

The Week in Review

SEI Hit by Sexual Harassment Complaint

Self Enhancement, Inc., the much lauded nonprofit that helps African-American students and families, is being sued by a former employee who alleges that staff and supervisors created a sexually inappropriate atmosphere, including with students. In a lawsuit filed Thursday, Fyndi Jermany said she was sexually harassed by supervisors and coworkers and witnessed conversations among colleagues about dating students.

Man Found Dead on Bike Path in Northeast Portland

A man was found dead on a bike path near Northeast 122nd and Siskiyou early Tuesday. Police said circumstances at the scene lead them to believe it was a homicide. The Oregon State Medical Examiner will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of death before releasing the victim's identity.

Earlier Portland Protest Had Weapons Cache

Members of right wing group Patriot Prayer had a stash of guns on a roof top prior to and outside an Aug. 4 protest, city officials revealed Monday—the same day Mayor Ted Wheeler was made aware of it. Police briefly seized the weapons and returned them, finding they were not loaded and were properly secured.

Elizabeth Warren Releases DNA Test

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., released the results of a DNA analysis Monday suggesting a lineage to a distant Native American ancestor. She was attempting to neutralize attacks from President Trump who has mocked her for citing family lore that claimed Cherokee heritage.

North Portland Car Fire Bellows Smoke

A huge plume of black smoke could be seen for miles Friday afternoon after several cars caught fire at Starks Industries, an auto dispensary on North Columbia Boulevard and Portsmouth. Officials said the fire was sparked by employees draining oil from a vehicle. No one was reported hurt.

Washington State Ends Death Penalty

Washington state is the latest in the nation to do away with the death penalty. The state's Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the use of capital punishment violated the state Constitution because it was imposed in an arbitrary and racially biased way. People currently on death row will have their sentences converted to life in prison.

Officer-Involved Shooting Death Identified

A suspect in a fatal officer-involved shooting last week at a southeast Portland motel room was identified Thursday as a mentally ill man who police previously attempted to help. Samuel E. Rice, 30, was killed while holding a female hostage at knifepoint, police said.

Correction: Artharee Resigned

Baruti L. Artharee resigned from his employment with the city of Portland in 2013 after Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith charged that he was sexually suggestive while introducing her during an event. He denied the allegation. In our Oct. 3 issue, it was incorrectly stated that he was fired. We regret the error.



Paul Allen, the longtime owner of the Portland Trail Blazers, a co-founder of Microsoft, and one of the richest men in the world, died Monday from complications from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He was 65.

Death Brings End to Paul Allen Era

Blazers owner had loyalty to team and the city

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Paul Allen, the longtime-owner of the Portland Trail Blazers who was passionately involved in the team's operations over the last three decades, died Monday from complications from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He was 65.

Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft with his friend Bill Gates, was one of the richest men in the world when he purchased the Trail Blazers in 1988, five years after resigning from Microsoft. A self-confessed basketball fanatic with the Blazers, he had a current net worth pegged at \$20 billion.

Allen attended most Blazers games and was a familiar sight seated behind the basket and court-side. He was known for evaluating college prospects ahead of the each year's NBA draft and for relishing being with the Blazers on draft day.

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler expressed his sadness on Allen's death on behalf of the city.

"He will be sorely missed. We extend our sin-

cere condolences to his family," Wheeler said.

Trail Blazers President and Chief Executive Officer Chris McGowan said he was fortunate to work with Allen and witness all the passion he put into making the world a better place.

"He was an amazing mentor and great leader for our organization," McGowan said.

It's unclear what will happen to the ownership of the Blazers with Allen's death. There was speculation that the NBA would want a team to remain in Portland no matter what happens with the Blazers ownership because the Portland market is one of the NBA's most successful.

The Blazers qualified for the playoffs 17 times and made five trips to the Western Conference Finals under Allen's tenure, including reaching the NBA Finals in 1990 and 1992.

Allen went on to purchase the Seattle Seahawks of the National Football League and become part owner of the Seattle Sounders of Major League Soccer. He also used his considerable wealth to invest in a host of companies and donate to countless charities.

His death leaves a big void in the Northwest sports landscape, and questions are likely soon to

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