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Case managers from the non-profit Central City Concern's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program, (pictured from left) Juliana DePietro, Hubert Matthews, Jason Sheffey, and Carlos Reynoso, work outside the court system to help low level drug offenders, often people on the streets and people who are homeless, get the social services and treatment they need instead of continuing a cycle through the criminal justice system.

Team Beats Back Jail Door

Works with drug addicted, homeless to change outcomes

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A pilot project shows promise as a way of helping people struggling with serious drug addictions, many of whom living on the street, get connected with social services and treatment, instead of continuing to cycle through the criminal justice system.

In a city where one in every two arrests made by the Portland Police Bureau last year was of a homeless person, as the Oregonian recently reported, a recent expansion of the program could help ameliorate

the issues that plague the un-housed.

The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion or LEAD program is a county-funded, pre-booking jail diversion program that allows police to divert someone facing a low-level drug offense to case managers, who curate individualized treatments, and keep them away from jail or prosecution.

For about the past year and a half, the non-profit organization Central City Concern has contracted with Multnomah County to provide the services to said would-be drug offenders. Originally encompassing clientele from downtown Portland and the

Lloyd District, the program expanded in May to encompass central southeast clients, too.

The coordinated effort between law enforcement agencies, service providers, community organizations and elected officials is aimed to reduce crime and the harm individuals struggling with addiction can cause themselves and their community. The majority of the program's clients are those experiencing homelessness, Karen Kern, who oversees the LEAD program at Central City Concern, told the Portland Observer.

She said she's received supportive responses from the community with what the program has been able to achieve so far.

"We've been able to show that we actually have some positive outcomes. [We've helped] people who've been chronically homeless and using substances [...] that are now housed and sober and working. Even the officers are like 'wow I can't believe this; it's like a complete transformation for this person,'" Kern said.

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Benson Sprinter Wins Gold

Congratulations to Benson High School's Micah Williams (center) who ran the anchor leg to propel Team USA to its first gold medal in the 4 X 100 meter relay at the IAAF World U20 Championships Saturday in Tampere, Finland. Williams is also the Oregon Class 6A title holder in the 100 and 200 meter races. (Getty photo for the IAAF)

Homeless Arrests Defended

Portland's police union president is blasting Mayor Ted Wheeler after he and Police Chief Danielle Outlaw supported an independent investigation to look into why half of all arrests made by the Portland Police Bureau last year were of people experiencing homelessness, though they only made up three percent of the population.

Daryl Turner, president of the Portland Police Association, lamented the current state of the city and its struggle with homelessness in his criticism.

"Our City has become a cesspool" Turner said in a press release on Monday that also criticized Wheeler for what he described as throwing police "under the bus" for the mayor's own "failed policies" on reducing the homeless population.

The police chief and may-



Daryl Turner

or called for an investigation by Portland's Independent Police Review panel this month after the American Civil Liberties Union asked her and the mayor to inquire whether police were profiling people who are homeless.

The Week in Review

Trump Sides with Russia

In an extraordinary embrace of a longtime U.S. enemy, President Trump on Monday openly questioned his own intelligence agencies' finding that Russia meddled in the 2016 U.S. election to his benefit, seeming to accept Russian President Putin's insistence that Moscow's hands were clean. 24-hours later, Trump said he misspoke, but the immediate reaction was visceral. "Shameful," "disgraceful," "weak," were a few of the comments.



Merkley says Tape May Exist

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, said Monday that he believes that the Russian government may have "something close" to the long-rumored video of President Trump engaging in a sexual act with two prostitutes. When asked if footage of the alleged act exists and is be-

ing used as leverage to maintain Trump's pro Russia views, Merkley responded that it is possible.

Obama: Values Under Threat

Former President Barack Obama on Tuesday took aim at "strongman politics" in his highest-profile speech since leaving office, urging people around the world to respect human rights and other values now under threat. The impassioned address marked the 100th anniversary of anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela's birth.

Hardesty Wins Endorsement

Former legislator Jo Ann Hardesty has won a key endorsement in her November general election battle for the Portland City Council against Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith. The American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Local 189 gave the nod to Hardesty last week, an endorsement that can yield financial contributions along with the potential to tap the union's 1,000 workers as volunteers.



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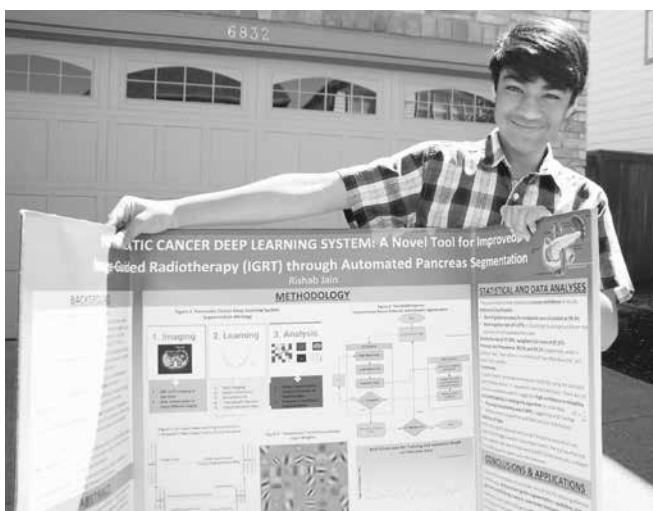
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A posting from her Facebook account shows Angela Hernandez of Portland after she was rescued Sunday nearly a week after her car (right) crashed down an ocean cliff in California.

Incredible Survivor

Injured woman found alive after crash

A Portland woman who went missing in California and survived for nearly a week after her car plummeted over a cliff onto a Pacific shore beach, and was discovered by two hikers Friday, recalled the event from her hospital bed Sunday.

Angela Hernandez, who veered off the road to avoid hitting a small animal in coastal California, had crashed her Jeep Liberty at the bottom of a 200-foot bluff on July 6.

The hikers, Chelsea and Chad Moore, first discovered and gathered some of her things—such as a license plate—to bring to authorities while hiking near Big Sur. But about 30 minutes later, they discovered the woman alive

and got her help. One called 911 while the other stayed with her. She was eventually airlifted to a hospital after emergency responders used climbing gear to reach her, authorities said.

