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Parkrose football team and their hero coach advances

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A local group of actors raised their voices to collaborate with Portland playwright Damaris Webb to write the script and then perform in "SOUL'D: The Economics of our Black Body" a new play that delves into the economic dreams and realities for black Americans, coming Thursday, Nov. 14 to Nov. 24 to the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. They are (from left) are Ken Dembo, La'Tevin Alexander, Shareen Jacobs, Catherine Braxton, Tyharra Cozier, Webb, Sydney Jackson and Auntais Faulkner

Giving Voice to Economic Truths

Actors contribute to script in new play

BY BEVERLY CORBELL

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

When Damaris Webb's new play, "SOUL'D: The Economics of our Black Body," was performed at the Vanport Mosaic Festival back in May, it was only 15 minutes long. But now the play, to be performed again starting Thursday, Nov. 14 and continuing through Nov. 24, has grown to nearly an hour long. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. each evening at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in the top down, she said, with the playwright north Portland, with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

The play has grown not because of Webb's sole input, but because it was "a work in progress" and a collaborative effort of all the cast members, she said, and everyone contributed to the final expanded product.

"We all co-wrote this play, but I'm at the head in shaping and pushing," Webb said. "It's collaborative, horizontal playmaking."

Traditionally, plays are vertical, from at the top. But this collaborative approach as a way of crafting a script often has a different result, she said.

"Everyone contributes, from personal experience, research on personal narratives, legislation and news articles," she said. "This piece is not a linear story of a particular person's journey, but it does have a beginning, a middle and an end."

The play investigates the narrative of the

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Launch comes with hopes and concerns

BY BEVERLY CORBELL

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When the Oregon Lottery launched its new online betting app Scoreboard last month, Lottery director Barry Pack said the move would increase state revenue by attracting new players without relying on current players of state-sanctioned betting games like video poker. Others are more cautious, and worry about an increase in

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Seeking Help for Thanksgiving Meal

The Walnut Park Shelter on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is not scheduled to serve a meal on Thanksgiving Day, according to Bora Harris, community liaison for the shelter, but she hopes those plans will change with a new plea for volunteer help.

Harris was sad to hear that Walnut Park was one of only two shelters run by Transition Projects, Inc. that will not have a meal on Thanksgiving, so she's trying to raise awareness in hopes that people and businesses from the community will step up by providing food, funds and their time to provide a meal for about 80 people when the nighttime shelter opens at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day. The shelter has no facilities for meal preparation, she added.

On Monday before Thanksgiv-



ing, the shelter will have a holiday meal provided for them by the Daniels Memorial Church of God in Christ, Harris said, but she fears residents will be disappointed with no observance on Thursday.

"We like for them to have an actual Thanksgiving meal on that day," she said.

Anyone who wants to help can call Harris at 503-936-8020 or email bora.DHLI@gmail.com.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY CORBELL/ THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Bora Harris, community liaison for the Walnut Park nighttime shelter for homeless people, is trying to gather resources to provide a Thanksgiving meal for about 80 people. Businesses, individuals or groups who want to help can call Harris at 503-936-8020 or email bora. DHLI@gmail.com.



A posting on Twitter shows a Portland Police vehicle window with the political "Blue Lives Matter" flag attached to the bottom left corner.

Political Message Draws Fire

on the window of a Portland police squad car has drawn the ire of a local citizen and appears to violate regulations for political messaging by displaying private decals or makings on city vehicles.

Lindsey Burrows posted a photo of the police car with the thin blue line sticker on Twitter last week, calling it unaccept-

A political "Blue Lives Matter" sticker able, recognizing that the symbol has been used in opposition to the Black Lives Movement and by white suprem-

> Burrows pointed out in her tweet that Multnomah County, for example, paid \$100,000 to a black employee last April who claimed distress by allowing a blue lives matter flag in the workplace.

