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Police Chief Chuck Lovell

Violence Turns Deadly with Dueling Protests Chief decries downtown shooting

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
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A supporter of a right wing group was killed in a confrontation downtown Saturday, the first deadly consequence amid three months of protests over racial injustice in Portland and across the nation.



Aaron 'Jay' Danielson

Portland Police responded to shots fired in the area of Southwest Third Avenue and Southwest Alder Street around 8:45

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Reimagining a Better School Year

Principal says
COVID-19, racial
equity push an
opportunity

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON
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As students go back to distance learning and online instruction this fall there is a great deal of anxiety in school communities as they adjust to the public health restrictions brought on by the coronavirus pandemic and a nationwide reckoning on racial equity.

For Nichole Watson, the adjustments being made now are an opportunity to provide a better education to all students now and in the future and to reimage a better normal for students under difficult circumstances, especially for disadvantaged and minority kids.

Watson, 39, is the new principal at Prescott Elementary in the Parkrose School District, the first African American educator to lead the northeast Portland school, and an authority on equity who recently took a year off from teaching at Rosa Parks Elementary in north Portland to focus on racial equity work for the Portland Association of Teachers.

She said the impacts from the coronavirus virus have exposed more of the inequities that too many families with children in school face. When distance learning was imposed in Oregon last March, for example, with stay at home orders by the governor closing classrooms, almost a third of Prescott's kids did not have access to a computer or Internet for at home learning.

The district was able to adjust to this inequity by providing one laptop to a family, based on need. But this fall, Prescott will go further. The district will provide each student with all of their school supplies for distancing learning and there will be a major effort to ensure sufficient amount of Chromebooks to distribute to every student in a family, based on need, along with free Wifi hotspots for Internet connections, she said.

Watson is trying to be available to answer questions and share information with parents on all the changes coming for the new school year.



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Prescott Elementary Principal Nicole Watson rides in the back of an open pickup truck to wave and distribute candy to children and other families from her new school community in the Parkrose neighborhood of northeast Portland on July 31. The Meet the Principal parade was held under public health social distancing requirements to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

"Change brings discomfort," she said. "But we are resilient. We always figure it out and we'll do that again," she said.

Watson held a back-to-school online session on Zoom with 60 parents last week to

inform them about the plans for re-opening.

It was the second major introduction to her new school community, having been

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A demonstrator is pepper sprayed shortly before being arrested during a Black Lives Matter protest at the U. S. Courthouse, downtown, on July 30. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit Aug. 26 challenging the legality of the actions taken by U.S. agents sent by President Donald Trump to subdue protests in Portland. (AP photo)

ALCU Sues Trump over Portland Response

Claims gathering met by violent federal agents

(AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit last week alleging agents sent by President Donald Trump to protect a federal courthouse targeted by Black Lives Matter protesters used excessive force and illegal detentions to rob protesters of their freedom of speech and assembly.

The lawsuit also alleges that the acting director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Chad Wolf, did not have the authority to send more than 100 agents to Portland because he was improperly appointed. The federal agents exceeded the limits of their authority, making illegal arrests and using tear gas, rubber bullets, pepper spray and other tactics to squelch the protests, the lawsuit alleges.

“Our clients are individuals

and organizations that gathered peacefully in downtown Portland to support Black Lives Matter after the killing of George Floyd and so many others at the hands of the police,” said Jeremy Sacks, an attorney working with the ACLU. “But they were met by violence from the federal police forces intent on squelching the protesters message and their Constitutional rights — all in aid of the president’s political agenda.”

Plaintiffs include three military veterans, a college professor, several Black Lives Matter activists and a man who alleges he was snatched off a street blocks from the federal courthouse by unidentified agents for no reason.

“I still haven’t fully come to terms with what it means that I was kidnapped by my government,” Mark Pettibone said in a statement. “People need to know what happened to me and the government needs to be held accountable so that what happened to me doesn’t happen to someone else.”

Almost all the plaintiffs allege physical injuries from getting hit by metal tear gas canisters, rubber bullets, pepper spray and other chemical irritants. Some were treated at hospitals, where they got multiple stitches and received CAT scans to check for more serious internal injuries, the lawsuit says.

A video of plaintiff and Navy veteran Christopher David’s encounter with U.S. agents outside the Portland courthouse circulated widely on social media. It showed one agent hitting David with a baton and another dousing him in the face with pepper spray. David suffered two broken bones in his hand.

The U.S. Department of Justice has said it is conducting an internal review of the incident.

Also among the plaintiffs are two groups that have organized protesters: the Black Millennial Movement and Rose City Justice.

“Federal officers had no place and no right to further exacerbate our environment in our community with force and violence and brutality and there is real attention that needs to be focused on the brutality from law enforcement,” said Shanice Clarke, of the Black Millennial Movement.

The lawsuit is the third filed by ACLU in Portland since nightly protests began after the May 25 death of George Floyd, the Black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pinned him by the neck.

Two previous lawsuits targeted the federal agents’ actions against members of the press and legal observers and against street medics who treat protesters hurt by tear gas, pepper spray and rubber bullets.

