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Adbi Noor examines a memorial on the downtown waterfront Friday for black lives lost at the hands of police. Nightly protests for racial justice have remained largely peaceful between demonstrators and police following an agreement last week between Gov. Kate Brown and the Trump administration to reduce federal officers in the city. (AP Photo/Noah Berger)

New Police Oversight Gains Traction

Council sends measure to voters

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

Portland's City Council has voted to add a measure to the ballot this November that would create a new independent Community Police Oversight Board.

The panel of community members would have more power to investigate complaints against police, compel testimony by officers and impose discipline. The measure would also provide funding to support the work of the new police oversight panel by creating a budget pegged at five percent of the Portland Police Bureau's budget.

Unanimous approval to send the measure to voters was

a major victory for Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty, the first black woman elected to serve on the City Council and a long time police reform activist. Hardesty won over the support of Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Commissioners Chloe Eudaly and Amanda Fritz to place the measure on

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TriMet Installs New Tracks

Four weeks of repair bring disruptions

TriMet has embarked on its largest MAX improvement project to date, a month long closure of the Steel Bridge to allow crews to make a series of major upgrades to the MAX light rail system that will improve

resiliency, keep trains on time and create a smoother ride.

On Sunday, the upper deck of the bridge was closed to auto, bus, light rail trains, and bicycle and pedestrian traffic to accommodate the work. All MAX lines—Blue, Green, Orange, Red and Yellow—will be disrupted for the next four weeks while the construction is completed.

To move people around the disruption, TriMet said shuttle buses will depart about every two to five minutes, serving the Rose Quarter, Union Station/Northwest Fifth Avenue and Glisan and Old Town/Chinatown stations.

Bus lines 4, 8, 35, 44, and 77, as well as all auto traffic, will be detoured to other bridges. Pedestrian and bicyclists will be able to cross the Steel Bridge on the lower-deck pathway, which will remain open during the entire project.

TriMet says the improvement project will have a positive effect for MAX riders system-wide, improving reliability and keeping trains on time. Track and switch improvements were made earlier in the Rose Quarter area in preparation for this work. This project will build upon those upgrades, resulting in fewer issues that slow or disrupt access across the bridge, officials said.

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College Faculty Denounce Police Tactics

Joins in solidarity with demonstrators

Faculty at over a dozen Portland area colleges and universities - including Portland State University, Reed College, University of Portland, Pacific University, and Lewis & Clark College - have circulated a statement denouncing heavy-handed tactics used by Portland Police and by federal agents that have inflamed tensions in the streets surrounding federal buildings in downtown Portland and elsewhere in the city.

It took just a few days for the number of faculty who have signed the statement to approach 400, backers reported last week. The statement reads as follows:

"We are faculty and educational professionals in the greater Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. We stand in solidarity with the public demonstrations that have been occurring in our city for nearly two months.

Those of us who have been present at these demonstrations can attest that violence against mostly peaceful demonstra-



Zoe, 6, and her mother Lacey, no last names given, prepare to march during a Black Lives Matter protest last week in Portland. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

escalated the illegal assaults on citizens exercising their First Amendment rights. For example:

On July 12, federal officers shot Donovan LaBella, 26, in the head with an impact munition.

On July 15, federal officers in green military fatigues and generic "police" patches emerged from an unmarked minivan and seized and searched Mark Pettibone, 29 and detained him in a holding cell at the federal courthouse and then released him without giving any reason for his detention.

On July 20, federal officers in camouflage beat, pepper sprayed and broke the hand of Christopher David, a 53-year old Navy veteran.

On July 21, federal officers shot Maureen Healy, chair of the Department of History at Lewis and Clark College in the head with a "less than lethal" munition.

Participation in and support for these demonstrations and similar ones around the country is an expression of democratic responsibility and the hope that ordinary people have the capacity to change our society for the better.

We denounce the indiscriminate use of violence directed towards participants in these demonstrations by both the Portland police and the federal agencies that are illegally operating in our city. We encourage the efforts of our respective institutions to foreground and address issues of racial and social justice. We stand with our many colleagues who have been participating in nonviolent protests throughout our city and who have been counted among those injured by federal agents."

tors has primarily been instigated by the Portland police, who have assaulted scores of journalists, legal observers and peaceful protesters with tear gas, pepper spray and flash bang grenades. This violence is only a small sampling of the kind of abuse and mistreatment that Black Portlanders have experienced at the hands of our local police for many years.

Earlier this month, several armed federal agencies invaded Portland. They have

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68th Day of Portland Protests

Protests against police brutality and systemic racism took place in Portland for the 68th consecutive day Monday since the Memorial Day death of George Floyd, a black man who died at the hands of police in Minneapolis. Two people were arrested during a nighttime demonstration near the sheriff's office on East Burnside and a 15-year-old boy suspected of pointing a gun at people was detained downtown.

Homicides Match 80s Violence

Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell addressed a crisis in community violence Friday following a 150-round shooting at an apartment building on the east side and 15 homicides during the month of July, the highest number of deadly shootings or stabbings in a single month since the 1980s.

