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Connecting Local Families in Need with Free Food Services

Officer Rashida Saunders will take up the duty of connecting families in need with resources.

Sunshine Division announces new Portland Police liaison

The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) has assigned Officer Rashida Saunders to be Sunshine Division's new police liaison. Officers Saunders, a 10-year veteran with PPB, will connect families and individuals in need with our services to expand Sunshine Division's reach in the community. She will maintain her regular duties as a police officer while she takes on this role. When Officer Saunders comes across families in need of the food relief services Sunshine Division provides, she will be able to connect them to our services firsthand to ensure that they quickly receive the support they need. Officer Saunders replaced Officer Matt Tobey, who retired from PPB last February after more than two decades of service. Tobey held the role of Sunshine Division's police liaison for nearly eight years.

Before working for PPB, Officer Saunders worked as a residential counselor at St. Mary's Boys Home in Beaverton, Ore. and as a juvenile detention officer in Seattle, Wash. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and her Masters Degree in Administration of Justice and Security. She currently serves as a mentor and committee chair for the Z-Man Scholarship Foundation, which provides financial assistance for high school students in the Portland area.

Tiffani Penson

Believing in the Power of Education

Election for Portland Community College Board approaching

Tiffani Penson was first elected to the Portland Community College Board in 2019. Penson was born and raised in Oregon and currently works for the City of Portland as the People + Culture Manager, responsible for deploying and operationalizing the city's CORE Values of Anti-racism, Communication, Collaboration, Equity, Transparency, and Fiscal Responsibility.

"The last three years have been full of challenges and heartbreak but also of deeds of great courage and commitment by PCC students, staff, and leaders," stated Penson."I believe that PCC provides a great service to our community, offering many pathways for people seeking to improve or enrich their lives."

Penson highlights the accomplishments of PCC over the past three years, including:

The passage, with 61% voter support, of a $450 million bond measure in 2022 that will add significant facility upgrades and new educational opportunities including the Oregon Manufacturing and Innovation Center bringing state of the art training to the far northwest section of the PCC service area in Scappoose. In addition, we are rebuilding the Portland Metropolitan

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Recall on Strawberries in Washington and Oregon

Frozen strawberry products linked to hepatitis A cases in Washington

Scenic Fruit Company of Gresham is recalling frozen "Organic Strawberries" sold at Costco, Aldi, KeHE, Vital Choice Seafood and PCC Community Markets, and frozen "Organic Tropical Fruit Blend" sold at Trader Joe's, due to an outbreak of hepatitis A illnesses.

Five outbreak-associated cases of hepatitis A have been reported in Washington since March 13. The five cases occurred between November 11 and December 27, 2022, and two individuals required hospitalization. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), everyone reported eating frozen organic strawberries.

Although no patients with hepatitis A in Oregon have been definitively linked to the consumption of these products, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) officials are monitoring the outbreak in Washington. In addition, OHA is interviewing persons diagnosed with hepatitis A to determine if any have consumed frozen berries.

"Since these products were available in Oregon stores, we want to let people know about them so they can take steps to protect themselves and their families," said Ann Thomas, M.D., M.P.H., a public health physician in OHA's Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Section. "At this point, OHA is carefully investigating any new cases of hepatitis A virus to determine if they are associated with the outbreak, but we have not yet been able to link any Oregon cases to these products."

Frozen strawberries recalled after finding link to illness outbreak.

The company has ceased the production and distribution of the product as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the company continues their investigation into what caused the problem. In addition, the company is removing all inventories of the affected lot from sale.

"The company is voluntarily recalling the affected products and cooperating with the FDA," said Karel Smit, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Program manager. "The purpose of the recall is to remove the products from commerce and prevent the public from consuming potentially affected products."

Although no hepatitis A virus has been found in the products, consumers should stop eating the product, and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund, or throw it away. Consumers with questions may contact the company at customer.service@scenicfruit.com.

Thomas said, "People who believe they've gotten sick from consuming frozen strawberries purchased at Costco or Trader Joe's should contact a health care provider."

Since 2014, Oregon has seen an average of 20 cases a year, with 2020 having the highest number at 29. Symptoms of hepatitis A infection include jaundice (yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes), tiredness, stomach pain, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (frequent watery bowel movements), dark urine, and light-colored bowel movements.

The disease varies in severity, with mild cases lasting two weeks or less and more severe cases lasting four to six weeks or longer. Hepatitis A infection can result in hospitalization. Some individuals, especially children, may not develop jaundice and may have a mild illness that can go unnoticed. However, even mildly ill people can be highly infectious. People with symptoms suggestive of hepatitis should consult a physician immediately, even if symptoms are mild.

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Missing for Over a Week

Police search for missing Vancouver mother and 8-year-old daughter

Layla and Meshay, photo courtesy of the VPD

A Vancouver mother and her young daughter have been reported missing, and the Vancouver Police Department is seeking the public's help finding them. Kirkland C. Warren, 28 is accused of violating a no contact order. According to The Columbian Vancouver police did not confirm if Warren is a suspect in the disappearances of 27-year-old Meshay "Karmen" Melendez and her daughter, Layla Stewart. But Sgt. Julie Ballou said investigators believe there is a criminal connection to their disappearances.