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Noose Found at OHSU

Oregon Health and Science University was investigating the placement of a noose found looped over a construction cone in a secure area of the Portland hospital Thursday. In a statement, OHSU officials said the noose was abhorrent, saying the symbol associated with lynching can be traumatic to members of our community.

Jail Term for Racist Attack

A former downtown restaurant worker was sentenced to 1 ½ years in jail Thursday for yelling racial slurs at a black customer, raising a chair to threaten her and smashing her iPhone. Kelly



Wade Roberts, 36, pleaded guilty to the hate crime of second-degree intimidation.

Voters Okay Teachers Levy

Voters strongly approved the renewal of a Portland Public Schools levy for teachers in last week's general election. Voters also said yes to a Metro property tax for nature and parks and approved a proposal to increase protections of the Bull Run watershed, the source of Portland's drinking water.

Guilty of Unprovoked Attack

Thursday, a Multnomah County jury con-

victed Brandon Frison, 23, of randomly assaulting three people in the Kenton neighborhood last fall. "This vicious attack came out of the blue," said Multnomah County Deputy District



Attorney Todd Jackson. Doctors had to wire one of the victim's jaw shut and drill screws into his teeth.

Fined for Misuse of Charity

A judge Thursday ordered President Donald Trump to pay \$2 million to an array of charities as a fine for misusing his own charitable foundation to further his political and business interests. The penalty was in connection with a lawsuit filed by the state of New York.



Hoover Criminals Arrested

The U.S. Attorney for Oregon announced federal racketeering and murder charges against three members of the Hoover Criminal Gang last week. One of the men, Lorenzo Laron Jones, was indicted on charges of racketeering that caused the shooting deaths of two Portland men.

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OCAL NEWS



VIDEO FRAME FROM KGW FRIDAY NIGHT FLIGHTS

Parkrose High School Head Football Coach Keaton Lowe instructs his players during a 59-20 win against Lebanon Friday night, Parkrose's first football playoff victory in school history. The Broncos now advance to face Crater High School on Friday night in Central Point, the No. 2 ranked team.

First Playoff Win Ever

Parkrose advances with their hero coach

The headlines keep coming for Parkrose High School and their hero head football coach Keaton Lowe.

The Parkrose football team made school history Friday with its first playoff game victory ever

Lowe has taken a team with a 0-9 winless record before his arrival to making the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Lowe is the hero coach and school security guard who made national news last May when he stopped a student from discharging a gun at the northeast Portland school. A Portland resident and former University of Oregon football player, he was able to peaceby defeating Lebanon, 59 to 20. In fully disarm the 19-year-old and

just his second season at Parkrose, then embrace the student, putting the emphasis on the humanity of the situation, a student later determined to have only wanted to harm himself.

Parkrose was playing only its third football playoff game at home in school history against Lebanon. Next up, the team goes on the road to play on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Central Point against Crater High School, the No. 2 ranked 5A team in the

Public Airing on Police Contract

Mayor, commissioner to host two meetings

BY BEVERLY CORBELL THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Public meetings on a new police union contract will be held Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 to encourage community input about contract negotiations, hosted by Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty.

The goal of the events is to edubargaining process and to document people's concerns about the new contract, according to Wheel-

The Nov. 18 meeting will be



Ted Wheeler

cate the public about the collective Community College Cascade Campus Student Union, located at 5575 N. Albina Ave. The location for the December meeting will be announced at a later date.

Civil right advocates, including from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Portland the Portland NAACP and Albi-



Jo Ann Hardesty

na Ministrial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform, have been clamoring to become more involved in the collective bargaining process in hopes of

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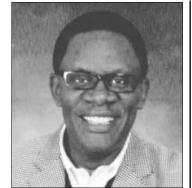
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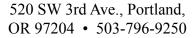
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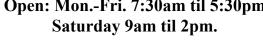
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Online Sports Betting Debut

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problem gambling.

The new app, which can be accessed at sports.oregonlottery.org/sports, allows 24/7 betting on professional sports but not college sports – and all bets must be made within the state, ensured by the app's geo-fencing feature.