Teen Arrested in Harris Death

Kceon Colbert, 19, was arrested last week in Vancouver in connection with the shooting death of Shai’India Harris, an 18-year-old Portland woman who died on July 10 outside a home in the Lents neighborhood of southeast Portland.

He was being held in the Clark County jail pending charges.

Police have not provided any information about the circumstances of the shooting, or the relationship between Harris and Colbert. But a Facebook page entitled “Justice for Shai’India,” op-



Kceon Colbert

erated by family and friends, says Harris and Colbert were previously in a relationship.

The Week in Review



Hall of Famer Coach Dies

John Thompson, the Hall of Famer basketball coach who turned Georgetown into a powerhouse and became the first Black coach to lead a team to the NCAA men’s basketball championship in 1984, has died at the age of 78. “Our father was an inspiration to many and devoted his life to developing young people not simply on but, most importantly, off the basketball court,” said a statement from his family.

Riot Outside Mayor’s Home

Police declared a riot after protesters turned violent outside the northwest Portland home of Mayor Ted Wheeler Monday evening. Wearing party hats to mark the mayor’s birthday, members of the group launched fireworks and marched with a large sign that read “resign.” Police said the protesters broke windows, burglarized a business, and lit a fire in an occupied apartment building.

Sheriffs Won’t Help Portland

A plan by the Gov. Kate Brown to use sheriff’s deputies from surrounding counties to help patrol Portland following the deadly shooting of a right-wing protestors, was sharply criticized by law enforcement officials who said it wouldn’t end the “cycle of violence” in the city that’s approaching 100 consecutive nights of often-violent Black Lives Matter protests.

Governor Recall Fails Again

For the second time in two years,

the Oregon Republican Party has failed to gather enough signatures to recall Gov. Kate Brown. Republicans backing the latest attempt accused Brown of abusing her power in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Free School Meals Extended

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture announced Tuesday that school meals will be distributed free while students are learning from home at least through the end of the year. In Oregon, 100 schools and concerned community organizations had signed a letter to USDA demanding an extension of pandemic waivers to distribute food in parks and other off-school sites to prevent wide-spread child hunger.

Former Chief Investigated

Oregon’s police certification agency was ordered Thursday to investigate whether retired West Linn Police Chief Terry Timeus should retain his police certification after directing a wrongful arrest in 2017 of a Black man in Portland at the request of his fishing buddy. The agency will be asked to determine if Timeus violated the moral fitness standard to be a police officer in Oregon.



TriMet Completes Track Work

After 28 days of round-the-clock work, amounting to 672 hours of demolition, construction and testing, TriMet has reopened the top deck of the Steel Bridge. It marks the end of the biggest light rail revitalization effort in 34 years to keep MAX service reliable.

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LOCAL NEWS



Akasha Lawrence Spence speaks before the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners last January. Spence is one of 11 Black leaders charged with guiding the allocation of a \$62 million relief fund reserved for the Black community to help individuals, families and businesses weather the financial harm caused by COVID-19. (Photo courtesy Multnomah County)

Black Community Relief

Cash grants to offset COVID-19 harms

Applications are now being taken for cash grants to help Black people, Black business owners and Black-led nonprofits throughout Oregon weather the financial harm caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The new \$62 million Oregon Cares Fund for Black Relief and Resiliency opened this week, a targeted grant program that the Oregon Legislature's Emergency Board installed last month as part of \$200 million from the federally funded CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund reserved for specific communities and sectors of the economy.

The Council of Trust, composed of 11 Black leaders from across Oregon, is charged with guiding the relief fund and overseeing the distribution which will be carried out by two nonprofits – The Contingent (previously the Portland Leadership Forum)

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Sharon Gary-Smith, former executive director of the MRG Foundation, helps oversee a COVID-19 Relief Fund directed to help the Black community.

Cases Drop, but Not Enough

School closures will continue for now

(AP) — Coronavirus cases in Oregon declined as August came to a close, but in order for schools to reopen the average amount of new cases a day needs to decrease from 250 to 60, state health experts said Friday.

In order to reach that goal, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said residents will have to continue to follow and enforce current statewide COVID-19 safety mandates or else bars and restaurants may have to close and travel restrictions will be implemented.

"The good news is we're slow-



Gov. Kate Brown

ing the spread of COVID. The bad news is our infection rate is still too high for most in-person schools," Brown said last week.

"With the course we're on, meeting our goals is just going to take too long. We must do better, faster. We must work together. And we must do it now."

The Oregon Health Authority reported 259 new cases Sunday as the state's total case count rose to 26,554. The death toll was 458.

Dean Sidelinger, the state's epidemiologist, said that since July, transmission of the deadly virus has slowed. Hospitalizations also declined.

The percentage of positive tests has leveled off too — remaining at 5.4%.

"While our COVID-19 data shows we are doing better than many other states, the virus contin-

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Comcast has announced a new Xfinity internet offer to support teachers and school staff with online education during COVID-19.

