rattled off these demands like they were per-

fectly reasonable — “a down-the-middle compromise,” he called them. They’re not. In fact, one former speech writer for the last White House called them “a white nationalist wish list.”

That’s because, according to immigration analysts, those latter two provisions would cut legal immigration by nearly half. Half.

And to get that, Trump’s ransomed nearly 2 million Dreamers, whom 80 percent of Americans support legal status for.

He’s taking them hostage, he says, “because Americans are Dreamers, too.” All you need to know about that last remark is that former KKK leader David Duke quoted it right back on Twitter, adding “Thank you, President Trump.”

Let’s put all this in context. Trump’s offering a fig leaf of legal status for a relatively small slice of the undocumented population. In return, he wants to permanently — and drastically — reduce the number of all immigrants who come to this country.

What Trump and his GOP backers want is ethnic cleans-

ing.

It’s not just the Dreamers Trump has endangered, after all. He’s unleashed his ICE stormtroopers on hundreds of thousands of immigrants with no criminal backgrounds, often in hospitals, churches, and schools.

And wherever he can, he’s turned perfectly legal residents into deportable immigrants overnight.

With the stroke of a pen, he ended protections for 200,000 Salvadorans and 60,000 Haitians, while 57,000 Hondurans wait in limbo. And he’s brought refugee admissions to their lowest levels in over three decades, despite a global refugee crisis.

All that tracks perfectly for a guy who called darker-skinned countries “s—holes” and wondered why we can’t have more immigrants from Norway.

Democrats who’d offer a border wall in the face of all this miss the point: That “open hand” is full of poison pills.

Peter Certo is the editorial manager of the Institute for Policy Studies and editor of *OtherWords.org*.

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OPINION

Better Health Care for Communities of Color

With this huge responsibility comes opportunity

BY MICHAEL ANDERSON-NATHE

Throughout our history, communities of color have faced multiple barriers to accessing health care, from systemic discrimination and cultural insensitivity, to the reality of unaffordability; these communities face more health-related hardships and an inequitable system of care. And despite Portland's progressive reputation, its history of racism perpetuates these experiences. But we can do better.

Health equity is achievable and requires deliberate action on our part. That's what we believe at Health Share of Oregon, where I serve as chief equity and engagement officer. I feel passionately that we can do more than just reduce barriers to care—we can eliminate health disparities.

Health Share is Oregon's largest coordinated care organization, or CCO, serving Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Beginning in February, Health Share started serving the majority of all OHP members across the tri-county area. That's over 300,000 children, adults and families and one of every three OHP members statewide.

With this huge responsibility comes opportunity.



By coordinating care for OHP members across the Portland metro region, we have the opportunity to streamline community investments and advance health and wellness based on region-wide data and through a health equity lens. We can ensure our provider network is meeting the needs of our community and act even more deliberately and thoughtfully to advance equity for our members. Further, we can reduce inefficiencies and redundancies, fortify community

ers that specialize in culturally specific care, including North by Northeast Clinic, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center and the Native American Rehabilitation Association. We also provide technical assistance to health plans to help make their models of care more culturally relevant.

Health Share recently invested \$3.3 million to build necessary infrastructure to grow the Community Health Worker workforce and increase access to a culturally specific and community-based resources for Oregon Health Plan members statewide.

When kids are screened for developmental disabilities, they're more likely to access the support and care they need to prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. As part of our commitment to equity, we identified huge disparities in non-English-speaking communities, where many families are unaware of available screenings or their benefits. We're partnering with community organizations, including Early Learning Hubs, to increase our outreach to non-English-speaking families, provide more screening to kids and connect families with ser-

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interventions, diversify our workforce, and identify best practices, resulting in better health, smarter spending and healthier people across the entire service area—the very vision of the coordinated care model.

Although there is much work to be done, I am proud of our efforts thus far. In particular, I'm proud of the ways we're putting equity into action:

We're proud to work with provid-

Treatment and care from peers who've been there: For people managing chronic diseases, working through mental health challenges or recovering from addiction, the support of a peer can lead to better outcomes and greater resiliency. We're working to make them an integral part of the health care system, in particular for communities of color.

Toward equity, from childhood on:

vices to help them learn, grow and thrive.

As we continue to advance health equity, we recognize how far we still have to go, but ultimately look forward to working with our members and Portland's diverse communities on this journey.

Michael Anderson-Nathe has led Health Share's equity and engagement team since 2014.

A Different Reality on the Ground in Our Cities

Proposals exacerbate the challenges

BY TONI HART

President Trump confidently declared that the state of the union is strong in his speech last week. But, as mayors, we see a different reality on the ground in our cities.

So far, the President's policy proposals haven't done enough to ensure that every American has an equal opportunity to



thrive. To the contrary, these policies are on track to exacerbate the economic, health, and employment challenges so many are struggling to overcome.

The President continues to promise that the recent tax reform bill will provide tremendous relief to families, but the bill mostly benefits the super wealthy and harms low-income Americans who will see their taxes increase overtime.

The President's tax bill actually harms American cities by eliminating critical funding generated by state and local tax deductions which funds infrastructure projects, and ensures

that citizens from a range of socio-economic backgrounds have access to the best possible educational opportunities. We cannot see how the President's plan will deliver on his promise.