Bettors can use Scoreboard for single game bets, parlays and in-game wagers either online or at sports betting kiosks throughout the state.

Betting on college sports may be an online possibility in the future, though, and the Oregon Lottery website states that all the stakeholders, including players, lottery commission members and the governor's office will "determine if expanding wagering opportunities to collegiate sports makes sense for Oregon.'

But the list of professional sports that can be wagered on right now is exhaustive, and includes football, basketball, ice hockey, baseball, soccer, tennis, golf and several more, even cricket and handball. Wagers on horseracing, however, including major events like the Kentucky Derby, will not be offered through the app.

Players must be 21 to use Scoreboard and can set up the app on both IOS and Android devices, with a desktop version available on the Lottery website. Upon online registration and verification, players can fund their account and bet on a variety of professional sports,

including the NFL, NBA, MLB prevention and treatment. and even NASCAR.

tery awarded \$2.6 billion in prizes and \$725 million to state and local programs that include state parks, public schools, watershed enhancement, outdoor veterans' services.

The new app is projected to bring in about \$300 million during the first year, with most of that money going to bettors. The deposit limit for player account is \$250,000, which some critics say is too high.

But Pack said the game will send email alerts to players to let them know where they stand in regard to their limits, and they can also select to self-limit their bets. He said the state earned the highest certification possible last year for responsible gaming from the World Lottery Association. Oregon is also credited with having one of the best gambling treatment know that treatment is availprograms in the country.

"While the Lottery continues true in other states," he said. to focus on profits to fund state and local programs, our commitment to responsible gaming and support for problem gambling treatment is stronger than ever," Pack said.

Some experts are concerned about people with gambling addictions finding it too easy to gamble with the new app, says Tom Moore, executive director of the Oregon Council on Probfocused on gambling addiction (1-877-695-4648).

"Our role is to provide the As of 2018, the Oregon Lot- opportunity for treatment and for folks and the industry to come together and talk about what's going on," he said. "Oregon probably is one of the best states where communication education, job creation and among stakeholders occurs on a regular basis."

> There are free programs for gambling addiction in every county in Oregon, Moore said.

> "From our studies, in the adult population, 70 percent gambled in 1997 but last year only 56.6 percent gambled," he said. "People aren't gambling as much as they used to."

> The gambling numbers are also lower for 13 to 18 year olds, down from 74 percent in 1997 to 39.7 percent last year.

> Some folks may still run into problems with gambling addictions, he said, but he suspects it will be a small number.

> "Most people in Oregon able and it's free, but that's not

> The \$250,000 limit, however, does worry Philip Yassenoff, a gambling treatment expert at Cascadia Behavioral Health, as he recently told the Willamette Week.

> "The amount of damage that can be done to them financially or emotionally in a short period of time is concerning to me as a therapist," he said.

Anyone with a gambling lem Gambling. While his orga- problem can call the Oregon nization doesn't give an opin- Problem Gambling Helpline ion on legalized gambling, it is any time at 1-877-MY-LIMIT

Giving Voice to Economic Truths

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American economic dream for day post-Obama backlash."

Webb says the play seeks "to action, capitalism and identity, within the communities in which our black bodies participate."

questions: What is black wealth? Is black success assimilation? How has black American growth manifested despite disenfranchisement in passing on wealth through land ownership, knowledge of lineage and financial freedom?

all areas of the production."

translate, through the intimacy ed in a 15-minute documentary, preservation and in January it and flexibility of theater, the ef- "Root Shocked," to be shown in moved to 236 N.E. Sacramenfects of disparities in legislative conjunction with the play, and to St. where Davis is planning which tells the story of gentrification and displacement in Portland via the moving of the Portland's In particular, the play asks the historic Mayo House. The production was spearheaded by local African American artist Cleo Davis and produced in association with the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communications.

> The home, built in the 1890s, had already been moved nities?" Webb asked.

