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Rev. E.D. Mondainé, president of the Portland NAACP, pastor of the Celebration Tabernacle in north Portland, and primary spokesman for a ballot measure this November that would require big businesses in Portland to apply a 1 percent surcharge on their sales to a Clean Energy Fund. The measure would fund environmental projects and provide job training and new business assistance for low income populations impacted by pollution.

## A Business Tax for Climate Justice

### Advocates say ballot measure supports communities of color

BY BEVERLY CORBELL  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

It's high time big business does its part to support communities of color. And that means backing a proposed Clean Energy Fund to combat global warming and provide job training and help forming new businesses for the diverse and low-income populations impacted

by pollution and changes in the economy.

That's the message of Rev. E.D. Mondainé (pronounced MON-de-nay), president of the Portland chapter of the NAACP, pastor of the Celebration Tabernacle in north Portland, and primary spokesman for the Portland Just Energy Transition Initiative or

PDX04.

Poised for placement on the ballot this November, the measure would require big businesses in Portland to apply a 1 percent surcharge on their sales in the city if the business has at least \$1 billion in annual revenue and at least \$500,000 of that revenue from within the city limits. Most

groceries and medicine would be exempt.

The Clean Energy Fund would be used to encourage and promote eco-friendly measures such as weatherproofing and solar installations, and to train low-income people to do the work and eventually open their own businesses and create even more green jobs.

"We plan to raise about \$30 million dollars (annually) which will help us do better weatherization, create jobs for energy efficiency, solar power, etc., and to make the heavy load of home utility bills a lot lighter," Mondainé said.

He said the revenue would off-

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An artist's rendering shows the look of a street designated a greenway to enhance the safety of bike traffic and pedestrians. The King Neighborhood Association wants feedback on a proposed greenway from the Lloyd Neighborhood to Woodlawn.

## Neighbors Consider Proposed Greenway

The King Neighborhood Association wants feedback from area residents on a proposed greenway and their input on the preferred route. To better meet the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians, the city has proposed designating a street as a greenway through the neigh-

borhood, originating in the Lloyd Neighborhood and going north to the Woodlawn Neighborhood.

A community meeting to discuss the issue will be held Wednesday, Aug. 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods offices at 4815

N.E. Seventh Ave.

Portland Bureau of Transportation has released design concepts for two route options for the Greenway: Northeast Seventh Avenue and Ninth Ave-

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## The Week in Review

### Candidate Aligns with Trump

Republican gubernatorial candidate Knute Buehler, aligning with President Trump and the conservative wing of his party, plans to vote for an initiative this fall that would repeal Oregon's 30-year-old sanctuary state law, he said last week. Buehler is running against the Democratic incumbent, Gov. Kate Brown who supports the law which bans local law enforcement from using public resources to arrest people whose only violation of the law is being in the country illegally, which is a civil offense rather than a crime.

### Change to Democrat

Multnomah County commissioner Lori Stegmann has changed her political party from Republican to Democrat, citing the racism, misogyny, and "immoral behavior" of the Trump administration, like separating children from their parents at the border. Stegmann, whose position is non-partisan and who is a politically moderate business woman, was born in South Korea, orphaned there, immigrated here through adoption, and later naturalized.



### Former Chief Sanctioned

A state board voted 14-to-4 Thursday to revoke former Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea's police certification for 10 years for dishonesty. City investigations found that O'Dea misled investigators about his 2016 off-duty shooting of a friend during a camping trip in Eastern Oregon and failed to immediately act on an employee's complaint of a hostile work environment.

### Rule Change for Landlords

A requirement for Portland landlords to register the addresses of all rental units each year by late 2020 was unanimously agreed upon by city council

Wednesday in order to create census numbers for rentals more accurate and to streamline communication to renters and tenants. An estimated 10,000 or more landlords will have to file business taxes for the first time as a result.

### Knowledge of Russian Meeting

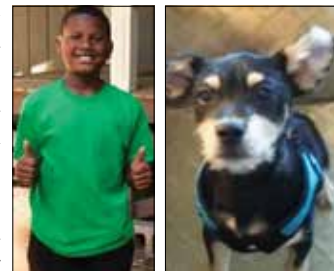
The former attorney of President Donald Trump, Michael Cohen, reportedly said that Trump knew about a June 2016 meeting in Trump Tower with his staff and Russians, who offered compromising information about Hillary Clinton. Cohen, who previously denied those claims, also said he's willing to testify to special counsel Robert Mueller, who's investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election, an anonymous source told CNN.

### Stabbing Investigation Underway

A 44-year old man who was found covered in blood on the corner of Northeast 82nd Ave and Ne Glisan St survived an attack from a man in Montavilla Park early Sunday morning after the attacker complained about his barking dog, police said. The suspect was described as a short, skinny, white male, last seen walking northbound on 82nd Ave away from the park and anyone with information is encourage to contact Portland police.

### Missing Child Found

A boy with partial hearing loss and his small dog were discovered safe and sound at the 60th Avenue Transit Station Saturday evening after they'd been missing for multiple hours, according to a statement from Portland police. The eight-year-old Josiah had been last seen walking his dog, named "Boy," near Ne 2nd Ave and Clackamas Street in the Lloyd Neighborhood at around 5:15pm Saturday, when its believed they got lost, at 8:25pm it was announced they were found.



