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Police stand outside from The Cheerful Tortoise bar near Portland State University after the June 29, 2018 shooting of Jason Washington, a black Navy veteran, father and postal worker who was shot and killed by Portland State University police when a gun he was legally able to carry fell to the ground while trying to break up a fight. Thursday, PSU announced it will disarm its campus police force to meet community expectations.

PSU to Disarm Campus Police

School changes course after 'listening to many voices'

Portland State University will disarm its campus police force more than two years after officers from the department shot and killed a Black man who was trying to break up a fight close to campus.

Willie Halliburton, the university's new campus safety chief, and a retired police officer from Portland's African American community, said he thinks his decision, announced Thursday by university officials, will bring healing to the PSU campus.

He said PSU public safety officers will no longer carry guns, confident they "can do an effective job without weapons."

"This is a historical event in the world of police work," Halliburton said in a video release to the community. "I understand it will have its challenges. But it is the right thing to do for Portland State."

PSU President Stephen Percy said campus officials will find new ways to protect the safety of its campus commu-

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A Reckoning on Race



Demetria Hester, second from left, leaves the Multnomah County Justice Center after being arrested on Aug. 10 during a protest and then having the charges dismissed. Hester, who survived a racist attack by Jeremy Christian on TriMet three years ago, works with white moms in Portland's racial justice movement, women she says have impressed her with their commitment to "getting woke" — educating themselves about Portland's racist history and the extent of their privilege as white Americans. (AP photo)

Sparks fly in role of allies in justice movement

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

(AP) -- More than two months of intense protests in Portland have captured the world's attention and put a place that's less than 6% Black at the heart of the conversation about police brutality and systemic racism.

Since May, nightly demonstrations in Oregon's largest city have featured overwhelmingly white crowds — from middle-aged mothers marching arm in arm to the mayor getting tear-gassed by federal agents to teenagers dressed in black smashing police precinct windows and tossing fireworks at authorities.

The weeks of often-chaotic protests have transformed Portland into a microcosm of the national debate on race and police brutality. It's also prompted introspection about the role of white demonstrators in the Black Lives Matter movement and what it means to be a white ally in this transformational moment.

The violence and vandalism that have marked the protests, often done by white people, have divided the Black community, along with a debate over what's next. Some want to keep marching, while others want to use the momentum to work with elected officials on cementing long-term change.

"It's a perfect storm with everything that's been happening, and add to that the attention of the world being on Portland, Oregon, right now — we have a unique space," said Sam Thompson, who founded the group Black Men and Women United last month to push the movement toward long-term Black resilience.

"If those people weren't there and they weren't protesting to the level they are now, we wouldn't be having this conversation 2 1/2 months later," he said. As white people see the protests, "when the person that looks like you is breaking the windows and starting the fires, you deal with that a lot differently than when it's someone who doesn't look like you."

Portland's movement has carried a current of tension as the Black community and white protesters navigate a complex racial calculus: In one of the largest majority-white cities in America, how can white residents support Black rights without making themselves the story?

That's a delicate question in a progressive city with a deeply racist past. Portland, a focal point of the Black

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Beloved Boxing Coach Dies at 88

Charles 'Chuck' Lincoln Sr. • 1932 - 2020

Charles "Chuck" Lee Lincoln Sr., a beloved Portland boxing champion and coach, and father to his community, has died at the age of 88. Lincoln transitioned home peacefully on Aug. 7, 2020.

He was born in Beaumont, Texas on July 26, 1932. The family relocated to Portland in 1942. After attending Benson High school, he joined the U.S Army in 1953. During his military career, he served in the Korean War and boxed for the U.S. Army.

Chuck was a Golden Glove Champion and professional boxer. After his boxing career, he was hired in 1959 by the city of Portland Parks and Recreation as a coach and trainer for the Knott Street Community Center. The rest is history. Every afternoon, 150 or more neighborhood kids flowed through the doors of Knott Street Center.

As a professional trainer, he produced Golden Glove, National, Olympic and professional champions. He trained and coached 9 of 10 national champions from 1961 to 1972. Just to name a few of his fighters, includes Ray Lampkin, #1 World ranked contender, Thad Spencer #1 World ranked contender, Michael Colbert AKA Ad-fo Akil, #1 World ranked, Pete Gonzales #5 World rank, Tommy Thomas, Tony Jacobs, Johnny Howard, Wade Smith, Bill Cross, also known as A. Halim Rahsaan, Lee Jenkins, Clarence Hammick, and Andy Minsker. In honor of Chuck Lincoln and the Knott Street Boxing Club, Oct. 11, 2005 was proclaimed Knott Street Boxing Day by the City of Portland.

Chuck was a father to his community. Parents would send their kids to Chuck Lincoln because of his positive influence on young people through "strong love." There are so many stories and so much history too numerous to list.



Chuck is a Portland legend. Everyone knew and loved him.

He was one of 10 children born to Horace and Beulah Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; and three sisters. He is survived by a sister Alice McKinney-Muhammad of Riverside, Calif.; three daughters, Kathleen White (Bill) of Portland, Charleen Lincoln of Atlanta, and Sherisice Marks (Larry) of Vancouver; five sons, Charles Lee Lincoln Jr., Horace Gregory Lincoln and Derrick Louis Lincoln and stepsons Timothy Barrow and Anson Barrow, all of Portland; granddaughters Divina Jenkins (Emmanuel), Lateshia Wesby, Sara Nicole, Carrington Davis, Alexis Johnson; grandsons Jason Marks (Molly) and Matthew Mitchell; great-grandchildren Carlos Causey, Elijah Jenkins, Isaac Rowden, Jaylen Rowden and Ciara Rowden, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.

This great man and mentor will surely be missed by everyone that knew him.