Webb said the play intends to twice before to make room for produce "rigorous and dynamic other growth, but when the original theater that creates ad- city approved it for demoliblack Americans, drawing from vocacy around stories that reso- tion last year, neighbors in the many sources, as it looks "the nate in our communities and to Eliot neighborhood, includmicrocosms of slavery to present encourage broad participation in ing Davis, protested. They were successful in getting the The theme will also be reflect- house purchased for historic on turning it into a community cultural center that archives the history of African-Americans in Portland.

Webb said the Mayo House story also illustrates how black families can – or cannot – pass on wealth.

"What does it mean to pass on wealth, and how has that happened in our black commu-

Confronting the Erasure of Women in Juarez



"La Ruta" comes to Portland with the purest of intentions; playwright Isaac Gomez sought to bring attention to the plight of missing and murdered women at the U.S.-Mexico border, who since 1993 have been easy targets along the unprotected bus route to their low-wage work in U.S.-owned factories in Juarez, Mexico. After a successful world-premiere of the play at Steppenwolf Theater in Chicago, Artists Repertory Theater sought to further develop the play for Portland audiences, who now have the opportunity to sit with the neglected stories on which Gomez based his play.

There is much to admire in the effort. The play shifts back and forth in time, before the disappearance of a particular 16-year-old girl, scrambling our perception of events and our sense of the play's characters -- the disappeared young woman, her mother, her mother's friend (whose own young daughter has also gone missing) and other women employed in the same *maguiladora*.

Without the scrambling, we would tend to focus more on solving the ques-



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN KELLY/COURTESY ARTISTS REP

Cristi Miles and Naiya Amilcar in 'La Ruta,' a harrowing story that gives a voice to women who have disappeared or been murdered from the border community of Juarez, Mexico. Plays through Dec. 1 at Portland Opera, 211 S.E. Caruthers St. For tickets call 503-241-1278 or visit artistsrep.org.

responsible for the young woman's disappearance and would miss the opportu-

tion of who (in an individual sense) is nity to experience disorientation which resonates, if only slightly, with the experience of the women themselves. As the play reveals, the women live without answers, without the information needed to even draw a timeline, let alone to obtain anything resembling justice. The materials provided to audiences fill in the context further: Most of the disappeared women are young, between the ages of 12 and 22, and most of the bodies recovered show signs of sexual assault. Their bodies are typically dumped in the desert or in garbage dumps and sewage ditches, as though to emphasize that their lives have no value. They are often women new to Juarez, who have come from rural areas to grab the bleakest of economic opportunities.

The play's focus is less on plot and more on the emotional truth of the women. How do the women deal with the risk they face going to and from their jobs? How do they make sense of things that make no sense? How do they deal with unrelenting loss and disregard? With unanswered questions? With the inability to seek protection without exposing themselves to further risk? We spend some time with them in the factory; we listen to friends and rivals argue; we watch them react to fear and despair and exist in a world in which unthinkable things happen regularly and no one cares enough to take effective action.

Shining light on stories of such op-

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bringing more accountability to police actions, especially in relation to misconduct and the over representation of people of color in police-involved shootings and arrests. An overtime policy which allows officers to take on work from private businesses has also brought complaints.

Some have objected to having an off-duty officer working at the downtown Apple Store, including Mike Krantz, commander of the bureau's Central Precinct, according to the Oregonian. Krantz said he felt that arrangement only benefitted Apple, not the public.

Several organizations have also wrote a letter to Portland City Council objecting to the secretive nature of past contract negotiations, including the Portland NAACP, League of Women Voters, Unite Oregon and the Albina Ministerial Alliance. The groups complain that an independent police review committee "has no teeth."

Contract negotiations between the Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Police Association are held every four years, and the current contract expires on June 30.



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In Loving Memory Dorothy Marie Reid

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Dorothy is survived by three daughters, Denise Fareed, Katrina Harvey, Jolene Thomas; a son, Denmark Reid; an extended daughter, Kelly Hilland and an extended son Antone Coleman.

