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Trump's Rhetoric Backlash

Uses words laced with profanity and racism

President Trump has once again garnered worldwide criticism for profane and racist comments, this time about African countries and Haiti during an Oval Office meeting with several members of Congress to discuss bi-partisan immigration plans.

"Why are we having all these people from sh*thole countries come here?" Trump was quoted as saying when the discussion



Donald Trump

turned to immigrants from Africa. He also condemned immigration from El Salvador. "We

should bring in more people from places like Norway," he added.

The statement occurred on the eve of the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday and King's daughter, Bernice King, expressed her condemnation of the comment on a Facebook live video Friday. "We've heard so many things from him via Twitter and otherwise that have been troubling to our humanity," the activist said.

The Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a non-partisan organization addressing

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Small business open house

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The Week in Review

False Alarm in Hawaii

Hawaii officials faced widespread criticism after a false alarm warning about an imminent missile attack that urged residents to "seek immediate shelter" on Saturday morning. State officials canceled the alert six minutes later, but many people didn't get the message and people flooded the streets in fear across the state, searching for cover. Honolulu's 911 system received 5,500 calls.

Olympian Accuses Team Doctor

Four time gold gymnast Simone Biles is the latest Olympian to accuse former USA Gymnastics physician Larry Nassar of sexual abuse, joining over 125 other women and girls who say they were also abused by the doctor during routine exams. Nasar faces decades behind bars for seven counts of criminal sexual conduct after pleading guilty in November.



Sitting Out State of Union

Congressman Earl Blumenauer announced last week that he will not be attending the upcoming State of the Union address, saving himself

from "listening to yet another destructive and divisive speech" by President Trump. Instead, the Portland Democrat released in statement saying he will be working at home listening to the concerns of fellow Oregonians.

Coastal States Say No Drilling

Oregon's Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden have joined 20 of their colleagues asking Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to exempt Oregon and other impacted states from any new offshore oil or gas leases. The letter comes on the heels of a Trump Administration plan to dramatically expand drilling leases in coastal states. But a few days later, Zinke granted a special exemption to Florida, citing tourism interests.

New Homeless Day Center in Vancouver

Vancouver City Council approved the purchase of a \$4.3 million building last week to help provide homeless services within the city. The 25,000 square foot building is a former Fish and Wildlife building and is located in the heart of the city.

Semi Plunges into Columbia

A semi-truck on Interstate 84 crashed into an SUV and veered out of control, splashing into the Columbia River, about a mile east of Corbett, Monday night. Three people were injured, including the truck driver.

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