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Ex Cop found Guilty

Verdict sets off jubilation around city

Former Minneapolis Officer Derek Chauvin was convicted Tuesday of murder and manslaughter for pinning George Floyd to the pavement with his knee on the Black man's neck in a case that touched off worldwide protests, violence and a furious reexamination of racism and policing in the U.S.

Chauvin, 45, could be sent to prison for decades.

The verdict set off jubilation around the Minneapolis. People instantly flooded the surrounding streets downtown, running through traffic with banners. Cars blared their horns. Floyd family members who had gathered at a Minneapolis conference room could be heard cheering.

The jury of six white people and six

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People in Minneapolis cheer Tuesday after a guilty verdict was announced at the trial of former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin for the 2020 death of George Floyd.

PSU Proposes Race Studies Mandate

'This is something that is needed,' college professor says

BY BEVERLY CORBELL
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Advancing the understanding of hate and committing a campus to racial justice progress is being put to the test at Portland State University.

A proposal coming before the PSU Faculty Senate in early May would require all undergraduate students to complete courses in race and ethnic studies.

"This is something that is needed," Ethan Johnson, chair of PSU's Black Studies department told the Portland Observer. "The university has touted itself as the most diverse university in Oregon, and as one of the largest institutions of higher learning in Portland; it should lead in that area."

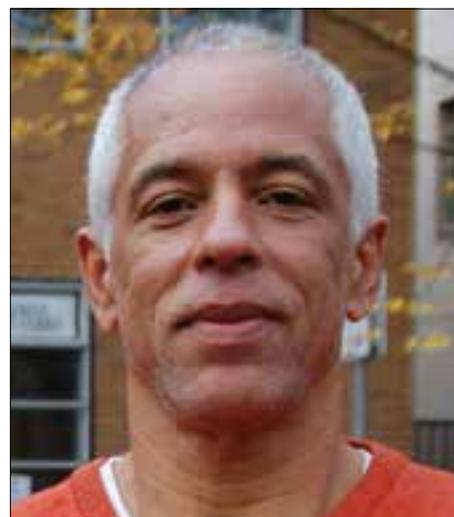
Johnson said the proposal would require all undergraduate students to take two courses in race and ethnic studies and set up a committee to administer the curriculum. If passed, the added classes would also build support for the creation of conditions for a master's degree program in the PSU School of Gender, Race and Nations.

"We have a master's certificate, but not a master's program," he said.

Johnson says a vote for the proposal will help fulfill a Senate resolution to promote diversity on campus, not only by expanding race and ethnic studies, but also gender and sexuality studies.

The idea behind the new courses requirement originated with the School of Gender, Race and Nations in response to the Black Lives Matter movement, and suggestions for curriculum that can enrich the students' learning experiences, Johnson said.

But the effects of broadening the access



Ethan Johnson

to racial and gender studies can be even broader, according to experts.

California Board of Education President Linda Darling-Hammond, who led President Biden's education transition

team, was recently quoted in the New York Times as saying ethnic studies is a reminder that education is an essential strategy for combating hate.

"We are reminded daily that racism is not only a legacy of the past but a clear and present danger," she said in the March 31 article. "We must understand this history if we are to finally end it."

Johnson hopes Portland State will follow this national trend, as the California state university system passed these requirements in 2016 and Oregon recently passed a K-12 requirement for all students to take race and ethnic studies throughout their studies.

According to the National Education Association, early efforts a decade ago around ethnic studies were often met with opposition, but have gained traction in recent years, and following California and

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Cleveland High School

Ushering In Rose Festival

The 2021 Rose Festival Court presented by United Community Credit Union is now complete, comprised of 15 outstanding young women chosen from Portland metro-area high schools. One member of the Rose Festival Court will be named 2021 Rose Festival Queen during a coronation ceremony scheduled for June 18.

ANNOUNCING THE

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The Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators (ORABSE) wants to help Black students across the state of Oregon to pursue their goals.

For more information, visit ORABSE.org

The application is due on April 26, 2021. Applicants will be notified of their status by May 31, 2021

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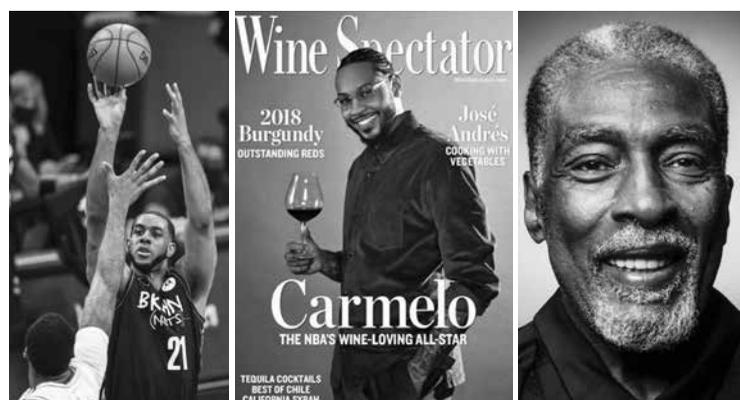
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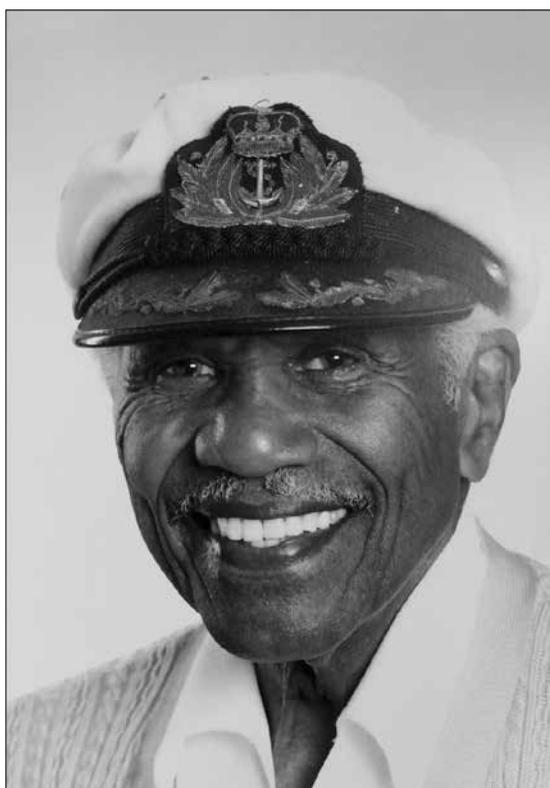
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Paul Knauls



