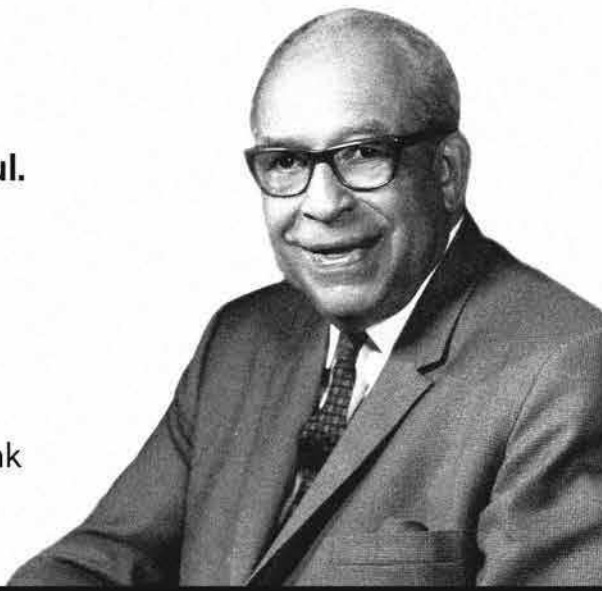


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The Week in Review

Nursing Assistant Guilty

A former nursing assistant at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center will spend the next 25 years in prison for raping and sexually abusing female patients. Ad-eladilew A. Mekonen pleaded guilty Friday to 28 charges involving sexual contact with female patients. Nine women accused Mekonen of sex abuse, including two women aged 87 and 94.



Killed at Insurance Agency

A 32 year old man died from a gunshot wound after a shooting Monday at the Golden Key Insurance Agency on Southeast 82nd between Foster and Woodstock. Police said it appears the man was homeless and threatened the business owner and his wife over some missing personal belongings. The shooting happened during a confrontation in the parking lot next door.

Naked Burglary Suspect

Around 10 p.m. on Saturday, police responded to a 911 call of a naked man who forced his way into an apartment in the 15200 block of Northeast



Sandy. A 28 year old woman fought off the intruder and she and her two children were able to escape with no physical harm. The suspect, 21 year old Miguel Gomez, has been charged with burglary, kidnapping and attempted rape.

ACLU Blasts Portland Police

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon is increasing

their criticism of the Portland Police Bureau's treatment of protesters. In their third statement this year, the group wrote on Facebook after a President's Day protest on Monday, "Today, Portland Police Bureau policy led to violence against peaceful protesters including young kids and retired public employees. It was shameful."

Missing Boy Found

A missing 2 year old boy was found safe in his pajamas in some blackberry bushes Saturday in the 1700 block of Northeast 67th Avenue after a search by local police and the FBI. His mother reported him missing hours earlier. The boy, River, was treated at a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries and exposure to cold temperatures.



Leaked Immigration Proposal

Congressman Earl Blumenauer released a statement Friday regarding a leaked Department of Homeland Security proposal to use National Guard troops for immigration enforcement: "What we've seen over the course of the last weeks are not 'routine, targeted operations,' as the Trump regime calls them. These operations, and this leaked proposal, are the result of trump's hateful immigration agenda that serves only to instill fear and destroy lives," he said.

Arrested on Riot Charge

Police arrested one protester, 19 year old Zachary Lange, during a Thursday march and rally in downtown Portland to demand justice for Quanice Hayes, a black teenager killed by police responding to a robbery and car prowl a few days earlier. Lange faces a riot charge involving damaged to a vehicle.

13 Trump Protesters Arrested

Tensions are running high between Portland protesters, the mayor, the Police Bureau and the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon after two "Not My President" protest marches were held downtown on Monday, President's Day.

One permitted protest, sponsored by Basic Rights Oregon, Causa and several labor unions, took place without incident. A second unpermitted march organized by Don't Shoot Portland, ended with 13 arrests.

One female protester, a senior citizen, was left with a bloodied face and broken nose, after apparently rolling on the ground with a police officer. In another confrontation, documented by citizen journalist Mike Bivins, a woman

angrily confronts a row of police officers in riot gear and an officer fires two rubber bullets into the woman's torso at close range.

ACLU Oregon legal director Mat dos Santos said in a statement released 5 days earlier: "Portland's protest policy should emphasize restraint, de-escalation, and the use of force only as a last resort to ensure public health, safety and welfare."

Police spokesperson Pete Simpson responded, "We certainly understand that not everyone agrees with police presence or response to protest events. We encourage people with commendations or complaints about officer conduct to send them to the Office of Independent Police Review."

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