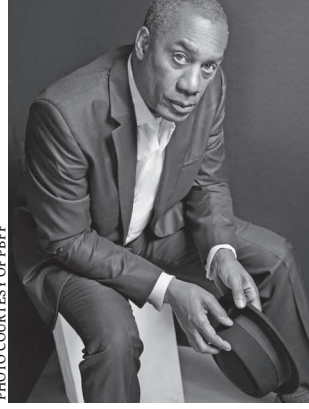


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Morton, who played the film's lead character "Brother," is an Emmy Award-winning actor as well as film star and veteran of the stage. Gen-Xers will likely remember him best as Miles Dyson of Skynet in "Terminator 2." But with more than 125 acting credits, Morton most recently starred in the ABC series "Scandal" and the Netflix original "Grace and Frankie," as well as the films "Justice League" and "American Gangster."



Actor Joe Morton is honorary guest at Portland Black Film Festival.

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- "Spotlight on Elijah Hasan," a special program that includes



'Brother From Another Planet' (1984)

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Highlights still to come include:

both acclaimed and recent work of local Portland artist and filmmaker Elijah Hasan.



'Charles Bradley: Soul of America'

- The 35mm screening of "The Spook Who Sat by the Door" (1973), which follows the CIA's first Black agent, who recruits African American teenagers as guerilla warriors in a plot to overthrow the White establishment;
- "Rap City 2," a compi-

The Portland Black Film Festival is supported through the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust.

For more information about the festival, visit [www.hollywoodtheatre.org/events/2018-portland-black-film-festival](http://www.hollywoodtheatre.org/events/2018-portland-black-film-festival).



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**Pioneer Black Firefighters of Portland Month**

On Wednesday, Portland City Council proclaimed February 2018 to be Pioneer Black Firefighters of Portland Month. Lt. Ted Mayze, who spoke to Council Wednesday, has spearheaded an effort to setup a scholarship fund (named after Portland's first Black firefighter, Gus Waterford) for PCC students of color interested in fire science.

**McGee** cont'd from pg 1

Last week the organization placed McGee on administrative leave pending an investigation into accusations of sexual misconduct. In a press release sent out Wednesday, the organization said its board had learned of another sexual harassment complaint leveled at McGee.

"To protect the identity of the accuser, no additional information will be provided unless that person chooses to make a public statement. BPI will continue its investigations and as more facts are known, will share as appropriate with the BPI community," the release said.

On Wednesday morning *Willamette Week* reported Portland Police Bureau had opened a criminal investigation into an alleged assault, reported by the newspaper last week, involving McGee and Portland banker Aubrey Dickson and naming Erica Naito-Campbell as a survivor. The assault allegedly occurred in 2012, and in its initial story *WW* noted

the statute of limitations for the crimes described is six years.

"The Police Bureau is aware of this incident and is following national best practice as it relates to victim-centered sexual assault investigation," PPB spokesman Sgt.

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Chris Burley told *WW*.

Tuesday McGee, who had not previously commented on the matter, posted a Facebook status denying the allegations *WW* published last week as a victim.

"I am shocked and saddened by the accusations made by Ms. Naito-Campbell and want to be clear: I unequivocally deny these unfounded allegations and very much look forward to clearing my name," he wrote.

McGee, who co-founded BPI

in 2006, was also a candidate for Multnomah County Commissioner position 2 but suspended his campaign last week.

BPI's statement goes on to say that it intends to continue to focus on its core mission.

"In the meantime, the board and staff at BPI remain focused on delivering programs, services and resources to educate and mobilize the parents and caregivers of Black and multi-ethnic children to ensure they achieve success. BPI's vision is that families of Black and multi-ethnic children will break generational cycles, achieving financial, educational, health and spiritual success and well-being," the statement reads.

**Melton** cont'd from pg 1

American studies from Stanford University and a master's degree in journalism from the University of California at Berkeley. She worked for *The Times-Picayune* in

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New Orleans and *The Oregonian* before joining Stand for Children in 2011. Melton served as that organization's communications and

policy director for two years and then as a regional director for the organization.

"Moving from the midwest to the West Coast, it was kind of a geographic culture change but also just...an environment where everyone was really focused on solving problems...where knowledge and debate was really fostered," Melton's county bio page quotes her as saying.

Melton's work at the county has focused on children, public health and equity issues, including efforts with Early Learning Multnomah, the Portland Children's Levy and the SUN Service System.

She replaces Nancy Bennett, who leaves the county Feb. 15 to become the Department of Environmental Quality's new Policy and External Affairs Manager.

"Nancy will be greatly missed.



Kimberly Melton will serve as Deborah Kafoury's new chief of staff.

She has been a key advisor to me for the past nine years and the state will benefit from all her skills and incredible passion for the environment," Kafoury said.