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Paul Susi (left), the manager of the newly opened homeless shelter at the Walnut Park complex at 5939 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth Street, accepts the delivery of a home-cooked meal for shelter guests from D. Bora Harris, a community volunteer. Harris is working with others to make the free distribution of hot meals at the county-run shelter a weekly event.

# Expanding<sup>the</sup> Impact

## Volunteer makes hot meals for kitchen-less shelter

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A community volunteer is giving back and recruiting others to do the same by distributing hot meals to guests at a new temporary homeless shelter in the heart of Port-

land's historic African-American community.

D. Bora Harris, an independent consultant and community leader, cooked a hot breakfast of grits with butter last week for guests at the Walnut Park shelter and followed that up with cooking a pasta dinner for the shelter's homeless a couple of days later.

Located inside a county-run facility at 5329 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth Street, the shelter was first opened for overnight stays on Nov. 19 and

is managed by the Portland non-profit Transitions Project. Housing up to 80 people nightly, it offers basic accommodations like a bunk bed, a place to store belongings, a bathroom and hygiene supplies. Regular meals, however, are not offered, as the limited accommodations at the shelter do not include the wiring and infrastructure to hook up a kitchen stove.

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Hit on Saturday with its fourth break-in in less than a month, Arrow Coffeehouse on the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street, was awaiting costly repairs to a broken door on Tuesday.

## Shaken by Break-ins Coffee House responds; video shows suspect

BY DANNY PETERSON  
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A northeast Portland coffee shop is on guard after the fourth break-in in less than a month and surveillance video may lead to the person responsible.

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## The Week in Review

### Russia Targeted Black Vote

The Russian influence campaign on social media in the 2016 election made an extraordinary effort to target African-Americans against Hillary Clinton, used an array of tactics to try to suppress turnout among Democratic voters and unleashed a blizzard of posts on Instagram that rivaled or exceeded its Facebook campaigns to help Donald Trump, according to a report produced Monday for the Senate Intelligence Committee.

### School Police Approved

Portland Public Schools approved an agreement last week to formalize the contracting of nine police officers in public schools for \$1 million each year, which would expand their presence at the schools. School resource officers were previously provided free of charge to the school district and the proposed new contract has come under fire by student activists and civil rights groups.

### Health Care Law Stumbles

A federal judge's ruling striking down the Affordable Care Act in its entirety has stoked anxiety among millions of Americans who rely on subsidized health insurance and millions more who have pre-existing conditions. The Texas judge Friday declared the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional and, as a result, the entire law invalid, but the decision will not take effect pending appeals.

### Trump Attorney Sentenced

Former Trump attorney Michael Cohen was sentenced last week to three years in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release. The judge declared he will serve time for a "smorgasbord" of fraudulent crimes connected to campaign finance violations related to payments to women alleging affairs with the president before taking office.

### Magazine Paid to Hush Story

The media company that owns the National Enquirer last week admitted to "working in concert" with the Trump campaign to pay off a woman who said she had an affair with Mr. Trump in order to squash her story, prosecutors in New York reported last week. The U.S. Attorney for New York agreed not to prosecute American Media, Inc., the Enquirer's parent company, for its involvement in the scheme in exchange for the company's cooperation in the investigation.

### Singer Nancy Wilson Dies at 81

Nancy Wilson, the Grammy-winning singer whose polished pop-jazz vocals made her a platinum artist and top concert performer, died Thursday at the age of 81. Influenced by Dinah Washington, Nat "King" Cole and other stars, Wilson covered everything from jazz standards to "Little Green Apples" and in the 1960s alone released eight albums that reached the top 20 on Billboard's pop charts.



### Winters Steps Down as Leader

Republicans in the Oregon Senate have a new leader, after Sen. Jackie Winters of Salem, the first African American Republican woman to lead the caucus, decided not to seek the post for 2019. Winters said it was time for her "to go back to my roots tackling tough issues with a renewed enthusiasm."

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What's on your list today?



