

The Week in Review

Portland Protests Mark Trump's First Year in Office

Portlanders observed President Trump's first year in office and last year's Women's March with weekend protests in downtown Portland. Speakers rallied against sexual assault and protested Trump on the anniversary of his inauguration.

US Senate Ends Government Shutdown

The Senate voted for a three-week funding measure Monday to reopen the government and potentially provide a path forward on a larger immigration agreement. Many Democrats said they felt encouraged by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's assurance that the Senate would proceed to an immigration bill soon.

Man Shot, Killed in Car Downtown; Shooter Arrested

A Portland man was shot inside a parked vehicle about 5:40 p.m. Sunday at Southwest Fourth and Stark Street. Police said Ellante Davone Williams, 30, died shortly later. Aaron Drake Birt, 24, was arrested and charged with his murder.

TriMet GM Search Narrows with Finalist Named

TriMet's Board named current TriMet Chief Operating Officer Doug Kelsey as a single finalist in the search for a new General Manager last week. The board will now consider public comments and input from various stakeholders before moving ahead on the hiring or resuming a search for another applicant.



Portland Residential Speed Limits Reduced

The speed limit on residential streets in Portland will soon be lowered from 25 mph to 20 mph after the new limits were approved by the Portland City Council last week. The proposal was part of the city's Vision Zero campaign to eliminate all traffic deaths.

Jazz Legend Activist Dies

Legendary South African jazz musician and anti-apartheid activist Hugh Masekela has died at the age of 78 after a decade-long fight with prostate cancer, his family reported Tuesday. The "Father of South African jazz" scored an international number one hit in 1968 with "Grazing In The Grass."



New Office on Collision Course with Civil Rights

The Trump administration's plans for a "conscience and religious freedom" division in Health and Human Services seems to pave the way for health care workers to refuse specific types of care, like birth control or abortion, based on their religious or conscience objections. Critics charged last week that the move could hurt civil rights protections for lesbian, gay and transgender people, and hurt patient care.



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Jimmy Sassalos, 82, poses in front his Overlook Restaurant in north Portland just days before closing the landmark to retire and redevelop the property.

Beloved Diner Shuttters Doors

A beloved Greek diner that has been a welcoming presence and neighborhood institution for generations has put its 'closed' sign up for good, after 43 years.

The Overlook Restaurant on North Skidmore Street, just east of Interstate Avenue, was owned and operated by 82 year old Jimmy Sassalos and wife Jane. Sassalos opened the diner after coming to America as an

immigrant at the age of 25 with no money or prospects. The last day of business was Sunday.

"I will miss the public, staff, and restaurant," Sassalos said.

A two-building, 158-unit project, with 59 spaces of parking, and retail space and designed by Holst Architecture is slated to replace the spot.

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