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MLK BUST AT EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA



Portland County Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Hardesty Halts Seismic Placards

Wheeler says placarding requirement is 'still the law'

By Christen McCurdy
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Last week Portland City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty halted a requirement that buildings in need of seismic upgrades display placards announcing their status.

The ordinance was passed in October over the protestations of a coalition led by civil rights groups including the NAACP Portland Branch, which Hardesty led before her election to the city commission. Placarding requirements for business owners were set to take ef-

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Estela Ortega, the Executive Director of El Cento de la Raza (center) and a small crowd celebrate the unveiling of a bust of Martin Luther King Jr. Feb. 1 in Plaza Roberto Maestas at El Centro de la Raza. The sculpture was donated by the artist Jeff Day.

Number of Northwest Measles Cases Rises to 54

Officials say anyone showing symptoms should call a health provider before visiting a clinic or hospital

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Three Multnomah County residents were confirmed to have measles Wednesday, bring the state's total number of cases to four and the regional total to 54.

The recently diagnosed individuals were in close contact with a Multnomah

County resident who tested positive for measles Jan. 25. The individuals have remained at home and in regular contact with the Multnomah County Communicable Disease Services team.

A measles outbreak affecting the Pacific Northwest has sickened 54 people, with 11 more cases suspected.

Clark County Public Health has confirmed 49 measles cases since Jan. 1, and suspects 11 more, with no new confirmed or suspected cases since Monday afternoon. An additional patient has been diagnosed in Seattle.

According to information released by Clark County, 34 of the cases involved children between

the ages of one and 10, 13 involved individuals between the ages of 11 and 18, one involved a person between the ages of 19 and 29 and one a person between the ages of 30 and 39.

A majority — 42 — of those who have contracted measles were not vaccinated against the virus. One

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In this pool image from video, Stacey Abrams delivers the Democratic party's response to President Donald Trump's State of the Union address Feb. 5 from Atlanta. Abrams calls the shutdown a political stunt that "defied every tenet of fairness and abandoned not just our people, but our values."

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Crisis Escalates in Virginia; Top 3 Democrats Under Fire

Following Gov. Ralph Northam's yearbook scandal, Attorney General acknowledges his own blackface yearbook photo — and Lt. Gov.-elect faces accusation of sexual assault

By ALAN SUDERMAN
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The political crisis in Virginia exploded Wednesday when the state's attorney general confessed to putting on blackface in

the 1980s and a woman went public with detailed allegations of sexual assault against the lieutenant governor.

With Gov. Ralph Northam's career already hanging by a thread over a racist photo in his 1984 medical



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In this Jan. 12 file photo, Virginia Gov.-elect, Lt. Gov Ralph Northam, center, walks down the reviewing stand with Lt. Gov.-elect, Justin Fairfax, right, and Attorney General Mark Herring at the Capitol in Richmond, Va.

school yearbook, the day's developments threatened to take down all three of Virginia's top elected officials.
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