Teacher Support for Online Learning

With the school year set to begin we've seen a lot of attention on how families can get the Internet and technology services they need to help students be successful during another year of online learning.

But what about the instructors and staff? Some teachers are experiencing similar affordability and access issues as their students. To help address this issue and support educators in Oregon and southwest Washington, Comcast is offering two free months of service throughout the fall to keep them connected.

The new Xfinity Internet offer

for K-12 teachers and administrators as well as university faculty and staff will provide about two months of free Internet service, valued at about \$150, when they sign up for a Xfinity package.

"With learning looking very different this year across the country, we want to help give our educators the connectivity they need to support America's youth during these unprecedented times," said Dana Strong of Xfinity Consumer Services.

For more information and to sign up for this offer, visit xfinity.com/teacher.

Online Math for Black Boys

Math Moxie taught by black male teachers

Math Moxie, a revolutionary online math program for Black boys in middle school and taught by Black male math teachers is set to launch this fall, a new resource as so many children are doing remote learning because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The instruction is strategically designed to help meet the needs of Black male youth to escape the prevalence of underachievement in math, lower their rate of expulsions and placement in special education programs, and avoid the school-to-prison pipeline.

Developed by multicultural education specialist and award-winning instructional designer Stephanie Sasser, the goals of Math Moxie are to improve the children's performance in school, boost their self-esteem, and reduce the overall dropout rate for



A new online mathematics enrichment program is designed for black boys and taught by black male teachers. Photo courtesy Blacknews.com.

Black boys across the country.

"Alarming, only 13% of Black boys are proficient in math when they leave the 8th grade, and only 59% go on to graduate from high school," said Sasser. "With COVID-19 adding further barriers to education, the time to take action is now."

Research shows that Black boys benefit greatly from having Black male teachers. Sadly, these teachers make up only 2% of the U.S. teaching workforce.

Math Moxie also addresses the math curriculum needs of a grow-

ing number of Black parents electing to homeschool their children due to concerns about their children's negative experiences in traditional school settings, and will help reduce the widening achievement gaps likely to be caused by school budget shortfalls caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although this program is geared toward Black boys, all children in grades 6-8 are welcome.

For more information, visit MathMoxie.com or send an email to support@mathmoxie.com.

Violence Turns Deadly with Dueling Protests

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p.m. where they located the body of Aaron "Jay" Danielson, 39, a Portland man.

Video circulating on social media give some insight to the shooting, with recorded sounds indicating there may have been a confrontation between the protester and shooter with toxic bear spray deployed before shots rang out. It happened after a rally by counter protesters to those associated with Portland's Black Lives Matter movement. Displaying pro Trump flags, hundreds of the conservative protestors gathered at Clackamas Town Center and then moved toward downtown in pickups and big rig trucks, with some openly carrying guns and others firing paintballs into people on the street.

Authorities said Danielson and

a friend were seen heading downtown to join the Trump supporters. They wore hats with the insignia of Patriot Prayer, a group that has clashed with left-wing protesters in Portland for years, and appeared armed with knives and paintball guns.

Police Chief Chuck Lovell asked the public to give the detectives time to do their important work before drawing conclusions about the shooting.

"If anyone can provide information about this case, I ask them to please reach out to our detectives. This violence is completely unacceptable and we are working diligently to find and apprehend the individual or individuals responsible," Lovell said.

In cellphone video of the shooting, both Danielson and his assailant were seen on a darkened street.

At least three shots rang out in a smoky haze, followed by images of Danielson crumpled on the ground as a friend, Chandler Pappas, slaps him in the face and rolls him over, yelling "Jay! Jay!"

"He was a good man and he was just killed senselessly for no reason other than he believed something different than they do," Pappas told supporters during a rally Sunday. "He was Christian. He was conservative."

Ex-girlfriend Christine Banks said Monday Danielson didn't discuss politics much but of the weeks-long protests in Portland: "He didn't think it was right. ... He was there for peace."

Critics have said that instead of keeping the peace, Patriot Prayer has helped incite violence. Last month in nearby Gresham, Pappas showed up to counter a Black Lives Matter event and, according to the Portland Tribune, declared: "I came here ready for war."

Portland police have yet to make an arrest. On Monday, they asked for witnesses and those who had taken video of the scene to contact them.

A small memorial to Danielson took shape Monday on a sidewalk in front of the parking structure where he collapsed. It included four yellow daisies tied to a tree, a small American flag flapping in the wind, and a sympathy card with a Bible verse and handwritten note.

"Jay went to Jesus, where will you go?"

--Associated Press contributed to this story.

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‘Black Panther’ Boseman Dead at 43



Actor Chadwick Boseman poses for a portrait in 2014. Boseman, who played Black icons Jackie Robinson and James Brown before finding fame as the regal Black Panther in the Marvel cinematic universe, has died of cancer. He was 43. (AP photo)

Expressions of shock, despair reverberate

(AP) — First Chadwick Boseman slipped on the cleats of Jackie Robinson, then the Godfather of Soul’s dancing shoes, portraying both Black American icons with a searing intensity that commanded respect. When the former playwright suited up as Black Panther, he brought cool intellectual gravitas to the Marvel superhero whose “Wakanda forever!” salute reverberated worldwide.

