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## Vaccine Eligibility Timeline Accelerates

### 3 million more doses headed to the state

After prioritizing seniors 65 and older and other priority groups in the latest COVID-19 vaccinations, new eligibility timelines are coming into focus which will allow many more people to receive the potentially life-saving shot.

Gov. Kate Brown accelerated Oregon's COVID-19 vaccine eligibility timeline last week in order for vulnerable populations to receive shots ahead of May 1, when all adults are now scheduled to become eligible, nationwide.

At a news conference Friday, state health officials said that they expect to receive approximately 3.3 million doses by the end of May — enough vaccine to give every adult Oregonian their first shot.

"Until recently, in these news conferences, we've talked about our limited vaccine supplies and the prospect that it could take until late fall before we reached community immunity," Patrick Allen, the di-

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Four Portland area healthcare systems, Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health, OHSU and Providence, are working side by side to operate a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Oregon Convention Center that sees more than 5,200 patients each day, one of the highest vaccination sites in the country. The site is ready to scale up even more as more vaccines are produced and distributed.

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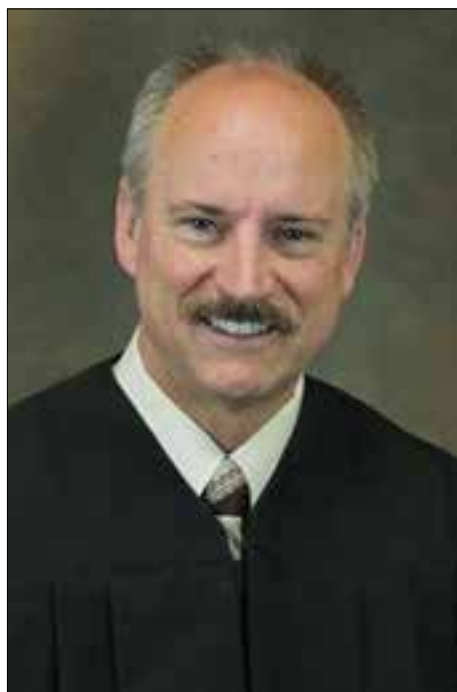
### Family to file wrongful death lawsuit

The family of Kevin Peterson Jr., a Black man killed by sheriff's deputies during a drug sting operation in Hazel Dell last October, has announced plans to file a wrongful death claim against Clark County.

Peterson's parents and the mother of his child held a press conference last Thursday to share memories of him and demand justice.

"I'm very upset and I want justice," his mother said. "He was a super super nice guy. I want people to remember him."

Olivia Salto, the mother of his child, said she hopes their daughter remembers



Darvin Zimmerman



Kevin Peterson Jr.

him for the person he was. "He was a great person," she said.

Just two days earlier Clark County District Court Judge Darvin Zimmerman temporarily removed himself from the bench after demands for his resignation by the Vancouver NAACP and others for comments he made about Peterson that were picked up on a hot microphone.

Zimmerman called Peterson "the Black guy they were trying to make an angel out of," and said, among other comments, he believed Peterson "was so dumb."

In response to the outcry, Zimmerman announced he would take a leave of absence to help determine what he can do to help heal the community he has served.

The judge also is the father to a Clark County Sheriff's office deputy who was on the scene of Peterson's shooting last Oct.

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## Covid-19 Food Box Giveaway

The Portland Observer is joining the chief executive officer of Straightway Services and On the Move Ministries to help people in need during the coronavirus pandemic by hosting a drive-thru food box giveaway this Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Portland Observer, located at 4747 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

You're invited to come and get a food box for anyone in need. The distribution will be made on a first come first serve basis. Thanks to Pastor Dwight Minniweather, Mark Washington and Minister Johnny Bradford for coming together to make this event possible, providing much needed food for our community members.

# Store Shooting Leaves 10 Dead

## Family says gunman had mental illness

(AP) — Police on Tuesday identified a 21-year-old man as the suspect who opened fire inside a crowded Colorado supermarket in an attack that killed 10 people, including an officer, and sent terrorized shoppers and employees scrambling for cover.

Authorities said Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa was from the Denver suburb of Arvada and that he engaged in a shootout with police Monday afternoon inside the Boulder store. The suspect was being treated at a hospital and was expected to be booked into the county jail later in the day on murder charges.

Investigators have not established a motive, but authorities believe he was the only shooter, Boulder County District Attorney



People in Boulder, Colo. are led out of a King Soopers grocery store on Monday after a shooting in the store. Ten people were killed, including a police officer. The gunman was taken into custody, identified as a 21-year-old man. (AP photo)

Michael Dougherty said.

A law enforcement official briefed on the shooting told

The Associated Press that the gunman used an AR-15 rifle, a lightweight semiautomatic rifle. Officials were trying to trace the weapon. The official was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke to AP on condition of anonymity.

The suspect's family told investigators they believed Alissa was suffering some type of mental illness, including delusions. Relatives described times when Alissa told them people were following

or chasing him, which they said may have contributed to the violence, the official told AP.

