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Death at Daycare Investigated

A northeast Portland daycare has had its license suspended pending a state investigation into the recent death of infant boy, the second infant to die in the two years at the facility, located at 1205 N.E. Broadway.

Owner Celeste Probasco-Artharee said in a statement that the center will cooperate throughout the investigation.

“The Broadway Children’s Center

community is devastated by the tragedy that has taken place,” the statement said. “Broadway Children’s Center owners and staff have and will continue to fully cooperate throughout this process. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.”

On Oct. 6, a 10-month-old boy was found unresponsive at the facility. The cause of death has not yet been determined pending an investigation by the

medical examiner. The state Office of Child Care, however, did mention Sudden Infant Death Syndrome as a possibility.

When a 7-month old boy died at the daycare in April of last year, a state investigator called the fatality sleep-related, but listed no official cause while determining that no suspicious circumstances had taken place.

TriMet General Manager Retires

Neil McFarlane, who has been with TriMet since 1991 and spent the last seven years as its General Manager, announced last week he will retire in early 2018. An international search for McFarlane’s replacement will be launched by the transportation agency and its board of directors, which will include public input listening sessions.



Violent Protestor gets 6 Years

A man who violently participated in a May Day protest in downtown Portland is getting sentenced to more than six years in prison for throwing active road flares into police cars and a Target store. Darnion Feller, 22, pleaded guilty in Multnomah County Circuit Court to criminal mischief, riot, and arson charges. He also faces a malicious damage charge in federal court.

Kid Who Started Gorge Fire Charged

A 15-year-old Vancouver boy who allegedly threw a lit firework into Eagle Creek has been issued criminal charges in connection with the Sept. 2 wildfire there, which rapidly spread to Columbia River Gorge and caused dangerous air quality conditions and snow-like ash falling from the sky. The charges include reckless

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burning, depositing burning materials on forest lands, criminal mischief, recklessly endangering other persons, and unlawful fireworks possession.



Healthy River Push Back on Trump

On Thursday, advocates to clean up polluted sites along the Willamette River from Portland to St. Johns, protested at Portland City Hall, upset that the Trump Administration-led Environmental Protection Agency was backing down on a plan to finally begin river restoration work after decades of study. State officials say a secretive proposal the EPA re-

cently reached with polluters could delay efforts to clean up a highly toxic 11-mile stretch of the river for 5 to 10 more years.

Rape Suspect in Custody

Dominique R. Gonzales, 23, was arrested on rape charges Thursday after an adult female reported the attack at Rocky Butte. The woman told police that attack happened after she had accepted transportation from the man during a downpour. Emergency vehicles transported her to an area hospital.

Judge Quashes Trump’s Order

A federal judge in Seattle ruled last week that President Trump’s executive order to financially punish sanctuary cities is unconstitutional. The decision comes after Seattle and Portland sued. U.S. District Judge Richard A. Jones said Trump’s order failed to provide an adequate connection between immigration enforcement and programs unrelated to immigration like infrastructure, health-care, and affordable housing.

Fight for Meals on Wheels

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., introduced a budget amendment to the Senate last Wednesday that would stop any proposal to cut to Meals on Wheels as a way to free up monies for tax cuts for wealthy Americans instead. Meals on Wheels currently provides thousands of hot meals to seniors throughout the state of Oregon.

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