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Board members and founders of KairosPDX, a public charter school serving children in the African American community, are disappointed with an offer of a one year lease for the former Humboldt school property at 4915 N. North Gantenbein Ave. Pictured (from left) are KairosPDX board members Tiffani Penson and Chris Nelson; school founders Zailka Gardner, Marsha Williams and Kali Thorne-Ladd; and board members Stuart Ellis and Traci Rossi.

Advocating for KairosPDX

One year lease brings uncertainty

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Even as doors opened Monday at KairosPDX, a public charter school serving children in the African American community, a school that will see its first graduating class of fifth graders this new school year, uncertainty for the school's future lingers.

That's because for the second time in less than a year, the school which is tasked with closing the achievement gap for minority students by using evidence-based

methods of increased learning outcomes, and is led by a volunteer, minority-led board, has been offered just a one year lease by the Portland School District, owners of the property.

KairosPDX wanted a five year lease, but the district offered only one year, plus a rent increase of over 30 percent, according to KairosPDX school board members.

Portland Public Schools cited a district-wide shortage of facilities as the reason for the shorter lease, though no plans are in place specifically for the former Humboldt Elementary School, whose doors were shuttered when Kairos moved in.

Tiffani Penson, who is the vice chair of

KairosPDX's board of directors, told the Portland Observer that she's disappointed in the school district's decision.

"I understand that there is resistance to charters, but when you are failing to serve an entire demographic of children; you lose the right to have an ideological argument. You need to focus on what works and support that," she said.

Black students were the lowest performing ethnic demographic in Portland Public Schools this past school year, according to scores from Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium. Less than 15 percent of Portland Public Schools black students met the

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Cristina Marquez points to the racism behind a ballot measure to kill Oregon's sanctuary law.

Tracking the Hate behind Measure 105 Ballot to kill sanctuary law draws a fight

BY BEVERLY CORBELL
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Cristina Marquez is determined to fight back against racial profiling in our state. Marquez is Director of Advocacy & Civic Engagement for Causa Oregon, part of the broad coalition, Oregon's United Against Profiling, which is urging citizens to vote against Measure 105 in the November ballot that would negate the state's 31-year old sanctuary law.

"This law was passed because at the time we were seeing a lot of racial profiling," Marquez said. "So lawmakers, with broad support from both Democrats and Republicans, decided to pass this law to ensure that racial profiling wasn't something that was a norm in Oregon."

Measure 105 (Initiative Proposition 22) seeks to roll back that reform and is sponsored by the Repeal Oregon Sanctuary Law, which is funded by Oregonians for Immigration Reform and the Federation for American Reform. According to the Associated Press, both groups are classified as hate groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate

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Another Heat Wave Hits

An excessive heat warning was issued by the National Weather Service Tuesday for the Portland area for the second time this summer with temperatures forecast to approach 100 degrees on Wednesday and Thursday before lower temperatures bring some relief by the weekend.

Washington County Public Health is reminding people to take

precautions over the next few days to avoid heat-related illnesses, such as heat cramps, heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

The most vulnerable individuals are those who work or exercise outdoors, older adults, infants, children under four, people with chronic medical conditions, and those experiencing homelessness. Everyone is advised to wear light

weight and loose fitting clothing when possible and drink plenty of water.

"If your home doesn't have air conditioning, find a place to stay cool. Consider visiting a library or indoor shopping mall to get away from the heat," says Deputy Health Officer Dr. Christina Baumann. "Also, please remember to check on any vulnerable neighbors."

The Week in Review

Clergy Arrested at Portland ICE Facility

Three religious leaders were arrested at the Portland Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility Tuesday as they demanded the release of immigrant detainees. The clergy and followers with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice began the protest from nearby Elizabeth Caruthers Park. Those arrested were identified as Rev. Michael Elick, Rev. Barbara Nixon and Rabbi Debra Kolodny.

Senator Calls Out Racist Behavior

New Jersey Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez says President Donald Trump's attack on NBA star LeBron James is part of a larger pattern of racist behavior. Menendez wrote in a tweet Monday that Trump wouldn't have questioned James' intelligence or charity work if he were white. Trump criticized James on Friday after an interview aired with CNN anchor Don Lemon in which he deemed Trump divisive.

Trump Star Voted Out

The West Hollywood City Council voted Monday to remove President Donald Trump's star from the Hollywood Walk of Fame, citing costly vandalism and recent demonstrations around the star and Trump's treatment of women and his views on climate change. The star has been vandalized several times since Trump took office last year. A final decision rests with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.



Judge Rules for Restoring DACA

A federal judge on Friday ruled that the Trump administration must fully restore DACA, a program that protects from deportation some young immigrants who were brought to the United States illegally as children, including accepting new applications for the program. However, the administration has until Aug. 23 to appeal the decision.

Arrested for Officer Assault

Police said they followed a man to a north Portland home Monday after he attempted to assault an officer and drive away in a green Pontiac while dragging the officer down the road. The man, identified as Antyone V. Ojerinola, 36, was at first suspected of selling drugs near Northwest 8th Avenue and Northwest Glisan Street.