The attack was the nation's deadliest mass shooting since a 2019 assault on a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, where a gunman killed 22 people in a rampage that police said targeted Mexicans.

Hundreds of police from throughout the Denver area responded to the attack, converging on a King Soopers supermarket in a busy shopping plaza.

## The Week in Review

### Solidarity Against Hate

Reflecting on a disturbing rise in bias and hate crimes committed against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, the Portland City Council joined the Multnomah County Commission, Metro, and other local government officials to express shock and horror at the murders of eight people of Asian descent in Atlanta last week. All but one of the victims were women.

### Violent Extremists Threat

Violent extremists motivated by political grievances and racial biases pose an "elevated threat" to the U.S. homeland, officials said last week. The intelligence report echoes earlier warnings that the threat from domestic violent extremism was "metastasizing" in the country.

### 13 Blazer Players Vaccinated

13 Portland Trail Blazers players received their first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine on Monday thanks to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The team was able to receive shots left over for the general public after distribution to seniors 65 and older and other priority groups.

### Rose Festival Scaled Back

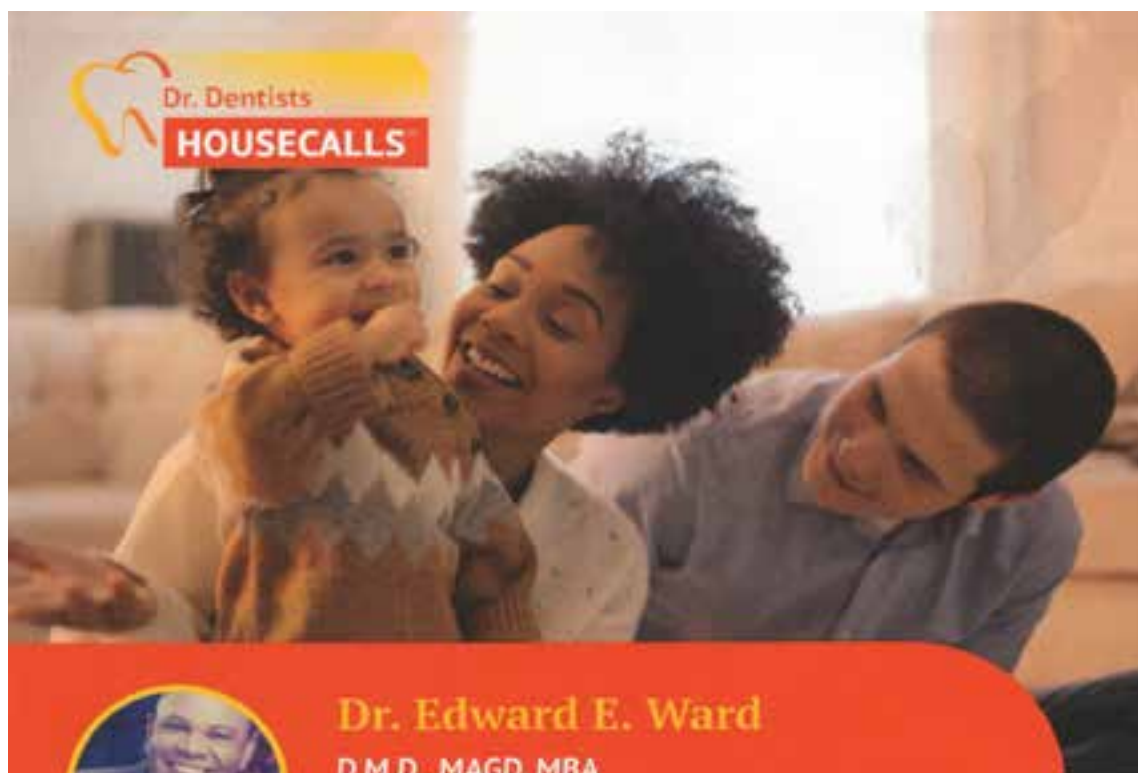
The Portland Rose Festival will again move forward without its big outdoor events this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. Officials said the 2021 Rose Festival Queen will be announced in June and a virtual fleet week will be held the same month. A traditional Rose Festival Treasure Hunt kicks off Memorial Day weekend, and a Porch Parade will be back.

### Police Dog Attacks Walkers

Police say two people walking their dog in Happy Valley were bitten by a Portland Police Bureau dog that escaped his handler's fenced yard. It happened March 12 when the dog broke through fencing. Police say the canine will remain out of service until an investigation is complete.

### Health Care as Human Right

The Oregon Senate on Thursday approved a resolution that would ask voters to decide whether the state is obligated to ensure that every resident has access to affordable health care as a fundamental human right. A similar effort in 2018 was approved by the House but it died in committee in the Senate.