Alisha Moreland-Capua

Rose Festival Honors

Esteemed doctor to keynote Paul Knauls salute

Dr. Alisha Moreland-Capua, an esteemed OHSU physician and the 1988 Rose Festival Queen when she was a student at Jefferson High School, will emcee when the Portland Rose Festival Foundation honors Paul Knauls, a 90-year-old luminary from Portland's Black community.

Sponsored by Wells Fargo, the upcoming event will be focused on support for women, and the positive impact of mentorship, something Knauls, known as the Honorary Mayor of Northeast Portland, has been a steadfast supporter.

Among the several businesses Knauls has owned in the King neighborhood of northeast Portland was the salon bearing his late wife's name - Geneva's Shear Perfection. In 2007, Knauls also rode in the Centennial Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade as one of the Grand Marshals.

Dr. Moreland-Capua is a longtime friend of Knauls and his family. In 2016, she was honored by former Mayor Charlie Hales for her accomplishments in the field of psychiatric medicine, her commitment to community and her work to simply make life better

for others.

Rose Festival Honors will take place as an uplifting, live-streaming event on Thursday, May 6, from noon to 1:00 p.m. The event is free, however it is a fundraiser to support the Portland Rose Festival Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit, and donations of any amount will be gratefully accepted, including donations made in honor of Knauls or Moreland-Capua.

Links to RSVP, to view the live stream, and to donate are at rosefestival.org/events/2021/rose-festival-honors.

Direct Action March Breaks Windows

Protest follows release of police shooting details

People in a crowd calling for the abolition of police broke windows as they marched in the heart of Portland's historic African American community on Monday night, hours after authorities said that a man who was fatally shot by an officer at Lents Park last week had an orange-tipped replica gun.

The Portland Police Bureau made two arrests for criminal mischief after declaring the assembly of about 80 people unlawful. Windows were broken at a U. S.



Windows were smashed at the nonprofit Blazers Boys and Girls Club next door to the North Police Precinct and several businesses along Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Monday night during a protest against the police in the heart of Portland's historic black community. (KOIN photo)

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Small Business Financing Help



Representatives from BCA Culture, a cutting-edge technology company, have created an Internet app to help minority business owners eliminate the mystery and intimidation around the credit building process.

In September 2020, a cutting-edge, technology company out of Atlanta, BCA Culture, launched a new Internet app geared to African Americans and other minority business owners to eliminate the mystery and intimidation around the credit building process.

During the global pandemic, an alarming amount of minority businesses were

impacted by the plummeting economy. While “majority” businesses were able to benefit from the additional funds that were injected into the US economy, a disproportionate amount of minority businesses missed out on obtaining business funding due to lack of knowledge or proper documentation, and misinformation.

By completing a free business credit

and funding analysis form, BCA Culture representatives say they can help novice business owners learn more about how they can obtain top credit to help introduce new products, services, float payroll, purchase equipment, or to maintain daily operations.

For more information, visit beaculture.com.

Good in the Hood Scholarships Offered Community youth encouraged to apply

Applications are now available to apply for scholarships to be awarded by the Good in the Hood (GITH) Music and Food Multicultural Festival celebrated each June in connection with the Portland Rose Festival.

Graduating high school and current college students are eligible to apply.

Scholarship Chairperson Denise Millhollen is proud to announce that this year GITH will be giving out nine \$2,000 for a total of \$18,000, the most scholarship awards in the festival’s history. Visit www.goodinthehood.org for details.



The 27th year GITH Festival, June 26-27, is going virtual to stay in compliance with state pandemic regulations. This fun filled virtual festival will keep you on your feet with great music, marketplace, info village, kids’ spaces, prizes, community awards and special guests.

A non-profit organization 501c(3), Good in the Hood was founded in 1990 by the parents and staff of Holy Redeemer Catholic School in northeast Portland with a vision to raise funding for the school and to celebrate diversity. Today, GITH volunteers rooted in the Black community continue the tradition of celebrating the diversity of Portland neighborhoods, maintaining the festival’s motto of ‘Unity in the Community’ and most importantly, providing scholarships to college students.