Emission Standards Defended

Oregon's U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley last week joined their colleagues in introducing a resolution to protect states' rights to set their own fuel and greenhouse gas emission standards. "While the Trump administration flippantly ignores the clear dangers of climate change, states like Oregon are leading the way with bold action to ensure an efficient, low-carbon energy future," Wyden said.

Vancouver Wants New Bridge

On Monday, Vancouver City Council unanimously adopted a resolution in support of an Interstate 5 bridge replacement project that includes high-capacity transit. The resolution urges Washington State Governor Jay Inslee and the Washington State Legislature to provide funding to the Washington State Department of Transportation to advance the bridge replacement project.



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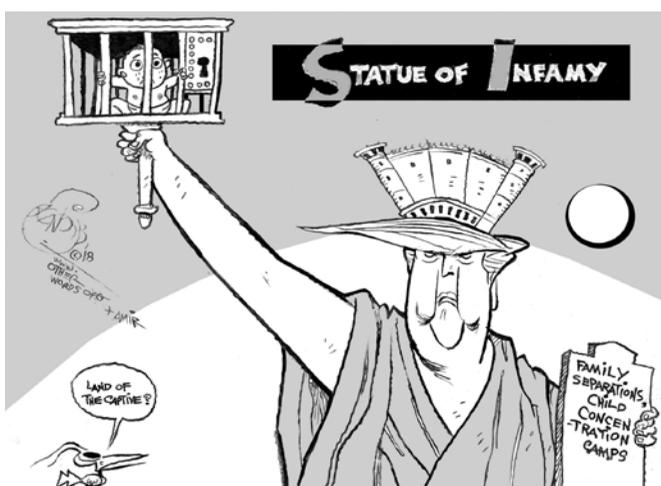
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Portland police keep Patriot Prayer affiliates separate from antifa protesters during a rally in Portland, Saturday. (AP photo)

Outlaw Defends Response

Crowd control tactics will be reviewed

Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw is defending the crowd control tactics police used for dueling demonstrations that happened Saturday and resulted in

multiple reported hospitalizations, including chemical burns, lacerations, and a reported brain injury.

The injuries were sustained from crowd-control munitions fired by police, according to multiple news outlets and from activists on social media. Four arrests were made.

The right-wing Patriot Prayer held its rally Saturday morning at

Tom McCall Waterfront Park in downtown Portland while counter-protestors, including from anti-fascist group antifa, assembled in the same general area.

Police received criticism for their use of crowd control tactics, including the use of flash-bang projectiles, which Outlaw said

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Smith, Hardesty to Face Off

Race Talks will sponsor first candidates forum

The first public forum featuring two candidates running for a Portland City Council seat that is poised to become the first one held by African-American female in Portland's history will be held Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. at McMenemy's Crystal Ballroom, downtown and sponsored by Portland's public forum series Race Talks.

Jo Ann Hardesty, a long time civil rights activist and former state representative, and Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith, advanced from the May Primary to compete in the upcoming November General Election for the elected position.

The forum will be joined by moderator Tricia Tillman, the former director of the Multnomah County Department of Health. Admission is free and the event will be open to all ages.



Jo Ann Hardesty



Loretta Smith

As part of the series Race Talks: Opportunities for Dialogue produced by Donna Maxey, which supports interracial and cross-cultural communication, the forum will feature an opportunity for audiences to hear from the candidates and then have the opportunity

to ask questions. The event had a venue change from McMenemy's Kennedy School in northeast Portland to McMenemy's Crystal Ballroom on 1332 W. Burnside Street. More information can be found crystalballroompdx.com.

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standards in reading or math.

KairosPDX is one of the schools trying to turn that statistic around, one student at a time, Pen-son said.

“Kairos creates a program to change things and improve outcomes. And we are doing this. While our sample size is low, the early results are very promising. In some cases, black students at Kairos are outperforming black students at other schools in the districts over four to one,” she said.

Part of how they achieved the positive results was by hiring high quality educators and holding classes year-round, both proven techniques of improving learning outcomes. The school also creates culturally specific curricula.

Meanwhile, the threat of being forced to move to another location seriously throws into question whether the school can remain open.

The school asked for a five year lease from the district back in December, and in late June, the district responded with its own offer of a one year lease, as well as a rent increase of over 30 percent, KairosPDX board member Chris Nelson testified to the school



Marsha Williams (from left), Zalika Gardner and Kali Thorne-Ladd are founders of KairosPDX, a public non-profit charter school designed specifically to close the achievement gap for minority students in Portland. Thorne-Ladd is the school's current executive director.

board last month.

As a compromise, KairosPDX is now asking for a two year lease.

Pen-son said the school has looked at ‘dozens’ of properties in the Albina area in the past year, and even hired a facilities person to help them do so back in 2016, but none of the locations met the criteria to hold their more than 160 students.

