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# Campus Police to Keep Guns

## PSU outlines decision; students call for boycott

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THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The decision over whether Portland State University campus police can continue to carry firearms has been put to rest, and the answer is, yes, they can.

Following a contentious PSU Board of Trustees meeting Thursday and a controversial 2014 decision to arm campus police in the first place, Stephen Percy, PSU's interim president, issued an 18-page report outlining details for keeping students safe on campus that calls for more training, more types of responses to emergency or critical situations, and the ability of campus police to keep their firepower.

The decision was based in part on a 210-page report by Margolis Healy and Associates that was issued in February and one that makes 115 recommendations related "to campus safety policies, practices, training, recruitment, hiring, facilities and technology."

Percy's report, "A Holistic Plan for Campus Public Safety at Portland State University," was in response to the first-ever PSU campus police shooting on June 29,



PHOTO BY BEVERLY CORBELL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland State University alumna and graduate student Olivia Pace addresses the PSU Board of Trustees Thursday to strongly criticize the university's decision to continue arming campus police with guns. The decision, part of a new campus safety plan, follows the first ever PSU officer-involved shooting that killed a black man breaking up a fight outside a bar near campus last year.

2018 when Jason Washington, a black father, postal worker and U.S. veteran, was shot to death by campus police when he

tried to break up a fight outside a bar near campus while armed with a legal gun. PSU decided to arm its public safety force in

2014 in a decision that was loudly opposed by students and faculty at the time.

The tragic death of Mr. Washington shook the PSU campus to its core. It prompted the University to reexamine campus safety systems." The report can be viewed at [pdx.edu/president](http://pdx.edu/president).

James Dewey and Shawn McKenzie, the two officers involved in the shooting, have left the campus security force. Michelle Washington, Jason Washington's widow, notified the university of a pending lawsuit against the university in June on behalf of herself and her three daughters.

Michelle Washington spoke tearfully at the Board of Trustees meeting before Percy released the new report in a room filled with student protesters holding signs and visibly uncomfortable board members.

Washington described how difficult life has been since her husband's death.

"I honestly don't know how to go on without him and I've worked so hard to try and make people understand what it's



PHOTO BY BEVERLY CORBELL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Tears flow as Michelle Washington, widow of Jason Washington, the black father killed by Portland State University campus police while responding to a fight outside a bar near campus last year, tells the PSU Board of Trustees how painful it is for her and her daughters to go through life without him.

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# Officer Charged with Murder

## Another outrage when woman shot inside home

(AP) -- A white former Fort Worth, Texas police officer charged with murder after shooting a black woman through a window of her home has been released on bond, and the department told a grieving community that investigators would ensure "no stone is left unturned" in the search for answers.

Jail records show Aaron Dean, 34, was out of custody after posting bond Monday night, less than four hours after his arrest in a shooting that began with a call about an open front door. Earlier in the day he resigned from the force, and the police chief said he would have been fired if he



Atatiana Jefferson

hadn't.

Police bodycam video showed Dean approaching the door of the home where Atatiana Jefferson, 28, was caring for her 8-year-old nephew early Saturday. He then walked around the side of the house, pushed through a gate into the fenced-off backyard and fired through the glass a split-second

after shouting at Jefferson to show her hands.

Dean was not heard identifying himself as police on the video, and Interim Police Chief Ed Kraus said there was no sign Dean or the other officer who responded even knocked on the front door.

"Nobody looked at this video and said that there's any doubt that this officer acted inappropriately," Kraus said.

Jefferson was a 2014 graduate of Xavier University in New Orleans and earned a bachelor's degree in biology.

Sgt. Chris Daniels read a statement Monday night after Dean's arrest in which he pledged that the department's major case and internal affairs units were working "around the clock" for justice.