Hernandez recalled the ordeal in harrowing detail in a Facebook post two days after her rescue.

“The only thing I really remember after [the crash] was waking up. I was still in my car and I could feel water rising over my knees. My head hurt and when I touched it, I found blood on my hands,” she said.

Though the 23-year-old sustained several serious injuries, like a brain hemorrhage, two broken collar bones, four broken ribs, and a collapsed lung, she was able

to break out her car by use of a multi-tool and patrol the beach for rescuers in the coming days.

“I found a high spot I was able to climb up to and found myself there almost every day. I could see cars driving across the cliff and felt like if I could yell just loud enough, that one could hear or see me. That’s all it would take to make it back to my family,” Hernandez said.

She also described using a hose that had come off her vehicle to collect water from a patch of moss to survive.

Hernandez was reunited with her family at the hospital over the weekend.

“I don’t know, you guys, life is incredible,” she said.

Fundraiser to Help Infant Son

Support needed for brain injury operation



A gofundme account has been activated and a special weekend fundraiser has been organized to help Je'Lani Sims get treatment for a debilitating brain injury.

Advocates for an infant son have established a gofundme account and are holding a special weekend fundraiser to help a local family raise donations to treat his debilitating brain injuries after a near drowning two years ago.

Shay Gibson said her three and a half year old son Je'Lani was born a healthy baby boy, with such a beautiful soul, always dancing and running around.

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Team Beats Back Jail Door

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people have enrolled in LEAD, 76 remain active in the program, and over 1,000 documented needs from participants have been met—like seeking medical attention for serious health issues, receiving

basic amenities, and being set on a path to obtain housing or a job.

Unlike other court-mandated programs, specialty courts, or probation requirements, how clients receive their unmet needs is self-directed by them, with the assistance and support of Cen-

tral City Concern case managers, Kern said.

"No one is telling them you have to do this, We're just asking them what do you want to do. And just from that frame, you actually end up going further," Kern added.

The way it works is, when a potential drug offender is apprehended by a police officer, that officer may refer them to LEAD and, if they accept, an arrest for possession of a controlled substance is diverted and they won't be booked in a precinct, jailed, or taken to court, Kern said.

However, there are several restrictions on who the program can apply to. For example, if the person in question has more than 5 grams of heroin, or 10 grams or more of cocaine or methamphetamine, they're ineligible. Also having an active extraditable warrant or a restraining order against another client in the program disqualifies them, according to a county document outlying the criteria.

And it can only apply to certain parts of the city, like the Lloyd District, Old Town/China Town, and most recently inner southeast Portland, in a catchment area that stretches from the Willamette on the west to Southeast 12th Avenue on the east; and between I-84 on the north and Southeast Powell on the south.

Once a client is accepted, case managers assess them to figure out what their needs are. They then regularly check in on them, often where they sleep on the street, and build a relationship to try and help

the client fulfill those needs.

"We're an outreach program so the case managers are mostly working in the community and not so much in an office...as that relationship develops, what ends up happening is there's a trust there," said Kern, who has worked for Central City Concern for over two years.

What might start as requests for blankets and food becomes a journey to work on long term, serious issues like mental health, substance abuse, and housing, Kern said. Medical or mental health emergencies that might have culminated in a trip to the E.R. or jail can get mitigated by receiving a primary care or mental health provider and scheduling regular check-ups for ongoing conditions, she added.

LEAD Case manager Hubert Matthews told the Portland Observer that his personal connection to addiction is a motivating factor for doing the work he does.

"Due to the fact that I am a recovering addict, my experience as a case manager has been very rewarding. I have been able to serve a population that I was a part of for many years," he said.

Matthews said assisting people struggling with chronic drug addiction is very complex because they ultimately won't stop using until they are ready, which is why he advocates for a set of strategies aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use, known as harm reduction, instead of a punitive approach.

He added that meeting people where they are is important to make social services as accessible as possible to drug addicts so their needs can be more easily met.

"It has been proven that putting money into jailing addicts does not help meet these needs, and so I think we need to have a better infrastructure to support social services. Addiction touches everyone's lives one way or another," Matthews said.

The LEAD program's harm

reduction model is based on the premise that drug addiction itself is a medical disease, known as substance use disorder, not a moral shortcoming.

It's a point of view that Kern said is in line with many civic leaders, including Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill, who has lauded County Commission Chair Deborah Kafoury for championing the funding of the initiative. He also stated the recent expansion of the program into southeast Portland is "critically important to our community."

"It shows our commitment to embracing a harm reduction model for people who are struggling with addiction or mental health...with that vision, we are starting to move away from the punitive and sanction-based model of prosecution and are continuing focus on the individual," Underhill said.

Kafoury added that she's also encouraged by the progress being made by the program.

"We need strategies that keep the public safe and hold people accountable, but also gives them an opportunity to recover and change for the better. Programs like LEAD demonstrate our commitment to expanding those opportunities," Kafoury said.

As to whether the LEAD program will have economic benefits to taxpayers by diverting substance abusers from excess use of expensive public services like emergency room visits, or being jailed, Abbey Stamp, the Executive Director of Multnomah County's Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, which oversees LEAD, said she is hopeful it will, but they've not accumulated enough data to determine one way or another.

"We have an evaluation plan we will pursue after another year or so when enough clients have enrolled and engaged...it will take some time, especially because LEAD clientele have many complex needs," Stamp said.

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Fundraiser to Help Infant Son

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But among his love of bubbles, music and balloons, tragedy struck in the summer of 2016 when he snuck out the back door of his grandma's house and climbed into a pool and nearly drowned.

"I was not there but when I got that call it felt like my whole life shattered. He went into cardiac arrest and was diagnosed with a hypoxic brain injury," she said. "Je'Lani was in the hospital 6 weeks before I took him home."

Gibson says it's been a very tough journey. Her son still has

seizures and has been admitted multiple times to the hospital because of them and for spasticity.

