

Crash Damages Church Office

A northeast Portland church that is scheduled to host this year's annual Martin Luther King Jr. tribute by Portland's World Art Foundation was struck by a vehicle over the weekend, littering the pastor's office with broken glass and a destroyed concrete wall, but the damage was not expected to impact the Monday, Jan. 21 celebration.

The crash at Highland Christian Center on Northeast Glisan and 78th Avenue happened Saturday night just 10 minutes before a 6 p.m. service. No injuries were reported and the pastor's office was not occupied at the time.

Of the two drivers involved in the crash, one fled the scene and was later arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants, police said.

Michael Grice, the co-founder founder and president of the World Arts Foundation, told the Portland Observer that repairs to the church should not impact the MLK tribute because it happened on a side of the building that was not in the area where the ceremony proceedings are slated to occur.

Forum on Rise in Hate Crime

Dozens of people testified at Unite Oregon in north Portland Monday night to share their stories of being discriminated against to Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum who is holding listening sessions across Oregon this week to better understand the rise in hate crimes.

A Muslim woman being asked to take off her traditional hijab by an employer, a man who said a noose was hung at his work area at a state agency, and a man who had racial slurs hurled at him while walking down the street were among the testimonies at the Killingsworth Street nonprofit dedicated to cultural diversity.

Rosenblum was joined by her Task Force on Hate Crimes, which she created in May to make proposals to Oregon lawmakers to strengthen the laws for hate crimes, which rose 40 percent in Oregon last year, according to FBI data released in November.

"It is appalling that hate-motivated crimes are on the increase in Oregon; this reality requires us to act," said



Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum hosts a forum in north Portland to better understand the rise in hate crimes. (KGW photo)

Rosenblum. "There are a lot of ideas about how to address hate crimes, but I need to hear directly from the community."

In addition to the listening session in Portland, Rosenblum also held one in

Eugene Tuesday and will hold another one in Medford Wednesday.

You can report a hate crime to Oregon's Department of Justice by visiting justice.oregon.gov/crimereporting/hatecrime.

The Week in Review

Man Killed in Disturbance

A black man accused of charging into a southeast Portland apartment after pounding on the door and refusing to leave was shot and killed by a police officer responding to the Saturday afternoon disturbance. Police said Andre G. Gladen, 36, refused orders to stand down and charged the officer with a knife. He was first shot with a taser before the firearm was used, officials said.

Cracks Close Madison Gym

The gymnasium at Madison High School in northeast Portland was temporarily closed after cracks were found in the stair-

way wall tile, school officials told parents this week. Madison is scheduled to begin its modernization this summer as part of the May 2017 bond program. The gym is one of the buildings scheduled for demolition.

China Lands on the Moon

China's burgeoning space program achieved a first on Thursday by landing an unmanned spacecraft on the far side of the moon. The China National Space Administration said touchdown of the Chang'e 4 craft "opened up a new chapter in human lunar exploration."



Blazers Founder Dies at 92

Larry Weinberg, inaugural owner of the Portland Trail Blazers, died last week at the age of 92. Weinberg led the group

that secured expansion franchise rights to bring the NBA to Portland in 1970. He sold the Trail Blazers to the late Paul Allen in 1988.

Jail Releases 55 Inmates

The Multnomah County Sheriff released 55 inmates from jail last week because of overcrowding, the consequence of a county policy designed to shrink the jails and limit the number of people held on criminal charges in Portland. The county closed several dorms in Inverness Jail in 2016 and 2017, decreasing the number of available beds.

Threats, Slurs Bring Charges

A white woman accused of threatening a black couple and shouting racist slurs because she was upset about a parking spot in McMinnville was indicted on several felony and misdemeanor charges last week.

Video footage of the woman's racist rant had gone viral.



Diversity in New Congress

A new Congress convened on Thursday, ushering in a record number of women and ethnically diverse lawmakers, nearly all from the Democratic Party. It also marked a new era of divided government with a Democratic-led House that promises greater oversight of the Trump administration.

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