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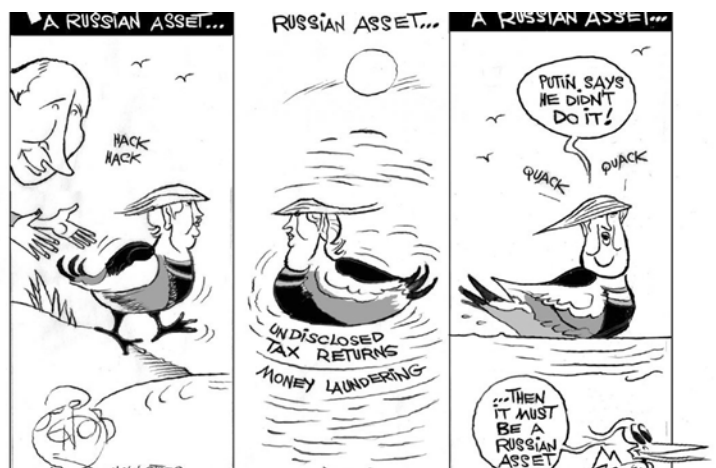


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PHOTO BY DANNY PETERSON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A local man gets a free helmet and scooter riding lesson at Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown, after Bird, one of two electronic scooter companies permitted to set up shop in Portland, introduced the service on Thursday.

## Scooter Rentals Begin

### Pilot transportation option will be evaluated

BY DANNY PETERSON  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Electronic scooters have officially hit the pavement in Portland.

Two companies were allowed to set up shop for their app-based scooter services last week thanks to permits from the Portland Bureau of Transportation as part of a pilot program to test the compatibility of e-scooters in the city.

E-scooters are rented with credit cards through an app on a smart phone. They are electronically locked when not in use, and

left docked on the street for the next customer. The companies recharge them each night.

The two firms, Skip and Bird, each charge a \$1 flat fee and 15 cents per minute, but offer their own features.

Skip was the first company to incorporate a "tip-over detection," which notifies them when a vehicle is laid sideways and obstructing pathways so they can collect and move them, the company's CEO Sanjay Dastoor told the Portland Observer. Bird offers to waive the \$1 flat fee to people re-

ceiving state or federal assistance.

E-scooters are meant to alleviate transportation needs by providing a new, affordable and environmentally friendly option to get people to their destinations.

The city prohibits riding the scooters on sidewalks, in public parking structures, or without a valid driver's license. Helmets and keeping scooters clear of walkways are also required.

PBOT said it will evaluate whether to continue to allow e-scooters at the end of the pilot period in November.

## Supportive Housing for Homeless

An effort to tackle the issue of homelessness on two fronts—housing and mental health—was announced Friday in a joint statement by Mayor Ted Wheeler and County Chair Deborah Kafoury.

The bulk of the \$12 million supportive housing pilot funding was secured through Portland Housing Bureau, with additional funding from state and county funds.

Friday's press release emphasized the bundling of affordable housing and mental health treatment as a first-of-its kind for cross-governmental funding.

"Homelessness is a national humanitarian crisis. It will take more



Mayor Ted Wheeler (left) and Deborah Kafoury announced Friday a joint effort of local and state agencies to fund \$12 million of affordable housing with mental health treatment.

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# A Business Tax for Climate Justice

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set the “green injustice and climate injustice” that is happening locally and all over the world.

“Big corporations are adding to climate injustice by not having to pay the kind of taxes that are necessary for reparations for what they’ve taken out of the community, especially communities of color,” he said.

Mondainé pointed to the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. as an example for someone who paved the way for identifying all kinds of injustice, including environmental injustice, and he pointed to his own childhood in public housing as an example of living under poor environmental conditions.

“My lived experience as a child in south St. Louis was to wake up to the smokestacks of Peabody Coal, Monsanto, Ralston Purina and Anheuser Busch,” he said. “And, of course, the incinerator systems that ran 24/7 in the projects left us with all kinds of health disparities.”

Mondainé said he has suffered from chronic asthma and had to have tubes in his ears until he was 40, but many of his friends suffered harsher fates because of pollution in economically deprived neighborhoods.

“Many of my childhood friends have died before the age of 50 because of pulmonary disease and cardiac discrepancies,” he said.

The idea for the initiative began with former NAACP director Jo Ann Hardesty, who is running for Portland City Council, and a few

others, Mondainé said. To get on the November ballot, it required backers to gather 34,000 signatures, but the measure had more than 60,000 signatures when it was turned in to the Secretary of State on July 6. The initiative’s eligibility will be determined by the state office by Aug. 6.

Local organizations supporting the initiative include the Oregon chapter of the Sierra Club, the Coalition of Communities of Color, Columbia Riverkeeper, the Native American Youth and Family Center, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, the environmental group Verde, and the NAACP.

Community support from individuals has been widespread, Mondainé said.

“It’s been an extraordinary undertaking and it’s been an extremely enlightening undertaking. This is why it’s so important to the NAACP,” he said.

Over 1,700 small businesses are on board to support the initiative, he said, but he expects opposition from big corporations.

“Big business doesn’t see this as a benefit to them because it’s going to cost them,” he said. “But it’s already costing us and I don’t think that’s right and I don’t think that’s fair.”