Since the accident, he has a tracheostomy and feeding tube installed. He cannot talk, walk or eat on his own. He has very little head control and makes little foot movements but that is all.

The hope now is to raise the money to pay for a new promising operation called Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy that has helped other kids with brain injuries.

"So I am reaching out and hoping to raise money for his treatment because it is not covered

through insurance and for the traveling expenses so he can get the best care," Gibson said.

"If you are not able to donate, please share his story and keep Je'Lani in your prayers," she said.

On Sunday, July 20, a fundraising event at the hair salon @N the Cut Style, 1430 N.E. 114th Ave. at Halsey, will offer special deals on services to raise donations for Je'Lani. Special dinners and other deals will also be offered.

Another way to donate is by going online to the fundraising account, gofundme.com/jelani-sims.

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The special "neighbor to neighbor" service will be held Sunday, July 29 at 11 a.m. at the church, located at 1033 N. Sumner St.

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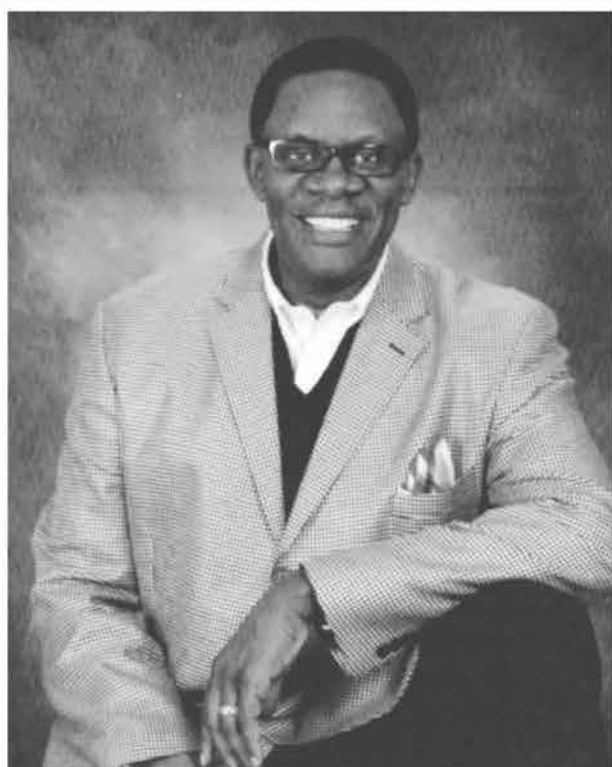
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Summer Movies at the Square

Flicks on the Bricks presented by SmartPark returns Friday, July 20 to Pioneer Courthouse Square with the film *Wonder Woman*. For the next five Fridays nights through Aug. 27, the Square is transformed into Portland's largest outdoor movie theater. Pre-movie entertainment is provided by 101.9 KINK and starts at 7 p.m. Admission to each movie is free and you're encouraged to bring low back chairs, pillows, cushions or bean bags to make the Square your "Living Room."

Comedy Jam with Shang

BET and Comedy Central comedian Shang will headline a live comedy show this Friday, July 20 at the Alberta Abbey, 126 N.E. Alberta St.

The "Got Laffs Comedy Jam" is a show inspired by Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam to provide a platform for underground, up and coming and established urban comedians, a show that has been hitting stages across the U.S.

Hyjink from Dirty Angel Entertainment will host Portland's show with the featured comedian Mark Caesar from New Orleans. Portland locals Jake Silberman, Chris Johnson, and Lance Edward will also perform. Food and drinks will be served. The 21 and



Shang

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Bringing Kids to Nature

Bricenda Avila leads a group of campers on an overnight at Eagle Creek. She is a youth leader in the Oregon Zoo's Urban Nature Overnights program, which this year celebrates 18 years of actively engaging historically underrepresented Portland-area youth in outdoor recreation and conservation in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and other community partners.



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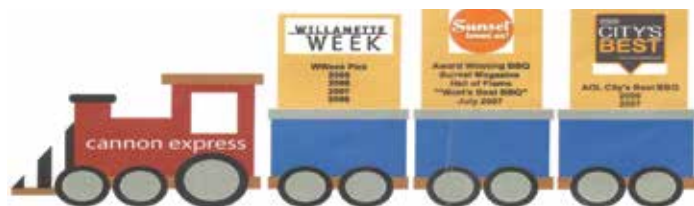
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Blazers Plan Rip City Fun

Youth line up for a 3-on-3 tourney

Area youth are lining up to play in the annual Trail Blazers "Rip City 3 on 3" basketball tournament presented by Les Schwab Tire Centers coming to the Rose Quarter campus the weekend of July 28-29, featuring basketball clinics, classes and contests. The team registration deadline is Friday, July 20 by visiting ripcity3on3.com.

The Blazers are partnering with Positive Coaching Alliance,

an organization whose mission is to transform youth sports culture into a development zone where all youth and high school athletes have a positive, character-building experience that results in better athletes and better people.

During the tournament, PCA will host 30-minute Chalk Talks for parents, coaches and athletes focusing on the benefits of building a positive culture in youth sports. Tournament attendees under the age of 14 can take part in Nike youth clinics hosted by Trail Blazers youth coaches focusing on learning specific basketball

skills and drills.

Other events taking place the weekend of the tournament include the Toyota Youth Skills Challenge; a 3-Point Contest and Sprite Slam Dunk Contest. Rip City 3-on-3 will utilize a tournament format consisting of pool play beginning Saturday morning, leading into exciting single-elimination playoffs on Sunday.

The tournament will feature 52 courts staged throughout the Rose Quarter campus, with a variety of divisions for male and female players available for registration.

