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A Hero for Community Health

Lessie Williams honored for helping families most at risk

A long-time champion for community health from Portland's African American community has been honored as a national hero for her work tackling racial disparities in healthcare for families most at risk.

Lessie Williams is the first recipient of the REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) Lark Galloway-Gilliam Award for Advancing Health Equity from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one of the major operating components of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Through her church's non-profit organization, Highland Haven, Williams is credited with creating youth violence prevention programs, expanding access to culturally-relevant mental health services and launching culturally tailored health programs to improve health behaviors such as healthy eating, physical activity and tobacco cessation.

Recently retired as executive director of Highland Haven, where she spent 20 years building up and believing in the young people she serves and working alongside Pastor W.G. Hardy, who passed away in 2018.

Williams is also credited with organizing a net-



Lessie Williams has been honored as a community hero by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for tackling racial disparities in health.

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In Oregon, ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 3. Postmarks do not count.

Ballots Returned at a Record Pace

Presidential turnout could be highest since 1908

Ballots for the 2020 election started arriving in mailboxes of Oregon voters last week, and so far more than 88,000 people have casted their vote at a record pace, following suit with the nationwide early voting

trends.

By comparison, at this time during the 2016 presidential election, 12,591 ballots were returned in Oregon. In 2012 it was less than 10,000.

The Elections Division of the Oregon Secretary of State released the unofficial ballot returns count Monday.

Nearly 3 million people are reg-

istered to vote in Oregon, a 15% increase from the 2016 election. A portion of the influx of registered voters in the state can be attributed to Oregon's Motor Voter Act in 2016, which made voter registration automatic when Oregonians obtain or renew their driver's licenses.

To no surprise, the county with the most ballots returned thus far

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MLK Dream Run Goes Virtual

This year's annual MLK Dream Run to elevate Black lives in Portland's African American community is an extended virtual event in which participants started running or walking 5k, 10k and 15k courses over the weekend and have until Oct. 31 to submit the result.

For the 9th year in a row, the Soul District Business Association is the main sponsor for the Dream Run, but due to COVID-19 and the social distancing parameters set by the national Centers for Disease Control, the event shifted to the virtual format.

The proceeds raised benefit the Soul District's small business and youth entrepreneur training programs, including programs geared to underserved, Black youth, and aspiring entrepreneurs, ages 16-24.

Participants receive official race results, a reusable Nike water bottle and amp; training towel, additional swag from participating sponsors, and one raffle ticket.

For more information on how to participate or to make a donation for the cause, visit MLKDreamRun.org or call 503-841-5032.



Last year's MLK Dream Run brought participants to the starting line at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus. This year's event has gone virtual with participants having until Saturday, Oct. 31 to complete a running or walking course of the person's choosing and to submit the result.

REACH Mask Up Challenge

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The Week in Review

COVID-19 Upward Spread

Oregon Health officials announced Monday that face-covering requirements are being expanded to include all private and public work spaces, outdoor markets and colleges because COVID-19 transmission rates have increased recently at an alarming rate. The state already required people to wear masks at indoor public spaces and outside when they cannot maintain 6 feet of space between others.



Statute Toppled at Mt. Tabor

A statue of Harvey Scott was found torn down from its perch on Mt. Tabor Tuesday. Scott was editor of The Oregonian for 40 years and a well-known conservative who opposed his sister, Abigail Scott Duniway, on women's suffrage. He died in 1910. Protesters in Portland felled statues of Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln earlier this month and previously brought down statues of Thomas Jefferson and George Washington.

Distance Learning Extended

Portland Public Schools announced last week that the district will extend distance learning through Jan. 28 because of increasing cases of COVID-19. This follows an announcement from the Beaverton School District which won't return to in-person classes until at least February because of the virus.

Protesters Set Billboard Afire

A group of protesters marched from Arbor Lodge Park to the Portland Police Association building on North Lombard Street Monday night and a billboard was set on fire after a long standoff with police. Some individuals also climbed on top of some nearby business' roofs, police said.

