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LOCAL & GOVERNMENT ISSUES

KRCW is committed to keeping viewers informed on local issues.

KCRW "Homeless RV" 07/7/2017 10:00 pm : 52

A Portland mom's battle with homeless campers parked behind her house continues tonight. Leah clause says she was first told this RV would be gone today but it's still there. Leah says the men inside have been talking to her young kids staring over the fence and banging on the door. She did a search online found out both men had warrants out for their arrest and she told police. One of them is now in jail the other still living in the RV. We found out city crews have now posted notices on the RV giving them until Monday to leave.

KCRW "Salem Car vs Train" 07/14/2017 10:00 pm : 09

We start with breaking news. A train accident in Salem. Firefighters say the train hit a car. The driver was the only person inside. First responders had to use the jaws of life to get them out. They've been taken to the hospital with serious injuries. This happened on Brooklake road just east of i-5. That road is blocked in both directions right now.

KCRW "traffic Cop Kid Save" 7/21/2017 10:00 pm 1:11

Friday night in southeast portland officers Caleb Philips and Derek Harris are returning stolen mail to its rightful owners the transit officers found the stolen mail during a traffic stop Thursday night but this wasn't just *any traffic stop. The officers were stopping a vehicle for reckless driving when both the driver and the passenger bailed out of the car sure this isn't unheard of but typically the vehicle is stopped. Not still moving like it was in this case fearing the worst officer Philips dove into the moving car stopped it and threw it into park. The vehicle came to rest on a curb and up against a fence just feet from an apartment in all the chaos the driver managed to get away but not the passenger Marcie Harris is facing a number of charges including identity theft and mail theft connected to that loot found in the back of the car. Which again explains why these officers are playing the role of mailmen just hours removed from an exciting traffic stop.

KCRW "Woodburn Officer Arrested" 7/28/2017 10:00 pm: 29

A Woodburn police officer is under arrest tonight accused of sexually abusing a child. 29 year old Daniel Kerbs is charged with online sexual corruption of a child along with 6 sex abuse counts. Police tell us he knew his alleged victim. The Woodburn police department confirms Kerbs is on paid administrative leave. This comes just two days after a different former Woodburn police officer was sentenced for having sex while on duty.

KRCW "Salem Missing 5-Year-Old" 8/4/2017 10:00 pm 1:25

This is a massive search on land and water first responders and search and rescue crews from several different agencies teaming up to find this missing boy. Take a good, long look at his picture this is Allen Chaz Pearson he's just five-years-old he was wearing green and camo swimming trunks when he vanished. Pearson was last seen around 5:30. Playing at the water's edge at Wallace Marine Park naturally marine patrol deputies are searching the Willamette River but by no means are they assuming he was swept away and drowned there's a chance Pearson wandered off. Even worse he could've been abducted so there are search and rescue teams scouring this area some of those teams are equipped with special dogs we also noticed a Salem police officer working the entrance to the park questioning drivers who were coming and going we spoke with one woman who's very familiar with Wallace marine park she's hoping for the best. It's looking like first responders and search and rescue crews are settling in for a long night anyone with information should contact authorities immediately.

KRCW "Dove Lewis Pet Eclipse Kits" 8/11/2017 10:00 pm : 39

With all the talk of preparedness ahead of the eclipse veterinarians want to remind you not to forget about your pets' needs, too. If traffic is really as bad as we're anticipating on August 21st experts recommend you stock up on your pets' needs. The big one extra food! And if you happen to be stuck in traffic with your dog they recommend you secure your pet in a crate in the back. They also recommend you have a simple first aid kit handy for your pet in case you can't make it to a vet.