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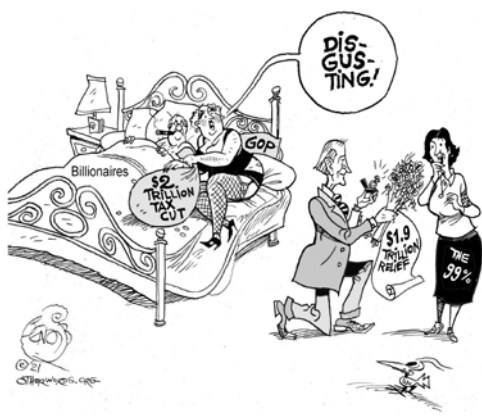


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# LOCAL NEWS



Members of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners wear face masks to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

## Call for Tear Gas Ban

Commissioners lead effort to protect children, others

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners has asked Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas to prohibit the use of chemical munitions by federal police when in close proximity to schools, neighborhoods, and other areas where vulnerable children and adults may work, live or play.

In a March 15 letter, the Board decried the use of tear gas in residential areas, parks, and other places where vulnerable individuals may be present, and called

on Secretary Mayorkas to ban or restrict their use by federal law enforcement officers.

Commissioner Sharon Meieran led the effort after hearing concerns from a Portland school and a community service provider located near the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in the South Waterfront area, the K-8 Cottonwood School of Civics & Science and REACH Community Development.

The ICE facility has been the site of many protests during

which federal law enforcement officers have deployed tear gas as a method of crowd control. Physical debris and residual toxic chemicals have been found on the schoolyard, causing significant concern about the environmental and physical health impacts on young children, teachers, and the surrounding neighborhood, county officials said.

"This indiscriminate use of chemical weapons does not just

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## Racial Justice Bills Introduced

Leaders call for criminal justice system overhaul

Oregon lawmakers are hearing from the Portland Urban League, civil rights groups and other calling for an overhaul of Oregon's criminal justice system to address unequal impacts on people of color, from mass incarceration to police misconduct.

A legislative hearing was held last week that directed an appointed group of lawmakers and leaders from Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander and refugee communities called the Racial Justice Council to study potential changes to the criminal justice system and to provide results to the full Legislative no later than the end of the year.

Sen. Kayse Jama, D-Portland, a Somali refugee who co-found-



Sen. Kayse Jama



Nkenge Harmon Johnson

ed Unite Oregon to help uplift struggling Oregonians and the state's first Muslim senator, testified in support of the measure, saying it is an important step in addressing the root causes of the most serious harms in law enforcement policies.

"The public safety system does not work for Black, Indigenous and people of color. Too

many fellow community members have lost their lives or been separated from their families and excluded from economic opportunities due to systemic racism in the public safety system," Jama said.

The bill is geared to promote restorative justice, advance immigrant justice, and improve law enforcement accountability.

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affect protestors, but also harms neighbors who are unwittingly exposed in their own homes. We have heard from residents jolted awake by tear gas drifting into their homes through open windows, and parents deeply worried about how to clean their homes and yards of residual chemicals

to make it safe for their own children to play. It is unacceptable for people to be exposed to toxic chemicals in their own homes and neighborhoods," the commissioner said.

If the practice is allowed, the commissioners said it should be extremely well-regulated and authorized only in very narrow circumstances, and in no areas where

children and vulnerable adults may be affected.

The commissioners said several members of Oregon's federal delegation, including U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley as well as U.S. Reps. Earl Blumenauer and Suzanne Bonamici, along with state legislators Sen. Ginny Burdick and Rep. Lisa Reynolds, have conveyed similar concerns to Homeland Security about this issue.

## Vaccine Eligibility Timeline Accelerates

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rector of the health authority, said. "Now it's possible every adult in Oregon could be vaccinated within 10 weeks. That's an extraordinary turnaround.

Counties that have largely completed vaccinating residents who are 65 or older were allowed to begin administering shots to the next eligible groups on Monday, along with migrant and seasonal farmworkers working in the county.

Beginning March 29, those eligible for the vaccine will be people 45-64 with underlying health conditions, migrant and seasonal farm workers, seafood and agricultural workers, food processing workers, people living in low-income senior housing, senior congregate and independent living, homeless people, people

displaced by the 2020 wildfires, wildland firefighters and pregnant people 16 and older.

On April 19, frontline workers, multigenerational household members, and people 16 to 44 with underlying health conditions will be eligible. Frontline workers include grocery store employees, restaurant workers, members of the media and public transit workers will also qualify.

"So, will we have the vaccines to administer more than 2 million adults who'll become eligible to get vaccinated over the next 2 months? Yes, if the federal government comes through at the levels of vaccines we've projected, based on the national numbers the administration has released," Allen said.

As of Friday, 938,900 Oregonians had received at least one

vaccination with about 12% of Oregonians having been fully vaccinated.

Currently, four Portland area healthcare systems, Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health, OHSU and Providence, are working side by side to operate an All for Oregon COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Oregon Convention Center that sees more than 5,200 patients each day, one of the highest vaccination sites in the country. The site is ready to scale up even more as more vaccines are produced and distributed.

