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Brian Florence (left), one of the workers at the Federal Correctional Institution in Sheridan forced to go without pay during a government shutdown, gets a word of encouragement and a thank you from U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, during a visit Friday to the Oregon Food Bank in northeast Portland. Florence also met with other members of Oregon's Congressional delegation, Democratic Reps. Suzanne Bonamici and Earl Blumenauer joining a chorus of voices to condemn the shutdown and call on President Donald Trump to end it.

Shutdown Impacts Grow

Food pantries are lifeline to furloughed workers

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Furloughed and unpaid federal workers from around the state were bracing for more financial uncertainty while also receiving emergency help from food pantries to feed their families as the longest partial government shutdown

in U.S. history entered its second month and 32nd day on Tuesday.

Members of Oregon's Congressional delegation, including Democrats Sen. Ron Wyden, Rep. Earl Blumenauer, and Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, called on the president to end the shutdown during an appearance Friday at

the Oregon Food Bank in northeast Portland.

Bonamici said she has voted with the House on numerous bills with bi-partisan support to re-open the government, but they've been continually blocked by Senate

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Service Weekend Honors King

Mayor Ted Wheeler (right) helps clean up around Irving Park on Northeast Fremont Street on Monday, one of hundreds of volunteers who mobilized across 73 community projects to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy over the weekend. The 12th Annual MLK Weekend of Service was sponsored by United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, SOLVE, and other community partners.

The Week in Review

Measles Emergency Issued; Cases Grow

A public health emergency was declared Friday in response to a measles outbreak in Vancouver and southwestern Washington. By Tuesday, the number of confirmed measles cases had increased to 23 with 2 suspected cases of the infection.

Merkley on Family Separations Policy

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley released a document last week from a whistleblower showing the Trump Administration specifically considered separating families as a way to curb illegal immigration at the border. Among the options listed was the "prosecution of family units" and "separate family units."



Reclaim MLK March Fills Portland Streets

Hundreds of demonstrators across all age groups filled the streets in north and northeast Portland Sunday on the eve of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday for the Reclaim MLK Annual March for Human Rights and Dignity. The protest was organized by Don't Shoot Portland along with a variety of other community

organizations.

TriMet Hire Leaving Agency

Maurice Henderson, who was Mayor Ted Wheeler's first chief of staff, announced last week he's leaving TriMet after a brief tenure as the transportation agency's chief operating officer. Henderson is joining the e-scooter company Bird, in Bend, which he called "an exciting professional opportunity."



Man Kills Four Members of Oregon Family

A rural white man killed four members of his family at the home they shared in Woodburn Saturday and was shot by sheriff's deputies as he tried to kill a girl, authorities said.

Microsoft Donates to Fight Homelessness

Microsoft last week pledged \$500 million to build and preserve affordable housing units and address homelessness in the Seattle area. Most of the money will be aimed at increasing housing options for low- and middle-income workers including teachers, firefighters and people who work in hospitals.

Portland Sex Offender Convicted Again

A Multnomah County Jury convicted a Portland man last week on 23 counts of various sex crimes involving a 15-year-old girl. Anthony Curry, 54, was already serving a life sentence under Oregon's three strikes law for sex offenders.

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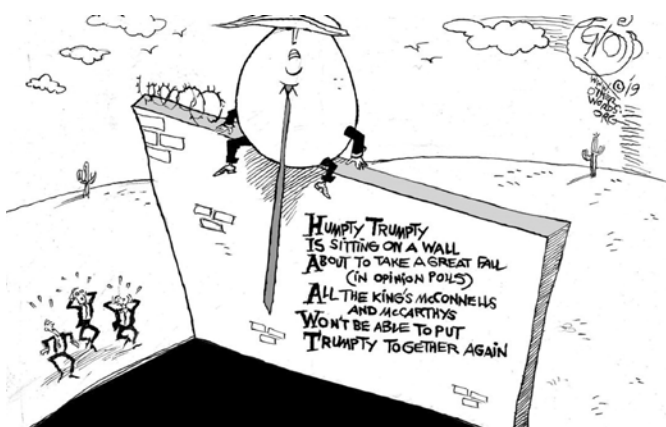
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Rev. Mark Knutson of Augustana Lutheran Church in northeast Portland is again leading an effort to strengthen gun control laws in Oregon as part of the Lift Every Voice campaign of interfaith leaders and other supporters, including representatives from the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform.

New Effort at Gun Control

Faith leaders draft legislation for current session

BY **DANNY PETERSON**
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Local faith leaders and advocates from around the state in support of stronger gun control measures are planning on introducing two bills to the legislature this year.

The Lift Every Voice Oregon campaign is an interfaith group spear-headed by multiple denominations of religious leaders in the

Portland area, and statewide, as well as non-religious supporters.