27-year-old Meshay Melendez, 27, and her 8-year-old daughter Layla Stewart were last seen in the early morning of March 12 in the 7700 block of Vancouver Mall Drive. Meshay is 5′9″ and 185lb with black hair and brown eyes. Layla is about 4′ and 50 lbs with brown hair and hazel eyes.

A vehicle believed to belong to Meshay was found a short distance away on March 19. Information provided by the Vancouver Police Department.

Anyone with information about their location is asked to please contact Detective Givens robert.givens@cityofvancouver.us, Detective Nolan chadd.nolan@cityofvancouver.us, or call 911.

Celebrate the People Who Keep Our Region Moving

Give 'thanks' to TriMet's nearly 1,400 bus and train operators

March 18th is now Transit Driver Apprecation Day. Photo courtesy of Trimet News

Gov. Tina Kotek signed a proclamation declaring March 18, 2023, Transit Driver Appreciation Day. "Every day, you connected people with opportunity, providing a safe, reliable ride to work, school, appointments, services and so much more," Kotek said. Gov. Kotek is inviting everyone in the state of Oregon to observe Transit Driver Appreciation Day. TriMet bus and train operators always go the extra mile. They're up early and out late, maneuvering giant vehicles, often through challenging conditions. They can be the first and sometimes the last person riders see in their day.

They help move millions, yet welcome one at a time, for a safe, reliable ride. Although Transit Driver Appreciation Day traditionally falls on March 18, TriMet has moved our celebration up one day last Friday, to bring it into the traditional work week, when more people ride and more operators are at work, to experience the extra community support. In case you have missed it this year here are a few things to remember for next year's Transit Driver Appreciation Day.

Shine a light! If your operator is coming to your stop early in the morning when it's still dark, use your cell phone as a light to help them see you and stop to pick you up! Take care not to flash bright lights directly at the operator. Say hello! Consider sharing a kind word when you step on the bus, to let the operator know that you're a nice person and appreciate their work.

Help make their day! Show common courtesy for our operators and others, by following the rules for riding and helping create a pleasant atmosphere for everyone on board. Consider a not-so-random act of kindness! Say thanks in your own way – with a wave, a smile or a nice note. Community members can visit trimet.org/hello to leave a digital note for an individual operator or the entire team!

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Cascade Bridge, LLC is seeking to hire bridge/highway Laborers and Pile Bucks on a project in Portland, Oregon Metro area.
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Inmates May Gain the Right to Vote

Felons lose rights while incarcerated; Oregon looking at allowing people in prison to vote

Prison inmate casts his ballot, as prisoners voted two days early in the Democratic primary, at Correctional Institute 501, in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, on May 30, 2008.Brennan Linsley / AP file

(AP)- A bill that would allow inmates of prisons and jails in Oregon to vote in elections moved on Thursday toward a Senate floor vote with the approval of the judiciary committee, with Republican members voting against.

The action on the bill in the Democratic-dominated Oregon Legislature underscores how blue states are taking steps to expand voter access while red states are moving in the opposite direction. Only two other states — Maine and Vermont — and Washington, D.C., allow convicted people to vote while still incarcerated, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

According to the NCSL, felons lose their voting rights in 22 states only while incarcerated and receive automatic restoration upon release. Felons in 15 states lose their voting rights during incarceration and typically also while on parole or probation. In 11 states, felons lose their voting rights indefinitely for some crimes, require a governor's pardon for the rights to be restored or require additional waiting periods or actions.

The five members of the Oregon Senate's judiciary committee — three Democrats and two Republicans — argued for and against the measure and then voted along party lines. Sen. Dennis Linthicum, a Republican from the southern Oregon town of Klamath Falls, said some of the prisoners who would be afforded voting rights under the measure have been convicted of murder, assault, rape and human trafficking.

"All of these categories of felony convicts, and we're pretending that they will be good citizens who will be able to exercise their right to vote," Linthicum said, predicting that votes would be sold for packs of cigarettes behind bars.

"This isn't a normal free society with debate clubs," he said. "And so, I think restoration of all these individuals' rights after they serve their time is appropriate — that's the way it exists in today's law."

Sen. Floyd Prozanski, a Democrat who chairs the committee and is a prosecutor, said studies show that individuals who have become engaged in civic activities in prison are less apt to commit more crimes after their release.

"What I have come away with is that we will get better success by incentivizing individuals, and what better way to ensure that people are engaging in the public process than by giving them the right as a citizen of their state and their country to be able to vote?" he said. Who prisoners vote for might be a surprise, Prozanski said.

A mock presidential election was held in the state penitentiary, with former President Donald Trump winning overwhelmingly, said Sen. James Manning, a Democrat from the university town of Eugene and a former police officer. He called the result "kind of amazing."

The three-to-two vote in favor of the bill sends it to the ways and means committee before a vote on the Senate floor. If the Senate passes it, it would go to the House for consideration.

Statement from the National Bankers Association on Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank

Today, National Bankers Association (NBA) President & CEO Nicole Elam Esq. and Chairman Robert James II released the following statement regarding Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Signature Bank.

