

## The Week in Review

### Obama Meets with Families

President Barack Obama, faced with protests over his meeting Friday in Roseburg with victims of the Umpqua Community College shooting, held to his view that something must be done about deadly gun crimes. But given the freshness of the week-old tragedy, he said, "Today, it's about the families, their grief and the love we feel for them."

### Indictment for Child Abuse

A former employee of the Boys and Girls Club on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard was indicted last week on multiple charges of rape and sex abuse. The case against Riente Ramon Badon, 25, involves the victimization of three teenage girls.

### Wrestling Coach Charged

Wyatt Ross DeRemer, a Gresham wrestling coach, pled not guilty Monday to 10 counts of first-degree sexual abuse against four young boys. The indictment comes after a mother reported to police that her son had told her about inappropriate sexual touching, according to a probable cause affidavit.

### Killers Caught in Portland

Three transients accused of robbing and killing a backpacker and a yoga instructor with a stolen gun were sent back to Northern California this week after being

arrested in a Portland soup kitchen. Police say Michael Angold, Morrison Haze Lampley and Lila Scott Alligood killed one man in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park on Oct. 3 and then shot to death a 67-year-old yoga teacher, whose body was found Oct. 5 on a trail north of the city.

### Deadly Fire Kills Two

Two elderly residents were killed in a fire that broke out in a southeast Portland home Friday morning. The victims include 72-year-old Navy veteran Daryl Knudtson and a roommate who as of Monday was not named.

### Shooting Death 'Reasonable'

The police shooting death of a 12-year-old African-American boy with a pellet gun in Ohio was 'reasonable,' according to two experts in a report prepared for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. The boy, Tamir Rice, was killed by an officer in training outside a Cleveland recreation center and sparked controversy given the victim's race and age.

### Million Man March Anniversary

Thousands gathered in the nation's capital Saturday, calling for racial and socioeconomic equality and to mark 20 years since the first Million Man March organized by Minister Louis Farrakhan.



The Plaza Townhomes, a longtime housing complex for low income residents at North Michigan Avenue and Jessup Street, will get a major upgrade and new ownership that guarantees the apartments will remain affordable for the next 45 years.

## Affordable Apartments Preserved

### Plaza upgrade comes with new ownership

An affordable housing community in north Portland is scheduled to get much-needed renovations thanks to a change in ownership.

Community Preservation Partners, a subsidiary of WNC, a na-

tional investor in housing serving low income residents, entered into an agreement earlier this month to purchase Plaza Townhomes from Home Forward, the housing authority for Multnomah County, and invest more than \$3 million in upgrades to the property.

"We are thrilled to expand our reach to Portland, Oregon, with this acquisition as we seek to expand our preservation efforts throughout the nation," said Anand Kannan, president of WNC's Community Preservation Partners, LLC.

Michael Buonocore, Home Forward's executive director, said he was confident in the transaction and pointed out that the situation would be a boon for the residents because the new management would have money and resources to better renovate the homes, and that Home Forward could then use the money to reinvest into the properties they already own

or start looking at acquiring new properties and creating more affordable housing.

"Everything we have done has been to protect residents," said Buonocore.

Plaza Townhomes includes 68 two-and three-bedroom units and is located near Portland Community College's Cascade Campus, and just a few blocks from Jefferson High School. The community is available to families earning no more than 50 percent of the area's median income level, and those that meet requirements of the Section 8 program. Current residents will not have to move as a result of the ownership change.

Officials said WNC, which has a long history and commitment to creating and preserving affordable housing throughout the United States, would be signing contracts to keep the Plaza Townhomes property affordable for at least the next 45 years.

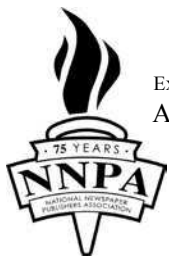
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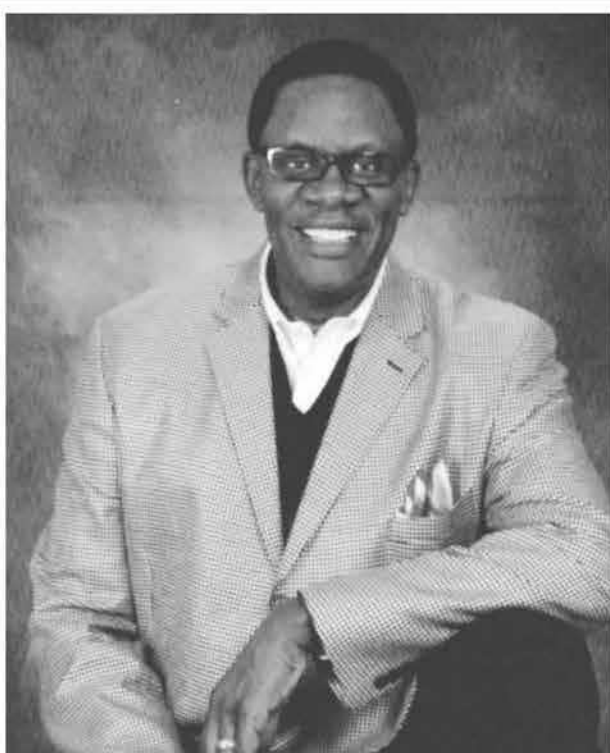
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