

# Opinion



## There is no single solution

After a mass shooting there are the inevitable calls for stricter gun control laws or the banning of assault weapons. Some say that such demands are made for political gain. Still others say that the immediate aftermath of a mass shooting is no time to talk politics, but to mourn, pray and memorialize the victims.

There is no single solution that will soothe everyone. The public (according to polls) is overwhelmingly in favor of stricter background checks. Some also want a ban on assault-style guns but leaders say there is no political appetite to pass such legislation.

The El Paso shooter as well as others have cited anti-immigrant, white supremacist and nationalistic writings as inspiration for their actions. There

are dark corners of the internet where ugly opinions fester. A person harboring hatred, loaded for bear, can easily find websites that will give credence to their vilest intentions.

The dual concerns of supporters of Second Amendment and First Amendment rights cannot be ignored. Our social compact should ensure that no one's rights overrule the rights of another. The right to bear arms does not negate another person's right to life, liberty and the pursuit

of happiness.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is right to focus on domestic terrorism, which is what every one of the mass shootings in America over the past few years has been.

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## Portland State leadership is costly

The 'one percenters' in America are those who possess most of the wealth and power. They have the financial means for their daughters and sons to attend a college or university of their choice. Of course other Americans with children who recognize the importance of continuing education after high school, can establish a savings plan for this purpose. Far too many, though, do not do that. Otherwise, youth who complete high school and attend a college or university will face some, often decidedly, consumer-crippling debt.

Escaping public damnation was the brief, turbulent reign of the immediate former president of Portland State University. In addition to flying around the world at public expense to site problematic satellite campuses meet far-flung alumni and destroy public documents he received a \$9,200-a-month housing stipend, a \$1,000-a-month transportation allowance and a salary with bonuses and perks exceeding \$800,000 per year. And he demanded more. When his financial shenanigans, misleading statements, and inability to work effectively with almost everyone at PSU finally reached critical mass, the trustees fired him. Threatening a law suit, he departed quietly after

guaranteed a severance package costing \$875,000.

Since June, Stephen Percy serves as PSU's interim president. Before the trustees appointed Percy to the head job, he was dean of PSU's Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning. Conditions at PSU under the former president had been upsettingly difficult, so the trustees plucked Percy from his old job because he was perceived to possess healing talents. The kind of nonsense that rubs this writer raw arrives (twice in one year) complements of PSU where Percy, untested, inexperienced as a university president will now have his former dean's (one step below president) salary doubled to an annual \$425,000.

The price tags for PSU leadership are excessively high—as they are at all Oregon's public universities—while the work load for these school leaders is without transparency while graspingly explained as needed “to keep good people.” The increased costs in paying excessive salaries, perks, stipends and allowances are too often followed by paying-off these “leaders” who make poor judgement calls and ignore ethical standards, among other deficiencies, while the money comes

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## One side is right, one side is wrong

By E.J. DIONNE JR.

When one side proposes solution after solution to contain gun violence—and offers compromise after compromise to get something done—while the other side blocks action every time, you know which side is right.

When one side brushes aside the dangers of racist and white nationalist terrorism while the other side says we need to be vigilant against all forms of terrorism, you know which side is right.

And when Americans are gunned down in incident after incident, when we are numbed by repeating the same sorrowful words every time, when we move within a news cycle from “something must be done” to “the Senate will block action” or “the politics are too complicated,” you know America's democracy is failing and its moral compass is broken.

Our rancid political culture is, quite literally, killing our nation. And the problem is not caused by some abstraction called “polarization” or by “the failure of both sides to understand each other.” Those are the alibis of timid souls so intent on sounding “balanced” that they turn their eyes from the truth.

What is that truth? When it comes to gun violence and the need to confront white nationalism, one side is right and one side is wrong.

Until we face this, even two mass shootings within 24 hours will do nothing to galvanize action. In El Paso, 22 people were killed at a shopping center on Saturday and 26 were wounded by a gunman who, according to police, appears to have posted an anti-immigrant screed online before the shooting. Then on Sunday in Dayton, Ohio, another mass shooter left nine dead and 27

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Investigations show that shooters are not created out of thin air moments before opening fire. There is a progression that starts small and leads to tragedy.