“We are fully committed to giving the district their building back and our own space. The only thing we’re asking for is time. Our roots in this community are essential and we want to stay here. We are trying our best to be fair and reasonable; we have tried our best to partner, I’m left with the conclusion that the district just doesn’t care about our kids.”

KairosPDX offered to partner with Portland Public Schools earlier this year to help train teachers to be equity-focused, which the district did not respond to, Pen-son said.

The school previously received a grant to train district teachers, which they did, to high evaluations, in its first year of operation.

Pen-son added that the main mission the four founders of the school committed to when they started it was to close the achievement gap for underserved, minority students.

“We’re on track. We’re making good on ours. So now it feels like PPS gets to toot that horn. We’re an asset. And so that’s why I’m really confused,” she said.

Upon reaching out to the district, Portland Public Schools cited a deficit of facilities district wide, as well as the subsequent obligation to provide additional space to students at other schools all over Portland as the main reason for their offering.

“PPS appreciates the important work Kairos does as a charter school for our community in educating students who historically have been underserved. We look forward to finalizing a new one-year lease agreement in support of this work as our district works to address a significant shortage of space to serve all of the students in our district,” a message from the district reads.

Then-school board chair Julia Brim-Edwards echoed a similar sentiment following testimony from KairosPDX spokespersons, including Pen-son, at a school board meeting last month.

“We don’t have extra space and charter schools have an obligation to find their own facility and we believe that offering a one year lease is a very fair thing to do and are willing to enter into it. But we also have....our board has a fiduciary responsibility to PPS students and we have a severe facilities need and we’ve tried to offer a lease with terms that are both fair to Kairos but also fair to the rest of the students at PPS,” Brim-Edwards said.

KairosPDX staff will next testify to the school board on Tuesday, Aug. 28.



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Tracking the Hate behind Measure 105

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groups throughout the U.S., including the Ku Klux Klan.

To offset that effort, Oregonians United Against Profiling, which includes the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, launched a kickoff campaign on July 28 where more than 500 volunteers went door-to-door and canvassed in more than a half dozen communities “from Astoria to Medford and Bend to Portland” to spread the word to “Vote No on 105.”

“We’re working hard to make sure that our friends and neighbors to vote no on Measure 105 and we went to different businesses across the state to gain support and put up our posters to show that we won’t allow this law to pass,” Marquez said.

It all started than 40 years ago, in 1977 in the Hi Ho Restaurant in Independence, Ore. A local police officer and three Polk County deputies came into the café and confronted four Hispanic men about their citizenship status. A deputy grabbed the arm of one of the men, Delmiro Trevino, made him stand up and interrogated him in front of other customers. Trevino, of Mexican descent, was a U.S. citizen and said he was humiliated. He later filed a class action suit about the incident, which evolved into Oregon’s sanctuary law.

Ten years later, Trevino’s attorney, who by then was Rep. Rocky Barilla, introduced a bill that became the nation’s first sanctuary law. It passed with almost unanimous bi-partisan support in July



PHOTO BY DOUG BROWN

Activists kick-off a campaign with Oregonians United Against Profiling, which includes the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, to oppose Ballot Measure 105 in the November General Election that would repeal Oregon’s sanctuary law, passed 31 years ago because of racial profiling.

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Ironically, Barilla told Oregon Public Broadcasting last year, the statute was not intended to be a sanctuary law, but “was meant to protect local city resources from using them to supplant federal spending,” he said.

But because local government agreed and supported his bill, it became law.

Civil rights leader Ramon Ramirez of Woodburn, according to the ACLU Oregon website, says he remembers what it was like before the sanctuary law was put in place.

“Before Oregon had this law, I saw immigration agents, aided

by local police, busting down doors and grabbing people off the street, with no way of knowing their immigration status,” he said. “My friends and neighbors, including U.S. citizens, were being harassed by local police demanding to see their papers. Passing this law made things a lot better. Throwing it out would turn

back the clock and open the door to more profiling.”

Ron Louie, retired Hillsboro police chief, said the law has helped increase trust in law enforcement, which is critical for officers who rely on community members to tell them when they are victims of crime.

“Our Oregon law provides clear

guidance to local law enforcement officers on how to handle complicated immigration issues,” he said. “It creates a bright line that says local police should be focusing on local problems.”

Marquez said the Vote No on 105 campaign has heavy support from both large and small businesses, including Nike, Columbia Sportswear, the Portland Timbers and the Portland Thorns, the Portland Business Alliance, Living Room Realty, Henkels Law LLC, and other organizations, including the National Immigration Law Center, the Oregon Education Association, Service Employees International Union, The AFL-CIO, Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste, Northwest Treeplanters, and Farmworkers United.

A complete list of about 100 business supporters can be found at orunited.org, where people can also sign up to volunteer, make donations, register their support, and be notified of future events to combat Measure 105.

“From here on it’s going to be a grassroots campaign, with concerned people coming together and talking to our neighbors and friends about why it’s important that we keep our current law,” Marquez said.