A ban on ammunition magazines greater than 10 rounds and phasing out availability of assault rifles will be in the proposed bills.

Dr. Leroy Haynes, pastor of Allen Temple CME Church in northeast Portland and representing the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform said the push is in response to the

“massive repercussions of gun violence in our community and nation.”

After unsuccessfully petitioning for a ballot initiative of similar measures last year, in the wake of the deadly shooting at a high school in Parkland, Fla., Lift Every Voice organizers say they have continued gaining traction

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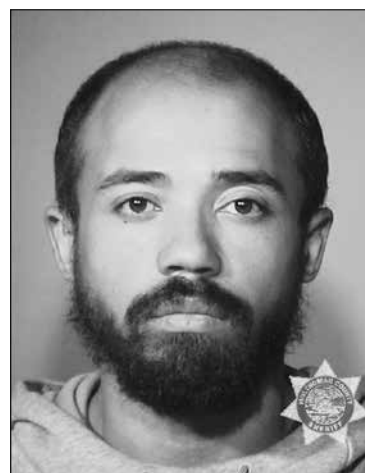
Charged in Lawyer's Murder

Authorities have arrested a man in the decade-old murder of a Portland public defender.

The Portland Police Bureau said Christopher Alexander Williamson, 28, was taken into custody on Friday for the death of Nancy Bergeson, a prominent lawyer.

It's unknown if Williamson, who would have been 19 years old at the time, knew Bergeson, who was a long-time assistance federal public defender, authorities said.

She was found dead at the age of 57 in her southwest Portland home in November 2009. It was eventually determined that she was strangled to death. But at the time she was discovered, her body was removed from the crime



Christopher Alexander Williamson



Nancy Bergeson

scene because authorities initially believed she died of natural causes. That hampered the investigation and the cold case remained a

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Police say they tracked down Williamson after a number of leads.

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Pacific Power is bringing more efficient and effective smart meters to residential and business customers in the Portland area, replacing thousands of aging electric meters throughout the first half of the year.

About 78,000 new meters will be installed for area customers. This includes parts of north,



Pacific Power is installing smart meters for residential and business customers in the Portland area.

northeast, southeast, and downtown Portland, as well as Maywood Park. The installations are set to begin next week and will continue in the area through June.

"We're installing smart meters in Portland as part of a state-

wide upgrade for the homes and businesses we serve," said Diana Knous, Pacific Power's regional business manager for Multnomah County. "It's a project that will enable our communities to take advantage of faster, more efficient

energy technology."

The new smart meters will instantly track outages, meaning faster service response and shorter outages overall; let customers view their power usage hour-by-hour, so they can adjust their activity to reduce both their carbon footprint and bill; provide businesses with detailed usage reporting which will help them cut costs and make investments in items that help their business grow; and update the grid to work more efficiently and better integrate renewable power sources.

"This upgrade brings a future of reliable and efficient power to our region and to our state," said Knous. "We are connecting communities throughout Oregon, improving the way we power our customers' lives both at home and at work."

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A special events committee of the Miracles Club invites the community to join them during the presentation of college scholarships of \$500 awarded to two Jefferson High School students while also supporting efforts to grow the program for other local high schools such as Grant, Ben-

son and Roosevelt.

The non-alcoholic and non-profit social club named its scholarship fund in honor of long-time recovery advocate Harry Watson.

"We are proud to honor a great man who made a huge impact in the lives of people in recovery,"

said Martin Rivers.

The scholarships presentation will take place on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Miracles Club, located at 4200 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information, email themiraclesclubsec@gmail.com or stop by the club.

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Gun Control

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with people across the state who support the cause. Those groups and individuals include safety organizations, those who worked on gun legislation in the past, medical professionals, and members of law enforcement, organizer Rev. Mark Knutson of Augustana Lutheran Church in northeast Portland, told the Portland Observer.

"As faith leaders we understand when you come to a place of obstacle you just regroup and work even harder to go the next step. That's what we did," Knutson said.

The Supreme Court ruled last year that Petition 43, the original initiative of the campaign, needed to be re-worded due to vague language. It was later withdrawn because the group ran out of time to gather signatures by the deadline.

The new bills, which were first submitted back in September, are expected to receive official numbers by the end of the week.

Lift Every Voice organizers, meanwhile, invite the community to convene again for a vigil and rally with supporters on Sunday, Jan. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 14th Ave.

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Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, who refused to put them up for a vote because they didn't include Trump's wall funding in full.

"Stop holding federal workers hostage because Congress won't get him funding for an ineffective and expensive border wall that he promised that Mexico was supposed to pay for," Bomanici said.