The family wishes to give a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Cornerstone Care Option for all the care and love bestowed on Chuck. Our dad was not just a

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No Charges for Non-Violent Protesters

New D.A. cites court system; inequities

(AP) — People arrested in Portland since late May on non-violent misdemeanor charges during the Black Lives Matter protests that have racked the city for more than two months won't be prosecuted.

The new policy announced last week recognizes the outrage and frustration over a history of racial injustice that has led to the city's often violent protests and the practical realities of the court system, Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt said. It is running more than two months behind in processing cases because of COVID-19.

As a result, at least several hundred people arrested over the past few months will not face criminal prosecution, according to statistics provided by Schmidt's office. The same no prosecution policy applies to those arrested on similar charges in future demonstrations, he said.

"The protesters are angry ... and deeply frustrated with what they



Mike Schmidt

perceive to be structural inequities in our basic social fabric. And this frustration can escalate to levels that violate the law," Schmidt said.

He added: "This policy acknowledges that centuries of disparate treatment of our black and brown communities have left deep wounds and that the healing process will not be easy or quick."

Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell, informed of the impending policy change last week, said the decision does not change Oregon

law and still holds accountable people who commit violent acts or intentionally damage property.

"Committing a crime is different from demonstrating," Lovell said in a statement. "The arrests we make often come after hours of damage to private property, disruption of public transit and traffic on public streets, thefts from small businesses, arson, burglary, attacks on members of the community, and attacks against police officers."

The city's protests have dominated local news and made international headlines since the police killing of George Floyd, a Black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer held a knee to his neck for nearly eight minutes. Consecutive nights of unrest last month that increasingly targeted a federal courthouse in Portland prompted President Donald Trump to dispatch U.S. agents to guard the building.

The presence of the agents from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Marshals Service was aimed at quelling the demonstrations but instead reinvigorated the Black Lives Matter movement.

The Week in Review

Police Office Targeted

Demonstrators marched to the Portland Police Association on North Lombard Monday night, but aside from one attempt to flood the building with a garden hose, authorities said most people left the area by 12:30 a.m. without any major clashes between the crowd and police. The building has been the target of multiple arson fires and substantial graffiti.

Man Kicked Unconscious

A man appeared to have been punched and kicked unconscious by demonstrators in downtown Portland Sunday night. Portland Police

received reports of protesters chasing a truck a few blocks from the federal courthouse where Black Lives Matter protesters were gathered.

Tear Gas Impact Concerns

The Environmental Protection Agency must investigate the impacts of the sustained tear gas used by federal agents in Portland, Oregon's U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, and U.S. Reps. Earl Blumenauer and Suzanne Bonamici demanded last week, saying exposure to the chemicals threatens people's health and the environment.

Run DMC Murder Solved

Two men were engaged in cocaine

trafficking when they murdered Run DMC's Jam Master Jay almost 2 decades ago, according to an indictment against the suspects that was unsealed Monday in New York. The pioneering DJ Jason Mizell was shot in the head at point-blank range in 2002 as he sat on a sofa in a Hollis, Queens, recording studio.

Unemployment Benefits Expire

Unemployed Oregonians were left in limbo after a \$600 federal employment bonus to help people during the coronavirus pandemic expired. More than 200,000 Oregonians had their unemployment benefits cut by at least half at the end of July.

Driver Signs with Columbia

Bubba Wallace, NASCAR's only Black full-time driver signed a new sponsorship deal last week with Oregon-based Columbia Sportswear. Wallace successfully pushed NASCAR to ban the Confederate flag at its events and has led a conversation among his peers about racial equality.

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Residential Infill Passes

The Portland City Council approved a landmark housing measure last week to help achieve housing affordability and availability. The Residential Infill project changes zoning to decrease the maximum footprint for a single-dwelling unit while increasing the numbers of homes that can be built throughout Portland's residential areas.

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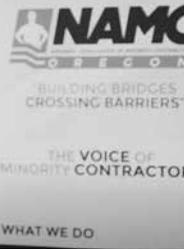
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LOCAL NEWS



In light of recent events of racial injustice, TriMet is re-evaluating its approach to public safety and security.

TriMet Eyes Changes in Policing

Agency calls on public to guide response

TriMet says recent events of racial injustice, including the killing of George Floyd and too many others at the hands of law enforcement, has led the regional transit agency to take action to bring lasting change in policing.

The agency is re-evaluating its approach to public safety and security to make the transit system better—more safe, welcoming and equitable for all, officials said. Last month, as part of the effort, TriMet re-allocated \$1.8 million

in funding from traditional police services and other sources to community-based public safety services.

Now TriMet is launching a broad community outreach and engagement effort to help inform change in its safety efforts. In partnership with the Coalition of Communities of Color and DHM Research, TriMet will seek feedback from riders, community groups, local leaders and the public, as well as our frontline workers and security officers.

“We want to bring more voices into the conversation as we re-imagine public safety and security on our transit system,” said TriMet General Manager Doug

Kelsey. “Transit, in and of itself, brings social equity to a community, providing access to opportunity, connecting people from all races, religions and economic levels to jobs and education. We also want to ensure the security on our transit system is fair and free of bias as we address the needs of all our riders and employees to feel safe.”

TriMet will also research national best practices in equity and transit security. A third-party analysis of security challenges facing the region as well as the types of issues that riders experience on board buses and trains will also be completed.

For more on TriMet’s equity actions, visit trimet.org/equity.

Ryan to Fill Vacant Council Seat

Candidate bests Smith in close runoff

Dan Ryan, a former Portland School Board member and executive director of a youth advocacy organization, will fill a vacant position on the Portland City Council left open by the death of City Commissioner Nick Fish in January.

Ryan narrowly outdistanced former Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith in last week’s special runoff election to immediately fill the two years remaining of Fish’s term. The contest was a sequel to a May Primary election in which no candidate in the race captured a majority vote.

In the Aug. 11 special runoff, Ryan captured 51 percent of the vote to 48 percent for Smith, a crushing loss to a long time member and advocate for Portland’s African American community.

