

## Events & Announcements



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### Health Fair

Salma Musa with with EthnoMed a joint program of the University of Washington Health Sciences Library and Harborview Medical center talks with some little girls about nutrition at the 5th Annual Health Fair hosted by the Somali Health Board Nov. 4 at New Holly Gathering Hall. Many community and healthcare organizations participated in this years event providing information and health screenings.

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cial ecology of Portland through the arts.

August Wilson is one of America's master dramatists, best known for his American Century Cycle – a group of 10 plays, each exploring a different decade in the 20th Century. Wilson was a revolutionary thinker, championing Black theatre and the idea that the African American vernacular, or way of speaking, should be celebrated and exalted instead of ignored, corrected or cleaned up.

All students participating in the August Wilson Monologue Competition work under the guidance of professional actors and directors to not only learn and engage with August Wilson's work, but also to grow their confidence, poise and ability to connect with other students, theater professionals and community leaders.

The program culminates in a public regional finals performance at the Newmark Theatre on Feb. 26, 2018. Participating students are judged by a panel of top theater professionals, three students receive prizes in the Portland competition, and two are selected to advance to the national competition in New York City.

In February 2017, Roosevelt High School student Alexis Cannard won first prize in the Portland Regional Finals for the August Wilson Monologue Competition. In May of the same year, she performed her monologue on Broadway, competing against high school students from nine other cities. Cannard took home the third place trophy in New York. In February 2015, Hailey Kilgore won second place in the Portland Regional Finals. Three months ago, Kilgore was cast as the lead in the Broadway revival of *Once on This Island*.

There's no cost to apply for or participate in the AWMC and all students who apply will be able to audition for a spot in the Regional Finals. All high school students are welcome to apply. Because the mission of the Red Door Project is to change the racial ecology of Portland through the arts, the Red Door seeks a pool of applicants who represent the growing diversity of the student body of Portland area public schools.

For more information or to apply, visit <http://red-doorproject.org>.

The Red Door Project will bring presentations to school classrooms during the month of November. Contact Jory Bowers at [jory@reddoorproject.org](mailto:jory@reddoorproject.org).

## Seattle News Briefs

### Mayor's Race Called for Durkan; Senate Control May Flip to Dems

Wednesday morning, the Seattle mayor's race former was called for U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan. Voters were choosing between Durkan and urban planner Cary Moon to replace former Mayor Ed Murray,

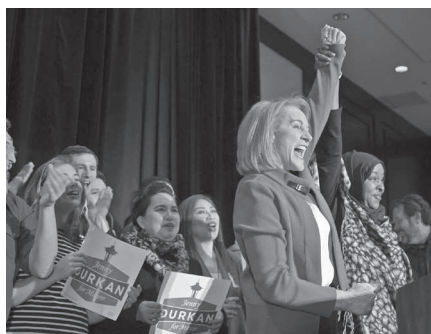


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Jenny Durkan won a decisive victory over Cary Moon Tuesday, becoming the first woman mayor of Seattle since Bertha Landes who was elected 91 years ago in 1926.

Tuesday night and others demurring.

Dhingra's likely victory flips control of the Senate to Democrats, which means Washington will join Oregon and California with total Democratic rule in both legislative chambers and the governor's office.

Under the state's vote-by-mail system, ballots just need to be postmarked or dropped off by Tuesday, which means that ballot counting will continue for several days. – Associated Press

### Fair Chance Housing legislation becomes effective Feb. 19

In August 2017, the City of Seattle passed Fair Chance Housing legislation to help prevent discrimination against renters with a past criminal record.

The new ordinance prevents landlords from unfairly denying applicants housing based on criminal history. It also prohibits the use of advertising language that automatically or categorically excludes people with arrest records, conviction records, or criminal history. The Office for Civil Rights will enforce the new requirements.

The legislation caps a decade-long effort to address discrimination against people who have served their time and yet face barriers to safe, stable housing.