Wyden said the shutdown "isn't making American great," but rather is "making American wait for Donald Trump to come to his senses and finally re-open the government."

Blumenauer urged Trump to "stop this charade" and called the government work stoppage "mind-boggling."

Bomanici said she's heard stories from a Transportation Security Administration worker who had to sell his plasma just to pay his bills and a law enforcement officer who narrowly evaded eviction for lack of rent money.

More than 500 U.S. Coast Guard members in Oregon are continuing their duties, even without receiving pay, Bomanici said, which has been the case nationally, the first time members of the Armed Forces weren't paid during a shutdown.

These stories are examples of why the shutdown is "infuriating" and "must end," she said.

About 800,000 of the 2.1 million federal employees who have been impacted by the shutdown nationally, including 380,000 who were furloughed and are not working and the remainder of which who are considered essential employees and must work without pay. In Oregon, that's nearly 10,000 federal employees who are either furloughed or working without pay, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

Brian Florence, who works at the federal prison in Sheridan, told the Portland Observer it's been a struggle for him and other employees at the prison to pay rent, provide food for their families and cover medical costs.

Florence, 49, said that although his family has managed to stay afloat so far through limited secondary income from his wife and receiving help from food pantries at Oregon Food Bank and Salvation Army, it's been daunting not going without a paycheck.

"I have two beautiful kids and they need special attention medically. So we have additional costs that are coming in right now and we're having trouble to figure it out. Like, do we pay our medical bills or do we hold back for gas? Or do we pay our rent? What are we going to do? We have to figure it out," he said.

If the shutdown continues, Flor-

ence, who lives in Salem, will again not see a check for the second payday in a row this week. He's trying to organize for food pantries to come to the prison to drop off food for him and his co-workers. Sen. Wyden personally thanked Florence for his service.

Kirsten Wageman, executive director of Snowcap, the largest

which is unacceptable and in total, do not represent a good faith effort to restore certainty to people's lives."

Trump proposed to restore deportation protection for some Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients and Temporary Protected Status recipients for three years--two programs for

tions," like increased infrastructure investments at ports of entry, advanced technology to scan for drugs, weapons, and contraband, 3,000 more border patrol agents, and more immigrant judges.

Democrats plan to pass its own package of six bills agreed to by House and Senate negotiators to re-open the government this week, according to the website of Pelosi's office.

On Friday, some of the 615,000

nutrition program for Women, Infant and Children (WIC) will also be funded through February, and school meal funding is secured through March, according to Oregon Food Bank.

At airports, longer wait times at security checkpoints may occur, but TSA officials said most operations are running normally.

Though the US Coast Guard have been working without pay during the shutdown, most other military isn't affected, and the Department of Veterans Affairs is fully funded for the 2019 fiscal year and will continue normal operation during the shutdown.

Mail, tax refunds, and social security should remain unaffected. National parks may be closed, or be only partially staffed, and Smithsonian museums and the National Zoo are now closed.

Oregon Food Bank distributes food through a statewide network of 21 regional food banks and approximately 1,200 food assistance sites serving all of Oregon and Clark County, Washington. People seeking food assistance should visit oregonfoodbank.com/findfood.

Portland Police Bureau's charity organization, Sunshine Division, will extend service qualifiers to include federal employees not receiving pay by providing food box services in partnership with labor organizations. More information can be found at sunshinedivision.org.

Oregon Humane Society has also scheduled free pet food banks to furloughed or work-without-pay federal employees. More information can be found at oregonhumane.org.



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State Rep. Tawna Sanchez, director of family services at the Native American Youth and Family Center in northeast Portland highlights some of the impacts of the government shutdown on people of color, including Native American tribes who depend on federal funds for health, food and social services. She was joined at the press conference on Friday at the Oregon Food Bank with furloughed and unpaid federal workers and other Democratic members of Oregon's Congressional delegation.

food pantry in the state and located in east Portland near Gresham, said their organization is seeing an increase in either furloughed or working-without-pay federal employees who are using safety net services for the first time.

Democratic State Rep. Tawna Sanchez, who represents parts of inner northeast and north Portland and is the director of family services at the Native American Youth and Family Center, highlighted the communities of color that are deeply impacted by the government shutdown, including Native American tribes who depend on federal funds for health, food, and social services.

"United States Government has a trust responsibility to the tribes. This is written in treaty," Sanchez said. "This is a responsibility, it's not a gift, it's not a given." Sanchez, who is a social worker and has worked in the domestic violence field, later compared Trump to an abuser. "Abusers only think about themselves, they don't think about everybody else," she said.

