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the subject of separate criminal and internal investigations – since May 24, after local media reported he had accidentally shot a friend on an April camping trip in eastern Oregon. Four assistant chiefs – Bob Day, Kevin Modica and Mike Crebs – are also under investigation for not reporting the incident for internal review after learning about it in late April. Each has been de-

Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler issued a statement Monday expressing qualified support for Marshman's appointment.

"I have been clear that a comprehensive national search for a Police Chief is in the best interest of Portlanders the Police Bureau. I am confident that Chief Marshman will be a top candidate for the position, should he have an interest in

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moted to captain.

Marshman replaces Donna Henderson, who was appointed to the role of interim chief at the end of May and had previously served as an assistant chief in charge of investigations. Henderson has retired, effective at the end of this week.

Marshman has appointed Chris Uehara, to serve as assistant chief of operations; Capt. Mike Leloff, who leads the transit police, to assistant chief of services (including records and personnel); and Capt. Matt Wagenknecht, who supervises tactical operations, to be assistant chief of investigations. The fourth assistant chief position – which was created by O'Dea and oversees community outreach – has been eliminated.

"We are still waiting for the outcomes of investigations before passing judgement," Hales said Monday. "But we have urgent needs – police reform, staffing shortages – that must be addressed by leadership. Now is the time for the bureau to make a fresh start."

continuing as Police Chief," Wheeler said.

Portland Police Association president Daryl Turner said in a statement published by the Willamette Week that "a dark cloud" had been lifted from over the department following O'Dea's departure.

"For the past few weeks, we have watched as the Bureau suffered under Larry O'Dea's lack of leadership and ownership of his actions. During a time where staffing has dramatically decreased to an all-time low and morale is as bad as it gets, we needed a police chief to lead us with strength and integrity. Larry O'Dea was not that person. We are at a critical crossroad. Although we're still angry and in disbelief by the deep wounds inflicted on our organization by the outgoing chief, we are optimistic that we can work collaboratively with Chief Marshman to rebuild this Police Bureau. It will take hard work; our rank-and-file members—and now Chief Marshman—are up to the task," Turner wrote.

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community are encouraged to join.

PUBLIC MEETING, Thursday, July 7, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton Portland – Lloyd Center

This opening event will welcome members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to the City of Roses. State and local government officials and other Port-

“Conference events are free and open to the public

land dignitaries will bring greetings to the organization's national president, Dr. Paulette C. Walker; regional director Sandra Phillips Johnson; and the so-

rority's executive leadership team. In addition, Portland Alumnae will award \$8,000 in local scholarships to graduating high school students from the greater Portland Metropolitan Area.

WELCOME RECEPTION, Thursday, July 7, 9 p.m. – 11 p.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton Portland – Lloyd Center

This social gathering will immediately follow the public meeting.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE, Sunday, July 10, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton Portland – Lloyd Center

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s

24th National President, Dr. Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, will speak at this service. Butler-McIntyre has served Delta with distinction at the local, state, regional and national levels, and has received many other professional accolades.

POST-CONFERENCE KICKBACK, Sunday, July 10, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 N. Albina, Portland

The Portland Alumnae Chapter is opening the doors of the June Key Delta Community Center to the community for a social gathering.

About Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization of predominately African-American women whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Portland Alumnae Chapter and the City of Portland eagerly welcome these ladies with style and flair that is unique to the Pacific Northwest. We look forward to honoring the legacy of our 22 Invincible Founders and the work they began 103 years ago and to share our history and current activities with the local community. For more information on Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., visit www.deltasigmatheta.org

The Skanner Wins National Award

At the recent National Newspaper Publishers' Association's national convention held in Houston, Tex., *The Skanner* took second place for Best Editorial. Titled "New Opportunity in the Marijuana Industry," the editorial, by publisher Bernie Foster, was published July 15, 2015.

NNPA, an organization that includes 200 African-American-owned newspapers, is considered the "voice of Black America." The Merit Awards are sponsored by the NNPA Foundation, and are

judged by nationally known journalists, editors, university professors and communications experts.

President of NNPA, Denise Rolark, publisher of the *Washington Informer*, said that member publications are improving their brands and utilizing social media platforms to maximize audience and revenue streams. Al McFarlane, foundation president and publisher of *Insight News*, Minneapolis, Minn., praised publications for challenging content and graphics.

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payments, taxes and insurance.

Hunt says that the rising housing costs in Oregon have become a "significant burden" on the economic well-being of families in the state.

A recent report from the S&P/Case-Shiller 20-city real estate price index showed the Portland metro area had the steepest rise in home prices in the nation. Home prices rose an average of 12.3 percent over the last year – over twice the rate of growth in cities like Boston, Las Vegas or Phoenix who were all under 6 percent price inflation.

Portland rent increases have been even larger: a report from ABODO.com, an online apartment marketplace, found a 14 percent increase over the course of a month from February to March 2016. Portland saw the largest increase in average rents in the nation.

Hunt said the KIDS Count education rank is also worrying.

“Oregon families have just not recovered from the Great Recession at the same rate that other states are showing recovery

Oregon was rated 34th out of 50 for a lack of early childhood education, a low graduation rate and lack of proficiency in reading in math. Two-thirds of Oregon students were not capable readers by fourth grade and two-thirds of students lacked math competence at eighth grade.

The 2015 and 2016 state legislative sessions have been working to repair education in Oregon. Hunt said there has been more funding support for preschoolers and students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. There have also been changes in policy to reduce suspensions and to



A new report ranks Oregon 32nd in the nation for child well-being, based on such factors such as the economic security of parents, access to healthcare and quality of education.

curb chronic absenteeism.

"It is still early to evaluate the impact of these investments and policy changes but we believe there will be positive results in coming years," Hunt said.

The KIDS Count Data set for Black children in Oregon paints

fewer children without access to health insurance and there are relatively few teenage deaths, according to the data.

According to Hunt, these good health and wellness ratings come from policies and investments that had been made years ago, such as the Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) which offers low-cost or free health insurance to Oregon to children who

are not insured. The 2008 Healthy Kids Plan further expanded access by subsidizing children's health plans for middle income families.

Hunt believes the economic wellbeing and education ratings would be similarly improved with investment and public policy changes such as the \$15 minimum wage and the upcoming vote on a corporate tax hike.

"I think it is time to sound the alarm in Oregon," Hunt said. "It is time for the adults in Oregon to take responsibility for ensuring that Oregon is the place we want it to be for kids."

an even bleaker picture. In every category, Black children had more negative circumstances than white children. Black children were more likely to live in poverty, more likely to give birth early and to have children with low birth weights.

Black children were less likely to be enrolled in early childhood education, less likely to finish high school on time and less likely to live in two-parent families.

Some of the hopeful highlights from the KIDS Count data involved the health and community structures in Oregon. There are fewer low-birthweight babies,