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Backers of a proposed initiative that would require individuals to secure permits to buy firearms and ban large-capacity magazines deliver the signatures of thousands of voters to state election offices on July 8 in Salem. The backers say they have enough signatures to place the measure on the November ballot. (AP photo)

## Signature Drive Complete

### Gun Control Backers rejoice, expect fall ballot

(AP) — Backers of a proposed initiative in Oregon that would require people to secure permits to buy firearms say concern about recent mass shootings have buoyed their effort and they have enough signatures to place it on the November ballot.

The Rev. Mark Knutson, a chief petitioner of the initiative, delivered signatures July 8 to the Oregon secretary of state's office in Salem, accompanied by students and other volunteers. Election officials, who work under Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, will verify that the

signatures are from registered voters.

Proponents of the measure say they've seen surging interest in the possible November ballot question following recent mass shootings, and they hope the move to put the gun issue before voters catches fire in other states.

"Let's go across the nation, and go from grief and despair and mourning," Knutson said. "We just need to take action. If people are afraid, if neighbors are being shot, if our children are in fear — if we don't take action, what are we doing?"

The initiative supporters needed to deliver at least 112,080 registered voters' signatures by the Friday deadline to get on the ballot, Knutson said. Proponents say they delivered 161,545 signatures.

It would ban large capacity magazines over 10 rounds — except for current owners, law enforcement and the military — and require a permit to purchase

any gun. The state police would create a firearms database.

To qualify for a permit, an applicant must complete an approved firearm safety course, pay a fee, provide personal information, submit to fingerprinting and photographing and pass a criminal background check. The person must apply for the permit from the local police chief, county sheriff or their designees.

Oregon appears to be the only state in America with a gun safety initiative underway for the 2022 election, according to Sean Holihan, state legislative director for Giffords, an organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence.

The National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action has denounced the initiative, saying on its website that "these anti-gun citizens are coming after YOU, the law-abiding firearm owners of Oregon, and YOUR guns. They don't care about the Constitution,

your right to keep and bear arms, or your God-given right of self-defense."

Voters in two predominantly Democratic neighboring states have already passed gun safety ballot measures.

In 2018, Washington state voters approved restrictions on the purchase and ownership of firearms, including raising the minimum purchasing age to 21, adding background checks and increasing waiting periods. In 2016, voters there overwhelmingly approved a measure authorizing courts to issue extreme risk protection orders to remove an individual's access to firearms.

California voters in 2016 passed a measure prohibiting the possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines and requiring certain individuals to pass a background check to buy ammunition.

The same year, voters in Maine narrowly defeated a proposal to require background checks before a gun sale.



# A Legacy of Kindness



Family and friends hold a remembrance Friday for Kevin McDowell, the Portland man who died saving a swimmer on the Columbia River on June 26. Pictured are (from left) sister Trayanna, fiancée Dessiree and mother Rhonda Jackson (KATU Photo)

## Family, Friends Remember Community Hero

On Friday evening July 15th family, friends, and the community came together at Washington Park Amphitheater to remember Kevin McDowell a well known Portland restaurant owner and community member who recently died saving a life of a swimmer.

On June 26, McDowell was boating near Lemon Island when he saw a woman struggling to swim. He jumped into the Columbia River to help her. She was able to reach safety, but McDowell went under the water and did not resurface. His body was recovered several days later on July 4.

McDowell's fiancé, Dessiree Guy, expressed what kind of person McDowell was during the special ceremony. In a statement, she

wrote "This tragic occurrence is a reminder of the selflessness and love of who Kevin is. Kevin is the type of man to pay for another person's meal sitting next to him. He would take the shirt off his back for a stranger without hesitation."

McDowell family members came to Portland from California following the incident last month. His mom, Rhonda Jackson, says the support from the community has been overwhelming. Before returning back to California, Jackson wanted to warn other of the dangers of the water. "This water may look pretty, but this water is dangerous," Jackson said. "My son was a strong swimmer at six foot, eight [inches]. There's no way he should've drowned."

Jackson is hopeful her son's legacy will live on in Portland through basketball and the bar. She says the local restaurant community has really stepped up to help Kevin's surviving loved ones.