As his Hollywood career boomed, though, Boseman was privately undergoing “countless

surgeries and chemotherapy” to battle colon cancer, his family said in a statement announcing his death at age 43 on Friday. He’d been diagnosed at stage 3 in 2016 but never spoke publicly about it.

The cancer was there when his character T’Challa visited the ancestors’ “astral plane” in poignant scenes from the Oscar-nominated “Black Panther,” there when he first became a producer on the action thriller “21 Bridges,” and there last summer when he shot an adaptation of a play by his hero August Wilson. It was there when he played a radical Black leader — seen only in flashbacks and visions — whose death is mourned by Vietnam War com-

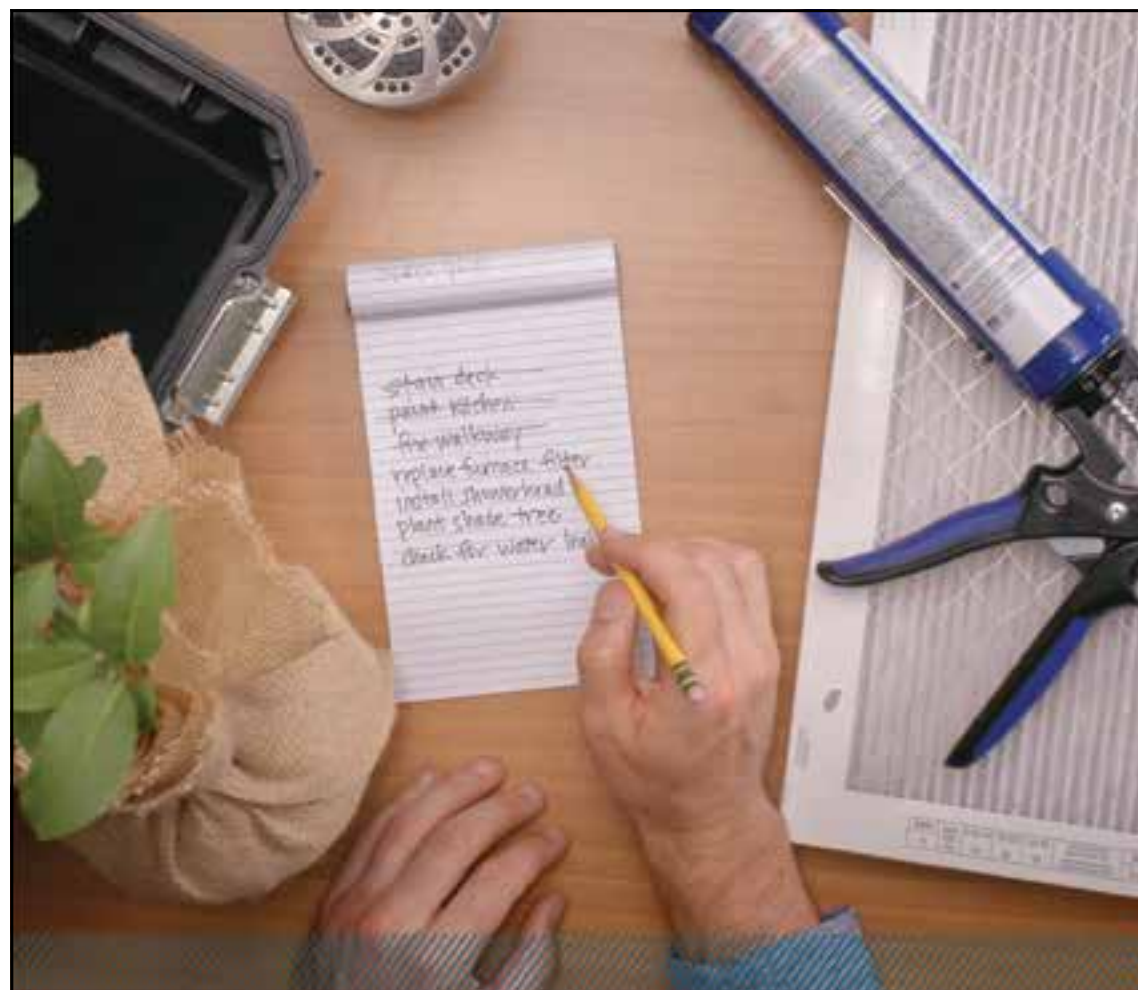
rades-in-arms in Spike Lee’s “Da 5 Bloods.”

Expressions of shock and despair poured in late Friday from fellow actors, athletes, musicians, Hollywood titans, fans and politicians.

“A true fighter, Chadwick persevered through it all, and brought you many of the films you have come to love so much,” his family said.

Born and raised in South Carolina, where he played Little

League baseball and AAU basketball, Boseman graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He wrote plays, acted and directed in theater and had small roles in television before landing his breakthrough role.



