

President-Elect is a Pathological Liar

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another, and we have had our share of presidents with serious character issues. But Trump is a case apart, someone so out of touch with traditional American values—compromise, equity, openness, community, jus-

tice, lawfulness, respect for difference—and so unpredictable in behavior that I tremble to think how he can possibly deal sensibly with the complicated foreign and domestic problems we face.

I do have one project I would like to see materialize right now: media representatives, mainstream and alter-

native, come together to issue a joint challenge to the Trump team, and Donald Trump in particular, to start communicating regularly, directly, and factually with the American people on the major policy issues. “Stop lying, stop hiding, and fulfill promises.”

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Reclaiming the Dream

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Raiford held up the new banner with 7-year-old Rachele Davis for a photo op. Davis’ mother, Karen, said she appreciated the event’s family focus and having an opportunity to voice her concerns at a protest that was planned during the day when it felt safer.

Don’t Shoot Portland activists Laurreta Reye and Red Hamilton grabbed their bullhorns at about 2 p.m. and began the march by heading out of the park onto Rosa Parks Way. The chants began, “First name Martin, last name King. Whos’ Streets? Our Streets!” Drivers patiently waited on the side, some mouthing along with the chants and giving ‘thumbs up’ from the inside their warm vehicles.

As the marchers reached Martin Luther

King Boulevard and traffic got heavier many drivers rolled down their car windows to give the protestors high-fives, took photographs with their smart phones and honked their car horns in praise.

As the march passed by Geneva’s Shear Perfection Barber and Beauty Salon, a man who was getting his haircut ran outside with a plastic cape still on and his barber carrying a black electric razor. A voice rang out to the marchers and asked if the cops had killed another person that day.

When the marchers reached the North Police Precinct at MLK and Killingsworth Street, Reye guided the group off to a side street. Standing next to a police car with an officer in the driver’s seat and his vehicle lights on, Reye took to the bullhorn and said: “Now, we’re going to have a four and a half minute of silence. Do you know

why we’re having a four and a half minute of silence? To honor Michael Brown, who was shot by police in Ferguson, Missouri. Do you know how long his body was left in the street bleeding before it was taken away by an ambulance? Four and a half hours.” The marchers and children hung their head in prayer and then headed back to the boulevard.

When the protest stopped at the old Burger Barn, a relic of a building owned by Teresa Raiford’s family and the site of a racist possum incident by police in the 1980s, a group of women nearby standing on the sidewalk were smoking cigarettes and began to dance along to the march chant: “All my life I’ve had to fight, but I’m gonna be alright.”

The sun was sinking behind the city skyline when the march arrived at the Martin Luther King Jr. landmark. On the corner in front of the statue stood Pro Life protestors carrying signs with hurtful slo-

gans like “Hillary for Jail” and “Planned Parenthood: The Democrat Negro Project that Kills Black People.” After a few brief and sharp words, Don’t Shoot organizers announced on the bullhorn: “We do not engage in ignorance. Do not engage.”

Raiford thanked the King march participants for their dedication in freezing temperatures and their generosity by donating three cars full of items for houseless people.

Don’t Shoot Portland’s Reclaim Martin Luther King March was the first of at least six local protests coming during the same week as President-elect Donald Trump’s inauguration. Most of the marches and protests will happen on Inauguration Day, Friday, Jan 20 and this weekend. With Trump’s promises in his racially-divisive campaign and choice of presidential cabinet members, many in the nation fear that the clock will be turned back on long time and hard won civil rights.



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CALENDAR January 2017

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

15 <i>First Super Bowl Played in 1967</i> Hat Day; <i>first top hat was worn (1797)</i>	16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Prohibition, 1920	17 <i>Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) born, 1942</i> <i>Benjamin Franklin born, 1706</i>	18 <i>Raymond Briggs born, 1934</i> Beginning of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial	19 ☾ <i>Artist Paul Cezanne born, 1839</i> Popcorn Day	20 Inauguration Day (Every 4 years: 2013, 2017, 2021) Cheese Day	21 National Hugging Day <i>First flight of the Supersonic Concorde (1976)</i>
22 <i>Brian Wildsmith born, 1930</i> National Blonde Brownie Day	23 Measure Your Feet Day National Handwriting Day National Pie Day	24 <i>Gold Discovered in California At Sutter's Mill in 1848 by John Marshall</i>	25 Opposite Day <i>First Winter Olympics held, 1924</i>	26 Australia Day (<i>first settled, 1788</i>)	27 ● <i>Lewis Carroll birthday</i> <i>National Geographic Society Founded (1888)</i>	28 Chinese New Year - Year of the Rooster <i>Jackson Pollock born, 1912 (Artist)</i> National Kazoo Day
29 <i>Baseball Hall of Fame established (1936)</i> National Puzzle Day	30 <i>Franklin D. Roosevelt born, 1882 (23rd President)</i>	31 Backwards Day <i>Jackie Robinson born, 1919 (Baseball Great)</i>				