Her Homecoming Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 15 at New Hope Baptist Church, 3725 N. Gantenbein Ave. A repast will be held at Emmanual Church, 1033 N. Sumner St.

To send flowers, cards, etc., contact Rose City Funeral Home at 5625 N.E. Fremont St. Portland, OR 97213 or 503-281-3821.









Ben Wendell (left) and Wycliffe Gordon will be two of the headliners when the Mt. Hood Jazz Festival makes its return to Mt. Hood Community College, April 24-26, for the first time since 2004. The lineup will also include local jazz icons and more than 70 high school and middle school jazz ensembles.

Mt. Hood Jazz Festival Returning

Musicians sign up for April 2020 show

The popular Mt. Hood Jazz Festival will return to Mt. Hood Community College this spring after 15 years and has an amazing lineup of musicians ready to welcome it home.

Newly envisioned to take place April 24-26, the festival will focus on jazz education, bringing the next generation of artists and supporters into contact with the contemporaries and historical figures of this important genre.

"The new Mt. Hood Jazz Festival will connect the jazz artists of tomorrow by joining our educational festival with an impressive professional line-up," said Dan Davey, director of jazz studies at MHCC. "Our jazz audience will experience a weekend jazz immersion into the culture and inspiration of this American-born style."

Internationally-acclaimed jazz musicians Wycliffe Gordon and Ben Wendell will headline the festival, joined by local jazz icons like George Colligan, Tim Gilson, Renato Caranto, Charlie Porter,

Charlie Doggett and Tim Rap. Regional jazz artists will hold hourly masterclasses, the MHCC Jazz Ensemble will hold special performances and more than 70 high school and middle school jazz ensembles will compete throughout the weekend. Additional performances and events will be announced as they are added to the lineup.

Tickets are now on sale and sponsorship opportunities are available for those who wish to support the festival. Visit mhcc. edu/jazzfestival and follow the festival on Facebook @MtHood-JazzFestival.

Foot Bridge Joins Two Parks

Portlanders getting in touch with nature have a new safe crossing over a busy West Burnside Street thanks to a new footbridge on the Wildwood Trail, one of Portland Parks & Recreation's crown jewels for outdoor activities.

Nearly 2,000 people showed up last month to celebrate the opening of the Barbara Walker Crossing, a dream in the works for decades and a structure that symbolizes the joining of Washington and Forest parks. The path also connects two of the Wildwood Trail's most popular destinations: Hoyt Arboretum and Pittock Mansion

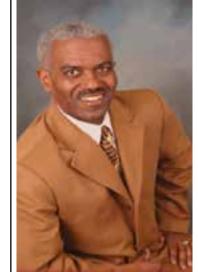
Companies like KPFF, R&H Construction, Walker Macy and Shiels Obletz Johnson donated hundreds of hours of work for the design, engineering, construction, and installation of the bridge.



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Nearly 2,000 people were on hand to celebrate a new foot bridge across West Burnside. The connection brings a safe crossing across a busy street for one of Portland Parks & Recreation's crown Jewels, the Wildwood Trail and also symbolizes the joining of Washington and Forest parks.

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Fourteen students from Parkrose, DeLaSalle North and Jefferson high schools visit Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama as part of a just concluded Black College Tour of historic black colleges and historic sites organized by Portland educator and mentor Dr. Audrey Terrell and the Dr. Audrey Terrell Institute, a non-profit geared to helping young people meet life challenges and overcome obstacles.

Black College Tour Enriches Lives

Young people explore paths to success

Fourteen black students from Portland area high schools explored paths to achieving their dreams by visiting historically black colleges and universities and other historic sites last month as part of a Black profit helping people meet life challenges and overcoming obstacles.

The students from Parkrose, DeLaSalle North and Jefferson high schools toured Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Ala., and Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, and Spelman College in Atlanta. They also attended the Morehouse and Spelman homecoming celebraMartin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King tomb, preserved within the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta, and the Ebernezer Baptist Church, also in Atlanta and where Rev. Martin Luther King preached.