Smith issued a statement on Facebook thanking her supporters,



Dan Ryan

pledging to continue promoting progress for Black people in Portland, and asking others to join her.

“For all of us who genuinely believe that Black Lives actually do matter, I call on you to stop being silent and complacent to the anti-blackness that has permeated every facet of our community,” she said. “Indeed we cannot truly call ourselves a progressive city when progress is not being made for Black people in Portland.”

Ryan, who served as chief executive officer of the educational



Loretta Smith

nonprofit All Hands Raised, said he was honored and humbled to be elected. He thanked Smith for bringing her passion and love for the city into a special election race run amidst a global pandemic and largely defined by unrest surrounding police violence and the Black Lives Matter movement.

“This campaign was about bringing Portlanders together to address the issues we all face,” he said. “Our city is in crisis and I am eager to join in and get to work,” he said.

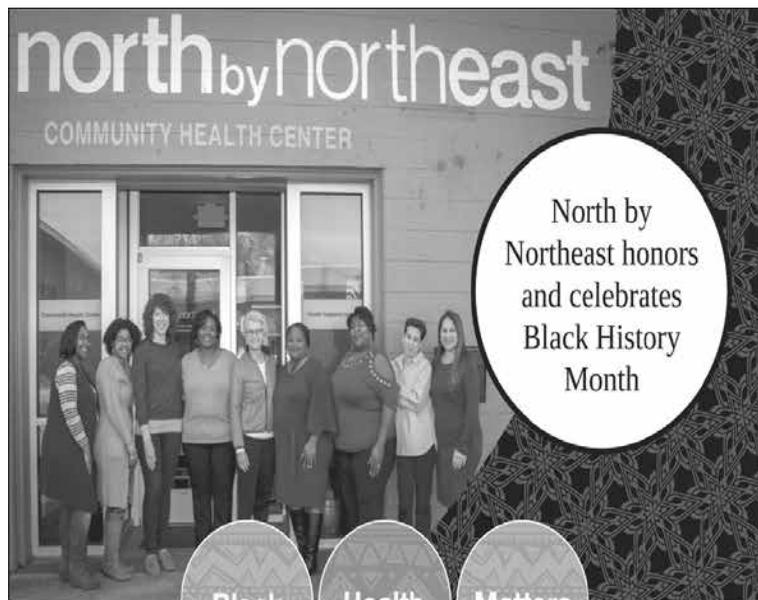
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Blunt and Emotional Appeal

Michelle Obama outlines dire election stakes

(AP) — At the 2016 Democratic National Convention, former first lady Michelle Obama told party members that “when they go low, we go high.” After four years of President Donald Trump, she came back to give it to them straight.

“If you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me they can; and they will, if we don’t make a change in this election,” Mrs. Obama told her party in a blunt and emotional appeal that capped the first night of the Democrats’ convention.

The former first lady outlined



Former first lady Michelle Obama speaks Monday during the first night of the Democratic National Convention. (AP photo from video image)

dire stakes for the election ahead, declaring President Donald Trump “in over his head” and the “wrong president for our country.” Warning of possible voter suppression,

she told Americans they must vote for Joe Biden “in numbers that cannot be ignored” if they want to preserve the “most basic requirements for a functioning society.”

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resident, he was part of your family and it showed. A special thanks to an amazing group of medical professionals at the Department of Veterans Dialysis Unit. You always went above and beyond making sure Chuck was well cared

for and kept the family informed. Your love for him was evident.

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A Reckoning on Race

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Lives Matter movement in part because of its bastion of white supporters, is so lacking in diversity because of centuries of laws that excluded and marginalized Black people.

Early “exclusion laws” prohibited Black people from settling in Oregon, and by the 1920s, Portland was known as one of the most segregated cities north of the Mason-Dixon line and a hotbed for the Ku Klux Klan. Later, real estate laws and city planning effectively crammed Black families in a few pockets of Portland. Today’s soaring real estate prices have scattered those Black homeowners to the fringes of the city and beyond.

“We do not have an area that’s ours, and that was intentional,” Thompson said. “These are the things we’re trying to work through.”

Because of that history, some Black people have felt a cognitive dissonance when they see the crowds of white supporters, many of them arriving from homes in neighborhoods that were once Black havens.

“We live in a state that was designed to be a white utopia, and it is truly something remarkable for Portland currently to be at the



Teressa Raiford, executive director of Don't Shoot Portland, speaks in front of a crowd gathered on July 17 in front of the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse, downtown, an event that had several religious leaders calling for non-violent protests and greater accountability from local and federal officials. Other speakers called for an end to racial injustice. (AP photo)

center of the nation’s attention for Black Lives Matter,” said Cameron Whitten, founder of the Black Resilience Fund, which has raised \$1.5 million this summer to invest in the Black community. “I could disagree with how they’re doing it, but in the end, they’re putting their bodies on the line to protect me —

and that is huge compared to what we’re used to.”

While many Black residents have embraced that enthusiasm, the white crowds make retaining ownership of the movement critical. That’s led to disagreements in the Black community about what it means to be a white ally.

Some, including the former leader of the Black United Front and the head of the local NAACP chapter, have criticized white protesters who vandalize police precincts amid their call to defund police. Some Black leaders also held a news conference with Mayor Ted Wheeler — the wealthy white scion of a timber family — to say violence is distracting from the Black Lives Matter message.

Those appeals from “gatekeepers” in the Black community have angered some Black activists, who say that level of protest is necessary to keep the pressure on elected officials and pales in comparison to the violence white people have done to Black people.

“Why would I give a (expletive) about property when we’re talking about people that are losing their lives?” said Teressa Raiford, who experienced racism growing up in Portland and founded Don’t Shoot PDX, an organization pushing to defund police.

“That is outrageous, and it’s happening in 2020. That’s incredible that that would happen, and the world would view that and talk about the damage on the sidewalk or on a building,” she said.

