

Multnomah County Health Department

Mental Health and Addiction Services Division presents

**AFRICAN AMERICAN Community in the Park**

*Connection, Healing & Hope*

Come out and meet our Community Providers.


Information about Adult & Youth Services • Providers • Networking • Games for Kids • Music & Food

Thursday, July 18, 2019  
4 PM - 8 PM

Luwit View Park  
Northeast 127th & Fremont Avenue, Portland  
TriMet Bus #73

RSVP to  
<http://bit.ly/heal4hope>

[multco.us/health](http://multco.us/health)



## Feasting on New Documentaries

I managed to catch 25 films at the Seattle International Film Festival in May and June--my idea of heaven! There is significant overlap with the earlier Portland International Film Festival, but SIFF runs twice as long so there is plenty of reason to make the investment in a trip to Seattle to see things that may have only a short theatrical release. This week I'll cover the documentaries I saw, and I'll cover the remaining feature films next week--and where I can, I'll let you know where you can find them. There's something for everyone.

Many of the best films were profiles of people worth knowing about. My favorite was "David Crosby: Remember My Name," in which the most notoriously hedonistic and troubled member of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young (and the various other configurations in which they performed) reflects on the life he has lived hard. I really hope that Crosby is as honest and likeable as he comes off here; even while he acknowledges what an often insufferable friend and bandmate he has been and how he has alienated everyone he has ever played with, Crosby comes off as relentlessly real and doesn't make excuses. It is a compelling window into the world of the '60s and '70s when their music was breaking new ground—, full of



The new documentary 'David Crosby: Remember My Name' is a compelling window into the world of the 1960s and 70s, reflecting on the singer's past drug addiction, personal tragedies and conflicts with bandmates.

interesting stories (like how Joni Mitchell communicated that she was breaking up with Crosby) and beautiful music that stands the test of time. And Crosby, now 78, still tours and write songs and sings like an angel. He's the classic example of an artist whose spirit shines through time and his own failures. The film opens theatrically this month.

I knew nothing about the famous bandoneon composer and musician Astor Piazzolla and little about tango music before seeing

the documentary exploration of Piazzolla's life. "Piazzolla, the Years of the Shark" worked remarkably well in opening his story and also in helping me understand why I should care—so much so that it motivated me to seek out his music. The film makes good use of archival footage and recordings made available by Piazzolla's son, and presents a compelling picture of what shaped this driven and confident change maker--the

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

## The Portland Observer

Established 1970 USPS 959 680

4747 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97211

The Portland Observer welcomes freelance submissions. Manuscripts and photographs should be clearly labeled and will be returned if accompanied by a self addressed envelope. All created design display ads become the sole property of the newspaper and cannot be used in other publications or personal usage without the written consent of the general manager, unless the client has purchased the composition of such ad. © 2008 THE PORTLAND OBSERVER. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED, REPRODUCTION IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHOUT PERMISSION IS PROHIBITED. The Portland Observer--Oregon's Oldest Multicultural Publication--is a member of the National Newspaper Association--Founded in 1885, and The National Advertising Representative Amalgamated Publishers, Inc, New York, NY, and The West Coast Black Publishers Association



CALL 503-288-0033  
FAX 503-288-0015



PUBLISHER: Mark Washington, Sr.

EDITOR: Michael Leighton

ADVERTISING MANAGER: Leonard Latin

Office Manager/Classifieds: Lucinda Baldwin

CREATIVE DIRECTOR: Paul Neufeldt

REPORTER/WEB EDITOR: Danny Peterson

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mark Washington Jr.

OFFICE ASSISTANT/SALES: Shawntell Washington

[news@portlandobserver.com](mailto:news@portlandobserver.com) • [ads@portlandobserver.com](mailto:ads@portlandobserver.com)  
[subscription@portlandobserver.com](mailto:subscription@portlandobserver.com)

Postmaster: Send address changes to Portland Observer, PO Box 3137, Portland, OR 97208



PO QR code



### Women's World Cup Repeat

The U.S. women's national team defended their status as World Cup champions, shutting out the Netherlands in the final on Sunday, 2-0, and earning America's fourth cup. Superstar Megan Rapinoe opened the scoring, notching a penalty kick goal in the 61st minute, and a breakaway goal minutes later by midfielder Rose Lavelle helped clinch the match.

### Latino Leader Seeks Office

Carmen Rubio, the executive director of the nonprofit Latino Network, formed a political action committee on Monday run for election in the May 2020 Primary to replace Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz who will retire when her term ends at the end of 2020. Rubio, previously served as policy director under former Mayor Tom Potter and then with City Commissioner Nick Fish.



## The Week in Review

### Clark County Lifts Pot Ban

The Clark County Council voted last week to remove a ban on marijuana businesses in the unincorporated area, joining the city of Vancouver and other locations like Portland and other cities and states where regulated pot sales are legal under state law.

### Man Admits Death Threats

Kermit Tyler Poulson, 40, pleaded guilty last week to one count of transmitting threatening communications with the intent to extort Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler. Poulson threatened to firebomb the mayor's home if he did not immediately fire a Portland police officer involved in an on-duty shooting.

### Chief Assails Protest Masks

In response to violent protests, Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw last week suggested that the city should charge people if they wear a mask to commit a crime. "In other states, you'll see that it's illegal to wear a mask during the commission of a



crime," Outlaw said.

### Warren on Racial Gap

Democratic 2020 hopeful Elizabeth Warren last week said if elected president she would sign executive orders aimed at addressing the wage and employment leadership gap for women of color, punishing companies and contractors with historically poor records on diversity and equality by denying them contracts with the federal government.

### Pelosi Adapts Trump Slogan

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi argued Monday that President Trump's push to include a citizenship question on the 2020 census is an effort to "make America white again" an adaptation of his campaign slogan. Pelosi and others argue the citizenship question could result in racial minorities being undercounted so that legislative maps can be drawn more favorably for Republicans.

### GOP Leader Defends Gibson

James Buchal, the chair of the Multnomah County Republican Party agreed to defend right wing Patriot Prayer leader Joey Gibson in a \$1 million civil lawsuit filed by the owner of the Cider Riot pub, the Willamette Week reported. Gibson was sued by the business after a confrontation with antifascist demonstrators outside the bar last May.