Coronavirus Threat Grows

Coronavirus is more widespread in the US than ever before, prompting White House coronavirus response coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx to say over the weekend the country has entered a "new phase" of the pandemic. The virus is now hitting urban, suburban and rural areas and has even spread to Americans living on distant islands.

Church Bells Ring for John Lewis

Augustana Lutheran Church, a multicultural congregation in northeast Portland, joined other churches across America

Thursday by ringing a peace bell 80 times to honor Congressman John Lewis on the day of his funeral in Atlanta. The civil rights hero died July 17. He was 80.

Black Filmmaker Stabbed

A black videographer from California was stabbed last week near the scene of a Black Lives Matter protest outside Portland's federal courthouse. Andrew Duncomb, 25, films demonstrations and other political events under the moniker "Black Rebel."



ACLU Sues Portland Police Bureau

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon last week sued the Portland Police Bureau to stop police livestreaming of protests. The ACLU says the practice violates Oregon law prohibiting police from collecting information about the political, religious or social views, associations or activities of people who are not suspected of criminal activity.

Herman Cain Dies of COVID-19

Herman Cain, former Republican presidential candidate and former CEO of a major pizza chain, died Thursday of complications from the coronavirus. He was 74. Cain had been ill with the virus after attending Trump's campaign rally in Tulsa, Okla. in June. Cain had been co-chair of Black Voices for Trump.



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LOCAL NEWS



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Home to Portland's historic African American community, Jefferson High School, will be completely modernized if voters approve a new bond levy in November for its reconstruction as part of a proposed new bond that the Portland School Board last week referred to voters.

Jefferson Rebuild Proposed

School next in line for bond financing

Jefferson High School, home for generations of families from Portland's African American community, will get a complete renovation, and schools surrounding Jefferson will start a process to open a new Center for Black Student Excellence, as part of a proposed construction bond referred to voters by the Portland School Board last week.

Scheduled for the November General Election, the \$1.1 billion property tax measure would

renew the last school construction bond at the same tax rate that has provided monies for rebuilding or replacing other aging Portland schools in recent years, district officials said. It would also continue other investments in Portland schools, including funding for critical educational, health and safety priorities.

"I'm excited we are investing in the modernization of Jefferson and focusing on the Center for Black Student Excellence," Board Director Michelle DePass said. "It tells our Black students, your education matters. It tells them we care and are listening to your voice. I can't wait to witness the students we are investing in today."

Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero said the decision to remodel Jefferson and improve educational supports for black students keeps with past promises by the district and listens to the priorities of the district's community partners.

"If we're going to succeed in serving Black students and youth, we'll have to do it together," said Guerrero.

The proposed bond would also complete the modernization of Benson Polytechnic High School; build a facility for Multiple Pathways to Graduation programs; plan for additional capacity at Roosevelt High School;

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School Classes to Start Online

Portland Public Schools Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero has outlined plans for holding classes online at the beginning of the school year, until at least Nov. 5 when local health guidelines for social distancing under the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) will be re-evaluated.

In a letter Guerrero sent to school parents and staff last week, he said the district will start the fall semester on Sept. 2 by utilizing a new, comprehensive distance learning model, based on the best available guidance to promote public safety from state and county health officials and Gov. Kate Brown.

"Our goal is to be prepared to engage students and provide them with a robust learning experience this fall," Guerrero said.



Guadalupe Guerrero

The online instruction will be different from the learning experience of this past spring when schools adopted online learning from home when classroom instruction suddenly ended because of the stay-at-home order by the governor to prevent the spread

of coronavirus amid a worldwide health crisis.

It is possible that unless COVID-19 conditions improve significantly, online learning will extend past Nov. 5. The decision will be made by Oct. 10 after considering new health information and county health metrics, Guerrero said.

"We believe it is both responsible and critical to base our decisions on what will best ensure the health and wellness of our students and staff. For those of us who serve in public education, we will always prefer to have our students engaged in classroom-based learning, but given current conditions, it would be unsafe to have significant numbers of students and adults back on campus at this time," Guerrero said.

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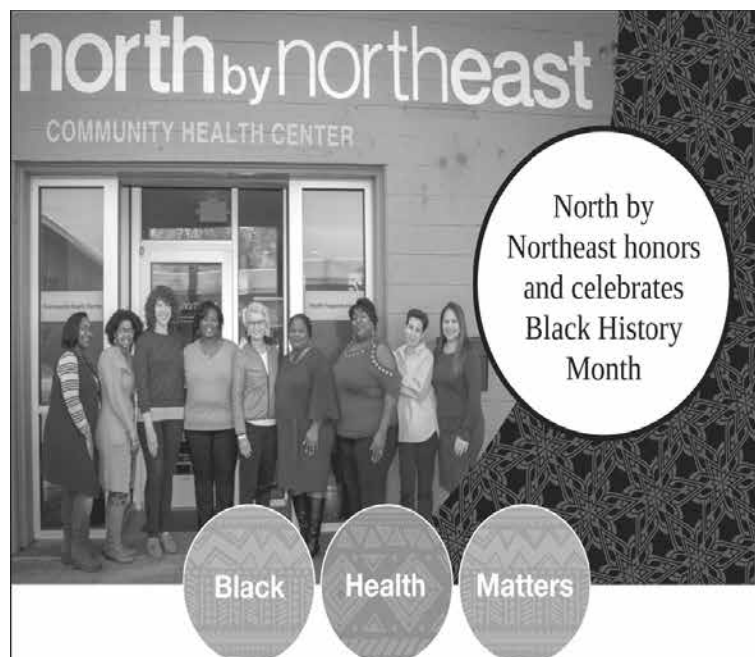
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Taking Action against Breast Cancer