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<p>5 American Family Day Neil Armstrong born in Ohio in 1930. Robert Bright born, 1902</p>	<p>6 Australia Picnic Day Wiggle Your Toes Day</p>	<p>7 Sea Serpent Day</p>	<p>8 Dollar Day; US dollar was created, 1786 <i>Thomas Edison patented mimeograph machine in 1876</i></p>	<p>9 National Rice Pudding Day <i>Smokey Bear's Birthday (1944)</i></p>	<p>10 S'Mores Day</p>	<p>11 ● Play in the Sand Day <i>The last total solar eclipse of the millennium (1999)</i></p>
<p>12 <i>IBM PC made, 1981</i> Middle Children's Day <i>Hawaii Annexed to the U.S. (1898)</i></p>	<p>13 International Left-Hander's Day National Filet Mignon Day</p>	<p>14 National Creamsicle Day <i>Japan Surrendered in World War II, 1945</i></p>	<p>15 National Relaxation Day <i>Transcontinental Railroad completed, 1869</i></p>	<p>16 National Tell a Joke Day <i>Roller Coaster Day</i> <i>Roller coaster patented, 1898</i></p>	<p>17 Myra Cohn Livingston born, 1926</p>	<p>18 ☾ International Homeless Animals Day Bad Poetry Day <i>Wizard of Oz Premiered In 1939</i></p>
<p>19 National Aviation Day <i>Bill Clinton Born in Hope, Arkansas in 1946.</i> Potato Day</p>	<p>20 National Radio Day Mosquito Day Vitus Bering discovered Alaska in 1741.</p>	<p>21 <i>Wilt Chamberlain Born in 1936 in Philadelphia, PA</i> <i>First Lincoln-Douglas Debate, 1858</i></p>	<p>23 <i>First Photograph of Earth From the Moon Taken, 1966.</i> <i>First National Women's Rights Convention, 1850</i></p>	<p>24 National Peach Pie Day International Strange Music Day National Waffle Day</p>	<p>25 Kiss and Make Up Day National Banana Split Day <i>National Park Service Established 1916</i></p>	<p>26 ○ Women's Equality Day</p>
<p>27 <i>Mother Teresa Baptised in 1910 (Her self ascribed birthdate)</i></p>	<p>28 <i>Dream Day</i> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. gave the 'I Have a Dream' speech in 1963</i></p>	<p>29 <i>First Scout Camp Opened In 1934</i> <i>Michael Jackson Born in Gary, Indiana in 1958</i></p>	<p>30 National Toasted Marshmallow Day <i>Thurgood Marshall took a seat on the Supreme Court, 1967</i></p>	<p>31 National Trail Mix Day <i>Educator Maria Montessori's Birthday, 1870</i></p>		

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By Kay Newell “the Lightbulb Lady”

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For both homes lucky enough to have air conditioning and those without, you can do a few things to stay cooler. Keep blinds and curtains closed all day. Open the windows at night, 4 inches on the top and bottom to let cool night air enter and warm hot air move out. Use a child safety device to prevent the window opening more than 4 inches.

Other ways to keep cool is to use wet sheets or

towels and hang them to dry cool the air in the area you are resting. Let your children play in a wet tent. A pan of cool water is great to soak hot feet and make your body feel cooler as does a wet cloth around the neck.

A pan of ice in front of a fan blows cooler air.

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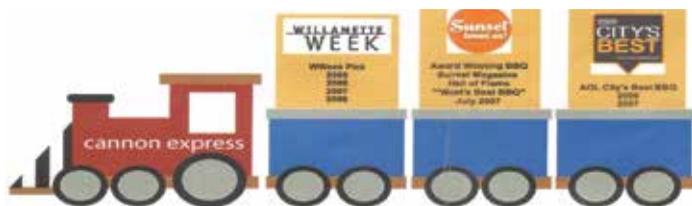


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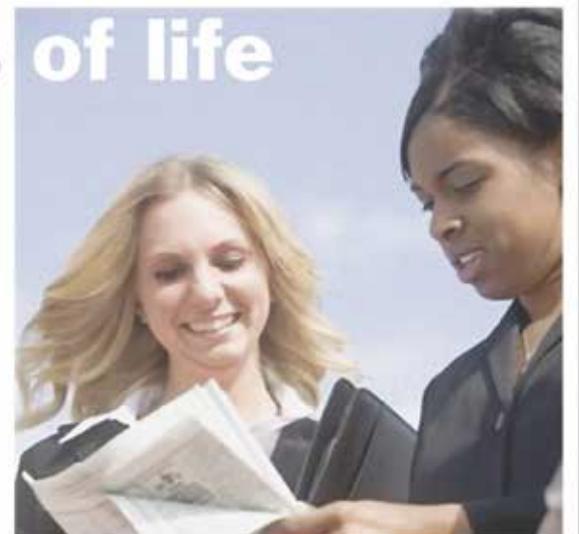
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Oregon's second annual Pan African Festival returns Saturday, Aug. 11 at Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown, to celebrate the richness of culture, strength and resilience of people from all over the world of African descent through live entertainment, cultural foods, arts and crafts, and more.