On Saturday, Trump made an offer to temporarily restore protections he took away from some undocumented immigrants in exchange for the \$5.7 billion border wall funding. That was an offer Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, speaking for Democrats, called "a compilation of several previously rejected initiatives, each of

immigrants that he rescinded last year. Pelosi's statement criticized the fact that the deal did not include permanent solutions for those recipients, and its lack of "smart, effective border security solu-


Oregonians participating in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), AKA food stamps, were issued February benefits early to last through the end of next month. The supplemental

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<div></div> <div>14</div> <div>National Dress Up Your Pet Day The Revolutionary War ended, 1784</div>	<div>15</div> <div>First Super Bowl Played, 1967 Hat Day The first top hat was worn, 1797</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Prohibition began in 1920 National Nothing Day</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) born, 1942 Benjamin Franklin born, 1706</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Marks the beginning of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Artist Paul Cezanne born, 1839 Popcorn Day</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Inauguration Day (Every 4 years: 2013, 2017, 2021) Cheese Day</div>
<div></div> <div>21</div> <div>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Born in 1929) National Hugging Day</div>	<div>22</div> <div>National Blonde Brownie Day</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Measure Your Feet Day National Handwriting Day National Pie Day</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Gold Discovered in California At Sutter's Mill, 1848</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Opposite Day First Winter Olympics held, 1924</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Australia Day (first settled, 1788)</div>	<div></div> <div>27</div> <div>National Geographic Society Founded, 1888</div>
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JaMartae Brown (center) returns to his roots at Portland's Self Enhancement, Inc. to announce his signing of a contract to play professional football for the Bismark Bucks in the Indoor Football League.

SEI Alum to Play Pro Football

Returns home for signing ceremony

A former Jefferson High School athlete and student at Self Enhancement, Inc., was welcomed back to his roots in north Portland to announce his signing of a contract to play professional

football.

JaMartae Brown will play for the Bismark Bucks from North Dakota in the Indoor Football League. The contract offer follows his senior year at Peru State in Nebraska.

Brown was joined by his friends and family and SEI students and administrators for last week's signing ceremony.

He said he at first struggled to find a good fit in college because his grades were not good coming out of high school, landing at Phoenix College, a junior college program for two years before earning a scholarship to Mayville State University in North Dakota. But when his coach got fired he transferred to Peru State in Nebraska where he fin-

ished his senior year while also studying English and Journalism.

Brown said the key for him was never giving in.

"It took hard work, Never giving up when it got tough. God, family, community and unity to get where I'm at right now. It's just the beginning of something special," he said.



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Quigley Provost-Landrum (left) and Trish Egan perform as two women, one black and one white, who meet in a memoir writing class where they critique each other's work and come to understand and learn from each other.

Hazardous Beauty

Making friends with people who are different

"Hazardous Beauty," a play about two women, one black and one white, who meet in a memoir writing class and come to understand and learn from one another, makes its world premiere this month at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland.

Written by Bonnie Ratner, a Portland writer, producer, director, actor and educator, and performed by Portland's African-American theater producing company, PassinArts, the new production debuts as part of Portland's annual Fertile Ground

Festival of new works.

Hazardous Beauty is a provocative, often very funny guide to making friends with people who are different from us.

The characters Chloe, played by Quigley Provost-Landrum, and Leah, played by Trish Egan share stories and experiences about their sometimes painful, at times joyful and often humorous lives. The women, although from different backgrounds, try to make sense of love, work, art and aging while exploring what all this means at the intersection of gender, race and class.

During the 2016 Fertile Ground Festival reading of Hazardous Beauty, audiences called this play "wonderfully provocative, witty, complex and brilliant." The story has been revised and updated with new surprises for this fully produced world premiere.

"Hazardous Beauty" opens Friday, Jan. 25 and plays through Feb. 17 at the Interstate Firehouse, located at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Showtimes are Friday and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Audience talkbacks will follow the Sunday

matinees on Feb. 3 and Feb. 10.

Individual tickets are \$20 and \$15 for seniors and students and available online at passinart.org or visiting JP's Framing & Gallery, 418 N.E. Killingsworth.

PassinArt: A Theatre Company was founded in 1982 and is the longest-producing African-American theatre company in Oregon. The group's mission is to entertain, educate, and inspire artists and diverse audiences while addressing critical issues facing our community; and to celebrate our history and culture.



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Exploring the intersections of race, gender and national origin, Shareen Jacobs and Sampson Syharath star in 'Here on this Bridge: The —ism Project,' one of the original new works featured during Portland's Fertile Ground festival. The production plays Jan. 24-27 and Feb. 7-10 at Boiler Room Theater in Lincoln Hall at Portland State University.