Hall of Famer Remembered

Joe Morgan, a Hall of Fame second baseman from the Cincinnati Reds, died last week at the age of 77. Morgan was a two-time NL Most Valuable Player,



a 10-time All-Star and won five Gold Gloves. A dynamo known for flapping his left elbow at the plate, Little Joe could hit a home run, steal a base and disrupt any game with his daring.

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LOCAL NEWS



Dominique DeWeese (from left), Rose Wakefield, Marquita Corley and Benita Presley were all victims of recent cases of discrimination, according to four lawsuits showing how they were denied service based on the color of their skin.

Discrimination Cases Explode

'Shopping while Black' lawsuits sound alarm

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
PORTLAND OBSERVER EDITOR

A Portland lawyer specializing in discrimination cases is sounding the alarm over a rash of recent racial discrimination claims.

Greg Kafoury reported that in more than 40 years of practicing law, he has not seen cases with the "straightforward racism" he is seeing now.

His office, Kafoury & McDougal, has filed four "Shopping While Black" lawsuits in the last week. In each of them, the victims were denied service based on the color of their skin by Caucasian employees, Kafoury said.

In one case, Dominique DeWeese was trying

to buy gas in a container to put into his lawnmower when he was refused service because the employee said he was a "black lives protester" who would use it to light dumpsters on fire across the city, Kafoury said. A video shows the employee repeatedly mocking DeWeese and threatening to call the police.

In another case, Rose Wakefield needed gas on her way to work and was allegedly denied service at a Jackson Food Stores Gas Station in Tanasbourne.

Kafoury said after the employee refused her service but served several white drivers who arrived after her, Wakefield went inside to complain and the manager dismissed her. When she confronted the gas attendant, he allegedly laughed

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NAACP Leader Steps Down

Denies sex abuse allegations; won't run again

The president of the Portland NAACP announced his resignation Tuesday amid allegations of sexual misconduct.

In a statement, the NAACP said Rev. E.D. Mondainé announced his immediate resignation as president of the Portland chapter.

"The NAACP is firmly opposed to all forms of abuse, assault, harassment, or discrimination. Such behavior has no place in the Association, regardless of whether these instances occurred in previous or current administrations," the NAACP said.

The Portland chapter said it will continue to investigate the allegations, saying they will take further action if necessary.

A report in the Portland Mercury last week detailed claims of sexual and physical assault



E.D. Mondainé

by Mondainé from former parishioners at Celebration Tabernacle, the church he leads in the Kenton neighborhood of north Portland.

The newspaper said it spoke to three men who say they were repeatedly sexually and physically assaulted by Mondainé during a period of time spanning the mid-1990s to the mid-2000s.

In a press conference last week, Mondainé strongly denied any wrongdoing, but said he

was choosing to remove himself from running for another term as chapter president in a vote next month, and charged that he was a victim of cancel culture. He attributed the Mercury story to a relationship from two decades ago that he said "ended poorly and rocked the congregation."

Mondainé's candidacy was already under attack from some NAACP members who were running under the banner Rise Up PDX, accusing him of mis-spending NAACP money and mistreating members with physical assaults. The group also criticized him for his involvement in supporting Mayor Ted Wheeler's re-election in which the NAACP seal was used in campaign materials. NAACP rules do not allow the organization to endorse candidates.

On the allegations of sexual misconduct, Mondainé was quoted as saying "It's not true. There's no truth to it. People can say whatever they need to say. I've never abused anyone."

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A Hero for Community Health

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work of other churches and community organizations serving African Americans in Multnomah County. By working through the REACH network, she increased access to healthcare for her community by bringing preventive services such as blood pressure screenings to other commu-

nity churches, and to increase access to healthy foods.

"I am a helper by nature. When I know I can help, I feel an obligation to make a difference," Williams was quoted as saying after the award presentation this past August.

Highland Haven partners with the Multnomah County Health Department, a REACH recipient, as part of the coun-

ty's effort to reach infants, youth, adults, and elders to advance policies, systems and environmental conditions to reduce chronic disease disparities. Conditions addressed may include hypertension, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, or obesity and associated risk behaviors of physical inactivity, poor nutrition, or smoking.