A special thanks went out to the parents who helped make the tour success, including Babatunde

College Tour sponsored by the Dr. tions, crossed the Edmund Pettus Azubuike, program coordinator of Audrey Terrell Institute, a local non- Bridge in Selma, Ala., and toured the Freedom To Thrive; Tina Turner Morfitt, president of the Oregon Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; Dr. Rosemary Daniels, retired principal and a supervisor of teachers at the University of Portland; Tony Brown, host of Straighttalk TV and to Nike.

The Dr. Audrey Terrell Institute is making plans for the next Black College Tour to be in North Carolina in 2020.

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Honor Veterans and Protect the Postal Service

I'm a veteran from a family of

veterans

BY KEITH COMBS

If you're looking for a way to honor veterans, here's one: Protect the U.S. Postal Service.

I'm a veteran from a family of

veterans. After serving in the Marine Corps, I got a good-paying postal job that put me on a solid path to financial security. Now I lead the Detroit Area Local for the American Postal Workers Union. Our 1,500 members include many veterans, some of whom I served with myself.

113,000 veterans now serve as postal workers. With former mil-18 percent of our workforce, the Postal Service employs vets at three times their share of the national workforce.

Why? For one thing, military values like hard work, showing up on time and taking pride in your work set you up perfectly for post-

For another, USPS gives veterans like myself preferential hir-

ing treatment. Disabled vets, like special consideration too. And once they get here, they get gen-

> erous medical leave and benefits, including wounded warriors leave, among other hard-earned benefits won by our union.

Unfortunately, these senow under attack.

In particular, they want to elimmany I work with in Detroit, get inate our collective bargaining rights, which would jeopardize all those benefits we've won for veterans and other employees. They also want to cut delivery days, close local post offices and raise prices, which would hurt custom-

This cost-cutting could also cure jobs for veterans are threaten another valuable benefit for service members: Deeply dis-A White House report counted shipping rates on packhas called for selling off ages they get overseas. Currently,

This cost-cutting could also threaten another valuable benefit for Across the country, nearly Service members: Deeply itary members accounting for over discounted shipping rates on packages they get overseas.

> the public mail service to private, shipping to U.S. military bases in and services for customers.

> for-profit corporations. And a other countries costs the same as Trump administration task force a domestic shipment, and USPS has called for slashing postal jobs offers cost-free packing supplies to the folks who send these care

packages.

Instead of slashing and burning the USPS, we need to be expanding and strengthening it.

One idea is to let post offices expand into low-cost financial services. Veterans are four times more likely than the national average to use payday lenders for short-term loans, which typically charge exorbitant interest rates.

But if post offices could offer affordable and reliable check cashing, ATM, bill payment, and money transfer services, we could generate all kinds of new revenue while protecting vets and their communities from predatory lend-

From discounting care packages to employing disabled veterans, our Postal Service plays an important part in the lives of our service members. USPS does good by Americans who've dedicated a portion of their lives to armed service and by the millions of Americans who rely on them.

I hope you'll join me in applauding these veterans — and the postal service. Let's build the USPS up, not tear it down.

Keith Combs is a 30-year postal worker and president of the Detroit District Area Local of the American Postal Workers Union. This op-ed was distributed by OtherWords.org.



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Portland International Airport (PDX) Parking Additions and Consolidated Rental Car Facility (PACR)

Bid Package 12 – Interior Finishes and Site Improvements

JE Dunn Construction invites written Bids from qualified Trade Partners to provide construction services for the following scopes of work on the PACR project:

- Overhead Doors and Grilles
- Terrazzo Flooring
- Acoustic Baffle Ceilings and Wall Panels
 Pavement Markings
- Resilient Flooring and Carpet

Bidding Documents may be viewed and/or obtained electronically on SmartBid through a Bid Invitation issued by the Contractor. To be issued a Bid Invitation, contact Robert Means at: Robert.Means@jedunn.com.