Raiford was among those who grew alarmed when the telegenic Wall of Moms, a group of middle-aged, mostly white women, rocketed to national attention as they marched arm in arm at the nightly protests. Media flocked to

their story, but the group imploded within days over accusations that their white founder wanted to monetize the group and weaponize it against President Donald Trump.

A smaller number of the self-described moms still protest, joining Black mothers under the group Moms United for Black Lives. They are led each night by Demetria Hester, a Black activist who was attacked three years ago by a white supremacist on TriMet, which some believe set the stage for the city’s current racial reckoning.

Hester, who was arrested last week while protesting, said the white moms have impressed her with their commitment to “getting woke” — educating themselves about Portland’s racist history and the extent of their privilege as white Americans.

“They’re working hard to educate themselves and educate other people and help the Black community. Our moms are wonderful for even acknowledging the fact that they have white privilege and the system needs to change,” she said after prosecutors dismissed her charges.

“They’ve been arrested, they’ve been tear-gassed, they’ve been hit with rubber bullets,” she said of the white moms. “They’re going through just like what we’re going through — and that opens their eyes to a whole other level of understanding.”

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Nate McCoy, executive director of the Oregon chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors, gives an update on the successful diverse workforce used at all levels of construction for the renovation of the Oregon Convention Center.

Minority Contractors Celebrate Achievement

Convention Center work exceeded equity goals

Minority contractors say an equity lens that Metro used to hire a diverse workforce in the recently completed Oregon Convention Center was successful.

Over half of the construction dollars spent on the project went to minority and women owned businesses; and of the hours worked on the project, 40 percent were completed by people of color, according to the recent equity report presented to the Metro Council by minority contractors.

Nate McCoy, executive director of the Oregon chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors, said Metro's com-



The Oregon Convention Center in northeast Portland.

mitment to equity within the procurement process led to a fair and competitive response resulting in the largest public improvement

contract awarded to a prime contractor who is either Black, Indigenous or a person of color.

According to the report, of the

total dollars paid to subcontractors on the renovation, 54 percent were awarded to majority Black-owned businesses.

With a timeline of 13 months, the Oregon Convention Center remodel was completed on time, on budget, and set records for delivering on an equitable workforce and an average contract amount of \$2.6 million going to certified minority business firms. These outcomes translated to an extremely diverse workforce at all levels of construction, McCoy said.

"A diverse workforce is not only possible, but will exceed all expectations when leadership is serious about utilizing and valuing equity, diversity, and inclusion," McCoy said.

The National Association of Minority Contractors- Oregon is a nonprofit trade organization headquartered in Portland and dedicated to serving Contractors by supporting the prosperity, sustainability, and growth of minority-owned businesses for public and private construction projects.

SPORTS

Blazers Face Lakers in First Round

Team makes playoffs for 7th straight year

After defeating the Memphis Grizzlies Saturday in the last seeding round game, the Portland Trail Blazers will launch into the NBA Western Conference Playoffs this week for the seventh-straight season, starting a best of seven series against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Seeded eighth, the Blazers will be the away team for Games 1 and 2 with the Lakers in Orlando, Fla., with the games played at the AdventHealth Arena without fans in the so-called "NBA bubble," to protect players during the coronavirus pandemic. Game 1 is on Tuesday, Aug. 18 and Game 2 is on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. PT. The series then shifts to the Trail Blazers as the home team at AdventHealth Arena, with game 3 on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. PT and Game 4 on Monday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. PT.

If necessary, Game 5 will be played on Wednesday, Aug. 26; Game 6 on Friday, Aug. 28 and a decisive Game 7 on Sunday, Aug. 30. The times and locations for Games 5, 6 and 7 are to

be determined.

The series opener will be televised on TNT, with Game 2 on ESPN, Game 3 on ABC and Game 4 again on TNT. All games in the first round, except game 3, against the Los Angeles Lakers will also be televised locally on NBC Sports NW, the official network of the Portland Trail Blazers and broadcasted on Rip City Radio 620.

"We are ecstatic to once again have the opportunity to play for another NBA Championship, especially during our special 50th Anniversary Season," says Trail Blazers and Rose Quarter President & CEO Chris McGowan. "Thank you to our fans for their tremendous, unwavering support during this season and the restart. I know Rip City will continue to be loud and proud for this team in their fight for the championship."

Los Angeles went 2-1 against Portland during the regular season. LeBron James is averaging 25.3 points and 7.8 rebounds for the Lakers. Damian Lillard is averaging 30 points and eight assists for the Trail Blazers.



Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard brings the ball up the court in a game against the Golden State Warriors earlier this year. Lillard was the NBA league leader in scoring and three-pointers during the playoff seeding games. He and the Blazers now open a best of seven playoff series against the Los Angeles Lakers in Orlando, Fla. (AP photo)

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Celebrating Black Business Month Venture Portland promotes home grown entrepreneurs

Portland is celebrating National Black Business Month during August to highlight the importance of Black-owned businesses to our communities and economy.

The local organization Venture Portland has taken the lead in the effort by encouraging public support for Black-owned businesses citywide, including the following Black-owned firms which offer everything from critically acclaimed food to passionate professional services:

Alberta: Fuel Café serves modern comfort food with a focus on organic ingredients; Green Muse is a dispensary influenced by art, science, music, sports and fashion.

82nd Avenue: Catfish Lane serves scratch-made Louisiana-style cuisine; TCC & Associates performs civil engineering, surveying, land development planning and construction management; Diamond in the Rough Hair Spa specializes in natural hair and organic, hand crafted hair care products.