The program has reached

thousands of people, helping community members improve their physical health, manage their mental health, and cope with the traumas of racial injustice.

CDC Director Dr. Robert R. Redfield said it was an honor to recognize Williams for her leadership and her contribution to advancing health equity in Oregon.

"Through local outreach and partnership with the faith-based community, Lessie Wil-

liams united and strengthened efforts to improve health access and outcomes for those she and her organization serve," Redfield said.

The national award is named in honor of Lark Galloway-Gilliam—the founding executive director of Community Health Councils, Inc. The council began in 1992 to support planning, resource development, and policy education in response to the growing health crisis in the South Los Angeles area.



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Ballots Returned at a Record Pace

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is Multnomah County — Oregon's most populous county. Nearly 60,000 ballots have been returned, which make up 10.5% of the county's registered voters. At this time in 2016, the county had received 21,452 ballots.

The avalanche of returned the ballots within the first days of voting has been witnessed across the country.

As of Friday, more than 22 million Americans had already

cast ballots in the 2020 election, a record-shattering number of early votes.

Americans' rush to vote is leading election experts to predict that a record 150 million votes may be cast and turnout rates could be higher than in any presidential election since 1908.

In Oregon, ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 3. The state also allows you to track your vote-by-mail ballot online.

--Associated Press

Discrimination Cases Explode

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and replied, "I don't serve Blacks."

For Marquita Corley, 37, it was shopping with her friends Terra Hartley and Ramona Austin when she says she was denied service by a Walmart employee who claimed that she could not help them because there were more than four people in line, even though they were the only people in line. The worker questioned why the women were shopping in Troutdale and another Walmart employee told them the employee had a history of problems with black customers, Kafoury said.

In the fourth lawsuit, Benita Presley said she was surrounded by three Safeway employees at Northwest 13th and Lovejoy who falsely accused her of having stolen items in her purse. When she requested that they look in her purse, they refused, so she had to empty the contents of her purse onto the floor to prove she hadn't taken anything, Kafoury said. Presley described

the incident as the most humiliating event that has happened to her.

In another discrimination claim brought to the attention of the Portland Observer, Black resident Jayana Rushing said she has retained Kafoury's service in response to what she called a "horrific humiliating situation" on Oct. 8 when wrongly accused of trespassing and a prior theft incident at a Ross store.

"I have never ever stole anything in my life. I was completely mistreated and embarrassed in front of a packed line at the Ross Cascade Station registers," Rushing said.

Thankfully, she was supported by mall security as well as Portland Police.

"I waited for 44 minutes for Portland Police to come. Just for them to check my identity, apologize for the inconvenience and release me," she said.

If you have been a victim of discrimination or have been unjustly denied service, Kafoury said don't hesitate to contact his office at 503-224-2647.

SPORTS

LaBron James: How Legends are Defined

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are Defined

(AP) — He went to Miami and became a champion.

He went back to Cleveland and won another title.

He went to Los Angeles and now the Lakers are back atop the basketball world.

LeBron James, love him or hate him, is in his own category now. He has led three franchises to NBA titles, something nobody has ever done. His legacy was complete long before the Los Angeles Lakers became NBA champions for the 17th time by beating the Miami Heat and winning the title to cap a season like none other, in a bubble like none other.

But that legacy is just a bit shinier now.

He's got four titles. He's a four-time NBA Finals MVP, the second to win that many. He's done it all with the NBA's biggest target on his back, with every action and every word scrutinized and often



Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James reacts during the first half in Game 6 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Miami Heat Sunday, Oct. 11, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (AP photo)

criticized.

James has become the epitome of the independent superstar athlete, something many try to be but few even have a chance of pulling off. He does whatever he wants, whenever he wants, however he wants and makes it work. Bill Russell will forever have more

rings and Michael Jordan will forever be the choice of many as the NBA's greatest player. And that's OK with James, who has forged his own path.