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# Next stop Tokyo for Simone Biles

Simone Biles won five of the six gold medals in the world championships concluded Sunday and the American broke the all-time record of 25 medals by any gymnast, male or female. "She's just above anything else that we have seen in the sport," five-time Olympic gold medalist Nadia Comaneci said. International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said Biles' star status would make gymnastics a must-see event at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.



## The Week in Review

### Vape Stores Closing with Ban

Several Portland-area vape stores said they plan to close because of a six month ban on vaping products that started Tuesday after an executive order from Gov. Kate Brown. It comes after 26 people have died from lung illnesses linked to vaping, including two in Oregon.

### Activist Run Down, Killed

Sean Kealiher, 23, a Portland anti-fascist activist was struck by a vehicle near Northeast Ninth and Everett just after midnight Saturday and died from his injuries in what one witness said looked like a road rage incident. The driver of the SUV left the scene and fled, authorities said. Police said they found the SUV riddled with bullet holes when they arrived.



### Black News Channel Coming

Monday, the Black News Channel and the National Newspaper Publishers Association which represents black publishers, announced the launch this fall for the nation's first 24-hour, 7-days a week all-news TV channel that will focus on African American news.

### Governor Recall Fails

Backers of the Oregon Republican Party's drive

to recall Gov. Kate Brown conceded Monday that they did not manage to gather the necessary 280,050 valid voter signatures to put the recall on the ballot. Brown was reelected governor last November by beating her nearest finisher, Republican Knute Buehler by more than 119,000 votes.

### Mayor Seeks Re-election

Ted Wheeler announced that he will run for re-election as the mayor of Portland Monday evening. Wheeler, 57, kicked off his re-election campaign with Commissioner Nick Fish, State Rep. Janelle Bynum and other civic and business leaders.



### Gift to Morehouse College

Oprah Winfrey announced last week that she's donating \$13 million to continue her scholarship program at Morehouse College in Atlanta, making her gifts to the historically black, all-men's school the largest endowment in its history.

### Suit Calls Shooting Reckless

The family of a white man killed by police last July in southeast Portland filed a lawsuit against the city Monday, claiming the officer was unreasonable and reckless. Police said Lane Martin was caught trying to break into a car and was carrying an ax or hatchet before he was shot. The family says Martin was having a mental health crisis and was trying to run away.



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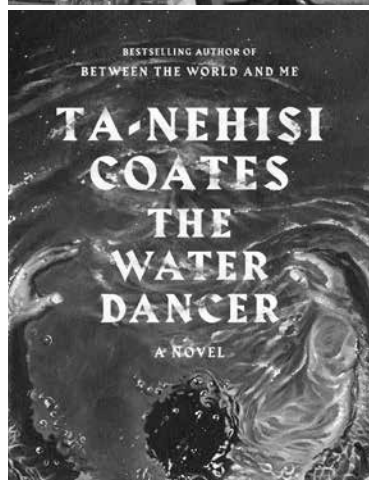
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# LOCAL NEWS



Two images show missing University of Portland student Owen Klinger who hasn't been seen in more than a week.

## University of Portland student still missing

### Searches for Owen Klinger come up empty

It's been more than a week since anyone last saw University of Portland freshman Owen Klinger, 18, despite massive search efforts by hundreds of volunteers.

The school in north Portland conducted searches with family and friends immediately after news of his disappearance, and later held a special service and candlelight vigil for Klinger. This past weekend, teams of students and neighbors fanned out looking

for any sign of him at four nearby parks, but there have been no clues since he disappeared after leaving his dorm in Christie Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 6.

According to KPTV, Klinger told his roommates he was heading to lacrosse practice, but didn't take his gear and never showed up for practice. A video showed Klinger withdrawing money from a campus ATM, after which his phone went dead. He was also seen briefly on a Trimet video showing him walking on North Portsmouth Street, heading toward Lombard Street, Klinger's father, Dustin Klinger, told the television station.

When he was last seen, Klinger

was wearing a light-blue hooded sweatshirt, jeans and a drawstring backpack. He is 6'1", 165 pounds. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call Portland Police Bureau at 503-823-3333 or University of Portland campus police at 503-943-7161.

