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Each quarter, on January 10, April 10, July 10 & October 10, we place in our public inspection file a list of what are considered to be the most significant Problems, Needs and Issues of the Springfield-Eugene, Oregon, community.

Along with this list are the programs that were aired to deal with these problems, needs and issues.

ASCERTAINMENT METHODS

To ascertain these problems, needs and issues, McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc., employs a Public Affairs Director who, within the natural course of news gathering, is made aware of problems, needs and issues in the community. The views of citizens of the community and civic leaders regarding community problems, needs and issues are also ascertained during meetings and interviews. Problems, needs and issues are also ascertained during interaction with members of the public.

PROGRAMMING

To air information about these problems, needs and issues, McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc., relies on the following methods:

- Bona Fide Newscasts: These include news stories and segments that target these problems, needs and issues.
- 2. Community Forum: This is a 15-30 minute weekly program that offers indepth examinations of community problems, needs and issues.

McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING 4Q, 2015, ISSUES LIST:

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The Following are Issues determined by the previous quarters' ascertainments to be the relevant issues to be broadcast in this quarter.

Quart	 		
Year	2015		
	Issue: *Note: Major breaking news stories during the quarter that fall under these categories will be added as is appropriate and reflected in daily news-public service postings		
1	ECONOMY: Economic recovery; Unemployment, workforce training; Federal, state and local budgets, political standoffs; Gas & food prices; Legal marijuana; Immigration; Retirement concerns; Economic development; Athletics funding and spending; Sports events; Agriculture; Technology; Energy prices and development; Cybersecurity, hacking.		
2	CRIME-SAFETY: The Umpqua Community College attack, Gun control, gun violence and politics; Drug & alcohol abuse; Human trafficking; School safety; Gangs; Policing & community policing; Demonstrations & riots; Arsonists; Racial profiling; Youth protection, including child abuse; Traffic; Public safety during severe weather, disasters and terrorism; Cybersecurity, hacking, data breaches.		
3	MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM: National Guard deployments; Oregonians in the military; ISIS and related attacks; Veterans' issues, including jobs, mental health (PTSD, suicide, etc.) and homelessness; Military families issues; Homeland and local security; Balancing terrorism with civil rights; NSA hacking and privacy issues.		
4	HEALTH: Recreational and medical marijuana; the Affordable Care Act, Oregon Health Plan, co-ops and managed care; Prescription drug prices; Immunizations and treatments; Measles, meningitis, Ebola and other outbreaks; Food and product recalls; General health care issues; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Drug & alcohol abuse; Pandemic risks; Physician-assisted suicide.		
5	HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME ISSUES: "The Working Poor"; At-risk youth; Community agencies; Veteran homelessness; Mental health issues; Homeless and low-income families, living wages and affordable housing; Homeless "rest stops"; Senior citizens' finances.		
6	WOMEN, FAMILY, ELDERS, MINORITIES, IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, COMMUNITY, DISABILITIES: Immigration; Same-sex marriage; Gay rights, fair housing; Families and children; Domestic violence; Youth programs; Minority issues, including the growing local Latino population; Racial issues; Civil Rights; Civil liberties; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religious issues and churches, Community and charitable events, Older adults, Pets and animal rights.		
7	GROWTH & TRANSPORTATION: Civic Stadium rebuilding; Lane Transit District EmX expansion; Willamette Street modifications; Downtown development; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Economic development efforts; Highway and street improvements & safety; Urban renewal and urban density; UO athletic facilities.		
8	<u>EDUCATION:</u> Local and state budgets for higher and lower education; Paying for college; Curriculum and academic standards; Programs and students honored for academic or civic excellence. National education and trends; teacher contracts.		
9	POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Campaign 2016 and presidential politics; Congressional gridlock; Legislative session; Ballot initiatives; Funding issues; Election finance; Government funding and shutdown threats; Planned Parenthood.		
10	ENVIRONMENT: Drought, severe weather; Disaster preparedness; Earthquakes, tsunamis, Japanese tsunami debris; Wildfires; Hazardous materials transport, toxic dumps, clean-up sites. Air quality and greenhouse gases; Agriculture; Ocean health; Forest management; Wildlife habitat, fish recovery, fishing effects; Power generation; Alternate energy, Technology		

The 4th Quarter, 2015, Issues List was formulated at a public meeting on Monday, October 5th, 2015. In attendance were Tracy Berry of KKNU-FM and Mary Reilly of KMGE-FM.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	10/04/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	Safety, Environment, Health
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	How prepared are you for a major earthquake? This morning on Community forum, we get the latest tips for preparing yourself, your family, your home and your business for the major temblor that seismologists say could hit Western Oregon any time. We learn more about the Cascadia Subduction Zone. And our guest, Geological Hazards Coordinator Althea Rizzo from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, tells us how government and other responders have made their own preparations. It all comes ahead of the annual "Great Oregon Shakeout," where you can learn to "drop, cover and hold" and make other preparedness plans. It's timely: We had that July 4 th quake just east of Springfield this year, which got people's attention and thinking a lot more about disaster planning.

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Date of Program	10/11/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	Safety, Families Health
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	Car seats. Bicycle helmets. Smoke detectors. And windows that don't open beyond four inches. Those are some of the key ways to prevent unintentional injury and death among children in the United States. Millions are inured every year in situations that could have been easily prevented. Dr. Kim Ruscher, a pediatric surgeon at PeaceHealth Sacred Health Medical Center at Riverbend is our guest this morning. She talks about what she sees in the operating room and in her exam rooms and offers advice, step-by-step, on how parents and caregivers can safeguard their homes, their vehicles and their kids. And she talks about a big campaign being launched by PeaceHealth and other providers in the area to reduce and prevent pediatric injuries and deaths.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	10/18/15 and 10/25/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
issu e	Health, Families, Older Adults, Economy
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	October 15 th marked the start of the annual "open enrollment" period for people who receive Medicare benefits and there are a lot of changes and a lot to learn but once again we have Beth Sutton from SHIBA, the Senior Health insurance Benefits Assistance organization, to help you navigate the details. We take a look at some key changes in this year's plans and some increased costs. We also discuss the importance of ensuring that every health care provider you see and every prescription medication you take is covered by any plan you're considering. And you need to be enrolled by Dec. 7 to ensure your benefits begin with the New Year.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	11/01/15 and 11/08/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	Low-Income, Families, Economy, Health , Safety
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	United Way in Lane County continues to adapt its efforts to our changing community needs. That includes focusing on several key categories, including Education, Income and Health. United Way works to build coalitions between local agencies, individuals, business and governmental interests to tackle concerns so single person or group could solve. Our guests include Brandy Rodtsbrooks from United Way and campaign loaned executive Mandi Cromar, who grew up in impoverished circumstances and with the help of local United Way services turned her life around.

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Date of Program	11/15/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
issue	Families, Economy, Environment
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	One of the big priorities for Lane County's Master Recyclers is encouraging people to repair, reuse and cut down on the amount of stuff they're buying and reduce the discarded packaging that's going into the waste stream. That's one reason that during the holidays our guest this morning is Kelly Bell, who heads the Master recyclers. She has tips and ideas for "waste-free holidays," from how you shop to how you gift. And she has great ideas for creating simple but personal gifts from everyday items and ingredients, including some you already have around your home. You can reduce waste and save money!

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	11/22/15 and 11/29/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
issue	Families, Homelessness, Low-Income, Community, Minorities, Economy, Environment
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	It's been a busy construction season in Eugene-Springfield and there's one construction project in west Eugene's Danebo area that deserves a little extra attention. It's been constructed by the staff and volunteers of the Springfield-Eugene Habitat for Humanity chapter, one of the organization's more than 50 housing projects in this area over its 25 years of existence and the first "interfaith build" involving members of four local congregations. The projects also bring together community and business groups and local financial companies. This morning, we visit the build site, speak with Habitat leaders, members of their congregations, with the member of a local credit union and mortgage broker and with one of the new homeowners, Brenda Martinez, who will soon move in with her husband and their two young sons. They'd worked hard to buy a home but almost saw that dream derailed when a medical crisis that drained their savings. That's when they connected with Habitat and the project got underway.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	12/06/15 and 12/13/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	Education, Low-Income, Families, Community
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	This holiday season, why not give a child the gift of literacy to help them succeed in school and in life? Our SMART Readers program in Lane, Linn and Benton counties is looking for volunteers who can donate an hour each week to read with children, or perhaps have more time to spend to help coordinate the local reading sites. The need is great. We speak with SMART Reader coordinator Kari Rosenfeld about the program. Over the years, SMART has served more than 180,000 students and relied on the services of close to 18,000 volunteers. Part of the program is the distribution of free books to children. Volunteers are retirees, mothers and fathers, businesses who allow their employees time to donate, and others. Lori McNichols is the local SMART program manager and oversees 20 school programs and is looking for volunteers for at least 17 of those sites. She talks about the need and the volunteer commitment. Both discuss how a child's success in life is determined by their literacy level. That translates into success in school and in the workforce, higher earnings and more financial stability. They also provide tips to parents and caregivers about how to foster a love of reading in young children.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	12/20/15 and 12/27/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	Education, Low-Income, Families, Community, Economy
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	Are you or is someone in your family planning to head to college in the coming year? January 1st is the start of the new round of applications for federal student aid as well as scholarships, including those offered through the Oregon Opportunity Grant Program. So whether you're filling out your FAFSA for basic financial aid or looking for a bit more, our guest is Bob Brew, the director of the Office of Student Access and Completion. He has tips for planning for college finances and saving for your child's higher education needs. He discusses the mainstream programs as well as the new "Oregon Promise" program that can help high school seniors pay for their community college degrees.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF BROADCAST

10/01/15

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Morning News

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

30 Seconds

ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED

Editor's note: On the morning of Thursday, October 1st, a gunman entered his classroom at Umpqua Community College's Snyder Hall in Roseburg. Oregon, killing a teacher and eight students and wounding close to ten more before turning one of his weapons on himself during a shootout with responding officers. The first reports arrived late in the morning, prompting us to cut into our regular programming every 30 minutes on KKNU-FM (and hourly on KMGE-FM) to provide listeners with updates. Many of our listeners have connections to Douglas County, Roseburg and U.C.C. This, in addition to the concerns over another mass shooting in Oregon (Thurston High School, Clackamas Town Center, Reynolds High School, etc.) and its proximity to our area. Some of the first updates were completely ad-libbed from handwritten notes. What follows in this document are raw scripts from that day, some of which were updated ad lib as new information arrived. some of which became the basis for on-air discussions about various issues ranging from public safety and hospital condition updates to reuniting students with family and friend, promoting blood drives for victims and sharing details about hastily-arranged vigils and memorials. In this modern era of instant headlines and social media, news no longer "breaks." it shatters. Details that seem rock-solid one hour might be updated the next as investigative agencies and witnesses provide clearer accounts of what occurred. Our on-air updates were supplemented by robust social media posts as well as online, email and telephone interactions with concerned listeners and those able to share confirmable details. So while this is not and cannot possibly be a complete reflection of the total coverage and public service that occurred on that terrible day, it provides a sense of our commitment to our community and to western Oregon.

Raw news cut-in updates, in chronological order:

ROSEBURG -- A 20-year-old gunman opened fire today at Umpqua community College in Roseburg, killing at least a dozen people before he died during a shootout with police.

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said 13 people were dead after the shooting but it was not immediately clear whether that number also included the 20-year-old gunman, nor whether he was killed by officers or took his own life. An Oregon State Police spokesman says at least 20 others were wounded, some critically. At least ten were rushed to Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg and three women ranging in age from 18 to 34 were taken by helicopter to PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield. Their conditions were not available.

Authorities offered no immediate word on the gunman's motive or whether he was enrolled as a student. Investigators have not described the type of weapon he used. The shootings were reported shortly after 10:30 this morning in Snyder Hall on the Umpqua Community College campus. Witnesses in other classrooms and offices and outside the building reported hearing shots.

One student told the Roseburg News-Review newspaper that she was in a writing class when a shot came through a window. The gunman entered her classroom and told people to get on the ground. The man then started asking people to stand up and state their religion and opened fire.

Students and faculty members were evacuated from the campus and bused to the Douglas County Fairgrounds. From there, they could meet with counselors and head home with family and friends.

Umpqua Community College offers courses to students ages 16 and older. They come from all walks of life. Some are fresh out of high school, others are learning skills for new jobs and careers. The college has an enrollment of close to 3,000 and a small security force but a recently-retired U-C-C- president, Joe Olson, says a single unarmed officer staffed each shift. He says that there was discussion about that last school year and that the staff and security personnel have taken part in a number of emergency trainings.

(TB-Various) - Douglas County and local law enforcement investigators are being assisted by the Oregon State Police, the FBI, the U.S. Marshal's Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The FBI, for example, has sent agents and specialists from its Portland, Eugene, Salem and Medford bureaus. Although local and state law enforcement agencies are virtually always the first ones on the scene, FBI officials say they offer expertise, training, and resources in what are known as "active shooter incidents." While their long-term goal is to prevent incidents such as this by creating threat assessment models, they also have expertise after years of such investigations in gathering and analyzing evidence at formerly chaotic crime scenes.

(TB-Various) – The incident is drawing shocked reactions and condolences from across the U.S. and around the world. In Washington, D.C., a visibly upset President Barack Obama warned reporters that the U.S. is becoming numb to mass shootings and says their perpetrators of such crimes have "sickness" in their minds. He says thoughts and prayers are no longer enough in these situations because they don't do anything to stop similar acts from happening in the next week or a few months later. Congressman Peter DeFazio says today's shooting in Roseburg is a heartbreaking tragedy. He thanked first responders and says that once we know more about what happened today, he plans to work with his Congressional colleagues to find ways to prevent such tragedies.

(TB-Various) - (TB-AP-Various) – It has been a heartbreaking day in Roseburg, where officials say a 20-year-old man opened fire in a classroom at Umpqua Community College this morning, leaving at least 13 people dead and at least 20 wounded, some of them critically.

The gunman is among the dead, killed during an exchange of fire with arriving law enforcement personnel. Douglas County sheriff John Hanlin says it is not yet known whether he was shot fatally by deputies and police or killed himself. Hanlin also declined to comment on the type of weapon that was used. The sheriff says investigators swept the campus to ensure there were no

additional threats are gathering evidence.

The wounded have been taken by ambulance and LifeFlight to hospitals in western Oregon, including those Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg and PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield. PeaceHealth officials say they received three patients, all female, between the ages of 18 and 34.

The Lane Memorial Blood Bank anticipates there will be an increased need for all types of donated blood, particularly from those whose blood is Type O. If you're able to donate, contact the blood bank.

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Once the gunman was dead and the incident over, the campus was evacuated, with students and staff bused to the Douglas County Fairgrounds. There, they could be reunited with family and friends and meet with counselors who arrived on-site.

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(TB-AP) – Umpqua Community College is the only major higher education campus in Douglas County and has an enrollment of roughly 3,000 students.

A former president of the college says the school has only one security officer on duty at a time, and that person is not armed.

Joe Olson retired in June but says last school year, one of the biggest debates on campus was whether the school should have armed security officers.

He says the college did hold three training exercises with local law agencies in the past two years, but adds, quote, "you can never be prepared for something like this."

Olson says he suspects Thursday's shooting will start a discussion across the country about how community colleges prepare for something like this.

(TB-Various) - With today's incident, Umpqua Community College joins a tragic list of American colleges that were the sites of deadly shootings in recent years, and the second most deadly in U.S., the first being the 2007 attack at Virginia Tech that killed 32 people.

The White House said President Barack Obama was briefed on the situation by his Homeland Security Adviser Lisa Monaco. He was to continue receiving updates throughout the day.

Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley says he's "absolutely heartbroken" about the shooting. Merkley says he's been in touch with local officials to express his condolences and offer assistance.

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(TB-AP-Various) – A 20-year-old man opened fire in a classroom at Umpqua Community College this morning. Officials say he killed at least 12 people before dying during an exchange of gunfire with arriving law enforcement personnel. At least 20 were wounded, some of them critically, and they were rushed to trauma units in Roseburg and Springfield.

Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin says it is not yet known whether the gunman was shot fatally by deputies and police or killed himself. Hanlin also declined to comment on the type of weapon that was used. Now, investigators are involved in a painstaking search of the campus to ensure there are no additional threats. That included checking every room in every building and, as the afternoon wore on, every vehicle in the Umpqua Community College parking lot.

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(TB-Various) - Tonight (10/1) in Douglas County, there will be a candlelight vigil at 8 p.m.at Stewart Park in Roseburg. Organizers request that you bring supplies such as candles and small cups. All are invited. There will also be a vigil at 7 p.m. in Central Park in Sutherlin.

A couple of quick additional notes:

- Umpqua Community College will be closed until Monday, Oct. 5.
- --Governor Kate Brown immediately orders flags lowered to half-staff at all public institutions throughout Oregon until sunset on Friday, Oct. 2 in honor of the victims of the Umpqua Community College shooting.
- --We've mentioned that Lane Blood Center anticipates a need for blood donations of all types but especially for Type O, the so-called "universal blood type."

Schedule an appointment at https://appointment.laneblood.org/ or by calling 541-484-9111.

- --Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg will also hold a blood drive Friday.
- --Hawes Financial Group is holding a blood drive Friday at their offices at 400 International Way in Springfield. It gets underway during the morning and runs through early afternoon.
- -- Many schools and organizations in Douglas County are cancelling events tonight in the wake of the shooting at Umpqua Community College. These include some JV football games and even the FFA Alumni Banquet in Elkton this evening. Check with your event or sporting event organizer for updates.
- --The Sutherlin School District has canceled all games and activities for this includes the Middle School and High School parent-teacher conferences scheduled for tonight.

The shootings only lasted a few minutes. The aftermath is lasting much longer. On campus, law enforcement officers swept room to room, building to building to ensure there were no additional threats. They continue to carefully search each vehicle in the parking lots.

As students and staff were evacuated, everyone's bags were searched for weapons before they were ushered onto buses that transported them to the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

There, they were met by Counselors available for UCC students, staff and their families who need them in Douglas Hall at Douglas County Fairgrounds

Also, officials urge concerned families to reunite with @umpquacc students at the Douglas County Fairgrounds

(AP-TB-Various) – Trauma specialists in Roseburg and Springfield continue their efforts to save the lives and stabilize the conditions of those wounded in this morning's shootings at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg.

The Douglas County sheriff has revised the number of those killed downward, to ten, and now says seven people were wounded—including some with critical injuries.

The 20-year-old assailant died in an exchange of gunfire with arriving law enforcement personnel. Investigators have not discussed his possible motive nor revealed what weapon or weapons he used in the attack.

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In Douglas and Lane Counties, officials are coordinating blood drives for tomorrow to help restock local supplies.

This evening on the campus of Umpqua Community College, the slow but thorough search of rooms, buildings, backpacks and vehicles might continue late into the night.

And at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, students and staff who've been bused from the campus throughout the day continue to be reunited with family and friends and meet with counselors.

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(AP) – With today's incident, Umpqua Community College joins a tragic list of American colleges that were the sites of deadly shootings in recent years, including one in June of 2014

In June of last year, a 19-year-old student is killed and two others are wounded in a shooting at Seattle Pacific University in Washington before another student tackled the gunman as he paused to reload. A lawyer for Aaron Rey Ybarra, 26, who is charged with first-degree murder, has said mental illness was a factor. May 23, 2014: A community college student, Elliot Rodger, 22, kills six people and injures 13 others in shooting and stabbing attacks in the area near the University of California, Santa Barbara, campus. Authorities said he apparently shot himself to death after a shootout with deputies.

June 7, 2013: Five people are killed and several others are wounded in Santa Monica, California, when John Zawahri, 23, shoots his father and brother and then shoots at strangers in cars and at Santa Monica College, where students were taking final exams. Zawahri is fatally shot by officers in the college library. April 2, 2012: Seven people are killed and three are injured when a 43-year-old former student opens fire at Oikos University, in Oakland, California. One Goh was charged with seven counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder but psychiatric evaluations concluded he suffers from long-term paranoid schizophrenia and is unfit to stand trial.

Feb. 14, 2008: Five students are killed and 18 are wounded when former student Steven Kazmierczak, 27, opens fire in a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois, before committing suicide.