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Homeschool Month at Oregon Garden

As many families transition to homeschool during COVID-19, students are welcome to get out to the Oregon Garden, an 80-acre botanical sanctuary, and learn about gardening and other edu-

cation topics like fire safety and prevention, forest habitats and wildlife.

Located near Silverton, east
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A retired Max light rail car is reimaged as a retrofitted community resource space along Holladay Park in northeast Portland as part of a design concept competition hosted by the Portland State University Center for Public Interest Design.

Finding a New Purpose for Old Max Cars

Afro-Village envisions resource stations

Imagine Holladay Park in northeast Portland's Lloyd neighborhood transformed into a village of community resources grown from the decks of TriMet's oldest and retiring MAX light rail cars.

Along a raised sidewalk next to the park, one of the vehicles features a community kitchen. Another houses a warming shelter. The remaining two vehicles contain a health clinic and a learning center. This was the winning design concept in a unique competition hosted by Portland State University's Center for Public Interest Design.

The MAX Reuse Design Challenge invited designers to re-envision the use of TriMet's oldest MAX light rail vehicles, which we will begin retiring in the coming years. Contestants had the freedom to approach their designs from any angle,



The Type 1 train is the original light rail car used on the MAX system and has been in service for nearly 34 years.

but they were encouraged to find facing society today.

new uses for the trains that could help address an issue or issues

The People's Choice award went to The Afro-Village Move-

ment, with moving trains that provide shelter spaces, lockers, a mini-kitchen with fresh produce

shelves, dining area, showers, laundry facilities, and more.

The competition was designed to get people thinking about new ways to address issues facing our community. The concepts may not necessarily be applied to trains when they are retired.

The 26 Type 1s were the original trains on the MAX system and have been in service for nearly 34 years. They have stairs at every door and must be paired with other trains to provide ADA accessible MAX service. TriMet will begin to retire these vehicles in 2022 as we begin bringing in the next generation of light rail vehicles and transitioning to an all low-floor, accessible fleet.

Designers in the contest had the option to base their designs on the Type 1 trains or our Type 2 vehicles. The Type 2s were the first low-floor light rail vehicles put into use by a transit agency in North America. They've been in service since 1997. The Type 2s are being renovated over the next five years, so their retirement date is undetermined.

Reimagining a Better School Year

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the honored guest for a “Meet the Principal” parade earlier this summer where she and Prescott staff members rode cars to meet Prescott students outside their homes in the Parkrose neighborhood, maintaining social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

At first, the district planned to teach children this year with a hybrid model of distance learning and classroom instruction. It meant that Watson and her team had to prepare the school building for safety by taking actions that would lower the risk of transmission of the coronavirus.

But the plans for teaching in school were scrapped when rising cases of the disease, in Multnomah County and across the state, led public health authorities and Gov. Kate Brown to impose new restrictions.

“It’s been intense, a whirlwind,” Watson said about all the changing preparations.

The racial reckoning brought on by protests over police shootings of unarmed African Americans and injustices in the criminal justice system have a silver lining, Watson said, in that it is causing educators to become more compassionate with children who are experiencing trauma and giving them better



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New Prescott Elementary Principal Nichole Watson (center) and four of the school’s new teachers, (from left) Catherine Bayer, Miranda Lickey, Ruchi Shah and Jasmine Lowe, gather during a “Meet the Principal” community parade on July 31. By adding teachers of bi-racial and Indian South Asian heritage to the school staff, including two Latina women (not pictured) as secretaries and family engagement liaisons in the principal’s office, Watson is already bringing much needed diversity to a school in which nearly half of the students identify as either Latinx, Black/African American or Pacific Islander. The Prescott staff had previously been almost exclusively white.

opportunities to heal.

“We get to be more human, meet people where they are and become more equitable in ways never before,” she said.

Parents and other family supports have already been vital in connecting children to distance learning content and resources, Watson said. Some parents, for example, have organized study pods, where small groups of young learners get help from an alternating group of mentors.

“It’s all hands on,” for aunts, uncles, other parents and community members,” she said.

This is Watson’s second career. She was born in Portland and attended Boise-Elliott, Beaumont Middle School and Benson High School before her employment in the commercial real estate business. In 2008, she decided to go back to school to get a degree in education by enrolling in the Portland Teachers Program at Portland Community College, a program geared to bring more teachers of color into Portland schools.

Watson earned her bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in education at Portland State University and is currently working on a dissertation for a doctorate in education. She lives just five minutes from Prescott, calling her new principal assignment a calling.

“I was drawn to to it,” she said. “I’m right where I’m supposed to be.”

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Trail Blazer Hassan Whiteside is defended by the Lakers' Danny Green and JaVale McGee during Saturday's decisive game 5 win for the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round of the NBA playoffs in Florida. (AP photo)

James-Led Lakers Beat Blazers

Short-handed Blazers fall in first round

(AP) —LeBron James had 36 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists and Anthony Davis had a playoff-best 43 points as the Los Angeles Lakers advanced to the Western Conference semifinals Saturday, beating the short-handed Blazers 131-122 in Game 5 of the first round of the NBA playoffs.