KRCW "Eclipse Charlottesville Rally" 8/18/2017 10:00 pm 1:32

Aside from a small scuffle this hours-long event was extremely peaceful. No problems to speak of whatsoever. In fact protesters were very courteous when it came to helping drivers maneuver around the march I want to show you some of the march. It snaked its way through downtown Portland before heading eastbound over the Hawthorne Bridge. Demonstrators marched northbound on Grand before coming back over the Morrison Bridge before the march. There was a rally on the steps near the Salmon Street Springs this was the eclipse hate rally in solidarity with Charlottesville the crowd of thousands protesting what they call domestic terrorism by white supremacists that left one person dead and a bunch of others injured last weekend in Virginia. Those we talked said they couldn't just sit at home. They needed to come out and make some noise after what happened out east. Although the rally and march were not permitted the police bureau took a very hands-off approach they monitored activities from afar saying they'd move in if needed but in the end everything was peaceful a far contrast to what happened in Charlottesville.

KRCW "Hurricane Harvey" 8/25/2017 10:00 pm 1:08

The system is expected to linger here for days. While the catastrophic effects of the storm will last much longer. The attack is relentless. Harvey over-powering the Texas coast unleashing winds of 130-miles an hour. And constant. Driving rain. Eleven-million people are in the path of what could be unprecedented flooding. Some areas expecting to see 3-feet of water. Or more over the next several days. Tonight president trump signed a disaster declaration immediately opening up federal funds and assistance in the strike zone.

KRCW "ODOT Smoke and Driving" 9/1/2017 10:00 pm : 31

Take a look at this this is what it looks right now. Driving on an Oregon highway. A wildfire is burning right next to highway 20 in the Santiam pass. A viewer sent this in from her drive by the potato hill fire. She says she could feel the heat even from inside her car. A pilot car is taking traffic past the flames here which is creating major delays. ODOT says fires burning near Detroit Lake and on the southern Oregon coast could also slow down your trip.

KRCW "NE Portland Homicide" 9/8/2017 10:00 pm : 17

We begin tonight with breaking news of a death investigation in northeast Portland. Homicide detectives are on the scene right now.

KRCW "Gorge Fundraisers" 9/15/2017 10:00 pm 1:24

At pacific house, in downtown Vancouver. Customers raised money by raising a glass for friends of the gorge. For two hours, several downtown restaurants donated 10-percent of their sales in response to the eagle creek fire.

KRCW "Gov. Brown Cascade Locks" 9/29/2017 10:00 pm 1:00

Governor Kate brown toured the Columbia gorge today. She brought the leaders of 15 different state agencies so they could all hear first-hand the pain that business owners are feeling after the fire.

Health Care Issues

KRCW remains committed to reporting on health news and safety alerts to help viewer's live productive lives.

KRCW "Max Burnside Drunk Driver" 7/7/2017 10:00 pm : 39

Portland police have arrested the man accused of driving drunk and crashing onto a max platform and injuring a pedestrian. Officers followed a trail of debris from the scene at 122nd and Burnside and found 21-year-old Jesus Gomez-Reynel. Officials say the victim went to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Gomez-Reynel faces DUII and reckless driving" charges.

KRCW "Abandoned RV's" 07/14/2017 10:00 pm 1: 08

Yesterday, we told you about the city falling behind on thousands of complaints about abandoned cars in Portland neighborhoods. There's another problem that neighbors are mad about RV's parked on the street. With people living in them. One problem spot is north Lombard Street. There's a line of old RV's. Falling apart. That neighbors say have been parked here for months. Even years. We found a trailer at ivy and MLK with tags that expired more than 20 years ago. People are running out of patience. Commissioner Dan Saltzman has ordered signs installed around Lents Park in southeast Portland to keep RV's from parking overnight. But others say they're worried if the RV's are towed. Even more people will be left homeless.

KRCW "Multnomah County Heroin Spike" 7/21/2017 10:00 pm 1: 00

Local health officials are worried a dangerous super opioid is on the streets of Portland. As we first told you last night Multnomah county has seen a spike in heroin overdoses in downtown portland over the past few days. Fentanyl is an especially potent opioid that can sometimes be mixed with heroin. Health officials here haven't confirmed the opioid is involved in the latest overdoses but wanted to sound the alarm before it's too late for some people. It could be a big problem for Oregon - which is in the midst of an opioid crisis. Advocates say the addiction often starts in the suburbs with people who get hooked on pain pills. Then turn to heroin. Many end up homeless in the city. Officials downtown are promoting awareness of overdose symptoms and the availability of naran. The drug that reverses overdose effects.