Division/Clinton: Barbershop Worldwide provides consistent quality haircuts for all textures of hair and hairstyles; Bete Lukas and Abyssinian Kitchen both



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Dedicated to cooking foods from scratch that they enjoyed eating from New Orleans, Doris and Johnnie operate Catfish Lane, a Black-owned business located in the Cartlandia food cart pod on Southeast 82nd Avenue next to the Springwater Corridor in the Lents neighborhood.

serve Ethiopian cuisine including salad, tibs, alicha, vegetarian dishes, and sambusas.

Foster Area: Green Box is a local and family-owned Cannabis subscription and on-demand delivery service; Like Dat Apparel is a custom printing company specializing in screen printed apparel, web/logo design, airbrush,

heat press, and vinyl; Mathilde's Kitchen caters events with Haitian Caribbean food and their Hibiscus/Ginger Brew can be found at New Seasons, Market of Choice and Co-ops.

Gateway: Hip Hop Soulstation Academy is a dance school specializing in krump, hi-hop, lyrical and private lessons.



PHOTO COURTESY VENTURE PORTLAND

The Black-owned Hip Hop Soulstation Academy in Gateway is a dance school specializing in krump, hi-hop, lyrical and private lessons.

Kenton: Po'Shines is a contemporary soul food restaurant with a Cajun flair, providing quality dining, concessions sales and catering services.

Mississippi Ave: Polished Agency is a full service Instagram business marketing agency.

NE Broadway: Resolutions Northwest facilitates honest dialogue to resolve conflict and advance racial and social justice.

Parkrose: Trap Kitchen is an Underground Culinary Experience

as well as a catering company.

Soul District: Champions Barbershop is an upscale barber shop that offers "Champion level" grooming and customer service; Flossin Media is an integrated media and marketing agency that specializes in marketing to and for Black, and other multicultural communities; Kee's Loaded Kitchen serves soul food including smoked brisket, fried chicken, mac and cheese, fresh bread, loaded baked potatoes, and desserts.

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Louis Armstrong's performance at the 1958 Newport Jazz Festival is captured in "Jazz on a Summer's Day," considered the greatest jazz film ever made. The musical documentary has been restored in dazzling 4K quality and is now playing virtually at the Hollywood Theatre's virtual cinema and two other Portland virtual theater venues.

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I Was Tear Gassed and Not Just By Feds Police departments over-militarized at local level, too

BY ROBERT P. ALVAREZ

The smell of tear gas is hard to describe, but it's horrifying.

It pinched my nose from the inside, burning deep in my nasal cavity. My throat slammed shut

as my body tried to block out the fumes. My eyes burned, oozed tears, and clamped closed.

"I can't see," my fiancé screamed in panic. "I can't breathe," I yelled back. Men with weapons and armor charged forward, protected by qualified immunity and licensed to kill us on a whim.

It was my birthday, July 21, and we were participating in a nonviolent Black Lives Matter protest in Portland. Just as the nation had begun to grapple with what should be done about police violence, President Donald Trump unleashed federal agents on the place I call home.

The agents, summoned from special Customs and Border Protection units, the U.S. Marshall Service, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, have been snatching protesters off the streets and throwing them into unmarked vehicles without any charges.



And when they're not tear gassing our moms, they're cracking our skulls with so-called "less-lethal" munitions.

Federal overreach is definitely part of this story — rest assured, I want

those camouflaged troops out of Portland and every other city. But the truth is, local Portland police were brutalizing and tear gassing people long before the first federal boot hit the pavement.

It's been the same story across the country, as police at all levels have responded to protests against police brutality with alarming violence. Now, more cities are bracing themselves for an influx of federal agents eager to coordinate with local police.

This epidemic of violence is why activists have been chanting to "defund" and "demilitarize" the police. What might that mean?

For starters, the Poor People's Campaign and other movements have put forth a demand for city governments and state legislatures to ban participation in the infamous 1033 program, which allows the Department of Defense to give excess military-grade equipment to local authorities for free.

If you give police high-caliber guns, armored vehicles, flash bang grenades, bullet-proof vests, and other equipment designed for warfare, you shouldn't be surprised when they treat those they are supposed to protect like enemy combatants, and recreate warzones from abroad right here on American soil.

If it wasn't apparent before, there is no denying it now: Weapons of war should not be available to local police departments.

Ending the 1033 program isn't a catchall for addressing police brutality and excessive use of force. Many other communities are pushing broader funding cuts to police departments, reinvesting in human needs, and in some cases questioning the need for modern policing altogether.

Nevertheless, ending 1033 would be a colossal step in the right direction, and would indisputably save lives. All unwarranted equipment provided to police departments through the 1033 program should be returned to the Department of Defense, and the program must come to an end.

Robert P. Alvarez is a media relations associate at the Institute for Policy Studies. He lives in Portland.

REQUEST FOR BIDS
2020-06 Invitation to Bid for Engine Related Parts for Cummins Engines (Readvertisement)
 Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area (dba C-TRAN) has issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Engine Related Parts for Cummins Engines. This ITB may be found at <https://www.c-tran.com/about-c-tran/business/procurement/bid-and-proposal-opportunities>. Bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on August 31, 2020.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
One-Stop Operator
Worksystems is seeking qualified and experienced organizations or individuals to serve as the Operator for the **WorkSource Portland Metro one-stop system**. The RFP will be posted on Worksystems' website at www.worksystems.org. Proposals are due no later than noon, September 18, 2020. Worksystems is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. To place a free relay call in Oregon dial 711.

Lead Loan Coordinator (Housing Program Coordinator)
 2020-00424
 Job Placement Ad

Job Title: Lead Loan Coordinator (Housing Program Coordinator)
Closing Date/Time: Monday 9/7/20 11:59 PM
Salary: \$35.77 - \$47.42 Hourly
Job Type: Regular
Location: 421 SW 6th Ave Suite 500, Portland, Oregon
Bureau: Portland Housing

The **City of Portland Housing Bureau (PHB)** is seeking a **Program Coordinator/Lead Loan Coordinator (LLC)**. Since 2009, the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) has worked toward a vision that "all Portlanders can find affordable homes...and have equitable access to housing."