The Lakers hadn't won a playoff series since 2012, while James had never lost a first-round playoff

series.

CJ McCollum had 36 points for the surprisingly scrappy Trail Blazers, who played without injured All-Star guard Damian Lillard. Carmelo Anthony added 27 points.

Down 14 in the third quarter, Portland got to 100-97 on McCollum's layup and tied it on Anfernee Simon's 3-pointer to cap an 8-point run with 9:46 left. James answered with a 3.

Gary Trent Jr.'s 3-pointer tied it at 109 with just under seven minutes to go. Again the Lakers held off Portland with Kentavious Caldwell-Pope's 3.

After Trent's 3-pointer closed

it to 114-112 with 4:53 left, Davis had a personal 11-0 run to put Los Angeles up 123-112 and all but seal it.

The game was originally set for Wednesday night, but players collectively decided not to play in the three playoff games scheduled for that day to protest racial injustice following the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisc.

Lillard injured his right knee in Game 4 that prompted him to leave the bubble in Florida and return to Portland to see team doctors. Lillard was named MVP of the seeding games heading into the playoffs, averaging 37.6 points and 9.6 assists in eight games.

Remembering Cliff Robinson

Popular former Blazer dies at 53

Cliff Robinson, the popular former Trail Blazer and NBA All-Star is being remembered as much for his personality as his skills after his death on Saturday which was announced by the University of Connecticut where he played college basketball. He was 53.

Robinson, affectionately known as "Uncle Cliffy" was one of the NBA's best sixth men during his 18-year NBA career.

"His personality and energy were unmatched, and his contributions on the court were unmistakable, helping the Trail Blazers into the playoffs each of his eight seasons with the team," the Blazers said. "His streak of 461

consecutive games played with the Trail Blazers still stands as a franchise record, a testament to his hard work and dedication to the team," a statement from the Blazers said.

No cause of death was given, though Robinson reportedly had a stroke 2 1/2 years ago and had went into a coma last week.

Robinson helped the Blazers reach the NBA Finals in 1990 and 1992. He not only never missed the postseason in Portland but hardly missed any games at all, playing all 82 in each of his first five seasons and



Former Trail Blazer Clifford Robinson talks with fans during a 2014 NBA game. Robinson is being remembered after his death at the age of 53. (AP photo)

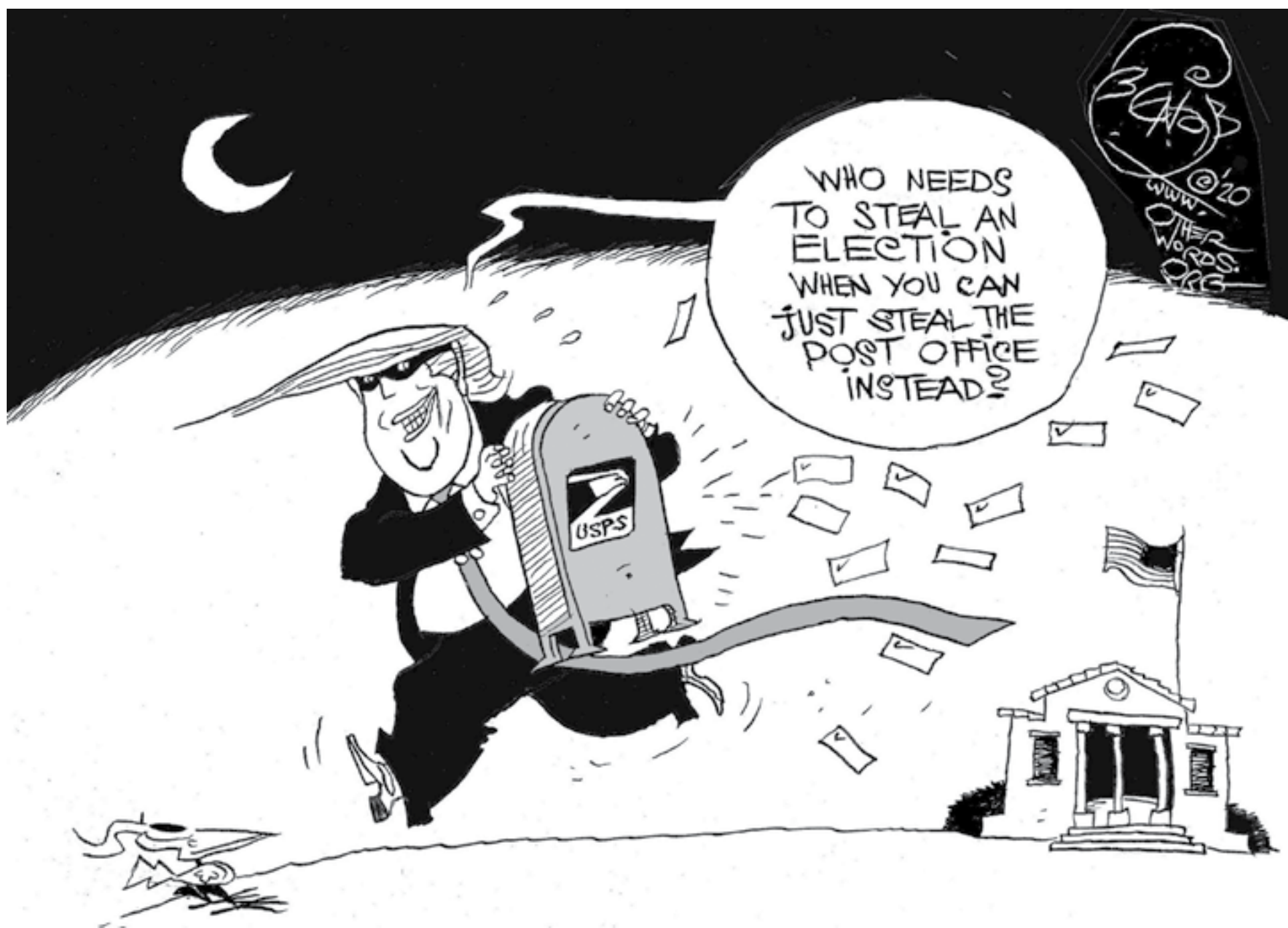
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"RIP Clifford Robinson - some of my earliest memories of NBA