Mondainé said when he signed on as the ballot measure’s first petitioner he became “electrified by the idea” that environmental injustice was finally something that was getting some attention in the African American community.

But not only has industrial pollution occurred more often in poor communities and communities of color, those communities often are the last to learn about it and awareness needs to be raised, he said.

If the initiative passes, and Mondainé believes it will, it will require needed public outreach and information sharing.

“Many Portlanders, especially people of color in Multnomah County, suffer from not being able to get the right information or get the services that are extended by initiatives like this,” he said.

Mondainé said he expects a lot of pushback to the initiative from big business between now and Nov. 6, but he’s ready for a fight.

“There’s plenty of opposition,” he said. “They’re going to fight us with everything they can find plausible from ‘It’s going to cost too much’ to this or that or the other, but it’s a bunch of noise.”

“It’s an excuse not to participate in what is the good solid and most precious investment that any corporation or agency can add to any community — the ability to strengthen their community and give back.”

Mondainé called the initiative a potential turning point for big corporations, a chance for them to regain their civic souls.

“When we have CEOs making upwards of a million dollars in salary, I mean, come on,” he said. “Surely there is something that could be done to spread a little bit of that love back into the waters and environment that you’re contaminating off of making money. And I do mean contaminated.”

One group that opposes PDX04



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is a new business-oriented group, Keep Portland Affordable. Spokesman Rick Thomas has stated that the measure will raise prices, according to the Oregonian, and he called on city leaders to instead focus on homelessness.

But corporate pollution is a much greater societal problem than homelessness, Mondainé said.

“Big corporations that don’t do their due diligence in the community are worse than any homeless population anywhere because they do a lot more damage, but you can’t see it like you can see homelessness,” he said.

Other initiatives that appear likely to qualify for the ballot in November:

**Grocery Tax Exemption.** A proposed constitutional amendment that would prohibit new taxes on grocery sales, an attempt to wall the supermarket industry off from the threat of gross receipts taxes. Approved for the ballot.

**Housing Bonds.** This measure was referred by the Oregon Leg-

islature to allow more flexibility in using proceeds from government bonds to build and purchase affordable housing. Approved for the ballot.

**Supermajority Tax Requirement.** The Oregon Constitution currently requires a three-fifths vote of each house of the Legislature to raise taxes. Financed by the Oregon Association of Realtors, this initiative would require a similar supermajority for any legislation that increases the amount of revenue the state raises. Approved for the ballot.

**Sanctuary State Repeal.** Backed by Oregonians for Immigration Reform. According to the Oregonian, if the ballot measure passes, it would undo a 1987 law that prohibits the use of state and local law enforcement resources to enforce federal immigration standards. Approved for the ballot.

**Ban on Abortion Funding.** Prohibits the state from using public funds for abortion and reduces abortion access. Not yet approved for the ballot.



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On July 27, 2005, at approximately 9:50 p.m., 26-year-old Eyo Nyong, who was also known as "Black," was standing near the parking lot of the former J.D. Sports bar which was located in the 3500 block of North Vancouver Avenue.

Witnesses told the police that Mr. Nyong was approached by two black males and became engaged in a conversation with them.



Eyo Nyong

As Mr. Nyong was talking with the two males, one of them pulled a gun and fired. Mr. Nyong was shot in the head, fell to the ground and died. The suspects ran northbound on North Vancouver Avenue.

Mr. Nyong often frequented the bar at the time. He left behind his mother, father, and five small children.

Crime Stoppers of Oregon offers cash rewards of up to \$2,500 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in any unsolved homicide or other felony crime, and tipsters can remain anonymous.

To submit tips visit the App Store and download "P3 Tips" to submit secure and anonymous tips online at [p3tips.com/823](http://p3tips.com/823) or call 503-823-HELP (4357).

Information learned from social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube should be shared as these tips may lead to the identification of a suspect or suspects. Links can be shared anonymously through Crime Stoppers.

To see other featured and unsolved cases, visit [crimestoppersoforegon.com](http://crimestoppersoforegon.com).

## Freeway Ramp Closure: I-84 West to I-5 North

Expect traffic delays in the coming weeks as freeway construction of I-84 and I-5 ramps continue. I-84 westbound from Lloyd Center to I-5 northbound, a ramp that closed last week, will remain closed until 5am Monday, August 6 and only the far left lane will be open on I-84 west while construction occurs.

To detour from this week's ramp closure, Oregon Department of Transportation recommends taking I-5 south, then I-405 north across the Fremont Bridge, and resume course at US 30 west or I-5 north. Traffic delays on city streets should also be expected.

It's the second of three major ramp closures to occur this summer, which accommodates ODOT's replacing of the concrete and steel that carried 147,000 vehicles on an average day. The maintenance, called the I-5 at I-84 Rehabilitation Project, is needed to keep bridges functioning in the coming decades, ODOT stated, though 5am to 11pm gridlock should be expected as a result. Use of public transportation, like the

MAX trains that run along I-84, is also recommended.

To help alleviate traffic woes, ODOT released a "Gridlock Grooves" playlist on music service Spotify.

In addition to this week's closures, I-84 west to I-5 south ramp will be closed from 10pm Friday August 17 to 5am Monday Au-

gust 27.

Ramps will also close overnight from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and possibly for full weekends from now through November as construction continues through the end of the year.

Up-to-date ramp closure schedules are posted at [i84Construction.org](http://i84Construction.org).

