

## Principal Faced Racial Bias

A 47-page investigation conducted by the school district into Metropolitan Learning Center principal Macarre Traynham has found no wrong-doing by her, but perhaps a lot on the part of parents at the school.

The report recommended diversity training for parents at the school, located at 2033 N.W. Glisan St., after examining the more than 30 complaints filed against the African-American administrator, in particular drawing criticism for her "leadership style".

Portland Superintendent Carole Smith criticized the parents following the report's May 7 release, saying that Traynham is in fact been carrying out her duties as principal and that the ever-brewing conflict from many of the parents at the majority-white school are rooted in racial bias.

An outside investigator hired by the district, mirrored Smith's sentiments, writing in her conclusion, "An outcome here is the overtly challenging and rude interactions toward Traynham by certain parents and teachers, that, apart from issue of management style, have a basis is racial bias.

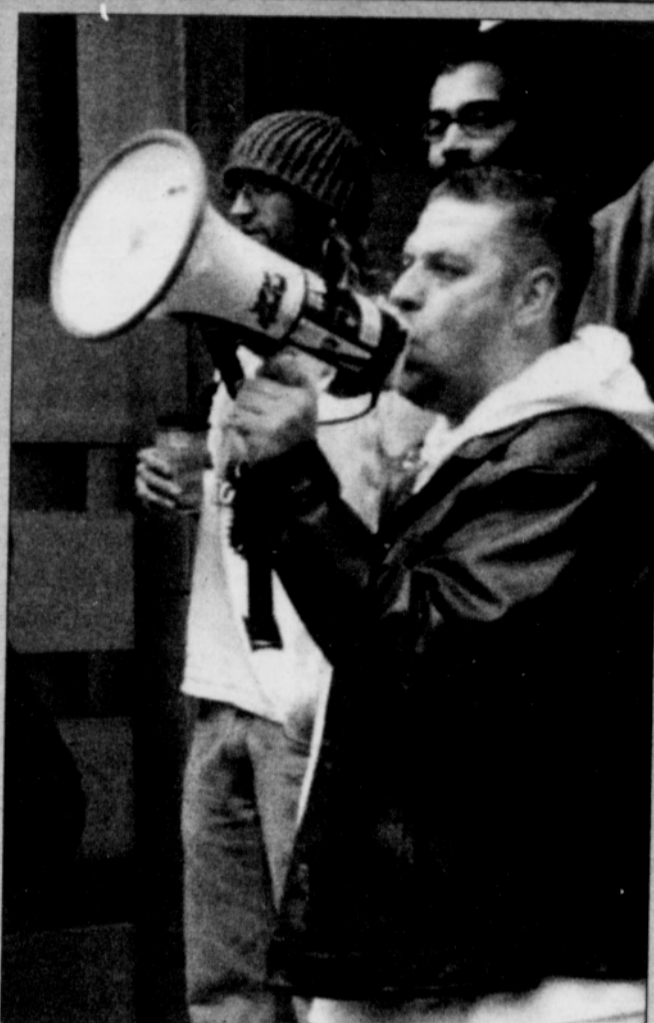
## Last Minute Campaign for Sheriff

An Occupy Wallstreet protester has put his sights on occupying the Multnomah County Sheriff's office. Jessie Sponberg launched a write-in campaign for sheriff last week just as ballots in the May 20 vote-by-mail election went out.

Sponberg, 40, said he was moved to action after discovering Sheriff Dan Staton had overspent his budget for employee overtime by \$4.4 million. Staton is running unopposed.

A staunch advocate for housing issues and other causes, Sponberg led a demonstration with pitchforks and lit torches in front of City Hall last December that made national headlines with the Huffington Post and other media outlets. "While I am horribly underqualified to be the sheriff, my history of community advocacy and my infrastructure of community support makes me uniquely qualified," he said.


His platform includes ridding "unfair evictions" in the city, revising jail release guidelines for nonviolent offenders, and a full public audit of jail management and sheriff's department contracts. He pledges to donate \$100,000 of his salary to youth violence prevention programs, two-thirds of what the sheriff makes today.



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## The Week in Review

### Oregon Zoo Director Fired

Following the death of a 20-year-old orangutan named Kutai, officials at Metro announced Monday that Oregon Zoo Director Kim Smith and Chief Veterinarian Mitch Finnegan were out of zoo management. Kutai died in January after a month-long illness; an investigation into his death found lapses in protocol to care for the animal.

### Teen Murdered in Cully

A 16-year-old male was found seated in a vehicle, dead with multiple gunshot wounds at Northeast 59th Avenue and Simpson Street Monday. Neighbors said they heard possible gunshots at 1:40 a.m. but did not call 911 immediately, so police weren't notified until around 3 a.m.

### Parent-Child Murder-Suicide

The Oregon State Medical Examiner has determined that a 4-year-old girl and her father, found dead in their north Portland home over the weekend, died of single gunshots to the head. Detectives believe Jesse Willard killed his daughter before taking his own life.

### Man Shot on Porch

A man was shot on the porch of a residence in the 6600 block of North Borthwick Avenue Sunday night in what police are calling a gang-involved shooting. Robert Dimitri Sabb, 24, was taken to the hospital with serious but not believed to be life-threatening injuries.

### Police Cuff 9-Year-Old Girl

The parent of a 9-year-old girl who was cuffed in her bathing suit and booked by Portland Police after a fight with another girl last year, now has the backing of citizen members of a police oversight panel and youth justice advocates pressing for new city guidelines that would prevent police from taking children into custody under the age of 10 without a juvenile court order.

### Timbers Stadium Outcry

Health Care for All Oregon and a group of concerned residents held a rally May 7 at Mayor Charlie Hales'



office calling for public disclosure of how much Providence Health Systems paid the city to rename the stadium where the Portland Timbers play Providence Park. The protesters say the money should go to patient care not advertising.

### Oregon Wolf Likely Mated

Oregon's famous wandering gray wolf, dubbed OR-7, may have found the mate he has trekked thousands of miles looking for, wildlife authorities said Monday. It's likely the pair spawned pups, and if confirmed, the rare predators would be the first breeding pair of wolves in the Oregon's Cascade Range since the early 1900s.



### Colbert Replacement Named

The successor to Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" was announced Saturday. Larry Wilmore is set to take the show's helm from Stephen Colbert. The show will be renamed, "The Minority Report" when Colbert leaves to replace David Letterman for the Late Show.



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