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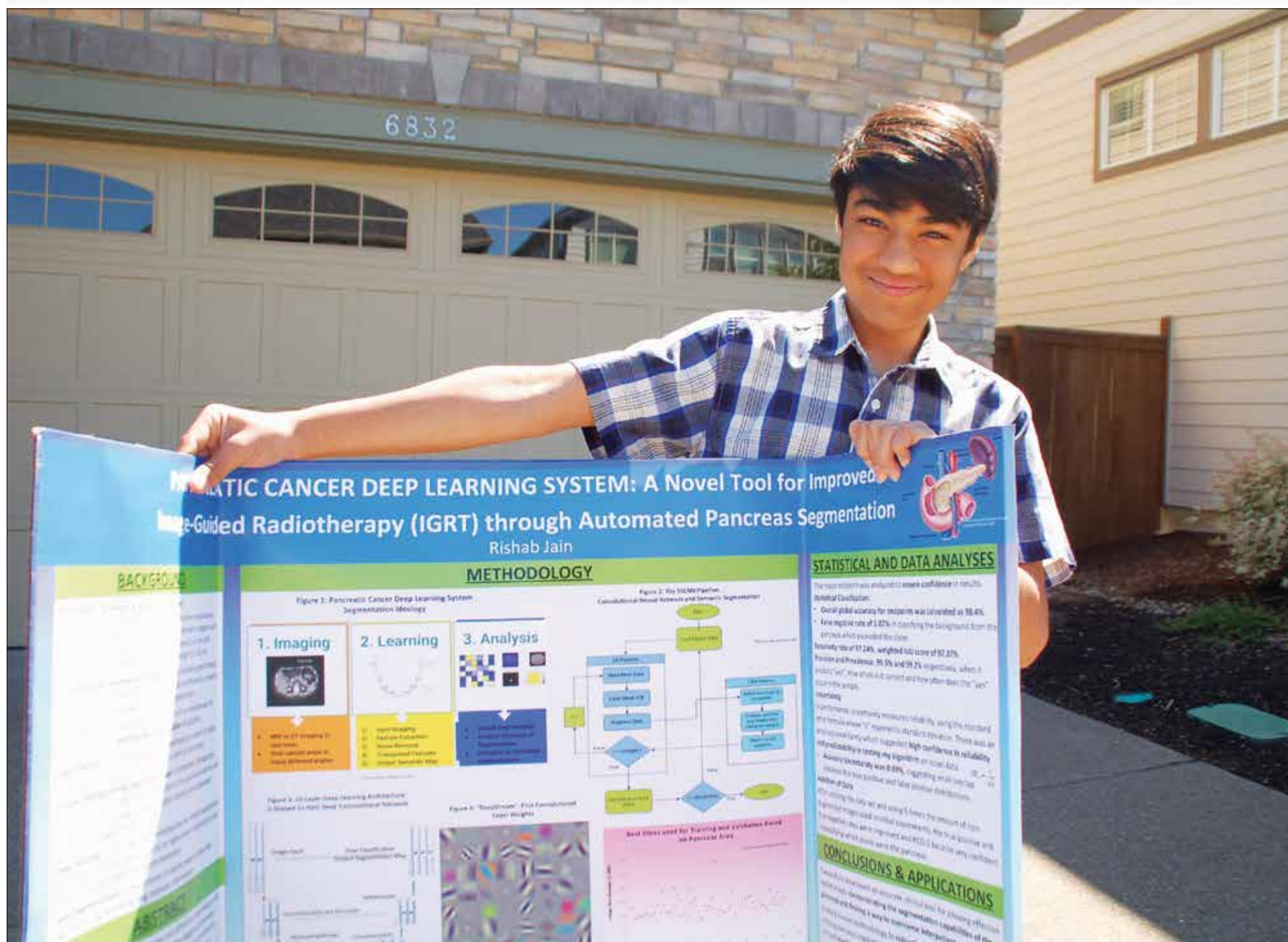


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Rishab Jain, a student from Stoller Middle School in Beaverton, uses a reader board to help visualize his invention of using artificial intelligence software to potentially improve the effectiveness of pancreatic cancer treatment. He is one of 10 finalists chosen across the nation to compete for the title of "America's Top Young Scientist" and a prize of \$25,000.

BY DANNY PETERSON
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A local middle school student is poised to fight for the title of "America's Top Young Scientist" for his innovative system of using artificial intelligence software to potentially improve the effectiveness of pancreatic cancer treatment.

Rishab Jain, a soon-to-be eighth grader at Stoller Middle School in Beaverton, was one of 10 finalists chosen throughout the nation for 3M and Discovery Education's Young Scientist Challenge, it was announced last month. The annual competition challenges students grades 5-8 across the nation to

Inspired^{by} Science

Young inventor competes for top prize

use scientific thinking to create innovations that improve their communities locally and abroad. In October, he and nine others will compete for a \$25,000 grand prize in St. Paul, Minn. He's also mentoring with a 3M scientist over the summer to help bring his vision to life.

The competition involved contestants submitting a YouTube

video of their proposals, which Jain said immediately drew him in, since making technology-based videos for the web is one of his many hobbies.

Last summer Jain familiarized himself with artificial intelligence programs like Python and MATLAB. When he learned about the low survival rate of pancreatic cancer patients over that same

summer, he wondered if there was a way to combine the two interests.

"Currently to treat the disease, doctors use MRI-guided radiotherapy. This is where radiation is directly targeted onto a tumor to help reduce the size and kill it off," Jain explained.

But due to differences in patients' body structures, and bodi-

ly movements like breathing, the pancreas can move mid-treatment.

"And then the radiation can have negative effects on the body. So that's a major problem. I wanted to try to solve that," he added.

If this new tool is used, the radio therapy can follow the pancreas as it moves, in real time. Not only could this make the treatment of the cancer more effective, it also avoids accidentally pumping healthy organs with radiation, which should increase a patients' overall chances of surviving.

Jain's mother, Manisha Jain, who is a realtor and originally

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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Open Air Art Gallery Party

PHOTO BY CRYSTAL AMAYA



The Taylor Electric Project, a collaborative, open-air street art gallery on the site of a former burned out warehouse at 240 S.E. Clay St. opens Saturday, July 21 with an all-day celebration highlighting the work of over 100 artists. Sponsored by the Portland Street Art Alliance, the all-ages event will include live-painting, artist commissions, live music, food carts, local beer, skateboarding ramps, a break dancing battle and more. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5.



