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The Week in Review

County Health Director Retires

Multnomah County Health Department Director Joanne Fuller retired Monday just days after the county reached a legal and financial settlement with Tricia Tillman, a high-ranking black manager who claimed Fuller forced her to quit, promoting a call for an investigation into systemic racism at the county.

Car Hits Blind Man in Crosswalk

A car hit and killed a blind man using a crosswalk on North Columbia Boulevard and Interstate Place early Monday morning. The driver, identified as Ryan M. Gawick, 34, remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators. He faces a charge of criminally negligent homicide.



More Protests at NFL Games

President Donald Trump started a major attack over the weekend by tweeting obscene criticism at NFL players, mostly black, who have joined protests during the National Anthem. The remarks created a backlash with hundreds of players joining the protests on Sunday and Monday, sitting or kneeling, and whole teams, including their owners, standing with locked arms to display unity.

Reed Students Protest Racism on Campus

Reed College students protested racism on campus

Monday, with about 100 students attending a rally and others skipping classes as part of a day-long boycott. A list of demands for the administration, included more outreach to marginalized communities and mandatory training on the subject of race sensitivity for faculty and staff.

Lillard Supportive of Players

Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard said Monday he was happy to see NFL athletes taking a role in the controversy between them and President Trump. Lillard went on to say that "the opposition" to players' taking a knee, "is the real problem." "Colin Kaepernick doesn't have a job because he took a knee," he said.



Boyfriend Charged in Child's Death

A boyfriend of a Gresham mother whose 13-month-old infant died Thursday from a traumatic brain injury after being found unconscious and not breathing was charged with murder on Friday after a child abuse investigation, police said.

Portland's Arts Tax is Constitutional

The Oregon Supreme Court affirmed the legality of Portland's Art Tax last week, saying it is not a prohibited "poll or head tax" under the Oregon Constitution. The decision concludes more than four years of litigation over the tax which supports arts education in Portland schools.

Confederate Flag Raises Alarm at OSU

Oregon State students and administrators were alarmed last week when a symbol of slavery, the Confederate flag, was seen hanging in a window across the street from the university's Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center. An off-campus Christian fraternity released a statement saying the flag was displayed by a student unaffiliated with the organization, and asked for the flag to be removed.

King Allows Women to Drive

Saudi Arabia's king is easing restrictions on women driving, finally allowing almost half its population to get behind the wheel. A royal decree has been issued that will allow women in the country to drive, the Saudi Foreign ministry said Tuesday on its official Twitter account.

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