Momentum builds for virtual 'More Than Pink Walk'

Janet Long is encouraging her community and others to take action against breast cancer by supporting the virtual More Than Pink Walk on Sunday, Aug. 23 sponsored by Susan G. Komen Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The fundraiser supports breast cancer prevention and treatment, including Komen's outreach to the African American community with its "Worship in Pink" gatherings and events.

For Long, church has become not just a place of worship and community, it's a place to take action to educate, empower and inspire women and men to take control of their breast health.

Worship in Pink is a unique program for congregations of all faiths and community organizations in the Portland metro area to provide the information needed in order to increase the number of women receiving mammograms.

"Any action, big or small can make a difference in someone's life," Long said. "I have been a [Worship in Pink] ambassador since the beginning; we share information about breast health, [encourage attendees] to speak up



Janet Long

when it comes to their body, and [educate them on] the importance of getting a yearly mammogram."

A couple of years ago, for example, Long said a church member who had been attending one of the Worship in Pink events decided to have her annual mammogram, which allowed doctors to detect her cancer early and provide treatment. She is now cancer free.

Taking action is one pillar of four that make up the entirety of Komen's work, the others being research, community and care.

Komen's focus on advocating for more research funding and critical patient protections, educating health care providers, policymakers, opinion leaders and the public about the burden of breast cancer, and empowering patients and the public with fact-based information and guidance, is aimed at giving patients control of their breast health.

The upcoming More Than Pink Walk is Komen Oregon and SW Washington's largest fundraising event of the year. Though participants can't gather in person this

year because of the social distancing requirements of the coronavirus pandemic, the dollars raised through this event are what pay for Komen's important programs like Worship in Pink.

"I have participated in the Walk [aka Race for the Cure] since 2002, [when I] began walking with my daughter and friends in remembrance of the First Lady of our church, who lost her battle with breast cancer; we later signed up as a team from our church," Long said. "The walk not only raises money for research [services, and programs], but it builds relationships, supports survivors, encourages those still battling breast cancer, and [honors] those warriors who lost their battle."

Right now, Komen Oregon and SW Washington stands ready to help those affected by breast cancer with educational programs, screening, gas, food, and lodging, but the organization has experienced a significant decrease in donations since the beginning of the pandemic.

By joining the More Than Pink Walk on Aug. 23, you're taking action and helping to keep Komen's doors open, so they can provide programs and services to people who desperately need them in Oregon and SW Washington, officials said. Register today at KomenOregon.org.

If your church is interested in participating in Komen's Worship in Pink program and you'd like more information, visit komenoregon.org/worship-in-pink/ or contact Kathy Kendrix, Worship in Pink program planner, at WorshipinPink@komenoregon.org or at 503-735-1475.

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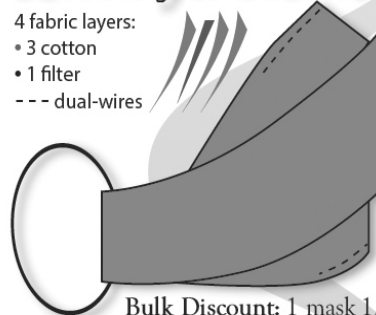


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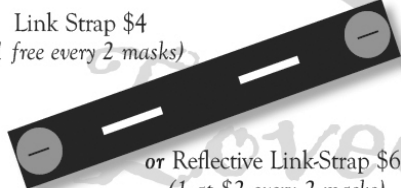
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and finalize master planning and design of Cleveland High School and Wilson High School.

In addition, the bond would pay for new instructional materials and critical technology upgrades, including devices such as laptops, tablets and assistive technology that support both distance and classroom learning. The proposal includes \$33.8 million for improved accessibility for students, staff and other people with disabilities; repairs or replacement of outdated roofs and mechanical systems; and improved seismic safety and school security systems.

The plans for a Center for Black Student Excellence were developed in conjunction with the Albina Vision Trust, a grassroots effort to rebuild a Black

and diverse community near the Rose Quarter that was displaced by decades of Urban Renewal.

In 2012 and 2017, voters in the Portland School District approved capital bonds that funded improvements to other public schools, including rebuilding Roosevelt, Madison, Grant, Lincoln, Benson and Franklin High schools, Faubion Elementary and Kellogg Middle School.

Over the past eight years, the Portland Public Schools bond program has also addressed infrastructure needs at district schools throughout the district, including replacing plumbing to reduce lead, removing or encapsulating exposed lead paint and asbestos and upgrades to fire alarm and sprinkler systems.

For more information about the 2020 School Renewal Bond, visit pps.net/2020bondrenewal.

New Police Oversight Gains Traction

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the ballot. Objections came from the Portland Police Association, representing officers, and City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero.