Klinger was doing well in school and had no apparent problems, either mentally or emotionally, his mother, Mary Klinger was quoted as saying.

"That makes us even more concerned, if there's something we didn't know about him and that he doesn't want us to know, it doesn't matter, we just love him and want him back," she said.

## Hotel Suit Widens Claims

### Guest kicked out says chain tolerates discrimination

A hotel guest whose lawyers say he was ousted from the DoubleTree hotel at Lloyd Center for "calling his mother while black" from his cellphone in the hotel lobby is seeking \$10 million in a lawsuit.

The lawsuit filed last week in Multnomah County Circuit Court by Jermaine Massey claims there's a systemic problem of racism within the Hilton hotel chain, which owns 17 brands including the DoubleTree, Hampton Inn, Embassy Suites, Waldorf-Astoria and over 5,800 properties worldwide. The lawsuit says the chain has failed to institute adequate policies and training that would prevent racial profiling.

Massey, a 35-year-old from the

Seattle area, was staying at the DoubleTree in Portland's Lloyd District Dec. 22 when he said a security guard asked him if he was a guest and to state his room number.

Massey used his cellphone to capture what happened next in video that was posted to the Internet, racking up millions of views.

After Massey said he was a guest, the guard told Massey he was "loitering" and the police were on the way to escort him off the property. He was eventually accompanied to his room so he could pack his belongings and he was forced at about midnight to find another hotel, according to the lawsuit.

"Mr. Massey hopes to learn what policies of Hilton have led to these events, what Hilton has done in response to such events, and will ask the jury to punish Hilton as an example to other hotels who may be tempted to encourage or tolerate discrimination at their places of business," said Portland



Jermaine Massey attorney Jason Kafoury.

In a series of statements in the week following Massey's ouster, the hotel "sincerely apologized," announced it had placed the guard and the manager on leave and then later said they were fired.

Hilton said in a Wednesday statement that it accelerated scheduled training for all franchise properties globally and worked with the DoubleTree by Hilton Portland, an independently owned and operated property, to ensure their employees have completed

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Go to [homeforward.org](http://homeforward.org) to access the list, but act fast. The list is only open from Oct. 24 through Oct. 28. Some of the apartments are age restricted, but all the ap-

plications will be placed in order. Applicants can apply for all waiting lists they qualify for, regardless if they have applied during previous openings.

Computers for filling out applications electronically are available at the main Home Forward office at 135 S.W. Ash St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 24, 25 and 28. For phone assistance, call 503-280-3790.

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tice in the case.

“To the citizens and residents of our city: We feel and understand your anger and disappointment and we stand by you as we work together to make Fort Worth a better place for all of us,” Daniels said.

Earlier in the day, Jefferson’s family had demanded that Dean, a member of the force for 1½ years, be fired and arrested.

“Why this man is not in handcuffs is a source of continued agitation for this family and for this community,” family attorney Lee Merritt said, hours before Dean was booked into jail.

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the diversity and unconscious bias training.

“Hilton has zero tolerance for racism and is committed to providing a welcoming environment for all guests,” the statement said.

Massey’s lawsuit seeks \$3 million for his frustration, humilia-

tion and feelings of racial stigmatization. The suit also gives notice that Massey intends to sue for an additional \$7 million in punitive damages.

In addition to the local DoubleTree and the Hilton corporation, the suit also lists the security guard and manager as defendants.

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like to go through this," she said. "I know the decision's been made, and there's nothing we can do, but I pray that one day you guys change your mind, hopefully sooner than later so this doesn't happen to anyone else."

Olivia Pace, a PSU graduate who said she's been calling for campus police to be disarmed for more than five years, told the board she was "disgusted" by the decision.

"I still have to be here," Pace said. She called the interim president's action to allow campus cops to continue to carry guns "unpopular, undemocratic and racist."

