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The Week in Review

#### Sandwich Ends Suicide Attempt

A naked man who said he was hungry and was cutting himself with a knife threatened to jump off a downtown parking structure Saturday. Officers were able to get the man from the ledge with the offer of a sandwich. He was taken in for a medical evaluation at an area hospital.

#### Good Deed Nets \$10,000

After recovering \$300,000 in winnings accidently left in his taxicab in Las Vegas, cabbie Gerado Gamboa returned the prize to its rightful owner. Sunday, the grateful poker player gave Gamboa a \$10,000 reward as a token of his appreciation.

#### **Oregon Cigarette Tax Increase**

Starting with the New Year on Jan. 1, the tax on cigarettes will go up 13 cents in Oregon. Last fall during a special session, state lawmakers decided to increase the tax on cigarettes to \$1.31 a pack.

#### Felon Gets 20-Year Sentence

A Portland man was sentenced to 20 years in prison last week for being a felon in possession of a firearm after he threatened a couple with a loaded handgun outside a convenience store near Southeast 162nd and Division. Sid Edward Willis Jr., 34, had only been out of prison for two months prior to the incident.

#### **Cover Oregon Extends Deadline**

Oregon's healthcare exchange Cover Oregon has extended its enrollment deadline by a week to Jan. 6 because of the number of people still waiting for the processing of mailed applications. About 38,000 people have enrolled for insurance through Cover Oregon.

#### Wells Fargo to Pay Millions

Wells Fargo will be paying \$591 million to lender Fannie Mae following a settlement agreement the two announced on Dec. 30. This follows Fannie Mae's lawsuit claiming Wells Fargo overstate the quality of mortgage securities it sold during the 2008 American financial crash.

#### **Fish Attack in Argentina**

A swarm of carnivorous fish on the Parana River in Rosario, Argentina left about 70 people injured last week. No one killed, but swimmers were left with various injuries.

# Same-Sex Relationship Acknowledged

(AP) - Robin Roberts thanked her longtime girlfriend, Amber Laign, in a year-end post published Sunday on the ABC News anchor's Facebook page.

The message, which follows Roberts' battle with a life-threatening illness, is the first time the "Good Morning America" anchor has publicly acknowledged her 10-year, same-sex relationship with Laign, a massage therapist from the San Francisco Bay Area.

Roberts, 53, has been very open about her health battles, but she has not previously spoken publicly about her sexuality.

First lady Michelle Obama tweeted her support to Roberts Robin Roberts



Monday: "I am so happy for you and Amber! You continue to make us all proud. -mo"

Sunday was the anniversary of Roberts' 100-day milestone following a bone marrow transplant in September 2012 for treatment of myelodysplastic syndrome, a rare blood and bone marrow disease.

In May, Grand Central Publishing announced Roberts, one of the most popular figures in morning TV news and a former college basketball standout player and sportscaster, will write a memoir about her battle with MDS and the life lessons she continues to gather following her return to "GMA" last February.

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# **Elevating Portland**

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students.

seem to suck as far as the workout is involved, but describes how awesome it is when "you're on the beach and you can do cool back flips and people are watching.

and you are 10 with a six-pack, then background checks for all of her gymnastics is awesome. When you staff Wilson has gone at great cus du Soliel I'm invested in every

chalk and a little-bit of blood and your coach is making you do that thing that you fell on your face She knows how gymnastics can doing again, and you don't wanna be here anymore 'cause your friends are at the mall, gymnastics is significantly less awesome," Wilson says, with a light giggle.

"When you go to the pool party Gymnastics, CPR Training, and are in gym covered in sweat and lengths to make sure that those look- single student personally."

ing to defy the laws of gravity, if only for a moment, are at least safe while doing it in her gym.

A humanist at heart, Wilson's passion extends past the rigorous lessons of flips and gymnastic tricks.

"I don't just coach people. I'm very invested in not just the product but the process and each student," she says "Regardless of whether my student is just coming With certifications from USA in to learn how to do a cartwheel or they're coming in because they have to get ready for an audition for Cir-