"I am beyond thrilled that council voted to move forward to give voters the chance to put this long-overdue system into effect, Hardesty said. "While we're celebrating this moment with the community, the work only begins with the results of today's vote."

Hardesty announced that a political action committee "Yes for Real Community Oversight of Police" comprised of a diverse coalition, would work to pass the measure. Led by communities of color groups, activists, community leaders and police accountability advocates, the campaign will represent constituents from across the political spectrum, in addition to business interests.

Hardesty said police accountability is just one piece of the puzzle when it comes to making communities safer and that includes safety from police violence. If the ballot measure passes in November, a commission would be established to work with the community to create the specific details of the new system, Hardesty said.

Additionally, legal changes would also need to take place be-

fore the new system could fully be functional.

"I want to thank Commissioner Hardesty for her leadership on this issue," said Commissioner Eudaly. "Her decades of work on racial justice issues and police accountability have brought invaluable experience to City Council, and I'm pleased to support this ballot referral. Portlanders have been demanding change, and this measure empowers our community to make their voices heard in November."

The council heard almost two hours of public testimony on the proposal, including from Dr. Rev. Leroy Haynes, a long time leader of Portland's African American community, and a member of the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform.

"One of the most valuable means of transforming the killing of unarmed citizens of Portland is their lack of accountability," Haynes said. "There are no consequences when unarmed black and brown people or mentally ill people are killed by deadly force in the City of Portland. This is why the AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform has supported the need for an independent police review board with subpoena powers to compel testimony."

Alex Davis, a Portland Com-

munity College student, testified that the issue of police brutality has been made even clearer by the unwanted occupation by federal officers to downtown Portland.

"For too long the power in the relationship between the police and the community has been vested in the police. Now, in order to move forward the power must be vested in those to whom it truly belongs: the citizens," Davis said.

Hardesty said the differences between the city's current Independent Police Review and the proposed new Oversight System will be profound.

She said the new board would lead the nation in the three areas deemed most essential by experts in the field, independence, funding, and authority. It would be able to directly affect Police Bureau policies, discipline and terminate officers, compel testimony, and access police records with ease, all powers the current system is sorely lacking.

City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero objected to the charter change, saying it was created without her input and lacked sufficient review and policy analysis. The Police Association said the new oversight panel would violate existing laws and due process.



PHOTO COURTESY TriMet

A month of construction work began Sunday on replacing the light rail tracks across the Steel Bridge between downtown Portland and the Rose Quarter.

TriMet Installs New Tracks


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TriMet said the project will also add a much-needed boost to the economy, supporting 450 jobs at an important time for our community. It will increase system reliability and revitalize light rail across a historic 108-year-old Steel bridge, the nucleus of the MAX system with more than 620 trains crossing it every day.

Crews will work on the bridge 24 hours a day during the four-

week closure. Project work includes installing improved lift joints and locks, new switches and signal equipment, as well as technological improvements. Nearly 9,000 linear feet of rail and expansion rail also will be replaced.

"We ask for riders' understanding as this will be a complex project, one of our most ambitious to date, and can't be done in the few hours MAX doesn't run," TriMet officials said.



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Participants march for justice last January on the national holiday honoring Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. A new multimedia presentation on the history of Portland protests supporting Black lives called "Stop Killing Us" is held this month at Holding Contemporary, a gallery in the Pearl District.

'Stop Killing Us' Exhibit Opens Covers history of Portland protests for justice

As the global uprising for Black lives continues, the Portland civil rights and community action group Don't Shoot Portland presents Stop Killing Us: A Black Lives Still Matter multimedia installation hosted this month at

Holding Contemporary, a gallery located at 916 N.W. Flanders in the Pearl District.

Don't Shoot Portland has brought past protest art out of storage from city of Portland archives to complete the exhibit, which opens Thursday, Aug. 6 and runs through Aug. 29. Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Social distancing rules allow for no more than two visitors in the space at a time. Visitors must maintain 6 feet between one an-

other and masks are required. Online conversations with Don't Shoot Portland Founder Teresa Raiford will happen every Thursday at 5 p.m. throughout the exhibition via YouTube at www.bit.ly/DSP_YouTube.

This is Holding Contemporary's second exhibition with Don't Shoot Portland.

The new presentation will be both a memorial space and an acknowledgement of the history of social protest through photographs, protest posters and video.



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Portland pianist and composer Darrell Grant stands in front of a mural and the cover art for the digital recording and musical video "Take Flight," a new original song he wrote featuring vocalist Michelle Willis.

Musician Salutes Young Black Lives

Darrell Grant's 'Take Flight' inspired by pandemic and racism fight

Inspired by the resilience and courage of young Black lives in the face of the pandemic and the fight to end racism, Darrell Grant, Portland's critically-acclaimed pianist and composer, has released a new digital recording and music video of an original song "Take Flight" featuring vocalist Michelle Willis.

The song will premiere on Grant's Facebook page on Thursday and be available on Youtube, Instagram, and other social media platforms. Half of all funds raised through the release be donated to the Portland branch of the national non-profit Friends of the Children, an organization breaking the cycle of generational poverty through one-on-one youth support.

