

# Steeped in African Consciousness

**OPINIONATED JUDGE**  
BY **DARLEEN ORTEGA**



Portland theater audiences have an all-too-rare opportunity this week to see the work of the great Lynn Nottage on stage. The African-American playwright and screenwriter is a focus of Profile Theater this season, beginning

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Lynn Nottage



La'Tevin Alexander



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The Walnut Park Shelter on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard had a full Thanksgiving Day meal thanks to the hard work of volunteers who stepped up at the last minute to feed scores of homeless residents.

## Stepping Up for the Homeless

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After a story appeared in the Portland Observer that there would be no Thanksgiving dinner served at the Walnut Park homeless shelter on Thanksgiving Day,

about 30 people contacted Bora Harris, community liaison for the shelter, and put on a spread that was more than enough to feed scores of people a traditional

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## The Week in Review

### Harris Ends Presidential Run

Sen. Kamala Harris ended her 2020 presidential campaign on Tuesday. The California Democrat and the only African American female in the race acknowledged that financial pressures led to her decision, saying "My campaign for president simply doesn't have the financial resources we need to continue."



### Impeachment Case Made

Directly accusing President Donald Trump of a "scheme" that leveraged his power in office for his own personal and political gain, a sweeping new report on behalf of Democrats was filed on Tuesday that lays out their case for the impeachment of the president.

### Vigil to Murdered Wife

Dozens gathered in Vancouver's Esther Short Park on Sunday for a candlelight vigil to remember the life of Tiffany Ojeda Hill. Authorities said Hill's husband, Keland Hill shot and killed her, injured her mother, and then killed himself in a shooting last Tuesday in the parking lot of Sarah J. Anderson Elementary in Vancouver.

### Free Soup Group Sues

Free Hot Soup volunteers who serve

meals to homeless people in Portland parks sued the city last week over a rule that would restrict such meal service to one day a week. The group's use of Director Park, downtown, drew the ire of nearby businesses and led to the rule change.

### Tax Directed to Homeless

The Portland City Council voted last week to support using some of the revenue from hotel and rental car taxes to support homeless services, creating new resources for people in affordable housing. Tourist tax revenue has more than doubled this decade in the Portland region.

### New Blazer Honored

Carmelo Anthony has been with the Portland Trail Blazers less than two weeks, but he's already earning accolades. Anthony was named the Western Conference Player of the Week for the 19th time in his 17-year NBA career last week for leading the Blazers to three straight wins, while averaging 22.3 points, 7.7 rebounds and 2.7 assists.

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