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# The Week in Review

### Jimmy 'Mak' Dies One Day after Club's Closing

Jimmy Makarounis, owner and namesake of the iconic Portland jazz club Jimmy Mak's, died Sunday, just one day following a New Year's Eve party at his downtown establishment that was scheduled to mark its closing. Makarounis had battled throat cancer for several years.

### NAACP Stages Sit-In

The NAACP staged a sit-in on Tuesday to protest the nomination of conservative U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions as the nation's next Attorney General, vowing to occupy his Mobile, Alabama, office until he withdrew as a candidate or demonstrators were arrested. Sessions, 70, has a record of controversial positions on race, immigration and criminal justice reform.



### Janet Jackson Gives Birth

Janet Jackson has given birth to a baby boy, according to People magazine. The pop superstar and her husband, Wissam Al Mana welcomed their first child, named Eissa, on Wednesday. Janet had a stress-free healthy delivery and is resting comfortably," a

rep for the singer, 50, told People.

### North Korea Nuclear Threat

North Korea leader Kim Jong Un on Monday announced that his nuclear-capable country is close to test launching an intercontinental ballistic missile whose range would be Hawaii and the West Coast of the United States. President-elect Donald Trump responded on Twitter, saying: "It Won't Happen."

### House Ethics Plan Dissolves

House Republicans gutted an independent ethics oversight committee in a closed door meeting on Monday, and then reversed course on Tuesday following public outcry and criticism from President-elect Trump on Twitter.

### Night Club Terror in Turkey

A gunman reportedly dressed as Santa Claus opened fire in a popular night club in Istanbul, Turkey during a New Year's Eve party, killing 39 people and injuring at least 70 others. Police said most of the victims were foreigners. The attacker has not been identified and is still at large. ISIL (Islamic State) released a statement taking credit for the massacre.

### Gang Team Investigates

The Gang Enforcement Team of the Portland Police Bureau is investigating a shooting during the early morning hours of New Year's Day involving a residence in the 8900 block of North Portsmouth Avenue. There were seven people inside the home when the shooting occurred, but no reports that anyone was injured, police said.

### Driver Arrested after Search

The Street Crimes Unit of the Central Police Precinct Street arrested a driver Friday after a search of his vehicle at Northeast 69th and Sandy Boulevard revealed about 12 ounces of heroin, a knife, and \$2,530 in cash. Edson Duran-Hernandez, 28, was booked into the Multnomah County Jail on drug charges.

## Equity and Policy Manager Hired

The Portland Development Commission has named Mayra Arreola, a former executive with the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, as the new PDC director of social equity, policy and communications.



Mayra Arreola

Arreola most recently oversaw community investment strategies at the United Way. She previously managed the Latino Program for Rural Development Initiatives and Programs and Marketing for Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.

PDC Executive Director Kimberly Branam said, "I'm confident that Mayra's career-long focus on

leadership, community and economic development will be instrumental in PDC's continued efforts to support job creation, encourage broad economic prosperity, and make great places – with and for all the residents of our communities."

Arreola said, "Equitable practices are crucial for healthy community growth. I'm excited to use my experience in eliminating barriers and increasing opportunities for underserved communities to help PDC create equitable programs, policies and communication channels that will advance equity for all of us."

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