"This project arose from my desire to represent the beauty, hope, and potential embodied in our young people," Grant says, "I have been inspired by their emotional resilience and courage in the face of the pandemic and the fight to end rac-

ism, and I see it as my role as an artist to invest in our future by looking to support future generations."

Grant penned "Take Flight" in 2019 at the request of his son's 8th grade teacher.

"She asked if I would write a song that we parents could sing to the children at their upcoming middle-school class promotion," Grant explains. "I was thinking about the bittersweet nature of launching our children into the world, even as we struggle to let them go."

Fast forward to spring 2020. The coronavirus descended on the US and traditional rites of passage for youth were suspended, followed by the nationwide protests in the wake of the murder of George Floyd.

"In this challenging and painful time of re-evaluation I especially feel for our young people," Grant says. "I hope this



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It's huckleberry season with free permits for personal use now available from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in southwest Washington.

Picking Wild Huckleberries

Gifford Pinchot offers free permits

As summer reaches its peak, many like to venture into the National Forests where huckleberries offer a delicious harvest for your home table.

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest east of Vancouver began offering free-use huckleberry picking permits for personal consumption on Saturday, allowing up to one gallon of berries per day and a total of three gallons per year from designated picking areas.

Berries obtained under a free-use permit may not be sold. To apply, visit the free permit site apps.fs.usda.gov/gp. Commercial charge berry permits will be available to purchase in-person on Aug. 10 at ranger district offices and the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Headquarters.

You are asked to follow social distancing guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control by wearing a mask when entering a Forest Service facility and maintaining a six feet minimum distance from others. If you are feeling sick, stay home and remember to keep hands clean.

Health Check for Zoo's Red Panda

Veterinarians and animal-care staff conducted their first examination of Mei Mei's 6-week-old red panda cub at the Oregon Zoo Monday, and answered a question that's been on a lot of people's minds: It's a boy!

Mei Mei, a 4-year-old red panda at the Oregon Zoo, gave birth to her cub on June 18. Since then, animal-care staff have been taking a hands-off approach, giving the mom and newborn as much privacy as possible in a behind-the-scenes maternity den.

"Mei Mei has been a terrific mom so far, and her boy appears to be in great health," said animal curator Amy Cutting, who oversees the zoo's red panda area. "We'll still be taking a mostly hands-off approach, and let the cub gradually get used to our care staff. It will be another month or so before he ventures out of the den box on his own."

Red pandas are considered an endan-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL DURHAM, COURTESY OF THE OREGON ZOO. A newborn red panda cub had his first veterinary exam Monday at the Oregon Zoo.

gered species, with populations declining by about 50% in the past 20 years. While exact numbers are uncertain, some estimates indicate as few as 2,500 may be left in the wild. In addition to habitat loss and fragmentation, red pandas also face threats from poaching and the illegal wildlife trade.

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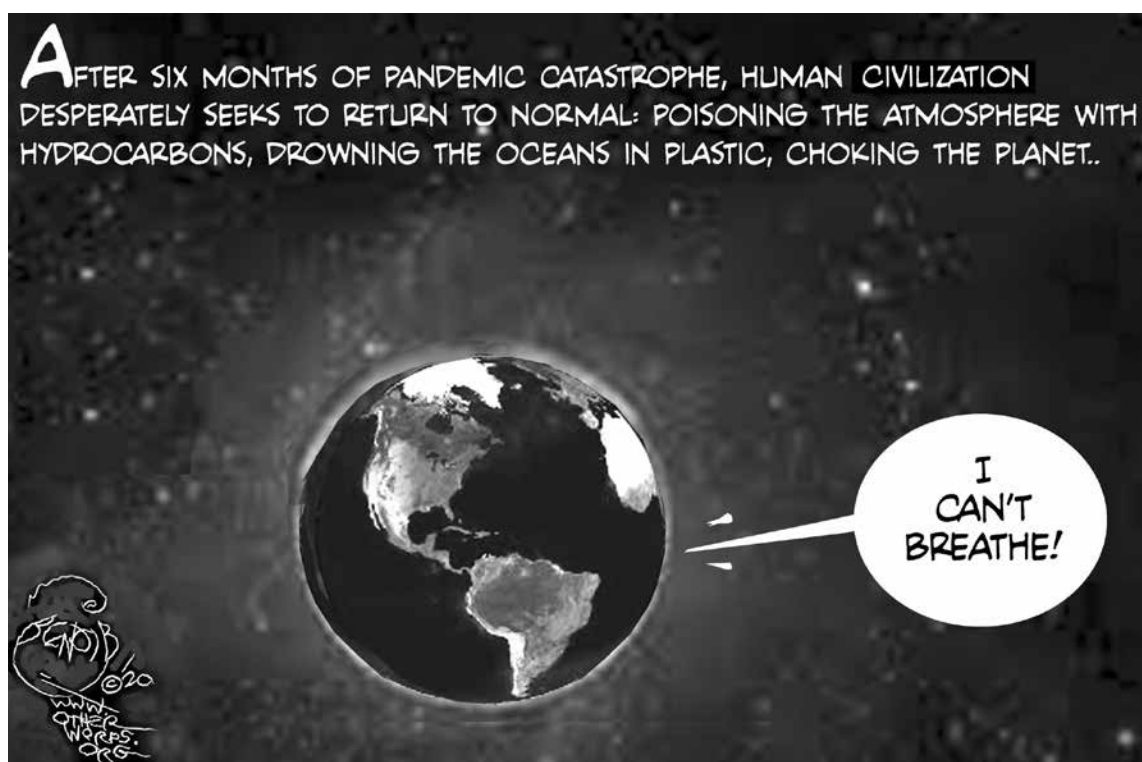


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Four Ways to Fight Racism

BY GLORIA OLADIPO

For weeks since the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, protests have erupted across the globe.