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## Block Party for History Made

Dean's Barber and Beauty Shop, a Black-owned landmark since 1956, serving generations from 213 N.E. Hancock St., is going on the National Register of Historic Places. To celebrate, Xfinity is hosting a block party at Dean's on Saturday, July 23, from noon to 5 p.m. The community is invited with food and guest speakers planned, including former Oregon State Sen. Margaret Carter and Kim Moreland, the president of Oregon Black Pioneers who provided research for the historic designation.

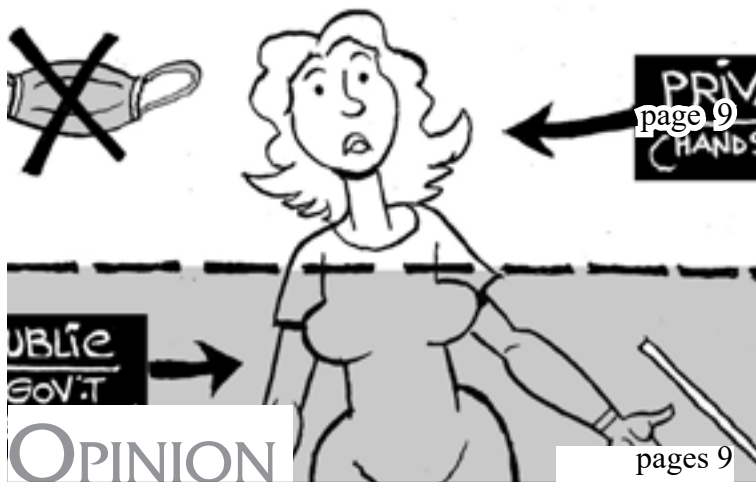


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## Making Room for Housing



Construction rises along Northeast Killingsworth Street at 42nd Avenue where Portland Community College is partnering with Home Forward to develop and manage affordable housing.

### PCC joins with Home Forward to serve community

Portland Community College has joined forces with community housing providers who have the expertise and resources needed to handle new affordable housing on campus sites.

The college is currently working with Home Forward to develop and manage an affordable housing community at The Portland Metropolitan Workforce Training Center (PMWTC), located at Northeast Killingsworth and

42nd Avenue with substantial help from the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) and the neighborhood group Living Cully.

Under construction in the Cully neighborhood of Northeast Portland, the site will include 84 affordable housing units and other supportive services to be accessed by people living in the surrounding communities.

Larger units will be reserved for families with children or multiple roommates, and will have units set aside for families involved in the foster care system. It's anticipated that other PCC campuses in the fu-

ture will be open to the community but heavily marketed to PCC students. Students who qualify will not lose housing if they are not enrolled in college, officials said.

The construction at the workforce training center replaces two outdated buildings giving community members a wide range of services and programs that will conveniently be under one roof. The project combines classrooms, meeting rooms, open workspace as well as a community room and common areas.

For more details on PCC's planning and construction, visit [pcc.edu/bond/](http://pcc.edu/bond/).

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The historic Billy Webb Elks Lodge in north Portland has won support for its operations from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund.

## Heritage Funding for Billy Webb

### Black culture group lends support

The historic Billy Webb Elks Lodge in Portland's Albina neighborhood has grown new support for its operations.

The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund (AACHAF), a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Tuesday announced its award of \$140,000 to Billy Webb Elks Lodge #1050. The Action Fund is the largest U.S. resource dedicated to the preservation of African American historic places.

Funding will allow the lodge to hire its first staff member, a part-time executive director/op-

erations manager for two consecutive years and place it in a better position long term, officials said.

"A new wave of hatred and prejudice has been sweeping America, and it is important now more than ever to preserve sites that can provide essential services and resources to marginalized communities," says Louis McLemore, Billy Webb ruler. "Though the lodge was borne from segregation, our hope is that it can serve the community in the future as a place of racial harmony and unification."

The Billy Webb Elks Lodge on North Williams Avenue in Portland is on the National Register of Historic Places, in recognition of its historical significance for Portland's Black community. It sustained significant fire damage last September.