"In light of recent industry events, the National Bankers Association wants to assure consumers that your money is safe with minority banks. Minority depository institutions are very different from both SVB and Signature Bank which had high concentrations in crypto deposits and volatile venture capital. Minority banks are not exposed

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People walk through the parking lot at the Silicon Valley Bank headquarters in Santa Clara, Calif., on March 10, 2023. The bank suffered a run on deposits that led to its collapse. (Justin Sullivan/ Getty Images)

The Foundation was named after Blazers Legend, Brian Grant, and hosts the Gala to raise funds and awareness for Parkinson's disease.

Annual "Shake It Till We Make It" Gala

Raising funds to empower people with Parkinson's disease

The Brian Grant Foundation (BGF) will host its twelfth annual "Shake It Till We Make It" gala on April 20th at Castaway Portland. The gala, presented by Dick's Auto Group, will bring together 250 guests to raise essential support for BGF's programs to help improve the quality of life for people with Parkinson's disease.

"We're grateful for the incredible support of the Portland community in our efforts to empower people with Parkinson's to lead active and fulfilling lives," says Katrina Kahl, executive director of the Brian Grant Foundation. "We're excited to share the achievements that we've made together at the gala on April 20."

"Shake It Till We Make It" launched in 2010, four years after former Portland Trail Blazer Brian Grant was diagnosed with young onset Parkinson's disease. Today the event includes a four-course dinner, live and silent auction, as well as a program celebrating the people that have made BGF's achievements possible. The silent auction is available online and opens to the public on Monday, April 17, 2023 at briangrant.org/gala.

"The commitment of the Portland community to improving the well-being of people with Parkinson's never wavers," says Brian Grant. "Through recessions, pandemics, and other events, this community keeps coming through for us and I can't thank you enough."

Thanks to the support of local organizations, including presenting sponsor Dick's Auto Group, 100 percent of the proceeds from the gala will benefit BGF's programs and operations. Gold sponsors include Jamba Juice, Jordan Brand, Maker's Mark, Moda Health, 'Ohana Ventures, Pearl Catering, Portland Trail Blazers, Sapphire Health Services, and Urban Restaurant Group. A full list of sponsors can be found at briangrant.org/gala.

Believing in the Power of Education

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Workforce Training Center in NE Portland and including an affordable housing component in partnership with Home Forward, a first for an educational facility in Oregon.

Centering PCC's mission of education and student support in responding to the pandemic shutdown, especially by partnering with Multnomah County Health Department to reach to the PCC community, using education rather than mandates to answer questions about the Coronavirus and to overcome reluctance of some communities historically poorly served by the medical establishment.

Ensuring that students had the supports they needed to succeed, including flexible class schedules to fit students' lives, multiple pathways to fit the needs of students, childcare at sites and hosting food pantries for students.

The hiring of a new president, Dr. Adrien Bennings who brings a strong management background to help rebuild PCC from inside as well as a strong marketing interest, so that we can reach the community and bring them in.

"I know we have work to do to fulfill the promise of a pathway to prosperity for every member of our community and pledge to continue demanding excellence of this great community resource," concluded Penson.

The election for PCC board is set for May 16, 2023.

Welcoming New Leadership

Oregon State names Dean of College of Pharmacy

David Bearden, Dean of OSU College

Sean Nealon

David Bearden, interim dean of Oregon State University's College of Pharmacy since December 2020, has been named dean of the college.

Bearden has served in numerous college leadership positions since joining OSU in 2001. His appointment as dean is effective March 20.

"I'm excited for this opportunity to lead the OSU College of Pharmacy as we continue to tackle major challenges in advancing health in Oregon and beyond," said Bearden. "Having seen the college's advancement firsthand over the last two decades, I am eager to expand on that vision and the college's impact."

The College of Pharmacy, which is based in Corvallis and Portland, has a total of approximately 70 faculty and staff and enrolls just over 300 students. Last fiscal year it received more than $8 million in research funding.

"Dave Bearden will do an outstanding job advancing the College of Pharmacy's mission of teaching, research, community service, and preparing and graduating high quality pharmacists to contribute to wellness," said Ed Feser, OSU provost and executive vice president. "He has established strong momentum in the college as interim dean and he is an outstanding steward of our valued partnerships with OHSU."

Prior to being named interim dean, Bearden served as associate dean for academic integration and clinical advancement, during which he enhanced OSU's College of Pharmacy's connections with Oregon Health & Science University's academic and clinical pharmacy units. This relationship includes a jointly-conferred doctorate of pharmacy degree program from OSU and OHSU and OSU pharmacy's programs offered at the Robertson Collaborative Life Sciences Building in Portland.

From 2009 to 2018, Bearden served as either interim chair and chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice.

He began his career at Oregon State as a clinical assistant professor. As a clinical faculty member, he has been a practicing pharmacist and previously served as an inpatient clinical specialist in infectious diseases pharmacotherapy at OHSU and Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He maintains a clinical administrative practice as a director with OHSU Pharmacy and Clinical Nutrition Services with a focus on clinical education and infectious diseases.