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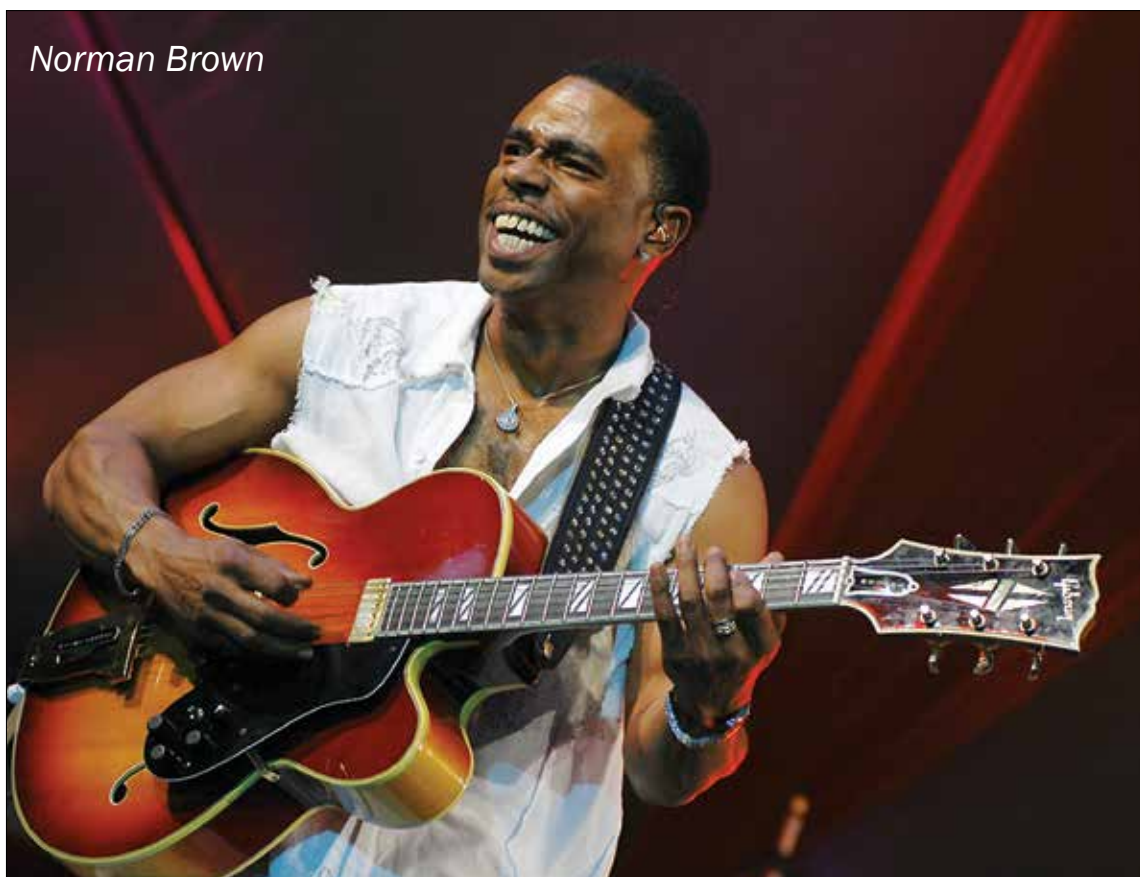


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5 American Family Day Neil Armstrong born in Ohio in 1930. Robert Bright born, 1902	6 Australia Picnic Day Wiggle Your Toes Day	7 Sea Serpent Day	8 Dollar Day; US dollar was created, 1786 <i>Thomas Edison patented mimeograph machine in 1876</i>	9 National Rice Pudding Day <i>Smokey Bear's Birthday (1944)</i>	10 S'Mores Day	11  Play in the Sand Day <i>The last total solar eclipse of the millennium (1999)</i>
12 <i>IBM PC made, 1981</i> Middle Children's Day <i>Hawaii Annexed to the U.S. (1898)</i>	13 International Left-Hander's Day National Filet Mignon Day	14 National Creamsicle Day <i>Japan Surrendered in World War II, 1945</i>	15 National Relaxation Day <i>Transcontinental Railroad completed, 1869</i>	16 National Tell a Joke Day <i>Roller Coaster Day</i> <i>Roller coaster patented, 1898</i>	17 Myra Cohn Livingston born, 1926	18  International Homeless Animals Day Bad Poetry Day <i>Wizard of Oz Premiered In 1939</i>
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# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Norman Brown



## Vanport Jazz Fest Returns

Portland's second annual Vanport Jazz Festival takes place this Saturday, August 4th at Portland Meadows with a star-studded lineup that includes talented acts from all over the country.

The Vanport Jazz Festival honors the city of Vanport, a once thriving, multi-cultural city that housed a large African American population but was flooded and disbanded 70 years ago.

Many survivors of the flood would go on to settle in Portland, and many jazz clubs that opened in the Rose City after that were run by former Vanport residents. Though that once thriving music scene is all but a memory to many, the Vanport Jazz Festival aims to carry the tradition of Portland jazz scene into the new century.