## New Pleas for Abortion Rights



Demonstrators gather outside the Supreme Court in Washington after the Supreme Court ended constitutional protections for abortion that had been in place nearly 50 years. (AP photo)

### New Fears Stir after Supreme Court Decision

(AP) -- The recreation to last month's U.S. Supreme Court decision eliminating the right to an abortion has upset many women across the country.

Abortion restrictions in a number of states and the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade are having profound repercussions in reproductive medicine as well as in other areas of

medical care. Before it overturned Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court never allowed states to ban abortion before the point when a fetus can survive outside the womb — roughly 24 weeks.

Dr. Tyler Handcock, an Austin OB-GYN, said his clinic has heard from hundreds of patients seeking sterilization since the Supreme Court's June 24 decision. Many choose this route because they fear long-acting birth control or other contraceptives could also become targets, he said.

In this country, black women are roughly three times more

likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than caucasian women. This information comes from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who also add that nearly a third of all abortions in this country are performed on black women, making them, proportionally, the largest group affected by overturning Roe v. Wade.

The Democratic National Committee has already launched a digital ad campaign to energize voters on the issue, warning that Republicans' ultimate goal is to outlaw abortion nationwide.

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# SPORTS

## World Competes in Eugene

### Memorable start for US athletes

(AP) --The Americans won nine medals on home turf Sunday at the world championships in Eugene in what will go down as one of the most memorable days for U.S. track and field in its long, successful history. It was the best single medal day for a nation at worlds, according to meet organizers.

Hurdler Devon Allen's false start kept the U.S. from a possible sweep in the 110-meter final and what could've been the 10th medal of the day.

The speedster-slash-receiver will now take his talents to the football field, where he'll attempt to make the roster for the Philadelphia Eagles. It was hardly the way he wanted to finish at worlds.

Allen's disappointment hardly spoiled a day in which the recording of the "Star-Spangled Banner" got worn out.

It began with the hammer throw, where Brooke Andersen took gold and Janee' Kssanavoid won bronze.



Gold medalist Grant Holloway of the United States poses after a final in the men's 110-meter hurdles at the World Athletics Championships Sunday in Eugene. (AP photo)

That was a warmup act for the night session, where seven medals piled up in a span of about 10 minutes.

The women's pole vaulters led the run with Katie Nageotte and Sandi Morris finishing 1-2.

Moments later — and following a delay as Allen unsuccessfully pleaded his case to officials to remain the race — Grant Holloway defended his hurdles title, with Trey Cunningham close behind in second.

Around the same time, the shot putters wrapped up a podium sweep with two-time Olympic champion Ryan Crouser taking gold, Joe Kovacs earning silver and Josh Awotunde finishing with bronze.

All this came an evening after Fred Kerley, Marvin Bracy and Trayvon Bromell swept the 100. It got Crouser thinking of what was possible in his event.

The competition continues through this week and weekend.

## Building Confidence, Self Esteem



Providing life-changing opportunities through sports and physical activity to kids with multiple disabilities, the Northwest Association for Blind Athletes prepares to host its seventh summer program, Camp Spark, opening Friday, July 28 on the Linfield University Campus in McMinnville.

## Teen Advances in Chess



Zoey Tang, 14, of Portland, is one of the nation's best chess players for girls her age. (KATU photo)

Zoey Tang of Portland is 14 years old and is competing this summer in one of the nation's top chess tournaments, one of only 10 players who qualified for the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship in Saint Louis, Mo.

Tang, who will be a freshman at Westview High School this fall, is rated the top chess player

in the U.S. and third in the world for girls her age.

She also gives back to her community, recently founding the non-profit Puddletown Chess with her brother and friend to make chess accessible to everyone in Oregon through free lessons and tournaments.





Diversity grants by Prosper Portland offer funding for local employers to inspire creative, equity-related best practices around workforce, marketing and communications.

# Grants Promote Business Diversity

Eleven local businesses will receive grants from Prosper Portland to promote diversity, equity and inclusion, the city's economic development agency recently announced. Ten of the recipient businesses are either BIPOC- or women-owned.

Prosper Portland's Inspiring Diversity Grant, now in its fourth year, is intended to encourage private employers to incorporate creative, equity-related best practices around workforce, marketing and communications.

Prosper Portland's business and industry strategy is focused on helping leading companies in targeted industries become more inclusive, recognizing that the fundamental equity challenge for these companies is improving access to good jobs.

