

# Driver: Phung has no previous criminal history



Shane Dixon Kavanaugh/The Oregonian  
**Our Lady of Lavang, at Northeast 54th Avenue and Alameda Street, was extensively damaged on Monday after police say a driver plowed into the building.**

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Phung was booked into Multnomah County's jail system at 4 a.m. Monday after authorities say he called police to confess that he'd run his Acura MDX into the Our Lady of Lavang Catholic church near Northeast 54th Avenue and Alameda Street shortly after midnight.

According to a probable-cause affidavit, two Portland police officers responded to find evidence that a car had crashed through a locked gate and into different parts of the building. Church members say the SUV plowed through the doors of the building and damaged nearly every pew in

the large sanctuary. Police found part of an Acura grill and a license plate, which identified the SUV as registered to Phung, according to the affidavit. A short while later, Phung called to turn himself in.

Phung said he drove into the church after having a dispute with his family, according to the affidavit.

Some members of the congregation — which numbers in the thousands — said they recognized Phung. One said Phung's children learn Vietnamese at the church school. Phung told jailers that he's separated, living in Happy Valley and has two children who live with their mother.

Phung also said he has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, and that he has received mental health treatment in the past. He reported drinking alcohol daily.

He said he was employed as an online language interpreter and worked 55 hours per week.

He has no previous criminal history.

Phung was released from jail the same day he was arrested, with orders to appear in court to hear the charges against him Wednesday. Prosecutors are pursuing charges of felony first-degree criminal mischief, misdemeanor hit-and-run driving that resulted in property

damage and misdemeanor second-degree criminal trespass.

Hours after the church was damaged, about 100 volunteers started patching up the gaping hole in the building and setting up folding chairs, so Christmas Eve mass could proceed as planned.

Prosecutor Adam Gibbs said given the apparent circumstances of Phung's no-show, his office won't ask the judge to issue a bench warrant for Phung's arrest. Phung's next court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 9, which will be after a grand jury reviews his case.

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## WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

### Trump finally hews to ritual of meeting troops in harm's way

AL-ASAD AIRBASE, Iraq — President Donald Trump once opined that it wasn't "overly necessary" for him to visit troops in danger zones abroad. But with the lights of Air Force One out and window shutters drawn, the president did just that, slipping into Iraq at night to greet U.S. service members and show that his norm-busting presidency would hew at least to this tradition.

Addressing troops at an air base in western Iraq Wednesday, Trump defended his decision to pull forces from neighboring Syria, declaring of Islamic State militants: "We've knocked them out. We've knocked them silly."

His appraisal is at odds with that of military officials, aides and allies who consider IS a diminished but deadly force. His defense secretary and envoy to the anti-IS coalition quit after Trump blindsided much of the national security establishment with his call.

Trump had faced criticism for not yet visiting U.S. troops stationed in harm's way as he comes up on his two-year mark in office. George W. Bush made four trips to Iraq and two to Afghanistan as president; President Barack Obama made four to Afghanistan and one to Iraq.

Such trips are typically unannounced and the subject of extreme security. Trump's was no exception as he flew overnight from Washington, spent three-plus hours on the ground and stopped at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany for refueling and to greet service members in a hangar there before leaving.

### White House, congressional Democrats see no deal on shutdown

WASHINGTON — Chances look slim for ending the partial government shutdown any time soon.

Lawmakers are away from Washington for the holidays and have been told they will get 24 hours' notice before having to return for a vote. And although the Senate is slated to come into session this afternoon, few senators were expected to be around for it.

After a weekend and two holiday days for federal employees, Wednesday was the first regularly scheduled workday affected by the closure of a variety of federal services.

Trump vowed to hold the line on his budget demand, telling reporters during his visit to Iraq Wednesday that he'll do "whatever it takes" to get money for border security. He declined to say how much he would accept in a deal to end the shutdown.

"You have to have a wall, you have to have protection," he said.

### Saudi king orders Cabinet shakeup after Khashoggi's killing

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia's King Salman issued a wide-ranging overhaul of top government posts today, including naming a new foreign minister, following international fallout from the killing of Saudi writer Jamal



AP Photo/Andrew Harnik

**President Donald Trump speaks at a hangar rally at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, on Wednesday.**

Khashoggi nearly three months ago.