Feb. 8, 2008: Two people are killed when Latina Williams, 23, opens fire during an emergency medical technology class at Louisiana Technical College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, before shooting herself.

April 16, 2007: Thirty-two people are fatally shot in a dorm and classroom at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, before the gunman, Seung-Hui Cho, 23, kills himself.

Sept. 2, 2006: Douglas W. Pennington, 49, fatally shoots his two sons before killing himself during a visit to Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Oct. 28, 2002: Three professors are killed when Robert Flores Jr., 41, who was flunking out of the University of Arizona nursing school, shoots them before killing himself in Tucson, Arizona.

Jan. 16, 2002: Three people are killed and three are wounded when a recently

dismissed graduate student at the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia, returns to campus and targets the dean, a professor and a student. Peter Odighizuwa, 42, pleaded guilty in the attack and was sentenced to life in prison. Aug. 15, 1996: Three professors are shot and killed when Frederick Martin Davidson, 36, a graduate engineering student at San Diego State University, is defending his thesis before a faculty committee and pulls out a handgun. Davidson was later sentenced in California to three life terms in prison without parole.

(AP-TB-Various) – Trauma specialists in Roseburg and Springfield worked well into the night to save the lives and stabilize the conditions of those wounded in yesterday morning's shootings at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg.

The Douglas County sheriff says ten people were killed—including the gunman—and seven people were wounded—including some with critical injuries.

The 26-year-old assailant died in an exchange of gunfire with arriving law enforcement personnel. Investigators have not discussed his possible motive but say he was carrying multiple guns.

During the day and overnight on the campus of Umpqua Community College, there was the slow but thorough search of rooms, buildings, backpacks and vehicles might continue late into the night.

And at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, students and staff who'd been searched and bused from the campus throughout the day continued to be reunited with family and friends and meet with counselors.

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Many schools and organizations in Douglas County cancelled last night's events and some are cancelling their events today, including some sports events.

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — (NOTE: This was an early-morning social media update before we began our newscasts on Friday, Oct. 2): Authorities investigating yesterday's deadly mass shooting at Umpqua Community College say they have found a number of firearms at the deceased gunman's apartment. The shooter killed nine people and wounded seven before dying in a shootout with police.

A doctor at Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg says one of the patients rushed to his emergency room will likely be released from the Roseburg hospital later today.

Dr. Jason Gray says the hospital received 10 patients Thursday - one died, two were quickly treated and released and three were flown to Springfield's PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield for treatment.

Of the four remaining patients in Roseburg, one was discharged late yesterday. As for the other two, Gray says both are expected to survive but one remains in critical condition.

PeaceHealth officials said the three women they are treating are between the ages of 18 and 34 and that two were in critical condition when they arrived, the third in serious condition.

Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin says investigators searched the gunman's apartment overnight. He says investigators will release details on the number and types of weapons later today.

Officials and relatives identified the gunman as 26-year-old Chris Harper Mercer, who apparently lived in a nearby apartment complex.

His father, Ian Mercer, spoke to KABC-TV and several other media outlets gathered outside his house in Tarzana, California, late Thursday night. He said it's been a "devastating day" for him and his family and he has been talking to police and the FBI about the shooting.

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — (This is another overnight/early morning social media post): Social media profiles linked to a 26-year-old shooter who killed at least 9 people at a southern Oregon college suggested he was fascinated by the IRA, frustrated by traditional organized religion and tracked other mass shootings.

There didn't seem to be many recent connections on the social media sites linked to Chris Harper Mercer, with his MySpace page just showing two friends. He appeared to have at least one online dating profile.

On a torrents streaming site and blog that appeared to belong to Mercer, posts referenced multiple shootings and downloads included several horror films and a documentary on a mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

A blog post urged readers to watch the online footage of Vester Flanagan shooting two former colleagues on live TV in Virginia, while another lamented materialism as preventing spiritual development.

A MySpace page that appeared to belong to Mercer included several photos and graphics of the Irish Republican Army as well as a picture of Mercer holding a rifle.

Roseburg is in Douglas County, a politically conservative region west of the Cascade Range where people like to hunt and fish and pursue other outdoor activities.

But it's no stranger to school gun violence. A freshman at the local high school shot and wounded a fellow student in 2006.

Hanlin said authorities were still informing relatives of the dead.

"It's been a terrible day," a grim-faced Hanlin said. "Certainly this is a huge shock to our community."

The sheriff has been vocal in opposing state and federal gun-control legislation. In 2013, Hanlin sent a letter to Vice President Joe Biden after the shooting at a Newtown, Connecticut, elementary school, declaring that he and his deputies would refuse to enforce new gun-control restrictions "offending the constitutional rights of my citizens."

Umpqua Community College offers courses ranging from nursing to the wine industry, said interim President Rita Cavin.

Cavin said the college has a policy of no guns on campus, but did not feel the need for an armed security presence.

"This is an anomaly and a tragedy," she said of the shooting.

(TB-Various) - Douglas County and local law enforcement investigators are being assisted by the Oregon State Police, the FBI, the U.S. Marshal's Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The FBI, for example, has sent agents and specialists from its Portland, Eugene, Salem and Medford bureaus.

Although local and state law enforcement agencies are virtually always the first ones on the scene, FBI officials say they offer expertise, training, and resources in what are known as "active shooter incidents."

While their long-term goal is to prevent incidents such as this by creating threat assessment models, they also have expertise after years of such investigations in gathering and analyzing evidence at formerly chaotic crime scenes.

(TB-Various) – The incident is drawing shocked reactions and condolences from across the U.S. and around the world.

In Washington, D.C., a visibly upset President Barack Obama warned reporters that the U.S. is becoming numb to mass shootings and says their perpetrators of such crimes have "sickness" in their minds. He says thoughts and prayers are no longer enough in these situations because they don't do anything to stop similar acts from happening in the next week or a few months later.

Congressman Peter DeFazio says today's shooting in Roseburg is a heartbreaking tragedy. He thanked first responders and says that once we know more about what happened today, he plans to work with his Congressional colleagues to find ways to prevent such tragedies.

(TB-AP) — Umpqua Community College is the only major higher education campus in Douglas County and has an enrollment of roughly 3,000 students. A former president of the college says the school has only one security officer on duty at a time, and that person is not armed. Joe Olson retired in June but says last school year, one of the biggest debates on campus was whether the school should have armed security officers. He says the college did hold three training exercises with local law agencies in the past two years, but adds, quote, "you can never be prepared for something like this." Olson says he suspects Thursday's shooting will start a discussion across the country about how community colleges prepare for something like this.

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ECONOMY, SAFETY, HEALTH - Oregon marijuana shops today began selling marijuana for the first time to recreational users, marking it a big day for the budding pot industry. Some of the more than 250 dispensaries that already offer medical marijuana in Oregon opened their doors soon after midnight - just moments after it became legal to sell to anyone who is at least 21. Store owners say they hope they can avoid the shortages and price spikes that followed the start of legal sales last year in Washington state and Colorado, the only other states where the drug can now be sold for recreational use. Alaska could begin retail sales next year. Many stores in Oregon were trying to lure customers with extended hours, food giveaways and discounted marijuana. Shoppers have one more incentive to buy early and often: Under Oregon law, pot purchases will be tax-free until January - a savings of up to 20 percent. Customers can buy as much as seven grams at a time of dried marijuana flower and leaf - the part that's generally smoked - plus plants and seeds. For the next year or so, marijuana infused candy, cookies, oils and lotions will be available only to people with medical marijuana cards as the state works on retail regulations involving those products. Oregon has a robust supply system for marijuana that has supported medical marijuana users and the black market. Companies have invested in massive warehouses in Portland to grow the drug indoors, and southern Oregon has some of the nation's best conditions for outdoor cultivation of marijuana. Growers don't face strict regulations yet, so retailers say the supply can more easily flow into retail stores than it did in Washington and Colorado. Still, there's concern. Summer has historically been a time of marijuana shortages in Oregon, and most of the outdoor crop isn't ready to harvest. Indoor growers have had minimal time to ramp up production, since lawmakers only approved the Oct. 1 start date three months ago.; Marijuana stores in Oregon on Thursday began selling to anyone over 21, a major milestone in the decades-long movement to liberalize marijuana laws. Oregon is the third state to allow pot sales to adults after voters decided overwhelmingly last year to end state sanctions for use and possession of pot, with some restrictions. More than 250 stores that were aiready selling medical marijuana to people with health problems opened their doors to the general public. Some opened at midnight, gave away free food and T-shirts, brought a live band or offered discounted marijuana. Oregon is allowing legal sales with limited products, limited quantities and limited regulations. Due to a quirk in state law, taxes of up to 20 percent don't kick in until January. Until the full-scale regulations are ready in about a year, only limited products are available for sale to people without a medical marijuana card. They include up to seven grams at a time of dried flower and leaf; four immature plants and an unlimited number of seeds. Adults 21 and older can possess up to eight ounces of marijuana in their home and up to one ounce away from home. Other limits apply to marijuana in edible and drinkable forms, as well as mature and immature

plants. Candy, cookies, oil, lotions and other processed products are off limits for now. Consumption in public remains illegal.; Oregon was the first state to decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana. The move, in 1973, made pot possession akin to a traffic violation, but it still garnered big fines and a mark on one's record. Later, Oregon was among the first states to allow people with medical conditions to use the drug with a doctor's recommendation. In 2012, voters in Washington and Colorado voted to allow legal sales of the drug to all adults, and they opened stores a year later. In 2014, Oregon and Alaska legalized the drug. Alaska is likely to start selling the drug next year. After their success in four states, marijuana advocates are setting their sights on six more in the 2015 and 2016 elections. They are: California, Massachusetts, Arizona, Ohio, Nevada and Maine. California, in particular, would be a big prize for the marijuana movement, which has tried and failed to persuade voters in the nation's largest state to legalize the drug. The advocates learned from their experiences in the first four states about how to craft a popular initiative and how to appeal to voters. But they still face strong opposition from critics who worry about the health effects and that children will get access.; (Note: As recreational marijuana became legal for those age 21 and older in Oregon, we shared these tips at various times on-air, both in scheduled newscasts and during on-air conversations, as well as with callers and those emailing questions or asking via social media): Five tips if you're buying pot Thursday, by Noelle Crombie | The Oregonian/OregonLive: Starting Thursday, anyone 21 and older can legally purchase cannabis in Oregon. Medical dispensaries may sell recreational consumers up to a quarter-ounce of marijuana, four plants and seeds. Planning to shop? Here's what you need to know: Bring cash: The federal prohibition on marijuana complicates conventional banking for businesses, so most don't accept credit or debit cards. If you don't have cash handy, many shops have ATMs inside. Bring a government-issued ID: Dispensaries are required to check ID, such as a driver's license, to make sure you're 21 before letting you shop. Be prepared to wait: You may encounter lines. especially on Thursday. Dispensary owners encourage recreational customers to be patient. Today's cannabis is potent stuff: If you're new to marijuana, or haven't tried it in a while, "start low and go slow," as they say in Colorado. Too much, too fast can lead to an unpleasant experience. Have a complaint? Starting Thursday, if you suspect a dispensary is selling to people under 21 or selling products beyond what's allowed, you can contact the Oregon Health Authority, which oversees the dispensary program. Call 855-244-9580 or email medmj.dispensaries@state.or.us; Frequently Asked Questions from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA): An individual or entity should not rely on these FAQs to determine compliance with the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program rules or Oregon Medical Marijuana Program rules. The questions and answers presented here do not constitute legal advice. Questions and answers about Measure 91 and legalization of recreational marijuana on July 1, 2015 Q. How much marijuana can I possess under Measure 91? A. As of July 1, 2015, if you are 21 or older, your household can have up to: 4 marijuana plants, 8 ounces of usable marijuana, 16 ounces of homemade marijuana products in solid form, 72 ounces of homemade marijuana products in liquid form. Q. When did Measure 91 go into effect? A. The home grow and personal possession provisions of the measure started on July 1, 2015. Q. What impact does Measure 91 have on the current Medical Marijuana Program? A. None. Measure 91 states that the "Act may not be construed ... to amend or affect in any way the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act." Q. How much marijuana can a person possess if they are an OMMP cardholder? A. An OMMP patient, caregiver, or grower may possess up to 24 ounces of usable marijuana, six mature marijuana plants, and 18 seedlings or starts. Q. How does someone obtain marijuana if they are not a cardholder? A. As of July 1, 2015, certain amounts of usable marijuana and marijuana products may be shared for non-commercial purposes, which means you can't get any financial

consideration (you can't get anything of value in return). Starting October 1, 2015, registered medical marijuana dispensaries may sell limited amounts of recreational marijuana to adults 21 and older. Q. Can medical dispensaries provide, sell, or dispense marijuana at an off-site event or to an off-site event? A. No. All transfers of marijuana must be done on-site at the dispensary in accordance with dispensary rules. Q. What is the definition of a public place? A. Measure 91 defines a public place as "a place to which the general public has access and includes, but is not limited to, hallways, lobbies, and other parts of apartment houses and hotels not constituting rooms or apartments designed for actual residence, and highways, streets, schools, places of amusement, parks, playgrounds and premises used in connection with public passenger transportation." Q. Where can I apply for a license to grow, process, or sell marijuana for recreational use? A. Measure 91 requires the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to begin accepting license applications for the production and sale of recreational marijuana by January 4, 2016. Learn more at http://www.oregon.gov/olcc For more information regarding Measure 91 please go to www.whatslegaloregon.com : Ten cities and two counties have prohibited early retail sales of marijuana. But many of Oregon's medical marijuana dispensaries are getting ready for Thursday, when they are able to offer recreational pot sales to adults. More than 200 of Oregon's 345 medical marijuana dispensaries have notified the Oregon Health Authority of plans to sell recreational marijuana starting on Thursday. Customers would be able to purchase up to one-quarter ounce per day at a single dispensary. They must be over 21 and provide a valid, government-issued photo ID as proof of age. But edibles, such as candy bars and brownies, as well as extracts, concentrates and marijuana-infused products will not be available to recreational users until sometime next year. That's when licensed recreational marijuana shops—regulated by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission—will open. The 25 percent tax on recreational sales also will not start until early next year. Oregonians approved recreational marijuana use last fall, legalizing possession and use of small amounts on July 1st. State lawmakers okayed a plan for medical marijuana dispensaries to offer recreational sales this fall in order to bridge the gap until the licensed recreational outlets open. The goal is to curb black market sales. Dispensaries know they'll be busy during the first few days but operators say they don't know how brisk the sales will remain, nor whether there will be adequate supply for the growing demand. Other wonder how much the recreational market will drive an increase in prices.; Discounts on pot, free food for folks with the munchies and live music will usher in a historic day for Oregon and for marijuana advocates across the country Thursday, as recreational sales of the drug begin in the state. Oregon is one of four states that have legalized the sale of recreational marijuana. It already has more dispensaries than Washington state, where pot shops have been up and running for more than a year. Pot shops in Oregon that already sell medical marijuana have made big plans for the historic day — and hope there is enough supply to meet what is expected to be a huge demand. Until January, sales will even be tax free — a savings of up to 20 percent. Some dispensaries will be opening just after midnight to get a head start on sales, / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, WOMEN: No partial government shutdown this month. But things still look uncertain for mid-December. A temporary funding measure aiming to keep the government open past a midnight deadline sailed through the Senate and a divided House yesterday, then was signed by President Barack Obama. The funding measure was engineered by top GOP leaders who were determined to avoid a government shutdown. But the move by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker John Boehner has angered tea party lawmakers who wanted to use the must-pass measure to punish Planned Parenthood for its practices involving the supply of tissue from aborted fetuses for scientific research. Tea party anger directed at Boehner over the Planned Parenthood issue helped prod the Ohio

Republican last week to announce he will resign at the end of October. The bill prevents a repeat of the partial federal shutdown of two years ago and finance the government through Dec. 11, which will provide 10 weeks of time to negotiate a more wide-ranging budget deal for the rest of fiscal 2016, which ends on Sept. 30. 2016. At issue are efforts to increase the operating budgets for both the Pentagon and domestic agencies still operating under automatic curbs that would effectively freeze their spending at current levels. Republicans are leading the drive to boost defense while Obama is demanding equal relief for domestic programs. / ECONOMY, EDUCATION: A federal appeals court agreed Wednesday that the NCAA's use of college athletes' names, images and likenesses in video games and TV broadcasts violated antitrust laws. But the judges on the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco also struck down a plan to allow schools to pay players up to \$5,000. The federal court ruling finds that the NCAA cannot stop schools from providing full scholarships to student athletes but it vacated a proposal for deferred cash payments. A majority opinion called the difference between offering student-athletes education-related compensation and offering them cash sums untethered to educational expenses is, quote, "a quantum leap." Judge Jay Bybee wrote that once that line is crossed, the judges see no basis for returning to a rule of amateurism and no defined stopping point. The NCAA had appealed a 2014 decision to allow players in the top division of college football and in Division I men's basketball to be paid. The money would have been put in a trust fund and given to them when they left school. It was the result of a lawsuit filed by former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon and 19 others. The NCAA was accused of violating antitrust laws by conspiring to block the athletes from getting a share of revenue generated by the use of their images for commercial purposes. The NCAA said paying college athletes would destroy its system of amateurism. and the rules designed to protect that system had never previously been found by courts to violate antitrust law. / CRIME: Police say they've arrested the man wanted in connection with a stabbing where the victim was dropped off at a hospital emergency room early yesterday morning for treatment. Eugene Police say 43-year-old William Michael Robinson was charged with Assault One and Unlawful Use of a Weapon in connection with the stabbing of 19-year-old Connor Evan Hoag. Investigators say Hoag and three accomplices were attempting to steal a marijuana plant from the rooftop of a residence in the 3300 block of Eugene's Western Drive. That, they say, is when the group was confronted by Robinson, the homeowner, who was carrying a flashlight and a knife. Police say Hoag jumped from the roof while apologizing to Robinson for his behavior and that Robinson advanced on Hoag and stabbed him once in the left torso. Hoag is recovering in the ICU after surgery to repair a punctured left lung, punctured diaphragm, punctured stomach, severed spleen and a puncture wound to his pancreas.; A man is facing criminal charges after allegedly wounding a Lane County sheriff's deputy during a shootout. The Register-Guard reports that 38year-old Carlos Roa, who was also shot, was arraigned Monday at a Springfield hospital on charges of attempted aggravated murder with a firearm and unlawful use of a weapon. The incident began Friday when four deputies responded to a home near Cottage Grove to reports of someone firing a gun. Roa allegedly opened fire on the deputies with an AK-47 rifle. Deputy Todd Olson suffered a gunshot wound during the incident. He was taken to a hospital and has since been released. Roa was also treated at a hospital for a gunshot wound. He is to appear in court by Monday.; A homeless man has been arrested in the hit-and-run death of a Coos Bay man killed while walking across a road to get his mail. Coos County District Attorney Paul Frasier says the minivan believed to have struck the victim was discovered Tuesday evening, about a mile from the scene of the afternoon collision. It was at the home of auto-repair person who said a man named Todd asked for front-end damage to be repaired. Other witnesses identified the driver as 52-year-old Edward Todd Tandy Hume. The transient later went to the police

station, where he was arrested on outstanding warrants for methamphetamine possession and failure to appear. Frasier says Hume now faces a charge of felony hit and run. The victim's name was not immediately released. / HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME, FAMILY, VETERANS: When can tasty cookies, your spare change and your autumn leaves help fight homelessness? When they're part of a big local fundraiser to help ShelterCare. Bakers at the Sweet Life Patisserie at 755 Monroe Street in Eugene—a popular spot for desserts and treats—have created special Halloween cookies this month that are decorated to look like haunted houses. Buy one and all of the money goes to ShelterCare. Dari-Mart stores throughout the area continue to collect spare change at their registers to donate to ShelterCare. And every Thursday in October, Lane Forest products is recycling autumn leaves and donating all proceeds to ShelterCare. The organization helps people find transitional and permanent housing while assisting them with finding employment, transportation, medical care and treatment for health and mental health issues. / HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, ECONOMY: The owners of a Portland-area bakery are refusing to pay \$135,000 in state-ordered damages to a same-sex couple who were refused service. Melissa and Aaron Klein, owners of Sweet Cakes by Melissa, cited religious beliefs when they refused to bake a wedding cake for Laurel and Rachel Bowman-Cryer more than two years ago. Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian awarded the damages in July for emotional suffering, saying the owners had violated the women's rights by discriminating on the basis of their sexual orientation. The Kleins have filed an appeal of the ruling and are defying the order to pay. They're claiming financial hardship although crowdfunding efforts have brought in over \$500,000 on their behalf. The Oregonian reports state officials have asked to place a lien on the Kleins' property or other assets. / WOMEN, CRIME: During the month of October, communities in Oregon and across the nation are joining together to raise awareness of domestic violence. Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) promotes awareness and prevention efforts, and fosters widespread collaboration in creating safe relationships and communities. Womenspace, the primary service provider for survivors of domestic violence in Lane County, has a variety of special events planned to recognize the prevalence of domestic violence, prevent abuse, and promote healthy, safe relationships. Last year, 3,665 survivors and children were served by our agency, 2,876 calls taken on the 24/7 Crisis Line, 4,889 nights of safe shelter provided to survivors and their children, and nearly 1,009 students educated about teen dating violence. Thanks to their partners in the community, you can attend many events throughout the month to show your support the cause. Pappy's Pizza, Yogurt Extreme, Papa's Pizza, Tracktown Pizza, Hop Valley Brewery. Planktown, The Red Barn and more are all donating goods and services to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) and Womenspace. From 5-6pm on October 1st, Womenspace staff, volunteers, and supporters will be rallying at the intersection of 7th and Willamette in Eugene to raise awareness and kick off a month of Domestic Violence Awareness events. Also, you can Flock-a-Friend with Purple Flamingos to spread awareness and raise money for survivors. You can even purchase Anti-Flocking Insurance! Although this may seem all in fun, it really does increase overall community awareness of domestic violence. For a \$20 donation, a dozen flamingos will flock to a friend's yard. For additional information about 2015 Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please contact Womenspace at 541-485-8232. / SAFETY, FAMILY: October is Oregon Fire Prevention Month. This year's theme is: "Hear the beep where you sleep. Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm." Responsibility for fire safety begins at home. Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside any sleeping area. Most fire fatalities happen between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. when most people are asleep. Working smoke alarms provide an early warning of fire, allowing you vital minutes to escape, and increasing your chances of survival. Among this month's activities:

The state fire marshal has partnered with the Oregon Food Bank to place 10,000 smoke alarm education filers to be placed in food boxes statewide. Bi-Mart Corporation will distribute 6,000 smoke alarm fliers to customers who shop at any of their 60 Oregon stores. Additional fire safety tips: For increased protection. have working smoke alarms on every level of your home (including the basement), in each bedroom, and outside any sleeping area. Smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older should be replaced. Follow the manufacturer's recommendation for the type of battery to use in your smoke alarm. Smoke alarms with a non-replaceable (long-life) battery are designed to be effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, immediately replace the entire smoke alarm. Never disconnect or remove batteries from smoke alarms for other uses. Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. For a free smoke alarm check and installation, contact your local fire department or the American Red Cross. / HEALTH, SAFETY, CRIME: Residents of the Pacific Northwest (PNW) responded overwhelmingly to the most recent DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. On September 26th, 2015, in a four hour period, residents of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska combined, turned in a record breaking 33,919 pounds (17 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 171 take-back sites. DEA Special Agent in Charge Keith Weis was extremely proud of the amazing response by the citizens of the Pacific Northwest region. Adding, "This outstanding participation is a true reflection of their deep concerns in keeping the unused pharmaceutical drugs from being abused by unintended users and disposed of in the most environmentally conscious way possible." When the results of the ten DEA Take Back Days for the PNW are combined, the DEA and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed over 268,456 pounds (134.2 tons) of medication from circulation. In Oregon, 8,934 pounds (4.5 tons) were removed from circulation. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away - both potential safety and health hazards. Recent DEA drug disposal regulations authorize certain DEA registrants to become authorized collectors. Presently, there are 615 authorized collectors nationwide. DEA will continue holding Take-Back Days while these and other collectors' take back programs are launched and expanded. The public may find authorized collectors in their communities by calling the DEA Office of Diversion Control's Registration Call Center at 1-800-882-9539. / GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY. EDUCATION, ECONOMY: In the wake of the summer's devastating fire. members of the Eugene Civic Alliance will host their first Community Day at Civic Park on Sunday, October 4th from noon to 4 PM. The site of Civic Stadium will be open to the public and ECA volunteers will be available to explain the organization's preliminary site plans to develop a newly re-imagined recreational park. Admission is free and open to all. Chalk lines will outline the features of the new park, a place where thousands of kids will be able to take advantage of the new Kidsports Fieldhouse and a new turf field and grandstand. Food vendors and the Oakshire beer garden will provide refreshments during the event. The fieldhouse, with more than 45,000 sq. ft. of space, will be a place to play basketball, volleyball and futsal. The turf field will provide a new venue for competition at every level—from Kidsports games, club sports, and high school playoffs to recreational rugby, lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee and professional soccer. Highlights of the Sunday event include live music featuring the One More Time

Marching Band, Beautiful Wrecks, and a surprise artist. There will be a Kids Activity Zone—sponsored by the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, and a variety of activities for adults that include the Civic Stadium story booth, the Lane County Historical Museum road show, the Blue Bus Creatives Photo Swagon and a booth sponsored by the Eugene Emeralds. Some of the organizations that will be using Civic Park will also offer demonstrations and activities—Kidsports, Lane United FC, Eugene Timbers FC, Azul and NCU and Healthy Moves. The Eugene Fire Department and Eugene Police Department will be honored at 2 PM for their courage in response to the fire on June 30 and service to our community in the aftermath of that tragedy. There will be a free Bike Valet and Rides are FREE on LTD if you are coming to the Civic Community Day. The Eugene Civic Alliance is committed to ensuring the Civic property becomes a destination for family fun and entertainment, a venue for professional soccer, a thriving community hub unlike anything else in town, and above all, a place promoting active health children. Civic - Play On! / COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: Carrots might no longer tempt horses at one Oregon rescue ranch — because they've been munching on tons of them for days. The Bend Bulletin reports that the facility in the central Oregon city of Bend accepted a donation of 44,000 pounds, or 22 tons, of carrots after a truck carrying them crashed. Equine Outreach operator Joan Steelhammer was offered the vegetables Friday after they were deemed unfit for human consumption. She says the haul filled a 53-foot semitrailer up to 5 feet deep. Volunteer Gene Storm says about 80 horses have been chomping through the massive stock, and animal owners have been invited to help reduce the pile, too. A few tons of carrots are left, but it's still more than the rescue's animals can consume. Storm says carrots should be available for a few more days. / ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Proposed port facilities and a pipeline for shipping Rocky Mountain natural gas to Asia via the Oregon Coast have won final environmental approval from federal regulators. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued notice Wednesday that its final environmental impact statement found the Jordan Cove liquefied natural gas terminal at Coos Bay and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline across southwestern Oregon would cause some environmental damage. But regulators found the damage would be reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures proposed by the project developers. Jordan Cove LNG would be the first LNG port on the West Coast. The \$7 billion project is led by Calgary, Alberta-based Veresen, Inc. Final approval is expected by the end of this year, but gas is not likely to begin flowing for several years. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH: State regulators have fined a company that conducts aerial pesticide spraying on private timberlands for worker protection violations. The Oregon Department of Agriculture says Applebee Aviation must pay \$1,100 and implement new procedures and training. The company's Commercial Pesticide Operator license was also suspended. Regulators say Applebee Aviation employees did not get pesticide safety training, were not provided with decontamination materials, nor with safety gear. They also faced potential for pesticide exposure due to a defective hatch seal on a pesticide mixture tank. Officials were alerted to the problems in April, when a spraying crew member went to a hospital. The man said he had to regularly take shelter from herbicides sprayed from a helicopter. Applebee Aviation owner Mike Applebee declined to comment on the violations, but said he would comply with the order. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Oregon wildlife officials won't allow people to kill wolves in the Mount Emily pack despite five confirmed attacks this summer. The East Oregonian reports that the state wolf recovery plan would allow lethal control of the wolves because of their attacks on sheep and a guard dog, but the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife chose not to go in that direction. At least seven sheep and the dog were killed in pack attacks in June and August, Jeremy Bingham of Utopia Land and Livestock formally requested permission to kill the animals he says are "massacring" his sheep. But the department turned him

down, saying non-lethal measures have worked since the last attack. Bingham says he's followed the rules for years and called the wildlife officials "dishonest." / TERRORISM, RELIGION: Justice Department immigration lawyers say the imam of Portland's largest mosque encouraged members of the Portland Seven to fight U.S. forces in Afghanistan after Sept. 11. The Oregonian newspaper reports the allegation was included in court papers filed by lawyers in Washington D.C. The attorneys are trying to persuade a judge to revoke the citizenship of Mohamed Sheikh Abdirahman Kariye. Justice Department lawyers wrote that Kariye was present when members of the Portland Seven left to go wage jihad, and wished them luck. They also contend that Kariye told several members of the plot that Muslims should fight with fellow Muslim brothers in Afghanistan. Members of the group traveled to China in 2001, but failed to gain entry into Afghanistan. Nevertheless, six people pleaded guilty in the plot. Kariye's lawyers have filed papers seeking to dismiss the government's lawsuit on jurisdictional grounds. /

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CRIME, EDUCATION, HEALTH, COMMUNITY: The attack lasted for minutes, but the impacts will last for a lifetime. The mourning continued last night in Roseburg. as a huge crowd gathered for a candlelight vigil at Stewart Park to remember those who died or and send healing thoughts to those who were wounded vesterday morning during the shootings at Umpqua Community College. Classes are cancelled through Monday and flags across the state are flying at half-staff. The 26-year-old assailant killed nine people and wounded seven before dving in an exchange of gunfire with arriving law enforcement personnel. While authorities have not speculated publicly on a possible motive, they say the man, identified by his father as 26-year-old Chris Harper Mercer, carried multiple guns-and that they found more weapons during an overnight search of his apartment near the campus. Social media profiles linked to the gunman suggest he was fascinated by the Irish Republican Army, frustrated by traditional organized religion and tracked other mass shootings. Douglas County's Sheriff credits two law enforcement officers for rushing to Snyder Hall where the shootings occurred and confronting the gunman. The assailants' death during the resulting exchange of gunfire ended the attack. And officials are thanking the first responders who rushed to treat the victims and the skilled trauma teams who took care of them at local hospitals. A doctor at Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg says one of his patients will likely be released from the Roseburg hospital later today. Dr. Jason Gray says the hospital received 10 patients Thursday - one died, two were guickly treated and released and three were flown to PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield for treatment. Of the four remaining patients in Roseburg, one was discharged late yesterday. As for the other two, Gray says both are expected to survive but one remains in critical condition. PeaceHealth officials said the three women they are treating are between the ages of 18 and 34 and that two were in critical condition when they arrived, the third in serious condition.; Blood banks in Roseburg and Eugene issued an urgent call for donors yesterday and hundreds stepped up. Officials say that took care of the immediate need. They are welcoming donations today to help restock their supplies. You may contact Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg or the Lane Blood Center in Eugene to make an appointment. : Authorities investigating yesterday's deadly mass shooting at Umpqua Community College say they have found a number of firearms at the deceased gunman's apartment. The shooter killed nine people and wounded seven before dying in a shootout with police. A doctor at Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg says one of the patients rushed to his emergency room will likely be released from the Roseburg hospital later today. Dr. Jason Gray says the hospital received 10 patients Thursday - one died, two were quickly treated and released and three were flown to Springfield's PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield for treatment. Of the four remaining patients in Roseburg, one was discharged late yesterday. As for the other two, Gray says both are expected to

survive but one remains in critical condition. PeaceHealth officials said the three women they are treating are between the ages of 18 and 34 and that two were in critical condition when they arrived, the third in serious condition.; Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin says investigators searched the gunman's apartment overnight. He says investigators will release details on the number and types of weapons later today. Officials and relatives identified the gunman as 26-year-old Chris Harper Mercer, who apparently lived in a nearby apartment complex. His father, Ian Mercer, spoke to KABC-TV and several other media outlets gathered outside his house in Tarzana, California, late Thursday night. He said it's been a "devastating day" for him and his family and he has been talking to police and the FBI about the shooting.; Social media profiles linked to a 26-year-old shooter who killed at least 9 people at a southern Oregon college suggested he was fascinated by the IRA, frustrated by traditional organized religion and tracked other mass shootings. There didn't seem to be many recent connections on the social media sites linked to Chris Harper Mercer, with his MySpace page just showing two friends. He appeared to have at least one online dating profile. On a torrents streaming site and blog that appeared to belong to Mercer, posts referenced multiple shootings and downloads included several horror films and a documentary on a mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. A blog post urged readers to watch the online footage of Vester Flanagan shooting two former colleagues on live TV in Virginia, while another lamented materialism as preventing spiritual development. A MySpace page that appeared to belong to Mercer included several photos and graphics of the Irish Republican Army as well as a picture of Mercer holding a rifle.; Roseburg is in Douglas County, a politically conservative region west of the Cascade Range where people like to hunt and fish and pursue other outdoor activities. But it's no stranger to school gun violence. A freshman at the local high school shot and wounded a fellow student in 2006. Hanlin said authorities were still informing relatives of the dead. "It's been a terrible day," a grim-faced Hanlin said. "Certainly this is a huge shock to our community." The sheriff has been vocal in opposing state and federal gun-control legislation. In 2013, Hanlin sent a letter to Vice President Joe Biden after the shooting at a Newtown, Connecticut, elementary school, declaring that he and his deputies would refuse to enforce new gun-control restrictions "offending the constitutional rights of my citizens." Umpgua Community College offers courses ranging from nursing to the wine industry, said interim President Rita Cavin. Cavin said the college has a policy of no guns on campus. but did not feel the need for an armed security presence. "This is an anomaly and a tragedy," she said of the shooting.; Douglas County and local law enforcement investigators are being assisted by the Oregon State Police, the FBI, the U.S. Marshal's Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, The FBI, for example, has sent agents and specialists from its Portland, Eugene, Salem and Medford bureaus. Although local and state law enforcement agencies are virtually always the first ones on the scene, FBI officials say they offer expertise, training, and resources in what are known as "active shooter incidents." While their longterm goal is to prevent incidents such as this by creating threat assessment models, they also have expertise after years of such investigations in gathering and analyzing evidence at formerly chaotic crime scenes.; The incident is drawing shocked reactions and condolences from across the U.S. and around the world. In Washington, D.C., a visibly upset President Barack Obama warned reporters that the U.S. is becoming numb to mass shootings and says their perpetrators of such crimes have "sickness" in their minds. He says thoughts and prayers are no longer enough in these situations because they don't do anything to stop similar acts from happening in the next week or a few months later. Congressman Peter DeFazio says today's shooting in Roseburg is a heartbreaking tragedy. He thanked first responders and says that once we know more about what happened today, he plans to work with his Congressional colleagues to find ways to prevent

such tragedies.; Umpqua Community College is the only major higher education campus in Douglas County and has an enrollment of roughly 3,000 students. A former president of the college says the school has only one security officer on duty at a time, and that person is not armed. Joe Olson retired in June but says last school year, one of the biggest debates on campus was whether the school should have armed security officers. He says the college did hold three training exercises with local law agencies in the past two years, but adds, quote, "you can never be prepared for something like this." Olson says he suspects Thursday's shooting will start a discussion across the country about how community colleges prepare for something like this.; Trauma specialists in Roseburg and Springfield worked well into the night to save the lives and stabilize the conditions of those wounded in yesterday morning's shootings at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg. The Douglas County sheriff says ten people were killed—including the gunman—and seven people were wounded—including some with critical injuries. The 26-year-old assailant died in an exchange of gunfire with arriving law enforcement personnel. Investigators have not discussed his possible motive but say he was carrying multiple guns. During the day and overnight on the campus of Umpqua Community College, there was the slow but thorough search of rooms. buildings, backpacks and vehicles might continue late into the night. And at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, students and staff who'd been searched and bused from the campus throughout the day continued to be reunited with family and friends and meet with counselors. Umpqua Community College will be closed until Monday, Oct. 5.; In Douglas and Lane Counties, officials are coordinating blood drives to help restock local supplies. The shootings happened in and around Snyder Hall at shortly after 10:30 Thursday morning and witnesses say most of the casualties were in a writing and speech class that was meeting during what was the first week of Fall Term.; The wounded were taken by ambulance and helicopter to Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg and PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield. PeaceHealth officials confirmed they received three patients, all female, between the ages of 18 and 34. Two were in critical condition. one in serious condition. Governor Kate Brown has ordered flags lowered to halfstaff at all public institutions throughout Oregon until sunset on Friday in honor of the victims. Many schools and organizations in Douglas County cancelled last night's events and some are cancelling their events today, including some sports events.; The father of the man whom officials have identified as the gunman says he's as shocked as anybody at the deaths of 10 people, including his son, lan Mercer, the father of 26-year-old Chris Harper Mercer, spoke to KABC-TV and several other media outlets gathered outside his house in Tarzana, California, late last night. He said was a "devastating day" for him and his family and said he has been talking to police and the FBI about the shooting.; This was the worst mass killing in Oregon history—a history that includes the tragic toll of the attacks at Thurston and Reynolds High Schools and Clackamas Town Center. It was also the second-worst shooting on a U.S. college campus. In 2007, 32 people were fatally shot in a dorm and classroom at Virginia Tech. There have been dozens of killings on or near schools and colleges this year alone.; Yesterday afternoon, a grim President Barack Obama warned that the country has, quote, "become numb" to mass shootings like the one here in Oregon. Opama said the nation's response to mass shootings has become "routine" - from the reporting by the media, to his own comments, to the opposition to gun control laws aimed at deterring the violence. The president noted that this wasn't his first appearance before reporters to pass on his condolences to the families and friends of the fallen in mass shootings. Over the past several years, Obama has traveled to Aurora, Colorado; Tucson, Arizona; Charleston, South Carolina, and many other cities to mourn victims of gun violence. The president has sought changes in the nation's gun laws, though it's unclear at this initial stage of the investigation whether the changes often proposed - such as expanded background checks,

stricter magazine limits and an assault weapons ban - would have prevented Thursday's massacre in Oregon. But speaking in the White House briefing room Thursday, Obama challenged voters wanting to deal with the problem to vote for elected officials who agree with that priority. He has had no success through his nearly seven years in the White House in getting Congress to tighten laws involving firearms. The White House's failed push for gun control legislation after the 2012 Newtown, Connecticut, shooting - in which 20 children and six adults were killed at an elementary school - deeply frustrated Obama. With little change in Washington's political dynamic, he hasn't made a concerted effort to renew the gun control effort. He said he cannot do it by himself. Obama said there is a gun for roughly every man, woman and child in the U.S. He asked how anyone with a straight face can make the argument that more guns will make people safer. / ECONOMY, POLITICS, COMMUNITY, HEALTH: Marijuana shops reported brisk business on what was their first day of legal recreational sales in Oregon yesterday. It came after many of the medical dispensaries that are being allowed to sell recreational pot opened just after midnight on Thursday. But state Legislature allowed local governments to prohibit the manufacture or sale of recreational marijuana, depending on how their residents voted last year on Measure 91. At least nine counties and two dozen cities have submitted paperwork to prohibit licensed marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers. / CRIME, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Springfield Police say they tallied their first marijuana-related DUII arrest yesterday evening—less than 24 hours after medical dispensaries began selling pot to recreational users. It came after an off-duty state police trooper spotted 26-year-old Jayant Prakash operating his vehicle while smoking what appeared to be marijuana in the drive-through of a fast-food restaurant on Mohawk Boulevard. Police say they contacted the driver. determined he was under the influence of marijuana and arrested him for DUII. Prakash also received citations for Smoking Marijuana in Public and Smoking Marijuana While Driving. While it became legal this month for people to purchase recreational marijuana, state law is clear: You may not consume it in public nor drive impaired. Measure 91 defines a public place as "a place to which the general public has access and includes, but is not limited to, hallways, lobbies, and other parts of apartment houses and hotels not constituting rooms or apartments designed for actual residence, and highways, streets, schools, places of amusement, parks, playgrounds and premises used in connection with public passenger transportation." / ECONOMY: U.S. hiring slowed sharply last month and previous job gains were revised lower amid a broad slowdown in the global economy. The Labor Department says employers added just 142,000 jobs in September as manufacturers and oil drillers shed workers. Hiring in July and August was revised lower by 59,000. The unemployment rate remained 5.1 percent, but only because more Americans stopped looking for work. / TERRORISM, RELIGION, CIVIL LIBERTIES: An old accusation that the imam of the largest mosque in Portland encouraged local Muslims to fight U.S. forces in Afghanistan has been revived by government lawyers seeking to strip him of his citizenship. Lawyers with the Justice Department say Mohamed Sheikh Abdirahman Kariye told members of the so-called Portland Seven that they should join the fight and collected money for their travels, according to a court document. The Portland Seven case grabbed attention in the early days of the fight against terrorism. Then-U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft announced indictments in 2002, hailing the move as a defining day in the war. The Portland Seven never actually saw battle. The six male members traveled to China in late 2001 but failed to gain entry into Afghanistan. Most returned to the U.S. Five of the six men eventually pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges and the one who did not return to the U.S. was killed in Pakistan. A woman who remained in Oregon and wired money pleaded guilty to money laundering. Sentences ranged from three years to 18 years. It's been more than a decade since the government first maintained that