Experience African Culture

A celebration of resilience, strength and influence

The Pan African Festival of Oregon returns for its second annual run Saturday, Aug. 11 at Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown, from 12 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The festival is a celebration of the resilience, strength, and influence of Africans, Caribbean,

and African-American people, known collectively as Pan Africans, in Oregon.

With the guiding theme of "Experience The Culture", the festival seeks to galvanize, mobilize, and empower peoples of the African diaspora in Oregon. Also,

as a springboard to community building, the festival aims to increase understanding within and between communities, and create a dialogue that will bring awareness and sensitivity.

"This year we're expanding our line up from different cul-

tures to enhance the richness of the day," festival spokesperson Laus Mwakalebela said.

The lineup includes live entertainment, cultural foods, arts and crafts, and much more. The festival emphasizes promoting health equity, providing employment

and educational opportunities, building community awareness, and other essential components to empower Pan Africans and their allies to enact social change.

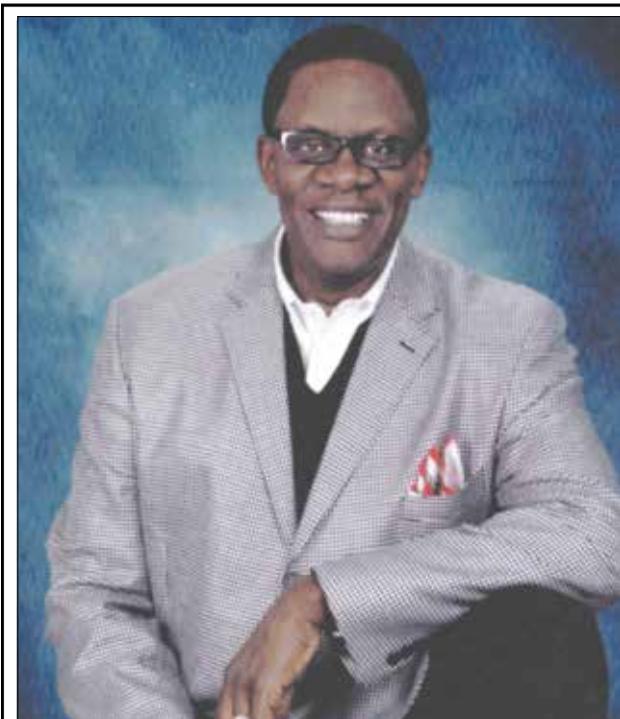
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Multicultural Night Market

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Augustana Summer Party

-- Augustana Lutheran Church, located at Northeast 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. All are welcome at this free outdoor event celebrating the diversity of our city and featuring a barbecue, a book sale, and music provided by Marilyn Keller and other notable jazz musicians. There will also be a Jazz/Gospel worship service beginning at 6 p.m.



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."



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 stream-

lined 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.

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 Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. for the Lewelling Neighborhood Concert at Ball-Michel Park in Milwaukie; Saturday, Aug. 11 at noon for Community Day at Oasis Church, 2530 S.E. 89th Ave., and at 9 p.m. at the Spare Room; Sunday, Aug. 12 at 4 p.m. for the Elephant Garlic Festival at Jessie Mays Park in North Plains; Friday, Aug. 17 at Wilf's; and Saturday, Aug. 18 at 4 p.m. for the Vinyl Tap Oak Grove Summer Fest.