The Lead Loan Coordinator (LLC) is part of PHB's Housing Investment and Portfolio Preservation (HIPP) team, which encompasses homeownership and rental housing, to achieve the goal of increasing and preserving the number of housing units affordable to low and moderate-income households. The HIPP team implements the City's affordable, multifamily housing strategy and the deployment of its resources by providing financing and development support to developers through public-private partnerships.

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/26428>

Capital Project Manager II
 2020-00408
 Job Placement Ad

Job Title: Capital Project Manager II - Housing
Closing Date/Time: Monday 8/24/20 11:59 PM
Salary: \$65,811 - \$109,491 Annually
Job Type: Regular
Location: 421 SW 6th Ave Suite 500, Portland, Oregon
Bureau: Portland Housing

The **City of Portland Housing Bureau (PHB)** is seeking a **Capital Project Manager II (CPM)**. Since 2009, the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) has worked toward a vision that "all Portlanders can find affordable homes...and have equitable access to housing." The Capital Projects Manager (CPM) is part of PHB's Housing Investment and Portfolio Preservation (HIPP) team, which encompasses PHB-owned real estate assets, homeownership and rental housing, to achieve the goal of increasing and preserving the number of housing units affordable to low and moderate-income households.

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Bids Due: Aug. 26, 2020 @ 2:00 PM

Webster Road is a rehabilitation project for the Housing Authority of Clackamas County. It's an existing single-story wood-framed building constructed in 1960's. The program consists of 48 mix of studios and SRO units for residents age 55 and older, food prep area, laundry facilities, offices and other common areas. The scope of work includes building code and accessibility upgrades; new insulation, weatherproofing, windows, doors, new exterior cladding and roofing; interior remodel includes new flooring, walls and ceiling finishes, plumbing fixtures, lighting and HVAC.

All Scopes:

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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**Request for Proposals for
Trade Partners**

**Mechanical, Electrical, and Fire Protection
100% SD Documents Dated 7/1/2020**

Proposals Due: 9/4/2020 by 2 PM.

The general description of work for this Request for Proposals is as follows: Trade Partners for: Design Build Fire Protection, Mechanical (including controls), Plumbing, Electrical (Including Low Voltage Systems: Tele/Data, Bells & Clocks, Security, Design-Build Photo Voltaic)

Documents will be made available through Building Connected.

Please e-mail Estimating Assistant: Elizabeth Juhala ejuhala@andersen-const.com to request an invitation to bid.

Please submit questions via email by 8/28/2020 to the following people:

Jeff Slinger, Senior Project Manager
jslinger@andersen-const.com

A preproposal zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday August 24th from 8:30am to 9:30am
(Zoom Meeting ID: 975 7546 9888).

Submit proposals through Building Connected using the appropriate bid form by 9/4/2020 (see specific instructions in formal Request for Proposals and Instructions document).



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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT INVITATION TO BID

PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Solicitation No: P&CC20-004-ITB
DATA CENTER ELECTRICAL and
TELECOMMUNICATION UPGRADES

The purpose of this Invitation to Bid ("ITB" or "Solicitation") is to obtain competitive Bids from qualified General Contractors (Bidder) interested in the provision of data center electrical and telecommunication upgrades for Portland Community College.

This is a public works project subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.875. The applicable Prevailing Wage Rates are the Prevailing Wage Rates for Public Works Contracts in Oregon effective July 1, 2020. The work will take place in Multnomah County, Oregon.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday Aug 24, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 emergency, pre-registration and other requirements will apply to this Pre-Bid Conference. Refer to the ITB document for details pertaining to these requirements. Times will be by appointment only, following pre-registration.

Bidders must submit their Bid pursuant to the provisions of this Solicitation to the following secure email address: MDFITB@docs.e-builder.net PRIOR to the Closing:

SOLICITATION CLOSING: September 17, 2020
at 2:00PM Pacific Time

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Bidders are solely responsible for ensuring that Portland Community College receives its Bid.

Timely submitted Bids will be opened in public and read aloud 15 minutes after Closing at a virtual teleconference as detailed in Section 11.3 in the ITB document. Any interested party is invited to attend this teleconference.

Bidders must submit a **First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form *EITHER*** with the original emailed Bid submission ***OR*** in a separate emailed submission to the secure email address cited previously no later than:

DISCLOSURE DEADLINE: September 17, 2020
at 4:00PM Pacific Time

Prospective Bidders must register with ORPIN: <https://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dll/welcome> to obtain the Solicitation documents.

Emerging small businesses, as well as minority-owned, women-owned, service disabled veteran-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprises are encouraged to submit a response to this Solicitation.

Bidders must familiarize themselves with the entire Solicitation.

All questions and comments about this solicitation must be directed ONLY IN WRITING by email to: james.lasseter@pcc.edu
NOTE: This email address is NOT the secure email address to be used when submitting a Bid.

BIDS MUST BE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION THE COLLEGE MAY REJECT ANY BID NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PRESCRIBED REQUIREMENTS.

This Public Notice is dated and published August 14, 2020
James Lasseter – PCC Buyer and Contract Specialist

HR Specialist with a Compensation & Classification Focus

Portland Public Schools (PPS) is seeking talented people from diverse backgrounds and experiences to lead change and inspire PPS students. At PPS, every employee, despite having different roles, is an educator. We hope to attract a talented **HR Specialist** with an interest in Classification and Compensation for the Human Resources Department, someone who models the core PPS Educator Essentials. The District is focusing on eliminating systemic racism and its impact on student learning, having a commitment to racial equity and social justice are qualities our school district values.

The **HR Specialist** will be responsible for creating solutions focusing on compensation and classification practices while also providing research, analysis and recommendations to support organizational programs, labor negotiations, compensation and classification structures and practices. If you are a great communicator, organized, technically savvy, like to problem solve, and meet the qualifications (add link here) please apply at careers.pps.net
Job ID# 21466.

