

The Week in Review

Attempted Terror Attack

A man who later told police he was supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria and was inspired by the group, strapped an improvised explosive device to his body and it partially exploded in an underground passageway at a major commuter hub in New York City Monday morning, injuring himself and three other people, officials said.

Bill Ringer Collects \$10K

Salvation Army bell ringers may seem like they're collecting sparse change, but last week an anonymous donor placed \$10,000 in \$100 bills into one of the nonprofit's red kettles at the Hollywood Fred Meyer on Northeast Weidler Street, the largest donation put in a single Salvation Army kettle ever collected in Portland.



Police Officer Sentenced

Michael Slager, a white former South Carolina officer, was sentenced to 20 years in prison last week for fatally shooting Walter Scott, an unarmed black driver in 2015. Slager pleaded guilty to violating Scott's civil rights in the case which was



a rallying cry for the Black Lives Matter movement.

Women Accuse Trump

Three women who've accused President Trump of sexually harassing or assaulting them before he came to the White House demanded a congressional investigation Monday, "People are being held accountable, except for our president," said Jessica Leeds, who said Trump tried to force himself on her, including reaching under her skirt, during a plane ride more than 30 years ago. Yet "his staff made a big point of calling us all liars," she said.

Franken Out; Contrasts Response

Minnesota Sen. Al Franken said Thursday he will resign in the coming weeks after a number of his Democratic colleagues called for him to step down amid allegations of sexual misconduct against women. He contrasted the response to those against Donald Trump and Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore, who also face sexual harassment claims.

Accused of Union Busting

A group of New Seasons Market workers are accusing the Portland grocer of retaliating against them and hiring a "union-busting" consulting firm. The complaints were outlined in a Thursday letter and come just over a month after workers announced they are attempting to organize a union for better working conditions.

Warming Shelters Open

Lingering cold temperatures and freezing windchill prompted emergency warming shelters in the Portland area to open their doors Monday night. Folks at risk of exposure to extreme weather conditions can call 2-1-1 to get assistance to be transported to warming shelters in Portland and Gresham.

Fires Devastate California

Ash fell like snow and heavy smoke had residents gasping for air Monday as a huge Southern California wildfire exploded in size again, becoming the fifth largest in state history and driving celebrities from a wealthy hillside enclave. Tens of thousands have fled their homes.



When Rep. Al Green, D-Texas introduced a resolution in Congress last Wednesday to impeach President Trump for associating his presidency with causes rooted in bigotry and racism, none of Oregon's delegation to the House, including all four Democrats would support it. (AP photo)

Impeachment Vote Fails But Trump behavior cited in resignation calls

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Accusing President Trump of misdemeanors for associating his presidency with causes rooted in bigotry and racism did not generate any vote for impeachment from Oregon's House delegation last week, but allegations of sexual harassment against the president have now led Oregon's two U.S. senators to ask Trump to resign.

Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff

Merkley joined their Democratic caucus members Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kristen Gillibrand of New York to say publicly that the president should play a political price for his alleged sexual indiscretions. They also called for a congressional investigation.

Since his campaign for election last year, more than a dozen women have accused Trump of varying degrees of sexual misconduct over the decades, from groping to unwanted kissing, accusations that he has denied.

Last Wednesday, a black Democratic lawmaker from Texas

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