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 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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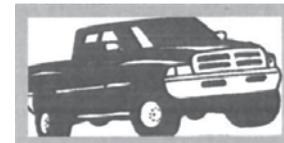
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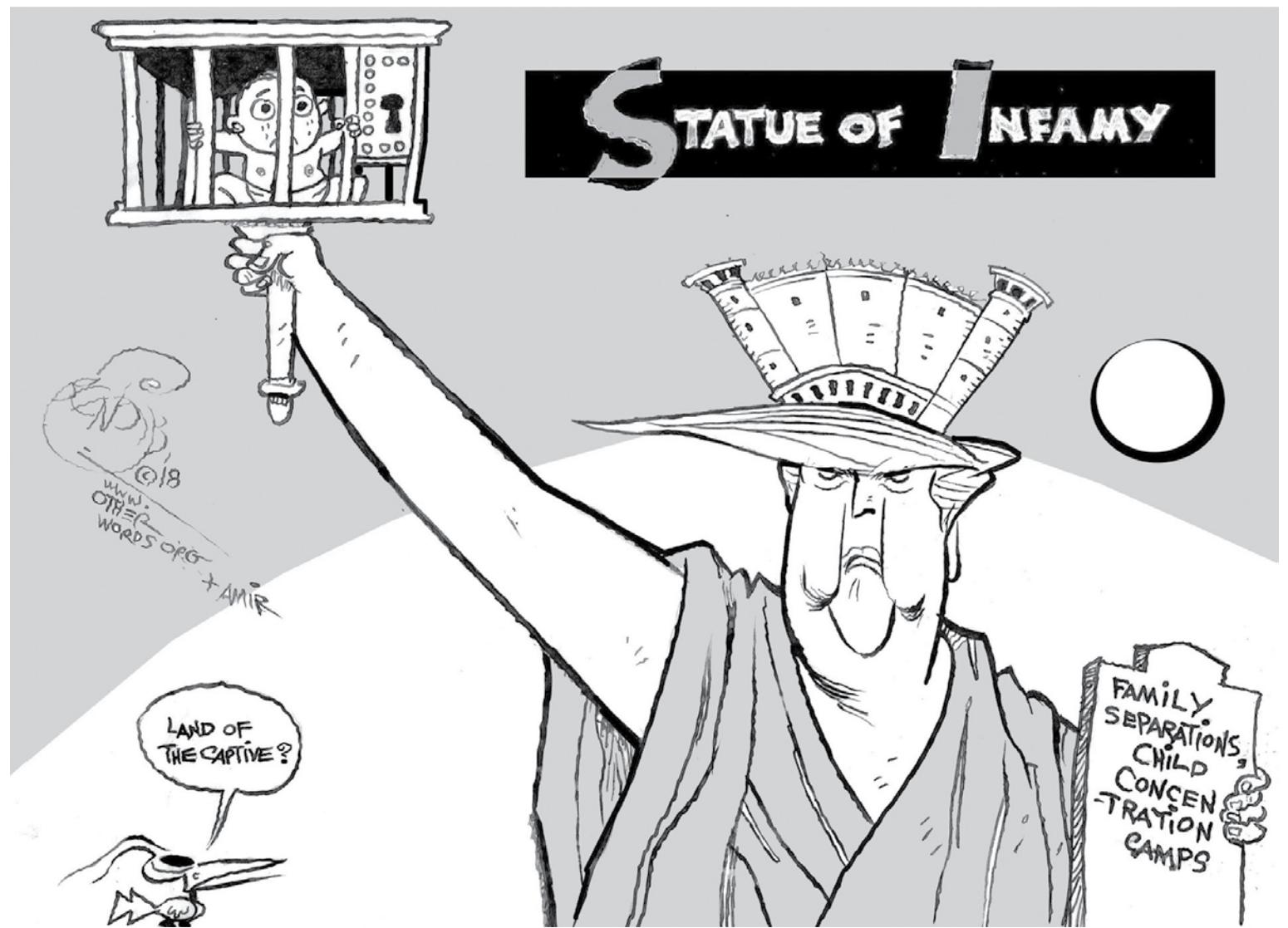
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OPINION



The 'Color' of Immigration Policy Reform

Policy debates leaves out black people

BY DR. RON DANIELS

It is critically important that all people of conscience and goodwill continue to condemn the horrifying, uncivilized policy of separating children from parents from Mexico and Central America entering this country seeking asylum or a better life for their families.

While some might debate the "legality" of people crossing the border without documents, absolutely nothing justifies treating human beings inhumanely. Therefore, African Americans and people of African descent must maintain a principled position of fighting against family separation and for humane treatment of all persons entering this country for whatever reason.

Justice demands that there also be a focus on the "color" of immigration policy reform.

African Americans and people of African descent are increasingly taking note that there is virtually no attention paid to the fact that Haitians seeking entry into

the U.S. are often sent to detention centers where they languish for months. And, when DACA is front and center in the policy debate between Trump and Congress, the face of the "Dreamers" is seen as Brown (Latino) not Black (people of African descent). This is despite the fact that there are untold thousands of Black Dreamers from Africa, the Caribbean, Central and South America



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bean, Central and South America Black people, to gain entry to this country. Though the quotas have been relatively small, to sacrifice this program is to eliminate a crucial pathway to entry and citizenship for Black immigrants. It is not in the political and economic interest of African Americans to shut off this pathway. On the contrary it is in the best interest of African Americans that this pathway be open so that large numbers of Continental Africans and people of African descent

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major piece of legislation advanced by Trump and the Republicans to address the plight of the Dreamers and the need for comprehensive immigration reform eliminates the "Visa Lottery" Program — better known to African American advocates as the "Diversity Visa Program."

For years this program has been the primary gateway for immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean, people of African descent/

from the Caribbean, Central and South America can become part of diverse and growing Black communities in the U.S.

Immigrants of African descent are potentially new warriors in the struggle for righteous Black empowerment in the U.S. and the Pan African World. Therefore, the New York based Pan African Unity Dialogue has persistently advocated for a dramatic expansion of the Diversity Visa Program as

a cornerstone of its demand for non-discriminatory, just, equitable and inclusive immigration reform, consistent with the legitimate interests and aspirations of people of African descent in this country!

The "Color" of Immigration Policy Reform must include Black people!

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OPINION

Kavanaugh Would be a Disaster on Climate

Record on the environment appalling

BY BASAV SEN

Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh isn't just a likely vote against Roe, or an enabler of brash executive authority. He's also a vocal supporter of a conservative legal "philosophy" that's designed to block action on climate change.