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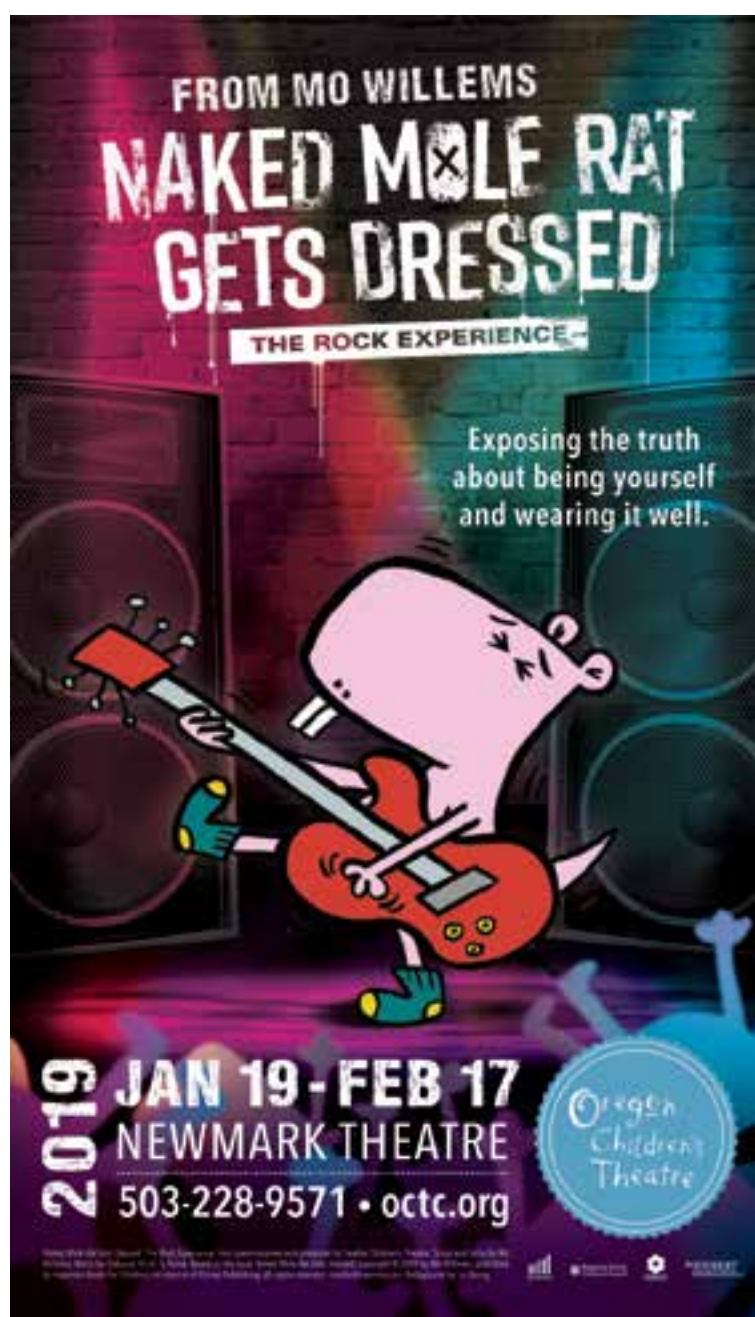
The Portland-grown Fertile Ground Citywide Festival of New Works kicks off its 10th anniversary this week, bringing to stage the first of 75 events and 120 acts of creation from prolific playwrights, abundant actors, innovative dancers, talented designers and adventuresome producers.

Fertile Ground is an incubator for new artistic works in all forms and stages of creation, offering

theatre and dance, workshops, staged readings and multidisciplinary events – for 11 days, at all times of the day, from Thursday, Jan. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 3.

"Fertile Ground is a celebration of Portland's artistic community that gives artists the platform to take chances, share their artistic impulses and cultivate some producing skills, while getting introduced to new audiences," said Nicole Lane, Fertile Ground festival director.

Patrons can purchase individual tickets to each show or buy a \$50 all-access festival pass. For details and a full list of Fertile Ground 2019 events, visit fertilegroundpdx.com.

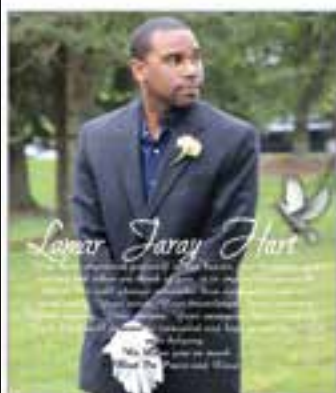


Sincerely, Tokyo Rapper



Malcolm Jamaal Davis, a rapper and songwriter from Atlanta, better known by his stage name MadeinTYO (Made in Tokyo), performs from his debut album 'Sincerely, Tokyo' at Portland's Hawthorne Theater on Saturday, Jan. 26. Davis grew up as a military brat moving around and finished high school in Japan. His debut single was "Uber Everywhere" from his mixtape *You Are Forgiven*.

