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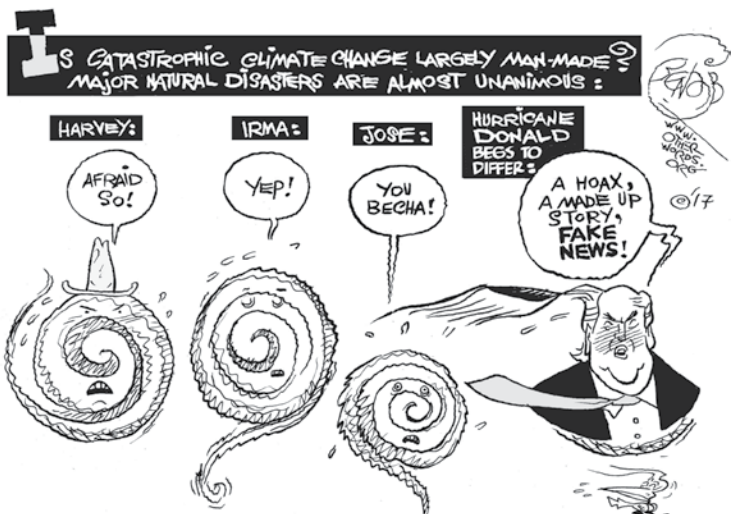
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What's on your list today?



Participants warm up for the MLK Dream Run. The sixth annual event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his "I Have a Dream" speech returns on Sunday, Sept. 24.

## Dream Run on Starting Blocks

### Sixth annual event honors Martin Luther King

There's still time to sign up for the MLK Dream Run coming to northeast Portland on Sunday, Sept. 24.

The sixth annual event, sponsored by the Soul District Business Association, formerly the North/Northeast Business Association, will take off and finish from a new location this year at 6431 N.E. MLK Jr. Blvd. This is a vacant Lot on the corner of MLK and Rosa Parks Way and the future site of a new King Park affordable housing complex constructed by way of the nonprofit Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, inc.

This year's MLK Dream Run theme s equity, uni-

ty and harmony

"In these heightened times of stress and unrest, it is important that our narratives continue to work in equity, unity and harmony if we are to have healthy and thriving communities," said MLK Dream Run officials. "We are asking all volunteers, runners, supporters and friends to demonstrate this year's theme by wearing gold wrist bands."

On Sunday's Race Day, events will begin at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. staggered starts featuring 5K, 10K and 15K courses. There will be food and entertainment associated with all the events from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## County Faces Claims of Racism

### Investigation to follow ouster of black director

BY DANNY PETERSON  
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Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury says she will address charges of racism and unfair employment practices following a report last week that former Multnomah County Health Department employee Tricia Tillman, the county's first non-white public health director, was dismissed unfairly.

Kafoury announced that she will hire an outside employment consultant to review and make recommendations to improve Multnomah County's hiring and



Deborah Kafoury



Tricia Tillman

retention practices in regards to the discrimination claims.

She said Multnomah County would also escalate any complaint of offense or discrimination an employee alleges to the county's Chief Operating Officer

and Department Director.

Tillman alleged in a Sept. 7 letter to Kafoury that she was asked to step down by health department director Joanne Fuller,

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