It is difficult to prevent a person who is determined to kill and maim without violating their personal rights. However, nobody is without someone in their life: family, friend or acquaintance. There is someone who is aware of a person's opinions and potential for harm; those people need to feel comfortable in making a report to authorities. How heartwrenching it would be to know you could have stopped a massacre and didn't.

We can never know what dark thoughts cloud the mind of a person. We cannot assume our quaint community is immune from the world's troubles. We can be vigilant.

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from higher tuitions, other college fees and taxpayers. The consequence precludes too many Oregon youth from getting training and education requisite to jobs and careers. Meanwhile, Oregon's public institution's boards of trustees who are treated for meetings and other campus involvements like potentates—at student and public expense—appear unmoved and indifferent to stratospherically, ever-higher college costs on the backs of students and taxpayers.

Since the leadership in these institutions regularly come from out-of-state, they're often here long enough to make a move up or retire and return to their “homeland” of origin. Oregon students at every public institution of post-secondary education should be outraged enough to organize into boycotts, strikes, walk-outs, whatever's legal and not violent (Think Mahatma Gandhi), using their as-yet untapped clout to win reforms from the gross financial abuses now used to make college leaders wealthy at Oregon's expense while tens of thousands of Oregon youth are denied the training and education they need to succeed at life in Oregon or anywhere in America.

(Gene H. McIntyre shares his opinion regularly in the *Keizertimes*.)

injured in area known for its lively nightlife that is heavily patrolled by police. The shooter was killed in less than a minute.

“Think about that minute,” said Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley. “The shooter was able to kill nine people and injure 26 in less than a minute.” The gun-permissiveness crowd wants us *not* to think about that minute. It puts the lie to the gun lobby's claim that having armed people nearby when a mass killer strikes is all we need to keep us safe.

The wrong side in this debate does not want us to come together. On the contrary, its goal after every mass shooting is to deflect and divide. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said, when asked by reporters what we should do about gun violence. “Listen, there are bodies that have not yet been recovered,” Abbott replied. “I think we need to focus more on memorials before we start the politics.”

Nothing disrespects those who are slaughtered more than the political paralysis Abbott and those like him are encouraging.

The faint-hearted will counsel against calling out the moral culpability of those who divide, deflect and evade. Meanwhile, the rationalizers of violence will continue to claim that only troubled individuals, not our genuinely insane gun policies, are responsible for waves of domestic terrorism that bring shame on our country before the world.

But sane gun laws *are* the middle ground, and most gun owners support them. Opposing the political exploitation of racism is a moral imperative. And refusing to acknowledge that only one side in this debate seeks intentionally to paralyze us is the path of cowardice.

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## traffic court

### MONDAY, JULY 29

9:23 a.m. - Arrest on warrant for unlawful possession of methamphetamine in the 5000 block of River Road N.  
1:59 p.m. - Arrest on warrant in the 900 block of Chemawa Road NE.  
3 p.m. - Menacing use or display of weapons in the 3000 block of Mayfield Place N.  
4:34 p.m. - Suspicious scam by internet or telephone, theft by deception in the 5000 block Todd Court N.  
10:04 p.m. - Arrest for criminal mischief in the form of crime damage in the 1000 block of McGee Court NE.

### TUESDAY, JULY 30

12:01 a.m. - Burglary and theft in the 4000 block of 12th Avenue NE.  
12:15 a.m. - Unauthorized use of motor vehicle in the 300 block of Sandy Drive N.  
12:15 a.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 5000 block of River Road N.  
10:40 a.m. - Arrest for criminal trespassing in the 5000 block of Keizer Station Boulevard NE.  
5:48 p.m. - Arrest for driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving while suspended in the 500 block of River Road N.  
7:10 p.m. - Criminal trespass in the 500 block of Bever Drive NE.  
10:20 p.m. - Criminal trespassing in 4000 block of River Road N.  
11:09 p.m. - Arrest for criminal trespassing in the 5000 block of River Road N.  
11:24 p.m. - Reckless endangering at the intersection of Chemawa Road N and River Road N.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