To get contacted about when a COVID vaccine appointment is available and when available for your particular group, you can sign up for a notification by visiting the Internet site getvaccinated.oregon.gov or call 211 for vaccine registration information.

## Judge Takes Leave after Divisive Comments

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29, but didn't fire his weapon.

Court records say three Clark County deputies shot Peterson, of Camas, on Oct. 29 after authorities said he sold Xanax pills to a confidential informant in Hazel Dell. Deputies fired 34 rounds at the 21-year-old, who died after being hit four times. Peterson was carrying a gun but investigators have found no evidence that he

fired it.

In a story by The Columbian, Zimmerman told the newspaper, "any time we lose a life, it is a tragedy; Kevin Peterson is no exception." But he did not apologize for his statements or describe them as racist.

The judge said Peterson's father had told a police chaplain he felt the shooting was justified but, "the next day, he wakes up with dollar signs in his eyes and

George Floyd's attorneys had already contacted him."

In a statement issued on Zimmerman's behalf by attorney Josephine C. Townsend, he said, "I have always prided myself in being open minded, fair and just in my duties as a judicial officer. I do understand that even my personal comments, when made public — bring about an outcry of concern because I am a judicial officer."

The statement said Zimmerman deeply regrets his comments that have caused divisiveness and concern in the community.

Townsend said Zimmerman self-reported his statements to the Commission on Judicial Conduct over the weekend, which has the power to investigate the comments and recommend that the Washington Supreme Court take action against him.

"I want my colleagues and the public to know that I have accepted responsibility for my actions," Zimmerman's statement said.



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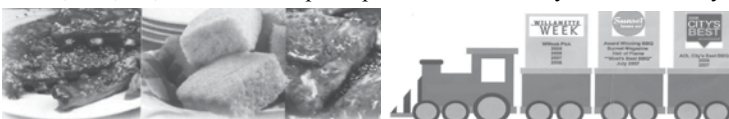


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# Business School Dean Hired

University of Portland makes history with selection

Dr. Michael DeVaughn, an experienced teacher, scholar and administrator will make history as the first African American to oversee the business degree programs at the University of Portland.

After a search for a new leader, DeVaughn was selected to become the new dean for undergraduate and graduate programs in the Dr. Robert B. Pamplin Jr. School of Business. The appointment was announced by the north Portland school earlier this month, to become effective on July 1.

Most recently, DeVaughn served the Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. But he already was a member of the University of Portland community as the parent of a student who attended the Catholic institution which is located in north Portland.

"UP's educational and mission-centered excellence has been on my radar for years, ever since my son was an undergraduate there," DeVaughn said in a news release.

University of Portland President Mark L. Poorman said DeVaughn is coming to the school with a deep appreciation for the strength of its educational offerings and the richness of the UP community.

Poorman said he was impressed with



Dr. Michael DeVaughn

DeVaughn's "passion for the university's Catholic and Holy Cross missions, his dedication to matters of equity and inclusion, and his commitment to business education rooted in the liberal arts."

DeVaughn received his bachelor's degree from Brown University, his M.B.A. from Indiana University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His scholarship has centered on organizational learning and entrepreneurship, as well as the delivery of business education.

Prior to joining St. Thomas, he served on the faculty at the University of Minnesota and enjoyed a successful career in the private sector with corporations including Ralston Purina, PepsiCo, and Fleet Financial Group (now Bank of America).



Portland Environmental Services launches a pilot pump out program to help houseless people living in a recreational vehicle to safely dispose of human waste and prevent environmental contamination.

## Protecting Community Health

### Pilot RV pump out service started

Portland Environmental Services on Friday launched a pilot program to provide sanitation pump-out services for people who are houseless and living in RVs that are parked along city streets.

The program addresses the connected

challenges of safely disposing of human waste and protecting community health and the environment from spills.

Currently, people living in RVs have limited options. The only approved way to dispose of waste from an RV is at a public dump station, whose numbers are limited. Too often, waste is discharged to a

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# SPORTS

## Oregon, OSU Advance to Sweet 16

### Ducks Shine after long layoff

(AP) — Oregon's Chris Duarte scored 23 points and the Ducks showed no signs of rust after a long layoff, beating No. 2 seed Iowa 95-80 on Monday to reach the Sweet 16 for the fourth time

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Oregon guard Chris Duarte drives on Iowa guard C.J. Fredrick Monday in the second round of the NCAA tournament in Indianapolis. (AP photo)



Oregon State guard Ethan Thompson and head coach Wayne Tinkle celebrate after the Ducks beat Oklahoma State 80-70 Sunday in the second round of the NCAA tournament. (AP photo)

## PLANS CHANGE. DREAMS DON'T.

Josh Griffie knows the difference. He was a teenager with big plans. Then he was diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder. His soccer career? Over. His other plans? Rearranged. But when one path closes off, Josh sees two more in its place. "One of my biggest strengths is my ability to adapt, dream and persevere," he says.