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Portland artist Bonnie Meltzer's collage of Erick Silva, a young security guard who saved seven lives before he was shot and killed in last year's mass shooting at a Las Vegas concert. The work is part of a "Beautiful Lives Lost," art exhibit honoring all 48 victims of the attack now showing through July 27 at the Art Institute of Portland's Marcia Policar Gallery, 1122 N.W. Davis.

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Beautiful Lives Lost

Local artists honor shooting victims

After the 2017 mass shooting at a Las Vegas concert that left 58 people dead, Portland artist Bonnie Meltzer said her friend Quin Sweetman felt helpless in the face of yet another national tragedy of senseless gun violence.

"But she wasn't helpless. She had a brilliant idea to help us all grieve," Meltzer said.

Quin gathered 55 artists together, including Meltzer, to make portraits of the 58 people murdered. She called the project "Beautiful Lives Lost" and

the portraits are now on display through July 27 at the Art Institute of Portland's Marcia Policar Gallery, 1122 N.W. Davis St.

The artists volunteered their time, materials and talents to recognize, remember and honor the lives lost as a loving gesture to bring some comfort to the families, loved-ones and communities by showing that people care about their loss.

Following the exhibition all portraits will be given to the families.

Sweetman said the portraits "serve as tangible proof that these 58 people will continue to be remembered in the most positive light. Art helps us all heal."

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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.



New Chinatown Museum -- "Made in Chinatown, USA: Portland," a photo exhibit capturing the cultural pride of Portland's Asian community marks the opening of a new Portland Chinatown Museum at 127 N.W. Third Ave. Admissions is a suggested \$5 and free on First Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Celebrate Tubman's Reopening -- Harriet Tubman Middle School will be reopening in the fall and in celebration, all former administrators, teachers, staff and students are invited to an Alumna Gala, planned for Saturday, July 21 at the nearby Leftbank Annex, 101 N. Weidler St. RSVP to school secretary Theresa Smallwood at tsmallwood@pps.net or call 503-916-2000, extension. 74929 or email Andrea Wade at awade@pps.net or call 503-916-3073



The Shape of Speed -- Seventeen rare and streamlined automobiles and motorcycles from a golden age, from 1930 to 1942, are on view as part of a new exhibit at the Portland

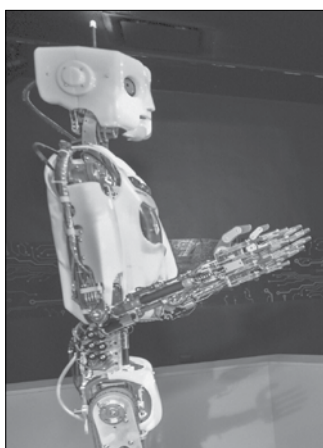
Art Museum, now showing through Sept. 16. The vehicles demonstrate how designers used the concept of aerodynamic efficiency to turn autos into exciting machines that in many cases, looked as though they were moving while at rest.



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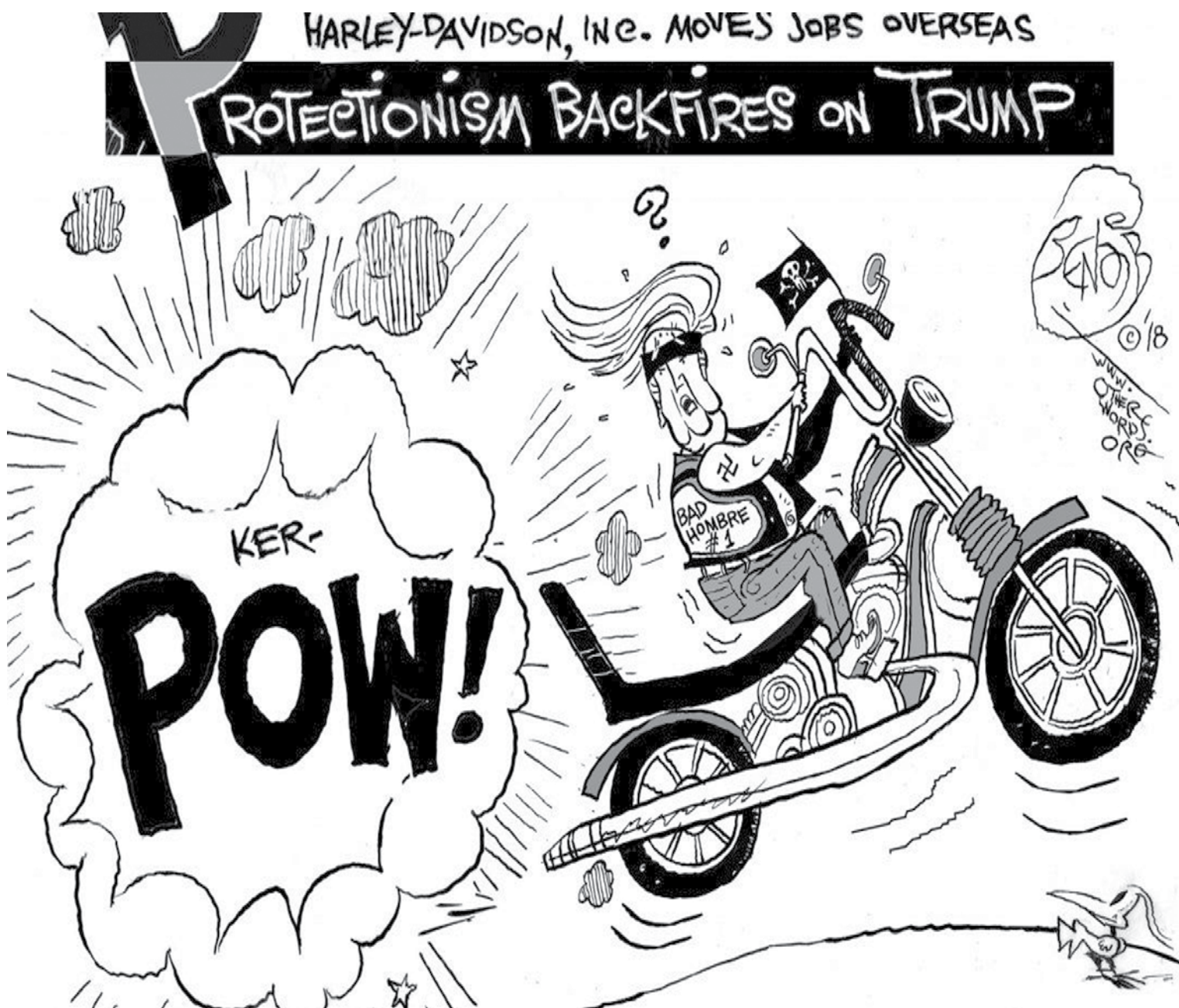
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OPINION



What's at Stake if Kavanaugh Joins the Court?