Pace said she did not condone Percy's safety plan and said arming campus police will only lead to more tragedy.

"Jason Washington was just a black man trying to break up a fight involving a firearm. He was not a threat, he wasn't doing anything wrong, and he was still killed by the police," she said. "The right we have to live and breathe is extinguished with your

decision. The decision to arm security will be paid in black lives."

Pace then called for a boycott of the university.

"This decision is a declaration of war," she said. "You have declared war on your students and from this moment on we will use every fiber of our being to letting the world know: Do not come here."

As the meeting broke up, angry students yelled, "Shame! Shame! This is a board of hypocrites! No justice, no peace! Blood on your hands! Boycott PSU!"

Members of the media then went to a small room where Percy answered questions about the decision to allow guns on campus.

The first question concerned calls for a boycott.

"I'm very worried about that," Percy said. "I'm very sorry about the death of Jason Washington and what we're trying to do a lot here is create an inclusive campus that respects diversity. We think in this day and age that policing in a large urban campus is very complex and requires a lot of different approaches."



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THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Portland State University Interim President Stephen Percy holds a brief news conference Thursday to answer questions on the school's new safety plan.

The plan calls for more transparency and strengthening of the University Public Safety Committee, continued use of firearms and body cameras by some officers, more training for officers, better building security (including electronic access pads), hiring four more unarmed officers, and better collaboration with mental health experts in responding to crisis situations.

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The Sharks and Jets rumble in Stumptown Stages' production of *West Side Story*, now playing through Oct. 27 at the Portland-5 Center for the Arts' Winningstad Theater.

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For tickets and more information, call 1-800-273-1530 or visit the box office at 1111 S.W. Broadway Ave.



# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Seats filled for Author's Talk

It will be a big night when award-winning journalist and best-selling author Ta-Nehisi Coates comes to Portland for a Monday, Oct. 21 conversation at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall with best-selling author and Portland native Renee Watson. The Literary Arts-sponsored event is sold out.

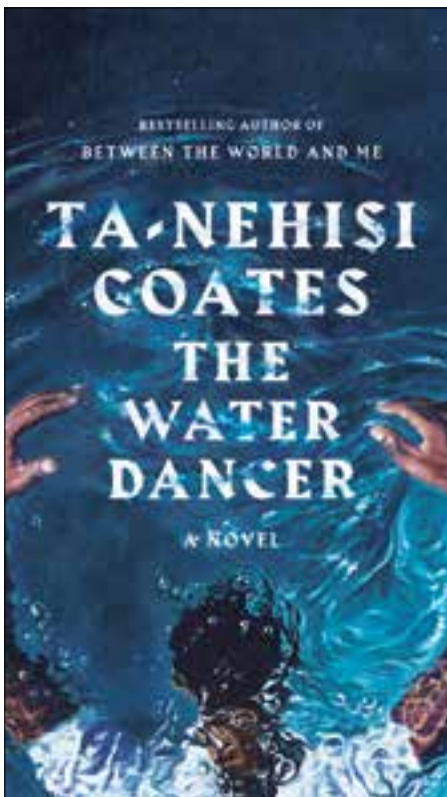
Coates is celebrating his latest book, *The Water Dancer*, a boldly imagined work of magic and adventure that offers a bracingly original vision of the world of slavery.

Coates is a distinguished writer in residents at New York University's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. He is the author of the best-selling books *The Beautiful Struggle*, *We Were Eight Years in Power* and *Between the World and Me*, which won the National Book Award in 2015. He is also the current author of the Marvel comics *The Black Panther* and *Captain America*.