KRCW "Hash Oil Evidence" 7/28/2017 10:00 pm 1: 24

Investigators found dozens of compressed butane gas cans in the ashes along with equipment used to extract the hash oil from marijuana. 42 year old Matthew McCrann was killed when his home on Kerby Avenue exploded. 68-year old Richard Cisler was also killed. Police say he was an innocent victim, doing repair work on the home. While investigators "know" it was butane from the hash oil operation that caused the explosion, they do not know what set it off.

KRCW "Haze, How Unhealthy" 8/4/2017 10:00 pm 1:17

Just outside Pittock mansion awaits your front row seat to poor air quality. Pretty, it is healthy, it's not. Matthew van sickle with Oregon DEQ says the haze is made of gas and extremely fine particulates from forest fires. Fortunately, this haze will clear out. Van sickle says smog, is another story - created when temperatures rise above 90 degrees, heating diesel and other chemical emissions especially from cars and trucks. It's why the d-e-q asks people to drive less in these conditions. Back at Pittock mansion. The view and the haze are an international hit a rare sight, indeed.

KRCW "Eclipse Vision Damage" 8/11/2017 10:00 pm 1:15

Lou Tomososki remembers it like it was yesterday Marshall high school had just let out for the day. Lou and good friend, roger, walked up to the baseball field to catch the partial eclipse a science teacher had just alerted them to the year was 1962. What seemed like a silly dare at the time turned into one of the biggest mistakes of their lives. By nightfall both Lou and his buddy were having vision problems. You heard right both men now 70 still have issues with their vision. A doctor later told Lou his retina was burned during that partial eclipse. An eye expert we talked with said you don't want to look at the sun without protection for even an instant outside the total eclipse. Lou Tomososki is living proof while he's excited about august 21st you won't find him looking towards the sky.

KRCW "Milli Fire" 8/18/2017 10:00 pm 1: 25

Keep in mind there are wildfires still burning in the path of totality. The Milli_wildfire burning near sisters is forcing people to evacuate. The crossroads subdivision now has a level three evacuation order which means they need to leave now. About 15-hundred total people in the area may need to evacuate. The fire also forced ODOT to close the McKenzie pass highway. This mainly affects people driving east from Eugene.

KRCW "Marathon Lawsuit" 8/25/2017 10:00 pm 1: 01

The Portland man who filed a class action lawsuit over the Vancouver u-s-a marathon is speaking out. He's suing energy events which puts on the race. The marathon was abruptly cancelled about a month from its September 17th race day. Cory Bradley said he paid about 180 dollars in registration fees for himself and his wife. But he was told he'd only get a partial refund. The lawsuit says that's because "energy events" already spent some of the registration fee money on marketing and other expenses. Bradley says he filed the suit on behalf of all runners who signed up.

KRCW "Smoke During Football Game" 9/1/2017 10:00 pm 1:18

South Medford high school, putting on a show against Wilsonville on a night when the panthers celebrated clean air as much as their touchdowns. This game was supposed to be south Medford but conditions there are so bad, kids there can't even practice outside! The team decided to move the game north.

KRCW "Hood River New Evacuation Orders" 9/8/2017 10:00 pm 1:03

Friday evening just outside of Hood River. John alley spends the last bit of daylight wetting down his more than five-acre property. Just hours earlier alley found out he's now in a level one evacuation area. Meaning get ready. For sure and it became even more real when firefighters showed up at alley's door. Telling him how to ready his property. Homeowners have been forced into action after increased activity on the east end of the more than 33-thousand acre eagle creek fire. Frank Wimmers also finds himself in a level one evacuation area. But he feels safe living on a 150-acre, irrigated orchard. Back at john alley's home. He's preparing for the worst and hoping for the best.

