

The Week in Review

Max Attack Defense Begins

Defense lawyers for Jeremy Christian, the man accused of stabbing three people, killing two of them, during a racist tirade on a MAX train in May 2017, began laying out their case Monday. They called an expert in de-escalation and use of force who testified how he believes Micah Fletcher, who survived the attack, was being confrontational and escalated the conflict, not Christian.

Principal Out for Kobe Post

Camas High School Principal Dr. Liza Sejkora resigned on Friday after controversy over a social media post she made about Kobe Bryant's death, referencing a 2003 arrest for a rape accusation that was eventually dropped. She issued an apology to what she called a "personal, visceral reaction" that was "inappropriate and tasteless."

Legion Post Leader Resigns

Gregory Isaacson, a conservative protester and city of Portland employee, resigned Feb. 3 as commander of American Legion Post 134 after a unanimous no-confidence vote held at the post's Northeast Alberta Street headquarters. Isaacson's election as post commander drew scrutiny in January from military veterans who said his attendance at Patriot Prayer protests ran counter to the post's mission of being a welcoming space.

Vigil for Teen Killed by Police

Loved ones and social justice advocates gathered Sunday to remember the life of 17-year-old Quanice Hayes, who was shot and killed in a confrontation with Portland Police three years ago. Positive stories and laughter were shared amongst those who gathered for a potluck dedicated to the black teenager. Family members said he would have turned 21 this August.

Trump Acquitted; Fires Officials

President Donald Trump started firing key government officials Friday who cooperated with Congress after the Senate acquitted him of impeachment charges. Army Lt. Col. Alex Vindman was removed Friday from the White House and reassigned, as was his twin brother, Lt. Col. Yevgeny Vindman. Also out was Gordon Sondland, a Portland hotelier who had been Trump's ambassador to the European Union

Foreign Film Wins Best Picture

"Parasite" was the first non-English language film to win best picture in the 92-year history of the Academy Awards Sunday. Bong Joon Ho's masterfully devious class satire took Hollywood's top prize, along with awards for best director, best international film and best screenplay.



Black Church Arsonist Guilty

A white man charged with torching three historically African-American churches in a 10-day span to raise his profile in the "Black Metal" music community pleaded guilty on Monday to federal hate crime charges. Golden James Matthews, the 21-year-old son of a sheriff's deputy, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty during a federal court hearing in Lafayette, La. officials said.

Facial Recognition Bias Extensive

Federal researchers have found widespread evidence of racial bias in nearly 200 facial recognition algorithms in an extensive government study, highlighting the technology's shortcomings and potential for misuse. Racial minorities were far more likely than whites to be misidentified in the US government's testing, in some cases up to 100 times more likely, the study found.

Breast Cancer Survivor Celebration

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to address the startling breast cancer disparities for African Americans.

"We're enthusiastic to take action with the African American community to change statis-

tics that negatively impact their health," said Andrew Asato, Komen chapter chief executive officer. Reservations to the celebration are required, as space is limited. RSVP at komenoregon.org/african-american-initiative or call at 503-552-9160

