

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

UJAMAA – COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS: Candle lighting ceremony, dancing and food. Presented by the Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland (DEEP) 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook St. Free and open to the public.

REMARKABLE OREGON WOMEN REVOLUTIONARIES & VISIONARIES: Without the efforts of inspiring, brave women of the past, the progress and individualistic Oregon we know today might not exist. Author Jennifer Chambers tells these stories of progressive, radical women who fought for change within their state. Admission is adults \$13, seniors (60+) \$9, youth (13-18) \$7 children under 3 are free. 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., End of the Oregon Trail, 1726 Washington St. Oregon City.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

MOTHER KWANZAA: Joyce Harris, Spoken Word; Historian and Educator, Michael Chappie Grice, and the melodies, Jazz of Yugen Rashed with Dialog & Friends. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Umoja Center, 4941 NE 17th Ave. Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

PLEASE JOIN US: Join us for an open house at the new Gifford Pinchot National Head Quarters. There will be a short program followed by tours of the renovated historic building. Open to everyone! 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, 987 McClellan Rd., Vancouver.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION CONCERT: The Lutheran Choral Association presents its 8th Christmas/Epiphany concert. Enjoy this large ecumenical choir, which has sung continually since 1938. 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Rose Parks Way.

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HOMEWORK HELP – DOUGLAS TRUTH LIBRARY: Volunteers will assist students on a drop-in basis. These volunteers provide support and encouragement to students. 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Douglas Truth Library, 2300 E. Yessler Way.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

SMASH PUTT: MINIATURE GOLF APOCALYPSE LAST EVER: Experience brand new crazy contraptions. Putt-Putt like you've never played it before. \$15 more info about times can be found at www.smash-putt.com. Smash Putt 2017 – Pop – Up Hall, 1122 Post Ave.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

FREE WEEKEND WALKS: Come with us and take a casual walk with knowledgeable guides and learn more about the trees. 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., University of Washington Botanic Gardens, 2300 Arboretum Dr. E.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH FIRST DAY HIKES: The public is invited to ring in the New Year with "First Day Hikes" in any of the 32 State Parks all across Washington. The event allows families to get out and experience the diverse natural resources and recreation opportunities found in State Parks. No Discover Pass Needed On First State Parks "FREE DAY" Of The Year.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

FREE FIRST THURSDAY AT FLYING HERITAGE COLLECTION: There's always something going on at the Flying Heritage Collection. If you've been looking for an affordable opportunity to bring the family to visit the museum. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Flying Heritage Collection, 3407 109th St. SW. Everett.

DAVE ZIRIN WITH MICHAEL BENNETT: THE COLLISION: SPORTS AND POLITICS IN THE U.S. Dave Zirin has written several articles focused on NFL Quarterback Colin Kaepernick's controversial refusal to stand for the National Anthem. Zirin will discuss the effects and implications of this kind of social protest and how it will impact our culture, in sports and beyond. 7:30 p.m. \$5 admission. Free admission for students. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall, Great Hall, 1119 Eighth Ave at Seneca St.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

ARTVENTURE: TOY TRANSFORMATION WITH MICHELLE HAGEWOOD: How do toys reflect who we are? Bring a toy or dig through a collection of oddities to build a new doll, vehicle or something else fun! FREE 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Henry Art Gallery, 4100 15th Ave. NE.

30 AMERICANS FREE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL: Come celebrate 30 Americans with art – making, music and performances! Free. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tacoma Art Museum, 1701 Pacific Ave. Tacoma.

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though many of the lawmakers were, themselves, tarred by accusations of corruption. South Korean President Park Geun-hye was stripped of power in December amid allegations she let a close friend use the government for financial gain.

Meanwhile, Syria's war entered its sixth year. But despite pressure by the U.S. and its allies, Russia and the government of President Bashar Assad unleashed an assault on Aleppo to wipe out rebels, driving up the toll in a conflict that has already claimed as many as 500,000 lives.

"This is a targeted strategy to terrorize civilians and to kill anybody and everybody who is in the way of their military objectives," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said, accusing Syria and Russia of war crimes.

"As long as war crimes are at question," a Russian government spokeswoman said, "the Americans should start with Iraq."

In Yemen, cease-fires broke down, extending a nearly two-year civil war. But with Syria capturing most international attention, a famine resulting from the turmoil was mostly overlooked.

As the fighting continued, terrorist strikes spread fear well beyond the Middle East.

A bombing at Brussels airport in March and another attack in June at Istanbul's airport by gunmen with explosives killed a total of nearly 80 people. More than 70 died when a bomb went off in a park in Pakistan, with a faction of the Pakistani Taliban claiming responsibility. In July, a terrorist drove a truck into a Bastille Day crowd in Nice, killing 86 and injuring more than 400. Islamic State claimed responsibility.

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In June, security guard Omar Mateen opened fire inside a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, in the deadliest mass shooting ever in the U.S. In a call to police during the attack, which killed 49, Mateen — a U.S. citizen born to parents who immigrated from Afghanistan three decades earlier — said he was acting on behalf of the Islamic State group.

A day later, Trump pointed to the attack in a renewed call to ban Muslim immigrants to the U.S., while suggesting that American Muslims were turning a blind eye to terrorists in their midst.

"We cannot continue to allow thousands upon thousands of people to pour into our country, many of whom have the same thought process as this savage killer," Trump said.

Still, there were moments when the obstinacy that characterized so much of the news was set aside.

When boxing great Muhammad Ali died in June, a figure whose outspokenness on race, religion and other issues once made him a deeply polarizing figure was eulogized as an inspiration.

In March, Obama became the first U.S. president to visit Cuba since 1928, affirming a contentious move to resume ties after more than a half century of hostility. But the death of Cuba's Fidel Castro in November renewed criticism of the U.S. opening, with Trump threatening to "terminate the deal."

The hard line typified the outspokenness that attracted many voters. Critics lambasted the campaign for feeding prejudice against minorities and denigrating women, warning that Trump could not win.

But each time Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton appeared to open a gap between herself and the billionaire developer, a scandal over her use of a personal email server while serving as secretary of state returned to the headlines.

When FBI Director James Comey reignited the issue in late October by announcing his agency had found new emails, Clinton's popularity fell even as early voting began. Trump clinched victory by winning states representing an Electoral College majority, though Clinton captured more than 2.8 million more votes nationwide.

"Now it's time for America to bind the wounds of division," Trump told supporters in his first speech as president-elect.

The election's shocking outcome was arguably the year's biggest news story. But Trump's speech made headlines in no small part for sounding a note of moderation that was jarringly out of place in a year of discord.



PHOTO BY ARASHI YOUNG

Feeling the Bern

Crowds stood in line for hours March 25 and packed the 19,000-capacity Moda Center to see Bernie Sanders, the independent Senator-turned-Democratic Presidential candidate. Sanders' March rally was the site of one of the most memorable and widely covered moments in Sanders' campaign: a bird swooped into the auditorium near the stage, catching his attention and then, briefly, perched on the name tag on his podium.

"I think there's some symbolism here," Sanders said. "It doesn't look like it, but that is a dove asking us for world peace." Photos and images of Sanders with the bird went viral almost immediately.

Sanders conceded the party's nomination to party favorite Hillary Clinton in July, but has remained on the national stage as a voice critical of the Democratic National Committee, corporate media and Republican Presidential-Elect Donald Trump.