Marsha Williams (from left), Kali Thorne Ladd, and Zalika Gardner are co-founders of KairosPDX, a public charter school in north Portland that was created in 2012 for the purpose of closing the achievement gap for underserved and minority students.

## Achieving Success

### KairosPDX school organization earns high praise

The organization behind a majority black charter school that is proving successful by using evidence-based teaching methods to close the achievement gap, and one that has been waged in a battle to keep its lease with Portland Public Schools, has been named a city leader for promoting civil rights and ending discrimination.

KairosPDX, operating a K-5 el-

ementary out of the former Humboldt school at 4915 N. Gantenbein Ave., was named an outstanding community organization for 2018 by Portland's Human Rights Commission in the city's Office of Equity and Human Rights. The award is named after Emily G. Gottfried, a former Human Rights Commissioner and community leader who died in 2013.

Kairos PDX co-founder and executive director Kali Thorne Ladd called the recognition that the school is receiving "humbling" and took the opportunity to thank the community at large for the award.

"This work on behalf of children has been a phenomenal journey thus far and we are so grate-

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## Consultant Quits Police Reform Panel

A black consultant with expertise in building partnerships between police and the community has stepped down from a new community panel formed to help oversee police reforms in the city of Portland.

Brandon Lee resigned from the group and gave up a \$100,000 consulting contract the city granted to him and his wife, who run Training 4 Transformation, after complaining that an individual committee member was racially hostile to him and created a hostile work environment, according to a story in the Oregonian.



Brandon Lee

It means a rocky start for the police reform panel, reinstated with new members after going idle two years ago when the first committee dissolved in acrimony amid the exit of justice reform leaders and committee members who served the group.

According to the report, the mayor's office tried to resolve the current dispute by coordinating mediation to resolve the issues between parties, but the offer was rejected by Lee. At the time, the husband and wife consulting group was also trying to increase the money the city paid for its services, records show.



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D. Bora Harris serves up freshly made pasta with beef and marinara sauce, cooked at her home, at the Walnut Park homeless shelter in northeast Portland. She hopes to make the distribution of hot meals at the shelter, which does not have a kitchen, a regular event.

# Expanding<sup>the</sup> Impact

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When Harris, an unsuccessful candidate last May for chair of the Multnomah County Commission, found out food could not be cooked at the shelter, she decided a good beginning would be to cook some meals at home herself and distribute the food to the homeless seniors, veterans and other disadvantaged people who were relying on the shelter to survive.

"I was excited that there is a temporary shelter in the Northeast area. Being a part of the community, it's the community's responsibility to help out," she told the Portland Observer.

Harris hopes she can enlist the help of different faith-based groups, and other organizations, in the area to increase the distribution of meals into a weekly event at the shelter. Her Church, Daniels Memorial Church of God, located a few blocks away at 1234 N.E. Killingsworth St., has already committed to help, she said.

Harris said she's received positive feedback from other community members and the shelter's staff about the meals, as well.

"The guests are so nice. We talk, we have conversations, and they're so polite. The staff are awesome also," she said.

Paul Susi, the shelter's manager, said Harris' efforts and the help from other volunteers have been welcomed warmly.

"Lots of folks have been coming out to volunteer to donate meals, hot meals, 'cause we don't have a kitchen facility on site so we can't provide that. This is a big help to engender a feeling of community here and to connect folks to our neighbors in a positive way," Susi said.

He added that the shelter is at full capacity already and has received support from many other community organizations.

"There's also been a lot of cross coordination with our neighbors next door at the county with the aging, disability, and veteran services, WIC, the health department...they have a lot of regulars in the area that they want to see housed and they want to coordinate/care for. We've been happy to provide resources for them," Susi said.

In addition to the shelter, the Walnut Park building houses a county health center, multi-cultural senior center, and dental clinic.

For more information on the Walnut Park Shelter, contact 503-280-4700. For anyone interested in joining Harris in her effort to make weekly hot meals a reality for the shelter's guests, you can call her at 503-936-8020 or email [borabora@aol.com](mailto:borabora@aol.com).