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OPINION



Black Students Also Dying from COVID 1619

The roots of racism and the black psyche

BY DR. JAWANZA KUNJUFU

Why do so many Black students associate being smart with acting white? Why are 41 percent of Black students in special education, but only six percent in gifted & talented and advanced placement? Why is the NBA 75 percent black, but only 2 percent of the doctors are black? Are Black students more confident in sports than in science?

What has been the impact of racism on the black psyche? Are many Blacks suffering from Post-Traumatic Slavery Disorder? What exactly is meant by good hair and pretty eyes? What are four benefits of darker skin?

Why do Blacks only spend 3 percent of their income with black

businesses? Why is white wealth 10 times greater than black wealth?

What months are white history taught? Black history? What has been the impact on Black youth starting their history in 1619 on a plantation? What can Blacks learn from the Jewish community and their mantra; Never Forget? We know 6 million Jews were killed.

Do you know how many Blacks died during slavery?

I believe the best way to address the use of the N word is to ask our ancestors. If we asked Nat Turner or Harriet Tubman, what would be their response? If we asked John Lewis when he marched from Selma to Montgomery, what would have been his response? If we asked Frederick Douglass on July 4, 1860, what would have been his response?

Concerning reparations, why did the United States government

pay Asians and Native Americans and not African Americans? What is the cost of 5 million Africans working from 1619 to 1865?

Black youth must be taught how to overcome racism. What drives racism? Fear of differences and power. People who are secure are comfortable with differences.

Power concedes nothing without a struggle. Whites have no problems having conferences on diversity, equity, race relations and multiculturalism. What they do not want to discuss is the equitable distribution of power.

I would encourage you to give all your students grades 3-5 and

6-12 COVID 1619. This will be the first generation that will not suffer from Post-Traumatic Slavery Disorder.

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Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area (dba C-TRAN) has issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Drive Train Parts. 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 Monday, September 21, 2020**.

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and The Black United Fund.

Individuals and families will be eligible for cash grants of \$1,000 to \$3,000 with higher amounts going to for Black businesses and Black-led nonprofits, officials said.

Applicants must demonstrate economic harm caused by the pandemic and prove residency in the state. Due to the expected high volume, it will take a few weeks after submission for applicants to receive funding notifications. The monies will be disbursed in three application periods with the final allocation finished by Dec. 30, official said.

"This is a historic first step to address the disparities facing Black Oregonians in the face of COVID-19," says Rep. Akasha Lawrence Spence (D-Portland) and member of the Council of Trust. "Oregon has underinvested in its Black citizens for far too long. From this moment forward, our state must commit to continued investment in the health and economic well-being of our communities throughout this pandemic, in the recovery efforts, and for as long as it takes to finally close the inequities that have crippled Black Oregonians for generations."

Even before COVID-19, twice

as many Black Oregonians were living in poverty than white Oregonians. The global pandemic has widened and exacerbated the longstanding inequities that existed before the virus, hitting Black Americans harder than whites in terms of job and wage loss, the amount of financial reserves on hand and the ability to pay monthly bills. According to state data, in the past two months approximately four times as many Black Oregonians have contracted COVID-19 than white Oregonians.

"This is a wonderful, deserved, and appropriate step to address the harm caused by COVID-19 on the Black community," says Sharon Gary-Smith, former executive director of the MRG Foundation and member of the Council of Trust. "Black Oregonians have had monumental losses in spirit, hope, community, and resources due to centuries of racial injustice and discrimination."

The Black business community is less likely to have access to loans and traditional capital and has also received proportionally less COVID-19 federal aid.

Nationally, twice as many Black-owned businesses have closed since the start of the pandemic compared to small businesses overall -- 41% compared to 22%,

according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

In one survey of 500 Black and Latinx business owners, done by Color of Change, only 8% of Black small businesses received the full federal assistance they requested.