We have convened a stakeholder group to provide input on the administrative rules, and will be collecting comments and concerns from the public. Our office will also offer training opportunities for landlords, tenants, and others to learn about the requirements under the new law.

For updates about the new rules, visit [www.seattle.gov/civilrights/civil-rights/fair-housing/fair-chance-housing-legislation](http://www.seattle.gov/civilrights/civil-rights/fair-housing/fair-chance-housing-legislation).

### Dembowski Legislation Would Ban Solitary Confinement for Youth in Detention

Metropolitan King County Council Vice Chair Rod Dembowski introduced legislation last week that would ban solitary confinement for minors in deten-

who resigned earlier this year amid sexual abuse allegations.

Democrat Manka Dhingra took an early double-digit lead in a state Senate race, with some media outlets calling the race in her favor by late

## Community Calendar 2017

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Starting this month Bellevue Youth Link is seeking donations of coats through its 13th Annual Kids Coat Drive. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations through January 31. City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue or all community centers in Bellevue.

### FRIDAY –SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – 12

29TH ANNUAL BEST OF THE NORTHWEST VART & FINE CRAFT SHOW: Northwest Alliance presents the 29th Annual Fall Show. Featuring food truck & Espresso, Activities for children, many fine arts and crafts booths! Tickets are \$8, documented Veterans are free, children under 12 are free. Noon – 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 – 5 p.m. Sunday. Hanger 30 – Magnuson Park, 6310 NE 74th St.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS OFFERS FREE DAY: Recreation and outdoor enthusiasts have another chance to get out and enjoy the State Parks for free. On this day, day-use visitors will not need a discovery pass to access any of the state parks. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Washington State Parks.

MUSEUM FUN DAY – VETERANS DAY: The Children's Museum of Tacoma gives thanks to the United States Service men and women. Join us in honoring our military veterans by coming dressed in red, white and blue. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Children's Museum of Tacoma, 1501 Pacific Ave., Tacoma.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY TO CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY: Northwest Trek Wildlife Park is offering free admission to all individuals who are currently serving or have honorably served in the U.S. military. Immediate family members will receive half-off admission. Must bring proper ID to receive discounts. 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, 11610 Trek Dr. E., Eatonville.

### SATURDAY – SUNDAY, NOV. 18 – 19

FREE WEIRD ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW: Oddmall Arts & Crafts shows celebrate uniqueness, creativity, imagination, and wonder. It's a show where artists and crafters offer unusual creations for your consideration. This is a free event. Everett Community College, 2000 Tower St., Everett.

### SATURDAY – WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18 – 29

FREE FESTIVAL OF TREES IN DOWNTOWN SEATTLE: Gorgeous designer Christmas Trees will be on display in the public area of Fairmont Olympic Hotel. Come down to view them at any time (open 24 hours a day) and read the inspiring stories of featured Seattle Children's patients. Fairmont Olympic Hotel, 411 University St., Seattle.

tion. The proposal would also require the County to provide incarcerated youth with adequate educational resources, and calls for the use of detention practices suited for youth and their brain development, regardless of the location where the young person is detained.

Most youth detained by the County are held at the King County Juvenile Detention Center in Seattle. Some young people who have been charged as adults are housed at the Maleng Regional Justice Center or, occasionally, at the King County Correctional Facility. Those youth are separated from the adult population at these facilities, but solitary confinement has also been used to punish young offenders.

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry has noted that even short periods of isolation often have serious long-term mental health impacts on juveniles, and research has shown that solitary confinement does not reduce behavioral incidents and may increase aggressive or violent behavior by youth.

The legislation proposed by Dembowski seeks to implement reforms while ensuring the safety of King County staff working in the detention facilities.

It would ban the use of solitary confinement for youth in all county detention facilities. It also calls for the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention to take into consideration the developmental needs of young people in detention and take steps to ensure they have access to education and therapeutic programs that will set them up for success when they leave the detention facility.