



An undated photo from KATU via AP shows the Hart Family, a white couple and their six adopted black children.

Couple Killed Entire Family

A final chapter in the death of an entire family from southwest Washington.

A jury in California last week determined that Jennifer and Sara Hart committed murder when they gave their six adopted black children as many as 19 doses each of Benadryl before driving their SUV over a steep

cliff and into the Pacific Ocean last year.

All eight members of the family died. Previously they had been portrayed on social media as a happy, multi-racial family. One of the boys gained national attention when he was photographed in tears while hugging a white police officer during a 2014

protest in Portland.

The couple's story began to unravel in March of last year, when they fled their Woodland, Wash. home after a visit from social workers investigating charges they were neglecting the children. A neighbor had filed a complaint with the state saying the children were being deprived of food as punishment.

If cops called for no reason, bill would allow lawsuit

Three African American state lawmakers have introduced a bill that could allow a person of color to sue someone who called the cops on them for no reason.

It's an experience familiar to one of the bill's sponsors, Rep. Janelle Bynum, who had police called on her for "campaigning while black," in what became a national story.

Bynum was canvassing for votes in her Portland suburb district last summer when a Clackamas County deputy responded to the scene and realized nothing was wrong.

It's one of several instances where people of color have had police summoned by their presence for little else than apparently minding their own business, like the man from Kent,



Rep. Janelle Bynum

Wash. who had the police called on him by a hotel security guard in December for simply making a phone call to his mother in the lobby of the Double Tree at Lloyd Center.

The bill was partly inspired by an opinion piece in the Oregonian written by Oregon civil rights attorney Erious Johnson and his wife, Nkenge Harmon Johnson, president of Urban League of Portland, in which they called for the creation of a new crime called "malicious summoning."

"When they have police called on them for no reason, people are hurt," Johnson recently testified to representatives on the House Judiciary Committee. "It's an element of segregation."

Though House Bill 3216 doesn't include the possibility of criminal charges, it would create a path for people to file a small claims court suit of up to \$250 and could soon be voted on by the House Judiciary Committee.

The Week in Review



Police Shooting Protest (KOIN PHOTO)

Dozens of people marched through the streets of the Northeast Precinct Saturday demanding justice for Andre Gladen, a blind, mentally ill black man fatally shot by police last January. Gladen's family believes the knife he's accused of holding was planted by the officer who shot him. A Grand Jury ruled the shooting was in self-defense.

Motel 6 to Settle Lawsuit

The national chain Motel 6 agreed Thursday to pay \$12 million to settle a lawsuit filed by the state of Washington, claiming names of hotel guests were improperly provided to immigration officials for two years. Some people staying at seven Motel 6 locations in the state were detained or deported.



Booker Calls for Reparations

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., on Monday introduced a bill that would study the possibility of reparations for descendants of slaves, embracing a push that recently has caught the interest of fellow 2020 Democratic presidential candidates.

Goldschmidt Portrait Stolen

Police arrested a man on multiple misdemeanor charges Saturday for stealing and then burning a small portrait of former Mayor Neil Goldschmidt that was part of a collection of mayoral photos from the entryway of Mayor Wheeler's office at City Hall. Jeffrey T. Black, 50, said he took the portrait to shed light on the plight of survivors of sexual assault.

Burgerville Workers Unionize

Overcoming anti-union propaganda, workers at Burger-ville restaurants at the Oregon Convention Center and Montavilla said they refused to be intimidated by company managers and voted last week in favor of union representation at both locations. It makes the Burgerville Worker's Union undefeated in five elections.

Law Would End Time Changes

The Oregon Senate has passed a bill that would abolish annual time changes and make daylight saving time permanent for the state. The bill now heads to the state House for consideration with the support of Gov. Kate Brown.

Paper Tickets Going Away

Pending TriMet board approval in May, the transit agency announced last week that it will officially stop accepting most paper tickets when the year ends Dec. 31. Passengers are being directed to the tap-to-ride Hop Fastpass system, an electronic fare card that allows riders to pay for rides in advance. Cash fares will still be accepted on buses.

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