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Portland Community College President Mark Mitsui (from left), Portland State University President Rahmat Shoureshi, Oregon Health Sciences University President Danny Jacobs and Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler celebrate the start of construction of a new public health building to serve the city and its three education partners at Southwest Fourth and Montgomery.

Health, Education Partnership

Construction begins for health center at PSU

A new education and health center in the heart of Portland State University's downtown campus saw its groundbreaking Friday with representatives of its four partnering organizations: Portland State University, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland Community College and the city of Portland.

The \$104 million facility will be located at Southwest Fourth

Avenue and Montgomery Street and house the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health. Plans call for 175,000 square-feet of space across seven stories. The building will also house PSU's College of Education; PCC's dental hygiene, dental assistant and dental laboratory assistant programs; the city's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability; a dental clinic, mental health services, and ground-floor retail and restaurants.

"This building will help to produce the state's next generation of public health leaders," said Dr. David Bangsberg, dean of the OHSU-PSU School of Public

Health. He added that the center will focus on equipping individuals with the ability to identify, confront, and combat some of the most vexing causes of health disparities throughout Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, and beyond.

Speaking to the importance of the new community partnership, OHSU President Danny Jacobs, said the groundbreaking was about "much more than a new building."

"It is about the people and programs that the building will house, so that we may address issues of social justice and community engagement, as well as the health and well-being of those we serve."

The Week in Review

Census Citizen Question Rejected by Judge

A federal judge in New York Tuesday struck down the Trump administration's plan to write a citizenship question into the 2020 census putting a freeze on a deeply contentious move that critics said would discourage non-citizens from participating in the Census. The Justice Department has said it needed better data on the voting age population to help enforce the Voting Rights Act.

Costly Government Shutdown

The political cost of a nearly month-long government shutdown is mounting as more than 800,000 federal workers miss their paychecks and as a new nonpartisan poll shows that nearly 2 out of 3 American voters support reopening the government and do not back Trump's hard-line demand of \$5.7 billion for a border wall.



Multnomah County Jail Inmate Taken Hostage

An inmate was accused of grabbing another man in the downtown Portland jail Sunday afternoon and threatening to "snap his neck" if corrections deputies didn't release him from custody. Two sheriff's deputies were able to intervene by using force and placed him in handcuffs. One of the officers was treated for broken ribs and the other for a dislocated finger.



Son Accused of Stabbing Mother

Brian Toombs, a 28-year-old man with schizophrenia who has a history of marijuana and bath salt use was charged with stabbing his mother in Vancouver last week, police said. The attack left the 57-year-old woman with wounds on her head, neck and face - with at least two of the blows penetrating her brain, authorities said.

Montana Man Arrested for Threats on Portland Mayor

A 39-year-old man was arrested last week accused of trying to extort money from Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler through an Instagram message in October that contained a threat to harm the mayor's property and home, according to a federal indictment. Kermit Tyler Poulson was arrested Tuesday in Missoula, Mont.

North Greenly Bike Lane Fix Coming, City says

The Portland City Council last week approved a plan to build a protected two-way bike path on North Greeley Avenue along a dangerous corridor for bicycle riders between Interstate 5 and Swan Island. The city will seek bids for the \$1.9 million project and hopes construction will begin this summer and finish four to six months later.

Restaurant Employee Steals \$167,240

A former employee accused of stealing \$167,240 from the LaCostita Restaurant in Troutdale received a one year and five month prison sentence Friday. Keeya Danielle Deshazo, 41, took cash that should have been deposited into the restaurant's bank account and placed those funds in her own private bank account, authorities said.

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