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The Week in Review

Big Night at the Grammys

Kendrick Lamar, Taylor Swift and Alabama Shakes were the biggest winners at Monday's Grammy Awards ceremony that, due to the recent deaths of some seminal stars, felt as much a tribute to music's past as its present. Lamar scored five Grammys for his breakthrough hip hop album "To Pimp a Butterfly," the night's biggest haul.



Obama Fights for Pick

After the weekend death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, Barack Obama said Tuesday he would nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy who is "indisputably" qualified. He called on the staunch Republican opposition in the Senate to rise above "venom and rancor" and give the nominee a vote.



Arsenic Hotspots Worry

U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley and U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer asked federal environmental regulators Friday to act now to respond to public health concerns over dangerously high levels of cadmium and arsenic in southeast and north Portland. The heavy metals have been traced to discharges from stained glass manufacturing plants whose air emissions fall into a regularity loophole.

Higher Minimum Supported

A committee of the Oregon House approved steep increases to the minimum wage Monday night, sending the bill to the full chamber for a final vote.

The proposed legislation would raise wages over the next six years to \$14.75 in the Portland area, \$13.50 in semi-urban areas including Bend and Eugene, and \$12.50 for sparsely populated areas.

Officer Pleads Guilty

A Portland police officer has resigned from the force and pleaded guilty to official misconduct, eight months after a woman visiting from Las Vegas said he arrived at her Pearl District hotel room to follow up on her domestic assault complaint, stripped naked and ordered her to give him a massage. Jeromine Palaoro, an eight-year veteran of the police bureau, will receive 18 months of probation.

Stabbed at Transit Center

A 17-year-old boy was stabbed in a fight involving 20 people at the Hollywood Transit Center Monday around 5:30 p.m. The victim was found suffering from traumatic injuries and was taken to a Portland hospital. Witnesses reported seeing several people run away from the scene and get on a westbound MAX train.

Unruly Woman Floods ER

A woman is accused of flooding the emergency room at Gresham's Mount Hood Medical Center because she was reportedly angry that she had not been discharged yet. Police say Laura Samuel, 33, of Sandy, broke the telephone in her hospital room, and then used its battery to shatter a fire alarm and brake a sprinkler head, unleashing 60 gallons of water per minute into two bathrooms, the adjoining hallway, and three hospital rooms.



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