

Events & Announcements

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Black College Fair

Jaylen, a junior in high school, talks with Grambling State University alumnus Ricky Newton about what it's like to attend an HBCU during the UNCF Black College Fair Nov. 4 in the Garfield High School gym. About 500 students attended the event where they could talk to college representatives, attend college preparatory workshops and talk to businesses about scholarship opportunities.

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make greater Portland a great place to call home. Committed to conservation, the zoo is currently working to save endangered California condors, Oregon silverspot and Taylor's checkerspot butterflies, western pond turtles and Oregon spotted frogs. Other projects focused on saving animals from extinction include studies on polar bears, orangutans and cheetahs.

Support from the Oregon Zoo Foundation enhances and expands the zoo's efforts in conservation, education and animal welfare. Members, donors and corporate and foundation partners help the zoo make a difference across the region and around the world.

The zoo opens at 9:30 a.m. daily and is located five minutes from downtown Portland, just off Highway 26. The zoo is also accessible by MAX light rail line. Visitors who travel to the zoo via MAX receive \$1.50 off zoo admission. Call TriMet Customer Service, 503-238-RIDE (7433), or visit trimet.org for fare and route information.

Seattle News Briefs**Council Recognizes ID System**

The first step toward responding to a crime is identifying a suspect. For three decades, King County's Automated Fingerprint Information System or "AFIS" has done just that – helping law enforcement agencies throughout the county solve thousands of cases.

The Metropolitan King County Council recognized the (AFIS) program, a regional database of not only fingerprints, but also photos and additional evidence that aids in the investigation and arrest of suspects.

Supported by a voter-approved property tax levy, AFIS technicians respond to crime scenes and processes evidence using chemicals, photography, and other means to find fingerprints and palm prints left at crime scenes. That information goes into a central database that law-enforcement throughout the region can access.

The AFIS system includes 53 Livescan fingerprinting devices connected to the AFIS computer, and 270 Mobile ID handheld fingerprint devices used by officers for remote searches in the field. It's a system that reduces an identification process that once took days into hours if the suspect's fingerprints are in the system.

The use of AFIS technology has recently been used to track down suspects in the killing of the son of a Seattle Police Officer who interrupted a car prowler, a series of break-ins at businesses and a sexual assault in a senior service facility.

In addition to taking fingerprints, AFIS staff who work in correctional facilities capture booking photos, collect DNA samples, and create photo montages ("line-ups"), which detectives use to help victims

identify suspects. Other services include working with victims of identity theft and identifying injured, unconscious, or deceased individuals.

Because it is a regional service, AFIS provides significant financial benefit to county taxpayers. In preparing to ask voters to renew the levy this past August, AFIS managers reviewed program operations and found ways to eliminate 11 full time positions while still providing the same high-quality, professional service to King County law enforcement agencies. The new AFIS levy will collect \$1.5 million less in 2019 than it did in 2018.

Group Calls for Moratorium on Boat Tours of Endangered Orcas

A Washington state task force on critically endangered Northwest orcas wants to temporarily suspend whale-watching boat tours focused on those whales, one of three dozen recommendations to save a population that is at its lowest in over 30 years.

The group advising Gov. Jay Inslee voted Tuesday to recommend a three- to five-year moratorium on viewing southern resident killer whales by all boats in Puget Sound.

Disturbances and noise from boats can interfere with the whale's ability to find food or communicate, and supporters said it would protect the whales. Critics said it doesn't address the larger issue of dwindling food supply and it would be devastating for the industry.

The proposed moratorium would not apply to boats viewing other whales in the region, including gray or transient whales.

The endangered orcas struggle from pollution, boat noise and lack of chinook salmon, which have been declining because of dams, habitat loss and overfishing.

The task force plans to forward its recommendations to the governor next week. He'll consider the ideas as he proposes a budget and potential legislation that will also go before the Legislature.

Among the more contentious ideas, the task force is recommending that the state set up a stakeholder process to address issues related to the possible breaching or removal of the four Snake River dams in eastern Washington.

Some argue the best way to get more salmon to the starving whales is to tear down four dams on the lower Snake River, a tributary of the Columbia River, to help migrating fish.

Critics say doing so would hurt the livelihood of many who depend on those dams for navigation, recreation and hydropower.



Orca porpoising

Community Calendar 2018

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Scientist and President at the Allen Institute for Brain Science in Seattle, will speak about how human and non-human animals not only act in the world but are capable of conscious experience. Free and open to the public, 7 p.m., Reed College, Psy 105, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd.

THE ARTISTIC & ECLECTIC WILL MARTIN: This original, comprehensive exhibition about the Portland and Oregon architect Will Martin, best known as the designer of Pioneer Courthouse Square, captures the full range of Martin's creative work as an architect, artist, and imaginative thinker. Opens Nov 14., Architectural Heritage Center, 701 SE Grand Ave.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

ALBINA SOUL REVUE: The Albina Soul Revue is a community soul music showcase of historic proportions. The event features underrepresented musicians of color once active in the Albina area of North & Northeast Portland. Performing original selections from the 1970s, these artists and their music represent a lost era in Portland soul. Chronically undocumented, local music from this period was rarely released—even on vinyl. From 7:30–10 p.m., Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta St.

THE ARTISTIC & ECLECTIC WILL MARTIN: This original, comprehensive exhibition about the Portland and Oregon architect Will Martin, best known as the designer of Pioneer Courthouse Square, captures the full range of Martin's creative work as an architect, artist, and imaginative thinker. Gallery hours 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Architectural Heritage Center, 701 SE Grand Ave.

Seattle Metro**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

AFRICAN AMERICAN WRITERS' ALLIANCE POETRY READING: Hear poets from the Northwest's African American community in a reading organized by the NW African American Writers' Alliance, which promotes emerging and seasoned writers and publishes anthologies. 7 p.m., Third Place Books Seward Park, 5041 Wilson Ave S., Seattle

EILEEN MYLES: Eileen Myles is a living legend in the world of poetry and one of the foremost dog biographers of her generation. She will be reading from *Evolution*, her first new book of poems in seven years. Free, 7 p.m., Hugo House, 1634 11th Ave, Seattle

SPEED FRIENDING: Participate in an evening of short films made by transgender filmmakers, followed by a speed friending activity, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 at The Seattle Public Library, University Branch, 5009 Roosevelt Way N.E.

The group also recommended spilling more water over Columbia and Snake river dams when juvenile salmon are migrating so they can avoid harm going through the turbines.

Other recommendations include supporting legislation before Congress that would make it easier for Washington, Idaho, Oregon and tribes to kill more sea lions and seals in the lower Columbia River.

Other proposals being forwarded: Establishing an emergency rescue tug to respond to potential oil spills off San Juan Island; protect habitat for chinook salmon and the smaller forage fish that they eat; and boost production of hatchery chinook salmon preferred by the orcas.

Brian Goodremont, representing the Pacific Whale Watch Association, told others on the task force Tuesday that a moratorium on watching the endangered orcas would be devastating financially to the industry, cost jobs and hurt a lot of people.

"Talking about prohibitions is the nuclear option for us," he said.

—The Associated Press

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