

# A Look Back at 2018



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## Quanice Hayes' Family Sues City

The family of 17-year-old Quanice Hayes, who was shot and killed by Portland police in February 2017, filed a lawsuit in June against City of Portland and Andrew Hearst, the officer who fired the shots that killed the teenager.



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## Meyer Announces Move

Meyer Memorial Trust, the state's second largest philanthropic organization, which manages an \$800 endowment created by grocery-chain founder Fred Meyer, announced in March that it purchased a 25,000-square-foot lot at the intersection of North Tillamook and Vancouver, currently occupied by Sergeant's Towing. Foundation CEO Doug Stamm, who retires at the end of March, said the organization will move into the new spot in March 2020.



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## Police Shoot John Elifritz in Homeless Shelter

Seven Portland Police Bureau officers and one sheriff's deputy were involved in a shooting Saturday that left Portland resident John A. Elifritz dead after he entered a southeast Portland homeless shelter. Video showed Elifritz wielding a knife and there was evidence he was in active mental health crisis. In May a grand jury declined to indict the officers involved in the incident.



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## Seattle Black Panthers 50th Anniversary

Kent Ford, left, who served as Portland Black Panther Chapter Captain, and the rest of the audience raise their fists and yell, "Power to the people," after hearing a panel discussion by members of the Seattle Chapter of the Black Panther Party on the last day of a conference celebrating the Seattle Black Panthers' 50th Anniversary. It was held April 26 through April 28 at both Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute and Washington Hall. The conference featured speeches and discussions with former Panthers like Aaron Dixon, Ericka Huggins, Emory Douglas and Elaine Brown. There was a presentation by Jose (Cha Cha) Jimenez, a former member of the Young Lords in Chicago, panels on hip hop activism, and the Angola Three and political prisoners. The event also featured a concert with Fred Hampton Jr., a performance of Party People by the ensemble Universes and music and dance by many local artists.



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## Rents Too High For Black Portlanders

An April report from the Portland housing bureau showed that rents in newly constructed buildings fell in 2017 for the first time in years, according to the city's recently-released State of Housing report – but renters of color are still unable to afford rent in any neighborhood in the city, due to a combination of rapidly rising rents and stagnant wages far below the median for the metropolitan area. The report also said African Americans are more likely than other Portlanders to be housing burdened, meaning they pay more than 50 percent of their income in rent.



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## Protesters Close ICE

In June, ongoing protests over President Trump's immigration policies resulted in the temporary closure of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Portland. The protest began with demonstrators calling for an end to the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy in which all unlawful border crossings are referred for prosecution. The protesters also sought an immediate end to the practice of separating children from their families. The administration officially suspended its family separation policy June 20, but stories of unaccompanied children living in detention centers continued to surface throughout the year. More broadly, clashes over the President's immigration policy dominated headlines through the end of the year, when Congress' refusal to provide funding for the border wall Trump promised during the election led to a partial shutdown of the federal government.



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