He also ordered a shakeup of the kingdom's supreme council that oversees matters related to security. The council is headed by the king's son, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, whose powers including roles as deputy prime minister and defense minister, were untouched in the overhaul.

The changes appear to further consolidate the crown prince's grip on power by appointing to key posts advisers and members of the royal family seen as close to him.

### Trump's presidency has changed Washington, defied convention

WASHINGTON — Mr. Trump went to Washington. And he changed it.

In his first two years in office, President Donald Trump has rewritten the rules of the presidency and the norms of the nation's capital, casting aside codes of conduct and traditions that have held for generations.

In Trump's Washington, facts are less relevant. Insults and highly personal attacks are increasingly employed by members of both parties. The White House press briefing is all but gone, international summits are optional, the arts are an afterthought and everything — including inherently nonpartisan institutions and investigations — is suddenly political.

Taking a wrecking ball to decorum and institutions, Trump has changed, in ways both subtle and profound, how Washington works and how it is viewed by the rest of the nation and world.

"He's dynamited the institution of the presidency," said Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian at Rice University. "He doesn't see himself as being part of a long litany of presidents who will hand a baton to a successor. Instead, he uses the presidency as an extension of his own personality."

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### Legal marijuana industry had banner year in 2018

PORTLAND — The last year was a 12-month champagne toast for the legal marijuana industry as the global market exploded and cannabis pushed its way further into the financial and cultural mainstream.

Liberal California became the largest legal U.S. marketplace, while conservative Utah and Oklahoma embraced medical marijuana. Canada ushered in broad legalization, and Mexico's Supreme Court set the stage for that country to follow.

U.S. drug regulators approved the first marijuana-based pharmaceutical to treat kids with a form of epilepsy, and billions of investment dollars poured into cannabis companies. Even main street brands like Coca-Cola said they are considering joining the party.

"I have been working on this for decades, and this was the year that the movement crested," said U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, an Oregon Democrat working to overturn the federal ban on pot. "It's clear that this is all coming to a head."

With buzz building across the globe, the momentum will continue into 2019.

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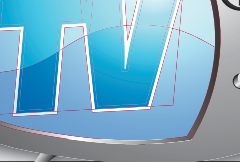
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# SCHEDULE