From Medford, Oregon to Meridian, Mississippi, and many places beyond, peaceful protests have attracted hundreds. Even those in conservative, majority-white towns — some with active KKK chapters — have gathered to reject racism and violence.

It's an encouraging sign. But not everyone is able to join in, especially at the height of COVID-19. Thankfully, there are other ways to contribute to the fight for racial justice.

1. Educate yourself.

The first step to being an effective ally is to educate yourself on racism, both structurally and in your community. A number of books are a great starting point. I recommend *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle* by Angela Davis and *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo.

If you prefer watching to reading, Netflix has a number of documentaries to help understand racism and its role in the United States, including *13th* and *When They See Us*.

Don't forget to learn about racism and police brutality in your own community. Despite the media's depiction of police brutality as an issue impacting mainly cities, many rural com-



munities and suburbs also suffer from disturbing examples of police brutality.

Keep track of events in the local news. Meet with your local sheriff and ask about police accountability measures. You have a right to live in a town where the police aren't a threat to you and others.

2. Talk about racism at home.

One of the most impactful things that allies can do in the face of anti-Blackness is to discuss these topics at home, especially with racist people in your inner circles. Challenging racism inter-personally can help change the ideology of family and friends — or at least introduce a different perspective.

Educating your family and friends is the first step to creating new allies and fostering a more tolerant culture in your community.

3. Support racial justice organizations.

Organizations need resources to support activists on the ground, bail out protestors, and pay their bills. Funding is especially important for local organizations who may not have the same bandwidth as national organizations to raise money. For these small local groups, every dollar counts.

A simple Google search can produce thousands of results for local, smaller organizations in your area. If the

internet is not accessible in your area, check local community boards. Often, groups will post flyers about events, opportunities for you to learn more about the work they do, and ways to donate to their efforts.

4. Support struggling people.

Many Black people are exhausted and vulnerable. Many need financial help. Whether suffering from COVID-19, job loss, the death of family members, or marginalization on account of their race or gender identity, direct donations can change their lives.

Finding people in need isn't difficult. GoFundMe has hundreds of thousands of people asking for help with basic needs. Twitter houses similar campaigns, including threads with women looking for donations to escape abusive situations or in need of general financial help.

Or, go through your local church. Ask your pastor or church board members if they are currently looking for donations to help marginalized people. Your dollars can and will change lives.

Don't let Black Lives Matter be a passing, catchy slogan. Wherever you live, be an active ally who challenges racism at every opportunity. Everyone is responsible to fight against racism, now and always.

Gloria Oladipo is a student at Cornell University. Distributed by OtherWords.org.

SUB BID REQUEST

PR 36R1 -

ADD CANOPY ON LEVEL 7 NE ELEVATOR TOWER

PROJECT: 10th & Yamhill Smart Park Garage Renovation – Add Canopy on Level 7 NE Elevator Tower

BID DATE & TIME: August 13, 2020 @ 2:00pm PST

Scope of work includes steel and canopy glazing only. All other scopes of work have previously been awarded.

Bids must be emailed.

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Bids Due: Aug. 26, 2020 @ 2:00 PM

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SUB BIDS REQUESTED

TCB, SS, and CC Swing Project PCC Sylvania Portland, OR

Bids Due: August 14th, 2020 at 12:00pm

Lease Crutcher Lewis, LLC, serving as the General Contractor for the new PCC Sylvania TCB, SS, and CC Swing Project, is soliciting proposals from qualified bidders. The TCB building consists of altering existing open office spaces and conference rooms to create three new private offices. The SS building includes removal of (2) existing offices and an addition of (1) enclosed storage room with some open office alterations. The CC building consists of altering existing open office spaces to create a total of (4) new enclosed offices and alterations to one existing enclosed office. Please provide a price per each of the (3) buildings – as needed per scope. Each building will be awarded as a stand-alone project. All MEP is design-build.

Contract Documents and the Invitation to Bid may be reviewed at the following locations: The entire Bid Package (including all project documents attached as exhibits) can be viewed via Lewis' website at: www.lewisbuilds.com

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

METRO PARKS AND NATURE Arborist Services RFP 3859

Bids Due: August 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

The Parks and Nature Department of Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, is hereby requesting sealed bids for Arborist Services.

Sealed proposals are due no later than **2:00 p.m., August 20, 2020**, electronically via BidLocker website, link found in solicitation document.

A **voluntary pre-proposal conference** for all potential prime contractors is scheduled on **August 6, 2020, at 11:00 am.** in an online Zoom meeting, link to meeting found in solicitation document. Interested sub-contractors are also invited.