Despite a traditional lack of investment from banks, Black Oregonians are becoming entrepreneurs in ever-increasing numbers. The number of Black-owned businesses still grew by 25% in Oregon from 2007 to 2012, according to the Small Business Administration.

"Especially right now, Black business leaders face an uphill battle. But we know with targeted investment, this community has incredible resiliency and creativity. This relief fund will help Black businesses weather the economic storm caused by the virus," said Stephen Green, entrepreneur and member of the Council of Trust.

Officials said the Oregon Cares Fund highlights the strength of a diverse leadership coalition aligned on behalf of the Black community's interests. This investment was championed in the legislature by Rep. Akasha Lawrence Spence and Rep. Janelle Bynum, Black leaders across the state, and thousands of Oregon constituents.

For more information or to apply, visit theoregoncaresfund.org.

Cases Drop, but Not Enough

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ues to be a significant threat in our communities, and we're not close to keeping the infection rate at a level we'd need to reopen schools across Oregon," Sidelinger said.

In June, Gov. Brown issued an executive order that allowed in-person learning at public and private K-12 schools only if it they met guidance issued by the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education.

One of the guidelines requires

both a statewide and a county-wide testing positivity rate of 5% or less, as well as 10 or fewer new cases for every 100,000 people in the county where the school is located.

At the current case rate, Brown said schools would not be able to return for in-person learning until April.

In order to speed up the return of students to schools, Brown said residents will have to strictly follow current statewide mask mandates and gathering limitations.

If cases do not continue to decrease and "at a rapid rate," Brown said she will have to consider closing bars and restaurants and implementing travel restrictions, which would include people traveling to Oregon from out of state quarantining for two weeks.

Brown said she has been reluctant to order more businesses to close because of the economic impact. More than 500,000 people in Oregon have filed unemployment claims since the start of the pandemic.

Homeschool Month at Oregon Garden

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of Salem, the Oregon Garden announced September as Homeschool Month sponsored by the

Oregon Forest Resource Institute.

Students and families who visit the garden during the month will receive a packet of educational activities that they can complete while in the garden or at home. This allows students and families to visit on any day that works with their schedule and stay socially distant from other people in the garden.

Pre-registration is not required. The Oregon Garden is open daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit

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Learning Financial Basics Online

iQ Credit Union has launched an online learning platform available for children and adults to help them learn financial basics from anywhere, anytime.

The robust educational courses are filled with interactive resources and tools, from games and videos, to quizzes and downloadable checklists. These online courses add to the existing resources that iQ has available online: a financial survival guide, budgeting checklist, home buying guide, a constantly updating blog, and more.

Children can work through fun and interactive courses with Trail Guide Tim and Mountaineer Molly, who walk through basic financial literacy for K-6



Helping kids and others learn the value of money and other financial basics. iQ Credit Union with offices in Portland and Vancouver has launched a free online learning platform.

grades. Young adults and adults can learn more about budgeting, credit, and investing, through online classes and quizzes.

"Wherever you are in life or whatever age you are, learning

more about financial literacy can make a huge impact on your life. To be able to provide resources and easy courses to help our community get further along their financial journey means a

lot to us," says Tim Walley, Aka Trail Guide Tim.

iQ Credit Union with offices in Portland and Vancouver was founded by teachers 80 years ago and continues to support education to credit union members and in local schools through in-person or virtual presentations, or by providing additional resources to educators who want to teach the material on their own.

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Remembering Cliff Robinson

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basketball were of you as the lifeblood to those early/mid 90's Blazers teams. The Memorial Coliseum days!! RIP to a Portland legend," tweeted Cleveland star Kevin Love, who grew up in Oregon.

Clifford Robinson was born on Dec. 16, 1966, in Buffalo, New York. He picked UConn over Syracuse and Oklahoma and became the centerpiece of Calhoun's early

teams. He played in Storrs from 1985-89, helping guide the Huskies from the bottom of the Big East to the 1988 NIT championship.

Robinson averaged just 5.6 points as a freshman but scored 20 a game as a senior before becoming a second-round pick of the Blazers.

Robinson was the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year in 1993 and made his lone All-Star appearance the following year. At 6-foot-11, he

had the size of a center but was a skilled outside shooter.

He played 1,380 games in the league, ranking in the top 15 all-time. Besides the Blazers, Robinson also played for Phoenix, Detroit, Golden State and the Nets.

"Clifford was the consummate professional who loved the game and played with an incredible sense of both joy and intensity during his outstanding 18-year career, including two seasons with the Warriors," Golden State said.

-Associated Press contributed to this story.

Obituary

Betty Jackson was born on Aug. 22, 1944 in Portland, Oregon where she lived her whole life.

She loved taking vacations and beach trips with her late husband Robert, daughter Debra and son-in-law Tyrone. She was known for her beautiful smile, grace, kindness and wisdom.

Our Beloved Betty Jackson



Betty passed away peacefully on Aug. 15, 2020 at home with her family. She will be most remembered for her love and dedication to her God, Jehovah. Her family looks forward to seeing her again in Paradise on earth. Until then she will be truly missed.



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