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# Seraw Musical Tribute Coming

## New work a push back against hate

The classical music nonprofit Fear No Music reflects on the first 30 years since the murder of Ethiopian student Mulugeta Seraw on the streets of southeast Portland with an extraordinary multimedia performance coming two days prior to the anniversary of his horrific hate crime death.

Coming to The Old Church, downtown, on Monday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m., the concert will feature Portland-born, Egyptian-American composer Ryan Francis' new work "Nightwalk," highlighted by a film and performances on clarinet, string quartet, piano and percussion.

The visual component takes you on a walk from Southeast 31st and Pine, the site of Seraw's murder, to the doors of The Old Church, reinforcing the proximity within which we all live to ongoing



Ryan Francis

divisions within our community. Francis created the film component in collaboration with his sister Tracy Cameron Francis, the artistic director of Boom Arts and the festival director for the Cascade Festival of African Films.



Mulugeta Seraw

The concert also is in conjunction with a display of The F Word exhibit, a touring exhibit from The Forgiveness Project, a UK-based organization that uses storytelling to promote personal and community healing and restorative justice.

# Health Care Marketplace Opens

Open enrollment for Affordable Care Act health insurance coverage in 2020 started on Nov. 1 and runs through Dec. 15. Residents can sign up for a health insurance plan at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

The marketplace provides access to private insurance for residents who

don't have health insurance through their employer and also provides access to the Oregon Health Plan — the state's version of Medicaid — to families and individuals that meet certain income requirements.

According to the state website [\[care.oregon.gov\]\(http://care.oregon.gov\), the Oregon Health Plan provides free coverage to people who meet income and residency requirements as well as factors such as age and disability status. Coverage includes doctor visits, hospital care, mental health services, dental and some vision care.](http://health-</a></p>
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## The Week in Review

### Sportswear Matriarch Dies



Gert Boyle, the longtime Portland resident and chairwoman of Columbia Sportswear, and a national icon for her image as "one tough mother" in advertising the multi-brand company, has died at age 95, the company announced Monday. Boyle was a pioneer for women in what was a male-dominated industry.

### Twitter to Reject Political Ads

Reacting to growing concern about misinformation spread on social media, Twitter announced last week that it is banning all political advertising from its service. Its move sets it apart from Facebook, which continues to defend running paid political ads, even false ones, as a free speech priority.

### Sentenced 10 Years for Attack

A Portland man, Jerry Desources, 40, was sentenced to 10 years in prison last week for kidnapping and sexually abusing a yoga studio business owner in downtown Portland last year. Prosecutors called the attack particularly heinous with the victim having to fight for her life.



### Impeachment Inquiry Approved

A bitterly divided House of Representatives with Democrats on one side and Republicans on the other voted on Thursday

to endorse the impeachment inquiry into President Trump, setting up a critical new public phase. It was only the third time in modern history that the House had taken a vote on an impeachment inquiry into a sitting president.

### Fund for Slave Descendants

Georgetown University announced last week will create a fund that could generate close to \$400,000 a year to benefit the descendants of slaves once sold by the university, the latest in the school's efforts to address the historical legacy of slavery. In 1838, the university sold 272 slaves to pay off debts and ultimately keep the school open.

### Diplomat Now Admits Quid Pro Quo

In a significant reversal, top US diplomat and former Portland hotelier Gordon Sondland revised his testimony to impeachment investigators Monday to admit there was a quid pro quo linking US aid to Ukraine with an investigation into President Donald Trump's political rivals.

### Blues Scene Voice Dies

Steve Pringle, long a key voice in the Portland blues scene, died Sunday at age 56, of cancer. A message posted to a GoFundMe page dedicated to helping raise money for costs associated with his care said that Pringle died "surrounded by friends and family in the comfort of his own home." Pringle spent years hosting blues shows on KINK-FM and KGON-FM.



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