Prosper Portland executive director Kimberly Branam said, "Our efforts to support local businesses, both large and small, focus on the importance of inclusion and a strong racial equity lens. The Inspiring Diversity grants build a learning

community that helps the recipients and their peer companies become more competitive by incorporating diversity and inclusion best practices."

The agency received more than 60 applications for the grant, which prioritizes companies that sell many of their products and services to people and businesses outside the Portland region, nationally and globally.

The average grant size was \$8,400. In addition, De La Salle High School will

partner with local businesses to provide internship opportunities for underrepresented youth.

David Fee of Castelli/Sportful, a past recipient of the grant, said, "The IDG program made it possible for us to increase the diversity within our team and have a greater impact on our community. Without the funds and support of the program, we could not have achieved the goals that our Diversity, Inclusion & Community Committee set for this year."



# Small Business Hub Launched



Kimberly Branam

Prosper Portland has launched a new program to serve local small business owners, the Portland Small Business Hub, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

The Portland Small Business Hub is a free resource for local small business owners, supported by federal American Rescue Plan funds allocated by Portland City Council to help businesses and communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic recession, officials of the economic development agency said.

The Hub is a collaboration between Prosper Portland and lo-

cal service providers and offers culturally specific small business technical assistance and resource navigation. The Hub connects business owners to financial relief programs by facilitating referrals to one-on-one assistance in applying for loans, grants, and other funding opportunities.

This program is intended to serve business owners who are residents of the city of Portland or whose businesses are in the city of Portland. Priority businesses include those owned by people of color, women, and non-English/limited English speakers or in industries impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prosper Portland Executive Director Kimberly Branam said, "We have listened to our small businesses and community partners, who have expressed a huge need for centralized information and navigation to access relief resources in a timely manner. The Portland Small Business Hub is built to address that need."

# Library to Close for Renovations



PHOTO BY PADRAIC RYAN/WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

The downtown Central Library will close Aug. 1 through Nov. 1 for construction.

The downtown Central Library will close to the public next month to undergo major renovations beginning Aug. 1 and lasting through Nov. 1.

During that time, crews will undertake a series of projects

that will create new outdoor public spaces, enhance access to the building and refresh and expand restroom amenities.

As part of a voter-approved 2020 Library building bond, Central Library and other

branches are scheduled to receive a number of updates and improvements over the next few years that will make the Multnomah County library system more accessible to all library patrons.

# Overcoming Problem Gambling

## Oregon Summers

Fairs and festivals. Barbeques and beaches. Summertime in Oregon has so much to offer — so many distractions from life's daily challenges. For some of us, it's easy to throw ourselves into a flurry of summer fun instead of doing the important work of overcoming issues that might be negatively affecting us. Issues like out-of-control gambling.