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Back to Hands On Learning

Dental hygiene students return to downtown clinic

A year ago, like the rest of the world, Portland Community College’s Dental Hygiene and Assisting students were thrown a curveball. When the pandemic hit, PCC was forced to transition to virtual operations that resulted in it closing in-person classes indefinitely.

The move was devastating. Dental students need in-person practice on real patients in order to have the skills and experience to join a workforce that is in desperate need of qualified workers.

“We all kind of panicked,” remembered Jennifer Osawa, a dental hygiene student. “We wondered, ‘How can this be? What happens if we lose our skills?’”

When PCC went to remote operations, 38 Dental Hygiene Program students were enrolled — 20 in their second year and 18 in their first.

Working with college resources, Dental



Dental Hygiene and Assisting students at Portland Community College practice on real patients in order to have the skills and experience to join a workforce that is in desperate need of qualified workers.

Director Josette Beach was able to help the second-year students graduate at the end of summer. Staff worked hard to help the students complete the required externships at local dental offices and wrap-up

their certificates, a mere one term later than usual.

But the first-year hopefuls couldn’t practice their skills on actual patients as they were forced to study remotely online.

“I was stressed about all of my classes and my life at home,” said student Laura Loaiciga Ulloa. “I was OK with a few

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terms online, and I tried to adapt to online school, but I preferred in-person classes.”

When spring term began this past March 29, students were finally able to return to the classroom for resumption of in-person classes and training. This puts them on course to complete their state-mandated 540 hours of clinical practice and graduate this fall.

Beach and her team even raised \$7,775 to help pay for a two-credit “Skills Review” class for students

to take before going back into the dental clinic to work on patients.

“We weren’t just going to throw them into treating patients without making sure that they had reviewed and we’re ready,” Beach explained. “The fact that the community donated money so that they would not have to pay for those extra credits to get that review class was a big boost to our students.”

Meanwhile, a brand new group of 18 part-time students that began their certificates taking online classes during fall and winter are now experiencing their first in-person learning. The college

also offers its traditional full-time Dental Assisting Program, and currently has 41 students enrolled.

The dental assisting and hygiene students, as well as the college’s new dental clinic, operate in a brand new space in downtown Portland called the Vanport Building, which also provides healthcare services and community resources in conjunction with Portland State University, the city of Portland and Oregon Health & Science University.

The clinic is the cornerstone to training for the dental students and for those in the community

who want great dental care for a low price. It offers care to community members who, by booking appointments with the program, help train dental hygiene and assisting students.

Students provide free dental exams, dental X-rays, cleanings, small fillings and sealants, under the supervision of licensed professionals. The cost is no more than \$25 for a visit, and often less. Appointments are three to four hours long and work may require multiple visits.

To make an appointment, call 971-722-4909 or email dental-clinic@pcc.edu.

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Direct Action March Breaks Windows

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Bank building at MLK and Killingsworth, the Popeye’s restaurant at MLK and Ainsworth, the Natural Grocers store on MLK and Alberta, the O’Reilly Auto Parts store across the street, and at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club, next door to the North Police Precinct.

The so-called “direct-action” protest followed the police killing Friday of Robert Douglas Delgado, 46, a white man who had reportedly been acting like a

cowboy and doing “quick-draws” with what appeared to be a handgun in Lents Park. The details of the shooting were released by police for the first time on Monday.

Delgado’s gun turned out to be a replica with an orange tip, which is typically intended to distinguish toy guns or BB guns from functioning firearms.

The police said their investigation into the park shooting was hampered by a crowd of “fairly aggressive people” who showed up at the southeast Portland park. Then

that night, demonstrators broke windows, burglarized businesses and set fires downtown, including the Oregon Historical Society and a church, and police made four arrests after declaring a riot.

Portland has been the scene of regular protests, many involving violent clashes between officers and demonstrators, since the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May. There were demonstrations for more than 100 straight days last summer, and earlier last week, a crowd set a fire outside the city’s police union headquarters on North Lombard Street following recent fatal police shootings in Chicago and Minneapolis.

Portland police on Monday issued a timeline of events as well as dispatch audio around the time of Delgado’s shooting. The first officer arrived at 9:36 a.m. with others arriving shortly after, and within about four minutes officers reported Delgado had been shot and was down.

Police haven’t said what happened before he was shot. Delgado was shot by officer Zachary DeLong from about 90 feet away, police said, while two officers fired a 40mm device that shoots non-lethal projectiles.

It wasn’t clear why DeLong fired his rifle as others were using less-lethal options. According to dispatch radio traffic, DeLong had reported that Delgado was “very noncompliant” and had been making obscene gestures toward officers.

“I think the gun’s in his back pocket,” DeLong radioed to dispatch at one point.

An ambulance was called and by 9:48 a.m., officers were performing CPR on Delgado, who died of a single gunshot wound, police said.

DeLong is on paid administrative leave, authorities said.

--Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Maya Chavez, a US Navy airman from Portland, is pictured on March as she stands forward spotter watch in primary flight control aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Mediterranean Sea.

Military Career Choices Honored

High school seniors from Portland and Vancouver who are enlisting in the armed forces after graduation are being honored by the city of Vancouver and current military members.