On the campaign trail, and in President Trump's State of the Union address, he claimed that he will improve our nation's crumbling infrastructure. But, his budget proposal slashes infrastructure programs that are crucial to the continued vitality of our cities.

These infrastructure cuts include eliminating the Highway Trust Fund, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which

serves as a lifeline for nearly seven million families in communities struggling to pay for basic energy needs.

Finally, the President maintained his rebuke of hardworking immigrants by citing criminals and gang members as the justification for his shameful immigration policy. Nearly 44 million immigrants currently reside in the U.S., over 20 million of whom are naturalized citizens.

Thirty six percent of U.S.-born children of immigrants are college graduates - five percent higher than the national average - and sixty four percent are homeowners, which is on-par with the national aver-

age. Immigrants are our neighbors, colleagues and friends.

They are productive members of our society struggling to thrive in a system stacked against them. It is un-American to attack them. And, that's why we are committed to protecting them when and how we can.

We look forward to working with the President on these and a host of other issues that are important to the sustainability of our cities, and the prosperity of our constituents.

Toni Hart is the mayor of New Haven, Conn., and the president of the African American Mayors Association on behalf of 500 black mayors across the country.

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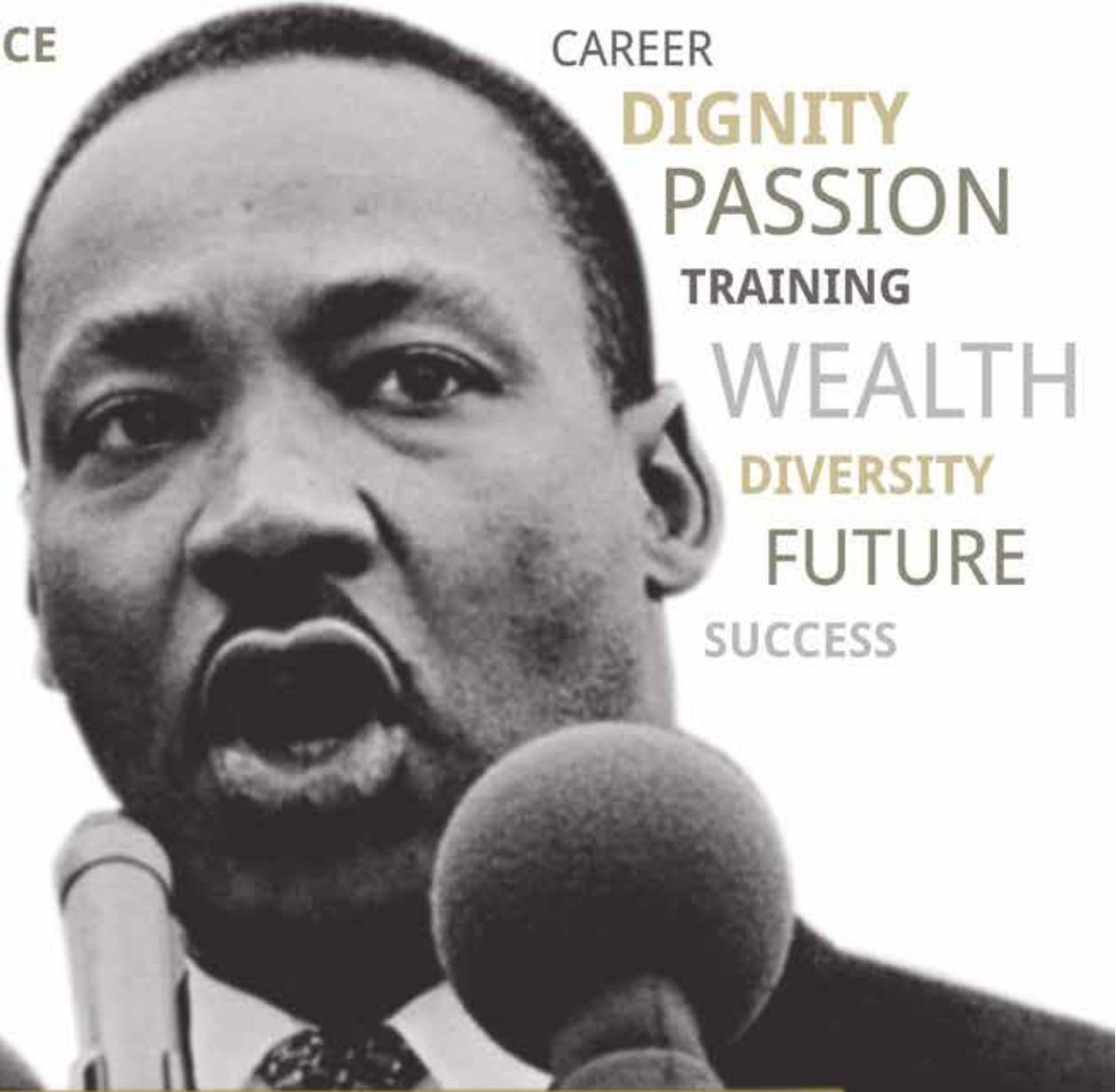


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