

Session Ends with Progressive Victories

Bills expand contraception; fight racial profiling

On Monday the Oregon Legislature drew its current session to an end, a year highlighted by several progressive victories, including bills to make voting easier, improving access to birth control and fighting racial profiling by police.

The law banning the practice of profiling as a law enforcement tactic is on its way to Gov. Kate Brown's desk for her signature. The bill offers residents a formal complaint process and creates a new work group tasked with identifying patterns or practices of profiling, along with identifying



Gov. Kate Brown signs a bill expanding access to contraception during a June 11 ceremony. The bill makes Oregon the first state to require insurers to pay for up to 12 months of birth control at a time. (AP photo)

methods to correct it.

The bill received bipartisan support in both chambers and had the backing of the Center for Intercultural Organizing, the NAACP, Basic Rights Oregon, the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, and the Oregon Sheriff's Association.

"Profiling corrodes the relationship between law enforcement and the community they serve," said House Speaker Tina Kotek. "To eliminate profiling, we need to face it head on, recognize it and provide the means to report and address the problem when it occurs."

Brown signed the birth control law on Monday, giving Oregon women access to contraception without having to first schedule a doctor's visit. Pharmacists can

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Confederate Flag Voted Down

The South Carolina senate voted 36 to 3 to remove the confederate flag from the state capitol grounds on Monday following protests of the symbol's historic connection with slavery and in light of the recent white supremacist shooting that took the lives of nine African-Americans attending bible study. A two-thirds majority vote is also needed in the state House in order for the bill to reach the governor.

Officer Shoots Stabbing Suspect

A 55-year old man was released from the hospital Monday after having been shot by a police officer after allegedly stabbing the officer's partner on Sunday morning. The suspect, David James Ellis, was promptly transported to the Multnomah County Detention Center, where he faces numerous charges, including attempted aggravated murder.

The Week in Review



Women's World Cup Victory

The United States has won its third Women's World Cup title and first since 1999 with a 5-2 victory over Japan on Sunday behind a first-half hat trick by Carli Lloyd. The Americans became the first country with three women's titles and got a measure of revenge for their loss in the 2011 final against Japan.

Fireworks Spread to Homes

Authorities say illegal fireworks started a brush fire between two southeast Portland homes on Monday morning and then flames

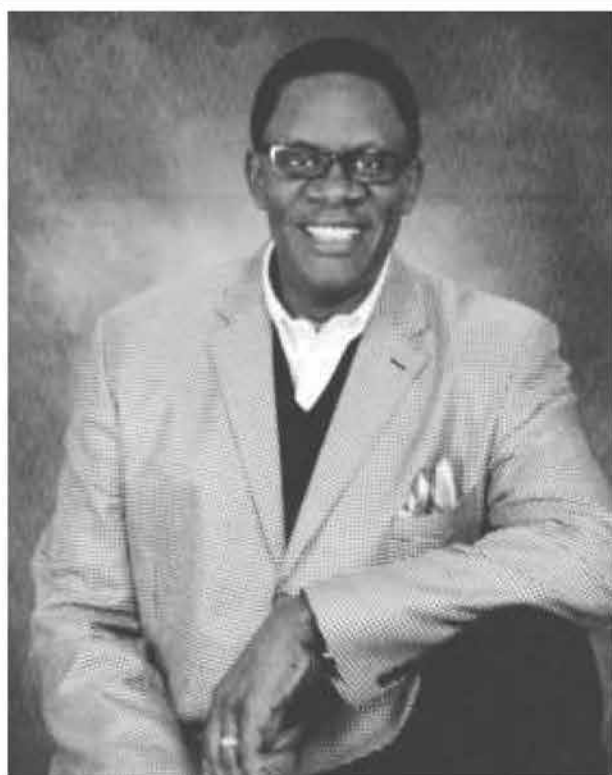
spread to the exterior of both buildings. Portland firefighters were able to put the fire out. A damage estimate was not immediately available.

Cosby Admits to Drugging

Actor and comedian Bill Cosby admitted in a 2005 deposition that he obtained the sedative Quaaludes with the intent of giving them to a young woman he wanted to have sex with. The documents were released Monday on a court order against the objections of Cosby's attorneys.

Woman Struck by Vehicle

A 60-year-old woman who was struck by a vehicle in southeast Portland on Saturday is being treated for life-threatening injuries at a local hospital according to police. The woman was struck just before 10 p.m. near Southeast 60th Avenue and Holgate.



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Yank the wires out of the wall and calmly go back to sleep?" You see, pain is your nervous system's fire alarm. Pain pills may alleviate the

pain but will do nothing to take the stress off the spine and nervous system. When the body yells, "Fire!" and you experience pain; it is trying to get your attention that it is being injured. When there is stress in the nervous system, this is a serious problem.

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