

The Week in Review

First Muslim Lawmaker

Multnomah and Clackamas county commissioners unanimously voted last week to appoint Kayse Jama, the executive director of the racial justice organization Unite Oregon, to a vacant Oregon senate seat representing east Portland. He becomes the first Muslim to hold office in the Senate.



Stunning Trump-led Revolt

Egged on by President Trump's barrage of false attacks, violent armed protesters stormed the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday sending lawmakers into a scramble for cover in a stunning attempt to overturn the presidential election and keep Democrat Joe Biden from the



White House. At least 5 people died, including a police officer who was hit in the head.

Lawmaker Lets Rioters In

Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek on Monday stripped Republican Rep. Mike Nearman of Independence of his responsibilities and called for his resignation after he let right-wing rioters into the Capitol in Salem during a special legislative session last December. "Representative Nearman put every person in the Capitol in serious danger," Kotek said.

Georgia Doubles Down!

Matching its historic vote for Joe Biden for president in November, Democrats Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock, won both Georgia Senate seats last week in a special runoff election — and with them, the U.S. Senate majority, dramatically improving the fate of Biden's progressive agenda.

Destructive Justice March

A march for justice in solidarity over the officer-involved death of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisc. turned violent last week when about 50 people blocked streets near the North Precinct on Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard. People lit fires in dumpsters, threw bottles at police and sprayed graffiti on buildings all along the street.

Riot Follows Fatal Shooting

Police declared a riot and arrested one person in Tigard following demonstrations Thursday in response to a fatal shooting by a Tigard police officer. When about 100 people marched to the Tigard Police Department, some in the group vandalized several businesses, breaking windows and tagging property with graffiti, officials said.

Most Killings in 26 Years

Seven fatal shootings in December pushed Portland's homicides to 55 in 2020, marking the most killings in the city in 26 years. Police said the last time Portland recorded as many deadly encounters was in 1994, when there also were 55 homicides.

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