



Counter-protesters prepare to clash with Patriot Prayer protesters during an Aug. 4, 2018 rally in Portland. Since President Donald Trump's election, the city has become a political arena for far-right and far-left groups to face off. (AP photo)

Police Brace for Clash of Protests

History with hate groups adds to dynamic

(AP) -- Portland police are mobilizing to prevent clashes between out-of-state far-right groups planning a rally for downtown Saturday and the homegrown anti-fascists who oppose them.

The rally — and the violence it may bring — are a relatively new reality for police, as an informal

coalition of white nationalists, white supremacists and extreme-right militias hones its focus on Portland as a stand-in for everything it feels is wrong with the U.S. At the top of that list are the masked and black-clad anti-fascists who turn out to violently oppose right-wing demonstrators as soon as they set foot in town.

"It's Portlandia, and in the public mind it rep-

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which had no animals inside and the cause of death has not been determined.

Accused Financier's Suicide

Jeffrey Epstein, the 66-year-old financier and sex offender who was facing new charges of trafficking girls for sex, died of an apparent suicide Saturday in his federal jail cell in Lower Manhattan. The New York Times reported the jail chose to house Epstein by himself and did not make routine check-ins after he attempted to commit suicide three weeks earlier.



Speed Racing Crackdown

Portland Police conducted 26 traffic stops, towed four vehicles and arrested five suspects related to illegal street racing over the weekend. The actions were part of a crackdown the police are undertaking to curb displays of speed racing, which has included using the help of the bureau's Air Support Unit.

Claim filed Against ICE

About 300 protesters joined interfaith leaders at the Washington County Courthouse in Hillsboro Monday to protest the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency for detaining and arresting immigrants when they come to court. The rally came on the same day the ACLU of Oregon and a partnering law firm filed a federal tort claim on behalf of a legal resident and county worker who was detained by ICE.

Protests Shuttles Airport

One of the world's busiest airports canceled all flights after thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators crowded into Hong Kong's main terminal Monday, while the central government in Beijing issued an ominous characterization of the protest movement as something approaching "terrorism."



Body Found in Zoo

The body of a man who was reported missing since Saturday was found Monday in a construction site at the Oregon Zoo, police said. Carl Stanley Ross Sr., 62, was found in the rhino habitat,

Wildlife Protections Weakened

The Trump administration Monday announced major changes for the way the Endangered Species Act is applied, weakening the law by making it harder to protect wildlife from multiple threats posed by climate change.

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