"The game of basketball will pass me by," James said as the title loomed. "There will be a new group of young kids and vets and

rookies throughout the course of this game. So, I can't worry about that as far as on the floor. How I move, how I walk, what I preach, what I talk about, how I inspire the next generation is what matters to me the most."

He's never forgotten that he was once a broke kid from Akron, Ohio. If he's not a billionaire yet, he's trending that way. He's on a Wheaties box now, saying its unveiling last week was "one of the best moments of my life." He founded a school and stays involved with matters there. He's actively trying to get more people, particularly Black people, to vote than ever before.

"I just hope I make my guys proud and that's all that mattered to me," James said. "I make my guys proud, make the fan base proud, my family back home, I can't wait to get back home to them. Akron, Ohio, we did it again — and that's what it's all about."

Oh, if that wasn't enough, he delivered a championship to a Lakers franchise that went 10 years without one and did so in a year when they needed it most,

letting them cry tears of joy after all the tears of anguish that followed the death of Kobe Bryant in a helicopter crash in January.

"I think it's remarkable what LeBron is still doing at his age," Denver coach Michael Malone said of James. "The minutes he's playing, how effective he is on both ends of the floor, and the impact he has on both ends of the floor, his will to win is just incredible."

The 35-year-old James finished this postseason with 580 points; no one at his age had ever done that. He had 184 assists; no one at his age had ever done that. If he's slowing down, he's not showing it; he had 32 points in his first playoff game 14 years ago, he exceeded that six times in this postseason run.

James is 4,148 points behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the regular-season scoring lead, meaning he'll have to play at least two more full seasons to reach that mark. Sunday was his 260th career playoff appearance, passing Derek Fisher for the all-time record. He was All-NBA for the 16th time this season, a record. He started his 16th consecutive All-Star Game this season, yet another record.

Coping with
PROBLEM GAMBLING
Through the Holidays

Holidays Ahead!
Now is the time of year when many of us begin to review our options for the upcoming holiday season. And Portlanders have so much to choose from! Pioneer Courthouse Square, the Pittock Mansion, even the Oregon Zoo — all dress themselves up with

twinkle and glamour to help get us into the holiday spirit.

But this year, of course, will be different. As one popular holiday event site bluntly warns, "Most of the events listed here have been postponed or canceled." Trick-or-treating, Thanksgiving gatherings and more — all will probably be very different this year, if they happen at all. Ouch.

A New Holiday Reality
Of course, in all challenges there lies opportunity. For some, this will be a year to try on new traditions or to spend time in quiet reflection. But for many, the upcoming holidays are going to land awkwardly at best. For some, it will be wise to put new coping strategies in place long before December.

This is especially true for those struggling with problem gambling. Without the support systems and predictability of a "normal" holiday season, the urge to bet more than you can afford can quickly become insurmountable.

Free Help is Available
Luckily, here in Oregon, help is available. Through the Oregon Problem Gambling Resource (OPGR), gamblers and those who love them can get support from trained addiction counselors, often

right from home. Treatment is effective. And, best of all, it's free.

If you're worried about how the holidays are going to affect your gambling, reach out. OPGR can help see you through some of the challenges ahead and, hopefully, to a happier new year for us all.

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Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, health experts are urging families to first consider celebrating Halloween at home this year. If families do venture out, they're asked to limit groups to members of a single household and take social distancing precautions.

Halloween Fun at Home Urged Families can follow tips to mitigate risks

Ghouls, goblins and ghosts won't be the scariest things wandering around town this Halloween. Trick-or-treating and, to a greater extent, indoor house parties, increase the likelihood of contracting and spreading COVID-19, according to Eric Lofgren, an infectious disease epidemiologist at Washington State University.

"There is just no safe way to do house parties this Hallow-

een period," Lofgren said. "For trick-or-treating, take this year off if you are in a vulnerable population or have any doubts at all. But if you must go out, there are certain things you can do to mitigate your risk of infection."