Acts include Grammy-winning Contemporary Jazz/R&B superstar Norman Brown, who has sold over 2-million records with his Jazz guitar playing and Jazmin Ghent, whose debut CD *Boss* reached the Smooth Jazz Global radio's top 50 Smooth Jazz CDs for 2015 and later release "Compared to What," which reached #5 on the Smooth Jazz Charts. Najee, Eu-

Jazmin Ghent



lulah Donyll "Lalah" Hathaway, Kenny Polson, and Jonathan Butler will also perform.

Doors open at 10:30am with performance starting at noon. Tickets start at \$75 for Gener-

al Admission, not including a \$10 general parking pass. The festival will take place at 1001 Schmeer Road and More information can be found at [vanportjazzfestival.com/info](http://vanportjazzfestival.com/info).

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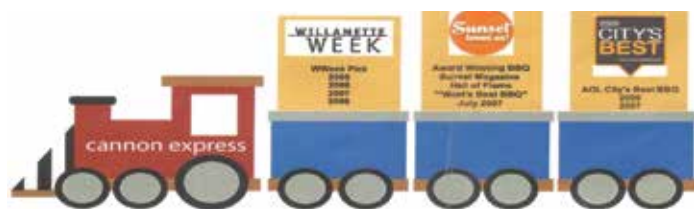
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## 'Most Beautiful Girl' Goes Viral

A photogenic five-year-old from Nigeria has been dubbed the world's "most beautiful girl" after portraits of her went viral on social media, People magazine reports.

Official images of Jare Ijalana were shared

on Instagram and Twitter by photographer Mofe Bamuyiwa last week. "Oh yes she's human! She's also an angel!" the Lagos camerawoman captioned in one of the portraits of Jare.





Farmers Markets are a source of nutritious foods with locally grown fruits and vegetables and other products.

# SNAP Saved at Farmers Markets

## Food Bank helps keep low-income shoppers connected

Serving low income community members is a labor of love for farmers markets. But closure of a widely-used Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) processor had threatened access to the markets for people using benefits from their SNAP/Oregon Trail cards.

But thanks to help from the Oregon Food Bank to cover costs of the transition, the charitable arm of Portland Farmers Market announced last week that SNAP recipients will not be turned away when shopping at Oregon farmers markets.

Processing SNAP benefits comes with federal restrictions which demand meticulous re-

cord-keeping and out-of-pocket costs for equipment and processing fees. Recently, Novo Dia Group, a financial transaction processor contracted with 1,700 farmers markets around the nation, made national news when they announced their closure as of Aug. 31. This left 20 Oregon farmers markets scrambling for a speedy replacement in order to avoid turning SNAP shoppers away.

Solutions existed – but they had some big costs for farmers markets, including set-up, per use and monthly processing fees. Additionally, capital costs for hardware can run up to \$900 per unit.

Since an alternative was needed quickly and farmers markets are

low budget operations, the Oregon Food Bank stepped-in to help by committing up to \$10,000 to assist individual markets in determining needs, purchasing hardware and paying fees for their new SNAP processing contracts.

“Oregon Food Bank believes that no one should be hungry and that everyone deserves healthy, fresh food in order to thrive,” said Oregon Food Bank Chief Executive Officer Susannah Morgan. “These core organizational values made the decision to support SNAP access at local farmers markets very straightforward. Farmers markets help strengthen local food systems and bring our wonderfully varied communities together

– these are critical avenues to addressing hunger at its root causes.”

There are 130 farmers markets in Oregon; 70 of them also offer extra cash to low income shoppers using their SNAP/Oregon Trail cards. Most offer a dollar for dollar match up to \$10, which boosts the buying power for low income households, enabling shoppers to buy more local fruits and vegetables.

“Nearly all SNAP shoppers at farmers markets tell us how important the program has been for them to eat more nutritious foods. That’s why it’s so important for us to help markets continue accepting SNAP without interruption,” says Molly Notarianni, program

director of the Farmers Market Fund.

In the next few weeks, Farmers Market Fund will partner with Oregon Farmers Market Association to assure that each market impacted by the Novo Dia closure is identified and will get the help they need.

“Everyone’s goal is to make sure there is no break in service at any market for any SNAP customers, and this contribution will help make that goal achievable,” says Kelly Crane, Program Director, Oregon Farmers Markets Association. “We are really inspired by the way that the farmers market community and food system partners have all come together to find a fix for this situation.”



# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Marilyn Kelle

## Augustana Hosts Summer Party

Augustana Lutheran Church, located on the corner of north-east Knott and 15th Avenue, will host its annual Summer in the City neighborhood party on Sunday Aug. 12 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Portland Parks & Recreation's Dive-in Movies return to pools this summer, including at the Grant Park pool (pictured) in northeast Portland.

## Dive-In Movies for Summer

One of the biggest splashes of summer, Portland Parks & Recreation's Dive-in Movies are back.

This month, you can watch the family-friendly classic movie "Toy Story" from the pool deck or while floating in the pool itself on large screens at Pier, Wilson, Montavilla, Creston, and Sellwood Pools. The outdoor pools

are heated to warmer than normal for the evening viewing to maintain a comfort level for people in the water. Cost is only around \$5; and the series runs Aug. 14-18.

Food and drink will be offered for sale, including popcorn, caramel corn, and hot cocoa. Pools will also sell glow sticks and will raffle off door prizes.



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**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.



**Summer Movies at the Square** -- Flicks on the Bricks brings free outdoor movies each Friday night through Aug. 27 to Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7 p.m. You're invited to bring low back chairs, cushions or bean bags to make the Square your "living room."