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Sense & Sensibility -- Dana C. Osseni (The Color Purple) returns to Portland Center Stage as Elinor Dashwood in *Sense & Sensibility*. Bursting with humor and bold theatricality, the classic romantic comedy is now playing through Feb. 10. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 503-445-3700 or visiting t pcs.org.



Journalism and Democracy -- A provocative onstage conversation about journalism and justice will feature Kimberly A. C. Wilson, a former black journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner, and two other renowned writers. Sponsored by Oregon Humanities, the Think & Drink event takes place at the Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. General-admission tickets are \$10.



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

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exhibit-related programming.

The Discovery of King Tut -- A compelling reproduction of the burial treasure from King Tut's tomb, discovered 95 years ago in the Egyptian Valley of the Kings, is presented in the traveling exhibit 'The Discovery of King Tut,' now showing through Sunday, Jan. 27 at OMSI. For tickets and more information, visit omsi.edu or call the box office at 503-797-4000.



Norman Sylvester Band -- "Boogie Cat" Norman Sylvester plays Friday, Jan. 25 at Clyde's; Saturday, Feb. 2 at Catfish Lou's; Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Spare Room; Friday, Feb. 15 at Wilf's; Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Vinyl Tap; Friday, Feb. 22 at Clyde's; and Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Half Penny in Salem.

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.

Dial M for Murder -- Lakewood Theatre Company presents "Dial M for Murder," a bone-chilling thriller about a marriage gone wrong. Now playing through Feb. 10 at Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. For tickets and more information, call the box office at 503-635-3901 or visit lakewood-center.org.



Zoo for All -- The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a 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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A Dream Deferred: Economic Justice

Racial wealth divide actually grows worse

BY JESSICAH PIERRE

Jan. 15th marked what would've been Dr. Martin Luther King's 90th birthday.

Most known for his famous "I Have Dream Speech," King envisioned a future in which deep racial inequalities — including deep economic inequality — was eradicated. He worked tirelessly towards that mission.

Over 50 years after his assassination, sensational media stories have focused heavily on the black unemployment rate, which has reached historic lows.

President Trump was quick to claim credit for this improvement last year, tweeting: "Somebody please inform Jay-Z that because of my policies, Black Unemployment has just been reported to be at the LOWEST RATE

EVER RECORDED!" (The rapper had recently criticized the president for a racist statement about African countries.)

These headlines (and boasts) don't tell the whole story, though. Most importantly, they exclude data on overall wealth — a critical measure of financial security. Wealth buffers families from the ups and downs of income changes and economic cycles, and allows households to take advantage of opportunities.

A new report by the Institute for Policy Studies takes a more holistic look at where the country is in terms of racial economic parity. It reveals deep, pervasive, and ongoing racial economic division.

The study shows that wealth is concentrating into fewer and fewer hands over time. And though working white people also struggle, the hands at the very top are overwhelmingly white. Far from closing, America's polarizing racial wealth divide is continuing to grow between white households

and households of color.

Over the past three decades, the report notes, "the median black family saw their wealth drop by a whopping 50 percent, compared to a 33 percent increase for the median white household."

King foreshadowed that if we maintain our exploitive economic and political systems, then we'd get not only racial apartheid, but economic apartheid as well.

And unfortunately, that is exactly where we're heading without systemic change. While one in five Americans of any race have zero or even negative wealth, in the last 30 years we've seen the number of households with \$10 million or more skyrocket by 856 percent.

The widening of the racial wealth divide has coincided with the extreme concentration of U.S. wealth. We're currently living in an economy where the Forbes 400 own more wealth than all black households, plus a quarter of Latino households, combined.

As much as we cite the vision that

MLK laid out for America, decades later we've not moved in the right direction.

This dynamic is the result of public policies that favor the wealthy, not the "invisible hand" of the market. This has implications for the racial wealth divide, as well as the entire economy. As the U.S. diversifies, these inequalities are actually driving down America's total median wealth — and giving the already rich that much more of a leg up over everyone else.

As the mid-20th century civil rights movement recognized, a major shift in economic policy is needed to end the racial inequality of the past and create a new nation with opportunity for all. Inaction — or worse, repeating the same mistakes that led to this situation — will simply widen the divide and create greater economic instability for the country at large. And I'll be writing this same piece again next year.

Jessica Pierre is the inequality media specialist at the Institute for Policy Studies. Distributed by OtherWords.org.



Disruptions Create Chilling Effect on People

A few white men think everything is about them

BY JO ANN HARDESTY

As I start my third week on the Portland City Council, I am concerned about how privilege and, specifically white male privilege, is limiting the public's access to City Hall. These disruptions create a chilling effect on people who are unaccustomed to coming to our City Hall to have their voices heard. People are afraid to bring their children to our important civic meetings.