The students will be recognized for aspiring to military

careers during a special 10 a.m. ceremony on Saturday, April 24 at the Fort Vancouver Artillery Barracks. Sponsored by the Community Military Appreciation Committee, the annual event will include Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle, Clark

County Councilor Gary Medviga and other community and military representatives, but will be closed to the public this year to adhere to Covid-19 social distancing guidelines.

For more information, visit cmac11.com.



Madeleine Hanlon-Austin

Parks is Hiring for Summer

Portland Parks & Recreation has announced that it is hiring hundreds of people to help staff summer programs, including more than 700 for swimming pools and associated programs, including about 50 seasonal maintenance workers.

Current PP&R Aquatics and Recreation Coordinator Madeleine Hanlon-Austin is a testament to the satisfaction many employees find in their jobs.

"I'm proud to work for Port-

land Parks & Recreation because it's inclusive and because I can bring my whole self to work," she said.

With the community's investment in the Parks Local Option Levy, PP&R says it again expects to be one of the largest summertime employers of young people in Portland.

To find out more and apply for jobs with Portland Parks & Recreation, visit portland.gov/parks/employment.



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Summer academic and enrichment programs to support children and families are being formulated to help mitigate the negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic and address learning inequities.

Making Up for Lost School Time

Grants to support grass roots programs

The Oregon Community Foundation has laid out plans to administer \$40 million of state-funded grants for community organizations to provide summer enrichment activities for K-12 aged students, such as day camps and outdoor programs as well as \$1.2 million earmarked for parent-child summer programming for families with young children.

The move announced last week is part of a substantial investment by the State of Oregon to address learning inequities and help mitigate the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Oregon children and families.

“The pandemic has caused widespread learning loss and social-emotional setbacks with youth, while also amplifying learning

disparities across racial and socioeconomic lines,” says Lisa Bermudez of Bend Science Station. “The expertise, training and connections of OCF will help organizations to successfully re-engage youth, particularly marginalized youth, and make up for lost learning this summer.”

OCF will administer grants for two different allocations of state-funding for summer educational and enrichment programs:

The K-12 Summer Learning Grants will prioritize community-based programs for underserved youth and families that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The grants will be available to public and nonprofit organizations that provide community-based programming including: Support enrichment programs for learning outside of the classroom, support arts, sports, mentoring, workforce development, science, museum education and many other indoor and outdoor activ-

ities.

A priority to programs that serve K-12 aged youth from communities of color, youth from low-income families, and youth living in under-resourced rural communities.

“National and local data shows that this programming helps build a sense of belonging, develop critical social emotional skills, and promote greater school attendance and engagement,” says Belle Cantor, the Oregon Community Foundation’s senior program officer for education. “The trauma of school disruption as well as living with an elevated level of anxiety and uncertainty can have long-term negative impacts on children. This is magnified for children who already experience racial inequity.”

OCF will accept, review, and award grants on a rolling basis throughout the spring to ensure programs have funds in

hand to begin planning and implementation. OCF will seek the advice of a diverse, community-based advisory committee throughout the granting process to ensure that the program is meeting community priorities.

The Early Childhood Summer Support Grants will support enrichment programs for learning by providing services for approximately 600 children (from birth to 5 years of age) and families. These grants will help deliver 12 weeks of parent-child summer programming, including group classes and activities that offer social and learning opportunities for young children and their parents, play groups and kindergarten readiness programs.

Application forms and more information can be found on the OCF website at oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/grants/k-12-summer-learning-grant-program

OPINIONATED JUDGE

BY DARLEEN ORTEGA



My Top 10 Films for 2020

Best films help you see world in another light

For a cinephile like me, this year has been a hard one. I miss being inside movie theaters; it really is the best way to experience a film. I'll be glad to go back.

Fortunately, I've learned to access a broad range of cinema from home and have easily assembled a list of my 10 favorites of the year, which I'm releasing in advance of Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony as I always do. These are the films that stayed with me, that changed me and helped me see beyond my circumstances, as the best films do. *Here's my list, in total, followed by my thoughts about what makes them especially great:*

1. **Minari**
2. **Beyond the Visible: Hilma af Klint**
3. **Driveways**
4. **Judas and the Black Messiah**
5. **The White Tiger**
6. **Ma Rainey's Black Bottom**
7. **The Dissident**
8. **Crip Camp**
9. **The Father**
10. **David Byrne's American Utopia**

1. Writer-Director Lee Isaac

Chung has said that he began work on his luminous film *"Minari"* by making a list of memories of his childhood in the early 1980s, when he, his sister, and his Korean immigrant parents moved to rural Arkansas so that his father could start a farm.

This film isn't strictly about experiencing racism and alienation, or about being Asian American, or about being immigrants or the children of immigrants, though it poignantly depicts aspects of those experiences that are under-explored in American cinema.

It's also the best film I can remember about marital conflict between people who love each other.

2. My favorite film for most of this year was a sleeper that few people saw--and it came into my world early in the pandemic, when I was largely accessing films through distributor and theater websites. *"Beyond the Visible: Hilma af Klint,"* now more broadly accessible, stayed with me more than anything I saw this year. It's a beautifully crafted examination of the life and work of the Swedish artist.