Bearden holds a doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He completed a residency at the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, and a fellowship in infectious diseases pharmacotherapy at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dog Rescue at SE 9th & Lambert

Fire Rescue Team and Tess, the Labrador, courtesy of Portland Fire Department

Dog retrieved from opening in the street

Portland Fire crews were dispatched this past Friday morning at 10:15 to a confined space rescue at SE 9th Ave and SE Lambert St. Environmental services was on scene, they had removed a man hole cover to inspect the storm drains below when unsuspecting 14 year old Labrador retriever named Tess walked over and didn't see the opening and fell 23' to the bottom.

Several crews were on scene including the technical rescue team. They set up and used a piece of equipment called an Arizona Vortex which allows for quick deployment of a rescuer from a high point. It provided the team with an anchor point to lower a firefighter down to the dog. Once the rescuer reached the dog they were able to put a harness around it and hoist it out. The dog was uninjured and able to return home to its owners.

Oregon's Official State Tree Dying Off

Mountain road lined with Douglas Fir trees Photo by Chris Adlam

Douglas-fir in Klamath Mountains are in decline spiral

Increases in mortality among Douglas-fir in the Klamath Mountains are the result of multiple factors that have the iconic tree in a "decline spiral" in parts of the region, a new study by the Oregon State University College of Forestry and OSU Extension Service indicates. Findings, which include a tool landowners and managers can use to assess a stand of trees' risk as the climate continues to change, were published in the Journal of Forestry.

Douglas-fir, Oregon's official state tree, is the most abundant tree species in the Klamath Mountains, growing among ponderosa pine, sugar pine, white fir, incense cedar, Oregon white oak, California black oak and Pacific madrone. Dead Douglas-fir that are standing, as well as recently fallen Douglas-fir, can increase the potential for hotter, more extreme wildfires, the researchers note.

So far, Douglas-fir in the region have been most likely to die at low to moderate elevations on the fringes of the Applegate, Rogue and Umpqua valleys, areas that receive less than 40 inches of precipitation annually, they added. "Douglas-fir mortality in southwestern Oregon occurs during and after drought on hot, dry, harsh sites that no longer provide enough water for the trees," said OSU's Max Bennett, who led the study. "It's not just a lack of rainfall from years of drought; elevated summer temperatures and atmospheric aridity are also contributing to increased stress in trees, and stressed trees are more susceptible to insect and fungi infestation."

Douglas-fir trees provide vital wildlife habitat, sequester and store carbon and serve as a keystone species. A versatile timber tree, it is a source of softwood products including boards, railroad ties, plywood veneer and wood fiber. Oregon leads all U.S. states in softwood production and most of that is Douglas-fir. Native Americans traditionally used the wood of Douglas-fir for fuel and for tools, its sap as a sealant and many parts of the tree for medicinal purposes.

Historically, cultural burning likely reduced the amount of Douglas-fir in the areas currently experiencing mortality, Bennett said, adding that fire suppression over the past century has allowed for significant expansion of Douglas-fir.

Bennett, OSU colleague Dave Shaw and Laura Lowrey of the USDA Forest Service identified hotspots of Douglas-fir mortality via data from the long-running Aerial Detection Survey, a partnership of the Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Forestry. They collected field data from a series of plots and also factored in climate information from OSU's PRISM Climate Group, as well as data and projections for climate water deficit, a measure of moisture stress faced by trees.

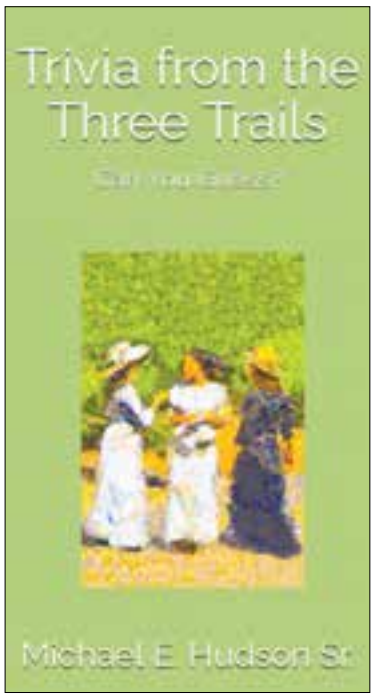
The scientists' analyses suggest Douglas-fir mortality in the Klamath Mountains arises from multiple causative agents working in concert to produce a decline spiral, rather than because of a single, specific reason as is often thought to be the case when trees die.

However, flatheaded fir borers were the predominant, final killer of trees, they said. Populations of the insect appear to be rising, and also its aggressiveness in killing large Douglas-fir with diameters of 12 inches or greater, the researchers believe. "A key factor in our study area was an overabundance of Douglas-fir trees growing on sites that are now too dry to provide water for all of the growing trees," Bennett said. "Stressed trees stop growing and defending themselves from pests as well as they otherwise would."

Projections of future climate water deficit suggest that areas of Douglas-fir mortality will increase substantially over the next three decades, the authors say, with each hot drought year leading to more mortality. "In southwestern Oregon, forest management that steers toward oaks, pines and other more drought-tolerant species may be warranted in places with less than about 40 inches of average precipitation a year," Bennett said. "But some individual trees and patches of Douglas-fir will likely persist on these dry sites at least for a time, so it's important not to use an all or nothing approach."

