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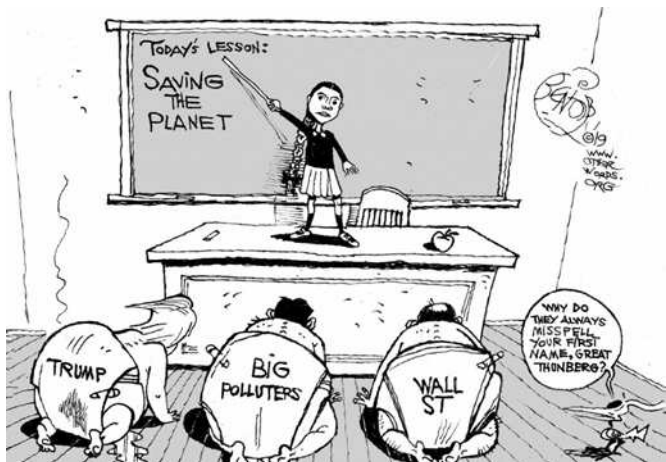
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LOCAL NEWS

Max Murders Trial Begins

The trial of Jeremy Christian, the Portland man accused of stabbing two men to death after they came to the defense of two girls on a Tri-Met Max train in 2017, started Tuesday following jury selection and is expected to take a month, officials said.

Christian faces two counts of first-degree murder, one count of attempted first-degree murder, two counts of assault, three counts of menacing and three counts of second-degree intimidation.

The whole city was shocked to learn about the violent deaths



Jeremy Christian

of Taliesin Mryddin Namkai-Meche and Ricky Best, and the life-threatening injury of Micah Fletcher on the light-rail train near the Hollywood station in northeast Portland.

According to court documents, the three men were passengers on the train when Christian began yelling anti-Muslim rants at two high school students, one wearing a hijab and the other an African-American.

Portland police have called the case the biggest in the last decade. Christian is claiming self-defense.



Eugene Gora, 85, a metal fabricator and neighbor who resided at his shop on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard was murdered in 2018.

Accomplice Charged in Fabricator's Death

Woman arrested; other suspect at large

An arrest has been made in the 2018 murder of metal fabricator Eugene Gora, 85, but an accomplice is still at large.

Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced last week that Amanda Marin, 38, was arrested in Oregon City and faces charges of second degree murder, burglary and robbery.

Underhill reported that another person, who has not been identified or arrested, "unlawfully caused the death of Mr. Gora."

For many years, Gora ran Gora's Welding and Fabrication at the corner of Skidmore and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, where his work ranged from barbecues to elaborate artwork that added a unique flavor to surrounding north and northeast neighborhoods and busi-

nesses.

In the months leading up to his death, Gora was trying to sell his property and possessions, family members said. He was a regular at the Miracles Club and A Heavenly Taste Café next door, where his friends and neighbors are relieved that the case has at least been partially solved.

Pastor Dwight Minnieweather told KPTV that Gora was remembered for his kindness and storytelling.

"He would tell us stories and say things that we couldn't even begin to remember because he was way older than we were and he was just a nice, sweet guy," he said.

A friend found Gora's body on May 10, 2018, but no one has forgotten him, Minnieweather said.

"For the detectives and all, thanks, thanks," he said. "A lot of pain is still in our community, 'cause we didn't know what happened."