12 a.m. - theft in 5000 block of Windsor Island Road N.  
4:05 a.m. - Arrest on warrant in the 900 block of Plymouth Drive NE.  
5:35 a.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 5000 block of River Road N.  
8 a.m. - Forgery in the 1000 block of Leo Street NE.  
11:57 a.m. - Arrest on warrant in the 900 block of Chemawa Road NE.  
4:30 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the 400 block of Chemawa Road N.  
2:56 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the form of crime damage, simple assault and strangulation in the 700 block of Plymouth Drive NE.  
6:55 p.m. - Failure to perform duties of a drive when property is damaged in the 5000 block of River Road N.  
11:02 p.m. - Arrest on warrant in the 100 block of Sunset Avenue N.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

12 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 4000 block of Verda Lane NE.  
2:06 a.m. - Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and reckless driving at the intersection of River Road N and Chemawa Road N.  
4:30 p.m. - Simple assault in the 4000 block of Lowell Avenue NE.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

8 a.m. - Failure to perform duties of a driver when property is damaged in the 700 block of Apple Blossom Avenue NE.  
3:16 p.m. - Arrest for physical harassment in the 600 block of Rose Park Lane NE.  
4:50 p.m. - Theft in the 1000 block of Sieburg Street NE.  
7:39 p.m. - Arrest for criminal trespassing in the 4000 block of River Road N.  
8:36 p.m. - Physical harassment in the 800 block of Plymouth Drive NE.  
8:36 p.m. - Arrest on warrant in the 800 block of Plymouth Drive NE.  
9:27 p.m. - Theft in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Boulevard NE.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

2:30 a.m. - Arrest on warrant for drugs and unlawful possession of methamphetamine at the intersection of Cherry Avenue NE and Ring Street NE.  
4:39 a.m. - Arrest for criminal mischief and crime damage in the 1000 block Country Glen Avenue NE.  
5:36 a.m. - Arrest for disorderly conduct at the intersection of River Road NE and Hidden Creek Drive NE.  
3:16 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the form of vandalism in the 900 block of Sagrada Loop N.  
7 p.m. - Failure to perform duties of a driver when property is damaged in the 6000 block of Ulali Drive NE.  
8 p.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 4000 block of River Road N.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

1:29 a.m. Criminal trespassing in the 5000 block of River Road N.  
2:21 a.m. - Physical harassment in the 4000 block of River Road N.  
4:06 p.m. - Shoplifting and probation violation in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Boulevard NE.  
8:20 p.m. - Arrest for criminal trespassing in the 4000 block of River Road N.  
9:58 p.m. - Arrest for shoplifting in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Boulevard NE.

## SKEF board appoints new exec. director

The Salem Keizer Education Foundation Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of Kelly Carlisle as the new executive director.

“We were impressed with the caliber of the candidates, but it was very clear from the first meeting that Kelly has the leadership skills and vision to take SKEF to the next level,” Jeff Aeschliman SKEF Board President said. “His deep knowledge of the Salem-Keizer School District is also a huge asset.”

Carlisle served as a district administrator in Salem-Keizer for 10 years until his retirement in 2018. As the assistant superintendent, he supervised K-12 education and student services, taking part in several efforts to promote educational equity, increase career and college readiness and maintain positive school and community relations.

In his earlier post as director of high schools, he worked with principals to improve equitable student participation in advanced placement

and international baccalaureate courses, access to college credit for high schoolers and to increase the graduation rate and re-engagement of students who had dropped out.

During the past year since his retirement from the district, Carlisle has been the director of administrative licensure programs at George Fox University in the College of Education.

Carlisle graduated from South Salem High School in 1978. He recalls the performing arts programs at South Salem, which ultimately shaped his own professional path. He taught high school choral music for 17 years before becoming a principal. As a teacher and as an administrator, Carlisle has worked to create environments in which people find their voice, their contribution and their leadership. Carlisle and his wife, Nancy, have three grown kids, one daughter-in-law and one grandson.

Carlisle will begin on Monday, Aug. 19.

## Visit Englewood neighborhood for Forest Festival Aug. 10

The third annual Englewood Forest Festival will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 10 at Englewood Park, 1260 19th Street N.E., in Salem.

Festival attendees can enjoy a day of family-friendly activities, including art and environmental workshops, dance, live music, art displays

and many more activities. The festival's goal is to celebrate the talents of local artists and business owners and provide a way for people to connect to one another.

The festival is free to attend, and all are invited. For more information about the festival, visit englewoodforestfestival.org.

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