# Holiday Food Boxes Going Out

The Portland Police Bureau Sunshine Division has packed 3,800 holiday food boxes to help local families who struggle economically. Already accounted for, the food will be home delivered on Saturday in time for Christmas thanks to the help of hundreds of volunteers and two Portland Police Bureau precincts.

The boxes are supported by food and funding donations through Albertsons and Safeway stores, the Safeway Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank, the OCF Eddie Wilson Fund, Botsford & Sons Produce, Ventura Foods, Bob's Red Mill and Franz Bakery.

"The holiday food box program is not only a Sunshine Division tradition but a Portland tradition that has fed hundreds of thousands of local families over nine decades. It represents the best of the spirit of the holiday season and continues to grow and improve thanks to the support of the community," said Officer Matt Tobey, who oversees the Sunshine Division.



Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw and Police Officer Matt Tobey collect donations for holiday food boxes at the Police Bureau's Sunshine Division. The boxes will be delivered this weekend in time for Christmas with the help of hundreds of volunteers.

## Shaken by Break-ins

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Arrow Coffeehouse, on the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street posted to its Instagram page video of a masked African-American man breaking through a glass door of the business Saturday morning.

Though there was no money in the shop and the burglar didn't take anything in this latest intrusion, the series of break-ins has rattled the owner, a 27-year old Latina mom named Erica Escalante, who has been helping the busi-

ness for the last six years.

"It is extremely unnerving and emotionally difficult to be woken up in the night to this kind of attack for the fourth time. I am 8 months pregnant with a family at home, and this has taken a toll [...] It's hard to sleep at night and the possibility of this person returning again is scary," Escalante said in a Facebook post Monday. She added that she hoped the suspected burglar "can receive help."

The latest break-in caused \$1,400 in damages, on top of the already thousands of dollars that resulted from the previous intru-

sions, Escalante told KPTV.

She urged community members to call Portland Police if anyone recognized the man, who she said was also captured on camera, without a face covering, a few weeks ago. Both times the man wore a puffy black jacket.

Though Escalante said police believe the man to be a local to the neighborhood, she stated the incident is not typical of the community.

"I absolutely do not believe that these acts are a reflection on our neighborhood and I really condemn that notion. We will be and have always been a neighborhood place and we really love our people surrounding us here."

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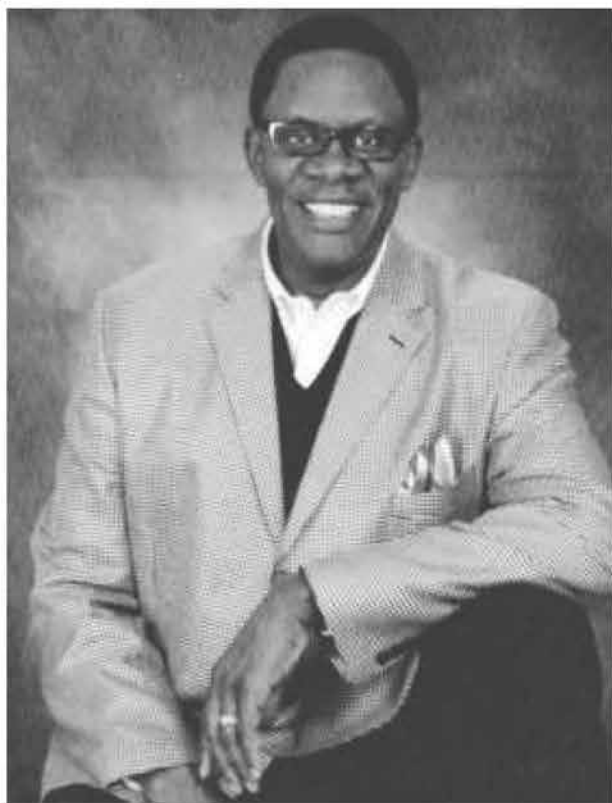


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## Charting Rapper Comes Home

Aminé, a 24-year-old rapper from Portland now hailing from Los Angeles, brings his national concert tour to the Rose City this week with shows on Thursday and Friday at the Roseland Theater, downtown.