KRCW "Hatchery Fish Evacuation" 9/15/2017 10:00 pm : 32

It's not just people who are affected by all this. Almost two-million Coho and Chinook salmon are being evacuated today and tomorrow from cascade hatchery. That's due to the threat of debris flow after the eagle creek fire. Officials are expecting mudslides when rain moves into burned areas this weekend.

KRCW "Woman Stranded for 3 Days" 9/29/2017 10:00 pm : 46

A Portland woman has an amazing story of survival. She made it three-days stuck in her crashed car. The car was down a ravine and you can see from these pictures it was hard to see from the road. The woman who's in her 70s drove off the road on highway 58 in Lane County last Friday she couldn't get out. It was three days before an ODOT crew would drive by. They were checking culverts to prepare for the rainy season. They spotted the car and found the woman inside. They first got her some food and water to make sure she was okay. They then had to cut some brush away to get her out of the car. Then they put her on a sled and pulled her up the hill. She's now in the hospital in fair condition.

Money, business & technology: consumer and economic issues

KRCW keeps a close watch on economic developments and consumer warnings to aid viewers in making wise spending decisions.

KRCW "SE 82nd Robbery" 7/7/2017 10:00 pm : 46

A robbery suspect is still on the run after a search took over a southeast Portland neighborhood today. It started at the 82nd bar and grill when two men with a gun and knife robbed it and took off. They crashed soon after around southeast 112th and Boise. Officers searched for more than two hours going house by house. Homeowners saw a suspect climb over a fence and onto their property. Authorities moved in and arrested him. Police are still looking for the second suspect. This robbery is one of about ten in the past couple of weeks. Police are looking into whether this one is connected.

KRCW "Protests for Taxes" 7/14/2017 10:00 pm : 24

If you're coming downtown this weekend also be aware of a planned march tomorrow. It starts at 1 pm at Terry Schunk plaza then circles back through downtown protesters will be calling for president trump to release his tax returns.

KRCW "North Korea Travel Ban" 7/21/2017 10:00 pm : 47

The state department is set to ban almost all Americans from traveling to North Korea. The state department says the ban is necessary because of the quote, "serious risk of arrest and long-term detention under North Korea's system of law enforcement." they will now require travelers to the reclusive nation to get a "special validation passport." those passports will only be granted for "limited humanitarian or other purposes. The new ban will take effect in a little more than a month.

KRCW "Parking Lot Theft" 7/28/2017 10:00 pm : 48

Car break-ins are one of the most common crimes in Portland. But one victim says she's shocked at how much damage the thieves did. This surveillance video shows what happened in a parking garage on northwest 23rd and Flanders. After the two men pull up behind this SUV. They look in the windows and spot something they want. Then one man breaks the side window and starts taking things out. Then he moves to the back of the car and breaks *that window too! Victim Shirley McArthur says the thieves ended up breaking three windows in addition to taking off with most of her husband's work gear. Shirley says so far the loss of supplies and damage to the vehicle will cost the family around 8 thousand dollars.

KRCW "Power Use Record" 8/4/2017 10:00 pm : 24

This heat wave has led to a record high summertime energy use. Portland general electric and the Bonneville power administration both reported new records when temperatures hit triple digits. PGE says it's partly because of an increase in air conditioners in Portland area homes. The new summer record of 3,976 megawatts was set at 6 pm on Thursday. That is the summer record. The overall record 4,073 megawatts was set in December of 1998 when it was 16 degrees.

KRCW "Eclipse Cash Only" 8/11/2017 10:00 pm : 41

If you're traveling to view the eclipse pack your patience and some cash. The Salem statesman journal reports long lines and possible food shortages are expected at Salem area restaurants. And the thousands of extra visitors may overload internet servers. If that happens some credit card readers in restaurants will no longer be able to read your card data. So you'll want to have cash on hand!

