

# Budget Axe Points to Humboldt, Tubman

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2231 N. Flint Ave., are recommended for closure next school year because they do not have enough students to provide core academic offerings without a significant staffing subsidy.

The reduction in teaching positions would be made across the district, along with cuts in course offerings, to balance a \$27.5 million shortfall in state school support. About 34 central office and administration positions are also planned for elimination.

The Portland School District is also anticipating a \$6 million reduction in federal Title I monies to high poverty schools.

Smith said the proposed budget maximizes the use of community partners and makes strategic choices, instead of spread-



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The Harriet Tubman Leadership Academy for Young Women, 2231 N. Flint Ave., would cease operations next year because of low enrollment, a recommendation in Superintendent Carole Smith's budget proposal for Portland Public Schools.

ing cuts across the board. She said the district is making strong gains in student achievement and will stay focused on academic progress, whatever the district's funding levels.

"While this budget proposal is incredibly difficult, and our schools will lose effective people and services, we will be responsible for ensuring a quality education for our students," Smith said.

The superintendent recommends that Humboldt students, a pre-kindergarten through 8th grade school, be transferred into Boise-Eliot School, also a PK-8 program, and the closure of the Young Women's Leadership Academy, a grades 6-12 program that emphasized math, science and leadership skills along with course offerings for college prep and future careers.

The School Board will hold public hearings on the proposed budget on Monday, April 9 at 5 p.m. at Cleveland High School in southeast Portland and Wednesday, April 11 and 6 p.m. at Roosevelt High School in north Portland.

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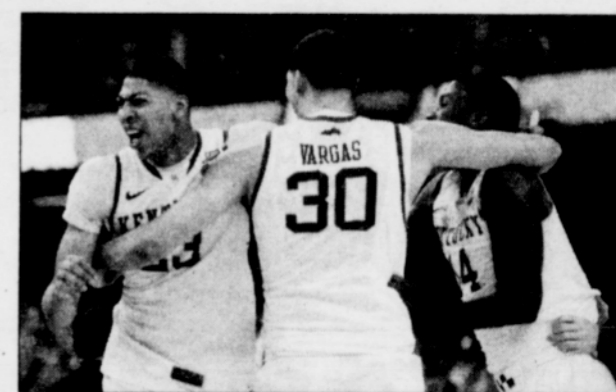
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## Week in The Review



### Kentucky Finishes No. 1

Kentucky, with a cast of NBA prospects that included former Jefferson High School standout Terrence Jones, finished off its expected run to a national title with a flourish Monday, running over Kansas, 67-59.

### Gang Shootings Explode

Police say a shooting early Sunday in north-east Portland was the 31st gang shooting of the year in the city, compared with 17 at the same time last year. Police say a 22-year-old man was standing on the porch of a house where a gang party was under way when he was shot and critically injured.

### Court Okays Strip Searches

Siding with security needs over privacy rights, the Supreme Court ruled Monday that jailers may subject people arrested for minor offenses to invasive strip searches. By a 5-4 vote, the court rejected a challenge from a New Jersey man who argued it's unconstitutional to force everyone to strip down for inspection.

### Gas Prices Eclipse \$4

The AAA auto club reports the average price of a gallon of gasoline in Oregon is \$4.11. That's up 5 cents in a week and 16 cents in a month. The price is 18 cents higher than the national average.

### Rose City Is Greenest

Travel + Leisure magazine has named the Rose City the nation's greenest based on everything from cleanliness to public transportation. The magazine takes note of Portland's 288 parks and says one quarter of the city is shaded by trees.