Af Klint is one of the more dramatic examples of how far from a meritocracy the art world--and the world in general--actually is. She



Minari, director Lee Isaac Chung's film about a Korean family who moves to a farm in rural Alabama. In advance of the Academy Awards on April 25, Portland Observer film critic, Opinionated Judge columnist Darleen Ortega, rates *Minari* as the best film of 2020, the first of her top 10 films of the year. Photo courtesy Diamond Films.

began creating a massive body of astoundingly visionary abstract work in 1906, yet remains relatively obscure to this day. Unnoticed, hindered, discounted, and quite possibly ripped off, the artist nevertheless kept producing astounding work that no one saw until recently--and this film enlists a host of passionate experts (most of them women) to help us understand af Klint's importance and what her obscurity indicates about the art world to this very day.

3. *"Driveways"* is a gentle film that stayed with me long after I watched it, and called me back for return viewings. By any measure, it's a slender film--no major plot

points, many moments of quiet observation. But director Andrew Ahn and screenwriters Hannah Bos and Paul Thureen seem to understand that human beings viewed with compassion and interest can be inherently moving, even without a major conflict or tragedy; this is a story about kindness and connection that earns real investment and even tears with every lean moment.

4. *"Judas and the Black Messiah"* deserves much more credit than it is getting for bringing attention to a long-neglected story with courage and canniness. Its creators made a string of improbably good choices

in selecting as their focus Fred Hampton in contrast with Bill O'Neal, the FBI informant who played a critical role in facilitating his fascination, shedding light on the FBI's obsession with Hampton, other charismatic black leaders, and the Black Panthers, and opening the way to so many questions we should be asking ourselves. This is smarter storytelling than we usually see, and Daniel Kaluuya deserves an Oscar for his brilliant performance of the charismatic murdered leader.

5. *"The White Tiger"* is a major omission from the Oscar list of Best Picture and Best Actor nominees. As with *"Jesus and the Black Messiah,"* I suspect its under-appreciated status is because it shines such a light on things we don't want to see in ourselves. Director Ramin Bahrani (nominated for the screenplay) is drawn to the stories of people at the margins--his excellent prior work includes the 2008 film *"Chop Shop,"* which made a lasting impression on me with its immersion into the life of a young boy supporting himself and his sister in the underworld of Queens, New York, in poverty that we pretend doesn't exist in the United States.

6. *"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"*

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Local elections count!

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PSU Proposes Race Studies Mandate

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Oregon, in 2019 Vermont and Washington passed similar laws, and a new Connecticut law requires high schools to offer an ethnic-studies class by 2022.

Washington Education Association President Kim Mead said these efforts are important for minority students.

“We know that when students see themselves, and their experiences and cultures in the classroom, they are more engaged in learning, which translates to academic success,” she said.

Johnson said the Faculty Senate was presented with two motions, one to have race and ethnic studies for all students by offering a domestic course that focuses on racism in the United States, and an international course on colonial racism in Europe.

The second motion concerns the makeup of the committee that will design the race and ethnic studies curriculum. Johnson said it should be composed primarily of faculty from the School of Gender, Race and Nations, which includes Black Studies; Indigenous Nations Studies; Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies;

and Chicano/Latino Studies.

“We are the experts in the field of race and ethnic studies, which is what we do throughout our departments,” he said. “Others can be on the committee, but we argue that other departments don’t solely focus on race and ethnic issues.”

Some, he said, are concerned about pushback from students who don’t want to take a race and ethnic studies course, Johnson said, so his proposal includes more support for professors.

“Professors may have to deal with students who lack knowledge or just don’t think they should have to take the course,” he said. To ease the burden on professors, the proposal is recommending that teaching race and ethnicity classes count toward a professor’s teaching load and tenure.

Johnson said there is strong student support for the proposal across the school, including the Associated Students of Portland State University.

“We think this will make Portland State a more attractive place for those interested in race and ethnic studies, but also to students who are Black, indigenous or people of color, too,” he said.

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OPINION



Our Justified Grievances with Policing

We live this reality in Clark County

BY REV. LENNY DUNCAN

As the Second Vice President, and a local faith leader, I want to take a few moments to address the continued communal national trauma centered in the Twin Cities, what is quickly becoming one of the most dangerous places for Black peoples since the Antebellum south, the state of Minnesota.



During the middle of the Derek Chauvin trial while all the eyes of the world are upon the area we see the same story play out. The same moment in history repeats. A moment we have lived here many times in Clark County. We hear their pained cries as Black peoples who also live in a mostly white state where our daily realities, experiences, and justified grievances with policing and its systems in this country and county are questioned. Where local politicians, sheriff and police departments gaslight us with a media that stands in lockstep with

whatever the prevailing narrative is. We know this reality because we live it here in Clark County.

Just this Good Friday, one of the holiest days of the year in the Christian Calendar, in a county that flouts it's "Christian Ideals", I led a group of community members to sites of the state sanctioned deaths of Jeniah and Kevin. Two young men who deserve vigil, remembrance, and love no matter the results of the local investigations. Our membership, with others in the community was met with intimidation, threats, slurs, and armed men "just checking out the scene."

The fact that these so-called believers can't even fathom that they worship a God who was killed "legally" is predictable if not regrettable, but perhaps the most telling thing is the hatred and revulsion our neighbors met us with. Thankfully I had asked a local security team of activists to escort everyone, but one 6 year old girl was so scared she wanted a ride back to the starting point for safety. This right here in Hazel Dell. These tragedies spread across the coun-

try we have all witnessed are not disparate but interconnected in the way White Supremacy is an interconnected system of oppression and it's also an ideology espoused by local community members here.