Adam Aminé Daniel took the rap world by storm in 2016 with his commercial debut single, "Caroline", which peaked at number 11 on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart. He released his debut studio album *Good for You*, last year, and it went gold.

Aminé is the son of Eritrean and Ethiopian immigrants and was born and raised in Portland. He was said to have wanted to play basketball in school, but was cut from Benson's basketball team. His rap career then began to come into fruition when he would make diss tracks about rival high schools, Grant and Lincoln, according to a profile about the artist.



Aminé, a 24-year-old rapper from Portland whose debut single, "Caroline" peaked at number 11 on the Billboard 100 chart, is bringing his national tour to the Rose City with two concerts, Dec. 20 and 21 at the Roseland Theater.

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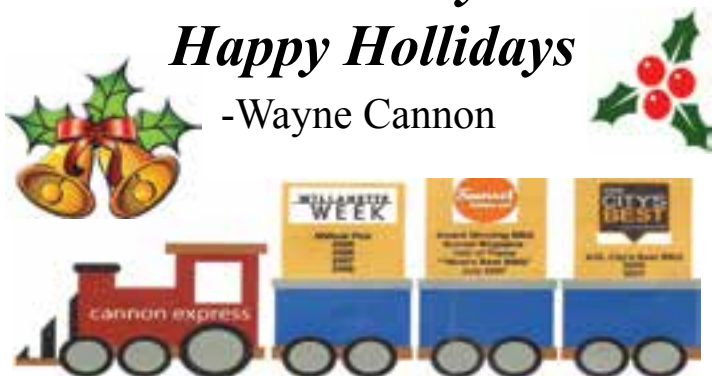
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The festival features indoor holiday concerts

performed by many of the region's finest school, church and civic choirs. Five concerts are scheduled each night and will perform in the 600-seat chapel, known for its cathedral-like acoustics. There's also a petting zoo, nightly puppet shows, and a chance to sing along with The Grotto Carolers. Holiday foods and beverages are also available, as is seasonal shopping in The Grotto Gift Shop.

The festival is open from 5-9:30 p.m. nightly, with the grounds closing at 10 p.m. Tickets are sold at the gate. All proceeds support The Grotto, helping maintain its beautiful grounds throughout the year.

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Portland Playhouse, the diverse theater group that renovated an old church on Northeast Prescott Street into a community theater space, presents the classic Charles Dickens story, "A Christmas Carol" with shows now showing through Saturday, Dec. 29. Features (pictured) Abigail St. John, Netty McKenzie, DJ Curtis Jr, Cyrcerli Ash, Rachel Lewis and Alex Nowak.

# Thawing Hearts of Every Scrooge

Portland Playhouse presents a festive, family favorite

A festive, family friendly favorite has returned to Portland Playhouse with stars of A Christmas Carol's past and shining new stars of the future.

Now in its sixth year at the diverse theater group's public performance space at 602 N.E. Prescott St., this holiday tradition combines the classic, heartwarming tale of Charles Dickens with surprising elements of theatre magic, live music and just enough whimsy to thaw the hearts of every Scrooge.

The cast of just over a dozen brings nearly 40 characters to life as well as

performing original music by Rick Lombardo and Anna Lackaff alongside well loved Christmas tunes.

Cyrcerli Ash makes her Playhouse debut as all of the ghostly spirits who visit on Christmas Eve and guide the grumpy miser, through a redemptive and transformative journey towards friendship and love. Drew Harper returns to play Ebenezer Scrooge, having

originated the role at the Playhouse in the first three productions in 2013-15.

Hopeful, musical, and above all fun, this is one holiday tradition that will make even the most miserly of Scrooges proclaim, "Merry Christmas, everyone!"