Lofgren and other health experts across the country urge families to first consider cel-

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COVID-19: Let's get the facts straight

The truth vs. What you've heard through the grapevine

✓ TRUE

- There have been 852 positive COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County for folks who identify as Black
- There have been 5,854 positive COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County for folks ages 20-59



✗ FALSE

- Black folks can't get coronavirus
- Only babies or folks who are age 65 or older can be infected



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Afro Heritage Quilt Saved

History museum reopens; cleans up from violence

The Oregon History Museum reopened to the public last week, three days after windows to the downtown museum were broken and a historical African American quilt was stolen during a violent protest billed by organizers as day of “rage” toward Columbus Day.

The Afro American Heritage Bicentennial Commemorative Quilt, created in the mid-1970s by 15 Black women from Portland and honoring Black individuals or moments in history, was taken from the lobby of the museum during the vandalism on Sunday, Oct. 11, but was recovered by police in a condition soaked by rain inside a nearby park, officials said.

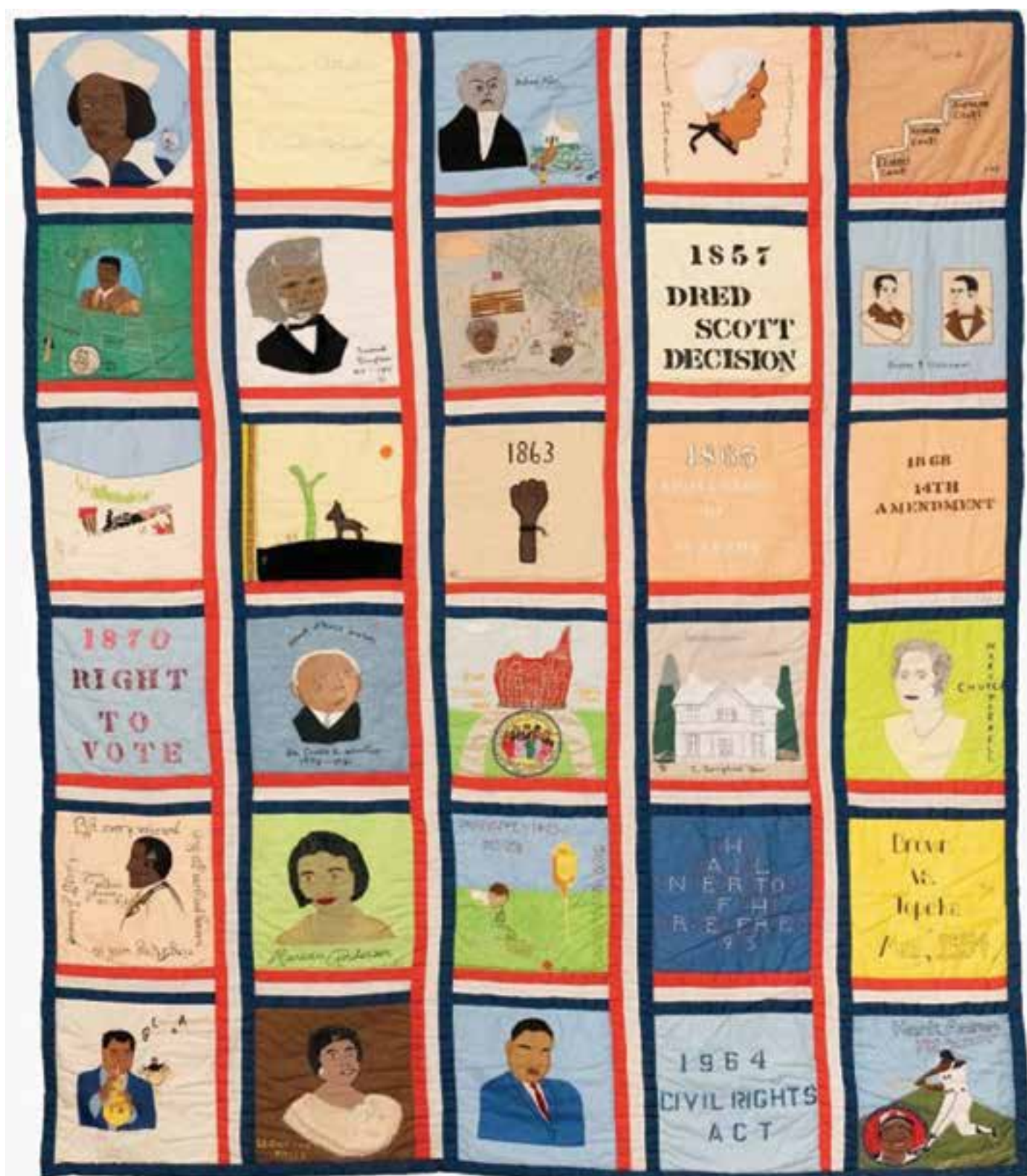
Oregon Historical Society Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk said the museum has received an outpouring of community support in response to the destruction.

