

Black Mayor Elected and City Cops Resign

A small city in Missouri had five of its six police officers resign and a city clerk quit in the past few days following the election of its first African-American female mayor. Some speculated that racism and sexism drove the exodus in Parma, a city of about 700 near the Mississippi River; but other residents say other factors were at play.

Fatal Car Crash

A car crash in northeast Portland resulted in a passenger's death Sunday. The driver was taken to the hospital with serious injuries before being charged with manslaughter, driver under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, and reckless endangerment.

Fire Destroys Apartments

A three-alarm fire broke out at the

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Government Camp condominium complex in Mount Hood on Monday afternoon, completely destroying about 30 units. The town ran low on water fighting the flames and had to imposed a boil water notice because of contamination concerns.

Pimp Sentenced to 12 Years

Antonio V. Porter was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison for trafficking a minor on Portland's

Southeast 82nd Avenue. The pimp is known for having pushed at least five girls into prostitution in at least five states, officials said.



Hayden Island was robbed Monday morning by a man claiming to have a gun. Police were looking for the suspect, described as being a light skinned male in his 40s or 50s.



Van Crashes Into Home

A van carrying 5 children and 2 adults crashed into a southeast Portland home early Monday morning. The driver, 38-year-old Arlen Pugh, was sited for driving under the influence of drugs, reckless driving, and reckless en-

dangerment. No one was seriously injured.



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Protests Target Student Candidate

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An election for Student Body President at Portland State University has sparked protests and even a petition asking one of the two candidates of color in the race to resign.

Fliers distributed across campus last week asked students if they would want "a rapist to run their school," accompanied with the candidate's mugshot.

According to Tony Funchess's own accounts, he was convicted of attempted rape in the second degree in 2000 for a relationship

with an underage girl, and faced another charge of sodomy a few years later.

A student council meeting at Portland State University turned into a loud protest on Monday when some students called for Funchess to drop out of the election. Another student said he should have a chance to prove his rehabilitation after serving his sentence.

Funchess currently is employed as Multicultural Affairs Director for the student government group. Polls in the election close on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

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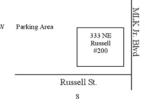
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