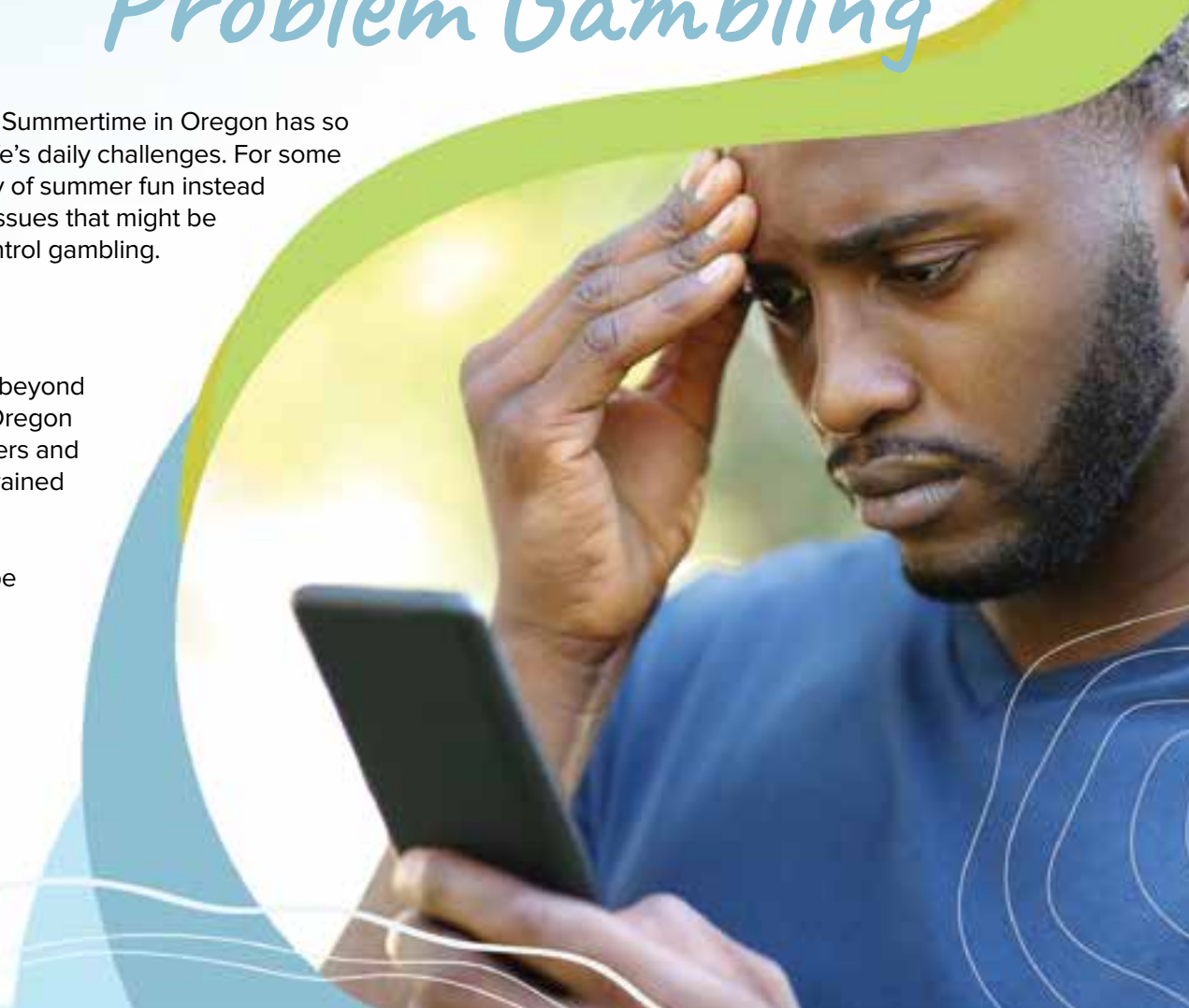
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# New Campaign: Slow Down



Slowing traffic down to save lives is the goal of a new traffic campaign called "Slow the Flock Down."

Portland drivers started seeing traffic signs reminding them to slow down as part of a new "Slow the Flock Down" traffic safety campaign that began this week.

The effort called Vision Zero emphasizes that it never ethically acceptable that people are killed or seriously injured when driving on the road. When crashes do occur, safe speeds make it less likely that people are killed or seriously injured. The slogan is a supposed to be a clever way to get people's attention and get them to drive slower.

Crashes have increased over the pandemic in Portland and the city is ramping up safety measures and awareness campaigns. As a result, drivers will now be seeing billboards, online messaging and bus stops with the "Slow the Flock Down" design. The design consists of a blue sign with several yellow birds.

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# OPINION

## Taking Back the Supreme Court

Long term project starts with next election

By BEN JEALOUS

Did you ever wonder whether elections really matter? Well, the Trump Supreme Court majority has answered that question for good.

Or, more accurately, they have answered it for bad.

In the term that has just ended, the new far right-wing majority on the Supreme Court went on a rampage. They have torn up decades of legal precedent to diminish Americans' rights and legal protections. To justify the results they wanted, they lied in their rulings the way some of them lied to get on the court. It has been a shameful display of power politics disguised as judging.

Not surprisingly, the most attention has been paid to the Court majority overturning the 50-year-old *Roe v. Wade* decision. A constitutional right that has made a huge difference in the lives of generations of women was wiped away. The impact will be devastating and deadly.

Millions of individuals and couples dealing with unwanted pregnancies, the trauma of rape or incest, life-threatening pregnancy complications, or even a miscarriage that some intrusive government official decides is suspicious, will have their options severely limited or eliminated entirely.