Hard won rights are at risk

BY OLIVIA ALPERSTEIN
President Donald Trump has nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace former Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. Why should you care?



Because everything from reproductive rights to voting, education, and health care is now at stake.

Kavanaugh, a judicial ideologue committed to pulling the Court further to the right, may also reverse decades of key rulings that uphold the constitutional right to personal liberty and autonomy.

All Americans say they value personal freedom, especially the right to make our own decisions about our private lives. Every day, we take that liberty for granted, from exercising our right to free speech to lighting up sparklers on the Fourth of July. Cherishing our liberties is as American as apple

pie — but our right to exercise those liberties could be undone.

Nowhere is the issue more critical than on reproductive rights. Kavanaugh's nomination will mean a major battle to undo key protections in *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case that firmly established the right to access safe, legal abortion.

Striking down *Roe* would immediately outlaw abortion in states where pre-*Roe* anti-abortion laws are technically still on the books. As many as 22 states could be impacted over the course of two years.

That's bad enough. But it's also critical to remember the reasoning behind the historic 7-2 ruling: that people have a constitutional right to privacy.

Specifically, the Supreme Court upheld and enshrined the protections included in the First, Fourth, Ninth, and Fourteenth Amendments, holding that those protec-

tions applied to decisions a person might make about their own body.

Ultimately, that decision informed several other critical rulings, including cases that forbade bans on same-sex romantic relationships and affirmed the right to same-sex marriage. According to *Roe*, the right to make your own choices is one of the founding principles that govern this country.

If *Roe* is overturned, that could set off a chain reaction that upends this critical foundation behind other landmark cases — both those that came before and those that came after.

The constitutional right to privacy informed *Loving v. Virginia*, which struck down criminalization of interracial marriage, and *Griswold v. Connecticut*, which enabled the legalization of contraceptives. The constitutional right to privacy also played a key role in *Carpenter v. United States*, a recent ruling that prohibits warrantless collection of cellphone users' data without reasonable cause.

Judicial precedent set by the

Supreme Court has built a solid foundation for interpretation of the law — but all it takes is a stacked court to have that foundation tumble like a house of cards.

Supreme Court appointments are for life. The rulings these justices make affect the entire judicial system for decades, if not centuries, to come. Each year, dozens of critical cases come before the court that deeply impact people's rights and daily lives.

While outgoing Justice Anthony Kennedy wasn't perfect, he was committed to upholding the personal right to privacy as enshrined in U.S. law. Kavanaugh, however, could roll back our hard-won freedoms — and those of future generations.

The Senate will be voting soon on whether to confirm Kavanaugh. A lot more than just a vacant bench hangs in the balance.

Olivia Alperstein is the Deputy Director of Communications and Policy at Congressional Progressive Caucus Center. Distributed by OtherWords.org

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OPINION

Creating a Justice System that Works for Everyone

Community supervisors play critical role

BY ERIKA PREUITT

In my 25 years working in the criminal justice system, I have seen the widespread impact extended jail stays have on individuals, families, and communities at-large – loss of employment and wages, disruption to families, and interruption to treatment and care for those who need it. What's more, the misuse and overuse of jail perpetuates racial disparities and can turn jails into warehouses for people suffering from mental health and substance abuse issues. Locking up people who pose limited or no risk to public safety comes at great cost with little benefit. This is not what jail was intended for. We can serve our



whole community better.

Monica's story is an example of the kind of success possible when we rethink how we use jails and direct resources to proven alternatives. Monica spent years struggling with addiction and cycling in and out of jail for drug-related offenses. Her time in jail forced her to miss birthdays, graduations, the birth of a grandchild, and other major life milestones. But today, she has been sober and out of jail for 16 years. She's a proud business-owner and dedicated years of her life to helping survivors of domestic violence.

Monica was determined to turn her life around, but she didn't do it alone. We know that for many people like Monica who come in contact with the justice system, the critical catalysts for change are dedicated probation officers and service providers who are in

unique positions to create lasting change in people's lives. In Monica's case, her probation/parole officer helped connect her with addiction treatment, job training, and peer support services, and played the role of mentor and cheerleader for her long-term success.

In Multnomah County and across the country, community supervision professionals are helping put people like Monica on better paths and break cycles of incarceration. We know community supervision can play an important role helping reduce rates of recidivism and over-incarceration. In Multnomah County, in 2017 the Department of Community Justice reduced jail bed use by an average of 62 beds per day and maintained recidivism rates below the state average by engaging in deliberate jail reduction strategies. We also know that, as in Monica's case, supervisors can be critical in connecting people with jail alternatives, such as treatment for sub-

stance abuse and mental health issues that have long-term impacts.

One such alternative service is soon to open in Multnomah County. As part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge, the county will soon open a new transitional housing facility for justice-involved women, with a particular focus on serving women of color.

The facility – named the Diane Wade House after the much beloved probation/parole officer who helped hundreds of women in her community, including Monica – will provide transitional housing for justice-involved women referred by the Department of Community Justice who are in need of mental health stability and support, as well as cognitive-behavioral and culturally-responsive curriculum day services for women from across the county. Programming will be Afrocentric, gender-specific, and trauma-informed to reflect people's lived

experiences and help reduce racial and gender disparities in our current system. The new facility is part of the county's overall goals to end jail overuse and misuse and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in our local justice system.