Kariye provided support to the group. The imam, however, has never been charged with any crime related to the claims. Kariye's lawyer wants to have the citizenship case dismissed on jurisdictional grounds, saying the law requires the local U.S. attorney to bring the naturalization complaint, not the Washington, D.C.based Office of Immigration Litigation. U.S. authorities filed the denaturalization lawsuit against Kariye in July. They allege he withheld required information from immigration workers in 1998. The newest document states Kariye lacks the moral character to remain a U.S. citizen, and that his involvement with the Portland Seven shows he "was not well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States at the time of his naturalization." / RELIGION, POLITICS, HUMAN RIGHTS: An attorney for the Kentucky clerk who refuses to issue same-sex marriage licenses is disputing the Vatican's characterization of her meeting with Pope Francis. Attorney Mat Staver tells The Associated Press the meeting was an affirmation of Kim Davis' right to be a conscientious objector. He disputed a Vatican spokesman's claims that the pope only met with Davis in a receiving line. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Travelers are reminded that OR 58 (Willamette Hwy.) is now open to two-way traffic at night and during weekends at the Salt Creek Tunnel (MP 56) in Lane County. A project to rebuild the half-viaducts on either side of the tunnel is nearing completion. There will be a daytime lane closure with traffic controlled by flaggers and pilot cars for the next two weeks, but travelers can plan on no lane closures or delays at night and on weekends. / EDUCATION, CRIME, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: Eugene Police say they responded to a number of loud party complaints from nearby neighborhoods as classes resumed this week on the University of Oregon campus, are providing this information as a public service and it was accurate at the time of posting. Eugene Police does not make any representation that this information is complete, nor should this information be relied upon for any purpose other than general public information. / EDUCATION, HOMELESSNESS: Growing numbers of Oregon kindergarten through high school students are spending at least part of their school year without a home. State education officials say the number of homeless students grew by more than 16-hundred students last school year—to more than 20,500. That is the highest number in since the depths of the last recession. A homeless classification doesn't necessarily mean the child is sleeping in a shelter or on the streets. The tag also applies to students who lack a fixed and regular nighttime residence, such as those who live in motels or bounce between the homes of friends and relatives. But the department reports a 23 percent increase in students classified as "unsheltered," meaning they lived in a vehicle, tent, or other form of substandard housing. /

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CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: Plans are now in place for the reopening of the campus of Umpqua Community College later this month: Campus will reopen for students and staff at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 5. although classes and events will be cancelled. Classes and events will resume on Monday, Oct. 12. Vanessa Becker, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Umpqua Community College, says community partners have come together to provide mental health services to UCC students, faculty and staff; Mental health professionals are offering no-cost grief sharing: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. through Sunday at the Ford Foundation, 1600 NW Stewart Parkway; and the Community Health Alliance, 201 Medical Loop, suite 180. Beginning Monday, Oct. 5, grief sharing will be available on campus, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the campus cafeteria. The Community Health Alliance is staffing a 24-hour hotline at 541-440-3532 or 800-866-9780.; Officials on Saturday discussed why the investigation into the shootings at Umpqua Community College is such a complex process. They say it has three distinct facets: The shooting event at Umpqua Community College: The shooter's background, including how he obtained his weapons; The use of force by the initial responding officers. To date, they say they have: Run down hundreds of leads and Interviewed hundreds of people, including victims, witnesses, neighbors and others; Conducted searches at the school and residence as well as of the shooter's vehicle; Seized evidence from multiple locations including the weapons and ammunition; documents; and digital media. The Oregon State Police Crime Lab as well as the ATF and FBI Laboratories are all engaged in the effort to move forward with processing this evidence. There is a "Tip Line" in operation. Investigators say if you are unsure as to whether what you have is relevant, please go ahead and call and let them decide. The tip line number is 1-800-CALL-FBI. Choose option 7. Also, Roseburg Police Chief Jim Burge wants to emphasize that "beyond this initial incident, we want to be very clear about the fact that there are NO current threats against any school or facility in our area. Saying that, I know that parents and students have concerns. In fact, we've had our own police officers and fire fighters answering questions from their spouses and children as to whether they are "safe". I am sure that other parents and students in the general community have the same concerns. "As we move into next week, I want to reassure you that Roseburg Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff's Office will continue to work to ensure your school is, indeed, safe."; Looking ahead, officials say: They are still collecting investigative information from various sources. Those details will continue to come in over the next few days and weeks. They continue to have law enforcement and victim service teams working with the families to provide any help they may need. This includes counseling resources, helping to make any arrangements related to funerals and more. The FBI's Behavioral Analyst team has arrived on-scene and will assist with helping to understand "the why" of this event. Finally, officials want to thank all of their

partner agencies who were and are part of the response to the incident and investigation: * Douglas County Sheriff's Office, * Douglas County Fire District 2, * Roseburg Police Department, * Roseburg Fire Department, * Douglas County Emergency Management, * Douglas County Commission, * Douglas County District Attorney, * Umpqua Community College, * Oregon State Police, * Curry County Sheriff's Office, * Josephine County Sheriff's Office, * Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, * Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, * Linn County Sheriff's Office. * Sutherlin Police Department, * Winston Police Department, * Medford Police Department, * Ashland Police Department, * Corvallis Police Department, * Beaverton Police Department, * Portland Police Bureau, * Oregon State Fire Marshal, * Oregon Emergency Management, * Oregon Military Department. * Portfand Fire and Rescue, * Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, * Hillsboro Fire Department, * Jacksonville Fire Department, * FBI, * ATF, * U.S. Marshals Service, * Homeland Security Investigations, * U.S. Bureau of Land Management, * U.S. Attorneys Office, * Federal Protective Service, * Jackson/Josephine County Emergency Management, * Coos County District Attorney's Office, * Jackson County District Attorney's Office, * Lane County District Attorney's Office, * Yamhill County District Attorney's Office, * Josephine County District Attorney's Office, * Clackamas County District Attorney's Office, * Washington County District Attorney's Office, * Union County District Attorney's Office, * Deschutes County District Attorney's Office, * Oregon Department of Justice - Crime Victims Services, * Bay City Ambulance, * Community Health Alliance, * University of Oregon.; The campus of Umpqua Community College reopens today to staff and registered students but classes and events will not resume until next week, on Monday, October 12th. Staff may arrive any time after 8:00 a.m. today. Registered Umpqua Community College students will be allowed back on-campus after 1:00 p.m. Today's partial reopening will allow staff and students to recover items they might have left behind during the evacuation of the campus on Thursday following the shootings. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the student center, registered students will be asked to fill out a form identifying any missing items. Roseburg's U-Tran bus service to campus will also resume this morning. Free meals will be available for U-C-C staff and registered students beginning today during breakfast and lunchtimes in the college's cafeteria. And there will be a law enforcement presence on campus all week. Umpqua Community College's off-campus centers are following the main campus schedule and will be open for staff and students tomorrow.; Douglas County officials say those who wish to donate funds to help survivors of the Umpqua Community College shootings have several preferred options. They recommend sending your money through the Greater Douglas United Way or through the Umpqua Community College Foundation. And for community members, grief counseling services remain available through Douglas County's Community Health Alliance, which is offering drop-in counseling through tomorrow at its offices on Stewart Parkway in Roseburg and at the nearby offices of the Ford Family Foundation.; Editorial from The Oregonian on "Why naming the Roseburg shooter matters": With great ostentation, Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin stood in front of reporters in the midst of a nationally calamitous moment and announced what he wasn't going to say. "I will not name the shooter," said Hanlin on Thursday, hours after a heavily-armed man had fatally shot nine people and wounded nine others at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg. "I will not give him the credit he probably sought prior to this horrific and cowardly act." Hanlin continued, punctuating his statement with brief, dramatic pauses. "But you will never hear me mention his name." He then urged the news media and community to avoid using the shooter's name, saying it only glorifies his actions. Hanlin's motivations are understandable. There are few words to describe the devastation to families, communities and, once again, our sense of safety caused by such an act of violence. So refusing to say the shooter's name to strip him of the celebrity he might have envisioned feels like a tiny victory in an

ocean of loss. But Hanlin's insistence that he and his office will not utter the name of the shooter, identified by others as Chris Harper-Mercer, amounts to little more than grandstanding at a time that demands professional leadership. Selecting which facts to share is no way to build confidence in an investigation or to foster true debate - both of which are critical in any effort to stop what has become nauseatingly routine. The investigation, led by Hanlin's office, has only just begun. In press conferences. Hanlin has been urging anyone who might have tips relating to the shootings to call 1-800-CALL-FBi. But as a practical matter, how are people who may have valuable information about Harper-Mercer supposed to call if they never know that he was the shooter? There is no doubt a mess of factors that contributed to Harper-Mercer's murderous rampage and they deserve investigation to guide any public policy debates that emerge. Did mental illness play a part? How did he get his weapons? These are relevant, uncomfortable questions that, in Hanlin's mind, may glorify the act, but in truth they only expose the complexity of the problems we face. Ignorance never makes us stronger. It only makes it easier to resort to tired rhetoric and the same failed proposals that ensure nothing ever changes. Hanlin's willingness to withhold public information in this instance also raises the question of what else he would keep confidential because it conflicts with his views. Hanlin, in 2013, authored a letter to Vice President Joe Biden, in which he pledged not to enforce any gun-control laws that he saw as unconstitutional. While Hanlin certainly wasn't alone in his objections, the episode shows his willingness to let personal beliefs affect how he does his job. Credibility and professionalism matter in such a high-stakes case as this. Like the murders of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, some people are already posting videos questioning the legitimacy of the shootings at Umpqua Community College. Hanlin's selective information-sharing does not help that. It is especially in these times of crisis, where, fear, anger and uncertainty are running high, that we need and expect our leaders to guide us. That comes through being transparent with information and showing professional judgment, not personal bias.; An Army veteran was shot seven times while trying to save other students during the deadly Oregon community college rampage. according to his aunt. Chris Mintz "tried to protect some people." his aunt Sheila Brown told NBC News in a telephone interview. "We were told he did heroic things to protect some people." She said that Mintz was shot seven times and had been in surgery since the shooting that left 10 dead, including the gunman. On Friday morning, a Facebook page that appeared to belong to Mintz posted the following message: "This is Chris's friend, Chris asked me to thank everyone for their support, he is grateful and keeping our community and all victims in his thoughts." Originally from Randleman, North Carolina, Mintz served about 10 years in the Army. He had just started college, Brown said. He was shot in the back, abdomen and hands, and had two broken legs, she added. Nine people were killed and nine others were injured when a gunman who demanded to know his victims' religions opened fire Thursday at Umpqua Community College. The gunman was killed after an exchange of gunfire with Douglas County sheriff's deputies, Sheriff John Hanlin said.; An Oregon pastor says a student who was spared by a gunman during a deadly rampage on a college campus received an envelope with a flash drive from the shooter and had to watch as his classmates were killed. Randy Scroggins, whose daughter also survived Thursday's shooting at Umpqua Community College, spoke at his church Sunday as his daughter and the other student, 18-year-old Mathew Downing, sat together in the congregation. Scroggins' daughter Lacey had told him gunman Christopher Sean Harper-Mercer gave an envelope to another student in the class and told him to give it to police. A law enforcement official has previously told The Associated Press a "manifesto" from Harper-Mercer was recovered at the scene. The official wasn't authorized to speak publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity. Scroggins spoke with Downing's mother, Summer Smith, following the Sunday services at New

Beginnings Church of God in Roseburg. He told the AP the gunman told her son "go to the back of the room and sit down, facing all of us, and you're gonna watch." Nine people were killed in Thursday's rampage. Harper-Mercer committed suicide.; People in Roseburg sought solace in church services following last week's deadly shooting rampage - including one congregation where the pastor's daughter survived because the gunman mistakenly believed she was dead. More than 100 people gathered to hear pastor Randy Scroggins speak at New Beginnings Church of God. Among them was 18-year-old Lacey, who cried while sitting in the front row with her mother and another student who was spared. Randy Scroggins said he's been asked whether he can forgive Christopher Sean Harper-Mercer, who killed nine when he opened fire Thursday at Umpqua Community College. Harper-Mercer killed himself after a shootout with police. At services across Roseburg on Sunday, pastors talked about the tragedy as the community tries to heal. There have been conflicting accounts of Harper-Mercer's words inside the classroom, and what he may have meant by them. Some witness accounts have said that after killing people who said they were Christian he continued to execute others, doing so randomly. A law enforcement official has previously told The Associated Press a "manifesto" from Harper-Mercer was recovered at the scene. The official wasn't authorized to speak publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity. Religious faith is an important part of many people's lives in this rural part of Oregon, called by some "the Bible Belt of Oregon." In Roseburg alone, there are dozens of churches, and Christian billboards and crosses dot area highways and roads. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS, CRIME: Guns are front and center for some of the presidential candidates. Just days after the deadly shooting in Roseburg, Hillary Clinton's campaign today unveils a proposal for new gun control measures aimed at strengthening background checks on gun buyers and eliminating legal immunity for sellers. During a campaign swing through New Hampshire, Clinton's campaign said she plans to propose a repeal of legislation that shields gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers from most liability lawsuits. / ECONOMY: Nike Chairman Phil Knight has written a memoir. Editors with Scribner, a subsidiary of Simon & Schuster, say Knight's book is scheduled for publication in the spring of 2016. The memoir will concentrate on Nike's early years, when Knight went into business with Bill Bowerman, his track coach at the University of Oregon, in 1964. Knight announced in June that he will step down next year, is known for his reluctance to talk about the past. But, according to Scribner, the memoir is "candid, humble, gutsy and wry." / SAFETY: Not the sort of thing one expects to find when cleaning out a deceased relative's home. Springfield Police say they received a call over the weekend from some people who located what appeared to be several sticks of corroded or unstable dynamite in a residence in the 100 block of "S" Street. Experts confirmed it and once the surrounding area was evacuated members of the Eugene Police Department Explosive Device Unit safely disposed of the items. Springfield Police say experts also located and seized blasting caps and other items associated with the ignition of dynamite. There were no injuries. / MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, MILITARY: Four Modoc men who were executed as war criminals in 1873 were honored as warriors and significant historical figures during a grave dedication ceremony at Fort Klamath. The Klamath Falls Herald and News reports that the graves of Chief Kintpuash, Schonchin John, Black Jim and Boston Charley were formally dedicated Saturday by tribe members and local museum officials. The four men were hanged after the Modoc War, during which Kintpuash led tribe members from the Klamath Reservation to their traditional lands in Northern California. They were executed for killing two men during attempted peace talks. The men's graves were located with ground-penetrating radar and fitted with new grave markers to replace deteriorating ones. Modoc officials say the four men are the only Native Americans ever tried and executed for war crimes. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Linn County Sheriff Bruce Riley reports the Linn

County Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Center received a call today at 11:23 a.m. reporting an injured mountain bicyclist on the McKenzie River Trail near Sahalie Falls. Sahalie Falls is located on Highway 126 near the Clear Lake Resort in the Santiam Pass area and is a popular destination for hiking and mountain bicycling. The trail is narrow and consists of lava rock, large boulders, steep drop-offs and hazardous terrain. Deputies and 19 Linn County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) members responded to assist the injured bicyclist. They found Michael Roszak, 72, of Bend, had crashed his bicycle approximately eight tenths of a mile south of the entrance to Cold Water Cove Campground. Roszak had been riding alone south toward Carmen Smith Reservoir when he collided with a large boulder on the side of the trail, possibly fracturing or dislocating his left hip. Roszak was unable to walk or move and remained on the trail for a short time until two off-duty Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) out of Grants Pass located Roszak. The EMT's were identified as Brandon Rigaud and Jared Nichols; they too had been on the same trail mountain biking. Rigaud and Nichols were equipped with medical supplies and administered first aid. An additional mountain bicyclist in the area rode from the crash scene to the Clear Lake Resort to make a satellite telephone call to 9-1-1. SAR members carried Roszak approximately one mile south to the trailhead at Carmen Smith Reservoir where he was transported by Sisters-Camp Sherman ambulance to St. Charles Hospital in Bend. The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Linn County Parks staff at Clear Lake Resort and the U.S. Forest Service. / CRIME, ENVIRONMENT: Vandals broke into the Astoria Column and damaged the historical landmark just days before a \$1 million restoration project was expected to be finished. The Daily Astorian reports that someone knocked over white primer and spilled it across on the 125-foot structure. The Column was built in 1926 to celebrate the region's history and attracts an estimated 400,000 visitors each year. Trespassers would have had to get through a locked fence and climb scaffolding to reach the top of the landmark, where the primer was kept in sealed containers. Astoria police say they are reviewing footage from the gift shop surveillance camera. Parks and Recreation director Angela Cosby estimates the damage is between \$1,000 and \$5,000. The crew may have to work extra hours to remove the spilled primer and repaint. / CRIME, ECONOMY: A former Junction City police officer has filed a lawsuit alleging he was fired after complaining about the police chief's performance and refusing a supervisor's order to remove a mayoral candidate's campaign signs. Nathan Rankin seeks \$1.5 million. The suit was filed Thursday in federal court in Eugene. The Register-Guard reports that the lawsuit sheds light on recent unrest in the Junction City police department. Chief Mark Chase was placed on leave for seven months after a number of city employees had complained about mismanagement in the department. Ranking said he was among them, though Chase was on leave when the officer was fired by an interim chief. Attorneys representing Chase and Rankin declined to comment on allegations contained in the lawsuit, as did city administrator Jason Knope. / MILITARY: An Oregon National Guard unit is preparing to deploy to Kuwait. Approximately 60 soldiers will transport people and equipment throughout the region using CH-47 Chinook helicopters. At a mobilization ceremony Saturday in Pendleton, Sgt. August Radke told the East Oregonian that it will be interesting to see another part of the world but difficult to part with his wife and two children. The soldiers are from the 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment. The unit recently provided helicopters to support firefighting efforts over the summer. In Kuwait, Oregon's unit will join soldiers from Washington and California. / COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT, FAMILIES, ECONOMY: A good turnout Sunday as members of the Eugene Civic Alliance invited the public to the former Civic Stadium site to see their revised development plans. It comes just a few months after the historic 77-year-old grandstand was gutted by fire. /

