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**Wheeler's Black Leader
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BY CERVANTE POPE
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Making Portland City Hall history, Maurice Henderson will serve as upcoming Mayor Ted Wheeler's Chief of Staff and Director of Strategic Initiatives.

Henderson will be filling a tailor-made role, where his responsibilities will include running the mayor's policy agenda, seeing over the mayor's staff and overseeing work on initiatives between numerous bureaus.

Coming to Portland last year to serve as the assistant director of the



Maurice Henderson

Portland Bureau of Transportation, Henderson's repertoire of qualified work extends back to Washington, D.C., where he held various top positions for three different mayors' administrations. He was also

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The Week in Review

Franklin Sophomore Killed

Franklin High student Fallon Smart died in a hit-and-run crash on Southeast Hawthorne Friday. Abdulrahman Noorah, 20, is accused of going 55-60 mph when he struck the 15 year-old. He's charged manslaughter, driving with a suspended license, reckless driving and hit-and-run.

Drowning Closes Park

A 10-year-old girl is the second to recently drown at Kelley Point Park where the Willamette and Columbia Rivers meet, prompting officials to temporarily close the park. Portland Parks and Recreation expects the closure to last for a few days as they install more "No Swimming" signs.

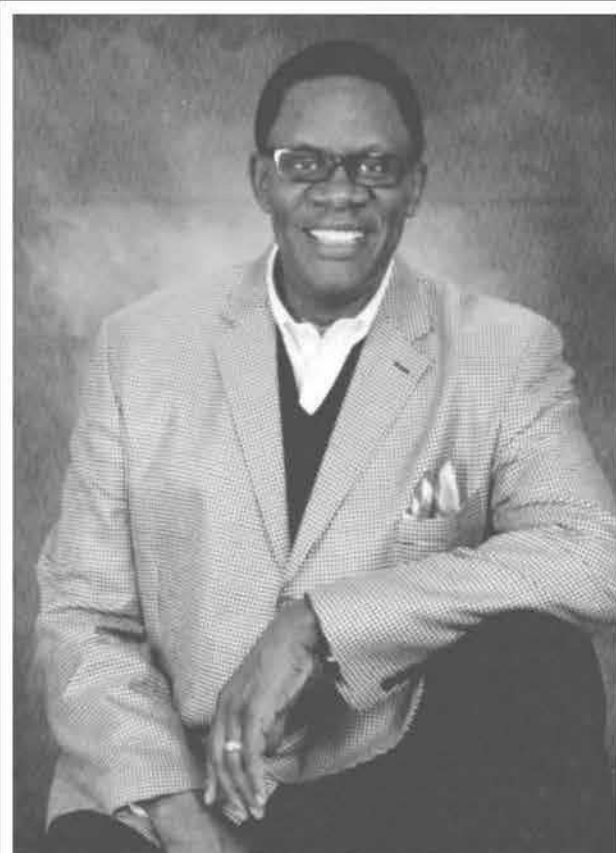
Couple Charged with Murder

Russell Courtier, 38 and Colleen

Hunt, 35, were arraigned Monday for murder after the black male they are accused of running over died. The couple was initially accused of attempted murder and other charges after a recent altercation with Larnael Bruce at a 7-Eleven. Courtier told police he intentionally ran Bruce over. Courtier also has ties to a white supremacist group, according to the Mercury.

Oregon's High Green Sales

Tax information released Monday reveals that Oregon has raked in more from recreational marijuana sales than originally expected. From the beginning of the year through July 31, the Department of Revenue tracked \$25.5 million in cannabis tax payments, an average of \$3.64 million a month.



Dr. Billy R. Flowers

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