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

New Book Asks "Can you Guess?"



Los Angeles author and poet Michael E. Hudson Sr. has roots in Oregon where he earned a degree in communications from Pacific University.

Black Trivia and other Great Tales

By Michael Leighton

"Trivia from the Three Trails," an encyclopedic collection of short stories by Black author and poet Michael E. Hudson Sr., wonderfully puts your mind to work by asking, "Can you Guess?"

You'll love the brain twisters and the diversity of topics to explore. The author's interests in social justice, race, religion, popular music and other topics shine brightly in this February 2023 publication available for purchase on Amazon.com.

Inspired by the concept of people coming together on paths of life where gossip and information is shared and traded, Hudson engages in a guessing game for thought-provoking stories which reflect on a variety of entertaining subjects and people, both currently famous and historic.

The Harlem Globetrotters are known for breaking racial barriers, for example, but in "The Team That Always Loses,"Hudson brings out some fascinating facts behind the team's loyal opponents.In another piece, "Cassius Marcellus Clay," the story is based on the greatest, Muhammad Ali, and his ancestor who was named after an abolitionist and politician who served under President Lincoln.

In another chapter, "Babyface and Stephen" the trivia is about miracles and "When you believe"as Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston join one of America's most famous R&B composers to produce a number one hit song.

In "Rachel," Hudson exposes some facts behindMeaghan Markle's name and other royal ties to California, such as theBritish House of Windsor and Windsor Hills, a neighborhood in Los Angeles where Markle's mother resides.The author's "The Poem" explores the origins of the song, Lift Every Voice and Sing, the Black National Anthem. And in "Daniel," you discover how Louis Armstrong took Jewish music and jazz to form his own style and reach the top of the entertainment world.

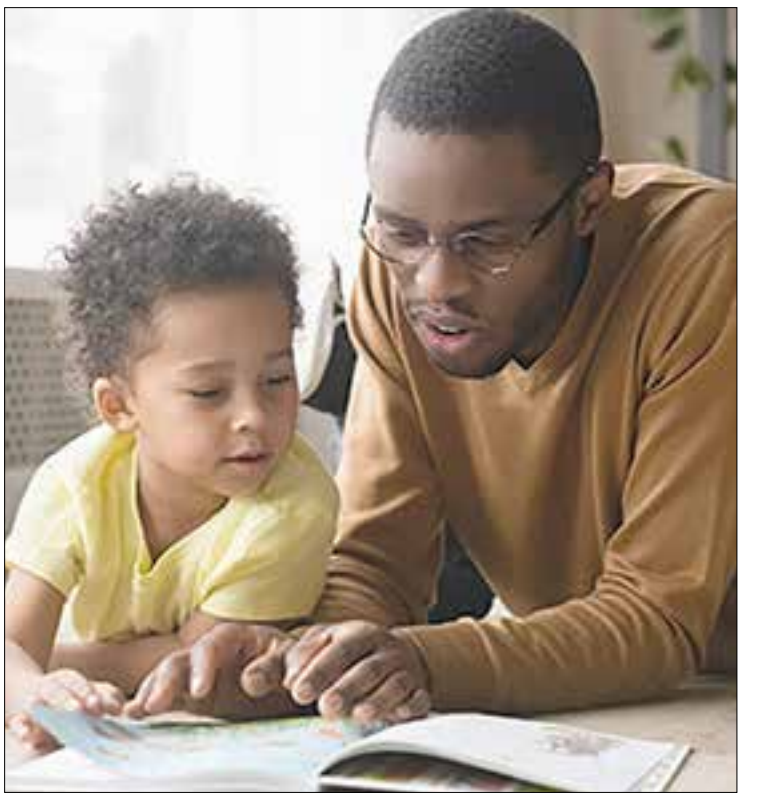
Other highlights from the book include "The Paratrooper," a story about Jimi Hendrix, the greatest guitarist of all time, who as an honorable Black veteran, played his own version of the National Anthem to capture American glory.

"Trivia from the Three Trails" is a good read that captures the author's spirit of sharing.

Michael E. HudsonSr. has roots in Oregon where he earned a degree in communications from Pacific University and currently serves on the university's Board of Trustees. A native of Los Angeles where he currently resides, "Trivia from the Three Trails" is his fourth book, following "A Night on the Bus," "Three Seconds of Black" and "Les Chansons pour Jennifer."

March is National Reading Month!

Reading is fundamental



Parents reading with their children greatly support their literacy growth. Photo courtesy of the National PTA

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March is designated as National Reading Month. A month to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day. Reading is fun and has many benefits, regardless of your age. It's a key component of education and professional development. It also has immediate and long-lasting health benefits such as increased cognitive function, memory, vocabulary, empathy and decreased levels of stress. Studies show Just like going for a jog exercises your cardiovascular system, reading regularly improves memory function by giving your brain a good workout. Reading books about different people, places and experiences is critical to healthy child development and should be a priority, particularly in early literacy.