Despite chronic health issues, he started a photography business in Portland, then landed an internship and a job at Nike. Soon he'll finish his business administration degree online through Oregon State Ecampus. And he's ready for whatever comes next.

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## Beavers Roll to Upset Wins

(AP) — Ethan Thompson scored 26 points and No. 12 seed Oregon State neutralized Oklahoma State and star freshman Cade Cunningham, rolling to an 80-70 upset at the NCAA basketball tournament in Indianapolis.

OSU (19-12) was picked to finish last in the Pac-12 and had to win the conference tournament just to make the NCAA field. After the Beavers pulled that off, they cruised past No. 5 seed Tennessee in the first round of the NAAs.

The Beavers then became the third double-digit seed to reach this year's Sweet 16 on Sunday, joining Oral Roberts and Syracuse.

The Beavers now advance to play eighth-seeded Loyola Chicago in a Midwest Region Sweet 16 matchup that few could have predicted. The game will take place Saturday, March 27 with tipoff scheduled for 11:40 a.m. (PDT) and broadcast live on CBS TV, KOIN Channel 6.



Elgin Baylor and a statue that honors him outside the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The 11-time NBA All-Star died Monday. He was 86. (AP photo)

## Remembering Elgin Baylor

(AP) — Elgin Baylor, the Lakers' 11-time NBA All-Star who soared through the 1960s with a high-scoring style of basketball that became the model for the modern player, died Monday. He was 86.

The Lakers announced that Baylor died of natural causes in Los Angeles with his wife, Elaine, and daughter Krystal by his side.

With a silky-smooth jumper and fluid athleticism, Baylor played a major role in revolutionizing basketball from a ground-bound sport into an aerial show. He spent parts of 14 seasons with the Lakers in Minneapolis and Los Angeles during his Hall of Fame career, teaming with Jerry West throughout the '60s in one of the most potent tandems in basketball history.

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Jamie Turner and her husband Larry welcome customers to Ja'Das Soulful EatZ, their new family owned and operated restaurant next door to the Miracles Club at 4200 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. Ja'Das Soulful EatZ also serves the community from a food cart at 7339 N.E. MLK Jr. Blvd.

# Family and Love of Cooking

## Ja'Das Soulful EatZ serving at Miracles Club

A Black family from Portland has expanded their reach by bringing soul food favorites to the restaurant space next door to the non-alcoholic Miracles Club community center at 4200 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ja'Das Soulful EatZ is a restaurant owned and operated by Jamie Turner,

with the help of her husband Larry, children Albert, Alecia and Donte' and other family members.

Jamie said she gained her love of cooking from a childhood spent helping her grandmother, Ella Mae Smith, in the kitchen. She was also inspired to cook by her sister-in-law Lucille Bridgewater.

Originally started as Ja'Das Desserts in 2008, Jamie was known for her gourmet cupcakes and desserts. In 2019, she expanded to a food cart location at 7339 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. which still exists, and opened her latest indoor restaurant at the Miracles Club in November.

She finds encouragement from not only her kids, but other family members and friends, like from church who often come for a visit after Sunday services for good soulful meals and dessert.

Soul food options were once more common and plentiful in northeast Portland, but have become more scarce or limited. Jamie thought expanding her reach would be a good opportunity to bring the community back together and re-establish the traditions of black-owned businesses on MLK.

With love and support from her family and friends she is determined to bring love, community and traditions back to

northeast Portland.

"We serve good, quality food, made from scratch and prepared fresh upon order," she said.

Ja'Das Soulful EatZ also focuses on exceptional customer service and good ol' fashioned southern hospitality!

"We treat our guests like they're family and pride ourselves on being neighborly. We extend this kindness to everyone, forming lifelong connections with everyone that enters our restaurant," she said.

Jamie also wants to start a teaching

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# Housing & Community

## Housing to Bring New Life to Cully

### Construction begins on long vacant property

Construction has officially begun on Las Adelitas, a new, four story, multi-family housing complex in the Cully neighborhood.

The development of 142 new affordable homes by the non-profit Hacienda Community Development Corporation will bring new life to a block bordered by Northeast Killingsworth Street and Cully Boulevard, a site that for years was home to a strip club and a hot-

bed of illegal activity.

"Hacienda, along with the Cully community and other partners have been working for more than five years to redevelop this site," said Ernesto Fonseca, Hacienda chief executive officer. "The road to get here has been bumpy, and the plot twist at the end was a pandemic. But the tenacity, hope and vision of the community have paid off. We couldn't be more excited to put the first shovels in the ground."

When complete, Las Adelitas is expected to be home to over 400 people. The housing development was designed by Salazar Architects and will be construct-



An artist's rendering shows the future four-story, multi-family affordable housing development coming to the former commercial property at Northeast Killingsworth and Cully.

ed by LMC Construction. Construction is estimated to be complete by October 2022.