Salary Range: Grade 28,

Pay Range: \$72,140 to \$86,139 Annual Salary

POSTING TIMELINE: We will begin a first review of applications submitted by **September 11th**. PPS reserves the right to make a hiring decision at any point during the posting period.

Human Resources - Senior Manager - Staffing - 1.0 FTE

Portland Public Schools (PPS) is seeking talented people from diverse backgrounds and experiences to lead change and inspire PPS students. As a Human Resources Department, we are seeking a **Senior Manager of Staffing** who models the core PPS Educator Essentials and someone who can lead a team while fostering a diverse workforce. The District is focusing on eliminating systemic racism and its impact on student learning, having a commitment to racial equity and social justice are qualities our school district values.

Initial screening to occur September 9, 2020.

Salary Range: \$90,093 - \$107,576

HOW TO APPLY: Visit <https://www.pps.net/Page/2158> and use Job Number #21482

PSU to Disarm Campus Police

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nity, one that works to dismantle systems racism and promotes the dignity of all who come to the campus.

The announcement to disarm came as Portland approached 80 days of nightly protests following the death of George Floyd, the Black man who died last Memorial Day after being pinned by the neck by a white Minneapolis police officer

Percy said the decision to have officers patrol the campus unarmed is the first step in a broader policy to re-imagine safety at the state-funded university.

“Over the past few weeks we have listened to many voices across our campus,” Percy wrote in an email to campus announcing the change. “The calls for change that we are hearing at PSU are ringing out across our nation. We must find a new way to protect the safety of our community, one that eliminates systemic racism and promotes the dignity of all who come to our urban campus.”

Activists had been calling for Portland State to disarm campus police long before Floyd’s death.

The campus police officers got guns for the first time in 2014 following a contentious decision that came despite concerns raised by students and faculty.

Then, in June 2018, two campus officers fatally shot 45-year-old Jason Washington, a Navy veteran and employee of the U.S. Postal Service, near a bar just outside the boundaries of the university’s campus.

A report by the Portland Police Bureau found that college police officers fired 17 times and Washington was struck nine times. Oregon’s medical examiner ruled the death a homicide. A grand jury ruled that the two officers should not face criminal charges.

Washington had been out drinking with friends when his group got into a confrontation with another group outside a bar called the Cheerful Tortoise just off campus in downtown Portland.

A lengthy report released three months after the June 29, 2018, shooting, as well as footage pulled from the officers’ body-worn cameras, show Washington had a gun in his right pocket when he tried to come to a friend’s assistance during a fight. Officers later found a legal permit to carry a concealed weapon in the dead man’s wallet.

As campus police arrive at the scene, a man shouts several times, “He pulled a gun on us! He pulled a gun!” as he points to Washington, who appears to be trying to keep his friend from a fight.



PSU Police Chief Willie Halliburton

At that point, Washington’s visibly intoxicated friend breaks away and begins punching another man until he is kicked by a third person in the head and knocked out.

As Washington tries to pull the man away from his unconscious friend, one PSU officer grabs Washington’s arm from behind and tells him to back away from the fight. A black object that appears to be a gun is visible protruding from Washington’s right hip pocket at that moment in body camera video.

Washington stumbles backward and falls to the ground as someone says, “He’s got a gun!”

Washington gets up, takes several steps away and turns to face the two officers as they shout at him to drop the gun.

The medical examiner’s report quotes one of the officers as yelling, “Do not pick up the gun!” just before the officers fired 17 shots “in very quick succession.” It’s not clear from the video if Washington had already picked up the gun when he was shot.

Toxicology reports show Washington had a blood-alcohol content of more than three times the legal driving limit.

Portland State hired two independent firms, one to examine the school’s policy of arming campus police and another to conduct its own investigation into the shooting.

--Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Obituary

In Loving Memory

Norise Massenburg

Norise Massenburg was born in Tyler, Texas on Jan. 5, 1960 to Morine and Liselle Massenburg. Although the world knew him as Norise, to family he was “Pokey.”

Norise attended John Tyler High School where he excelled in basketball, football and track. After graduating from high school in 1978, he attended Texas State Tech Institute in Waco, Texas where he received an Associate’s Degree.

In 1982 Norise enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard. This duty led him to the Portland area where he spent most of his adult life. Norise’s experience with the Coast Guard played a very important role in his life. During his enlistment, he was well received and was commended for his services.

He also had an accomplished career as a welder, which spanned



more than 20 years. His metal works exist throughout numerous high-profile facilities including the Oregon Convention Center and Moda Center.

In 2008 Norise married his wife Melinda. The pair

enjoyed 12 blessed and blissful years together in Vancouver, Wash.

Norise was a man of many hobbies. He loved barbecuing, dancing, fishing, listening to jams on the stereo and driving his cars around town. He was an avid supporter of the Dallas Cowboys and carried a tremendous sense of humor, which charmed or dug under the skin of anyone who knew him. He was considered the greatest horse race bettor on this side of the Mississippi and was often found collecting Trifecta winnings at Portland Meadows raceway.

Norise was preceded in death by his parents Loiselle and Morine Massenburg, daughter Rachelle Massenburg and sister Jesse Taylor. He is survived by his wife Melinda, son Julian, brother Carlon Taylor, sisters Katherine Johnson and Katherine Rhymes, and a host of other family and friends.

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Black Lives Matter STAND DOWN Stop the Violence



The Committee of Congressional District #3 committee members approved and sent this to Elected Officials of State of Oregon and Congressional Delegation.

Resolution for a permanent end to local and federal aggression against Black Lives Matter protesters and for systemic redress of harms from historic and ongoing institutionalized racism and state-sanctioned violence against Black People and other People of Color in the City of Portland, the State of Oregon and the United States of America.

