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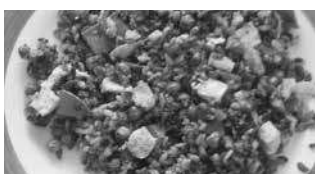
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LOCAL NEWS



Jackie Sibblies Drury is the playwright for a powerful play, 'We Are Proud to Present a Presentation about the Herero of Namibia, Formerly Known as South West Africa, from the German Sudwestafrika, Between the Years 1884-1915,' opening Saturday, March 12 at Artists Repertory Theater, downtown.

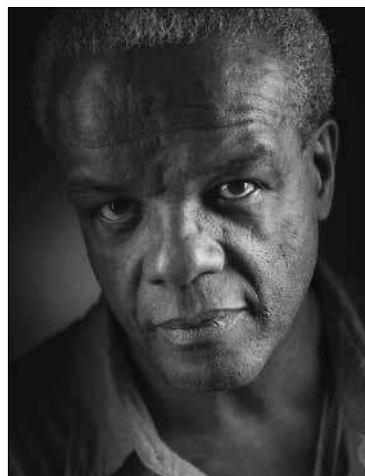
Prejudice, Power and Perspective

Portland director tackles play on African genocide

A conversation around race and equity and its relation to true history past and present takes center stage as Artists Repertory Theater performs a Portland premier for an off-Broadway hit.

The professional theater group has produced an incendiary and challenging production about the first colonial genocide of the 20th Century in Africa, called "We Are Proud to Present a Presentation about the Herero of Namibia, Formerly Known as South West Africa, from the German Sudwestafrika, Between the Years 1884-1915."

At the helm of the production opening this week is Director Kevin Jones of Portland, a member of



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Portland's African American community who leads a multicultural cast on a play that sets out to improvise a story about the horrors of the lives lost in the genocide, but gets lost in the reality of their undertaking.

This unusual presentation with its humor and inevitable discomfort gripped theater hubs like New York, Chicago, London, Washington, D.C. and Seattle with its unique theatrical investigation of prejudice, power and perspective.

The playwright, Jackie Sibblies Drury is a young African-American woman who speaks and writes from her perspective and vantage

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School Boundaries Plan Coming

Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith announced Monday that she's prepared to present a draft proposal for changes to current enrollment balancing recommendations by next week.

Plans to move boundaries to feed more students into Wilson High School at the expense of Lincoln High School have generated controversy in southwest Portland. There's also plans to

reconfigure a few K-8 schools in north and northeast Portland to K-5s and middle schools.

Smith will discuss some of the options she is considering with the district's Boundary Review Advisory Committee which meets on Wednesday, March 9 at 4 p.m. at the district's administration building, 501 N. Dixon St. The public is invited but there will be no public comment.

The superintendent will hold

two more listening sessions to hear community concerns on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Robert Gray Middle School, 5505 S.W. 23rd Ave., and Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Lane Middle School, 7200 S.E. 60th Ave.

The additional feedback will be taken into consideration before Smith makes her final recommendations to the school board the week of March 28, officials said.