“While windows can be replaced, our greatest concern has been for the Afro-American Heritage Bicentennial Commemorative Quilt, which was taken from its display in our pavilion,” Tymchuk said. The quilt will remain off public display for the time being as museum officials dry out the material and assess any other care needs. Although it was wet, the quilt was otherwise intact. However, there has been color bleed of the fabric due to moisture, which will require the attention of conservation specialists.

Tymchuk said the Oregon Historical Society understood the significance and importance of messages of injustice fueling protests in Portland and across the nation since the killing of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis last Memorial Day.

He said the OHS museum has demonstrated its commitment to telling the honest history of Oregon and was dismayed it got caught up in damages to several other buildings and businesses on the night of the protest.

“In 2019, we opened a new cornerstone exhibition, Experience Oregon,



A photo shows the AfroAmerican Heritage Bicentennial Commemorative Quilt donated to the Oregon Historical Society that was crafted in the mid 1970s by 15 Black women from Portland. The quilt was stolen and then recovered in a nearby park with water damage after the Oregon Historical Society museum, downtown, was broken into and vandalized during a Oct. 11 protest sponsors billed as a day of “rage” toward Columbus Day.

in collaboration with many community partners, including the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, and the result demonstrates our commitment to telling honest Oregon history — the good, the

bad, and the ugly,” Tymchuk said. “We dedicated the Winter 2019 issue of our journal, the Oregon Historical Quarterly, to the subject of “White Supremacy & Resistance,” and in the Summer 2020

issue, we published articles specifically related to OHS’ history as related to Indigenous leaders and belongings.”

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The U.S. Postal Service again celebrates African American culture by dedicating a new Kwanzaa stamp, one that depicts the profile of a reflective woman with a kinaara, or candleholder, with seven lit candles in front of her.

"The stamp, which was hand-sketched and digitally colored, evokes a sense of inner peace with its cool tones and vibrant design elements to give a festive feel to the celebration of Kwanzaa," said Dane

Coleman, a Postal Service official.

Kwanzaa takes place over seven days annually from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, bringing family, commu-



nity and culture together to honor the Pan-African holiday's seven founding principles — unity

(umoja), self-determination (ku-jichagulia), collective work and responsibility (ujima), cooperative economics (ujamaa), purpose (nia), creativity (kuumba) and faith (imani).
Created in 1966, Kwanzaa draws on a variety of African traditions, deriving its name from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanza," meaning "first fruits." Kwanzaa is a festive time for rejoicing in the prospect of health, prosperity and good luck in the coming year. It is also a time for contemplation and recollection of past hardships, and the ways history can inform and impact future happiness.

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OPINION

Yes on Police Accountability

Measure 26-217 is a move towards justice

BY REV. DR. LEROY HAYNES

Since 2003 with the killing of a Black unarmed female by a Portland police officer and the attempt to cover up vital evidence by the Portland Police Bureau, the Albina Ministerial Alliance, one of the oldest active ministerial alliances in the city of Portland and its community extension, the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform, made up of 25 community organizations, has led the fight and advocacy for police reform in Portland.

The AMA coalition was the key leader in bringing the U.S. Department of Justice in to investigate and do a federal audit of the patterns and practices of the Portland Police Bureau. This audit produced the fact-finding statement that the Portland Bureau was practicing “excessive and deadly force against persons with mental illness or perceived mental illness.”