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The Boogie Cat New Year's Eve Ball will feature "Boogie Cat" Norman Sylvester, his daughter Lenanne Miller and Devon Phillips, on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 at the Eagles Lodge in north Portland.

## Boogie Cat's New Year's Eve Ball

### Big Blues party to usher in 2019

Norman Sylvester, the "Boogie Cat of the Northwest" is throwing a big Blues party to bring in 2019 with style. You're invited to join the fun in semi-formal black and white or whatever feels right!

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Opening up the musical entertainment will be Mary Flower, an internationally known and award-winning guitarist who has made Portland her home since

2004. Flower embodies a luscious and lusty mix of rootsy, acoustic-blues guitar and vocal styles.

Lenanne Miller, a University of Southern California Masters of Fine Arts graduate and Norman's first born, will follow with a phenomenal Jazz set showing her strong vocal style.

The Norman Sylvester Review will bring in the New Year featuring Devin Phillips, a New Orleans protégé who has performed and recorded with top jazz artists such as Wynton Marsalis, Eddie Palmieri, the Headhunters, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, musician Lenny Kravitz and Los Hombres Caliente.

Born in Louisiana, Sylvester has been part of Portland's music scene for decades. His earliest

musical influence came from hearing the Spiritual Five, his father's gospel group, which played on the radio and in church in Louisiana. Other blues influences he would hear on the back streets and from the juke boxes around town were greats like BB King, Johnny Taylor and T Bone Walker.

Norman's first professional gig was in 1963 in high school with his friend, the late "King of Seattle Blues" Isaac Scott. The Norman Sylvester band played the first Waterfront Blues Festival in 1987 and after that performance were invited to open for BB King at the Arlene Schnitzer Hall. They had the honor of opening for BB once again as well as James Cotton, Mavis Staples, Tower of Power, the Five Blind Boys and many others.

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A pint-sized baby goat and his mom are settling into their surroundings at the Oregon Zoo. Born on Nov. 24, the new kid named Bruce Wayne can be seen exploring the zoo's Family Farm with his mom Lilac. His name comes from the DC Comics character — also known as Batman — in honor of his father Justice (as in DC's "Justice League," of which Batman is a member).

## A New Kid at the Family Farm



# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Portland's Christmas Street

Peacock Lane, the neighborhood holiday light show known annually as Portland's favorite Christmas Street on Southeast Peacock Lane between Stark and Belmont, opens each night of the holidays through New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The display is free with donations accepted.



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**Norman Sylvester** -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Dec. 21 at the Vinyl Tap; Friday, Dec. 28 at Clyde's; and Monday, New Year's Eve, Dec 31 at the North Portland Eagles Lodge.

**Holiday Creatures for Kids** -- Anteaters and other fun creatures fill the stage at Imago Theater, 17 S.E. Eighth Ave., for their holiday production of ZooZoo, now playing through Jan. 6. The show also features a new production of "The Magic Cloth," created in collaboration with the puppeteer and co-designer of the Lion King.

**Funny and Haunting** -- Artists Repertory Theatre presents "Everybody," a Pulitzer Prize finalist for drama, an inventive, funny and haunting twist on the medieval morality play 'Everyman' where participants fight to cheat death in the company of their friends and loved ones. Runs through Sunday, Dec. 30 on Alder Stage, downtown. For tickets, call 503-241-1278 or visit [artistsrep.org](http://artistsrep.org).

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**Life under Nazi Rule** -- The Portland Art Museum and Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education jointly present two exhibitions this fall and winter featuring photographs by the late Polish-Jewish photojournalist Henry Ross offering an extraordinary rare glimpse of life under Nazi rule. Both facilities are offering offer a full slate of exhibit-related programming.

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# OPINION

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## Stop Using Female Lives as Bartering Tool

### Reauthorize Violence Against Women Act

BY LAURA FINLEY

That the U.S. is divided on political issues is old news. Both the Left and the Right are deeply entrenched, resulting in distrust, animosity, and political gridlock. One troubling example is with the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2018. Sadly, it isn't the first time that Republicans have attempted to block the law, literally using women's lives as a bartering tool.