A parent's understanding of each element at play in their child's school reading life will support their personal growth, and their advocacy can serve the greater student community. Literacy is an essential life skill. Of all the gifts we give our children, knowing how to read is the one that provides the foundation for the rest of their lives.

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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Portland Radio Show Wins Worldwide

Let's Talk About Race! radio show wins National and International Awards

"I'm so proud of how our show has grown, and how we focus on the intersectionality of issues,"
— Lanita Duke, host, and moderator of LTAR. (pictured)

Portland radio show LTAR: Let's Talk About Race's remarkable show, "A Woman's Rights vs. The Supreme Court's Might" is lauded in a number of international awards. The episode won "Best Podcast under 30 minutes" at Echonation Audio & Film Festival in Greater Manchester, England, "Best Podcast" at the Swedish International Film Festival, and "Best Audio Podcast" at EdiPlay International Film Festival in France.

LTAR: Let's Talk About Race is an intergenerational, roundtable discussion of independent national journalists who engage in rigorous conversations and analysis of news coverage regarding the role race plays in politics, government, the economy, education, and health. This show was created in the aftermath of the United States Supreme Court's decision to overturn the right to an abortion. The panelists digest the issue and find the complex, overlapping problems that this decision creates for Americans.

"I'm so proud of how our show has grown, and how we focus on the intersectionality of issues. We'll be banned in Florida soon, but that's a point of pride," said LaNita Duke, host, and moderator of LTAR.

Another highly lauded LTAR episode is "The Second Pandemic – Domestic Violence in America." That program won "Best Podcast" at the 4th Dimension Independent Film Festival in Bali, Indonesia, "Best Audio Podcast" at Bright International Film Festival in London, and won at the International Black & Diversity Film Festival in Toronto, Canada.

The roundtable line-up features: LaNita Duke, an award-winning audio and video producer who has written, directed, and produced political news and commentary for Grassroots NW and KBOO Radio for over 45 years. Dianne Johnson, a journalist from Texas co- host/ musicologist on From the Grassroots, a political news magazine. Althea Billings, journalist, and radio producer. Cecil Prescod is a talk-show host on local, national, and international issues ranging from poverty in Portland to politics in Africa. Nia Gray, host and blogger of The Faith Report and The Woke Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mary Li, the Director of the Multnomah Idea Lab, a think tank in Portland, OR.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

MWH-Kiewit Joint Venture
Bull Run Filtration Facility
PORTLAND WATER BUREAU'S
City of Portland

This Document is a legal notice informing all Applicants of MWH-Kiewit Joint Venture intent to solicit and receive Statements of Qualifications with the purpose of prequalifying Bidders to submit proposals to perform Work on specific Bid Packages listed in this advertisement for the Bull Run Filtration Facility Project.

The Bull Run Treatment Program will provide safer drinking water to nearly 1 million residents in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties. The City of Portland will construct a new filtration water treatment plant and pipelines to deliver treated water to the existing system.

MWH-Kiewit Joint Venture is requesting qualification for the following packages:

Pkg. No.	Pkg. Name	Order of Magnitude ($Millions)	Procurement Method	Notes
S-01*	Trucking	$30M	Competitive bidding amongst Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-02	Site Utilities	$2.5M	Competitive bidding amongst Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-03*	Temporary Roads	$12M*	Competitive bidding amongst Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-04	Temporary Fencing	$0.1M	Direct negotiation with Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-05	Surveying	$2M	Competitive bidding amongst Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-06	Waste Management	$1M	Direct negotiation with COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-07	Security	$0.75M	Direct negotiation with Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-08	Janitorial Services	$0.5M	Direct negotiation with Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-10	Street Sweeping	$3M	Competitive bidding amongst Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-11	Road Improvements	$1M	Competitive bidding amongst Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-12	Erosion Control	$4.5M	Competitive bidding amongst Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-14	Portable Toilets	$0.5M	Direct negotiation with Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-15	Owner Offices	$0.5M	Direct negotiation with Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-20	Septic Drain Field	$0.25M	Direct negotiation with Equity Contractors	Prequalification limited to Equity Contractors
S-09	3rd Party Quality	$14.5M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-16	Raw Water Pipelines	$11M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-17	Area 20, Area 30, and Area 40 Concrete	$99M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-18	Finish Grading	$8M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-19	Balance of Buried Piping	$61M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-21	Areas 51, 61, and 92	$20M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-22	Dewatering Building, Chemical Building, and Ozone Generation Building	$25M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-23	Area 30 Mechanical	$49M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-24	Balance of Plant Mechanical	$33M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-25	Plant Electrical	$142M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-26	Landscaping	$6.25M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms
S-27	Construction Power	$7M	Competitively Bid/ Best Value	Prequalification is open to All firms

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Bull Run Conveyance Partners
Bull Run Filtration Pipeline
PORTLAND WATER BUREAU'S
City of Portland

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The Bull Run Treatment Program will provide safer drinking water to nearly 1 million residents in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties. The City of Portland will construct a new filtration water treatment plant and pipelines to deliver treated water to the existing system.