Subsequently, a legal suit

was filed against the city and the AMA was given unprecedented legal status in the case to represent the various communities impacted, giving it a legal platform to advocate for police reforms.



In 2013 and 2014, this suit produced a “Settlement Agreement” calling for police reform efforts in all areas of the Portland Police Bureau. It is important to have this historical context to fully understand that the reform efforts to produce transformative change in the Portland Bureau is an ongoing process that is unfinished in order to stop the killing of Black and Brown and mentally-ill persons by police officers in Portland, as well as other unjust practices.

Since 2003, the AMA Coalition for Justice and Reform and its parent body the Albina Ministerial Alliance demanded an Independent Citizen Review Board to do oversight of the Portland Police Bureau with the power to compel testimony from police officers as a means to hold officers accountable for their use of excessive and deadly force.

The Justice Department in

its fact-finding audit called the current oversight system in Portland a “Byzantine system” in other words a 5th century complex system, one that the average Citizen in no way could understand. I submit that the characterization still holds true.

We have the Police Review (PR), an internal review by police officers themselves with one community person meeting behind closed doors – never using the officer’s name. It has never recommended disciplining an officer for using deadly force. We have the Independent Police Review that has made some improvement through the Settlement Agreement AMA Coalition fought for – but was never designed to hold police officers accountable.

The current Independent Police Review panel does not have the power and authority to compel officer’s testimony – it must have a police officer commander to tell officers to answer questions in investigations. It also cannot handle deadly force cases against citizens – it can only review them after one year and make recommendations. IPR members can only set in on Police Review Meetings. They do not have the authority and power

to discipline officers. They can only make recommendations.

Now, remember that the greatest cry for police reform is the use deadly force against Black and Brown citizens, mentally ill and then the use of excessive force.

Next, we have the Citizen Review Committee. Who primarily deal with citizen complaints in public hearings. This is the only time that citizens can speak publicly. But it even has less authority and power than IPR. It cannot always get information on cases. It can only make recommendations to the Chief of Police and the Mayor.

Finally, we have a new body which is called Portland Community Engagement, whose primary job is getting community participation with the goal of building community trust for Portland police. It too can make recommendations to the

Mayor and Chief.

In conclusion, we are in the midst of a social justice revolution in our city and the nation. Theologically, we are in a Kairos moment when the hand of God is moving in history like the 1960s when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the Civil Rights Movement.

Today’s social justice revolution will not go away in its demand for “police accountability” and for the ending of the killing of Black, Brown and mentally ill people. The proposed new Independent Citizen Oversight Board to be voted on in the Nov. 3 General Election is a leap in police oversight to help get us there. Vote yes for police accountability.

Dr. LeRoy Haynes is the senior pastor of Allen Temple Church in northeast Portland and a member of the Albina Ministerial Alliance for Justice and Police Reform.

CLASSIFIEDS/BIDS

SUB-BIDS REQUESTED

New Road Ahead Project Oregon Humane Society Portland, OR

Bids Due: November 17th, 2020 at 2:00 PM PST

Lease Crutcher Lewis, LLC, serving as the General Contractor for the Oregon Humane Society’s New Road Ahead Project, is soliciting proposals from qualified bidders.

The project is a campus expansion to Oregon Humane Society’s Existing Shelter on Columbia Blvd on the adjacent property. The project includes site development, and construction of two new buildings (Community Hospital and Behavioral Rehabilitation and Rescue Center) and light remodel of an existing third building (1411 Building).

Contract Documents and the Invitation to Bid may be reviewed at the following locations:

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INVITATION TO BIDS

METRO PARKS AND NATURE

W. Sohler Demolition

ITB 3879 – COBID Marketplace

Bid Date: November 10, 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 W. Sohler Demolition located at 41407 SW Bugarsky Road, Gaston, OR 97117. Bids will only be accepted from COBID Certified companies by the State of Oregon.