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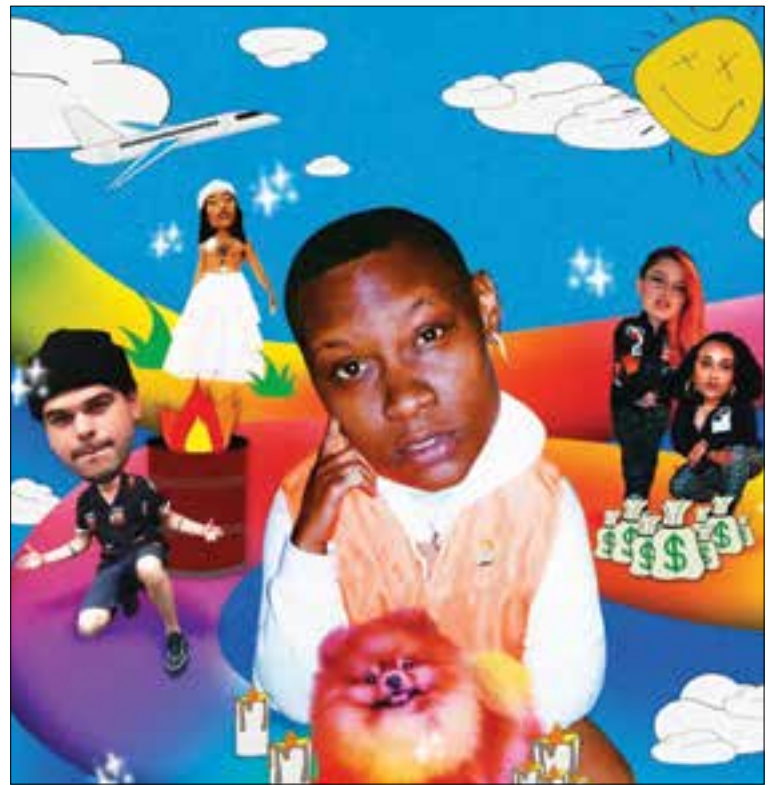
# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Rising Rapper Fronts Concert

Portland's burgeoning hip-hop scene will converge at the Roseland Theater on Saturday, Oct. 19 for a concert giving a spotlight to a city rapper who has begun to make a name for herself and garner national attention.

Hometown hero Alana Chenevert, better known by her stage name "The Last Artful, Dodgr," is celebrating her rising profile as a rapper and songwriter by fronting the Red Bull Presents show hosted by Portugal the Man, celebrating the city and the LGBTQ+ community and its allies who continually champion her.

After years of developing her sound through collaborative projects with prominent members of the Portland music community or with national acts like Anderson .Paak, Dodgr is now ready for her time in the limelight. The Falcons, Blimes & Gab and MAARQUII will round out the show.



Alana Chenevert, better known by her stage name 'The Last Artful, Dodgr,' is an American hip hop recording artist from Portland.



Portland's African American PassinArt theater group assembled for a previous year's production of *Black Nativity*. Community members interested in participating in this year's production are encouraged to contact the organization or attend volunteer training sessions on Oct. 19 and 26.

## 'Black Nativity' Call Out Theater group needs volunteers

A new production of the Langston Hughes play "Black Nativity" will be staged by Passinart: A Theater Company but needs a few good volunteers to help out.

The play is a retelling of the classic Nativity story, but with an entirely black cast. Traditional Christmas carols are song in gospel style and the play will be

staged Nov. 29 – Dec. 15 at Bethel AME Church, 5828 N.E. Eighth Ave.

But for the show to go on, the theater looks to build on its tem of voices, while also getting volunteer help with ushers, greeters and other box office and support help, said Connie Carley, the theater's managing director.

Volunteer training sessions are scheduled from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on both Saturday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 26 at the St. Ste-

phen Missionary Church Annex Building, 3605 N.E. Mallory Ave.

Help is also needed beyond this production, Carley said. People can get involved in one of the committees that keep the all-volunteer group going, such as special events and artist committees as well as representing the theater at different "talking events" throughout the area.

"Mainly, we just want people to have fun," Carley said. For Black Nativity tickets and more details, and to learn how to volunteer, visit the website [passinart.org](http://passinart.org).