The original Violence Against Women Act was introduced by Senator Joe Biden in 1990. It took four years before it passed Congress with bipartisan support and was signed by President Bill Clinton. This is in large part due

to a provision that allowed victims the private civil rights remedy of suing their attackers.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist was a vocal opponent, asserting that the provision would bring so many cases before the courts it would overwhelm them, and the Supreme Court declared that

portion of the law to be unconstitutional in 2000. Interestingly, the court said that congress did not have the right to enforce the civil remedy under the Commerce Clause because domestic violence is not "economic" in nature, despite evidence that it costs taxpayers between \$5-10 billion a year in healthcare and law enforcement costs, lost productivity, and more.

Yet the other provisions remained, and the Violence Against Women Act has helped hundreds of thousands of victims. It pro-

vides funds for training law enforcement, court officials, victim advocates and healthcare professionals. The law was reauthorized again in 2000 and 2005.

The 2000 version improved provisions for immigrant victims, victims of sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. The 2005 reauthorization extended benefits to underserved populations and prohibited requirements that sexual assault victims take polygraph tests before an investigation into their reports ensues.

The 2012 renewal was also contentious, as conservatives opposed extending the Violence Against Women Act's provisions to same-sex couples. Great debate also surrounded extending the protections of the law to Native American women, as this brought up the typical jurisdictional battle that occurs with crime-related topics on tribal lands. Further, conservatives op-

posed extending the law's provisions to undocumented immigrant victims through the U Visa program. After expiring with the adjournment of the 112th Congress, the law was again reauthorized with all of the contentious provisions included in 2013.

The latest reauthorization was originally scheduled to occur by Sept. 30 but has been extended twice. It is temporarily reauthorized, but as of now, it appears Republicans intend to block the reauthorization before the year's end, and out of 173 co-sponsors of the bill proposed by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, none are Republicans.

In all likelihood, the influx of women who were elected in the 2018 midterms in January 2019 would result in the Violence Against Women Act being reconsidered, but it is horrifying to see that once again there's even debate about supporting resources for victims. While no federal

legislation is perfect, and the law can be legitimately critiqued for focusing too much on criminal justice and less on root causes of abuse, the 2018 reauthorization is still important. Jackson Lee's bill increases funding for sexual assault centers and expands the law related to removing guns from convicted abusers.

We should all implore Congress to act on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. As it becomes clearer that, according to a new study by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the least safe place for women globally is in the home, it is essential that our politicians take seriously the issues of domestic and sexual violence and not let political division disrupt these much-needed services.

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## The Power of Personal Growth and Change

### A happy warrior ready to act justly

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

"Up until I was 16 years old and a senior in high school, I did the same thing my friends did. We drove through the Black side of town throwing pears at Black guys and yelling racial epithets. We were the White oppressors. I was the White oppressor."

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My dear friend Dr. John Maguire readily admitted his childhood in Montgomery, Ala. and Jacksonville, Fla. didn't make him a likely champion of racial equality. But when he passed away recently at age 86, John—the president emeritus of Claremont Graduate University, former president of the State University of New York Old Westbury, and recipient of many accolades and honors—was widely respected as an extraordinarily committed advocate for civil rights and social justice. His story is a powerful example of the power and possibility of personal growth and change.

John described his parents

as "radical segregationists," although he also said they didn't see themselves as "bigots" and believed there was a difference between the two. But he was a product of his place and time until that senior year of high school when everything began to change. He was chosen to go to an integrated YMCA baseball camp in Ohio where players were deliberately assigned roommates of other races. He remembered passing a soda around among his new group of friends and suddenly realizing it was the first time his lips had touched something a Black person's lips had touched, a simple moment that shattered an imaginary taboo.