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CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION: Some faculty, staff and students returned to the campus of Umpqua Community College in Roseburg vesterday for the first time since Thursday's shooting, while President Barack Obama announced he will travel to Oregon to visit privately with the victims' families. Classes do not resume at Umpqua Community College until next week, but some students came to the campus to pick up belongings they left behind Thursday when they fled. Counselors, chaplains and therapy dogs were on campus for those who wished some additional support. At least one student wounded in the shooting was among those who returned Monday, according to college President Rita Cavin. She did not identify the student.; A memorial is growing on the driveway leading to Snyder Hall, the building where 26-year-old gunman Christopher Harper-Mercer opened fire, killing nine and wounding nine others before killing himself after a shootout with police. A law enforcement official revealed vesterday that the gunman said in writings he left behind that everyone else was "crazy" and ranted about not having a girlfriend. The official also said Harper-Mercer's mother has told investigators her son was struggling with some mental health issues. : The president of the Umpqua Community College says at least one wounded student visited the campus on the day it reopened. It came as some faculty, staff and students began returning to Umpqua Community College on Monday to pick up belongings they left behind when they fled the shooting last Thursday. Classes do not resume until next week. College President Rita Cavin didn't identify the wounded student. But she says for those who are returning to the campus. professional counselors and chaplains were on hand to counsel faculty, students and staff as well as therapy dogs or "comfort dogs" that can help relieve stress.; Three women who were among the wounded were airlifted last week to PeaceHealth Medical Center in Springfield. A hospital official said vesterday one patient remains in critical condition and the other two are in fair condition. All are expected to survive, but one woman is expected to have permanent neurological damage. The three range in age from 18 to 34 and were among the most seriously wounded.; Officials evacuated Rogue Community College in southern Oregon because of a bomb threat. Though the Josephine County Sheriff's Office believes the threat was directed at the Grants Pass campus, two other campuses were also cleared Monday morning as a precaution. County emergency manager Jenny Hall said the search for a suspicious device was continuing Monday afternoon. Multiple Oregon schools have responded to threats since Thursday's deadly mass shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg. If you're caught and convicted of making such a threat, you can face a prison term and a hefty fine.; An emotional Alek Skarlatos returned to "Dancing with the Stars" last night, calling the event harder to comprehend than the terrorist attack he helped stop in France. It was during last week's rehearsals that Skarlatos learned of the shootings at his Umpqua Community College and returned home to support the

community. Skarlatos was one of the men who stopped a recent terrorist attack on a French train. Skarlatos said he would have been enrolled at Umpqua Community College this semester, but changed his plans to appear on "Dancing with the Stars." He returned to the show last night, dedicating his performance to the people of Roseburg and the surrounding communities and said he hoped to "do them proud" on the dance floor. The judges praised his resolve. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT: A California lumber company has donated \$6 million to Oregon State University to help fund the school's forest science complex. The Corvallis Gazette-Times reports that Sierra Pacific Industries' gift will go toward the construction of the Oregon Forest Science Complex, which will be part of the new Corvallis campus of the OSU College of Forestry. The \$6 million is earmarked for a 20,000-square-foot laboratory for the development of advanced wood products such as cross-laminated timber, a type of engineered wood panel that is replacing steel and concrete in some high-rise buildings. / HEALTH, ELDERS, HUMAN RIGHTS: California will become the fifth state in the nation to allow terminally ill patients to legally end their lives using doctor-prescribed drugs. California Governor Jerry Brown, a former Jesuit seminarian, announced yesterday that he has signed a bill approved last month by state lawmakers after an emotional and deeply personal debate. It came after the highly publicized case of 29-year-old Brittany Maynard, the California woman with brain cancer who moved to Oregon to end her life. Brown says he consulted with many people including a Catholic bishop and two of his own doctors and that the emotionally-charged bill forced him to consider what he would want if he were dying. Religious groups, including the Catholic Church, and advocates for people with disabilities opposed the measure, saying it legalizes premature suicide and puts terminally ill patients at risk for coerced death. But supporters say it includes requirements that the patient be capable of taking the medication themselves and that two doctors approve the prescription. The measure applies only to mentally sound people and not those who are depressed or impaired. / FAMILY, ECONOMY: If you enjoy making pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving, better stock up early on the canned pumpkin. That's the advice of crop experts, who say while there should be "a pumpkin for everybody" at Halloween, supplies of canned pumpkin could be scarce by Thanksgiving. Canned pumpkin maker Libby says yields in Illinois appear to be less than anticipated this year. Farmers are blaming record June rainfall for washing out crops. / HEALTH, FAMILY; Some of Lane County's chefs will compete in a live cook-off this evening to benefit the March of Dimes. The chefs will only able to use five ingredients, one of which will be a surprise. Four of the ingredients are: salmon, frozen blackberries, five quarts of chicken stock, and yellow "new" potatoes). A panel of judges will crown the "Richard Balajadia Ultimate Signature Chef". Premature birth touches half a million babies and their families every year, including 1 in 11 babies in Oregon. Babies born too soon are more likely to die or have disabilities. More than 120,000 babies are born with serious birth defects that can mean a lifetime of disability. Babies born healthy need champions, too, to be sure they have access to newborn screening and preventive health care. Proceeds will help the local chapter of March of Dimes do that. / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: Oregon State Police said in a news release Monday Dustin Reid Hellbusch of Baker City has been charged with 10 counts of taking a buck deer, eight counts of waste of a big game mammal and 1 count of tampering with physical evidence. Taylor Michael Morris has also been charged with multiple counts of each crime. Police say the arrests came after a 10-month investigation that began with a tip from a program encouraging people to turn in poachers. Anyone with further information is asked to call Oregon State Police. / HEALTH, SAFETY: General Mills is recalling 1.8 million boxes of Cheerios and Honey Nut Cheerios, saying the cereal is labeled gluten-free but actually contains wheat. The recall affects Cheerios and Honey Nut Cheerios that were made in July at the company's Lodi, California plant, General

Mills says wheat flour was inadvertently used in a gluten-free oat flour system. People with conditions like wheat allergies or celiac disease who eat the gluten might experience an allergic reaction or discomfort.; Doctors have discovered a potential problem involving implanted heart valves that hundreds of thousands of people have received. The valves do not always open and close properly, possibly because a blood clot has formed that could raise the risk of stroke. Experts stressed that not enough is known about the situation to change the practice now, and officials from the Food and Drug Administration say the valves still seem safe and worth the risk. The problem involves aortic valves made from cow, pig or human tissue rather than mechanical ones made from synthetic materials. A study published Monday by the New England Journal of Medicine suggests that these valves may not work right in up to 15 percent of cases. The FDA urged doctors and patients to report any suspected problems.; Two marijuana users in Colorado have filed suit against a pot grower they say used an unhealthy pesticide on the weed they later bought. The lawsuit filed Monday in Denver is thought to be the first product-liability claim in the nation involving the legal marijuana industry. It underscores growing anxiety and continuing disagreement over the lack of regulations about what chemicals and pesticides should be allowed in the growing of pot. The lawsuit targets a Denver-based pot company called LivWell. Denver authorities seized thousands of LivWell's plants earlier this year saying they had been treated with a pesticide that is legal for use on food but not tobacco. The company insists its plants are safe and the plants have been released after testing at acceptable levels. / ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT: The Eugene Water & Electric Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 6, to gather comments about its proposed 2016 budget and the utility's long-term financial plan. Tuesday's public hearing will be held during commissioners' regular monthly meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in EWEB's North Building, 500 E. Fourth Ave. Those interested in attending should check EWEB's web site (www.eweb.org) to determine the approximate start time of public comment and public hearings on the agenda. Commissioners held a similar public hearing in July. The long-term financial plan contains revenue requirements and any projected rate actions over a 10-year period. Based on direction from commissioners on Tuesday night, EWEB staff will finalize a 2016 budget proposal and determine what revenue requirements and rate actions will be necessary to support the annual budget. Additional public hearings will be held Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 to solicit customer feedback on the 2016 budget and any revenue increases or rate adjustments needed to fund electric and water utility operations. Any additional revenue requirements approved by Commissioners in December would be reflected in customers' February 2016 bills. In addition to the budget and long-term financial plan discussion, EWEB commissioners also will be asked to provide direction on proposed changes to the electric rate structure. The proposed structural redesign would simplify the bill for customers, place more of the utility's fixed costs in the monthly basic charge, and protect customers and the utility from volatile consumption fluctuations due to changing weather patterns. / ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH: Oregon authorities are enlisting hunters and other outdoors types in the fight against a disease hurting the region's elk. The Statesmen Journal reports that the state Department of Fish and Wildlife is asking people who spend time in the woods to watch for and report limping elk. Those animals could be suffering from hoof disease, a bacterial infection that causes severe lameness. Elk with the disease have deformed, overgrown or broken hooves and other abnormalities. Department veterinarians say last year's public sightings were helpful in tracking the disease. Fish and Wildlife veterinary staffers are also asking hunters who kill infected elk to save the hooves so the department can analyze them. Hoof disease does not affect the meat of the elk and is not a risk to human health. /

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CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION, FAMILY: Law enforcement officials continue their investigation and work to understand what motivate the gunman in hopes of preventing future tragedies. One former FBI profiler says last week's shootings shared has an eerie parallel with the massacre at 2012's Sandy Hook Elementary School that killed 20 pupils and six adult staff members. Mary Ellen O'Toole directs George Mason University's forensic science program. She says that like Adam Lanza, the gunman in the Connecticut massacre, Christopher Harper-Mercer was living with mental and emotional health issues an led a mostly solitary life with a mom who shared his fascination with firearms. She says both stories illustrate the struggles parents face caring for a deeply troubled child, and the challenges when parents also use guns to bond with a mentally disturbed, isolated child who is already obsessed with weapons and violence. Psychologists who study these cases say that in some instances, parents don't recognize there's a developing problem. In other cases, they say the parents are aware of their child's mental health issues, but they don't see any evidence of violence, so they don't see any reason not to take their kid target shooting.; The mother of a gunman who killed nine people and himself at an Oregon community college allowed her troubled son to have guns and acknowledged in online posts that he struggled with autism, but she didn't seem to know he was potentially violent. The online writings by Laurel Harper date from a year ago to nine years ago and offer fresh insight into the gunman, 26-year-old Christopher Harper-Mercer, and his relationship with his mother. The Associated Press didn't speak with Harper about the online postings; a knock on her door went unanswered Tuesday, and her phone's voicemail box was full. However, the postings included an email address that is linked to Harper. She and Harper-Mercer shared an apartment outside Roseburg. Investigators have recovered 14 firearms - six found at Umpqua Community College, where the killings occurred, and eight at the apartment. Neighbors of the mother and son in California, where they lived before moving to Oregon in 2013, have said the two went target shooting together. Investigators say Harper-Mercer's mother has told them the son was struggling with some mental health issues. In her online postings, Laurel Harper talked about her love of guns and her son's emotional troubles, but there are no hints of worry that he could become violent. "I keep two full mags in my Glock case. And the ARs & AKs all have loaded mags. No one will be 'dropping' by my house uninvited without acknowledgement," reads a 3-year-old posting. She was referring to a Glock handgun and to military-style rifles. A Glock and a military-style rifle were among the weapons seized after the Roseburg shooting rampage. Laurel Harper wrote in another posting: "I love the long guns & I have an AK-47 en route." She complained about gun-control efforts in "lame states." She posted several times that her son had Asperger's syndrome, a mild form of autism. One posting reads: "He's no babbling idiot nor is his life worthless. He's very intelligent and is working

on a career in filmmaking." She wrote that she read aloud to her unborn son from Donald Trump's "The Art of The Deal." Investigators have not yet said whether they suspect a motive in last Thursday's shooting rampage, where Harper-Mercer killed eight students and a teacher before killing himself. While living in California. Harper-Mercer graduated from a learning center for students with learning disabilities and emotional problems. His parents divorced when he was a teenager and he lived with his mother. Harper-Mercer's father, Ian Mercer, still lives in California. Over the weekend he said he had no idea his son had any guns. "How on earth could he compile 13 guns? How could that happen?" Ian Mercer told CNN on Saturday. / CRIME, EDUCATION, POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Ben Carson is defending his remarks about last week's mass shooting at an Oregon community college. The Republican presidential candidate has come under criticism for saving that if he were there, he "would not just stand there and let him shoot me." He tells CBS the remarks were meant as advice. Carson says he's trying to plant in people's minds the idea that they should rush a shooter in a situation like that. / CRIME, EDUCATION, HEALTH: Officials with PeaceHealth Medical Center officials in Springfield said yesterday that Anastasia Boylan, one of the three patients airlifted to the hospital after the Umpqua community College shootings, was discharged yesterday. Two wounded women remain at the medical center. One is still in critical condition, the other in fair condition. / HEALTH, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: The relief effort in Roseburg did not end last week. Officials with the American Red Cross - Cascades Region say 25 volunteers and staff remain in Douglas County to work with local officials. provide mental health outreach, offer victim assistance, and provide water and snacks at public gatherings and vigils. The Red Cross is also working with community organizations to provide mental health assistance at the Ford Family Foundation (1600 NW Stewart Parkway) and Umpqua Community College student cafeteria (1140 Umpqua College Rd.). Seven volunteers also flew to south Carolina on Monday to assist in the flood relief effort and help operate shelters there. And three Red Cross volunteers from Portland remain in northern California in the aftermath of the devastating and deadly summer wildfires. Last month was National Preparedness Month and if you have a smart phone you might consider downloading some or all of the Red Cross emergency apps-which provide tips on what to do to prepare your home, your family you're your workplace and deal with natural disasters ranging from earthquakes to wildfires to floods. / CRIME, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT: The Register-Guard is reporting that three Eugene boys were sentenced to probation yesterday after admitting their participation in the fire that destroyed historic Civic Stadium's wooden grandstands. The R-G's Jack Moran writes that the youths each entered admissions to charges of second-degree arson and recklessly endangering another person. It came after they reached out-of-court settlements with prosecutors. Three of the boys were 12 when the stadium burned, the other 10. The Register-Guard reports all three will serve up to five years of supervised probation, which includes a requirement that they complete a fire safety course offered through the county Youth Services department. Two of the three boys also admitted to second-degree arson charges for setting a trash bin fire outside a Dari Mart one day after the stadium went up in flames. The store's owner spoke during the boys' court hearings. He told each of them that one of his employees was working at the business when the trash bin fire started, and told the Judge that he wants the boys to get the help they need in order to put their legal troubles behind them. The story notes that the legal fate of a fourth boy charged in the stadium fire remains unresolved. He had been scheduled to appear in court yesterday, but proceedings in his case were postponed. Police allege that the boys hopped a chain-link fence and then used a lighter to ignite debris in the press box at Civic. The three 12-year-old suspects were taken into custody and lodged at the John Serbu Youth Campus in early July, but were released to their quardians while the

charges were still pending in court. The 10-year-old boy was not lodged at the youth campus in Eugene because of his age. Still unsettled is the matter of restitution, which prosecutor Rebecca Ivanoff said in court would be determined at an unspecified, later date. The former ballpark — home to the minor-league Eugene Emeralds for decades before the team moved its home games to PK Park in 2010 — is owned by the Eugene Civic Alliance, a nonprofit group that plans to create a sports venue on the property, despite the fire. The group spent a year raising more than \$4 million, and acquired the property in May in a transaction involving its longtime owner, the Eugene School District, and the city of Eugene. / CRIME, COMMUNITY: Thousands of federal inmates serving sentences for drug crimes are set for early release next month under a costcutting measure intended to reduce the nation's prison population. The more than 5,500 inmates set to go free in November are among the first of what could eventually be tens of thousands eligible for release. The U.S. Sentencing Commission voted last year to retroactively apply substantially lower recommended sentences for those convicted of drug-related felonies. Under the program, a judge reviews each prisoner's case to decide if his or her release would jeopardize public safety. Most of those eligible for consideration have already served 10 years or more. The releases are part of a national bipartisan effort to rethink decades-long sentences for drug offenders, which are roughly half the federal prison population. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: Oregon health officials have extended a consumption advisory for clams dug along the coast after testing found high levels of arsenic in gaper clams. The Statesman Journal reports the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division said Tuesday the advisory issued in July for softshell clams now also includes gaper clams. The arsenic levels in two other clam species, cockles and butter clams, were also tested, but found to be below harmful levels. The advisory, which is targeted at recreational clam diggers, recommends limiting the amount of clams consumed monthly and removing the skin from the siphon, or neck, of the clams before eating them. / EDUCATION, COMMUNITY HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION: You might see a lot more kids on sidewalks and riding in bike lanes today. Eugene and Springfield schools are joining districts around the world in celebrating International Walk and Bike to School Day, Walk and Bike to School Day, coordinated by the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, is an internationally recognized day in which students are encouraged to use active transportation, such as walking and bicycling, to travel to and from school. Designed to promote walking and biking for safety, health and congestion reduction, the event will also help students learn valuable navigational and decision making skills. Several elementary, middle and high schools in the Springfield, Eugene, 4J, and Bethel school districts are holding Walk and Bike to School Day events this year. At Guy Lee, Principal Nicki Gorham will raffle off bike helmets and lights, and hand out stickers and ribbons to students who walk, bike, or scoot to school. Students at Family school will park and stride from Morse Family Farm parking lot up to their new location on Crest Drive. / SAFETY, COMMUNITY: Be safe in your home or apartment! Home fires are the biggest disaster threat Americans face. On average, the American Red Cross in Oregon responds to two residential fires every day. After home fires, residents face tremendous challenges, such as finding a place to stay, purchasing food and clothing, replacing lost possessions, notifying loved ones and navigating insurance. October is Oregon Fire Prevention Month. On Saturday, Oct. 17, between the hours of 12 p.m., and 5 p.m., trained Red Cross volunteers will canvass neighborhoods in Eugene to make families safer in the event of a home fire. Volunteers will inquire if there is a working smoke alarm in the home, install smoke alarms free of charge, review a fire safety and home hazard checklist, and provide information about creating a fire escape plan. Volunteers also will share other emergency-preparedness information with residents. Eugene residents may schedule an appointment in advance to have smoke alarms installed by trained

Red Cross volunteers on Oct. 17, by calling (503) 528-5783, or by completing an online form at www.redcross.org/cascadeshfpc Officials say people have as little as two minutes to escape a burning home before it's too late to get out. Working smoke alarms can double the chance of surviving a home fire. Volunteers are also needed for this important outreach effort. Individuals, faith-based groups, local businesses and organizations are welcome to participate. All training will be provided on Oct. 17. / It's a local version of the "American Idol" auditions: The Oregon Athletics Marketing Department will be holding national anthem auditions at Matthew Knight Arena on Sunday, Oct. 11, from noon to 3 p.m. The department is searching for talented musicians to perform the national anthem at upcoming Oregon athletic events for the 2015-16 season. Due to space limitations, groups are limited to no more than 15 people. Audition times are limited and must be scheduled in advance. To schedule an audition, please email jparnell@uoregon.edu or call 541-346-5330. / HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: There are growing numbers of homeless families in Oregon's rural areas, according to new numbers from an annual state survey. The Point-in-Time Homeless Count occurs every year in communities across the country, tallying the numbers of adults and children sleeping outside or in cars, or living in emergency shelters and transitional housing. The 2015 snapshot showed that close to 13,200 people in Oregon were experiencing homelessness during the January count. More than half were unsheltered, meaning they were sleeping outside or in a car, and more than one in four was a member of a family that was experiencing homelessness. Recently, the Oregon Department of Education reported that during the last school year, Oregon had more than 20,000 students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade who were experiencing homelessness. Some social service providers say the recovering economy has been a mixed blessing for homeless families and individuals: they have a better chance of landing a job but face increased rental rates and a tougher time finding available housing. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: A more than \$402 million tax surplus was confirmed by the Office of Economic Analysis (OEA) last week, triggering a tax surplus credit, or "kicker," for the 2014 tax year. The credit will be returned to taxpayers through a credit on their 2015 state personal income tax returns filed in 2016. There won't be any kicker checks issued as there have been in the past, To calculate the amount of your credit, multiply your 2014 tax liability before any credits, except credits for taxes paid to other states, by 5.6 percent. This percentage is determined and certified by OEA. You're eligible to claim the kicker if you filed a 2014 tax return and had tax due before credits. Even if you don't have a filing obligation for 2015, you still have to file a 2015 tax return to claim your credit. There will be detailed information on how to claim your credit in the 2015 Oregon personal income tax return instructions: Form 40 for full-year Oregon residents, Form 40P for part-year residents, and Form 40N for nonresidents. Keep in mind that the state may use all or part of your kicker to pay any state debt, such as taxes due for other years, child support, court fines, or school loans. For more information on the kicker, visit www.oregon.gov/dor and follow the "Kicker Update" banner on the top of the homepage. Visit www.oregon.gov/dor to get tax forms, check the status of your refund, or make tax payments; or call 1-800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish); 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon; or email questions.dor@oregon.gov. For TTY for hearing or speech impaired, call 1-800-886-7204. / HEALTH, SAFETY, EDCUATION: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) just released new fact sheets for high school and youth sports officials as part of its "Heads Up!" campaign to protect athletes from concussion or other serious brain injury, You'll learn how to spot a possible concussion, and know what to do if a concussion occurs. http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/_In a recent study, researchers found that aggressive and/or unsportsmanlike behavior among athletes can increase their chances of getting a concussion by as much as 25%. So in addition to these tip sheet, the