Bids due 2:00pm PST November 15th, 2019

Bids may be delivered by email to Robert.Means@jedunn.com. Any Bid received after the specified date and time will not be considered

PACR has MWVESB participation goals of 10% for design and 15% for construction.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be located at Portland International Airport Conference Center, located at 7000 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97218 in the Multnomah Conference Room on Wednesday, October 30th, at 1:00pm for the purpose of answering any questions from prospective Bidders. Attendance is strongly encouraged. No other Pre-Bid Conference will be held



JE Dunn Construction reserves the right to select the best value response, negotiate with multiple bidders, or reject all responses. This is an Equal Opportunity and encourages Minority, Woman, Veteran. and Emerging Small Business participation.

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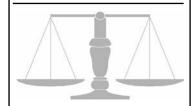


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New Vision for Rose Festival Court

Online signups and voting encourage participation

Applications for the 2020 Rose Festival Court presented by Unitus Community Credit Union are now available online at RoseFestival.org. The Portland Rose Festival is creating a new vision for the annual tradition, making court membership more accessible by moving applications online, supporting online voting for court members at the schools and reducing the overall travel schedule.

The court is open to female identifying junior and senior girls from class 4A to 6A schools in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. The program provides one-in-a-lifetime experiences and friendships, along with opportunities to gain new skills from job shadowing, public speaking and networking.

Each selected member of the 2020 Rose Festival Court receives a \$3,500 scholarship generously provided by The Randall Group.

The Rose Festival Court application deadline is Dec. 11. Judging will take place Feb. 1.



Portland 2019 Rose Festival Queen Mya Brazil.

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The Hip Hop Nutcracker - 'The Hip Hop Nutcracker,' performed by a super-charged cast of a dozen all-star dancers and MC Kurtis Blow, plays at Keller Auditorium, Wednesday, Nov. 13. Tickets at the Portland'5 Centers for the Arts box office, 1111 S.W. Broadway, and by phone: 800-273-1530.



All Things Being Equal – A thought-provoking look at how art can show how modern culture perpetuates discrimination, titled "All Things Being Equal" by African American artist Hank Willis Thomas, runs through Jan. 12 at the Portland Art Museum. Features more than 90 works, including sculptures based on archival photographs, quilts constructed from sports jerseys and prison uniforms, video installations, and more.

Fighting for the Right to Fight: African American Experiences in World War II - On loan from the National WWII Museum through Jan. 12, The Oregon Historical Society, downtown, presents exhibit on the African American experience in World War II and in the Civil Rights era following the war.

Macbeth - Local favorites Chantal DeGroat, Dana Green and Lauren Bloom Hanover star in

a piercing, strippeddown production of Macbeth, Shakespeare's infamous tale of political gluttony and supernatural vengeance.

Now showing through Nov. 24 at Portland Center Stage at The Armory. Tickets at pcs.org or call 503-445-3700.

Discover the Shocking Truth – Two brothers

launch a ghost-hunting business and investigate the home of a black couple displaced by Hurricane Katrina in "The Brothers Paranormal." Co-produced

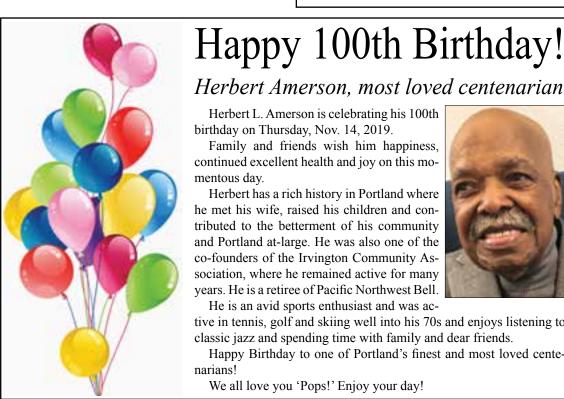


by Portland's CoHo Productions and Theatre Diaspora and now showing through Saturday, Nov. 16 at CoHo Theater, 2257 N.W. Raleigh.