Evening listings  
THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING				A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach								DECEMBER 27	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Happy New Year, Charlie Brown	Rudolph's Shiny New Year	The Conners	Kids Are Alright	News (N)		(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Happy New Year, Charlie Brown	Rudolph's Shiny New Year	The Conners	Kids Are Alright	KOMO 4 News (N)		(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	I Feel Bad (N)	I Feel Bad (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Man Up"	Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Man Down"	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Mom	The Neighborhood	S.W.A.T.	"Hunted"	News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Mom	The Neighborhood	S.W.A.T.	"Hunted"	KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)	Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	I Feel Bad (N)	I Feel Bad (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Man Up"	Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Man Down"	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural	"Mint Condition"	Legacies	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) Family Travel	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(45) Midsomer	"Blood on the Saddle"	Masterpiece Classic	"Unforgotten"		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	Last Man Standing	The Cool Kids	Last Man Standing	The Cool Kids	10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV		
13	KPDV	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game		
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man Standing	The Cool Kids	Last Man Standing	The Cool Kids	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	News (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Football Texas Bowl Baylor vs. Vanderbilt Site: NRG Stadium -- Houston, Texas (L)						SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) Dodgeball World Cup						SportsCenter (N)	NCAA Football Independence Bowl Temple vs. Duke Site: Independence Stadium -- Shreveport, La.				
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	★★ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows	(16) Noel Fisher, Alan Ritchson.	Friends Pt. 1 of 2			
32	DISN	(32) Stuck in Middle	Coop & Cami	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Coop & Cami	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	
34	FAM	(34) (15) ★★★ Monsters, Inc. ('01) Voices of Billy Crystal, Mary Gibbs, John Goodman.	(20) ★★★ Ratatouille (2007, Family) Voices of Patton Oswalt, John Ratzenberger, Brad Garrett.									The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) Movie	★★ What Happens in Vegas ('08) Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Cameron Diaz.	(25) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.	(20) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.	(20) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.	(20) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.	(20) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.	(20) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.	(20) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.	(20) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.	(20) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.	(20) The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Melissa McCarthy.
36	LIFE	(36) (15) Lakeview Terrace ('08) Patrick Wilson, Samuel L. Jackson.	★★★ The Help (2011, Drama) Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, Emma Stone.									(05) Whitney ('15, Bio) Yaya DaCosta.	
38	ROOT	(38) Xterra Adventures	Rodeo Chase Hawks Rough Stock	Formula E: Racers	Undeniable Joe Buick "Chuck Liddell"	Press Pass (N)	Press Pass (N)	Press Pass (N)	Press Pass (N)	Superjig Pro	NCAA Basketball UMKC at Creighton	NCAA Basketball UMKC at Creighton	
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) NCAA Basketball UMKC/Crei. (L)	Crashed Ice	Bowl Preview	UFC UFC 165 Jon Jones faces off against Alexander Gustafsson.					Jon Jones vs. Alexander Gustafsson Site: Air Canada Centre	UFC UFC 197	UFC UFC 197	
43	SPIN	(43) (5:00) ★★ Remember the Titans ('00) Denzel Washington.	★★★ Bad Boys (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence, Téa Leoni, Will Smith.							★★ Bad Boys II (2003, Action) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.			
44	COKE	(44) (15) The Office	(50) The Office	(25) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Daily Show	Jim Jefferies Show
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers "Divide and Conquer"	American Pickers "Ready to Race"	American Pickers "The Mother Load"	A. Pickers "Another Wicked Pick" (N)	(05) A. Pickers "Pickin' for the Fences"	(05) American Pickers					(05) American Pickers	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Devil in the Lipa Trail of Blood"	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	(05) Live PD: Patrol	(35) Live PD
47	TLC	(47) Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Untold Stories "Rear End"	Untold Stories "Rear End"
48	DISC	(48) Naked and Afraid "Lord of the Rats"	Naked and Afraid "Garden of Evil"	Naked and Afraid "Brrr it's Cold Outside"	An army vet and a married man take on frigid mountains. (N)	Naked and Afraid "Shack Sacrifice"						Naked and Afraid "Shack Sacrifice"	
49	NGEO	(49) Wicked Tuna "Point Break"	Wicked Tuna "A Fin and a Prayer"	Wicked Tuna "Shock and Awe"	Wicked Tuna "Changing the Tide"	Wicked Tuna "Fight to the Finish"	Wicked Tuna "Shock and Awe"					Wicked Tuna "Shock and Awe"	
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Houston Rockets (L)	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Utah Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L)									NBA Basketball Boston vs Houston	
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) The Godfather: Uncut (1972, Drama) Al Pacino, James Cann, Marlon Brando.										The Godfather II: Uncut (1974, Drama) Robert De Niro, Robert Duvall, Al Pacino.	
52	USA	(52) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (2010, Adventure) Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.	★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 ('11) Daniel Radcliffe.									Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Bacon Baskets!"	Chopped "Bacon Boys"	Chopped "New Year's Bash"	Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) Mechanic: Resurrection ('16, Act) Jessica Alba, Tommy Lee Jones, Jason Statham.	★★ The Equalizer (2014, Action) Chloe Grace Moretz, Marton Csokas, Denzel Washington.									The Equalizer ('14) Denzel Washington.	
57	CNN	(57) PresidentImpeachment	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	PresidentImpeachment	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon
58	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle					The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef "Bourbon, Barrels and Burgoo"	Top Chef "Naughty and Nice"							Watch What	Dirty John
64	TCM	(64) Movie	(45) Pitfall (1948, Drama) Lizbeth Scott, Jane Wyatt, Dick Powell.									★★ The Tall Target ('51, Susp) Adolphe Menjou, Dick Powell.	
65	SYFY	(65) (45) ★★★ Colombiana (2011, Action) Michael Vartan, Callum Blue, Zoe Saldana.	★★ Enemy of the State (1998, Action) Gene Hackman, Jon Voight, Will Smith.									Futurama	Futurama
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live" (N)	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		