As jurisdictions like Multnomah County continue the necessary work of local justice system reform, community supervisors will continue to play important roles. This week is officially Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week, a time to recognize the work these professionals do impacting people's lives, maintaining public safety, and creating a justice system that works for everyone. I encourage everyone to learn more about the work underway locally and across the country.

Erika Preuitt is deputy director of Multnomah County's Department of Community Justice's and president of the American Probation and Parole Association.

Employing the Tactic of Naming and Shaming

It works and should be continued

BY OSCAR H. BLAYTON

There was a reason Ku Klux Klan members wore hoods that hid their faces.

Anonymity allows people to act upon their worst instincts without having to suffer the consequences.

Southern bigots acted out their racial hatred as night riders and then resumed their roles as responsible doctors, policemen, judges and other model citizens the next day because no one knew who was behind the masks.

The Internet has given individuals similar anonymity, allowing trolls and haters to assume false or cloaked identities as they terrorize their victims in cyberspace.

There had always been a certain shame that attached to depraved acts of cruelty. Bullies and sadists did not want to be known for their true selves. If the world did not



know who they were, they could dress themselves in a suit of false rectitude and hypocritically wag their fingers at those they deem to be unfit.

Today, however, there is a new norm for bullying and sadism. Donald Trump has figuratively flung wide the gates of hell and all its minions have come spilling out. His cabinet

is rife with villains determined to leave the entire Earth worse than when they found it. They appear to take joy in abusing the helpless and molesting the rights of people they consider unworthy.

Trump's lieutenants are so drunk with power they believe that through their lies they can support bigotry, greed and callousness with impunity. But recent events have shown that America has had enough of this bad behavior and will not allow it to be normalized.

In confronting Trumpism, we can all take a lesson from Emile Zola, the French journalist who in a famous 1898 commentary

titled "J'accuse" charged the French president and government with anti-Semitism because of a blatant case of injustice against a Jewish French military officer, Alfred Dreyfus. Dreyfus had been falsely accused and convicted of treason due to anti-Semitic sentiment in France at the time.

Zola's charge against the president and government of France spoke truth to power so forcefully that it started a groundswell of support for Dreyfus that led to his being released from prison and awarded a medal for having endured martyrdom.

This tactic of "Naming and Shaming" also has been used for years by Human Rights Watch to confront dictators and human rights violators around the world with an aim towards forcing them to stop their bad behavior. Now it is time to employ this tactic at home.

We know who the bad actors are, and we know what they are doing to enable a maniacal, power hungry demagogue who poses a threat, not only to this country, but to the world. The Nuremberg

Trials established the principle that individuals cannot escape the consequences of their actions by claiming that they were merely following orders, and Trump's minions cannot escape responsibility for their bad behavior by claiming they were only carrying out the president's wishes.

Among some Democrats who consider themselves to be progressive, there is strong support for the tactic of naming and shaming when used against foreign dictators and their enablers. But they appear to value civility over justice and wring their hands over the lack of decorum when it is used against Trump's enablers. These Democrats have turned on Congresswoman Maxine Waters of California and chided her for speaking truth to power when she called for all right-thinking Americans to confront Trump's enablers whenever they show their faces in public.

Those of us old enough to remember the Civil Rights Movement recall that Southern bigots and their enablers intoned in the 1960s how demonstrators lacked

civility and proposed proper decorum as the path to voting rights and equal justice when confronted with fire hoses, vicious police dogs and bludgeoning night sticks.

Only after it became clear that civil disobedience would persist until the humanity of people of color was recognized that America's political and cultural landscape began to change.

For anyone who has a love for humanity, White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and the rest of Trump's hellish minions are not entitled to civility, regardless how many "white girl tears" they shed over being ejected from restaurants and other public places.

Shaming them is a tactic that works and should be continued, as it is quite possibly the way to bring America back to a sane path – the qualms of those who would abide tyranny for the sake of decorum notwithstanding.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

Letter to the Editor

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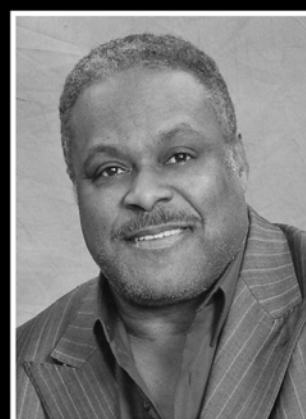
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Breast Cancer Disparities Study Begins

Community team leads Komen effort

In the United States, black women die more often and are often diagnosed younger with more aggressive forms of breast cancer than white women. The Susan G. Komen Oregon and Southwest Washington foundation is taking aim at reversing those unwanted trends.

As the first step in developing a multi-year initiative to address breast cancer disparities, Komen has partnered with a team of independent contractors who are actively involved with the Portland-metro area's African American community. The project, funded in part by a grant Komen received from the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program, was to be outlined on Wednesday during a scheduled news conference at the Portland NAACP office.

The research team reflects the community for its diversity and includes Angela Owusu-Ansah, PhD, professor of doctoral studies at Concordia University in northeast Portland; D. Bora Harris, MPA, diversity consultant; and Kelvin Hall, doctoral candidate and community advocate.

Data around demographics, breast cancer screening habits, and barriers to breast cancer screening and treatment will be collected as they look to inform Komen's work in reducing breast cancer mortality in Portland's African American community.

"The disparities are shocking. African American women, in the US, die from breast cancer nearly 40 percent more than white women. We need to address this!" stated Andrew Asato, CEO of Susan G. Komen Oregon & SW Washington. "We're looking forward to Dr. Owusu-Ansah and her team, whose incredible talents exactly fit our needs, collecting the data that will inform our future efforts, and helping us to create the community advisory group that will guide the formation of a multi-year Komen African American Initiative."



Dr. Owusu-Ansah commented, "We, as independent agents, are thrilled to work in tandem with Komen Oregon & SW Washington, to serve our community with warmth and humility. Reminded of our shared goals, we value the partnership and collaboration towards a better and common future of dignity, respect, and lived lives. We believe we will rediscover the resilience, determination, energy, and infinite diversity of African American women. And together, we will initiate new approaches for progress and health, for humanity as a whole."