These disruptions seem to be caused largely by a small group of white men who use their privilege to act disruptive, act disrespectful and act self-centered.

This behavior limits access to those entering this building for the very first time or for those who are new to the political process. This is not the spirit of speaking up for civic change that is

the heart of activism.

I ran my campaign on a platform of creating One Portland. I promised a Portland where regardless of race, income, sexual orientation, or country of origin you will have a respectful interaction and reception when you

on today.

Many of the disruptors are people that I know personally and I respect their desire to be heard. I share their concerns and I, too, am passionate about many of the issues that they care about. However, their issues and concerns shouldn't

chilling and disrespectful that there are a few white men who think that everything this council does is about them. It isn't.

I want to engage people from all walks of life in their local government, but I am very concerned about how they will experience their local government if their first, second or third experience at City Council consists of constant disruption.

My open message to those who seek to disrupt this process is this:

If you have a proposal to improve the outcomes for people in the city of Portland, you will find a welcoming ear and my office is ready to assist you. However, if this is simply about having footage for your YouTube channel or Facebook page, you should be aware that using your privilege in this way cannot continue. You have a right to have your voice heard, but not at the expense of other people.

I am encouraging other white men and women to check the behavior of those who seek to drown out the voices of others. Civic discourse cannot thrive if it is not coupled with civility and respect for all others.

Jo Ann Hardesty is a Portland City Commissioner.



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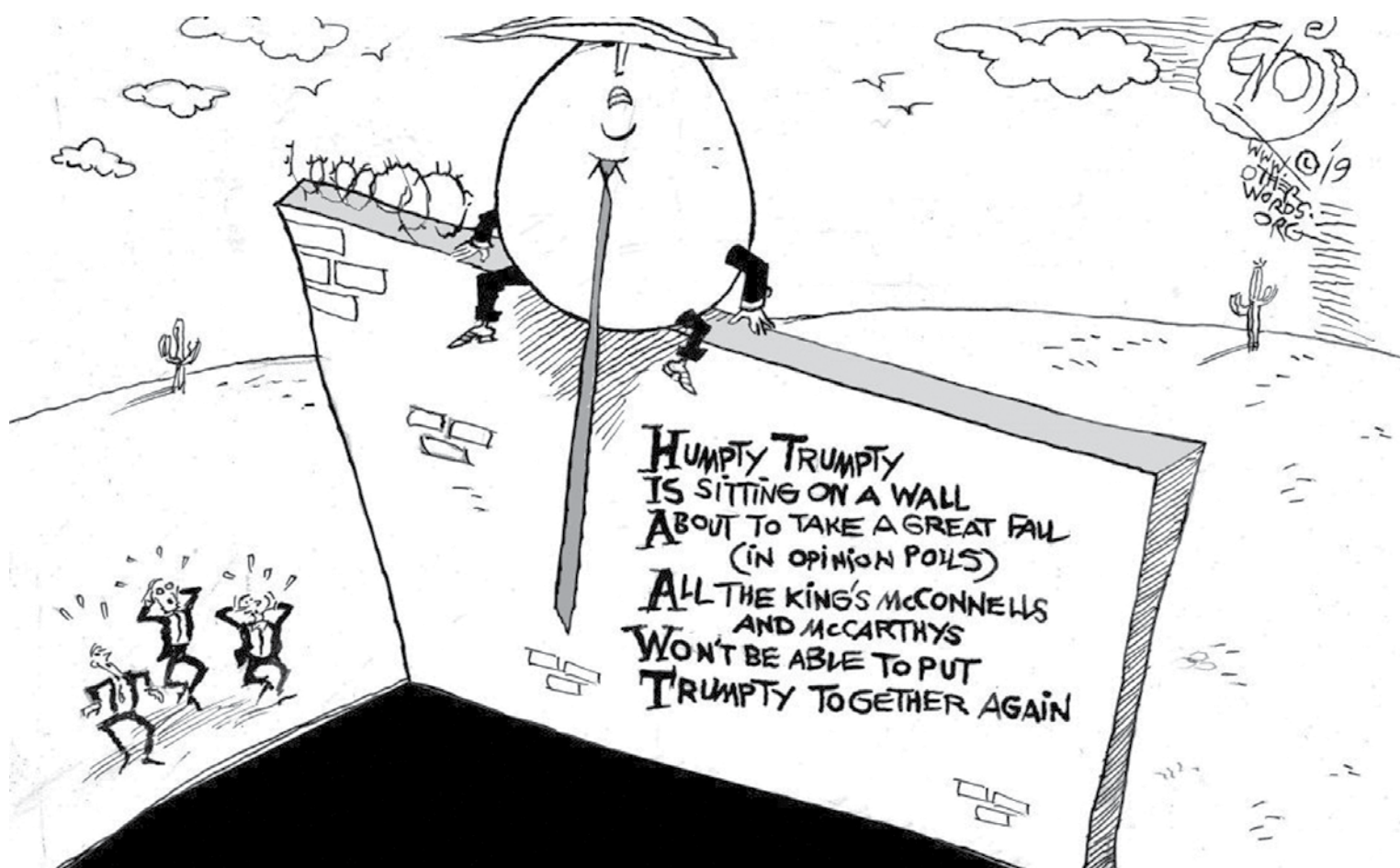
enter City Hall and from city officials. We fail in our job when we don't make access equal, accessible, and fair to all who seek a voice in our processes. We live in a state built on white supremacy and the legacies of that history linger

