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Teen Rescues Woman

A 19-year-old male saved the life of an elderly woman who was trapped in a burning car at a southwest Beaverton gas station Saturday. Phillippe Bittar punched through a widow to pull the trapped victim from her sedan which had flames spreading from the trunk. A pre-med student, Bittar is being called a hero by emergency workers and was offered free meals for life for his heroism by a local business.

Portland Nature Park Vandalized

The Powell Butte Nature Park Visiting Center in southeast Portland sustained significant damage Friday night. Nine windows were broken along with a vandalized excavator. Nothing was reported to have been stolen but officials are still looking for more information and investigating

Tobacco Targeting Youth, Communities of Color

A new Multnomah County study finds that it's easy to find tobacco products being sold in stores near local schools and much of retail

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tobacco advertising is geared toward young people. It also found that there are more tobacco retailers per capita in areas with a higher percentage of people of color, impacting a population that's already saddled with disadvantages in health outcomes.

Cuba, US Embassies Open

Embassies reopened in Havana and Washington, D.C. Monday for the first time since the two countries severed ties in 1961. Secretary of State John Kerry is scheduled to travel to Havana in August as part of the renewed diplomatic outreach between the countries initiated by President Obama.



Clean Slate Wanted for Marijuana Offenses

Congressman Earl Blumenauer proposed a law Monday to expunge the convictions of certain marijuana offenders. The Portland Democrat's Clean Slate for Marijuana Offenses Act 2015 would

create a pathway for people to clear their criminal record of marijuana offenses if they were charged for activity that was legal at the time in their own state, and those whose offense was possession of an ounce or less of marijuana.

Free Community College Bill

A bill promising free community college to Oregon students to recent high school graduates was signed by Gov. Kate Brown on Friday. Tuition will be limited to a fee of \$50 per term – down from the current cost of \$1,500 per term full-time. Students will have to apply for government financial aid and maintain a GPA of 2.5 to stay in the program, which will launch in Fall 2016. The program is expected to affect between 4,000 and 6,000 students.

Robbery Suspect on Loose

Police are still trying to identify a man who entered a Plaid Pantry Monday around 1:30 a.m. armed with a knife and demanded money. He is described as being a white man in his late 20s, 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds, with shaggy brown hair and a large beard. Anyone with information is encouraged to call 503-823-0407 or email Kenneth.reynolds@portlandoregon.gov.

City Raises Wages for Seasonal Work

A local union and the city of Portland have reached an agreement that will raise wages for about 80 seasonal employees who work for Portland Parks and Recreation.

The settlement moves a limited number of jobs into a unionized bargaining unit and settles a labor

contract grievance that went to binding arbitration last year. Positions affected include customer service representatives, preschool teachers, assistant pool managers, and certain camp coordination duties. Currently, Portland Parks and Recreation employs hundreds of staff working limited

hours in seasonal positions. Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz, who has promoted more full-time jobs at the Parks Bureau during her tenure, said the agreement "will provide living wages for many of our valued, dedicated Portland Parks and Recreation employees."

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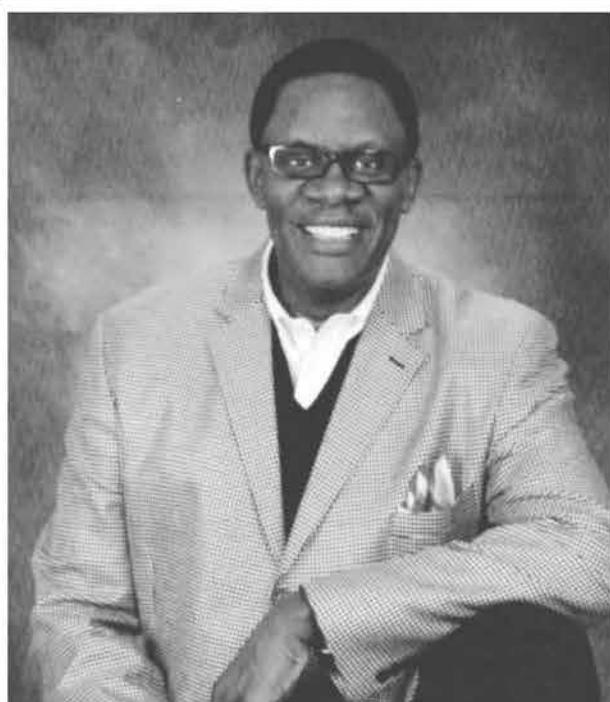
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