When he enrolled at Washington and Lee University the following fall, professors there slowly began to challenge his old racial assumptions. He attended a conference at Crozer Theological Seminary during his sophomore year where he was again assigned a Black roommate: Martin Luther King, Jr. Right away he found Dr. King and his ideas brilliant and compelling. It was the start of a friendship that lasted until Dr. King's death and a relationship that influenced my friend John deeply as he was starting to change his own world view.

Throughout a Fulbright year in Edinburgh, divinity school and doctorate at Yale, and postdoctor-

al research at Yale, Berkeley, and in Germany and the Philippines, my friend John's perspective kept broadening. Eventually, he didn't just come to understand and accept the Civil Rights Movement in the South—he jumped in himself as a fervent ally and participant. This was true to who he was: a "happy warrior" ready to act justly.

In 1961 Dr. King encouraged him to join the Freedom Rides with his divinity school classmate and friend Dr. William Sloane Coffin Jr. I begged to join them but they thought it too dangerous for a woman! I was furious having grown up in the South and having been jailed for sitting in at Atlanta City Hall's cafeteria in 1960 without shields from Jim Crow. Life magazine featured John Maguire's experience seeing the South's violent racism from the other side and being arrested in Montgomery, his former hometown, for trying to order coffee at a bus station. He was eventually represented by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Thurgood Marshall and Jack Greenberg and Yale Law professor Lou Pollak in a case that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. By then John was a faculty member at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. While many of his colleagues cheered him

on and helped pay his fines and legal costs, some colleagues and alumni were deeply critical of his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. But John was not turning back.

A few years later he helped Vincent Harding draft the historic antiwar sermon "Beyond Vietnam" that Dr. King gave at Riverside Church on April 4, 1967, exactly a year before his assassination, warning America against succumbing to the "giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism" and telling us we needed a revolution of values.

John told an interviewer he knew he'd made a difference during the Civil Rights Movement when he realized he'd opened his parents' eyes. One day his mother said to him, "We see your friend Martin King on TV all the time, and he looks so tired. Tell him that if he wants a place to rest...he can rest here. We won't bother him." When he heard her say that he wept. After Dr. King was killed John became director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change, and throughout his life he kept helping transform people's points of view—especially the generations of students whose lives he touched and who learned from his example.

My friend John fought passionately for increasing diversity

in and access to higher education throughout his life and remained convinced that solving the problem of access to higher education had to start long before students entered the doors of a university or graduate school. He also knew that the problem was much wider than education and spoke out against disparities in health care, the criminal justice system, economic development and more.

John and his extraordinary wife Billie were loving and faithful friends and unceasing supporters of the Children's Defense Fund and other organizations and people who, like them, wanted to help bend the arc of the universe towards justice. At every step he did it with a trademark sense of joy and with his beloved Billie and their daughters and grandchildren at his side.

At a dinner party many years ago John was reportedly asked what he would want his epitaph to be, and answered: "He had a passion for justice and excellence and he was steadfast." No words better sum up his marvelous legacy. And like him, we and our nation must embrace his lessons, example and bold willingness to change to ensure a more just nation and world fit for all God's children.

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





# OPINION



## A Requiem for President Donald Trump

Imagine what would be said

BY STEVE KLINGER

I attended Donald Trump's funeral today in a half-empty Washington Cathedral, curious to learn how the 45th president, who of course resigned in disgrace in 2019, would be remembered by those who came to mourn him. The only living former presidents, Mike Pence, Barack Obama and 100-year-old Jimmy Carter, were in attendance but did not speak to eulogize him. (Pence was scheduled to speak but was overcome by tears.) That task fell to Donald Trump Jr., just out of prison after his early release following his conviction in 2019 for lying to Congress and the FBI.

"He was a great dad," said a tearful Don Jr. "He set an example that made me into the man I am today."

Also speaking his praises was an elderly Rudy Giuliani, who said Trump had gotten a raw deal from Special Counsel Robert Mueller and had nothing to be ashamed of. "I admire President Trump for many things, but most of all for never backing down. He did nothing wrong and he stood



his ground. By the way, is this on live TV?"