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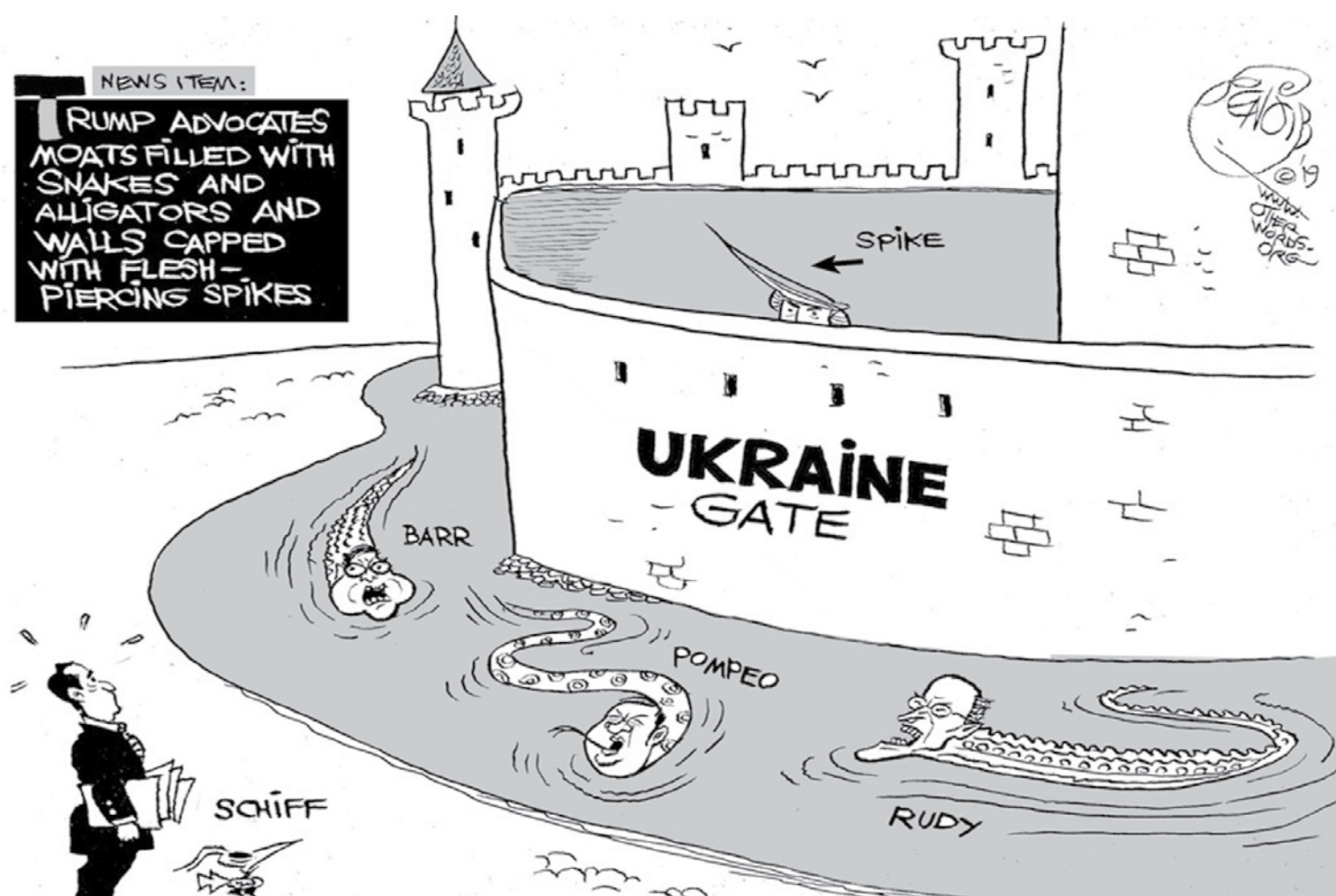
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## Embrace Was Touching but Also Frustrating

### We can't hug away injustice

BY TRACEY L. ROGERS

We caught a glimpse of humanity recently when Amber Guyger, a former Dallas police officer convicted of murdering Botham Jean, was embraced with compassion by the victim's brother.