**Iranian Festival** -- Live music, dance performances, authentic Iranian food and dessert, traditional arts and crafts, vendor booths, and fun activities for children and adults will highlight the 19th annual Iranian Festival, Saturday, Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the downtown South Park Blocks.

**Rooftop Cinema** -- The Northwest Film Center presents "Rooftop Cinema" with movies each Thursday night during the month of August on the top floor of the PS2 parking structure on the Portland State University campus at 17234 S.W. Broadway, a new location from previous years. Tickets are \$10 general and \$9 for students and seniors. For more information, visit nwfilm.org.

**The Shape of Speed** -- Seventeen rare and streamlined automobiles and motorcycles from a golden

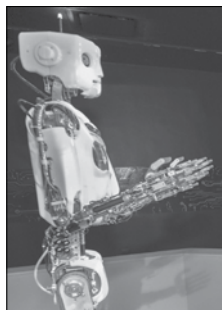
age, from 1930 to 1942, are on view as part of a new exhibit at the Portland Art Museum, now showing through Sept. 16.

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

**Gorge Shuttle Returns** -- The Columbia Gorge Express bus service by the Oregon Department of Transportation has made its return, now going as far east as Hood River and offering serve seven days a week, year round. The bus departs from the Gateway Transit Center to Rooster Rock State Park, Multnomah Falls, Cascade Locks and Hood River.

**Norman Sylvester** -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Aug. 3 at C I Bar and Grill in Tualatin; Saturday, Aug. 4 at Cat Fish Lou's; Monday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Berrydale Park in southeast Portland; and Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. for the Lewelling Neighborhood Concert at Ball-Michel Park in Milwaukie.

**Robot Revolution** -- A new exhibit at OMSI brings some of the most innovative robots from all over the world. Learn about the skills robots possess that mimic and often surpass human capabilities in "Robot Revolution," now showing through Sept. 7.



**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 brining 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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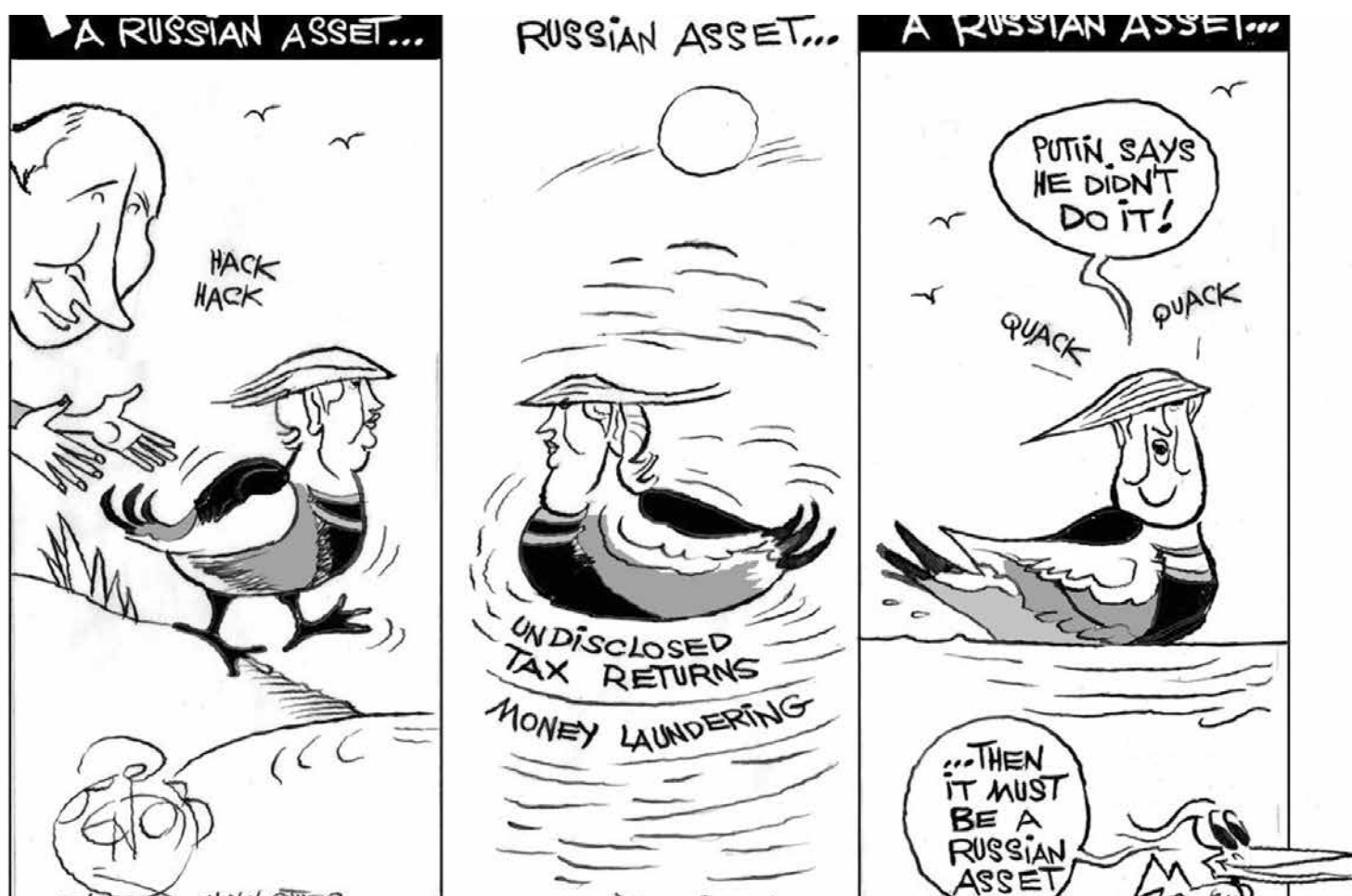
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# OPINION