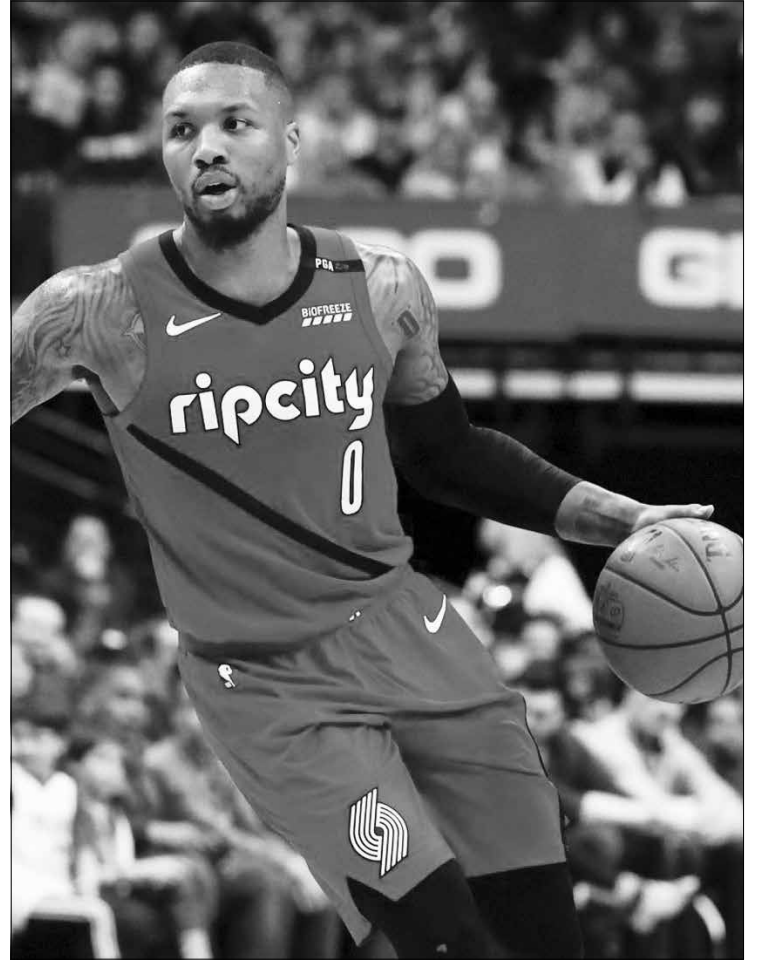
Double All Star Duty for Lillard

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard is set to participate in the NBA All Star game on Sunday, Feb. 16 and the All-Star weekend's 3-Point Contest the night before on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the United Center in Chicago. Both will be carried live on TNT starting at 5 p.m.

This will be Lillard's fifth All-Star game and the third time to compete in the 3-Point Contest. Through 48 games this season, he is averaging career highs of 29.8 points and 7.9 assists to go with 4.4 rebounds and 1 steal. Among league leaders, he ranks third in scoring, sixth in assists, second in three-pointers made (192) and third in free throws made (340).

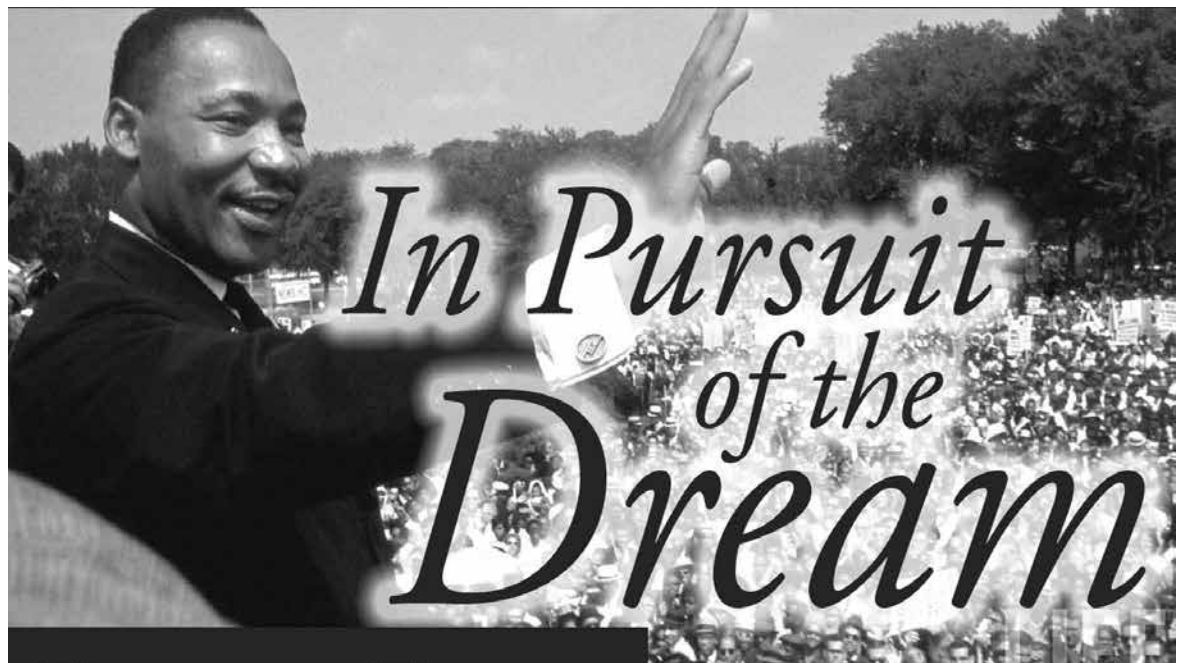
Lillard also is having the most accurate season from the field and from the three-point line, making at least five three-pointers in 17 games this season, tied for the second-most in the league. He has made 49 three-pointers over the last six games (Jan. 20 - Feb. 1), marking the most three-pointers in a six-game span in NBA history.

Lillard will be joined in the 3-point contest by Davis Bertans (Wizards), Devonte' Graham (Hornets), Joe Harris (Nets), Buddy Hield (Kings), Zach LaVine (Bulls), Duncan Robinson (Heat) and Trae Young (Hawks).



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Sensational guard Damian Lillard will represent the Portland Trail Blazers this weekend as he suits up for the NBA All-Star game on Sunday, Feb. 16 and the 3-point contest on Saturday, Feb. 15



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