Guyger shot Jean in his own apartment while he was sitting on his couch eating ice cream. Though Guyger lived on an entirely different floor, she thought she was entering her own home after a long shift.

Guyger's defense was that she felt "scared she would be killed" upon seeing Jean's silhouette. Instead of calling for backup, Guyger drew her weapon and fired. She didn't even attempt to resuscitate Jean after killing him.

Yet at her sentencing hearing, Botham's brother Brandt Jean offered Guyger his forgiveness, saying he felt no need to see her imprisoned. He even asked the judge if he could give Guyger a hug, and images of their embrace quickly spread.

It was a touching image—and, for many members of the black community, a frustrating one. For many of us, it feels like we're constantly being expected to show

compassion for the perpetrators of violence towards us.

Republican Senator Ted Cruz almost said as much directly, when he patronizingly praised the Jean family's actions as a "demonstration of Christian love" — as though they were meeting a divine obligation to embrace Botham's killer.

The shock of what happened in that courtroom overshadows the

police are involved.

Many of us felt a terrible anxiety that, like the perpetrators in those cases, Guyger would get off scot-free. And for a convicted murderer, Jean's killer nearly did. Guyger, who was off duty at the time of Jean's death, received a lenient 10-year sentence, with eligibility for parole after five.

I don't think this sentence fits the crime. But when black lives don't matter, what can one expect? From the beginning, America's

of color — it was designed that way.

It's why many black Americans increasingly feel that black grace isn't something to be celebrated.

And it's why, after black parishioners of the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston publicly forgave the neo-Nazi who massacred nine of their members, some of us worried that our "forgiveness" perpetuated a "slave mentality" that absolved our oppressors.

Having been on the receiving end of centuries of white terror and racism, we know all too well the costs of not receiving grace or humanity in return.

Despite the Jean family's forgiveness, reports emerged that Joshua Brown — a key witness in the case against Guyger — had been murdered just 10 days after his testimony. Was it retribution? How can we not wonder?

"Our lives must move on," Botham Jean's mother said after the trial, "but our lives must move on with change." She called out the Dallas police department, shaming it for its racist biases and corrupt handling of the case.

For the Jeans, change not only looks like hugs and forgiveness. Change also looks like ensuring black lives matter in a court of law.

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long odds that Guyger was going to be convicted at all. CNN's headline on the verdict said it all: "Prosecutors Won a Rare Murder Conviction in a Police-Involved Shooting."

It was rare, indeed. Whether you're Philando Castile at a routine traffic stop, Tamir Rice playing with a toy gun, or one of the countless victims of lynching during the era of Jim Crow, justice for black lives is hard-won when

"law and order" meant the surveillance of non-white minorities.

Policing itself in the United States can be traced back to the 1700s, when "slave patrols" were instituted to monitor and enforce discipline on enslaved Africans. Made up of armed white men, these patrols evolved into state militias and, eventually, modern-day police forces.

That's why the justice system continues to be unjust for people



# OPINION

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The purpose of this RFP is to seek proposals from qualified firms to provide a Parking Access Revenue Control System and related services for the Portland Expo Center.

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## Obituaries

# Early Trauma Impacted Woman's Life



## Remembering Cheryl D. James

Cheryl Dawn James, born May 29, 1953 in Portland, was a strong-willed, beautiful woman, lovingly nicknamed "Sir" by her younger brothers and sisters because of her orderly and exacting ways. As a young, black girl coming of age in the late 1960s and early 1970s, she was well aware of the injustices both she and her family faced in the predominately white city. She did not actively engage in the civil rights or anti-war movements that were overtaking the news at the time, but read the bible and loved the Lord to keep her pulse on changes happening in society. As one of the elder children in her family, she helped keep the household running smoothly, assisting her beloved mother Mary Lee with her younger brothers and sisters and chores.