## Arming Teachers Makes Matters Worse

### Better to learn conflict resolution

BY BASMA ISMAIL

Four years ago Donald Trump announced to the world via his Twitter account that Hillary Clinton accused him of wanting to bring guns into classrooms. Almost four years later, Trump tried to convince us that arming teachers while on school grounds is the answer to school shootings and massacres.

With the lack of laws and training regarding carrying and purchasing guns, more students are likely to die in schools if Trump's ideas are applied. He argues that it will allow teachers to respond quickly to possible shootings and be better equipped to protect their students. But studies show that aggression among students is more likely to increase while in the presence of a weapon which increases the chance of casualties.

Arming teachers would cast educators as killers who are ready to shoot and kill at any given moment. It would also lead to an increase of behavioral issues as students, aware of the presence of armed teachers, might lead to feelings of fear instead of feeling safe. There's also the issue of a student trying to steal the gun and use it.

Another potential consequence

is the innocent killing of teachers, since the police are more likely to shoot whoever is in the possession of a gun upon being called to the scene.

Whoever said that being in a classroom with armed teachers would make students feel safe? As a woman of color, I would not step foot in such a place, nor would I want my daughters there. If mass shooters can buy guns and go on

ty Ben Fields grab a 15-year-old African American student from her seat by the neck, throw her to the ground, then drag her out of the classroom.

You might have wondered if the girl had done something such as threatening the teacher or her classmates to warrant the police being called on her while still seated in her class. But nope, she did not. She had her cell phone

school officers are emotionally mature enough to work with children.

School is a place where children not only study science and history but also learn life skills, lessons, and values.

What we should be doing is teaching conflict resolution in schools rather than punishment. Incorporating peaceful practices among teachers, administrators,

*“Maybe we should care more about educating our teachers on adolescent’s mental health and how to mentor them instead of scarring them for life. Perhaps we should be certain our teachers and school officers are emotionally mature enough to work with children.”*

a shooting spree, what makes the teachers any different? They are humans as well, not angels with all the right answers to chemical equations and calculus problems. People get angry, have psychological problems and deal with struggles and pressure in different ways. And some go on shooting sprees.

Millions watched Senior Depu-

out which was against the rules. She refused to hand it over which resulted in her being manhandled and humiliated at this rebellious tender age.

Maybe we should care more about educating our teachers on adolescent’s mental health and how to mentor them instead of scarring them for life. Perhaps we should be certain our teachers and

students and parents has been proven to result in higher grades, ability to solve problems and higher self-esteem.

Help us bring conflict resolution education to our classrooms, not guns!

Basma Ismail, mother of two, writes for PeaceVoice and studies Conflict Resolution at Portland State University.



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# OPINION

## An Unhappy Birthday for Medicare and Medicaid

### Both programs very much under siege

BY MARTHA BURK

July 30 marks a very important anniversary in our modern political history.

Fifty-three years ago in 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed Medicare and Medicaid into law, creating two programs that would disproportionately improve the lives of older and low-income Americans — especially women.

Fast-forward to 2018, and both programs are very much under siege. Nowhere is the struggle starker than in the House Republican budget — titled “A Brighter American Future” — now on Capitol Hill.

The importance of Medicare as a source of women’s health coverage can’t be over-emphasized.

Older and disabled women make up more than half the total beneficiaries, and two-thirds of those 85 and over. This budget from hell takes a giant step toward privatizing the program by allowing insurance companies into the Medicare marketplace, which means benefits could be caught in a



race to the bottom and become too paltry to cover all but the barest of medical needs.

Medicaid is the joint federal-state program that provides low-income people with health care. The proposed Republican budget repeals the Medicaid expansion that

That approach makes it easier to cut the program without saying how many people would be dropped, or how much benefits would be lowered.

Since poor women under retirement age and their children are the biggest group

home care, Medicaid provides such care for those with disabilities and/or very low incomes — and 60 percent of those folks are women.

What’s not in the budget? Long gone is the Obama-era effort close the Gingrich-Edwards tax loophole that allows some high-income individuals (possibly including Donald Trump) to avoid Medicare and Social Security payroll taxes altogether, resulting in billions of lost revenue for both programs.

The House Republican budget probably won’t pass in its present form. But with Republican majorities in both houses of Congress, even compromises are sure to favor more cuts.

“A Brighter American Future?” Hardly. This summer’s 53rd anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid looks like a less than happy one for those that depend on them most — namely women, but really anyone counting on growing older.

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came with Obamacare, which will cause 14 to 17 million people to lose coverage.

The Medicaid remnants that survive would be turned into block grants, allowing states to pick and choose who gets covered and what kind of benefits they get — no doubt with little or no federal oversight.

of beneficiaries, it stands to reason they’d also be the biggest losers.