Funding for the project includes over \$15 million from the Portland Housing Bond, a 2016 voter-approved initiative to build more affordable housing in the City of Portland.



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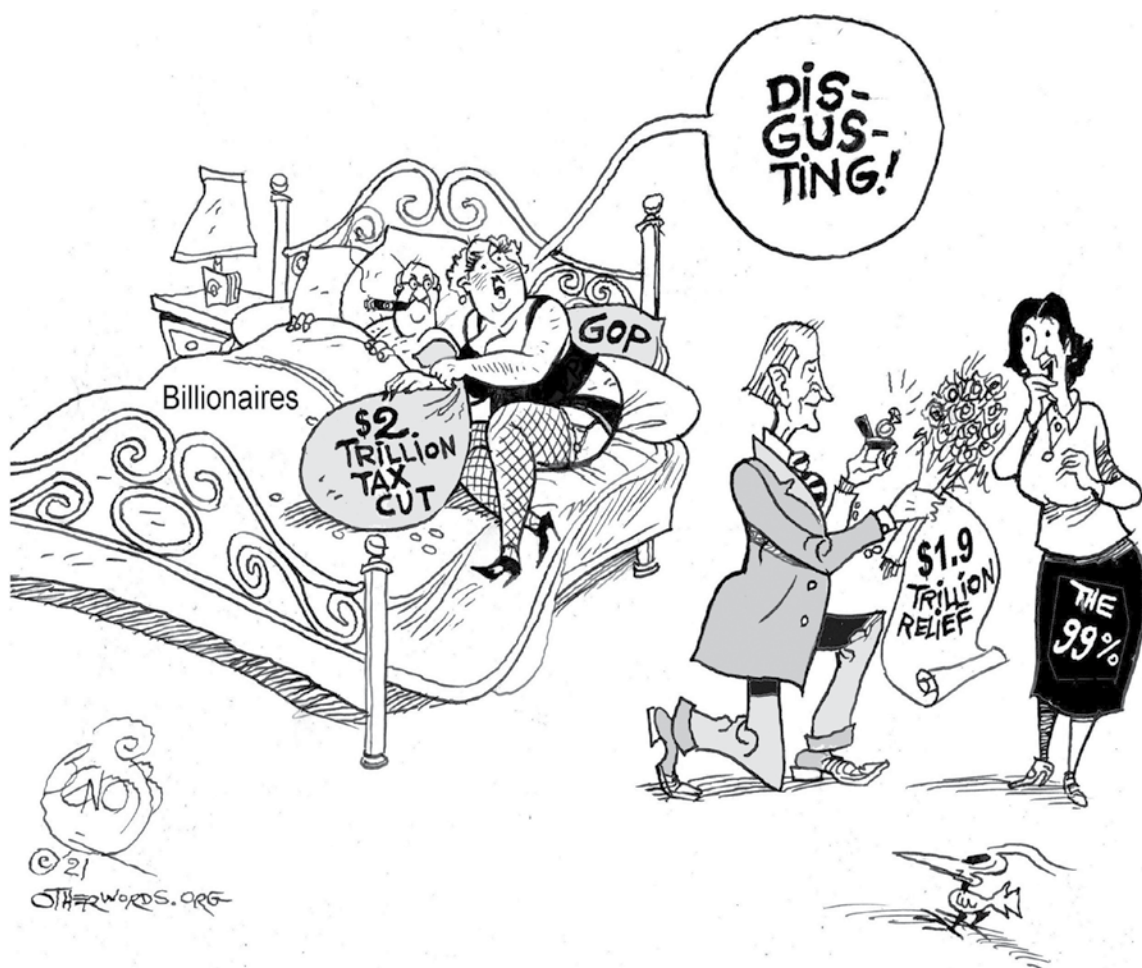
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# OPINION



## Strong Majority Want a COVID Vaccine

### Challenge is misinformation and lack of trust

BY MARC H. MORIAL

A strong majority of Black and Americans are confident in the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine and are ready to take it, according to a new poll commissioned by the National Urban League and The Alliance of National Psychological Associations for Racial and Ethnic Equity.

These findings run counter to a “blame-the-victim” media narrative that pins the appalling racial disparity in vaccination rates on Black hesitancy to take the vaccine.

Only 14 percent of Black Americans polled said they “definitely” would not get the vaccine, and 15 percent said they “probably” would not. Yet the Black share of the vaccinated population is lower than the Black general population in every state that has reported demographic data. According to an analysis by The New York Times, the Black vaccination rate is half the white rate.

Access, not hesitancy, is the reason for this disparity, as U.S. Rep. Karen Bass, psychologist and professor Cheryl Grills and I discussed in an op-ed published



this month in the Washington Post.

Among those who are hesitant, however, information is key: Overall, more than a fifth of

Black Americans said they have heard, seen or read something that made them less likely to take the vaccine. Among those who said they definitely or probably would not take the vaccine, 55 percent had consumed negative information about it.