A parade of convicted felons followed Giuliani to the stage, all of them pardoned by Trump before he left office under the cloud of a pending impeachment for obstruction of justice and other high crimes and misdemeanors. Former Maricopa County, Ariz. Sheriff Joe Arpaio, speaking from a wheelchair at age 93, praised Trump for his tough stance on immigration. ("He treated those criminal migrant families a lot better than I would have.")

Former campaign chairman Paul Manafort said the president had stood behind him through thick and thin before pardoning him on the eve of his own resignation. ("He and I were on the same page, even when the whole world thought I was lying.")

Korean dictator Kim Jung Un did not attend but sent a video of his latest nuclear ballistic missile test, and thanked Trump for making his nuclear arsenal possible.

Saudi King Mohammed Bin Salman sent an Instagram with a photo of a bone saw, along with the receipt for the 500 rooms his staff rented at the newest Trump hotel in Washington, DC, and Vladimir Putin sent condolences to Melania Trump, even though she divorced Trump more than

five years ago and did not attend the funeral. The former Mrs. Trump was seen walking on Fifth Avenue in New York earlier today in her legendary "Do You Really Care? I Don't" jacket.

Presidential historian Jon Meacham described Trump as an anomaly among presidents: "He redefined what normal was and, unlike every president before him in recent memory, made it routine to depart from reason and truthfulness on a regular basis. As far as anyone can recall, he never issued an apology because he felt he had nothing in his life to apologize for."

Former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who rode his horse into the cathedral, said the world has Trump to thank for bringing coal back from the brink of extinction as a major fuel for power and source of jobs and praised him for rolling back a decade of Environmental Protection Agency rules that Zinke said were stifling the energy industry. In the 109-degree heat of Washington in August, Zinke mocked people fanning themselves in the cathedral and said there was no proof that human activities have contributed to the warming of the planet. "We need to open a few more national monuments to mining," Zinke concluded.

Protesters outside the cathedral outnumbered mourners, according

to police estimates, and DC officers on horseback fired teargas canisters into the crowds to keep them away from the cathedral. The chemical fumes seemed to make little difference in the heavily polluted air of the nation's capital.

Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, of course, could not attend the funeral as they are still serving prison sentences for conspiracy connected with Russian hacking of the 2016 presidential election.

Trump's friend and confidant Roger Stone offered to show the gathering his latest tattoo, a portrait of Trump. "As you all know, I've got Richard Nixon on my back, so Donald is a little bit lower down," Stone said, before security escorted him to an exit.

The most mysterious aspect of the day's events appeared in the crawl of FOX News' television coverage of the funeral in the form of an anonymous tweet just as the ceremony was concluding:

"Don't believe the failing New York Times. The Cathedral Crowd was HUGE, the biggest ever for a Presidential Funeral. I was watching from Above, I can tell you that. Disgraceful! Witch Hunt. No Collusion!!!"

-Steve Klinger is a veteran community journalist/editor/satirist and college English instructor based in southern New Mexico.



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## Achieving Success

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ful for all the people who have come along side us," Thorne Ladd said.

Black students in particular are a focus at KairosPDX. The school mission is to make a dent against the chronic low performance of African Americans and other disadvantaged students at schools across the Portland School District.

With students at KairosPDX now outperforming black kids at other schools in the district,

three fold in some instances, the results speak for itself. With just a few years into the program, however, a full picture of the results are still to come.

"While this is certainly the bedrock of what Kairos is about, we recognize we're still early on our journey making such a recognition humbling," Thorne Ladd said.

Hiring high quality educators and holding year-round classes, both proven methods to raise achievement levels, are practices done at KairosPDX as well as using culturally specific materials

for learning.

Earlier this year after some controversy, the Portland School Board raised the rent KairosPDX pays to the district by 30 percent while also extending the school's lease for a single year. The contract saved the school from becoming displaced for the time being, but was criticized by advocates of the school for coming up short of the multi-year contract for long-term stability that KairosPDX sought.

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