It's both and in the same way the American system of policing in its current configuration is dangerous for Black and Brown communities, and it's also for the same officers many in the community claim to care for.

But instead of a large community conversation about policing and its engagement with the local Black community or how we can actually put in new systems that invite more community trust, oversight, or even involvement

"We are fed a local narrative that George Floyd didn't die here. How does it matter to us?" It matters to us because we are Black, living in America, and specifically living in Clark County where we've recently saw Black Lives taken as well.

My position is George Floyd, Sandra Bland, or Daunte's deaths all could have happened here. The proof is sadly in the blood staining our very streets. We are either going

to be a part of the grand rebuilding of this nation, or not. Clark County can either lead the way in finding actionable large scale solutions or it can wait until the next Carlos. The next Kevin. The next Jeniah. It's up to our neighbors what they want, what kind of future they envision as we all come out of our homes.

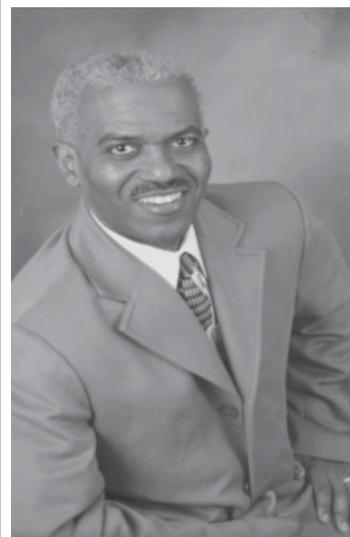
His name was Daunte Wright. I

will say his name in Clark County. I will say all their names until justice rolls down like a mighty stream over this soul sick nation.

To my Muslim sisters and brothers, as you embark on Ramadan, one of your holiest months, I wish you the peace that you deserve during this month. Eid Mubarak.

Rev. Lenny Duncan is second Vice President of the Vancouver NAACP, and leader of the civil rights group's outreach to the LGBTQIA+ community.

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Black or multiracial people came back with its verdict after about 10 hours of deliberations over two days. Chauvin was found guilty on all charges: second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

His face was obscured by a COVID-19 mask, and little reaction could be seen beyond his eyes darting around the courtroom. His bail was immediately revoked and he was led away with his hands cuffed behind his back. Sentencing will be in two months.

In Portland, city leaders, including police and other law enforcement officials, issued statements in support of the jury's decision.

Mayor Ted Wheeler, who said he hoped Chauvin would be found guilty on all charges, declared a state of emergency in the city in advance of the verdict to address potential protests.

Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt released a statement saying the significance of the guilty verdicts cannot be overstated.

"This trial was vastly more than just a police officer on trial for the murder of a man. It was about humanity and sanctity of Black life. It proved excessive force is a weapon," Schmidt said.

Elected on a platform of supporting police reforms last May, Schmidt said prosecuting Chauvin delivered justice in one case, but by itself cannot transform the criminal justice system that took Floyd's life.

"Now, we must take what we know—what we've learned from this trial—and find the strength to bring about transformative change in institutions across our country, and to heal and reestablish trust. This moment must serve to remind us of the tremendous gulf between where we are and where we truly must be," Schmidt said.

Daryl Turner, executive director of the Portland Police Association, issued a statement declaring that the Minnesota jury had imposed justice in finding Derek Chauvin guilty of murdering George Floyd.

"This is the first step in our Nation's healing as we continue to rebuild trust with the communities we serve," he said.

"Nearly a year ago, we wrote that 'what happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis at the hands of a police officer is revolting, incomprehensible, and unacceptable. What we saw in that video—Mr. Floyd pleading for his life—should send chills down the spine of every law enforcement officer and citizen in this country. This tragedy is inconsistent with our oath to protect

and serve, it is inconsistent with the job entrusted to us by our communities, and it is in complete opposition to everything we are trained to do.' Those words are still true today," Turner said.

Acting Portland Police Chief Chris Davis agreed with the Minneapolis Chief of Police who said that Derek Chauvin's actions were beyond the bounds of the law and what is expected of police officers in the performance of their duties.

"The encounter with George Floyd that resulted in his death spurred a critical mass across the country demanding police reform and accountability. All community members should be treated with fairness, equity, dignity and professionalism no matter their race, Davis said.

Floyd, 46, died May 25 after being arrested on suspicion of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill for a pack of cigarettes at a corner market. He panicked, pleaded that he was claustrophobic and struggled with police when they tried to put him in a squad car. They put him on the ground instead.

The centerpiece of the case was the excruciating bystander video of Floyd gasping repeatedly, "I can't breathe" and onlookers yelling at Chauvin to stop as the officer pressed his knee on or close to Floyd's neck for what authorities say was 9 1/2 minutes. Floyd slowly went silent and limp.

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‘Heart Scare’ Ends NBA Career

Former Blazer LaMarcus Aldridge retires after diagnosis

Former Portland Trail Blazer LaMarcus Aldridge retired from the NBA last week after saying he experienced an irregular heartbeat during his final game with the Brooklyn Nets.

Aldridge, 35, posted a statement on social media saying the heart concerns he had during and after Brooklyn’s loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on April 11 was one of the “scariest things” he’s experienced.

Aldridge, who was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome — an abnormality that can cause a rapid heartbeat — as a rookie in 2007, said he feels better now after getting it checked out but decided to end his 15-year career.