KRCW "Fuel Deliveries" 8/18/2017 10:00 pm 1:22

The other issue we're already seeing some gas stations running out of gas. Those shortages have been mainly in central Oregon the state fuel association says they're just temporary deliveries are ongoing to bring in new supplies.

KRCW "Oregon State Fair Opens" 8/25/2017 10:00 pm : 59

It's a summer tradition in Salem. Today the Oregon state fair officially opened for business. The fair is running from now through Labor Day. The attractions include concerts, a carnival featuring 44 rides and this Cirque Maceo. It's a show that combines acrobatics and horses. For more information about hours, tickets and performances visit Oregon state fair.org.

KRCW "Bar Robberies Arrest" 9/1/2017 10:00 pm : 39

After a series of bar robberies that spanned several months police have arrested two suspects. Police say 32 year old Deron Crain and 33-year-old Johntae Hammond robbed several bars in Portland and Milwaukie between early June and mid-august including one caught on camera at pappy's bar and grill in northeast Portland. Both face more than a dozen robbery charges. 15 bars in all were hit in both Portland and Milwaukie.

KRCW "Jantzen Beach Carousel" 9/8/2017 10:00 pm : 52

A part of Portland's history is making a comeback. A non-profit group is bringing back the Jantzen Beach carousel. The 72 horse 'machine' opened in 1928. It was hand carved by CW Parker in 1904. But it was taken down for renovations 5 years ago and never came back. Now the group Restore Oregon is looking for a permanent home for the carousel in the Portland-Vancouver area. They want to make sure it can be operational all year and easily accessible to the public. You can submit your idea for a location at restore Oregon's Facebook page.

KRCW "Old McDonald's Farm" 9/15/2017 10:00 pm : 40

On the other hand this is a sign of hope. Life is returning to normal on wait for it old McDonald's farm. That's right! Today the geese, the goats, and the rabbits all came home after evacuating earlier this week. Old McDonald's farm is a non-profit in Corbett designed to teach kids about math, science and social skills. Earlier this week owners say the smoke was too thick and the fire was too close. They had to shut it down and move the animals out.

KCRW "Job Scams" 9/29/2017

10:00 pm 1:23

Omar Zaghera had been looking for work online. So when an email came in- offering him a job at a Portland company, he responded. The company silver oils had a slick looking website. It was hiring financial agents- and he was a perfect fit, said the company. But before Omar could start- he'd have to fill out an online application- including sensitive banking information. Omar didn't reply and good thing- because it's a scam. The address listed on the company website took us to this building in downtown Portland. Digging even deeper we found the silver oils team is totally bogus. The financials manager- is a male model who appears in stock photos. The sales guy actually runs a tech company in India. And Vanessa from human resources? Her face is a commercial image that's appeared on various websites. Scammers know finding a job can be tough. Their schemes are sophisticated- aimed at fooling people looking for honest work.

Environmental issues

KRCW covered a variety of environmental topics. We strived to make sure viewers could stay apprised of severe weather events, pollutants in the environment, and the vitality of the region's natural resources.

KRCW "Scholl's Ferry Fire" 7/7/2017 10:00 pm : 31

Nine people are looking for a place to stay after an apartment fire in Washington County. It started this afternoon at the Scholl's apartments on southwest Scholl's Ferry Road near the Portland Golf Club. The Red Cross is helping the displaced people who don't have anywhere else to go. Investigators are trying to figure out what started the fire. The road was closed earlier but is back open tonight.