Kavanaugh's record on environmental issues is appalling.

As a D.C. appeals court judge, he argued against the EPA's authority to regulate greenhouse gases, and wrote the majority opinion striking down the EPA's attempt to regulate hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), which are potent climate pollutants used in cooling applications. He even wrote a majority opinion overturning EPA regulation of air pollution that crosses state lines.

While focusing on these particulars is important, it's vital not to lose sight of the underlying pattern.

Kavanaugh says he opposes EPA regulation of greenhouse gases because the literal language of the Clean Air Act doesn't authorize the EPA to do so. Only a specific mandate from Congress to curb carbon di-



oxide and other climate pollutants can do that, he claims.

This is very convenient for the fossil fuel industry and other climate polluters, which have the political clout to ensure that such a directive will never happen under the present Congress.

With Congress unwilling to pass legislation curbing greenhouse gases, and

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courts unwilling to allow regulators to take action on climate change absent such legislation, U.S. inaction on climate becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

But why does the fossil fuel industry have such political clout? Part of the answer lies in the same judicial system where Kavanaugh may now rise to the greatest heights.

Kavanaugh's self-proclaimed literalism with regard to the Clean Air Act and other statutes is an attribute shared by much of the judicial right, most notably by the late Antonin Scalia. But it's seldom applied consistently.

Notably, the Supreme Court's expansion of corporate "free speech" rights in recent years, such as the idea that political con-

tributions count as "speech," clearly aren't supported by a literal reading of the First Amendment.

It's precisely judicial decisions such as Citizens United that have opened the floodgates for corporate money, including from fossil fuel interests, to corrupt our political system and prevent congressional action on climate change.

So the courts enable the fossil-fuel industry to bribe members of Congress, who return the favor by blocking congressional action on greenhouse gases. And then the courts say that government agencies cannot regulate greenhouse gases without explicit congressional authorization. The self-fulfilling prophecy comes full circle.

Was the court's expansion of "corporate free speech" based on a correct legal interpretation? I leave that debate to the lawyers. But you have to see the obvious inconsistency: Courts either have the power to extrapolate creatively from the literal text of the law, or they're bound by a narrow literal reading of the law. The judicial right wants to have it both ways, and they've been getting away with it for years now.

When a literal reading of the law supports the status quo or benefits the rich and powerful, they stick to a literal reading. When it doesn't, they don't.

You can call it a legal philosophy. I call it politics. The judiciary is just another arm of government used by powerful corporations to maintain and expand their power. And when it comes to the fossil fuel industry, maintaining and expanding their power comes at a huge cost to humanity.

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Lessons in Leadership and Movement Building

Standing up to rampant injustice

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

My dear friend Dorothy Cotton, who died this summer at 88, worked tirelessly to do something about the injustices around her that she knew were wrong. She had a joyous, infectious spirit that made others want to join her.

Like Septima Clark, Ella Baker, and other great women leaders in the Civil Rights Movement, she is too little known compared to some of her close male colleagues like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. Ralph Abernathy, and Ambassador Andrew Young. But as Education Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Dorothy Cotton was an indispensable member of the group's inner circle. And her attitude about leadership has lessons for us right now.

She might have seemed an unlikely "leadership" candidate growing up in Goldsboro, N.C. with her three sisters and their widower father, a tobacco factory worker who "didn't know what college was." She couldn't remember ever seeing a book at home. But she worked her way through college and while at Virginia State College in Petersburg, Va. she joined civil rights leader Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker's church, where she quickly started getting involved in local movement activities.



Dorothy Cotton eventually became secretary of the Petersburg Improvement Association founded by Rev. Walker.

When Dr. King asked Rev. Walker to come to Atlanta and become SCLC's first full time executive director in 1960,

Rev. Walker asked Dorothy Cotton to go too. She originally intended to stay and help for just a few weeks but as she wrote

Like Dorothy, we must stand up and protest as so many are doing for as long as it takes when we see rampant injustice all around us. When we see something wrong, don't ask why doesn't somebody do something about it, but why don't I do something.

in her book "If Your Back's Not Bent," she realized "our work with SCLC was not just a job, it was a life commitment."

As SCLC's Education Director she ran its lauded Citizenship Education Program, training over 6,000 people from across the South in weeklong workshops on voter education, literacy, and nonviolent protest tactics to prepare them to return home and spread the movement. She had a wonderful angelic voice and was known for us-

ing music at every meeting to teach and inspire."

She accompanied Dr. King on his final trip to Memphis and later worked at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change before beginning another phase of leadership as a university administrator. Today the Dorothy Cotton Institute, part of the Center for Transformative Action affiliated with Cornell University, continues her legacy

got, and then we would do the next action based on the reaction we got. I just want to say, a movement is dynamic. It's evolving. It's changing. Nobody had a blueprint, and don't let anybody tell you that we did."

She added: "Action springs up in a lot of different places at the same time... We were sick and tired of being sick and tired, and some folk took action and we learned as we went." She always reminded us that we can't wait for leaders – leadership emerges from action.

