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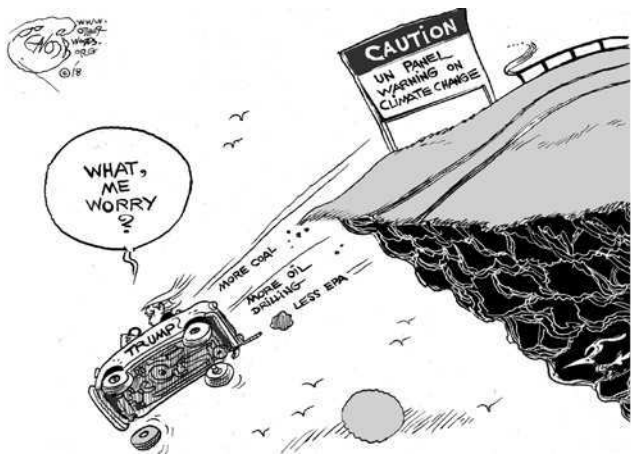
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Gov. Kate Brown recites a prayer for peace at Congregation Beth Israel in northwest Portland on Sunday during a vigil that drew support from a diverse group of local faith-based leaders, elected officials, and people of all backgrounds to memorialize the victims of a mass shooting just one day earlier at a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Pleas for Peace

Portland vigil follows attack on Jewish temple

Several interfaith leaders, elected officials and people of all backgrounds gathered in Portland Sunday to support the victims of a mass shooting and call for peace, one day after a white gunman apparently bent on racist and extremist postings against immigrants walked into a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh, Penn. and killed 11 people.

Congregation Beth Israel, at 1972 N.W. Flanders St., hosted the afternoon ceremony. Speeches, quotes from the Hebrew Bible, and singing, including a rendition of the civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome," filled the Portland temple as dozens locked hands in solidarity.

Gov. Kate Brown, Sen. Ron Wyden, and Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler were also in attendance. Thousands flooded Pittsburgh streets for memorials that same evening.

Authorities said the man charged in the shooting, identified as Robert Bowers, 46, regularly posted memes and conspiracy theories attacking immigrants and their supporters on a social network called Gab which is often associated with conspiracy theorists and extremists — including an ominous warning posted just hours before the attack.

Bowers was arraigned Monday on 29 federal counts, including hate crimes and weapons offenses.

The synagogue attack is considered the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in U.S. history, and a massacre that highlights the rise of hate crimes across the country.

Forums on PSU Campus Security Begin

Portland State University will hold public forums over the next three days regarding campus safety policies and the future of armed police officers patrolling its downtown campus and adjacent neighborhood.

The meetings will be conducted by an independent security consulting firm and follow PSU's first officer-involved shooting of last June when Jason Washington, a black father, grandfather and Navy Veteran was killed by campus security while trying to break up a fight outside the Cheerful Tortoise, a bar near campus. It happened after a gun he was legally able to carry dropped to the ground and he

reached to pick it up.

A grand jury ruled that the two officers involved, James Dewey and Shawn McKenzie, were justified in the shooting. Seventeen shots were fired, according to a medical examiner's report, nine of which struck Washington.

The school's board of trustees announced at a meeting earlier this month that it would begin its own public investigations into the circumstances of the shooting which will include public forums, an examination of PSU's policing policies, and could result in a decision to disarm campus police entirely.