KRCW "Burnside Bridge Earthquake Simulation" 7/14/2017 10:00 pm 1:12

Experts tell us - it's going to happen. It's just a matter of when a massive earthquake will rock Portland to its core. How bad 'could' it be? Tonight, we're getting an idea. At least when it comes to the Burnside Bridge. A video simulation, that's hard to watch. Built more than 90-years ago. The Burnside Bridge is best known for connecting Portland's east and west sides. It's also meant to be the bridge we count on during an emergency problem is there's no lifeline route if the Burnside Bridge is damaged by the big one. And now we know what that would look like. This video shows what a magnitude 8-plus earthquake would do to the bridge. In simple terms, the bridge would be destroyed

KRCW "Greece Earthquake" 7/21/2017 10:00 pm : 41

New drone video shows the damage after a magnitude 6-point-7 earthquake hit Greece. And a Lincoln high school student didn't just see it on TV he lived through it. Hank sanders is vacationing on the Greek island of Kos. He was about 10 miles from the epicenter when the quake struck in the middle of the night. At least two people are dead more than five hundred are hurt. Hank and his family just arrived on Kos. They're trying to get off the island to somewhere that feels safer.

KRCW "Highway 99 Contamination" 7/28/2017 10:00 pm : 21

Highway 99 west is now open again after a diesel tanker spill. But the clean-up isn't over yet. The road had been closed for three weeks near Adair village. The Salem statesman journal reports the focus will now shift to the nearby Wilson wildlife area. Crews will start removing contaminated soil after the fuel spill spread there. It's home to dozens of species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

KRCW "Heat Exhaustion" 8/11/2017 10:00 pm : 46

Just because we're out of the 100-degree-temperatures doesn't mean the risk of heat stroke is any lower. Even temperatures in the 90s can be dangerous. Doctors say getting back outside and exerting yourself too much is not a good idea. Signs of heat exhaustion include fatigue headaches nausea a rapid heart rate. And it's normal to sweat but if you or someone you know stops sweating and their skin is hot to the touch. That could be an early sign of heat stroke.

KRCW "Eclipse Coast" 8/18/2017 10:00 pm 1:42

The total solar eclipse has a lot of people excited especially 7 year old violet. Violet is from Sacramento. She and her family stopped at the Otis market just outside of Lincoln city. Cari Millard drove *all night from Utah. She bought stuff at the market too. Edward Schmock who lives in Lincoln city made the limited edition solar eclipse earrings. He had about 20 pairs only three are left. Even people from out of the area are trying to cash in on the eclipse craze. This guy's from Los Angeles! And it's not just this eclipse gear he's selling. Follow the road to Lincoln City and traffic wasn't bad at all. The Becker family didn't have any trouble getting here from the Seattle area. While it was smooth sailing getting in to the path of totality here on the coast. It might be a different story getting out. After that some people tell me they will be staying an extra day or two to try and avoid the eclipse traffic on the way out.

KRCW "Tinkle Spain Update" 8/25/2017 10:00 pm : 49

An update now on the Oregon State basketball team. They've been touring Spain. And they were there during the terror attack in Barcelona last week. Coach Wayne Tinkle has been updating fans on twitter today he posted a new message saying the team has been enjoying their tour and really came together following the scary moments they witnessed. The beavers are playing 5 exhibition games in all.

KRCW "Harvey Friday" 9/1/2017 10:00 pm 1:19

Now to the aftermath of hurricane Harvey. A chemical plant outside of Houston caught fire for the second time since the storm. The facility lost power and couldn't keep the unstable chemicals cool and the company warned the plant would likely catch fire and possibly explode. Experts say now the best option is to let the rest of the chemicals degrade and burn. Anyone living within a mile and a half of the plant has been evacuated. Some communities are beginning cleanup but on the west side of Houston, a new voluntary evacuation order is in place as crews continue to release water from dams in the area. Twenty-thousand homes could be flooded for 15-days or more. Military transport planes are airlifting some people to facilities hundreds of miles away. Another big issue in Texas now a gas shortage. Some refineries were shut down, and shipments delayed because of the storm. Drivers are rushing to fill up all at once. Putting even more of a strain on available fuel. Some police departments even reported waiting almost an hour for fuel possibly affecting response times.