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PKg No.	Package Name	Order of Magnitude ($Millions)	Method	Notes
S-03	Finish Water Clearwell Trenchless	$10M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-04	Finished Water Pipeline - Dodge Park and Farm Road (AFWP & LFWP)	$50M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-05	Finish Water Intertie Facility	$15M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-08	Cottrell Road Distribution Main	$2M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-09	Finished Water Pipeline - Lusted and Altman Rd (C2 & C4)	$30M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-10	Pleasant Home Waterline Relocations	$1.25M	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-11	Place Detours and Storm Drainage System	$5M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-12	Remove Detours/Storm Drainage and Restore Right of Ways	$3M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-13	Fiber Optic Conduit/ Vaults	$0.5M	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-15	Traffic Control	Multiple <$1M Packages	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-17	Finished Water Pipeline - Lusted Rd (C3) - Post Plant Startup	$6M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-18	Abandon Existing Conduits (C2, C3, C4) including Access	$4M	Competitively Bid / Best Value	Prequalification is open to ALL firms
S-19	Site Services - Sweeping	Multiple <$1M Packages	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-20	Site Services - Dust Control	Multiple <$1M Packages	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-21	Site Services- Waste Managemen & Janitorial Services	$0.5M	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-22	Site Services - Construction Surveying	Multiple <$1M Packages	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified
S-23	Site Services - Temporary Electrical	$1,25M	Competitive bidding amongst COBID-certified	Prequalification limited to COBID-certified

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Clean Water SRF Funding Project: Applicants who pre-qualify as Bidders are hereby notified that work to be performed under this contract will be in full or in part financed by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), also administered by the US EPA.

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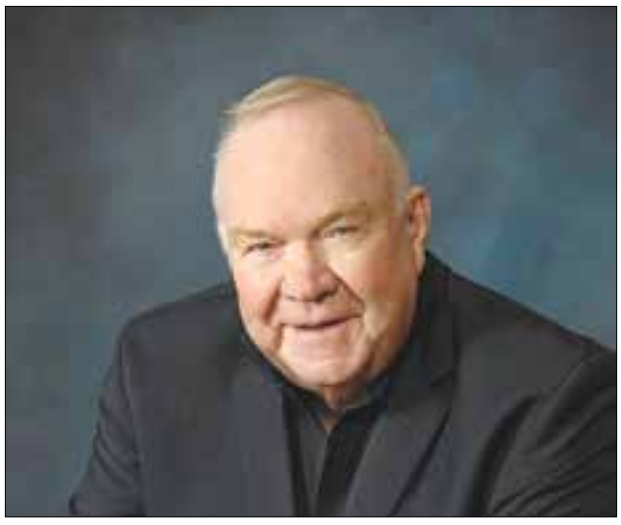
BULL RUN CONVEYANCE PARTNERS

2023 Oregon History Maker Honorees

Transformative Sports Industry Executive, Sarah Mensah



Visionary Business and Civic Leader, Brian B. Obie

Path breaking Union President, Liz Shuler

Shaping the history, culture and landscape of Oregon

The Oregon Historical Society (OHS) is delighted to announce the 2023 Oregon History Maker honorees. First celebrated in 2009, the annual Oregon History Makers Awards & Dinner recognizes contemporary individuals and organizations that are positively shaping the history, culture, and landscape of Oregon. The event also supports the Oregon Historical Society's important work to collect, preserve, and interpret Oregon's past. There are three honorees. Sarah Mensah who is a Transformative Sports Industry Executive. She graduated from Aloha High School and the University of Oregon, Sarah Mensah has forged a path breaking career in both the professional sports and athletic apparel industries. She spent almost two decades with the Portland Trail Blazers, eventually becoming one of the highest-ranking woman executives in professional sports. In 2013, Mensah joined Nike — Jordan Brand. Today, she serves as Vice President/General Manager, North America, at Nike, the first Black woman to hold that position, and excels at developing, empowering, and guiding culturally diverse cross-functional teams through periods of change and growth.

Visionary Business and Civic Leader Brian B.Obie who is also being honored is recognized for his revolutionizing leadership has left an indelible mark on Eugene, Oregon, creating upscale environments that celebrate local art, food, and businesses. As president and principal owner of Obie Companies, Inc., his catalog of commercial and development accomplishments includes two nationally-acclaimed hotels in Eugene — the luxurious Inn at the 5th and the art-centric Hotel Gordon, named after his father — and a third, The Inn at 500 Capitol, located in Boise, Idaho. Obie is also responsible for the development of the 5th Street Public Market, and the new, beautifully designed Market Alley in Eugene. As a community volunteer, Obie has served on the Eugene City Council, as Mayor of Eugene, and as president of the University of Oregon Foundation.

In addition, Path breaking Union President Liz Shuler is also among the others being honored. She is a native of Milwaukie, Oregon; Liz Shuler made history in 2021 when she was elected as the first woman president of the AFL-CIO, a federation of 56 unions with 12.5 million members. The daughter of parents who both worked for Portland General Electric, Shuler began her career working for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Oregon (IBEW) before becoming chief of staff for the IBEW president. A visionary leader and longtime trade unionist, Shuler believes the labor movement is the single most powerful vehicle for progress and that unions are a central force in leading lasting societal transformations. Awards and dinner is set for October 1st 2023 at the Portland Art Museum.