drown-out the voices of others who come to this building seeking the same access and opportunity.

As someone who has spent time a lot of time on the other side of this podium demanding accountability, I find it



OPINION



The Wall Already Exists In Hearts and Minds

A barrier to seeing immigrants as people

BY MATTHEW JOHNSON

My favorite album of all time is Pink Floyd's *The Wall*. It should be re-released given the current (manufactured) crisis. I'm not surprised that Roger Waters is planning a show on the border to protest Trump's continued government shutdown over funding for an ill-defined barrier that has come to represent everything wrong with his presidency: Lies, false promises, fear, racism and simplistic solutions.

It's important to emphasize that the wall is more symbol than reality. Setting aside the fact that the nearly-2,000-mile border is already teeming with armed men and barriers of various kinds, a Trumpian "wall" already exists: the (abstract) wall that blocks many Americans from seeing migrants from Central America and Mexico as people just like them.

While Trump was rightly condemned for misappropriating the *Game of Thrones* slogan "Winter Is Coming" by taking the font and changing it to "The Wall Is Coming," the underlying analogy is eerily correct. Although — spoiler alert — the (mythical) wall is destroyed by undead invaders (who only advance during winter) at the end of the show's last season, for thousands of years it served to separate the living not only from the undead but also from each other.

In a reversal of reality, those living south of the wall disparaged the northerners as "wildlings," portraying them as amoral, violent, and uncivilized, while the northerners denounced their southern brethren for their cloistered arrogance. Sound familiar?

The silver lining from *Game of Thrones* is that the north and south eventually (sort of) united against the undead, and, in return for their help in the war to come, the "wildlings" were permitted to settle

the same feelings, needs, and aspirations that they themselves possess.

Meanwhile, it remains lost on many Israelis and American supporters of Israel (not to mention Trump) that the so-called "security fence" that illegally snakes through Palestinian land is not only hideous (I've seen it up close) but far more of a barrier to peace than to terrorism.

Walls have been built for millennia, most notably the Great Wall of China and the Berlin Wall, with discouraging results.

Somehow it remains lost to millions of (especially) white Americans — even in the 21st century with all its forward-thinking innovations and popular culture — that their southern neighbors are not dangerous invaders but people with largely the same feelings, needs, and aspirations that they themselves possess.

south of the wall for safety. It remains to be seen (in season 8) whether this united force will prevail, but the mythical universe has nevertheless solved a timeless problem that those of us stuck here in reality are still struggling with: xenophobic nativism.

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To conclude that this (still) nonexistent wall that Mexico will surely not pay for will be any different is just as absurd as concluding that the ascension of an unqualified, hate- and fear-mongering narcissist to the highest office in the land would be a reason to celebrate. It is as if we have learned nothing from history and have forgotten how to think critically.

If a television show can get it right, then why can't we?

Matt Johnson, syndicated by *PeaceVoice*, is co-author of *Trumpism*.



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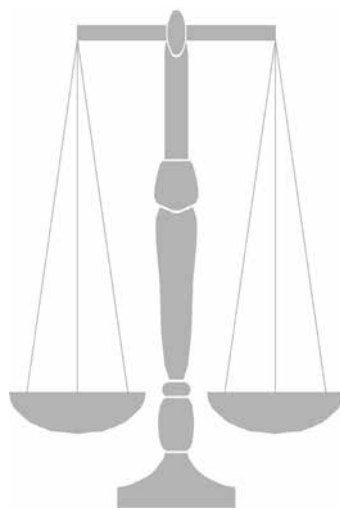
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Knight to Sing Anthem

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The seven-time Grammy Award-winner says she's proud to use her voice to "unite and represent our country" in her hometown of Atlanta. Maroon 5 will be joined by Big Boi, Atlanta-based rapper from Outkast, and Travis Scott during the halftime performance.

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