But there’s more. Because women have more chronic health conditions like arthritis, hypertension, and osteoporosis, they’re more likely to need institutional care. Since Medicare generally doesn’t cover nursing

## Let Me Tell You What Forced Separation Feels Like

### U.S.-born kids behind bars, too

BY NICOLE BRAUN

The recent images of immigrant children in cages are incredibly painful to digest.

Still, many people seem to forget that the U.S. has a long track record of forcibly separating families, whether it was African Americans during slavery, the Japanese during World War II, Native Americans during colonization, or poor children whose “unfit” single mothers have lost custody today.

Another common way families are forcibly separated? Juvenile detention.

Tens of thousands of teens and pre-teens — most often the poor and people of color — are locked up in substandard, often privatized penal facilities. Children who go through these forced family separations often wind up experiencing trauma, grief, shame, and dehumanization.

The sad reality is incarceration rates are on the rise alongside economic inequality, and children aren’t exempt. Quite often, the only crime these children have committed is that they’re from vulnerable families or suffering from mental health issues.

My son and I personally experienced this.



My son became severely depressed around the time he turned 13. I was a single mother teaching as an adjunct, making less than \$20,000 a year, so the treatment he needed wasn’t available to us.

My son got into the criminal “justice” system for the initial petty crime of stealing a pair of sneakers, and he remained there for most of his high school years.

Like so many struggling kids, instead

way, because I knew how the court system saw me — as a poor single mother with no husband and a “criminal” son.

From the time he was 14 until he was 18, he was transferred to at least 10 different facilities. I often didn’t know where, because I wasn’t notified. Despite his chronic depression, he was also put in isolation a number of times — a tactic known to increase mental suffering among adult

the background.

As a parent, this experience was devastating and terrorizing. There’s no way to describe it. The trauma from that pain is still real now.

My son is older now, thankfully alive, and doing the hard work of putting his life back together. “Real therapy would have been so helpful,” he told me. “So much pain could have been spared.”

“It really desensitizes people all the way around,” he said of his experience. “It makes you value yourself less and others less, too, since other people see you as a nonhuman.”

No human should ever be treated this way. But while we are wounded, we are not broken.

Social movements are gaining momentum. For example, the immigrant rights movement is growing alongside the Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign and other prison liberation movements.

Separating families due to incarceration, immigration status, mental health, and/or race and class is wrong. If the families impacted by incarceration and other traumas join together with advocates for immigrants, we can create a sea of social change.

As one of my students recently wrote, “There are more of us than them.”

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of getting the treatment he desperately needed, he was sent to subpar facilities that made his emotional pain worse. He received no real therapy, and they often refused to give him his required medication or messed it up.

He began to see himself as a number, as a terrible person. I saw myself the same

prisoners.

At one point, they put him into an adult jail in isolation for at least a month. He was 17 and had just been released from the psych ward that same day. During his once a week phone calls, I could hear the increasing desperation in his voice, as well as the screaming of other adult prisoners in



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# Supportive Housing for Homeless

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than cities—but regional, state-wide and federal partnerships to solve it,” Wheeler said.

“Some people need more than an apartment key to rebuild their lives. They also need treatment and services,” Kafoury added.

Not only are those experiencing mental illness the fastest growing segment of the homeless population in Multnomah County, but those afflicted by both are often

severely over-represented in the criminal justice system in Portland and they’ve been known to receive harsh treatment from police.

Officials are calling on the development and service provider industries for cost efficient, innovative home designs, with integrated supportive services for homeless and the mentally ill. They hope to expand permanent supportive housing over the coming decade, by roughly 200 units per year.

## Proposed Greenway

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nue. The final alignment could also be a combination of the two routes.

The King Neighborhood said it asked residents to weigh in on the choices because the routes may close automobile traffic lanes in some areas, cut through Irving Park and otherwise impose “con-

siderable impact.”

Nick Falbo, senior transportation planner for PBOT, will give a presentation on the two routes and be available for questions.

In addition, interested neighbors may review the proposed routes and make comments by going directly to the Greenway Project’s website at [PortlandOregon.gov/Transportation/L2W](http://PortlandOregon.gov/Transportation/L2W).



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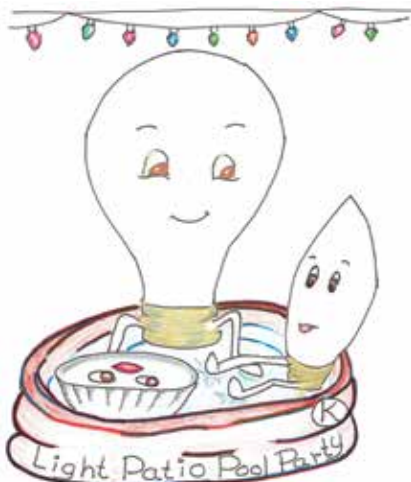
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## FOOD



### Tomato Basil Salmon

#### Ingredients:

- 2 (6 ounce) boneless salmon fillets
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1 tomato, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with a piece of aluminum foil, and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Place the salmon fillets onto the foil, sprinkle with basil, top with tomato slices, drizzle with olive oil, and sprinkle with the Parmesan cheese.
2. Bake in the preheated oven until the salmon is opaque in the center, and the Parmesan cheese is lightly browned on top, about 20 minutes.