She was a good student at Jefferson High School, where she graduated with honors in 1971. Her graduation, however, was not an ordinary one, and events from that time went on to define the course of her life.

After walking across the stage to receive her diploma, she was met by police officers with handcuffs. They were there to escort her to an adult prison where she would serve an 18 month sentence. Several months earlier, her older brother had gone AWOL from the Navy. On Jan. 4, 1971, four plain clothed federal officers entered the James home unannounced and without a warrant to arrest him. She was in the kitchen preparing dinner, while many of the younger James children were gathered in the living room. Upon seeing

her 14-year old brother being choked by an unknown white man, unable to breathe and turning blue, she grabbed the rolling pin she was using to make biscuits. She rushed to her brother's aid and struck the man on the head, releasing him from his grip. Solely an act of protection, this resulted in a federal assault conviction. During her incarceration, she was raped and impregnated. Her case received media attention both locally and nationally and her sentence was eventually commuted with the help of her attorney, Nick Chaivoe and a defense committee comprised of concerned members of the Portland community. But no investigation into her prison assault was ever made.

Stalwart and strong, Cheryl moved on with her life, working for the IRS as well as Emanuel Hospital. In the neighborhoods of north Portland and Vancouver where she raised her family, she was respected by all for her strength and unflappability. For all of her bravery, however, the trauma she faced in her young life took its toll. The promise of a smart and confident girl was inextricably hurt by the stigma and prejudice of being a black woman in Portland and a convicted felon. She had wanted to become a lawyer, and to help those who faced similar obstacles, but the harsh realities of her life got in the way. Cheryl did the best she could, staying strong until the end.

She deeply loved her sons Morrice, Daniel, Kalam, and Felton Jr., as well as her large extended family, including many nieces and nephews that fondly remember afternoons at Aunt Cheryl's house and the video games she allowed them to play when she wasn't playing them herself. The Temptations and Marvin Gaye were heavily featured in her vinyl collection and she would never miss a chance to dance to "I Gotcha" by Joe Tex. Though she never married, Cheryl was adored by her lifelong partner Felton Thompson Sr., who worked as a driver for TriMet for over 25 years. When he suffered a debilitating stroke, Cheryl, though ill herself, became his primary caregiver. Skilled as a nurse, she put aside her own medical issues to care for those she loved. Cheryl was a survivor who bravely took on whatever life dished out until her very last breath. A GoFundMe site has been set up to assist her family with funeral expenses. ([gofundme.com/f/cheryl-dawn-james-memorial-fund](https://gofundme.com/f/cheryl-dawn-james-memorial-fund)) For more information about Cheryl James' story, an article will be published in the Spring 2020 edition of the Oregon Historical Quarterly.

## In Memory of My Beloved Wife Earnestine Banks

Earnestine Banks was born Aug. 8, 1949 and died Oct. 6, 2019. She was the beloved wife of Rev. Willie Banks.

Viewing will take place on Friday, Oct. 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Hughes Memorial Church, 118 N.E. Failing St. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m.

at Solid Rock Church of God in Christ, 1705 N.E. Dekum St.

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## Vanport Survivors Share Memories

Former Vanport residents and survivors of the Memorial Day 1948 flood that wiped out the racially diverse city will share memories of event and life in Vanport as part of an on-going oral history project and Portland State University's annual "State of Mind Festival."

You're invited to bring your

questions and curiosity to the gathering on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the PSU Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 327-328.

Facilitated by the Vanport Mosaic, there will be a screening of short documentaries featuring former Vanport residents, a collection of community-produced short films that create a rich and elaborate "Mosaic" of the vibrant community that made up the city.

A discussion will follow with

Edward Washington, a Vanport survivor and a current community liaison with the PSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and with retired Portland Community College professor James S. Harrison who is working on a book about the wartime housing project.

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