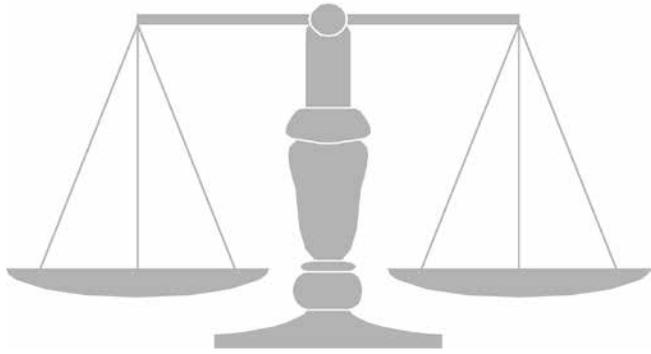
Her words should be an encouragement to the wave of brave and committed students, other young people, and those of all ages in communities across the country who are speaking out today against gun violence, horrific immigration policies tearing children from parents, and a list of other injustices.

Dorothy Cotton would love the resistance springing up across our nation right now and it must continue and grow and grow. Like Dorothy, we must stand up and protest as so many are doing for as long as it takes when we see rampant injustice all around us. When we see something wrong, don't ask why doesn't somebody do something about it, but why don't I do something. This is how transforming movements happen – person by person speaking out and saying no against unjust policies.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund.

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Invitation to Bids documents may be obtained from C-TRAN at 2425 NE 65th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98661, by calling (360) 696-4494, via e-mail to procurement@c-tran.org, or accessing our Web page at www.c-tran.com click on Bid on Projects.

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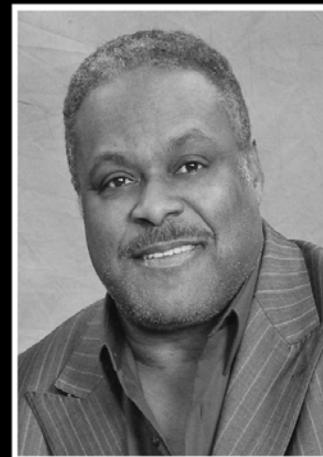
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The service will also be a fund raising event to help Ward's beautiful wife keep their children in college. For donations, please make checks to Patricia Ward.

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BY DANNY PETERSON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Gateway Discovery Park Opens

Jaheim Adrien, 6, jumps rope in front of Gateway Discovery Park's signature statue during the park's grand opening Saturday at Northeast 106th Avenue and Halsey Street. The newest Portland Parks and Recreation site to serve communities in outer east Portland features a playground with wheelchair accessibility, free games for checkout, a large, grassy play area, performance plaza, splash fountains, skateboard ramps and more. More information can be found at portlandoregon.gov/parks/75048.



The new Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center in Beaverton is the health provider's most racially and ethnically diverse clinic.

DIVERSE HEALTH CENTER OPENS

Preventive health care is the way of the future, and Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center will celebrate the opening of its first Wellness Center in Beaverton with a ribbon cutting on Friday, Aug. 10 and a community care festival on Saturday, Aug. 11.

The Beaverton Wellness Center offers one-stop for kids, families and individuals needing medical, dental, pharmacy and mental/behavioral health services.

At 36,000 square feet, the center is three times the size of the former Beaverton Clinic located across the street and represents Virginia Garcia's most racially and ethnically diverse clinic in their 17-clinic system. The Beaverton patients represent more than 50 different languages.

The community will have a chance to tour the new clinic on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Providers will be on hand to offer free vaccinations, dental sealants for kids 6-15 years of age or sports physicals for youth. The Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation will also be offering free hearing and vision screenings.

Spots are limited for free services so early attendance is encouraged. Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation will help entertain the kids and there will be plenty of local multicultural music and entertainment all day long for the whole family.

Outlaw Defends Response

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police would temporarily stop using in light of multiple reported injuries from them. One shell reportedly lodged into the helmet of a protestor and caused brain trauma.

Outlaw contended that the crowd-control measures were taken only after demonstrators fired their own projectiles, including an m-80 explosive.

Others who were present, including protestors and some journalists saw the opposite—flash-bang grenades thrown by police, followed by projectiles from protestors. There are two separate

videos on social media that purportedly show police's first use of a flash-bang grenade that day, each from different angles. One was posted by KATU-TV photojournalist Ric Peavyhouse and another by Twitter user danielvmedia.

Relief that the protests didn't get any more violent, and didn't result in more serious injuries or fatalities, was a point lauded by Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler. He said police accomplished their goals of keeping opposing groups separated protecting lives. He added that Outlaw authorized an internal review of police tactics in response to the protestor's injuries.



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- 2 cups bite sized watermelon chunks

Directions:

1. Whisk the olive oil, white balsamic vinegar, and salt together in a small bowl; set aside.
2. Combine the arugula, spinach, onions, and tomatoes in a large salad bowl. Drizzle the vinaigrette over the salad mixture; toss to coat. Add the feta cheese and watermelon to serve.

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