



Allen Singerhouse

## Arrested for Arson

### Man accused of starting summer inferno in NE

Police have arrested a Portland man, 39-year-old Allen Singerhouse, in connection with a major fire across from Madison High School near Northeast 85th Avenue and Siskiyou Street. The Aug. 26 inferno, which caused more than \$2 million in damages, began as an out-of-control grass fire that covered four acres, burned down two businesses, damaged several townhomes and destroyed about 50 parked cars.

The arrest was announced Monday and police said they identified Singerhouse through several surveillance videos, including one near a dumpster fire that he allegedly set at Concordia University in northeast Portland on Sept. 1. He's also suspected of starting another dumpster fire that same day at a Michael's Craft store.

Police said Singerhouse denied his involvement at first, but according to the Oregonian, when

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# Union Gospel Serves Thanksgiving

Union Gospel Mission is prepared to serve over 800 meals on Thanksgiving Day to anyone in need. The dinner will take place on Thursday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Union Gospel Mission, 15 N.W. Third Ave.

In addition to a traditional Thanksgiving meal guests will also enjoy live music and receive a gift bag with a hat, gloves, socks and an emergency blanket.

"We make a home cooked meal that anyone would be proud to serve at their Thanksgiving table," said Lori Quinney, the mission's food service coordinator.

Donations of pre-baked, packaged pumpkin pies and coffee and other donations can be dropped off at 3 N.W. Third Ave. Union Gospel Mission is also seeking financial support for Thanksgiving events. Donations can be made online at [ugmportland.org](http://ugmportland.org) or by calling 503-274-4483.

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*A guest is served a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal at the Union Gospel Mission.*



### Machete Attack Sentence

A homeless man was sentenced last week to up to 20 years of treatment and supervision by state psychiatric officials for attacking another man with a machete in front of the man's wife and children. The victim apparently angered Dameon Hoover-Rhodes, 40, after telling him not to sleep under an overhang of a longshore and warehouse union building.

### Climate Protesters Arrested

A climate protest in the Oregon governor's office ended Thursday night with the arrest of 21 people.

## The Week in Review

About 75 people started the all day protest over a proposed LNG terminal pipeline in Coos Bay and didn't leave until 8:30 p.m. when Gov. Kate Brown addressed them and answered several questions.

### Limits for Traffic Stops

The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that police cannot use a broken taillight or a failure to signal as a justification for scouting a driver's car for illegal guns or drugs, OPB reported last week. The rul-

ing effectively ends law enforcement's ability to turn a routine traffic stop into a fishing expedition for a more serious offense.

### Not Testing for Radon

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has not forced housing authorities to test for radon in public housing units across the country, including Portland, despite guidance to mitigate exposure to the cancer-causing gas, an in-depth investigation published

by the Oregonian last week found.

### Life Expectancy Falls

Life expectancy at birth -- the average length of time that you are expected to live -- continues to drop for Americans, a new study finds. Drug overdoses, suicides, alcohol-related illnesses and obesity are largely to blame, problems that have been building since the 1980s, according to the study's authors.



### Grandma Fights Back

An 82-year-old powerlifting grandmother in Rochester, N.Y. turned the tables, literally, on a home invader last week when she beat him with a table until police and first responders arrived. Willie Murphy is an award-winning bodybuilder and, most days, she can be found at the YMCA, honing her skills.

### Millennials Poorest Generation

Millennials, those born between 1981 and 1996, became the biggest U.S. generation this year, numbering some 73 million people. But in terms of wealth, they're still living in the shadow of previous generations with just 3% of the country's wealth. According to the Federal Reserve, when baby boomers were the age millennials are today (around 1989), they controlled 21% of all national wealth.

## Black Studies at Risk: Corrections

Ethan Johnson was appointed chair of the Black Studies Department at Portland State University in September and has served as a professor in the department for 15 years. In last week's issue, (PSU Black Studies at Risk, Professor says), we were in error to describe his ten-

ure as chair of the department for 15 years. Also, a person reported as a successor to a black male coordinator position for the PSU Multicultural Center was a white lesbian hired to work on restructuring the center and did not become its director when the position was elevated. The Portland Observer regrets any misunderstandings these errors caused.

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