“For 15 years I’ve put basketball first, and now, it is time to put my health and my family first,” Aldridge wrote.

The seven-time All-Star signed with the Nets on March 28 and he



Former Trail Blazer LaMarcus Aldridge, as a member of the Brooklyn Nets, shoots over Los Angeles Lakers center Andre Drummond during a game on April 11 in New York. (AP photo)

had become their starting center. He missed the last two games with what the team had called a non-COVID-19 illness.

The No. 2 pick in the 2006 draft was long one of the best at his position, averaging 19.4 points in a career that began with nine seasons in Portland.

He went on to play 5 1/2 with the San Antonio Spurs and was a five-time All-NBA selection.

Aldridge thanked all three organizations in his post, saying Portland gave him some “unforgettable years” after drafting a “skinny, Texas kid.”

He praised the Nets for allowing him to play his type of game, when so many NBA teams are looking more to the perimeter instead of the post now.

Trail Blazer executive Neil Olshey called Aldridge one of the best players in the history of the franchise.

“LaMarcus had a storied NBA career and his time as a Trail Blazer will always be remembered fondly. Any success we experienced during his tenure in Portland would not have been possible without his work ethic, dedication and talent, Olshey said. “He will always be a member of the Trail Blazer family and we wish him the best in all future endeavors.”

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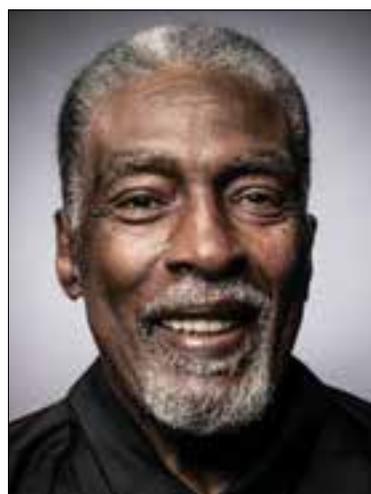
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Shaler Halimon

Original Blazer Dies at 76

Shaler Halimon, an original member of the Portland Trail Blazers, who went on to call Oregon his home, has died at the age of 76.

The Trail Blazers organization announced Monday that it was mourning Holimon, an original member of Portland’s inaugural 1970-71 team.

While his time playing for the

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Passion for Wine a Second Career

Carmelo Anthony featured in magazine

Did you know Portland Trail Blazer and 10-time NBA All-Star Carmelo Anthony has become the unofficial wine ambassador to the NBA.

Anthony is featured on the May cover of Wine Spectator Magazine where he gives a commentary on NBA COVID-19 protocols and provides details on his background as a wine aficionado, including the origins of his wine-themed YouTube Series, What’s In Your Glass? and how he brings his own wine on NBA road trips and more.

Fellow ‘Wine Players of the NBA’, T.J. McConnell, CJ McCollum and Doug McDermott are also featured.

In the article, Anthony talks candidly about his interests, championing diversity across industries:

The series “was supposed to be just about wine,” he said, “but so many other things were happening in our community and society and that led to, ‘OK, we’re talking about wine but we’re also going to address the issues happening in our community and our country... And what better way to discuss what’s happening in our world than over a glass of wine?’”



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As an outspoken activist against racial injustice and social inequality, he founded the

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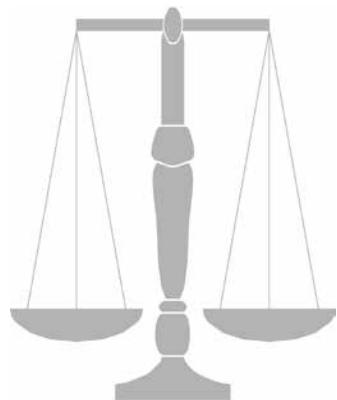
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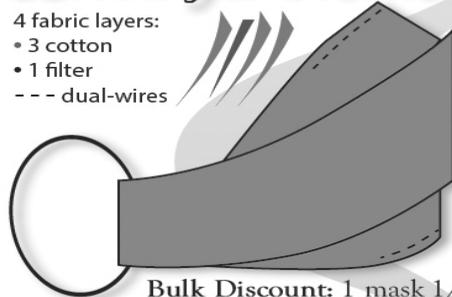
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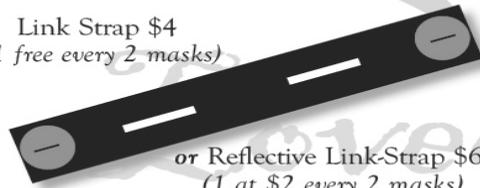
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Trail Blazers was brief, he made a lasting impact on Rip City and ultimately called Oregon home once his NBA career concluded – and became a widely beloved driver for Oregon's TriMet public transportation system.

The Blazers said Shaler was also a proud member of the Trail Blazers Alumni Program for many years, promoting the good will of the Trail Blazers organization across Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

"We extend our heartfelt condolences to Shaler's family and loved ones," a team representative said.

Passion for Wine a Second Career

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Carmelo Anthony Foundation over 15 years ago as a vehicle for community impact and social reform through a variety of outreach programs, disaster relief initiatives and donations.

Anthony's weekly YouTube series started as a show to discuss his favorite wines with friends and has since evolved into an important opportunity for thought-provoking conversations with special guests and what can be done to push progress forward. Anthony will be re-launching the viral series as a podcast available on all audio platforms later this year.