We know that those restrictions and their consequences will fall most harshly



Ben Jealous

on already vulnerable people, including Black people, LGBTQ+ people, people with disabilities, and low-income people. Already in Missouri, a major health care system will no longer treat rape victims with emergency contraception because the state abortion ban puts medical care providers at legal risk.

Anti-abortion state legislators seem to be in competition to see who can pass the most extreme, intrusive, and controlling laws. Some are even trying to limit people's right to travel from one state to another, targeting anyone who helps a person from a state that bans abortion get care in a state that permits it. It re-

minds me of the old fugitive slave laws that forced free states to help slave states deny people their freedom.

Unfortunately, overturning *Roe* is just one of the harmful decisions handed down by the Trump Court.

The Court intervened in voting rights cases to protect gerrymandering designed to limit Black voters' access to political power. This comes on top of other rulings gutting the Voting Rights Act.

The Trump Court went after sensible regulation of guns. The far-right justices overturned a New York law more than 100 years old that required people to show a good cause to get a permit to carry concealed firearms. Communities that are already suffering from the effects of gun crime are likely to experience even greater violence now that the court has robbed public officials of options and given the extremist pro-gun political agenda the power of law.

The court also further dismantled the separation of church and state, which protects religious freedom and preserves equality under law for people regardless of their religious beliefs. The Trump court took a wrecking ball to this pillar of American society. It is forcing states to divert tax dollars to religious schools, like some southern states did when they funded white evangelical segregationist academies that emerged in resistance to the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision outlawing racially segregated public schools. This court has made it easier for public officials, like

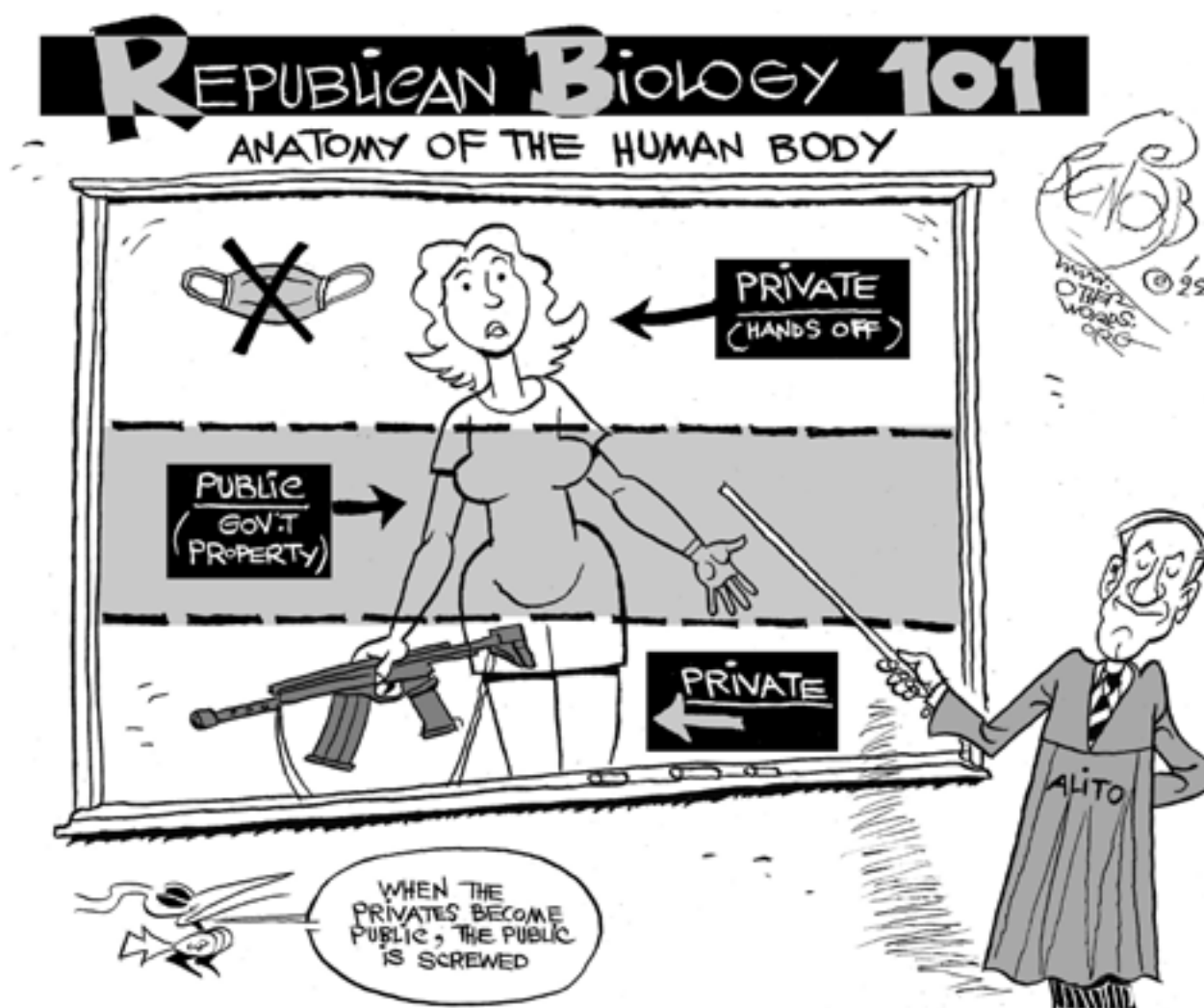
teachers, to coerce students into prayer or other religious practices. This is a very clear threat to anyone whose faith is different from the one dominant in their community or state.