KRCW "Mexico Earthquake" 9/8/2017 10:00 pm 1:34

New information from Mexico tonight the death toll from the powerful earthquake that hit last night has risen to 61. This is the damage in Oaxaca which was hardest hit. Several buildings collapsed there, including a hospital and part of a city hall. Damage to Mexico City was limited since the quake hit off the coast. Members of Portland mayor ted wheeler's staff were in Mexico City for a conference they're all okay.

KRCW "Eclipse Clouds" 9/12/2017 10:00 pm :39

Thousands of people have made plans to view this summer's total solar eclipse many of them have paid a lot of money. And now NOAA the national oceanic and atmospheric administration says. There's a good chance folks on the coast won't even be able to see it. It issued a report saying historical data shows clear skies above Newport just 44 percent of the time on august 21st. The city manager of Lincoln city says they're all aware that it's one big game of chance. Chances of visibility are better in Salem. About 67 percent in favor of clear skies.

KRCW "Tsunami Hitchhikers" 9/29/2017 10:00 pm 1:50

Researchers at Oregon State and their colleagues say hundreds of species of sea creatures are hitch hiking from japan to the Oregon coast. They're traveling on debris from the 2011 tsunami. Scientists say they did not expect the creatures to survive the journey across the ocean much less still be showing up years later. Now they are looking at how many of those species can potentially establish a permanent presence on the west coast. About 20 percent of them are capable of reproduction but it will take many years to know if they can survive long-term here.

Family and community issues

KRCW continued its focus on families and education with reports on school campus safety, family-oriented events in the area, crime prevention, and other stories that impacted families and the community at large.

KCRW "Tigard Cougar Sightings" 7/7/2017 10:00 pm 1:12

People in a Tigard neighborhood are a little freaked out tonight after two cougar sightings in just a few hours! And those sightings were within a mile of each other. We sent KGW'S Mike Benner to Tigard to check it out. For the better part of three decades. Jim McGriff has sat outside his home at southwest park and 107th in Tigard and admired the wildlife. He's seen everything from skunks and raccoons to deer and coyotes. They're never more impressive than at night when illuminated by a flashlight. But never a cougar until now one of McGriff's neighbors spotted a big cat in the area around 3:30 Friday morning about two hours later another sighting this time near the intersection of Tigard and grant streets and this time we have photos David Roberts snapped these pictures of the cougar, he says, was about a hundred pounds. Roberts tracked it for a few minutes but then it disappeared. Don't count Jim McGriff among the frightened in fact it won't keep him from sitting outside and enjoying the wildlife

KCRW "Frutos Dreamer" 7/14/2017 10:00 pm 1:21

The Portland dreamer taken to a Tacoma detention center for nearly three weeks is back in Portland tonight. Emmanuel Ayla Frutos says he was super scared while locked up and worried he would be held for a year. With help from the community his family posted a ten-thousand dollar bond to secure his release. Ice agents knocked on his door in north Portland March 26th. His deferred action for childhood arrivals or DACA status had expired but he says he was in the process of renewing it. He told us today there were other people in the detention center separated from their families.

KCRW "Friendly Dogs" 7/21/2017 10:00 pm : 51

Dogs are man's best friend but now science may have figured out why! In a new study published this week in science advances a researcher at Oregon State collaborated to look at the genes of dogs they found four genetic mutations that seem to be responsible for their social nature. In particular they found one gene that when deleted from humans results in stunted social development and overly-friendly behavior. Basically it means dogs behave like human children which is why they seek contact and attention.

KCRW "Jefferson Dog Rescue" 7/28/2017 10:00 pm : 40

Check this out firefighters rescued 3 dogs that were trapped in the cab of a truck that crashed on i-5 today. This happened near Jefferson. The truck was pulling a camper when they both rolled over into the median. The dogs were in kennels in the back of the cab firefighters got to them through the busted windshield. The dogs were shaken up but physically okay. The driver wasn't hurt.