CDC is reminding sports officials that they play a key role in setting the tone for safe play and can help lower an athlete's chances of getting a concussion or other serious injury. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: The nation's biggest pharmacy benefits manager is covering two new drugs that lower artery-clogging cholesterol but raise concern over prices that top \$14,000 a year. Express Scripts says it will pay for prescriptions of Amgen Inc.'s Repatha as well as Praluent from Sanofi and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals under a few conditions. It negotiated a discount, and it says prescriptions will require prior approval from one of its pharmacists before they are filled. Express Scripts Holding Co. also is requiring the drugmakers to provide rebates if their prices rise more than a set amount each year. The pharmacy benefits manager's decision comes as soaring drug prices draw criticism from patients, politicians and insurers and employers that generally pay most of the prescription bill. U.S. regulators approved the drugs this year. / ECONOMY, CRIME: New York's attorney general has sent letters to daily fantasy sports websites DraftKings and FanDuel demanding they turn over details of any investigations into their employees. The letters were prompted by media reports that a DraftKings employee may have had access to valuable company data before winning second place in a FanDuel contest. The incident is being likened to insider trading. The companies say there's no evidence anyone misused internal company data. Fantasy sports participants put together virtual teams based on real players and compete based on the players' statistics. Meanwhile, ESPN is cutting sponsored DraftKings content from within shows but continues broadcasting commercials from the daily fantasy sports site. That's according to ESPN Outside the Lines host Bob Ley, who revealed the shift during his show Tuesday. The industry considers daily fantasy a skilled game, not gambling. It is legal to play in all but five U.S. states. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian says he's running for Oregon secretary of state. The Democrat was expected to seek the office, and he made it official Tuesday. He's the third Democrat to enter the race, joining state Sen. Richard Devlin and state Rep. Val Hoyle. The secretary of state is the second-highest elected office in Oregon, and first in line to be governor if the chief executive steps down. That's what happened in February, when Kate Brown took over for John Kitzhaber. Avakian has been Oregon's labor commissioner since 2008. He's perhaps best known for ruling that a Gresham bakery must pay damages because it refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, CRIME: The Senate Finance Committee has opened an investigation into Volkswagen's use of a federal tax credit intended for fuelefficient cars as the company's emissions-rigging scandal widens. Sens. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Ron Wyden of Oregon say in a letter to Volkswagen on Tuesday that more than \$50 million in tax subsidies may have gone to VW owners. under false pretenses. Hatch, a Republican, chairs the Finance Committee. Wyden is its senior Democrat. They said in the letter that the automaker's use of "defeat devices" in diesel passenger cars raises questions of whether officials lied to the U.S. government in certifying that the VW Jetta and other models met emissions standards needed for owners to claim the \$1,300-per-vehicle tax credit. / CRIME: A woman wanted on identity theft charges has been arrested in Oregon after a construction worker lifted the lid of a portable toilet to find her hiding inside. The Register-Guard reports that 27-year-old Treasure Dawn Shockey, who had two warrants for her arrest, ran when police in Eugene tried to talk to her Saturday. Police say a witness told them she saw the woman run through her yard and climb a fence onto the property of the Eugene Swim and Tennis Club. About 20 minutes later, a construction worker told police he had lifted the lid of a port-apotty and been surprised to see her inside. Police say Shockey left the toilet and they arrested her. Her public defender, David Saydack, didn't immediately return a message from The Associated Press seeking comment. /

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CRIME, EDUCATION, SAFETY, HEALTH: Douglas County's district attorney says two plainclothes Roseburg police detectives who rushed to the scene of last week's shootings at Umpqua Community College deserve the credit for cutting short the gunman's rampage. D-A Rick Wesenberg (wee'-sehn-burg) yesterday offered the most detailed account so far of the incident that left nine people—eight students and an instructor—dead and nine others wounded. It came as he revealed the findings of his investigation into the use of deadly force by the officers and his ruling that their actions were justified. The two are identified as Detective Sergeant Joe Kaney and Detective Todd Spingath. They were five miles away when they heard the first emergency dispatch call. They told investigators they rushed to campus and to Snyder Hall without donning bullet-proof vests and spotted the gunman in the doorway of a classroom. When the gunman fired at them, the officers say they waited until they, quote, "both had a good target," and quickly returned fire. One of their three rounds struck 26-year-old Christopher Harper-Mercer in his right side. The detectives told investigators the killer then went back inside the classroom and fatally shot himself. Officials who have spoken with the two men say they do not consider themselves heroes—rather. they were just following their training and discipline and want the focus to remain of the victims and survivors of the shootings. Wesenberg says Detective Sergeant Kaney is a former Marine and a 23-year veteran of the Roseburg Police Department. He received a Medal of Honor and Purple Heart from the Oregon Peace Officier Association following a 2005 incident where he was wounded. Detective Todd Spingath is a U.S. Air force veteran and 16-year member of the Roseburg Police force. Officials say he received a Medal of Valar for his actions in that same 2005 shooting.; The attack was the worst mass shooting in Oregon history. Earlier this week, there was a private memorial for instructor Lawrence Levine, and a private service for Sarena Dawn Moore of Myrtle Creek. More funerals are scheduled through Saturday. President Barack Obama arrives Friday to meet privately with grieving families. Three of the female students wounded in the attack were airlifted last week to PeaceHealth Medical Center in Springfield: Ana Boylan went home earlier this week, Another student, whose name has not been released, is in fair condition at the hospital. But Julie Woodworth remains in critical condition after being shot multiple times and officials say she suffered permanent neurological damage. Her surgeons will share more details about her condition and her prognosis later today. / POLITICS, CRIME: White House officials are finalizing plans for President Barack Obama's visit to Roseburg tomorrow. He plans to meet privately with survivors and families of the victims of the shootings at Umpqua Community College. Administration officials say the president will arrive in Air Force One at Eugene's airport, then transfer to Marine One—the presidential helicopter—for the short flight to Roseburg. The visit comes at the start of Obama's four-day trip to the West Coast.; Republican presidential

candidate Ben Carson's call for those caught in mass shootings to rush the attacker is drawing criticism from public safety experts and received little support Wednesday from his presidential rivals. Speaking days after the Umpqua Community College shootings, Carson—a retired neurosurgeon—offered reiterated his advice to potential victims of future attacks during an appearance on CBS' morning show. Earlier, Carson had said that if he had been present at the Oregon attack, he would have tried to rush the shooter and encouraged others to ioin him. But public safety experts, including those with the FBI, say rushing the shooter should only be used as a last resort. Carson's presidential rivals either didn't respond to his comments or dismissed them, saying people have no idea what they would do in such a situation.; Senate Democrats are preparing a legislative push to curb guns, a week after a mass shooting at an Oregon community college refocused attention on the nation's toll of firearms deaths. Republicans controlling Congress have shown scant interest in restricting guns and the Democratic effort has little chance of success. But their drive could keep the issue alive during next year's elections and complicate GOP senators' reelection campaigns in some closely divided states. Democrats say their push would include broadening background check requirements to cover all sales at gun shows and online. Republicans blocked similar legislation in 2013 after the killing of 20 students and six staffers at an elementary school in Newtown. Connecticut. It comes after a gunman killed nine people last week at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, / POLITICS: As Republicans prepare to vote today on a new speaker of the House, the front-runner for the post is getting a high-profile endorsement. Former Vice President Dick Cheney is calling Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California "a good man and a strong leader." He says McCarthy is "the person we need as speaker in these dangerous and important times." But members of a conservative caucus have said they'll vote instead for congressman Daniel Webster of Florida. McCarthy is still expected to win a majority of GOP votes today, but it then goes to the full House later this month. / CRIME, ENVIRONMENT: Two members of a prominent Eastern Oregon ranching family have been sentenced to five years in prison for committing arson on federal lands along Steens Mountain. A Pendleton jury three years ago convicted 73-yearold Dwight Hammond and 46-year-old Steven Hammond. By law, the crime carried a five-year minimum sentence. A judge, however, gave the father and son much less prison time. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later ordered the Hammonds to be resentenced, saying the judge did not have the authority to be so lenient. Judge Ann Aiken on Wednesday imposed five-year sentences with credit for time already served. The government alleged the Hammonds set the range fires to reduce the growth of juniper trees and sagebrush and to accelerate the production of rangeland grasses for cattle feed. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY: Officials from Lane County Public Health (LCPH) have received laboratory confirmation from the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Oregon State University of a rabies-infected bat found on the Lane Community College Campus. A woman walking between buildings at Lane Community College main campus in the late afternoon on Sept. 24 was scratched by a bat flying erratically. She reported the incident to college authorities and also sought medical attention. The college immediately consulted wildlife officials and called in a wildlife service's contractor. A large area was thoroughly examined and there was no evidence of nesting but a dead bat was found and it was sent in for testing. Results have been released and the bat tested positive for rabies. Lane continues to offer support for the affected woman. This is the second report of a bat attacking a human this year. "While rabies is endemic in our bat population here in western Oregon, the significant part of these cases is both the fact that people are getting attacked and that we are seeing repeated instances of the disease in the bat population within a very small area," says Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Lane County Health Officer. While bats help control insect populations, including mosquitoes, they are the primary

reservoir of rabies in our wild animal communities. Thus far this year in Oregon twelve animals have tested positive for rabies; ten bats and one fox. Lane County residents and veterinarians should be aware that other animals could be exposed to the rabies virus and should, therefore, be alert to potential signs of the disease. Rabies is a viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and mammals. It is almost 100 percent fatal once symptoms begin. The virus is carried in the saliva of an infected animal; transmission can occur when that animal bites, or in rare instances, scratches another animal or person. If bitten by a bat the wound should be immediately and thoroughly cleaned with soap and water. In addition, medical attention should be sought. Finally, if easily accomplished, the bat should be captured and the event reported to the Lane County Public Health department. There are several strains of rabies found in the U.S. (e.g., bat, skunk, fox, raccoon) but only bat rabies is found in Oregon. Other animals that have tested positive for rabies in Oregon have contracted it from bats. People should stay away from bats and not handle them. To protect citizens and pets, Lane County Public Health recommends the following: Vaccinate your pets (dogs and cats) against rabies; Do not handle bats with bare hands; Watch wildlife from a distance; Do not approach or attempt to handle wild animals; Do not feed wild animals; Keep garbage in secure containers and away from wildlife; Feed pets indoors; Seal openings in attics, basements, porches, sheds, barns and screen chimneys that might provide access to bats and other wildlife. If your pet has contact with a bat, contact your veterinarian.; The Truth About Oregon Spiders: Nearly all spiders in the state are non-poisonous despite rumors to the contrary, according to state agriculture experts. There are about 500 species of spiders residing in Oregon, about a dozen species commonly found near or inside homes, and only one that is considered poisonous- the black widow. Even then, the chances of being bitten by a black widow spider are extremely remote. That's the take home message from the Oregon Department of Agriculture as it addresses the fascination- and sometimes fear- that Oregonians have with spiders in general. "Spiders are probably one of our top, if not the number one. source of inquiries we receive, particularly this time of year when people are noticing them more often," says ODA entomologist Jim LaBonte, "Spiders that have been small and inconspicuous are getting older and adult size. For some species, the males are beginning to wander around looking for females. Until now, nobody has noticed them because they've been hiding in cracks, crannies, and crevices. People think suddenly there are lots of spiders around, but they've actually been there the whole time." Cooler weather can drive spiders to seek shelter inside the home. Spiders outdoors in webs will soon either freeze to death or the insects they feed on will become inactive, leading to spider starvation. Oregonians should not be overly concerned by the spiders they may find inside the home. "We are very lucky in Oregon to live a spider-friendly state," says LaBonte. "We have only one poisonous spider- the black widow. None of the others you find in houses here are poisonous." That includes the hobo spider. Erroneous information largely propagated by the internet has created a myth that hobo spiders will bite and poison people. That simply isn't true. In fact, the US Centers for Disease Control and prevention just removed the hobo spider from its list of spiders of medical concern. People are also afraid of the brown recluse spider, which is poisonous. However, the species does not live in Oregon despite being rather common in the Midwest and Southeast states. The most common spider specimens submitted to ODA for identification are the hobo spider and the giant house spider. Neither are known to have venom poisonous to people. LaBonte acknowledges that the black widow resides in about three-quarters of the state, primarily in Central and Eastern Oregon, but not commonly in the Willamette Valley. Still, he advises Oregonians to be cautious but not paranoid when it comes to the black widow. "Black widows are not very aggressive or enthusiastic biters, you really have to annoy them first," says LaBonte. "In most

cases, people are bitten after putting clothing on that may have been hanging in a dark corner where a spider crawled into it for shelter. Sometimes people can put their hands on top of a spider that is in a woodpile or underneath furniture. Black widows like dark and tight, closed areas such as closets, basements, and crawl spaces." For people living in areas inhabited by black widow spiders, wearing gloves when cleaning garages or handling wood from a woodpile is good common sense. Before putting on clothing, shake it out, including shoes or boots that have been kept outside or in a garage or basement. Keeping up on the indoor cleaning and vacuuming in the home is also a good preventive measure. Cluttered surroundings provide shelter for spiders. "In reality, your chances of encountering a black widow spider are very slight and your chances of being bitten by one are almost infinitesimally small," says LaBonte. ODA routinely receives emails and pictures of spiders people find inside their home. Some folks are simply curious. but others are concerned about the specimen living under the same roof. Many people also submit pictures of what they think are spider bites. People report reddened areas, raised blisters, pustules, or ulcers on the skin. LaBonte says those are unlikely to be spider bites but now thought to be due to bacterial infections that can be easily treated if properly diagnosed. "Spiders have no interest in biting anything they can't eat, and they can't eat people," he says, "If they had any concept that what they were getting close to was a human being, they would run for their lives because human beings squish them." For the most part, spiders have bad eyesight and can basically only tell light from dark. Sensitive to vibrations, they will feel a person walking close by, get scared, and seek to find a place to hide. They may see this big, dark object nearby and run towards it thinking it is shelter when, in fact, it's a person. More often, they will run away from the big object, correctly sensing that it is a person. "I have been collecting insects and spiders and all manners of creepy crawlies for more than 50 years, and I've been bitten by a spider exactly once," says LaBonte. "And the reaction to the bite was very mild." Really worried about spiders in the house? The advice is the same as it is for insects you don't want in your home-seal up all points of entrance such as gaps under doors to the outside or installing weather stripping along window frames. Keeping spiders out makes more sense than dealing with them from the inside. Oregonians appear to be fascinated by spiders. In addition to the inquiries received directly by ODA entomologists, the agency's website has recorded more traffic on its Oregon spiders page than any other topic. Don't forget, spiders are beneficial, feeding on insects that can invade homes, destroy crops, and carry diseases. Like them or not, spiders are in Oregon, nearly all are harmless, and they do good things. / ENVIRONMENT. COMMUNITY: You know all of those images of bone-dry reservoirs as the drought continues in California? It's not just California. The Bulletin newspaper in Bend reports that Wickiup Reservoir, west of LaPine, and Prineville Reservoir are both at their lowest levels in more than 20 years. Wickiup was only nine percent full when officials took measurements on Wednesday. It would typically be at about 32 percent capacity. The last time the Wickiup was this low was in 1994. Elsewhere in Central Oregon, the Prineville Reservoir is only 30 percent full, its lowest point since 1992. Both reservoirs provide irrigation for nearby farmlands. Officials say low snowpack and the ongoing drought have seriously depleted Central Oregon's reservoirs. / ENVIRONMENT: Federal officials plan to downgrade the Columbian white-tailed deer's status from endangered to threatened, maintaining the species' protection but under more flexible regulations. The Oregonian reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Tuesday that they plan to downgrade the deer's status but keep it protected under the Endangered Species Act. The move will give state officials more leeway in managing deer populations. Fish and Wildlife deputy regional director Richard Hannan says the deer's recovery is a result of efforts by state. federal and tribal wildlife managers. The deer's numbers have doubled since it

was listed in 1967, from 450 to about 900. Oregon hunters are free to shoot blacktailed, mule and Eastern Oregon white-tailed deer. The Columbian white-tailed deer, however, has struggled to recover from hunting losses. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: In the last week, devastating rains and historic flooding have hit South Carolina and the Eugene Emeralds would like to shine a light on four Minor League Baseball teams that are coming together to support and raise money for flood victims in the state. The Charleston RiverDogs, Columbia Fireflies, Greenville Drive and Myrtle Beach Pelicans announced yesterday that they created a joint GoFundMe page to raise funds for the American Red Cross of the Palmetto SC Region. The four-team statewide alliance will work together to maximize fundraising efforts across the state, utilizing the hashtag #PalmettoStrong. All funds raised through this campaign will be donated to the American Red Cross of the Palmetto Region, which serves the entire state of South Carolina. Each of the four clubs and Minor League Baseball Charities will be contributing \$2,500 to the relief efforts. The fundraising goal is \$100,000.; There's a hazardous beach advisory up for this weekend as an offshore storm fuels long swells and potentially big waves and 'sneaker" waves that could pull visitors into the surf or roll large logs on the sand. Use caution if visiting, stay clear of waves and always keep an eye on the ocean.; That massive wildfire in Northern California that killed four people and destroyed more than 1,000 homes has been fully contained more than three weeks after it broke out. The blaze began in Lake County on Sept. 12 and spread to Napa and Sonoma Counties.; Authorities now say the two men who died early Wednesday after their pickup truck went off of a washed-out road in South Carolina had not driven around a barricade. A sheriff's official says there was a barricade on the road, but it was in the wrong lane. Still, he says the men shouldn't have been on the road because a curfew was in place. They were part of a crew that had been sent to the area to repair a washed-out railroad. Three others who were in the pickup truck managed to escape. / TRANSPORTATION: An overturned semi is blocking US 101 approximately three miles south of Yachats (MP 168) in Lane County. The highway will experience intermittent closures during the morning as the fully loaded chip truck is offloaded and righted. There is no detour. Travelers should expect delays at the crash site as well as several construction work zones between Yachats and Florence. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY. ENVIRONMENT: Bicyclists: Are you prepared for disasters such as earthquakes and other emergencies? The Disaster Relief Trials (DRT - say "Dirt") is a cargo bike event to demonstrate the capabilities of bikes in disaster situations on Oct. 17 at Alton Baker Park in Eugene. This is the third annual DRT in Eugene with similar events in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and other cities. It's a partnership between the City of Eugene, University of Oregon and many other community partners to showcase how bicycles can provide crucial transportation nd supplies during disasters. Registered bike riders will navigate a course through Eugene city streets, stopping at designated check points with their fully-loaded bikes. At each check point, riders will encounter obstacles or complete tasks to assist response teams, such as a neighborhood Community Emergency Response Team. The DRT is a fundraiser for Eugene-Springfield's Safe Routes to School Bicycle Education Program. But it's also a fun event that shows what bikes can do in the event of an emergency or even just for day-to-day travel. Even if you're not taking part, you can learn more about disaster preparedness for yourself and your bicycle: There will be displays and information available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the start and finish line at Alton Baker Park. Information will be available on emergency preparedness supplies, bikes, resiliency gear and other aspects of sustainable and prepared lifestyles. There will also be music, vendors, community booths, family activities, frequent visits from DRT participants and the award ceremony at 4 p.m. A short obstacle course is available for family cargo bikers and younger riders to try out. To register, visit www.eugeneDRT.wordpress.com

Prices range from \$15 to \$40 for riders. / FAMILY, COMMUNITY: One of Springfield's most popular events returns when City Hall opens its doors to trick or treaters on October 30 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Join in for a safe, dry and fun place to trick or treat! Returning this year, kids and parents can join magician and balloon animal expert Jay Frasier in the main City Hall lobby for a free performance starting at 4:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to bring their kids in costume and have some fun walking from department to department collecting goodies. This year's event to include additional stops inside City Hall. /

