

No Federal Charges

Zimmerman decision called a bitter pill

(AP)-- George Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot Trayvon Martin in a 2012 confrontation with the teenager, will not face federal charges, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

The decision, announced in the waning days of Attorney General Eric Holder's tenure, resolves a case that focused on self-defense gun laws and became a flashpoint in the national conversation about race two years before the Ferguson, Missouri, police shooting.



George Zimmerman (center) speaks with his lawyers in 2013 during his second-degree murder trial for the killing of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla. (AP photo)

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The Week in Review

Students Mourn Classmates

Several hundred students from West Linn and Oregon City high schools joined together Monday night to remember three students killed in weekend traffic wrecks. West Linn Juniors Antonio Caballero and Cooper Hill were killed Saturday in the Columbia Gorge. Oregon City Senior Maddy West was killed Friday night in a head-on crash near her home.

Council Raises Minimum Wage

The Portland City Council voted unanimously last week to raise the minimum wage for workers under city contracts to \$15 per hour. Over 30 community members, union and community organization representatives, faith leaders, and more spoke out in favor of the resolution.

Juveniles Charged in Shooting

Last Thursday, the Portland Police Bureau Gang Enforcement Team arrested two 14-year-old males in

connection with a Feb. 4 shooting outside the KFC on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Tuition Increase Draws Fire

Students waged a protest Thursday as Portland Community College board members approved a tuition hike, raising the per-credit cost from \$92 to \$96 starting in 2016-17. A student who takes about 15-credit-hours per quarter will see her tuition rise from \$1,380 to \$1,440.

Woman Found Dead at Park

A woman found dead last Wednesday in the Willamette River at Kelly Point Park in north Portland has been identified as 22-year-old Elyesicia Chevonna Payton. Police say they have charged her boyfriend, Nicholas Ross Estrada, 22, with murder.

Gang Members Accused

Five alleged white supremacist gang members are accused of kidnapping and torturing men at a southeast Portland auto shop because they either "snitched" on them or wouldn't cough up information that the gang members wanted, according to a 14-count indictment.

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