Negative information about the vaccine mostly centered on safety concerns, side effects, and skepticism about how quickly the vaccine was developed and approved.

This corresponds with recent reporting that Black and Hispanic communities are confronting vaccine conspiracy theories, rumors and misleading news reports on social media. YouTube revealed this month that it has taken down more than 30,000 videos that made misleading or false claims about COVID-19 vaccines over the last six months.

Our poll found that concerns about the safety of the vaccine, are the primary barrier among Blacks who don't intend to vaccinate. Of that group, nearly 60 percent agreed that “the vaccine is too

new, I want to wait and see how it works for others.” More than a third agreed that “I am worried that people of color are being used as test subjects.”

Our challenge, then, is to employ trusted messengers such as public health professionals, community leaders and friends and neighbors to address those concerns attesting to the vaccine's safety. I was proud to join a group of trusted clergy in my own community who received the vaccine publicly in an effort to build trust.

These efforts are working. Hairstylist Katrina Randolph is part of the Health In-Reach and Research Initiative – or HAIR – a network of barbershops and beauty salons working with the Maryland Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

“At first, 75% of my clients were saying, ‘I’m not going to get the vaccination.’ But as we had these conversations and I told them things that I was being educated about, they began to do research and then they felt more comfortable with the vaccination,” Randolph said. “Now I hear from 90% of my clients, ‘I can’t wait to get vaccinated.’”

Marc H. Morial is president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League.



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Jamie Turner works the kitchen as the owner and operator of Ja'Das Soulful EatZ, expanding her catering and food cart business into a new family soul food restaurant next door to the Miracles Cub at 4200 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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program for youth who are interested in learning the food service industry in's and out's, in addition to be a second chance employer.

Her menu and catering services include such delicacies as cornmeal fried Basa, cornmeal fried catfish, fried shrimp, shrimp & grits, buttermilk chicken strips, fried wings (buffalo, BBQ, lemon pepper & original), Henny Wingz (Hennessey wings), soulful burgers, Po Boy sandwiches, fries, yams, mac n cheese, and collard greens.

Specials include deep fried ribs, oxtails, gumbo, peach cobbler and pound cakes. Other desserts include sweet potato pie, banana pudding, and gourmet cupcakes. The drinks offered are sweet tea, kool aid and soda.

The Ja'Das Soulful EatZ Restaurant at the Miracles Club is open Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. Call 971-325-7396 or email jadasoulfuleatz@gmail.com. The restaurant also accept online orders.

The Ja'Das Soulful Food Cart at 7330 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. operates Tuesdays through Sunday, also from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Protecting Community Health

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green street planter, the street, or storm drain that can lead to a city waterway.

“Pollution prevention is always preferable to clean up. I am proud of Environmental Services for stepping up to a growing need and providing services in a respectful, dignified way for our houseless community as well as protecting our rivers and waterways from human waste,” said Commissioner Mingus Mapps.

Environmental Services started the pilot after noting an uptick in reports of illegal disposal and in an effort to address the source instead of cleaning up after discharges.

The program's first day was Friday. Crews served nine vehi-

cles in an area in north and northeast Portland, and one in southeast. Crews expect to be able to collect about 7,500 gallons of wastewater from sinks and toilets per day and service up to 20 vehicles.

Crews will establish regular routes on Fridays based on field reports from city staff and be available as needed during other days of the week. Crews plan to alter routes each week and seek to determine the demand for this service as well as how often follow-up servicing is needed. They can also make minor repairs to the RVs to ensure safe and reliable sanitary pumping.

Environmental Services will continue the pilot through June under a limited budget of \$10,000 and evaluate next steps. The program is patterned after a similar pilot in Seattle.



# CLASSIFIEDS/BIDS

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

### 2021-07 Invitation to Bid for Hydraulic Hoses and Fittings

**Bid Date: 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021**

Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area (dba C-TRAN) has issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Hydraulic Hoses and Fittings. 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 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

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## Oregon, OSU Advance to Sweet 16

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in the past five NCAA Tournaments.

The seventh-seeded Ducks (21-6) were put in an unprecedented spot, advancing to the West Region's second round without playing a game. Virginia Commonwealth's multiple positive COVID-19 tests took care of that, leaving Oregon with a nine-day break since losing in the Pac-12 Tournament title game.

Oregon's offense hummed

like it was fresh off the line once the ball went up, kicking off the NCAA Tournament's first Monday of second-round games with a masterpiece.

The Ducks flowed on the floor and glowed on the scoresheet, shooting 56% and hitting 11 3-pointers. L.J. Figueroa hit five 3s while scoring 21 points and Will Richardson added 19 points in an offensive domination.

Oregon moves on to face either Kansas or Southern Cal in the Sweet 16.