KRCW "High Risk Sex Offender" 8/4/2017 10:00 pm : 33

Police are looking for a man who they say may be a danger to the public. This is Dustin Westling. The Washington county community corrections department says he took off his GPS monitoring bracelet yesterday. He has a history of rape and attempted sex abuse and is considered a high-risk sex offender. He's not allowed to be in areas where minors are around like playgrounds or libraries. Westling was last seen near southeast 21st and cypress streets in Hillsboro.

KRCW "PPS New Superintendent" 8/11/2017 10:00 pm 1:16

After a yearlong search and a very public failure the Portland school board voted unanimously today to hire their superintendent finalist. Guadalupe Guerrero from the San Francisco unified school district will now lead the Portland district. Guerrero was introduced today at a news conference at Sabin elementary in northeast Portland. He brings decades of classroom experience as a teacher and a principal. He is currently the deputy superintendent at the San Francisco unified school district which has some of the highest graduation rates in the state. He says he is student centered and teacher supportive and looks forward to getting to work.

KRCW "Corvallis Preps for Eclipse" 8/18/2017 10:00 pm : 50

In Corvallis the flow of visitors is expected to pick up tonight and tomorrow as people get off work. Some are already there and places like Oregon state university have big plans. The school rented out dorm rooms to 18-hundred people it's sold out. They're making a weekend of it with entertainment and lectures about the eclipse planned. We found one man who has been riding his bike across the country from the east coast and just arrived in Oregon. The city is also letting another 11-hundred people camp at a big park. Salem is opening all its parks for camping but not until tomorrow night.

KRCW "Cheerleading Coach Fired" 8/25/2017 10:00 pm : 27

New tonight the coach at the center of a cheerleading scandal in Denver has been fired. This video was first shared publicly by our sister station in Denver showing Coach Ozell Williams forcing girls into the splits. That practice can be extremely painful and dangerous. The superintendent of that school district announced this evening that Williams had been fired and that he should've been fired months ago, when the athletic director and principal first saw the videos. The ad and principal are still on leave.

KRCW "Homeless ODOT Crimes" 9/1/2017 10:00 pm : 53

Portland police are trying to dispel the myth that homeless campers are above the law. Campers were given trespassing warnings and told to move along after a fire at a camp on southwest 14th and Montgomery today. Neighbors say it's been a long time coming they had called in complaints about vandalism and other issues but say no one was ever arrested. Police say when it comes to reporting crimes, details make a difference. They need evidence and they can't arrest people on mere suspicion of a crime. At that camp today, police pointed campers to social services. The bureau just got funding from city hall to have officers work extra hours to patrol homeless camps and check warrants.

KRCW "Nesika Lodge Saved From Fire" 9/8/2017 10:00 pm 1:06

There's good news for another gorge landmark. The historic nesika lodge sits about five miles deep into the gorge directly in the path of the eagle creek fire. It's been owned by the Trails Club of Oregon" for about one hundred years, and no one knew for sure, if the lodge was swallowed up by the flames until today. We were able to fly over it and see that it's been spared from the fire.

KRCW "Homeless Violence" 9/15/2017 10:00 pm 1:29

Recent high profile crimes that involved people who are homeless lead Portland police to put out a video with advice on dealing with aggressive people you might come across on the street. Police stress there has not been an increase in violence from people who are homeless just several recent cases that have gotten people's attention like the woman who was kidnapped by a transient couple in Milwaukie. Plus the suspect in the max attack was homeless at the time, as was the man accused of stealing the wedding ring off one of the dying victims. Officer Jason Jones coordinates the bureau's crisis intervention team. He suggests creating a safe distance between you and the person and keeping in mind every situation is different they may be under the influence, or having a mental crisis.

KRCW "Rescued Dog Taken" 9/29/2017 10:00 pm 1:48

Nine year old Owen and his dog mulligan are great pals. But this pair is missing their third wheel shepherd mix, Olly. Owen's mom, Kate Mayberry says on Wednesday morning, Olly escaped from their fenced-in back yard on a fluke.