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# Parents Want Counselors Not Cops

Black parent advocates vying for fair treatment in public schools are addressing the rise of police officers in schools and its negative impact on students of color, as well as other equity issues in the school system.



Sheila Warren

Parent activist Sheila Warren of the Portland Parent Union, in collaboration with the Dignity in Schools campaign, invites the public to join them for a "Counselors not Cops" march on Friday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. starting at Alberta Park in northeast Portland. The group will then walk to King School a few blocks away for a news conference and rally.

The following day, on Saturday starting at 9 a.m., the parents will facilitate a day-long "Trust Circle" at Concordia University in northeast Portland with the goal of advancing equity and justice for Portland-area parents, students and teachers. This free and open to the public event will take place at Concordia's Hagen Campus Center.

Warren, a long time Afri-

can-American activist who started the Portland Parent Union in 2009, told the Portland Observer that the rise of cops in schools has led to an increase in referrals to the juvenile justice system.

"They not trained for children; they're trained to be a cop. And sometimes they come in and make it much worse because they want to arrest [them]," Warren said.

More police officers in schools nationally has resulted in disproportionately high school-based arrests for black boys, according to a 2012 report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

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## The Week in Review

### Employee Hijacks Plane

A 29-year-old Horizon Air suicidal employee hijacked a 76-seat plane from the maintenance area at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Friday night and somehow managed to take off. Richard Russell remained in contact with an air traffic controller up until he crashed in a fiery ball near Ketron Island. No one else was on the plane and no one else was killed.

### Street Racers Block Bridge

Street racers shut down the Fremont Bridge on Sunday night for the second time in three years. Drivers were stuck waiting until all the cars cleared the lower deck of the bridge before they could get home. Street racers also blocked the road near North Marine Drive and Portland Road. Police want to find anyone who was involved.

### Aretha Franklin Gravely III

Aretha Franklin, 76, who is battling cancer, is in hospice care surrounded by friends and family at her home in Detroit, Tim Franklin, 60, the nephew of the singer revealed Monday. 'Aretha's a strong woman of faith,' Franklin said. 'We're all praying for her during her time of illness. We are of the belief that



she'll pull through, and her spirits are that of such.'

### Governor on Spiritual Self

Yoga and meditation suit Gov. Kate Brown just fine, she told reporters Thursday when asked if she follows a certain faith. 'I believe very much that each of us is a spiritual being, and that's how I see the world.' She added that people should treat human beings with respect. The remarks followed criticism by conservative evangelist Franklin Graham that the governor needed to be a Christian.

### Omarosa says Trump a Racist

Donald Trump is a racist who has used the N-word repeatedly, Omarosa Manigault Newman, the once prominent African American in the White House, claims in a new searing memoir. The future president was caught on mic uttering the racial slur "multiple times" during the making of his reality TV show The Apprentice and there is a tape to prove it, according to Newman, citing three unnamed sources. In response, Trump called her a lowlife and a dog.



### Lloyd Center Music Venue

Live Nation, the largest live entertainment company in the world, announced last week that they have signed a long-term lease with the Lloyd Center mall to site a venue with a bar, lounge and dining options on the third floor of the former Nordstrom store.

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