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Friendly Texts Review

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cease further conversations with any protest event organizer pending a police internal investigation. The text messages involved Joey Gibson, whose Vancouver-based right wing group, Patriot Prayer, has frequently drawn white supremacists and other extremists to rallies, which often have been held in Portland and resulted in violent street brawls with masked antifascists.

last week through a public records who may be subject to arrest."

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request, the text messages showed Niiya having a chummy rapport with Gibson, discussing protest plans, and even providing tips about where leftist protests, on the opposite side of his right-wing group, were taking place, in 2017 and 2018

Mayor Ted Wheeler called the text messages "disturbing" and said they "appear to cross several boundaries," adding that they "also raise questions about whether warrants are being enforced First reported by the Willamette consistently and what information Week and the Portland Mercury is being shared with individuals

In one exchange, Niiya appeared to give advice about one of Gibson's associates, Tusitala "Tiny" Toese, in regard to the likelihood he would be arrested at a protest while having an active esty said the texts confirmed powarrant. Toese is a member of Proud Boys, a documented hate group.

"Just make sure he doesn't do anything which may draw our attention," Niiya texted on Dec 9. "If he still has the warrant in the system (I don't run you guys so I don't personally know) the officers could arrest him. I don't see a need to arrest on the warrant unless there is a reason."

CAIR Oregon, the Oregon Justice Resource Center, and Western States Center said in a statement agreed the move would be a "necthat the text messages show "an inappropriate and disproportionate response to alt-right groups."

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardlice's "collusion with right-wing extremists."

Hardesty and the aforementioned civil rights groups called for a second, independent investigation, which was swiftly obliged by Wheeler, who said Friday that Police Chief Danielle Outlaw essary next step."

Wheeler said he and Outlaw are implementing training to PPB in order to identify white supremacy, part of a resolution passed unanimously by city council earlier this month condemning hate groups.

In addition, Portland Police Bureau is holding a community "listening session" on the matter on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Maranatha Church, located at 4222 N.E. 12th Ave.

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In Loving Memory

Louise Marie Burton

A celebration of life service for Louise Marie Burton will be held Monday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. at Maranatha Church, 4222 N.E. 12th Ave.

She was born on May 20, 1937 in Austin, Texas to Frankie B. Slider and social work careers combined and Tom L. Slider Jr. and died Feb. 9, 2019 in Portland. She and her brothers James T. Slider and Ralph na Action Center, Beech Street Proj-B. Slider and sister Tommie M. Slider were raised in a home filled Albina Ministerial Alliance. She with love for God and family. The was a dedicated community servant Slider family eventually moved to changing lives for more than 30 Vancouver and then Portland/

Louise was not only beautiful with a great personality, but very smart in school. After her primary grades in Austin, she graduated from Lieser Elementary School and Fort Vancouver High school in Vancouver. It was in high school that she was smitten by a young man named Donald Richard Malone. They were married in 1952 and had one child, Michelle Marie in 1953.

At an early age she subscribed to her family tradition of helping others and giving back to the community. She enrolled in a nursing program in 1954-1958 at St. Vincent Hospital and worked as nurse at St. Vincent, Wilcox Memorial and Holladay Park hospitals. She also worked in the hospitality industry at sister, wife, aunt, cousin, niece and the prestigious Benson Hotel. Later extraordinary mother and grandshe became ready to open her heart mother and friend. She loved her again by meeting Buford Leon Bur- children and grandchildren dearly. ton better known as "Jack." They Her zest for life and love was infecwere married in 1957 and little Kimberly Renee was born in 1959.

being an outstanding cook from ter-in-law Anna Slider of Portland; her mother. She shared many special family recipes with her daughters and grandchildren. It was one of the many ways she shared her love during family breakfasts, Sunday dinners, picnics, birthday parties, barbecues or just entertaining Ernest Spinks Jr. of Portland, and friends.

She later entered a social work a beloved community.



program from 1973 to 1975 at Portland Community College. The experience from both her nursing to help her with positions in the Women In Transition Project, Albiect, Urban League of Portland and years.

No matter life's challenges she was guided by her faith, love of family and believing in God's plan for her life. Being the eternal optimist, she eventually met the love her life Clyde A. DuBoise at a chance meeting at Grant High School attending one of Michelle's school activities. They were both at life's crossroads and realized their journey was destined. Families blended had a wonderful life together filled with the love and joy of cooking and traveling together. They were happily engaged together in a 35 year relationship until he preceded her in death. They can now dance together again.

Louise was an amazing daughter, tious

She leaves to cherish her mem-Louise developed the love of ory, brother Ralph Slider and sisdaughters Michelle Harper of Portland, Kimberly Edwards and son-in-law Jessie Edwards of Portland, grandchildren Jayvin Harper and Kimberly Davis of Portland, great-grandchildren, September and host of cousins, nieces, friends, and

D. L. Hughley

3pm - 7pm

