



Called Out for Racism

Willamette Week last week published an offensive front page cartoon depicting Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw that harkened to the historically racist characterizations of African Americans in history, Portland

Mayor Ted Wheeler charged last week. Wheeler said the drawing was childish and demeaning and to make his point he Tweeted two side-by-side covers from the weekly publication, one that dignified a person suspected of being in a hate group and the other representing Portland's top law enforcement officer.

Mayor Wheeler calls out the Willamette Week for publishing an offensive and racist cartoon depicting Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw. To make his point, he sent a Tweet showing the publication's cover page from last week, contrasting it with the more favorable photo treatment the publication had in earlier issue (left) about a member of the alt-right.

"On the left, an icon of the alt-right, humanized. On the right, a caricature of our Police Chief, harkening back to the Jim Crow era. Both from the same publication. We know @wweek can do better than this," Wheeler said.

In an interview with KGW, Wheeler said Outlaw also objected to the cartoon's depiction.

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Deadly Fires in California

More human remains were discovered in the retirement community of Paradise in the Sierra Nevada region of California Monday as fire crews made some progress against massive wildfires.



The death toll reached 42, making it the deadliest one in California fire history. In southern California, the Woolsey Fire has also claimed two lives.



Comics Legend Dies at 95

Stan Lee, a comic legend who helped define modern pop culture through the creation of classic Marvel character, including Spider-Man, the X-Men, and the Black Panther, died Monday at the age of 95. Lee's characters

brought audiences out in droves in blockbuster movies, including Black Panther—the first mainstream black superhero whose comic book origins predate the political party that shares its name.

Trump Moves on A.G. Draw Protest

Nearly a thousand people congregated at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in downtown Portland Thursday to protest President Trump's appointment of Matthew Whitaker as Attorney General. The rally comes in the wake of the president asking for and receiving the resignation of Jeff Sessions and the worry he is trying to undermine the Russia investigation led by Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

Oregon Sues for Federal Monies

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and state Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum announced Monday they are filing a lawsuit against President Trump and the Department of Justice over the threat to withhold law enforcement grants to Oregon as a ploy to force the state to abandon its sanctuary state policies and cooperate more with federal immigration officials.

Plastic Straw Ban Considered

Portland City Council will consider Wednesday an ordinance that would ban restaurants from automatically supplying plastic straws and other small plastic products to customers. The plastic items would only be permitted if a customer requested them under a policy intended to help mitigate the millions of tons of plastic that finds its way into the ocean each year, advocates say.

Officer Struck with Pipe

A Portland police officer was seriously injured and hospitalized after he was hit in the head with a pipe Saturday evening. Authorities said the officer was responding to a report that a man was throwing rocks at vehicles near Southeast 45th and Division. Tsegay A. Abraha, 36, was arrested for the attack and charged with multiple counts of assault.



Southeast Bike Path Booby-trap

A woman sustained injuries Friday as she was bicycling on a popular walking and bike path near I-205 and Southeast Division Street and encountered a booby-trap, authorities said. Police found woven string positioned above the path apparently in an effort impede the use of the path. Three men, ages 21 to 27, were arrested, accused of causing criminal mischief.



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