



# Benson Sprinter Wins Gold

Congratulations to Benson High School's Micah Williams (center) who ran the anchor leg to propel Team USA to its first gold medal in the 4 X 100 meter relay at the IAAF World U20 Championships Saturday in Tampere, Finland. Williams is also the Oregon Class 6A title holder in the 100 and 200 meter races. (Getty photo for the IAAF)

# Homeless Arrests Defended

Portland's police union president is blasting Mayor Ted Wheeler after he and Police Chief Danielle Outlaw supported an independent investigation to look into why half of all arrests made by the Portland Police Bureau last year were of people experiencing homelessness, though they only made up three percent of the population.

Daryl Turner, president of the Portland Police Association, lamented the current state of the city and its struggle with homelessness in his criticism.

"Our City has become a cesspool" Turner said in a press release on Monday that also criticized Wheeler for what he described as throwing police "under the bus" for the mayor's own "failed policies" on reducing the homeless population.

The police chief and may-



Daryl Turner

or called for an investigation by Portland's Independent Police Review panel this month after the American Civil Liberties Union asked her and the mayor to inquire whether police were profiling people who are homeless.

## The Week in Review

### Trump Sides with Russia

In an extraordinary embrace of a longtime U.S. enemy, President Trump on Monday openly questioned his own intelligence agencies' finding that Russia meddled in the 2016 U.S. election to his benefit, seeming to accept Russian President Putin's insistence that Moscow's hands were clean. 24-hours later, Trump said he misspoke, but the immediate reaction was visceral. "Shameful," "disgraceful," "weak," were a few of the comments.



### Merkley says Tape May Exist

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, said Monday that he believes that the Russian government may have "something close" to the long-rumored video of President Trump engaging in a sexual act with two prostitutes. When asked if footage of the alleged act exists and is be-


ing used as leverage to maintain Trump's pro Russia views, Merkley responded that it is possible.

### Obama: Values Under Threat

Former President Barack Obama on Tuesday took aim at "strongman politics" in his highest-profile speech since leaving office, urging people around the world to respect human rights and other values now under threat. The impassioned address marked the 100th anniversary of anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela's birth.

### Hardesty Wins Endorsement

Former legislator Jo Ann Hardesty has won a key endorsement in her November general election battle for the Portland City Council against Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith. The American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Local 189 gave the nod to Hardesty last week, an endorsement that can yield financial contributions along with the potential to tap the union's 1,000 workers as volunteers.


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