Statement from the National Bankers Association on Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank

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to riskier asset classes and have the capital and strong liquidity to best serve consumers and small businesses. If you're looking for a place to bring your deposits and have greater impact, bring your deposits to minority banks" said Nicole Elam, President and CEO of the National Bankers Association.

"The Biden-Harris Administration, FDIC, and Federal Reserve worked hard this weekend to make sure that these bank failures are the exception, not the rule, and that all Americans can continue to have confidence in our banking system. I also applaud bipartisan leaders in Congress for keeping stakeholders informed about how hard earned deposits are being kept safe." said Robert James, II, Chairman of the National Bankers Association, President & CEO, Carver Financial Corporation.

The National Bankers Association is the nation's leading trade association for the country's minority depository institutions (MDIs). MDIs have always focused on safety and soundness as a part of our conservative, relationship based business model. We continue to monitor SVB's impact on large corporate deposit concentrations, fintech, tech companies, and larger financial institutions that have partnerships with MDIs or who have made investments in MDIs. MDIs are in the strongest position ever to support their customers and here's why:

• Traditional Banking Model with Diverse & Secure Assets: MDIs are diversified in terms of their assets, predominantly focused on well-collateralized loans, and are not exposed to riskier asset classes. Unlike both SVB and Signature Bank, MDIs have very limited exposure to the venture capital industry and crypto.

• Well-Capitalized and Strong Liquidity: MDIs are in the strongest position ever. The sector is exceptionally well capitalized, enjoys substantial liquidity overall, and has grown by 33% over the last three years in total assets. Nearly $4 billion in new, permanent capital has flowed to MDIs and currently, the median MDI common equity ratio is 16.4% versus 14.8% for non-MDIs.

• Positioned for Impact: 77% of MDI branches are in areas with a higher average share of minorities compared to 31% for all FDIC-insured depository institutions. According to a Dallas Fed Study in 2022, MDIs originate almost 40% of their mortgages to minority borrowers, versus only 10% by other banks. Additionally, MDIs originate 30% of small business loans to low- to moderate-income communities in comparison to 20% at community banks and 24% at large banks. Customer deposits are not only extremely safe in an MDI but are far more likely to have a positive impact in the community.

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Vigil Held to Protest Closure of Gresham Birth Center

Local nurses, elected leaders, patients and families led a rally to Save Family Birth Center at Legacy Mt. Hood Medical (Photo Courtesy of Oregon Nurses Association)

Staff and community members fight to stop closure

Registered nurses, elected officials and local families held a candlelight vigil on March 17 to call on Legacy Health executives to reverse course and save the Family Birth Center at Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center. Despite near-universal opposition from frontline health care workers, local families, elected officials, and community advocates–and without approval from the Oregon Health Authority–Legacy executives have said as of Friday, March 17, they plan to stop accepting patients to the family birth center.

The Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) issued the following statement upon receiving confirmation that the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has not approved Legacy Health's controversial plan to close the Family Birth Center:

Legacy has been given a gift. It has another chance to do the right thing. Nurses, families, and community leaders from all walks of life have been crying out for Legacy to reverse its hasty decision and work with us to save the family birth center. OHA's announcement buys Legacy more time to listen to its community and protect health care access for thousands of families in East Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.

The family birth center is Oregonians' only hospital birthplace option in Gresham–Oregon's 4th largest city–and the closest option for thousands of underserved families in East Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. Doctors and nurses there deliver and care for more than 750 babies and families a year, providing emergency and non-emergency OB-GYN services and triage for more acute OB-GYN patients than any other Legacy hospital.

Originally founded in part with community funds, the birth center serves nearly 275,000 people in East Multnomah and Clackamas Counties including historically underserved neighborhoods with some of the highest concentrations of poverty in Oregon. "At a time when women's health is already under attack, it is irresponsible for Legacy to close the door on these women," said Ginny Moyer, a labor & delivery nurse at Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center. "The choice by Legacy administration to close the Family Birth Center and remove OB-GYN physicians from the patient care model is unsafe, hazardous and irresponsible. Per Legacy's mission statement: 'Our mission is for good health for our people, our patients, our communities and our world. Above all, we will do the right thing.' Legacy administration, this is not the right thing," said Teddy Glemser, emergency department charge nurse at Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center and a Family Birth Center patient.

In addition to their work to save the family birth center, frontline nurses at Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center filed for a union election to join the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) on March 6. Nurses cited a need to unionize to protect patients' access to safe, high-quality health care; restore respect for frontline workers; and gain a voice in decisions that affect their community's health and welfare.

Oregon Health Authority has issued the following statement regarding Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center's request for a waiver that would allow it to discontinue maternity services at its Family Birth Center:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is highly concerned about reports that maternity patients at Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center are being redirected to other Legacy hospitals such as Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel. OHA has not granted Legacy's waiver and is in the process of reviewing Legacy's responses to the many questions OHA posed to Legacy about its waiver request. OHA received Legacy's responses late on Friday, March 17. OHA has been very clear with Legacy that it cannot cease providing required maternity services at its Family Birth Center without receiving OHA approval of a waiver.

OHA will be investigating reports that Legacy has ceased providing maternity services.