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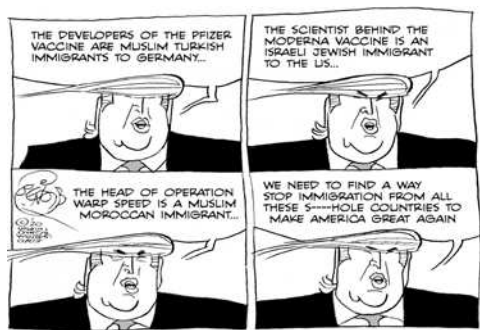


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Coach gets Disney Treatment

Keanon Lowe stopped a potential school shooting

Disney is making a movie about Keanon Lowe, the Black football coach and security guard credited with stopping a school shooting at Parkrose High School in May of 2019.

Lowe prevented a potential tragedy when he disarmed, and then hugged, a young student who brought a gun to school.

According to a brief announcement, Disney is making the movie about Lowe and the day he was able to peaceably confront the 18-year-old student who entered a classroom with a shotgun.

Lowe received national praise for delicately and successfully disarming the student in a powerful display of compassion. He was able to take



Keanon Lowe

the gun from the student and hand it to another staff member. By the time officers arrived at the scene, Lowe had detained the student in the hallway and comforted him with a hug. Thanks to his quick action, no shots were fired that day.

"When confronted with the test the universe presented me with, I didn't see any other choice but to act. Thank God, I passed," Lowe said after the incident.

The movie will be the latest recognition for Lowe's hero status. Over the past year, he has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor Citizen Honor, was selected as a CNN Hero and was named one of TIME Magazine's Heroes of the Year.

Lowe, who grew up in Portland and was a star football player at the University of Oregon, was recently hired by the UCLA football coaching staff as an offensive analyst.

Esteemed Pastor T. Allen Bethel Dies

Maranatha Church announced Monday the passing of Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel, an esteemed religious and civil rights leader who led the northeast Portland congregation as senior pastor for 26 years.

"It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of my dad, Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel," Monica Bethel and the Bethel family announced in a post on the church Facebook page. "As his favorite song says, 'My soul has been anchored in the Lord,' and we take comfort in knowing that his soul is now with the Lord."

Funeral arrangements were pending. He was 67.

Bethel was president of the Albina Ministerial Alliance's



Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel

civil rights organization. He also served on the boards of TriMet, the Oregon League of Minority

Voters, Warner Pacific College, the Oregon Trail chapter of the American Red Cross and the North Portland Bible College.

"The Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel was a prophetic voice who preached a message of fierce justice. He believed we had an obligation to free people from oppression. So Dr. Bethel championed police reform, an end to gun violence, and a better Portland for young people. He was a friend," the Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie wrote in a social media post.

"Dr. T. Allen Bethel was a strong and eloquent voice in Portland who brought grace and wisdom in his work for justice and a stronger community," wrote U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden.

MLK Tribute to Stream Live

Plans set for 36th annual program

"Bridge Over Troubled Water" will be the theme for this year's annual Martin Luther King Jr. tribute brought to the Portland metro area by the grassroots organization World Arts Foundation.

The 36th annual event will be a virtual event because of the public health restrictions on large gatherings that have resulted from the coronavirus pandemic. It will stream live on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Monday, Jan. 18, from noon to 5 p.m. on multiple



Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

fronts, including www.worldartsfoundation.org, Open Signal (Comcast), KBOO 90.7, XRAY 107.1 FM, YouTube, Facebook and Twitch, organizers said.

The retrospective program draws on a legacy of the World Arts Foundation hosting the community event honoring Dr. King's work, and connecting local performing artists and community leaders to underserved communities of color since 1978.

Through a combination of archival footage and contemporary interviews, "Bridge Over Troubled Water" will draw inspiration from Dr. King's mission to ensure peace, social justice, civil rights, and human dignity for all.

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