The Metro Council's voter-approved 1995 Open Space, 2006 Natural Areas Program and 2019 Parks & Nature bond has and will fund land acquisition and capital improvements that protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, enhance trails and wildlife corridors and provide greater connections to nature in neighborhoods throughout the Portland metropolitan area. Metro now seeks Arborist Services for tree care in parks and natural areas in Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah counties. Services may be needed in popular public parks, with buildings, people and other targets. Often adjacent to busy roads and highways, as well as in remote natural areas where hiking equipment into a project area may be necessary, and anywhere in between.

Metro intends to award this to multiple firms to provide the services required. The term of the contract is anticipated to be September 2020 through September 2025.

Solicitation documents can be viewed and downloaded from the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) at <http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dli/>.

Metro may accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, or waive irregularities not affecting substantial rights if such action is deemed in the public interest.

Metro extends equal opportunity to all persons and specifically encourages minority, women-owned, emerging small businesses and service disabled veteran owned businesses to access and participate in this and all Metro projects, programs and services.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

2020-06 Invitation to Bid for Engine Related Parts for Cummins Engines (Readvertisement)

Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area (dba C-TRAN) has issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Engine Related Parts for Cummins Engines. This ITB may be found at <https://www.c-tran.com/about-c-tran/business/procurement/bid-and-proposal-opportunities>. Bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on August 31, 2020.

SUB BIDS REQUESTED

Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing RFP PCC Sylvania – Health Technology Building Portland, OR

Bids Due: August 7th, 2020 at 5:00pm

Lease Crutcher Lewis, LLC, serving as the General Contractor for the new PCC Sylvania Health Technology Project, is soliciting proposals from qualified Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical (including low voltage scopes). The total building construction cost is projected to be approximately \$43 Million. The MEP scope of work is currently at a schematic development level, without fully defined costs. The project consists of the renovation of the east side (Sector A) of the Health Technology Building on the PCC Sylvania Campus. The scope of Sector A includes extensive non-structural demolition with new building systems. The west side (Sector B) will remain functional and operational during the renovation. The east side (Sector A) will be unoccupied during the renovation.

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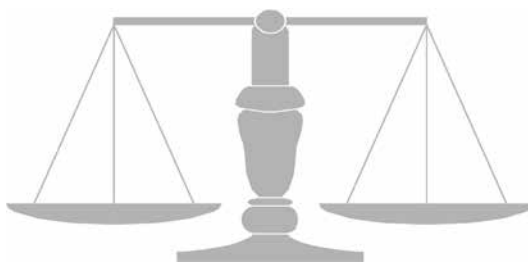
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De La Salle Breaks Ground at St. Charles

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A group of students and alumni from De La Salle North Catholic High School attend a July 28 groundbreaking for the new De La Salle campus, located at St. Charles Parish near Northeast 42nd and Killingsworth. The \$23 million construction project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2021 and will be the first new Catholic high school campus in Portland in more than 50 years. Until then, the faith-based, college-preparatory school for underserved students will continue its current lease of the former Kenton School in north Portland.

Musician Salutes Young Black Lives

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song can remind us all of the beautiful potential they bring into the world. I'm also grateful to those who offer opportunities for them to fulfill that potential."

As he did in his virtual choir video "We Rise" in April 2020, Grant reached out to his fellow musicians around the country to collaborate. Along with Willis, who contributed lead and background vocals in an ethereal vocal arrangement, Grant called on Chicago bassist Clark Sommers, LA-based guitarist Gregory Uhlmann, and Nashville drummer Jordan Perlson.

The cover art for "Take Flight" displays an image of a mural at the entrance of Portland's A/C Marriott hotel designed and led by Portland artist Alex Chiu.

"This mural was another example of community members coming together," Grant says. "As with so much of the art that has bloomed in our boarded up

downtown, it stands in stark contrast to the narratives we see each day on the news."

Filmmaker Adolfo Cantú-Vil-

larreal combined footage of the mural creation with community-submitted photos to create the film for "Take Flight."

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Black Lives Matter STAND DOWN Stop the Violence



Sharon Maxwell and the CD3 Committee are sending this to Congressman Earl Blumenauer and other Oregon Elected Officials:

Resolution for a permanent end to de-escalation of local and federal aggression against Black Lives Matter protesters and for systemic redress of harms from historic and ongoing institutionalized racism and state-sanctioned violence against Black People and other People of Color in the City of Portland, the State of Oregon and the United States of America.

