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At least 20 residents were displaced by a fire last week that caused extensive damage to a six-plex building at Northeast 27th and Killingsworth Street. A man living at the apartment is accused of starting the fire.

Arson Fire Displaces Families

Man tells police he started the blaze

At least eight adults and 11 children were evacuated from a burning apartment in northeast Portland last week that police say was started by a resident of the complex.

Police said Louis Duncan, 34, admitted starting the fire, telling authorities he had been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder and believed his neighbors were



Louis Duncan

trying to kill him.

The flames broke out about 5 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2. A day earlier, residents told police that Duncan had threatened to burn the building down. Authorities said he used a lighter to ignite some paper and used that to set a blanket on fire. The flames then spread to pieces of furniture and the apartment walls.

Duncan was arrested on accusations of first-degree arson.

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PCC Rock Creek Evacuated

The Rock Creek campus of Portland Community College was evacuated Monday due to a bomb threat. Two dozen officers and bomb-sniffing dogs were used in a search, but nothing suspicious was found. Classes were canceled for the day and evening as a precaution.

Black Face Controversy

After a white University of Oregon law professor dressed in black face at a private Halloween party, sparking controversy in Eugene, President Michael Schill said Monday that he's still angry and "more than a little sad" about the situation. He said the racial depiction "wounded our community, divided us, and exposed fissures that long existed under the surface."

the ball for the final out. "We did it. We're World Champions."

Rose City Rollers Repeat

On Sunday night, the Rose City Rollers beat New York City's Gotham Girls 186-166 to repeat as world champions in roller derby. The Women's Flat Track Derby Association held its championship in Portland, and 12 teams from around the world competed at Memorial Coliseum.

Janet Reno Dead at 78

Janet Reno, the first female attorney general of the United States, died Monday of complications from Parkinson's disease. She was 78. Reno became attorney general under President Bill Clinton in 1993. Clinton issued a statement honoring Reno as "an extraordinary public servant."



Cubs Win World Series

The Chicago Cubs ended more than a century of flops, futility and frustration Thursday when they outlasted the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in 10 innings of a Game 7 thriller to win the World Series. "It happened. It happened. Chicago, it happened," first baseman Anthony Rizzo said after gloving

Portland State Assault

Portland State University officials said a man assaulted a student he didn't know Monday night at the campus library, prompting a search, but authorities couldn't find the suspect. The student reported the man physically assaulting her and saying he had a gun around 7 p.m. Students were asked to shelter in place during the search.

Rose Fest Parade Moves

After more than 100 years, the Rose Festival announced Friday that it will move the downtown routes for the Rose Festival's Starlight and Grand Floral parades off 10th Avenue next year to accommodate the operation of the Portland Streetcar. The decision was made under the direction of city transportation officials and City Commissioner Steve Novick.

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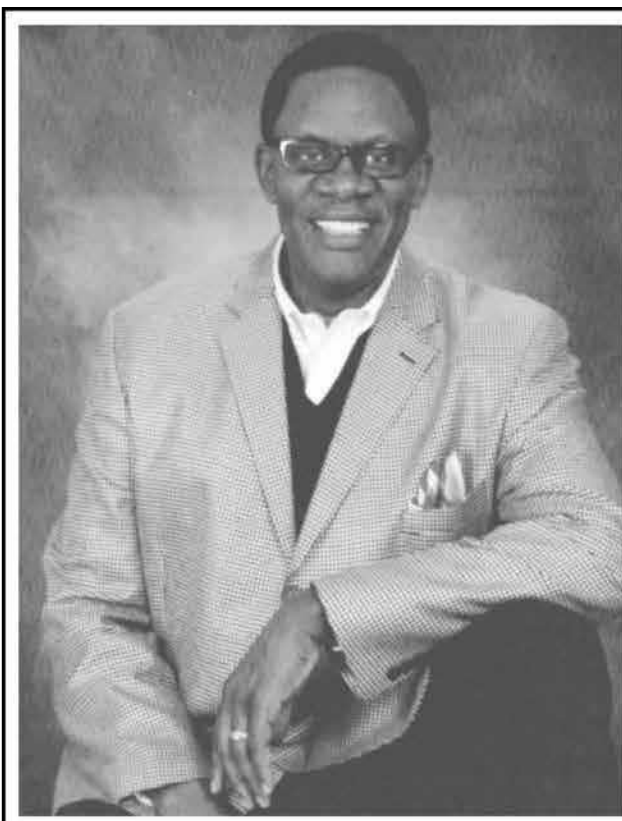
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