Ms. Harris added, "It is refreshing to interact and participate in meaningful dialogue, where the outcome is beneficial to the community as a whole. In addition to health disparities within our underserved and underrepresented communities, as African American women, we have historically been taught to 'hush' concerning many things. This tradition of silence may have negatively impacted several phases of our quality of life in respect to our health."

Mr. Hall shared, "Fighting cancer is my mission right now. This research and development project seeks to join a shared community, local and globally, to find a cure to support the defeat and elimination of this disease."

Mr. Asato continued, "Thanks to the support of organizations like Legacy Health, we have a successful breast health education program in the faith-based community, called Worship in Pink. Now, it is time to move beyond education and do what we can to encourage action."

A new effort to address breast cancer disparities in Portland's African American community is led by Cindy Fletcher, director of programs for the Susan G. Komen Oregon and Southwest Washington foundation; Dr. Angela Owusu-Ansah, professor of doctoral studies at Concordia University; Bridget Jamieson, Komen's community programs manager; D. Bora Harris, diversity consultant; and Kelvin Hall, doctoral candidate and community advocate.

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The message about voting comes from the Vancouver branch of the NAACP which is inviting the community to join them on Saturday, July 21 for a voter registration drive, community meeting and potluck. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Vancouver Housing Authority, 2500 Main St.

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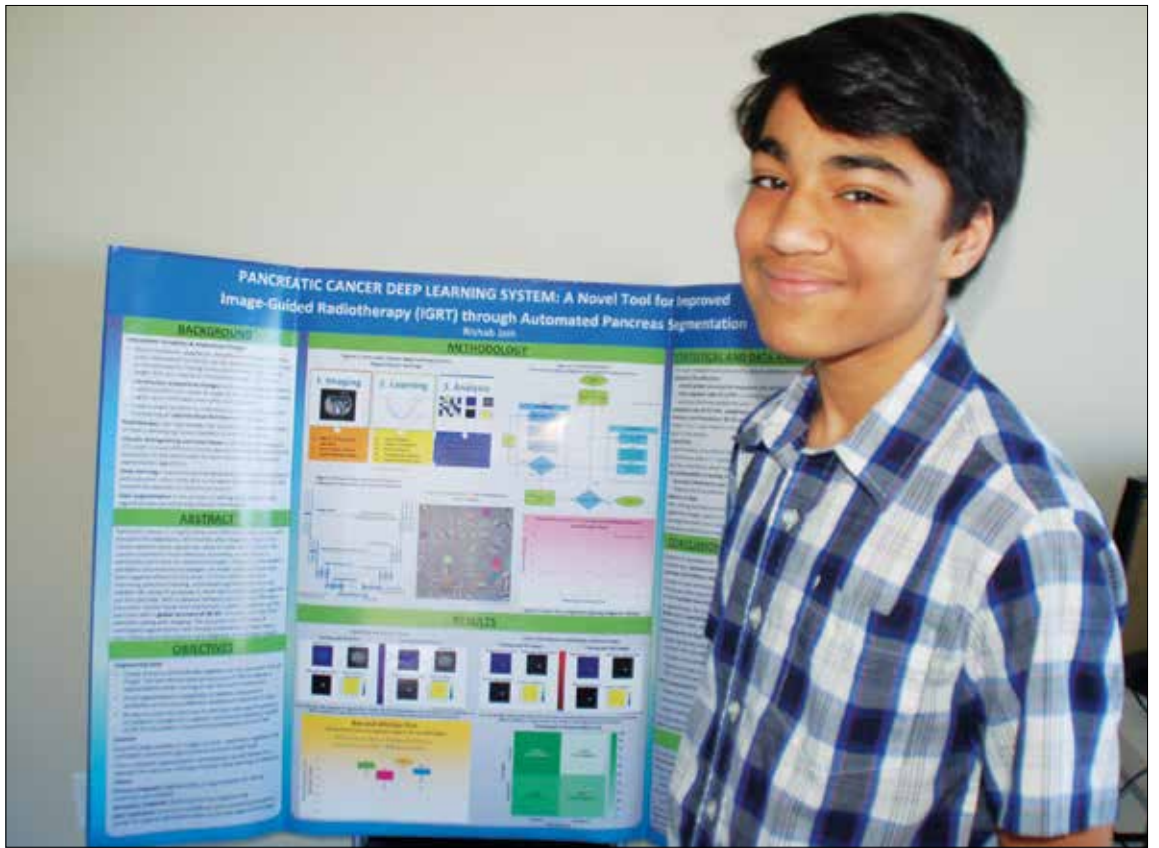


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A finalist for the title of "America's Top Young Scientist," Stoller Middle School student Rishab Jain credits other family members for getting him interested in scientific fields growing up.

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from India, said she's excited to see her son interested in a field that not only helps him, through learning, but also could benefit a lot of people all over the globe

who suffer the disease.

"That's always something that we talked to kids [about]...do something that can impact community. And that's what Rishab is probably trying to achieve. We're very excited and proud of him," she said.

Besides trying to improve cancer treatment effectiveness, the young inventor is pretty much just a normal kid that enjoys playing with Rubick's Cubes, swimming, reading, collecting Boy Scout merit badges, and going to summer camp.

He credits other family members for getting him interested in scientific fields growing up.

"I've always been inspired by my cousin and my brother exploring the medical field [a spinal surgeon and med student, respectively]. And on the other hand, my father is a hardware engineer at Intel. I got to do a lot of programming experiments with him,

so that's also really interesting. It's really cool to see both of those fields come together, the engineering and medical fields," Jain said.

He was also inspired by Steve Jobs, the former Apple CEO and computer innovator who died from pancreatic cancer in 2011 at the age of 56.

Over the summer, Jain will be working with another mentor, 3M scientist Dr. Döne Demirgöz, over Skype to further develop his technology before meeting her, and the other nine contestants, in real life in St. Paul, Minnesota in October where they'll compete for the grand prize of \$25,000 and the title of "America's Top Young Scientist."

When asked what he would do with the money should he win, Jain said: "I would definitely split up the money. I would spend a majority of it on my pancreatic cancer research and the rest of it I would probably keep...save it or keep it aside for college."

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