Whereas it is unacceptable that we as a nation have a long history of systemic oppression, enslavement, suppression, disenfranchisement and dispossession of black people and other people of color for the financial enrichment of white people in the United States, and an equally long history of brutalization and murder of black people and people of color at the hands of police and soldiers in the enforcement of local, state and federal laws;

Whereas the state of Oregon has a history of blatant discrimination, exclusion, segregation, dispossession, and state-sanctioned violence against Black people and other people of color codified in our state constitution, laws, and policies;

Whereas the City of Portland has a history of oppressing, disenfranchising, and dispossessing black people and other people of color in our codes, policies and practices;

Whereas the Portland Police Bureau has a history of police misconduct, violence and unequal enforcement of laws against Black people and other people of color, of protecting and promoting white supremacists within their ranks, and of working closely with known white supremacists individuals and groups in their law enforcement, reinforcing old paradigms present since the founding of our state and making Portland a fertile ground for continued overt racism,

Whereas it is unacceptable that there has been a lack of a united anti-racist response by our local political leaders as demonstrated by the tacit approval of the soft response of our police and police leadership to recent white supremacist rallies and the harsh, disproportionate show of force and brutality to their protesters and against the current Black Lives Matter protests;

Whereas members of the 3rd Congressional District Democrats have proudly called our party the "Party of Jefferson and Jackson," men whose accomplishments must be weighed in relation to their own histories as racist slaveholders and mass-murderers of indigenous peoples, histories that we as institutional heirs rarely contemplate or fully comprehend;

Whereas there is little awareness among most white people in the United States regarding the breadth, depth and cruelty of institutionalized racism and white supremacist history in the United States at the local, state and national level;

Whereas Martin Luther King said "we are caught in an ines-

capable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny," and we understand how violence against, murder and exploitation of Black people and other people of color primarily enriches the most powerful while dividing and distracting and weakening us, thereby making other populations more vulnerable to attack;

Whereas, the murder of George Floyd focused brought the attention of the nation on to the brutality regularly carried out by police against Black people and other people of color in implementing laws that keep them in an oppressed state, and sparked national and international outrage not only among people of color but peoples from all walks of life in this country and around the world despite the limited understanding most people have regarding the full history of institutionalized racism in the United States;

Whereas the societal impact and social weight of George Floyd's murder is compounded in our collective consciousness by an incomprehensibly long list of brutalization and murder with impunity of innocent black people and other people of color over hundreds of years, and this impact has resulted resulting in a genuine uprising of protest and demand for changes both in Portland and across the United States, particularly regarding the routine unconstitutional and extra-legal/illegal federal and local police oppression and brutalization of black people and other people of color;

Whereas the recent federal violence against Black Lives Matter protesters in Portland, including the use of secret, unmarked police and mercenaries exceeding their federal authority in beating and gassing Americans with military grade weapons banned in modern warfare, plays out a long history of murder, brutality and oppression visited upon black people and other people of color which the majority of white people have often remained ignorant about and avoided accountability for;

Whereas the Black Lives Matter movement is part of a long and sacred history of outspoken and courageous protest to advance fair and equal treatment under the law for all peoples from colonists seeking equal representation in the making of laws that govern them, to the abolition of slavery, the expansion of the vote to women, the establishment of labor unions and fair labor practices, and the civil rights movement;

Whereas we stand now at a moment of national reckoning and hold ourselves accountable to work tirelessly to bring an end to institutionalized racism in Oregon;

And Whereas the cause of black people and other people of color in this country is just, and warrants redress and remembrance of their plight to help restore our dignity as a people and keep us and our children from engaging in such barbarous behavior in the future;

Now therefore be it resolved...

That we, the 3rd Congressional District Democrats, hereby acknowledge the dark histories of the founders of our party and country, our leaders and people, over the long arc of American history regarding treatment of black people and other people of color both inside the United States and around the world;

We call for the immediate cessation of all hostilities against black people and all people of color, and their allies, in their just cause of protests

that have drawn attention to our racist history and the need for fundamental change in our society. In particular, we condemn the use of violent intimidation tactics used by Federal troops without accountability against their fellow Americans, we support our Governor's demand for the removal of Federal troops from the City of Portland, and we demand immediate cessation of plans to deploy federal troops for the purposes of suppressing civil rights in other cities throughout the United States.

We call for the cessation of hostile activities of the Portland Police Bureau, and police departments across this country, toward black people and all people of color and their allies in the constitutionally protected exercise of their free speech to draw attention to our history and current-day repercussions of racist laws, policies, and practices;

We call for the dismissal, censor, arrest, impeachment, defeat and/or removal from office of racist individuals in positions of power, and their white supremacist enablers, on every rung of political and economic power in our country, including the current acting president and attorney general of the United States;

We call for ending qualified immunity, and divesting from institutions steeped in racist law enforcement and their replacement with institutions committed to the implementation of fair and equitable laws in a fair and equitable manner, in particular the dismantling of the Department of Homeland Security, dismantling of the private prison industry and emptying of prisons of all non-violent offenders locked up due to harsh sentencing policies disproportionately carried out against people of color, and divestment from and demilitarization of the Portland Police Bureau;

We call upon our representatives at the local, state and national level to create and fund Truth & Reconciliation Commissions for the City of Portland, the State of Oregon, and the United States to study the depth and breadth of our white supremacist history in its historic and ongoing manifestations, and to create educational institution and programs so that we do not forget our racist history, and we encourage other states and localities to do the same.

And we support calls for reparations and hereby call upon government at all levels to invest in black communities and communities of color at a disproportionately higher rate to support the growth of black-owned businesses, home-ownership, median net-worth, equitable healthcare and other markers so that individuals in those communities may equitably benefit from the wealth many of their forebears helped create that has for so long been almost exclusively controlled and enjoyed by white people.

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