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“Cascade PBS' closure of Crosscut doesn't have to be the end,” *The Seattle Times*

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Crosscut lasted nearly two decades before its sudden end by the decision of its owner, Cascade PBS. Some have suggested that the loss of the local journalism staff is a nail in the coffin for not-for-profit local news. I disagree. The model worked successfully here with Crosscut, and it is working in other cities.

When Crosscut was independent, it survived two near-death financial crises thanks to a plucky band of donors, volunteers and journalists motivated by the belief that high-quality, local journalism would make our community a better place. Crosscut pioneered in-depth coverage on issues like homelessness, kept *The Seattle Times* on its toes and helped train many successful journalists.

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