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CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION, POLITICS: Today, President Barack Obama travels to Roseburg to meet privately with some of the survivors of last week's mass shooting and some of the families of those who died. The president says he's bringing words of comfort and sympathy and will not be reiterating his call for new action against gun violence. That is a nod to the strong pro-gun sentiment in conservative Douglas County. At least one parent of a shooting survivor says his family will not meet with the president, although his daughter said she hopes to do so. And gun-rights supporters plan to protest during Obama's visit. Staunchly conservative Douglas County is filled with gun owners who use their weapons for hunting, target shooting and protecting themselves. In the wake of the mass shootings at Umpqua Community College, there were calls for more people to carry guns, not fewer. A single unarmed security guard was on patrol the day of the shooting. For months prior to the attack, faculty and staff had debated whether to arm campus security officers, but they could not overcome their divisions on the issue. The gunman killed nine people in last week's attack before turning one of his weapons on himself. Yesterday was a day of mourning in Roseburg, as family and friends held a funeral for 33-year-old Jason Johnson, one of the victims of last week's mass shooting at Umpqua Community College. Nine other people were wounded. Yesterday in Springfield, doctors said 19-year-old Julie Woodworthwho suffered the most severe injuries - is conscious and moves her eyes, but has not yet spoken and faces a long road to recovery. One of the five bullets that struck her hit her brain. Classes resume on Monday at Umpqua Community College.; When President Barack Obama arrives Friday in Roseburg, Oregon, he will find a timber town still in mourning over the shooting that killed eight community college students and a teacher. But he will also find another deeply held emotion — seething anger over his calls for new gun restrictions. Only a week after the attack, many people in this region known as Oregon's Bible Belt are quick to reaffirm their opposition to stricter gun laws. At least one parent of a shooting survivor says his family will not meet with the president. And gun-rights supporters plan to protest during Obama's visit. Michelle Finn is helping to organize the protests. She says Obama is "not wanted here" and that the president is coming "purely to push his garbage."; President Barack Obama will not be the first national leader to confront resistance to gun control in Roseburg. In 1968, while campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, Robert F. Kennedy told a hostile crowd that it was too easy for people who should not own a gun to buy one. Kennedy lost the Oregon primary the next day and was fatally shot in Los Angeles less than two weeks later.; There's a quote by late writer Mark Twain about how "a lie will go round the world while truth is pulling its boots on." There was an increased police presence earlier this week at one Springfield elementary school. But officials say it was based on what they quickly determined was a non-credible threat and that students and staff were never in danger. Police

blame misinformation spread over social media for the rumors, but added some extra patrols to put parents, students and staff at ease.; Police say the shooting at Northern Arizona University that killed one student and wounded three others early this morning began as a fight between two groups. The University police chief identifies the suspect as 18-year-old Steven Jones, believed to be a freshman at the Flagstaff school. The campus is not on lockdown, but school president Rita Cheng says: "This is not going to be a normal day at NAU." / POLITICS, SAFETY: Oregon's two U.S. senators are calling for tougher gun restrictions in the wake of a shooting at Umpqua Community College last week. Democratic Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley spoke Thursday at the U.S. Capitol. They're calling for mandatory background checks on all gun sales. Federal law requires background checks for sales through licensed gun dealers, but private person-to-person transactions are excluded. They also want to improve the database of people prohibited from owning firearms. And they want to make it a federal crime to purchase a gun on behalf of someone who's prohibited from owning them. The National Rifle Association says in a statement that the Oregon gunman passed a background check. The NRA says the underlying issue is a broken mental health system, not guns. / CRIME, SAFETY, VETERANS, HEALTH: The Register-Guard reports Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns issued a statement yesterday saying his officers followed department policies during their response to a 9-1-1 call that ended when an officer fatally shot a veteran in emotional crisis. It came in the March 30th killing of 49-year-old Brian Babb, a former captain in the Oregon Army National Guard who deployed to Afghanistan. The incident prompted many questions in the community about the department's handling of the call and prompted the Eugene Police to make a series of reforms to improve its response to residents in emotional crisis. In calling Babb's killing a, quote, "tragedy for his family and our community," The Register-Guard reports that Kerns released his report following his review of documents and recommendations by the department's shooting review board and by the city's police auditor. The city's civilian review board will review the shooting during its meeting on October 27th. Officer Will Stutesman shot and killed Babb after he said Babb pointed a scoped, high-powered hunting rifle at him from the doorway of his west Eugene home. The deadly encounter occurred less than an hour after Babb's therapist called 9-1-1 to report that Babb, who suffered from severe post-traumatic stress disorder and a traumatic brain injury, was suicidal and had fired a gun in the house. The Register-Guard reports Babb's family members and the therapist have criticized the department for escalating the situation by calling for an armored response and rescue vehicle during its response and interrupting Higgins' efforts to calm Babb over the phone by using the vehicle's loudspeaker to order him out of his house unarmed. Babb's family has signaled its intent to file a wrongful-death lawsuit against the department. / TERRORISM, HEALTH: Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone, celebrated as one of the heroes who helped to stop a terrorist attack on a French train over the summer, was stabbed and seriously wounded outside a bar in his hometown of Sacramento, California, early yesterday in what police said was an alcohol-related brawl. The 23-year-old Stone was knifed three times in the upper body but was expected to survive after about two hours of surgery at the U-C Davis Medical Center. Investigators say the incident is not related to terrorism in any way. They say Stone was out with four friends when they got into a fight with another group of people. Investigators would not say what sparked the argument but added there was no evidence the assailants knew who Stone was. A grainy surveillance video from a camera outside a liquor store showed a man who appeared to be Stone fighting with several people at an intersection. The group spilled into the street as people took swings at each other, and one person got knocked down. Police said two assailants fled in a car. So far, no arrests. In August, Stone and two of his childhood friends from Sacramento, Oregon National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos and college student Anthony Sadler, were vacationing

in Europe when they sprang into action aboard a Paris-bound passenger train and tackled a man with ties to radical Islam who had boarded the train with a Kalashnikov rifle, a pistol and a box cutter. Stone, who is assigned to Travis Air Force Base in California, suffered a severely cut thumb and a knife wound to his neck during the struggle with the gunman. President Barack Obama met with the three Americans last month, praising them for their quick thinking and courage and calling them "the very best of America." They were also awarded France's highest honor by President Francois Hollande. The three appeared on late-night talk shows and received a parade in their hometown. Stone is the second of the three Americans to be shaken by violence at home since their return. Last week, Skarlatos left rehearsals for TV's "Dancing With the Stars" to rush back to Roseburg after a gunman killed nine people at Umpqua Community College, which Skarlatos attends. / ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY, HEALTH: A long-running federal court lawsuit filed by people who contend their health was damaged by radioactive emissions from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation is finally ending. The Seattle Times reports the final plaintiffs in the massive lawsuit filed 24 years ago have either reached settlement agreements or dropped their claims, according to federal court documents. But some of the plaintiff's attorneys say the settlements are far less than they expected for their clients' health conditions and expenses. During World War II and the early years of the Cold War, radioactive iodine was released into the air at Hanford during the production of plutonium for the nation's nuclear-weapons program. The iodine drifted with the wind over communities surrounding Hanford and to the northeast, where it settled to the ground on crops and pastures where cows grazed. Children were particularly at risk of developing disease years later if they drank milk contaminated with radioactive iodine, which concentrates in the thyroid gland. About 15 years ago there were between 35hundred and five-thousand people claiming their health was harmed by past radioactive releases. They called themselves "downwinders" because they lay downwind of the facility and were thus in the path of any releases of radiation. / POLITICS: Outgoing House Speaker John Boehner (BAY'-nur) could stay on past October 30, when he said he would leave. Potential replacement, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, suddenly withdrew from the contest for speaker Thursday. shocking colleagues just before they were to give him their approval in closeddoor meeting. A small block of conservatives who pushed Boehner to announce his resignation oppose McCarthy, who has concluded that he doesn't have the needed 218-vote majority in the full House to become speaker. / POLITICS. HEALTH: The head of Planned Parenthood of the Columbia Willamette responded to questions from Republican state representatives about the collection of tissue after abortions. CEO Stacy Cross says in a letter obtained by the Statesman Journal that the center is reimbursed for expenses, but does not profit from voluntary placental tissue collection. She said it offers women receiving abortions the option to donate tissue to two studies being conducted at Oregon Health and Science University. One study is researching how to prevent ectopic pregnancy and the other is researching health risks related to poor placental blood flow. OHSU, meanwhile, said it paid the center \$11,500 for use of an exam room. storage and access to an ultrasound machine. It also paid a study coordinator \$22 an hour to manage patient consent and up to \$2,500 for medical supplies. The representatives submitted questions to Planned Parenthood and OHSU after they were stopped by Democrats from holding a public hearing. / GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT: An archaeological excavation permit issued by the state of Oregon indicates that historical artifacts may have been unearthed at the Whole Foods Market construction site in Eugene. The Register-Guard reports the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office issued an excavation permit in late September, which authorizes surveying and other work for removal of historic materials. / ENVIRONMENT: Two conservation groups say a federal plan to help protect struggling bull trout in five Western states falls short and they've filed a 60-

day notice of their intention to sue. Federal officials say the plan to recover struggling bull trout was written with the goal of lifting Endangered Species Act protections. Bull trout are a cold water species listed as threatened in the lower 48 in 1999.; Oregon wildlife officials are trying to remove goldfish and other invasive fish that have been introduced to ponds in the Umatilla National Forest. The East Oregonian reports that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife treated two ponds Wednesday to remove schools of goldfish and bullhead catfish that have been illegally introduced to the water. Crews put a plant-based poison into the ponds that kills all fish in the water, including uncaught trout. Wildlife officials stock the ponds with rainbow trout for anglers. Wildlife officials say the goldfish and catfish increased competition for food and space, stunting the fishery. By poisoning the ponds they must restart the fisheries. Nine other ponds across northeast Oregon will also be treated. The ponds will be restocked and ready to fish by spring.; Fall is a great time for trout! Trout fishing on many streams and rivers closes on Oct. 31 but there's still time to hit the water for some great fall fishing. If you prefer still waters, several lakes and reservoirs have been recently stocked (many with some dandy trophy trout). Check out the zone reports for the best fishing near you, and check out the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's "Trout 365" web page to learn more about the year-round trout fishing possibilities in Oregon. Fishing in the bays and lower tidewater has been good in many coastal rivers, and some salmon are starting to make their way upstream. Meanwhile, 1,181,100 Chinook and 539,600 coho are expected to enter the Columbia River. which is now open for salmon fishing from Buoy 10 upstream to the OR/WA border.; A stunning show in the morning sky to the east: That's Venus shining brightly above the crescent moon with the planet Mars just off the moon's lowerleft flank and Jupiter looking brighter a bit more to the lower-left. / HEALTH, SAFETY: A voter effort to repeal California's new, stricter childhood vaccine law has failed. Supporters fell short, submitting fewer than 234,000 of the 366,000 signatures needed to get the question on a statewide ballot. Gov. Jerry Brown signed the vaccine measure into law earlier this year amid fierce opposition from some parents' rights groups who don't like being forced to vaccinate their children. / TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: A top official says the Environmental Protection Agency is pressing Volkswagen for fixes on its emissions-cheating diesel engines and hopes to see solutions as early as next week. EPA Director of Transportation and Air Quality Christopher Grundler says he's told VW to present more than one fix. He says the EPA will look at the impact on car owners before approving anything. In testimony before a House subcommittee Thursday, Grundler says he wishes the EPA would have caught VW sooner. He says the agency has changed testing procedures so they are unpredictable to automakers. Earlier, Volkswagen of America CEO Michael Horn denied that top corporate officials, either in Germany or the U.S., knew about the software on the company's diesel cars designed to cheat on emissions test. Horn says there was no discussion or decision by the company's board to install the defeat devices software. He says "a couple" of software developers in Germany were responsible for the cheat. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: General Motors is telling owners of some SUVs not to use their windshield wipers because an electrical short could cause the wiper motor to catch fire. The company is recalling nearly 32,000 Buick Enclave, Chevrolet Traverse and GMC Acadia SUVs from the 2016 model to fix the problem. Only 6,400 were sold and the rest are being held at dealerships until they are repaired. Most are in North America. GM says if weather stops owners from taking their SUVs to dealers, it will pick up the vehicles for service. It also will arrange rental cars if parts aren't available. The problem was discovered when a wiper motor overheated at a factory near Lansing, Michigan, where the SUVs are made. The company says no fires have happened outside the plant. / ECONOMY: The largest U.S. retail trade group says Americans will spend at a slower pace than last year during the crucial winter holidays because of

sluggish wage growth and other factors. The National Retail Federation predicted Thursday that holiday spending will rise 3.7 percent to \$630.5 billion, slower than the 4.1 percent increase during last year's November-December period. It would mark the first slowdown since 2012, when retailers were hurt by Super Storm Sandy, which disrupted households and businesses for months, as well as other distractions like a stalemate in Congress. The last two months of the year are key because they account, on average, for nearly 20 percent of annual retail industry sales. /

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EDUCATION, SAFETY, CRIME: Students and staff return to class this morning at Roseburg's Umpqua Community College—and some members of the community plan to show up nearby to display signs of support and cheer them during their morning arrival. But officials are urging people to avoid parking along major roadways and highways or impeding vehicle and pedestrian access along Umpqua College Road. They're also asking supporters to avoid holding noisy gatherings near the college and encouraging them to be sensitive to the students' needs as they return to classes. Governor Kate Brown is visiting the U-C-C campus this morning before the resumption of classes and meeting with the college president and student body president. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT. TRANSPORTATION:, Willamette National Forest officials say a burning car ignited trees and brush above Forest Service Road 23 near Hills Creek Reservoir on Saturday afternoon, scorching several dozen acres. Officials say dry fuels and gusty winds quickly spread the flames to nearby timber and brush. Crews from Oregon Department of Forestry and the Middle Fork Ranger District responded to contain the fire before it reached adjacent privately-owned lands. It is a reminder that the woods remain dry. Use caution whether you're hiking, camping, hunting or driving.; A dense Fog Advisory is in effect until late this morning for the Willamette Valley, south and central Oregon coasts. Drivers are encouraged to slow down and make sure their headlights are on. / ECONOMY, ELDERS, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: The government is scheduled to announce the Cost of Living Adjustment - or lack of one - for Social Security recipients on Thursday, when it releases the Consumer Price Index for September. But inflation has been so low this year that economists say there is little chance the September numbers will produce a benefit increase for next year. They can blame low gas prices. By law. the annual cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, is based on a government measure of inflation, which is being dragged down by lower prices at the pump. That means that for just the third time in 40 years, millions of Social Security recipients, disabled veterans and federal retirees can expect no increase in benefits next year. That is unwelcome news for 70 million Americans, more than one-fifth of the nation's population. This year, the average monthly payment is \$1,224. Congress enacted automatic increases for Social Security beneficiaries in 1975, when inflation was high and there was a lot of pressure to regularly raise benefits. Since then, increases have averaged four percent a year. Only twice before, in 2010 and 2011, have there been no increases. That could put some older Americans in a financial crunch, because most have their Medicare "Part B" premiums for outpatient care deducted directly from their Social Security payments, and the annual cost-of-living increase is usually enough to cover any rise in premiums. There is a long-standing federal "hold harmless" law protects the majority of beneficiaries from having their Social Security payments reduced. But that still leaves about 30 percent of Medicare beneficiaries on the hook for a

premium increase, including 2.8 million new beneficiaries, 1.6 million whose premiums aren't deducted from their Social Security payments, and 3.1 million people with higher incomes. Their premiums could jump by about \$54 a month; the jump could be more for those with higher incomes. All beneficiaries would see their Part B annual deductible for outpatient care jump by \$76, to an estimated \$223. The deductible is the annual amount patients pay before Medicare kicks in. Senate Democrats have introduced legislation that would freeze Medicare's Part B premium and deductible for 2016, but its prospects are uncertain, / ECONOMY. TRANSPORTATION: The average price of a gallon of gasoline has dropped half a cent over the past two weeks, to \$2.34 a gallon. That is also the average price this morning in Eugene-Springfield. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg says prices have fallen 52 cents in the past 17 weeks, but the latest cut is the smallest so far and that consumers might start to see higher gas prices if crude oil prices continue to rebound.; Southwest Airlines officials say they've it's fixed the technology problems that delayed hundreds of flights Sunday and that they expect a normal day of operations. The company had been warning passengers flying today to arrive at the airport two hours early and print boarding passes beforehand. That apparently is no longer necessary. Southwest used backup systems around the country on Sunday to check-in travelers lacking printed or mobile boarding passes. Airline representatives have not said what was causing the problem, but a spokesman has said there was no indication that hackers were behind it. The glitch delayed about 450 flights on Sunday. / MINORITIES, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION: Some public offices are closed today in recognition of Columbus Day. But more cities are recognizing Native Americans on Columbus Day this year, part of a movement to change the name of the holiday and celebrate the history and contributions of indigenous cultures around the country. In 1934, Congress set aside the second Monday of October as a federal holiday honoring Columbus. But over the years, Native Americans—who say European invaders and colonizers destroyed much of their traditional way of life-have lobbied to win more recognition during the holiday. Indigenous Peoples Day is being observed in at least nine cities for the first time this year, including Portland. Columbus Day supporters say the holiday celebrates centuries of cultural exchange between America and Europe, commemorates an iconic explorer and honors Italian-Americans, a group that has endured its own share of discrimination. Backers of Indigenous People's Day say the federal holiday honoring Christopher Columbus - and the parades and pageantry accompanying it - overlook a painful history of colonialism, enslavement, discrimination and land grabs that followed the Italian explorer's 1492 arrival in the Americas. The indigenous holiday takes into account the history and contributions of Native Americans for a more accurate historical record, activists have argued. Native Americans are the nation's smallest demographic, making up about 2 percent of the U.S. population. In recent decades, a significant number of tribal members have moved from reservations to urban areas, where a large majority live today. The shift makes the cities' resolutions and proclamations more meaningful, Estes said. South Dakota renamed Columbus Day to Native American Day in 1990, and it has been an official state holiday ever since. Berkeley, California, has observed Indigenous Peoples Day since 1992.; Amid a national debate about the use of a term many critics call outdated and offensive, The Sacramento Bee reports California Governor Jerry Brown yesterday signed legislation banning the use of the word "Redskins" as a school mascot or team name. It comes after intense lobbying from tribal groups and others who say the word is derogatory to Native Americans. The legislation will affect only four high schools in California but will allow them keep uniforms bearing the name if they are purchased before 2017 as long as the school still selects a new team name, mascot or nickname. But while signing that bill into law, California's governor vetoed legislation that would prohibit naming public buildings and roads in California after Confederate leaders, saying

that was a matter for local leaders to decide. / VETERANS, LOW-INCOME. HOMELESSNESS, HEALTH, COMMUNITY: Three Lane County non-profits are receiving checks for \$10,000 each from the Bank of America charitable foundation today. They include the St. Vincent DePaul of Lane county's VetLIFT program. It provides assistance to homeless veterans who have been diagnosed with substance abuse and/or mental health issues and are trying to get their lives back on-track and move into stable housing. FOOD for Lane County, the area's food bank, is another recipient. Following today's check presentation, some Bank of America employees will perform a volunteer shift in the agency's kitchen. The third recipient is Volunteers in Medicine, the Springfield-based medical clinic that provides some essential services for low-income adults and their households who can't otherwise afford health coverage. / HEALTH, SAFETY: As texting outstrips telephone talk, suicide prevention organizations are increasingly shifting gears to recognize the change. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers and college-age adults, making a text messaging initiative a natural alternative. Nearly 5,300 U.S. residents younger than 24 killed themselves in 2013. One expert says that while young people may not be able to articulate feelings in a phone conversation, their emotions come through loud and clear in texts. /

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EDUCATION, SAFETY, CRIME: They came by the hundreds, lining the access roads, carrying signs that read "UCC Strong" and offering applause as students arrived. On campus, staff and counselors offered hugs, tissues and quiet time with therapy dogs. Classes resumed yesterday morning at Umpqua Community College, a week-and-a-half after the shootings that left nine dead and nine wounded. Oregon Governor Kate Brown joined the interim college president and the student body in welcoming students who returned for the morning classes. Brown says the community is strong and resilient and will provide students and staff with the support they need. Oregon State Police troopers and Douglas County Sheriff's Deputies patrolled the grounds to add extra security and reassurance. Officials say it's also too soon to discuss how long-term security at the college might change. The campus had a single, unarmed security officer before the shootings. For some students, today will be their first day back on the Umpqua Community College campus. They skipped vesterday, either to avoid the media or the emotion of the official return of fall term classes. / ELECTIONS. POLITICS: The surprise campaign rivalry between Hilary Rodham Clinton and Bernie Sanders will be center stage later today in Las Vegas, Nevada, as Democrats hold their first major presidential debate of the 2016 campaign, which will be carried by CNN. The former secretary of state and the Vermont senator will be joined by a trio of candidates who are looking to change their fortunes with a breakout moment in prime time. Hanging over today's contest will be the shadow of Vice President Joe Biden, who is flirting with a late entry into the Democratic field and is expected to announce his decision within days. For months, Clinton and Sanders have campaigned cautiously, avoiding personal attacks. But in recent days, both have shown that their preference to focus on policy doesn't mean they won't find ways to jab at one-another. Sanders has filled arenas with crowds in the thousands and matched Clinton's fundraising take in the past three months. He has cast the former secretary of state as a late-comer to the liberal positions he's held for decades on education, the environment and the economy. Clinton has increasingly moved to the left on domestic policy since announcing her campaign this spring, including voicing opposition to the Keystone XL oil pipeline and support for expansive gun control legislation. She's suggested her proposals are more realistic and well-formed than those espoused by the Vermont senator. Analysts say that, for Clinton, a policy-heavy debate would be a welcome reprieve from the months of focus on her use of personal email and a private server during her four years as secretary of state. Also on stage: former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley, former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb, and former Rhode Island governor Lincoln Chafee.; Even if Joe Biden won't be taking part in tonight's first Democratic debate of the 2016 campaign. TV viewers will still get a look at him. The super PAC trying to persuade Biden to run for president is launching a new television ad after pulling its first ad off the air at Biden's request.