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Remember Jerome for all the things he accomplished such as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, nephew, cousin, brother and friend who loved everyone. A man who accomplished not only being one of the first African American locomotive engineers for Union Pacific Railroad, Southern Pacific Railroad and Amtrak. He was a member of the OFDA, Millennium 2000 Group who brought activist Dick Gregory to Portland three times, but in the end dedicated his life to operating Cox & Cox Funeral Chapel, the legacy of the founder Arthur A. Cox, Sr., his



grandfather.

He peacefully transitioned to eternal life to be with his parents and others who went before him.

Jerome is survived by his wife of over 20 years: Schawna Tanner; children: Yolanda Tanner (Gregory Bonnell), Kevin Tanner (Angela), Shellene Tanner - Young (James) and Rashad Tanner; grandchildren: Necia Cage (Dupree Pankey), A'charii Bonnell, Alexis, Aspy and Kylea Tanner, Samiyah, Semaj and Marlee-Rae Young; great grandchildren: Dupree Jr. and Braylen Pankey, Karsyn and Jaidyn Rice; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

He will be missed dearly by family, friends and the community.

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FBI Team Ups with Portland on Guns

New task force investigates gun crimes

In response to a persistent and concerning rise in local gun violence, Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt and Acting U.S. Attorney Scott Erik Asphaug joined area law enforcement partners last week to announce a new initiative to coordinate and focus local and federal law enforcement resources on investigating and prosecuting gun crimes in Multnomah County.

The Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Gresham Police Department entered into a voluntary agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice—to include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)—to deputize a small contingent of local law enforcement officers to focus exclusively on investigating gun violence and crimes involving firearms.

The federally-deputized officers will be assigned to the Metro Safe Streets Task Force, officials said. All of agencies involved have agreed that community and law enforcement programs designed to prevent gun violence before it

occurs are critical to solving this public health crisis.

The new gun violence focus does not seek to preempt or replace any existing or proposed prevention-based gun violence reduction efforts. Rather, this new initiative is focused on investigating shootings after they occur and, where appropriate and supported by evidence, charging those responsible in state or federal court.

Officials said because the purpose of the collaboration between law enforcement is to interdict gun-related harm in our community, local law enforcement deputized under this new agreement will play no role in enforcing immigration law nor performing any crowd management duties at First Amendment demonstrations or events.

Participation in the Metro Safe Streets Task Force is meant to give local law enforcement a greater ability to coordinate investigations across both the federal and state judicial systems; access federal forensic testing and analysis resources; access needed equipment such as vehicles, additional police radios and computers; and receive funding for overtime costs not currently funded by local agencies.

Management of the Metro Safe Streets Task Force will be shared among the Special Agent



Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt

in Charge of the FBI in Oregon, Special Agent in Charge of the ATF Seattle Field Division, the Multnomah County Sheriff, and the chiefs of the Portland Police Bureau and Gresham Police Department.

The frequency of gun violence in Portland and greater Multnomah County demands an immediate response to quell the staggering statistics, officials said.

Officials said the greatest potential for building stronger communities and controlling violent crime will be achieved by increasing the number of neighborhood organizations actively involved in these same efforts, by them developing programs for young people in our community and having dedicated staff to work against violence.

My Top 10 Films for 2020

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is, to my mind, a wholly successful film adaptation of the August Wilson play. It benefits from an absolutely stunning cast—Chadwick Bozeman in his final role and Viola Davis both deserve Oscars for their performances, and the supporting cast members (especially Colman Domingo and Glynn Turman) are equally fine. Legendary blues singer Ma Rainey (Davis) gets more screen time than she has in the play, and the film grounds the action in the physical settings that drive the story, offering contrasting windows into the southern venues where Rainey was most understood and venerated away from the white gaze and the Chicago recording studio where she and her band are a commodity to be exploited by white supremacy.

7. I can't help wondering if *"The Dissident"* failed to garner awards recognition and a spot on any lists of the year's best films for the same reasons that it failed to secure a streaming platform on Netflix—that our government and business interests are reluctant to assist in bringing attention to the implications of the murder of journalist Jamal Kashoggi for the world community and for the U.S. specifically. This excellent documentary really awakened me to the causes for concern, and does a masterful

job of connecting dots that to this day have garnered shockingly few repercussions for the Saudi government.

8. *"Crip Camp"* forever changed my perspective and made me ashamed that I knew so little about the legal and civil rights history it imparts. The film begins with exploration of a camp in the Catskills, Camp Jened, where, from 1951 to 1977, disabled adolescents had experiences of freedom and access that were unheard of in their otherwise sheltered lives and likely would even be hard to come by today. stories like this are so underexplored never ceases to amaze me; we are so fortunate that LeBrecht and

9. *"The Father"* left me shaken and disoriented—and, yes, I am recommending it. Although there have been some good films about people experiencing dementia, this is the first one to approach the subject from the vantage point of the person in decline—here, an 80-year-old man named Anthony (an astounding Anthony Hopkins).

10. *"David Byrne's American Utopia"* is a work of sheer delight. Director Spike Lee is really in his wheelhouse here, offering us a way to experience in film a Broadway concert show that Byrne created with a mesmerizing group of 11 musicians from all over the world.

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