Whereas it is unacceptable that we as a nation have failed to confront our long history of systemic oppression, enslavement, suppression, disenfranchisement and dispossession of Black people and other people of color for the financial enrichment of white people in the United States, and our equally long history of brutalization and murder of Black people and people of color at the hands of police and soldiers in the enforcement of local, state and federal laws;

Whereas the state of Oregon has a history of blatant discrimination, exclusion, segregation, dispossession, and state-sanctioned violence against Black people and other people of color codified in our state constitution, laws, and policies;

Whereas the City of Portland has a history of oppressing, disenfranchising, and dispossessing Black people and other people of color in our codes, policies and practices;

Whereas the Portland Police Bureau has a history of police misconduct, violence and unequal enforcement of laws against Black people and other people of color, of protecting and promoting white supremacists within their ranks, and of working closely with known white supremacist individuals and groups in their law enforcement, reinforcing old paradigms present since the founding of our state and making Portland a fertile ground for continued overt racism,

Whereas it is unacceptable that there has been a lack of a united anti-racist response by our local political leaders as demonstrated by the tacit approval of the soft response of our police and police leadership to recent white supremacist rallies and the harsh, disproportionate show of force and brutality to their protesters and against the current Black Lives Matter protests;

Whereas members of the 3rd Congressional District Democrats have proudly called our party the "Party of Jefferson and Jackson," men whose accomplishments must be weighed in relation to their own histories as racist slaveholders and mass-murderers of indigenous peoples, histories that we as institutional heirs rarely contemplate or fully comprehend;

Whereas there is little awareness among most white people in the United States regarding the breadth, depth and cruelty of institutionalized racism and white supremacist history in the United

States at the local, state and national level;

Whereas Martin Luther King said "we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny," and we understand how violence against, murder and exploitation of Black people and other people of color primarily enriches the most powerful while dividing and distracting and weakening us, thereby making other populations more vulnerable to attack;

Whereas, the murder of George Floyd focused the attention of the nation on the brutality regularly carried out by police against Black people and other people of color in implementing laws that keep them in an oppressed state, and sparked national and international outrage not only among people of color but peoples from all walks of life in this country and around the world despite the limited understanding most people have regarding the full history of institutionalized racism in the United States;

Whereas the societal impact and social weight of George Floyd's murder is compounded in our collective consciousness by an incomprehensibly long list of brutalization and murder with impunity of innocent Black people and other people of color over hundreds of years, and this impact has resulted in a genuine uprising of protest and demand for changes both in Portland and across the United States, particularly regarding the routine unconstitutional and extra-legal/illegal federal and local police oppression and brutalization of Black people and other people of color;

Whereas the recent federal violence against Black Lives Matter protesters in Portland, including the use of secret, unmarked police and border patrol exceeding their federal authority in beating and gassing Americans with military-grade weapons banned in modern warfare, plays out a long history of murder, brutality and oppression visited upon Black people and other people of color which the majority of white people have often remained ignorant about and avoided accountability for;

Whereas the Black Lives Matter movement is part of a long and sacred history of outspoken and courageous protest to advance fair and equal treatment under the law for all peoples from colonists seeking equal representation in the making of laws that govern them, to the abolition of slavery, the expansion of the vote to women, the establishment of labor unions and fair labor practices, and the civil rights movement;

Whereas we stand now at a moment of national reckoning and hold ourselves accountable to work tirelessly to bring an end to institutionalized racism in Oregon;

And Whereas the cause of Black people and other people of color in this country is just, and warrants redress and remembrance of their plight to help restore our dignity as a people and keep us and our children from engaging in such barbarous behavior in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...

That we, the 3rd Congressional District Democrats, hereby acknowledge the dark histories of the founders of our party and country, our leaders and people, over the long arc of American history regarding the treatment of Black people and other people of color both inside the United States and around the world;

We call for the immediate cessation of all hostilities against Black people and all people of color, and their allies, in their just cause of protests that

have drawn attention to our racist history and the need for fundamental change in our society. In particular, we condemn the use of violent intimidation tactics used by Federal troops without accountability against their fellow Americans, we support our Governor's demand for the removal of Federal troops from the City of Portland, and we demand an immediate cessation of plans to deploy federal troops for the purposes of suppressing civil rights in other cities throughout the United States.

We call for the cessation of hostile activities of the Portland Police Bureau, and police departments across this country, toward Black people and all people of color and their allies in the constitutionally protected exercise of their free speech to draw attention to our history and current-day repercussions of racist laws, policies, and practices;

We call for the dismissal, censure, arrest, impeachment, defeat and/or removal from office of racist individuals in positions of power, and their white supremacist enablers, on every rung of political and economic power in our country, including the current acting president and attorney general of the United States;

We call for ending qualified immunity, an end to the use of tear gas and similar chemical agents, and divestment from institutions steeped in racist law enforcement and their replacement with institutions committed to the implementation of fair and equitable laws in a fair and equitable manner, in particular the dismantling of the Department of Homeland Security, dismantling of the private prison industry and emptying of prisons of all non-violent offenders locked up due to harsh sentencing policies disproportionately carried out against people of color, and divestment from and demilitarization of the Portland Police Bureau;

We call on our state officials to pass policy proposals recommended by the Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Police Reform in the August 2020 Special Session. Specifically, LC 742 regarding the regulation of tear gas & munition, LC 743 requiring police identification, LC 745 prohibiting the use of chokeholds, LC 761 requiring officers and peacekeepers to give warning before using force, LC 762 regarding the creation of a statewide misconduct database, and LC 763 regarding the creation of a statewide use of force database.

We call upon our representatives at the local, state and national level to create and fund Truth & Reconciliation Commissions for the City of Portland, the State of Oregon, and the United States to study the depth and breadth of our white supremacist history in its historic and ongoing manifestations, and to create educational institution and programs so that we do not forget our racist history, and we encourage other states and localities to do the same.

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