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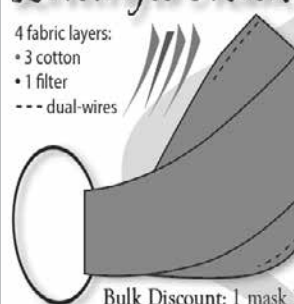
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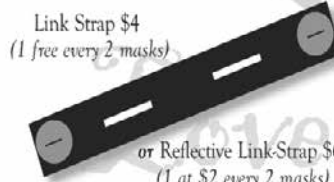
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## Obituary

# In Loving Memory



### Evelyn Smith

Evelyn Smith was born Jan. 30, 1941 to the late Curtis and Martha Cunningham. Curtis was a nurse and Martha a teacher in Portland.

Evelyn was immersed in the Christian community that would be her lifelong support.

She was blessed with a large and loving family. She married twice. First to James Graham with whom she had a son, James A. Graham; then many years later to James Smith with whom she had daugh-

ter Sabrina Smith and son Andre Smith in Portland. She raised these three beautiful children with patience, discipline and humility. She taught them to read, write, sew and often took them on long family drives to see the natural beauty.

Evelyn worked in many different facets in life where she was able to meet and help many different people. She was kind and softly spoken, and always had time to answer a question or solve a problem, no matter how small. She will be dearly missed by her loved ones.

Evelyn is survived by her son James A. Graham, daughter Sabrina Haskins; her sister Cynthia Cunningham; her grandsons C. Haskins and P Haskins, granddaughters Michelle Cady and Coisha Graham, and great granddaughter Kori Hardy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Rudolph Cunningham; and son Andre Smith.

## Men's Club Founder Remembered

### Joseph Haley

1947- 2021

Joseph Rudolph Haley, a former Portland resident, was born on April 26, 1947 in Natchez, Miss. to the parents of Joseph Patrick Haley and Emma Rebecca Haley. He departed this life March 2, 2021 at the Northridge Care Center in Baton Rouge, La.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Michael Haley; and four sisters, Bettie Middleton, Francis Pendelton, Lula Wade and Gwendolyn Williams.

He graduated from Liddell High School in 1964. He furthered his education at Alcorn State University studying biology. Following college, he enlisted in the US Army and was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. He became highly decorated, earning 5 bronze stars, 4 O/S bars, expert (M-16), the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal. He ended his military career as a staff sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1973.


Succeeding his army career, he began working for the USPS in Fayette and later transferred to Washington State. In his time working with the Post Office he was promoted to the position of Shop Steward working with the Union where he fought valiantly against systemic racism and advocated for fair treatment.

When he moved to Portland, he began working with the Federal Express as a courier, then manager and was later promoted to the human resource department as a hiring manager and retired



in 2006. He was also one of the founders of the African American Men's Club in Portland.

The precious memories of Joseph will forever linger in the hearts and minds of his wife, Karen Haley and his loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.




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## Styled by Her Mobile Beautique

### HER'S STORY

Portland Oregon native Rita Calloway is the lead cosmetologist and sole owner of the Styled By Her Beautique Brand.

Rita's full-service salon and boutique was originally founded and established as a brick-and-mortar location in 2013 until 2019. Operating and maintaining a brick-and-mortar salon was an everyday lifestyle for the dedicated entrepreneur who took on the responsibility at ripe age of 22 years old.



Entering her sixth consecutive year serving her Portland community as a professionally licensed stylist, Rita has been known as a trendsetter for her creative and forward thinking. She made the decision to take a new approach at an old dream and began the process of converting her brick and mortar into a mobile salon.

Her work began immediately as she envisioned and placed into perspective the steps that were needed to transition her salon into a fully operable mobile structure which was crucial during the manifestation process simply because it had never been done before.

In just six short months, Rita introduced the new innovative spin to the Pacific Northwest. Styled By Her Mobile Beautique is the first black-owned full-service

mobile salon and retail boutique on wheels in the entire state. She also released her first book entailing her journey with the mobile transition titled "Do it Herself" which is an entrepreneurial self-development and resource guide that provides insights and resources to others with aspirations of building their own mobile business.

In 2019, Styled By Her Mobile Beautique was featured in The Portland Observer's 50th Special Edition Issue honoring small minority businesses! Since then, Rita has found a stationary commercial lot placement to host her mobile Beautique and she has also expanded her brand with a second mobile salon that she drives daily around the city. Dually licensed as a cosmetology educator, Rita is currently training upcoming stylists in the community to use her first mobile salon as a shared platform to grow their skillset and clientele.

Rita Calloway is an original trailblazer that continues to make her story in the Portland, Oregon community.

Keep up with Rita's brand and journey on her Instagram account @styldbyher

To book services with the salon, visit the new stationary commercial lot location at 55 SE 11th AVE Portland, OR 97214 or to have the mobile beautique come right to your door, visit the Styled By Her Website [www.styledbyherbeautique.com](http://www.styledbyherbeautique.com) and click on the BookHer tab.





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