Sealed bids are due no later than **2:00 p.m., November 10, 2020**, electronically via BidLocker – link and details in ITB document. Mailed or delivered hard copy bids will not be accepted.

A voluntary pre-bid conference for all potential prime contractors is scheduled on October 27, 2020, at 8:30 am. at the address listed above. RSVPs are required at bidsandproposals@oregonmetro.gov. Interested sub-contractors are also invited.

Work consists of removing the structures and all building materials including but not limited to concrete, rebar, vapor barriers, lumber, siding, roofing, windows, doors, drywall, insulation, cabinets, countertops, sinks, bathtubs, showers, toilets, appliances, plumbing pipes, wiring, fencing, posts, gates, yard spigots, built in and loose furniture and all construction debris such as: wood, glass, metal, plastic, cellulose, insulation, asphalt, etc. associated with the demolition.

All bidders submitting a bid for public improvements over \$50,000 certify that they will pay and comply with the minimum prevailing wage requirements of ORS 279C.800-279C.870 and if applicable 40 U.S.C.276a.

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

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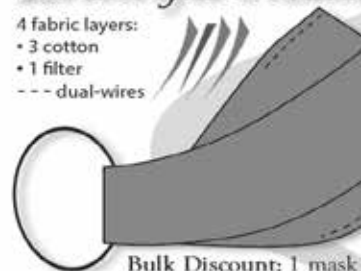
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Obituary

In Loving Memory

Cynthia Renee Hancock

Cynthia Renee Hancock of Portland, Ore. passed away of congestive heart failure on Aug. 30, 2020.

Cynthia was born in Portland on April 20, 1951 to James and Marion Benton. She moved to Oakland Calif. with her two children David and Treasta in 1975. She worked at Grove Valve Regulator during most of her time in California. She married Horace Hancock in 1983 and they all lived in a beautiful home in Fairfield, Calif.

Cynthia was a beloved figure known for her infectious laugh, her joyful spirit and her sweet-natured demeanor. She eventually moved back to Portland after being in California for 30+ years and surrounded herself with family, friends and neighbors.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her father James Benton, ex-husband Horace Hancock and her sister Charlotte Benton. She is survived by her children David and Treasta Benton, mother Marion Benton, sisters Toni Lincoln and Aaliyah Azeem, brothers Eddie, Ritchie, Randy, Bryon and Douglas Benton, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Sarah Lewis, cousin Linda Redford, the tenants of Kimberly Court Apartments and Cynthia's hos-



pice nurse Lisa for their tireless, selfless efforts and compassion during Cynthia's final days on earth. There are no words that can express how grateful we are for their work and kindness during this difficult time.



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Tymchuk said the museum has received new memberships and donations to support its clean-up effort, but said none of the support has affected him as

much as a gift from a neighbor named Oscar.

In a note that accompanied a \$1 donation, Oscar wrote: "Hello, I'm homeless so I don't have much to give you, just some of my bottle collecting money. But

I saw your windows got broken and wanted to help. You once gave me a free tour before the pandemic, so this is a thank you."

"In my time as executive director, I have seen OHS receive truly incredible gifts — but this one has touched my heart tremendously," Tymchuk said.



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Halloween Fun at Home Urged

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celebrating Halloween at home. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control released a list of safer Halloween activities families may enjoy in lieu of trick-or-treating.

If families do venture out, Lofgren encourages limiting groups to members of a single household as well as obeying the following precautions:

Have kids wear a face mask under their Halloween mask; stay six feet apart from other groups; stay with your kids to ensure they're wearing their masks; use hand sanitizer frequently; put candy in individual piles or bags a safe distance away from your home; wash hands immediately when you get home.

Another suggestion is to offer individual treat bags rather

than communal bowls and limit contact by placing the candy away from the house where children can retrieve it at a safe distance.

"Holding a bowl of candy while a group of eight-year-olds try to pick out their favorite pieces involves a lot of unnecessary close contact," Lofgren said. "Sitting on your porch at a safe distance and waving to trick or treaters as they go by and pick up some candy is a much safer alternative."



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