

Teen Receives Medal of Honor

His extreme bravery saved life of neighbor

The accolades keep coming for a Troutdale teenager who saved a young boy, his neighbor, from the second story of a burning home.

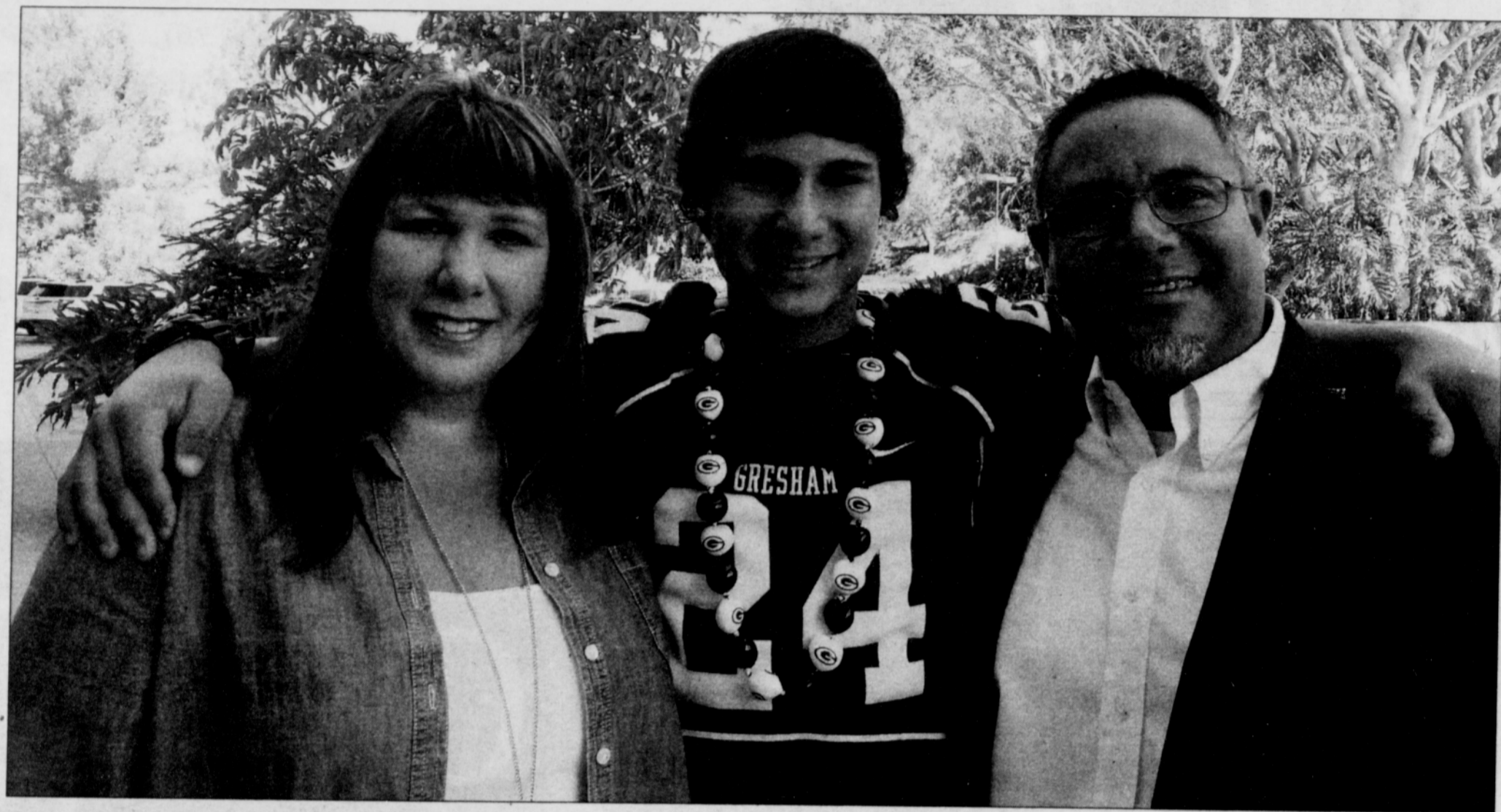
Marcos Ugarte, 15, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the United States of America's highest honor awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty.

Ugarte was one of four citizen heroes named this year and the first minor ever to ever receive the award. He is recognized for a saving a life in a single instance of extreme bravery.

The young man was also featured in Reader's Digest, which selected him for its "Everyday Heroes" series that profile people and their extraordinary deeds across the country.

Last September, Ugarte and his father, Eduardo Ugarte, rushed to help neighbors yelling for help a few houses down. After he was told the family's son, eight-year-old Cody Ma, was trapped on the second floor of their burning home, Eduardo Ugarte charged up the stairs.

But when thick, black smoke and



Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Marco Ugarte of Troutdale (center) in a family photo.

flames forced Eduardo back down empty-handed; Marcos Ugarte grabbed a ladder and scurried up. Punching out a screen window, he coaxed the terrified young boy out. With his father holding the ladder, Marcos scooped the boy with one arm and lowered him to safety.

When firefighters arrived minutes later, black fumes billowed from the back of the house as flames engulfed the second floor. While Cody was taken to a hospital, where he was treated for smoke inhalation and release, no one else was injured. However, the family's house was

left uninhabitable.

The other two recipients of the Citizen Service Before Self award were Jesse Shaffer III and his father, Jesse Shaffer IV. During Hurricane Isaac, the two used their boat to rescue 120 people from their flood-ravaged town after official rescues were called off.

The fourth recipient of the award, Joe Carroll, developed and ran a homeless support center in San Diego that is considered a model across the country.

The honorees will receive the awards on March 25, Medal of Honor Day, at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.



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Week in The Review

Burn Accident to Increase Safety Measures

After a fire burned an 11-year-old cancer patient, OHSU announced Monday that it will adopt new fire safety measures in its hospitals and clinics. Fire marshals said a combination of olive oil, static electricity and hand sanitizer caused the girl's cotton shirt to catch fire, leaving her with third-degree burns.

I-5 Bridge Bill Adopted

Gov. John Kitzhaber Tuesday signed a bill authorizing \$450 million in bonds to pay for the Oregon's share of a new I-5 bridge connecting Portland and Vancouver over the Columbia River. The money will only be spent if Washington state comes up with its own \$450 million share, the federal government puts up more than \$1 billion, and the U.S. Coast Guard issues a permit.

Bus Driver Assaulted

Christopher Charles Jones, 19, was charged with assault Sunday for punching a TriMet bus driver in the face as he got off a bus with another man at Jantzen Beach. The bus driver told police that he initially declined the two men entry to the bus because



they had a dog with them, but relented after they claimed it was service animal.

Mother and Son Killed

A 55-year-old man and his 90-year-old mother were killed instantly Saturday when a man believed to be drunk and speeding drove his Escalade SUV through a stop sign at Southeast 28th Place and Gladstone Street, hitting the victims' Toyota Corolla. Police said the driver, Daniel Troy Johnson, 29, and two unidentified passengers ran from the crash scene. Johnson was later arrested a few blocks away.

No Pope on First Ballot

Tuesday night in Vatican City, black smoke billowing from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel indicated that 115 Roman Catholic cardinals gathered to elect a new pope had not chosen one in the first ballot of their conclave.

NASA: Mars Dust Reveals Ingredients for Life

NASA scientists haven't discovered life on Mars yet, but a rover sent to the planet last month did make a startling discovery: Conditions that could have supported life once existed there. The discovery is based on the chemical analysis of powder that the rover recovered by drilling a hole in a rock on Mars.