In other words, the U.S. Supreme Court, which we counted on for generations to uphold civil rights and tear down obstacles to equality, is now acting as an arm of the increasingly aggressive far-right political movement.

How did we get here? Simple. Thanks to the anti-democratic Electoral College, Donald Trump was elected in 2016 even though almost three million more Americans voted for Hillary Clinton. Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell prevented the Senate from even considering President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nomination so that Trump could fill it instead—and then rushed Trump's third justice onto the court even as voters were casting ballots to remove Trump from office. Behind Trump and McConnell was a massively funded, decades-long campaign to build the political power to take control of the judiciary.

In other words, winning the presidency and controlling the Senate gave the far right the power to force its harmful agenda on the American public long after voters rejected Trump. Taking the Court back from the extremists who now control it will be a long-term project. It starts with this year's elections.

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### Wendell Brown Sr.

Wendell Erskin Brown Sr., 81, peacefully passed on May 29, 2022. Wendell was born Nov. 12, 1940 in Luther, Okla. to Bennie Brown Sr. and Layola Dumas. In 1942 they came to Portland with two-year-old baby Wendell where he lived his whole life. He attended and graduated from Washington High School where he played the trumpet in the marching band and school band. Wendell married Thelma Unthank and had three daughters, Marsha, Lisa and Wendi, and later married Mary B. Kelly and had a son, Wendell Brown Jr. and a stepson Tony Holman.

Wendell worked at the Benson Hotel in the early 1960s as the head Maitre D in the renowned London Grill Restaurant. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Wendell owned and ran a very popular night club/ supper club, The Upstairs Lounge with two other partners, Allen Dobbins and James Britt. He went on to run a construction business and other small business ventures, and eventually went into the car salesman business at Coliseum Ford and later Ron Tonkin where he retired.



Wendell loved all sports, (especially football and the Raiders). He loved music, dancing and having a good time with the kids and grandkids!

Wendell was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Mary B., ex-wife Thelma, sister Velva Jean Glen, brothers Sherman Brown Sr. and Leneld Brown, and cousins Raymond Barber, Sandra Dumas and Patricia Dumas.

Wendell's life and memories will be remembered by all;

including his children Marsha Jordan (Herbert), Lisa Brown, Wendi Brown, Wendell Brown Jr., and Anthony Holman (stepson); brother Bennie Brown Jr.; sister Bennie Mae Berryman; cousins, Joyce Brown (John) Barbra Dumas, and Rita Leftridge; grandchildren Andre Unthank, Jamartae Brown, Kendell, Josiah, Mahogany, Makai, Maria, Ziana and Anya; and nieces and nephews Shalaunda, Marc, Traci, Sherman Jr., Steve, Stan, Jennifer, and Kelly Barber.

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