Norman Sylvester Band - The "Boogie Cat" Norman Sylvester and his Band plays, Nov. 15 at Wilf's; Saturday, Nov. 16 at C I Bar and Grill in Tualatin; Friday, Nov. 22 at Clyde's; Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Vinyl Tap; Friday, Nov. 29 at the Half Penny in Salem; and Saturday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Ilanai Casino Line & Lure Room in Ridgefield.

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.





Happy 100th Birthday!

Herbert L. Amerson is celebrating his 100th

birthday on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019.

Family and friends wish him happiness, continued excellent health and joy on this momentous day.

Herbert has a rich history in Portland where he met his wife, raised his children and contributed to the betterment of his community and Portland at-large. He was also one of the co-founders of the Irvington Community Association, where he remained active for many years. He is a retiree of Pacific Northwest Bell.

He is an avid sports enthusiast and was ac-

tive in tennis, golf and skiing well into his 70s and enjoys listening to classic jazz and spending time with family and dear friends.

Happy Birthday to one of Portland's finest and most loved centenarians!

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Erasure of Women in Juarez

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pression is more difficult than it looks. We want answers; we want to solve the mystery. At most, we want to locate the story outside of anything that could touch us, to congratulate ourselves for attending to a story that is tragic, or sad or powerful. Although there are no definitive

appropriate self-examination. Although I expect audience What does it suggest about members will be moved, the American culture that now hundreds of Mexican women have them to internalize such quesdisappeared while employed at tions. subsistence wages by American companies, and yet so little has for stories like these is an imbeen done to protect them and portant starting point. It is a stop the killings? What does it move against the erasure of suggest about how much we these women; it helps us to answers to what has happened value the lives of these women visualize their faces and voicto many or most of the disap- -- of women at the margins and es, and guides us toward the peared women of Juarez, the women in general -- that most of play could do more to help au- us know so little about this patdience members ask themselves tern of disappearances? What

the questions that would awaken connects our lives to theirs? play could do more to prompt

> With that said, holding space practice of empathy and of treating their lives as valuable. The music of this production -traditional Mexican folk songs sung by the cast -- give voice to their dreams and hopes. And this play, based on the stories of real women, gives them names: Yolanda. Marisela. Ivonne. Brenda. Zaide. Desamaya.

Artists Repertory Theater's production of "La Ruta" plays through Dec 1 at the Portland Opera stage.

Darleen Ortega is a judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals and the first woman of color to serve in that capacity. Her movie and theater review column Opinionated Judge appears regularly in The Portland Observer. Find her blog at opin-



This super slow-cooker recipe has been a lifesaver. It cooks while I'm away and smells heavenly when I walk in the door in the evening.

Fruited Chicken

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large onion, sliced
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricots
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- Hot cooked rice

DIRECTIONS

Place onion and chicken in a 5-qt. slow cooker. Combine the orange juice, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, orange peel and garlic; pour over chicken. Sprinkle with apricots and cranberries. Cover and cook on low for 7-8 hours or until chicken juices run clear. Serve over rice.



Slow cooked chicken breasts in a rich, peanutty, slightly spicy sauce. Serve over rice.

Slow Cooked Thai Chicken

INGREDIENTS

- 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into 1/2 inch strips
- 1 large red bell pepper, seeded and sliced into strips
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup sov sauce
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2/3 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 3 green onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 cup chopped roasted peanuts

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Place the chicken breast strips, bell pepper and onion into a slow cooker. Pour in the chicken broth and 1/4 cup of soy sauce, then season with cumin, garlic, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper. Stir to blend, then cover and cook on Low for 4 1/2 to 5 hours.
- 2. Remove 1 cup of the liquid from the slow cooker, and mix this with the cornstarch, peanut butter, 1 tablespoon of soy sauce and lime juice. This should blend into a fairly thick sauce. Stir the sauce back into the slow cooker, and place the lid on the pot.
- 3. Cook on High for 30 minutes. Garnish with green onions, cilantro and peanuts before serving.