Draft Biden says it's spending \$250,000 to air the ad on CNN ahead of tonight's debate, and again tomorrow. The new ad instead uses archival audio of Biden campaigning for President Barack Obama and touting the importance and dignity of jobs. Biden has been considering a 2016 run for months.; The U.S. Supreme Court is turning away a challenge from minor political parties in California that claim they are essentially excluded from general election ballots because of the state's top-two primary system. The justices rejected an appeal from the Green and Libertarian parties, among others. California voters approved the new primary system in 2010. The top two candidates advance to the general election, regardless of political affiliation. The idea was to fight polarization and encourage primary candidates to appeal to a wider pool of voters. But minor parties say their candidates almost never are on the ballot in November, when millions more people vote than in the June primaries. The parties say the new system violates their constitutional right of political association. / CRIME, SAFETY: A jury in Wisconsin is weighing whether the owners of a gun shop should be held financially responsible for a crime committed with a weapon purchased at their store. Two Milwaukee police officers are suing the shop for several million dollars after they were shot by a suspect using a gun purchased at Badger Guns by a straw buyer. Lawyers for the officers told jurors there were several tipoffs that should have been sufficient to cancel the sale, including improperly marked forms and the behavior of the buyer and the eventual recipient, who was too young to buy the weapon. Attorneys defending the owner and operators of Badger Guns and its predecessor, Badger Outdoors, said in closing arguments Monday that their clients were not negligent but were duped by the straw buyer. Authorities have said more than 500 firearms recovered from crime scenes had been traced back to Badger Guns and Badger Outdoors, making it the "No. 1 crime gun dealer in America." / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: Officials in Zimbabwe say the American dentist who killed a well-known lion during what turned out to be an illegal hunt in July is no longer a target of extradition efforts. James Palmer claimed he knew nothing about the illegal efforts by his guides to lure the lion, known as Cecil, from a wildlife preserve. The guides remain in custody in Zimbabwe. Initially, officials wanted Palmer to return to Africa to face poaching charges. But they now say he can safely return as a tourist after being cleared of wrongdoing. / TERRORISM, MILITARY: Dutch investigators looking into the crash of a Malaysia Airlines plane over eastern Ukraine last year say the surface-to-air missile that brought down the plane exploded less than four feet outside the cockpit. The explosion killed the three crew members in the cockpit and broke off the front of the plane. The crash killed 298 people. The Dutch Safety Board says the plane should never have been flying in the area and Ukraine should have closed its airspace to civilian aviation. / WOMEN, ECONOMY: Playboy will no longer publish photos of nude women. It comes amid a redesign of the magazine, whose publishers it will still feature women in provocative poses, but they will no longer be fully nude. The change will take place in March and represents a major shift for the magazine, which broke new ground when Hugh Hefner created it and featured Marilyn Monroe on its debut cover in 1953. It marks the latest step away from depictions of full nudity, which were banned from the magazine's website in August 2014. The magazine claims it website audience soared with that move, averaging a 400 percent increase in monthly unique visitors. Magazine executives say the political and sexual climate of 1953 bears almost no resemblance to today. Media analysts say there is so much nudity and sexual activity that is just a click away for Internet surfers that nudity in Playboy has become almost passé. / ENVIRONMENT. ECONOMY: Give it up for Steve Daletas of Pleasant Hill! He took the title yesterday in Half Moon Bay, California, at the annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off. The oversized white gourd tipped the scales at 1,969 pounds, earning Daletas a prize check of \$12-thousand dollars. Oregon growers had a nice edge over competitors from California this year, as our

neighbors to the south suffered through a fourth year of drought. Daletas says he had a great growing year and that this was his first pumpkin to weigh in at more than 1,900 pounds. That's still shy of the world record, set last year in Germany, of a pumpkin that came in at 2,323 pounds. But the entries still required forklifts and special harnesses to ease them onto the industrial-strength digital scale for weighing. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: An 80-year-old man died yesterday when he was struck by a pick-up truck while trying to cross Irving Road near the intersection of Stark Street. Irving Road was blocked and traffic was detoured around the scene for a few hours during the investigation. Investigators say the driver stopped immediately after the accident and is cooperating and that there is NO evidence that alcohol or other intoxicating substances were a factor. Initial information suggests the pedestrian was using a walker while attempting to cross Irving Road as the driver of the pickup truck said they were turning from onto Irving from Stark Street. They told officials they did not see the pedestrian in the lane of travel.; Parents, please make sure your children are wearing their safety helmets when they head out on their bicycles, their skateboards, their roller blades and more. A 12-year-old boy suffered severe head injuries yesterday when he was thrown from his bicycle onto the pavement following a collision with a van at Danebo and Royal Avenues in west Eugene. The child was not wearing a helmet. It happened shortly before eight a.m. Police say witnesses told them that a bicyclist was in the crosswalk, traveling northbound on Danebo and crossing Royal when he was struck by a van that was making a left-hand turn onto Royal eastbound from Welcome Way. Children under the age of 16 in Oregon are required to wear a helmet when riding as an operator or rider of a bicycle on a roadway or on premises open to the public. But police say people of all ages should understand the importance of wearing a helmet and exercising all safety precautions when riding a bike. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The U.S. Supreme Court will not hear an appeal from Utah officials seeking rights of way over several roads that run through federal lands. The dispute is one of dozens of lawsuits Utah and its counties have filed claiming title to more than 12.000 separate rights of way through federal lands. The contested routes range from graded dirt roads to dry stream beds. State officials assert their rights under a Civil War-era law that allowed settlers to develop trails over public lands. Environmental groups say increased vehicle access would jeopardize animal habitats and degrade other environmentally sensitive areas. The justices let stand a lower court ruling that said Utah and the state's Kane County could only claim rights to six of 12 routes over which they sought control. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, SAFETY: Smoke from a small wildfire burning near Hills Creek reservoir will be visible again today in the Oakridge area. The Bald Butte Fire was sparked by a burning vehicle following an accident on Saturday and was contained Sunday after it charred roughly three dozen acres. But because of the steep and dangerous slopes, crews are conducting burnout operations to strengthen their fire lines, rather than fighting the fire directly. That will send additional plumes of smoke into the sky. Fire managers say the crews will light the backfires when wind, temperature, humidity and all other conditions are right and that the smoke might be visible for a few more days.; This fall's late fire season continues across the parched West. At least 12 families have lost their homes to a wind-driven grass fire that has burned more than 10,000 acres in central Wyoming. The blaze started Saturday in a composting area at a regional landfill near Casper. But winds gusting up to 50 mph on Sunday pushed the blaze to the east, forcing evacuations. / ECONOMY: Lane County got a jump on tax season yesterday, giving property owners online access to their property tax statements a full week before the paper statements go in the mail. In addition to creating the online access to property tax statements, officials say taxpayers also have access to a greater level of data online compared to previous years. That includes access to individual account graphics showing ten years of the property value history,

including real market value, assessed value, and maximum assessed value. As printed statements go in the mail on October 19th, Lane County's Office of Assessment and Taxation will extend its hours of service from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through mid-November. Property tax payments are due on Monday. November 16. The total Real Market Value of Lane County as of January 1, 2015 is \$50.8 billion - an increase of four percent from 2014. The typical Lane County dwelling's market value increased 4.25 percent from 2014. In total, \$478 million in taxes were certified for the 83 taxing districts in Lane County in 2015 - an increase of 3.1 percent from 2014. The 2015 tax roll was certified on Monday. October 5, 2015. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Authorities in Linn County have rescued an injured climber from Mount Washington after she spent the night on the mountain in below freezing temperatures. The Sheriff's Office said climber Sarah Ford of Bend used her cell phone to call 911 on Sunday at about 11:30 pm, reporting she had been hit in the head by a falling rock. At the time of the accident. the 20-year-old Ford had been rappelling down from the 7,700 foot mountain. The 911 center relayed Ford's cell phone location to rescue officials. Rescuers located her early on Monday. At about noon, she was transported via helicopter to a local hospital. Rescuers learned Ford had fallen 15 feet after the rock hit her and injured her left knee. She hiked about three quarters of a mile down, but was unable to continue and called 911. /

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CRIME, HEALTH, SAFETY: Two more victims of this month's shootings at Umpqua community College have been discharged from hospitals in recent days. Officials with Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg say the youngest person hospitalized, 16-year-old Cheyeanne Fitzgerald, has gone home. She'd been shot in the back. At PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield, officials say Amber McMurtrey was discharged over the weekend. 19-year-old Julie Woodworth was the most seriously wounded after being shot multiple times, including a wound to the head. Yesterday, her condition was upgraded from "critical" to "serious." Hospital officials said she has undergone multiple surgeries and can now breathe on her own but cannot talk or walk. ; The Register-Guard is reporting that a 22-year-old Sutherlin man was sentenced yesterday to nearly six years in prison for seriously injuring a University of Oregon distance runner in a 2012 freeway overpass rock-throwing incident. Matthew Logan McKinney received his mandatory 70-month sentence after pleading guilty to charges that included two Measure 11 counts of second-degree assault. The Register-Guard reports McKinney also pleaded quilty to multiple counts of reckless endangerment and third- and fourth-degree assault, and single charges of throwing an object off an overpass and first-degree criminal mischief. The victims, runners Molly Grabill and Chris Brewer, did not attend McKinney's sentencing hearing in Roseburg. The athletes were traveling north on Interstate 5 when McKinney tossed a large rock that shattered the windshield of Grabill's car, striking Grabill in the face. The car spun out of control and overturned after the rock knocked Grabill unconscious. She suffered a broken jaw and other head and facial injuries, and was hospitalized for two days afterward and spent months recovering. Brewer also was taken to a hospital after the crash, although his injuries were far less serious than those sustained by Grabill. The Register-Guard reports that a second man, 21-year-old Hayden Ray Tabor of Sutherlin, pleaded "no contest" in May to charges including two counts of third-degree assault. He'll be sentenced tomorrow. Both men are expected to be required to pay more than \$27,400 in restitution. / CRIME, WOMEN: Two men were arrested in Eugene as FBI officials took part in a nationwide crackdown on child exploitation. Investigators say they rescued three child sex trafficking victims in the Portland and Vancouver, Washington, areaincluding a toddler—and arrested eight alleged pimps last week. The operation was part of a national sting conducted in 135 cities. Altogether, authorities found 149 minors and arrested more than 150 people. Throughout the country, agents and investigators conducted both "in-call" and "outcall" operations in hotels, casinos, truck stops and in other areas known to be frequented by adult prostitutes, child victims and their customers. The Eugene men arrested in the nationwide sting operation include 37-year-old Marlon Slaffey and 45-year-old Mazio Lincoln Frasier, both of whom are charged with promoting prostitution. FBI officials say they were assisted in their investigation by the Eugene Police

Department, Lane County, the Sheriff's Office, Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team (INET) and the District Attorney's Office's Victim Services Program. Other local agencies supporting the continued crackdown on child exploitation include Sexual Assault Support Services, Kids FIRST and Looking Glass. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH: Some progress yesterday after crews successfully, lined, plumbed and burned out the late-season fire burning about 4 air miles northeast of Oakridge on the slopes above Hills Creek Reservoir that was ignited by a burning car on Saturday, October 11th. Crews from the Middle Fork Ranger District are monitoring hot spots and checking the line today; residents may continue to see some smoke - especially as the afternoon weather warms and the breeze kicks up a little. Because of the steep and dangerous slopes, crews will be conducting burnout operations rather than fighting the fire more directly. Middle Fork Ranger Deputy District Ranger Darren Cross said. "This fire is an unfortunate, but timely reminder about how very dry the fuels are out there." For more information on home and property fire safety, see http://www.firewise.org/ . For additional information, follow the fire on twitter at: twitter.com/willametteNF; A federal plan to rehabilitate 175,000 acres of rangeland in eastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho that was scorched by wildfires calls for spending about \$67 million over 5 years. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management released the 71-page plan late last week to help preserve and restore habitat for sage grouse and grazing land for ranchers. The effort includes massive plantings of grasses, several types of flowering plants known as forbs. and shrubs, with more than \$26 million being spent on seeds and seed planting. The effort follows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision last month that sage grouse don't need protection under the Endangered Species Act because of conservation efforts taking place in multiple states. This would be one of those efforts. Officials say the main challenge will be trying to establish native plants as well as preferred non-native plants before fire-prone cheatgrass and other invasive plants can move in and take over. Cheatgrass gets much of the blame for the severity of last summer's fire. Several years of drought followed by a wet spring caused cheatgrass to thrive for a short period. It then dried out, setting up the conditions for the August wildfire.; A haystack near Prineville spontaneously combusted Monday morning, destroying \$500,000 worth of hay. The Bend Bulletin quotes a deputy fire chief with Crook County Fire and Rescue who says the fire will keep burning through about 2,500 tons of hay for about a week. The blaze also destroyed a metal building covering the hay and a front-end loader tractor. bringing the total damage to \$700,000. No one was injured. This is not that uncommon: Crook County officials say they respond to four or five spontaneous combustion hay fires each year.; Conditions are still dry in Lane County. Agriculture officials say the filbert harvest continued. Field corn and sweet corn harvest was complete. Winter wheat was drilled and fall planted essential oil seeds were planted on fields with irrigation capabilities. Apple and winter pear harvest continued. Walnuts dropped and were harvested. Pumpkins looked good. Tomatoes and pepper were still ripening. ; At 10:15 a.m. on Oct. 15. Oregonians will "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" for the world's largest earthquake drill, "The Great ShakeOut!" The Oregon Office of Emergency Management and partners throughout the state have are encouraging individuals and families, schools, businesses, tribal, local, state and federal governments, health care organizations. and others to participate in the nationwide earthquake drill. More than 520,000 Oregonians have already registered for the Great Oregon ShakeOut. The total in Oregon has nearly doubled in the last two years with increased interest in earthquake preparedness and awareness. Oregonians will join more than 40 million people worldwide. You don't have to do anything special or head someplace different. Just take a moment wherever you are to "Drop, Cover and Hold!" to practice your emergency skills. If you live in Oregon, it's good to think about emergency planning. We're in an active earthquake zone that scientists say

is overdue for a big temblor. You can register and learn more about the Great Oregon ShakeOut at http://shakeout.org/oregon/ / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, HEALTH: The Oregon Department of Agriculture has received a temporary restraining order to stop a company from conducting aerial pesticide spraying on private timberlands. The order was issued by Washington County Circuit Court on Monday. It comes after the state last month suspended Applebee Aviation's pesticide operator license over worker protection violations. Despite the suspension, investigators say Applebee Aviation performed aerial applications. According to court documents, owner Mike Applebee told regulators his company continued spraying without a license because he had a \$3 million dollar contract with the Bureau of Land Management and, quote, "felt pressure to get the job done." The restraining order means Applebee must cease all pesticide applications until its operator's license is reinstated. The company must also pay a \$1,100 fine and implement new worker safety procedures and training. / ECONOMY: A bit of an uptick in Oregon's unemployment rate last month. But state analysts say there's been slow but continued improvement in the state's jobs picture and they this might just be part of the "up and down pattern" that is accompanying Oregon's long-term employment growth. Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 6.2 percent in September, compared with 6.1 percent in August. The rate is down from 6.9 percent in September 2014. Oregon's payroll employment dropped by 5,300 jobs in September, the first decline in 36 months. During the past year, officials say payroll employment expanded by 49,500 jobs, or 2.9 percent. Even with declines in many industries, analysts say two industries continued to expand in September: government, which includes public education, added 1,300 jobs and health care and social assistance added 800.; Americans increased their spending at auto dealers, restaurants and clothiers in September, but cheaper gasoline prices suppressed overall retail sales growth. The Commerce Department says retail sales rose just 0.1 percent last month, after being unchanged in August. Over the past 12 months, sales have climbed 2.4 percent largely due to demand for cars and meals outside the home.; MILITARY, HEALTH: Doctors Without Borders says an international humanitarian fact-finding commission has asked the United States and Afghanistan to authorize an investigation of the U.S. deadly airstrikes on an Afghan hospital in Kunduz. Doctors Without Borders says it's received word that a Switzerland-based commission called IHFFC has been "activated" as the first step into a probe of the Oct. 3 airstrikes that killed 12 staffers and 10 patients during fighting between Afghan forces and Taliban rebels. President Barack Obama has apologized for the attacks. / ECONOMY: The Oregon men's basketball team will hold open walk-on try outs Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m. at Matthew Knight Arena. Those interested must be enrolled as a full-time student at Oregon, and should bring their own basketball shoes and practice gear. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Two Royal Dutch Shell oil-drilling vessels have left the Arctic waters off Alaska's northwest coast and are returning to the Pacific Northwest. It comes after disappointing results from an exploratory well drilled this summer prompted the company to cancel plans to set up a long-term operation. The departure from the Arctic was celebrated by environmental groups who fought Royal Dutch Shell's efforts. That included summer protests in Portland that were part of an effort to block one vessel's voyage north. Shell spent upward of \$7 billion on the exploratory efforts that did find oil and gas-just not in the quantity that officials said they needed to justify the huge expense of Arctic drilling. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are looking to build on their strong Democratic presidential debate performances, while political analysts say the three other Democratic candidates are still struggling for traction. Clinton remained in Nevada this morning doing local media interviews. Sanders was scheduled to attend a taping of "The Ellen Degeneres Show." In vesterday's Democratic debate, Clinton contrasted her record with Sanders' more

conservative positions on gun restrictions while suggesting the Vermont senator is too liberal on other issues. Clinton's performance may have relieved some Democrats who've spent the summer worrying that her mishandling of the email controversy demonstrates more fundamental problems with her campaign and political skills. One of the most notable moments came when Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, her most formidable opponent, rose to her defense on her muchcriticized use of a private email server as secretary of state. But Sanders made clear he wasn't defending Clinton's use of a private server in her home while serving as secretary of state. Instead, he argued Americans have more serious concerns. Analysts say Clinton's strong performance Tuesday night just might be enough to spark second thoughts among one of her biggest potential threats: Vice President Joe Biden, who continued deliberating whether to enter the race as he watched the debate at his home at the Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.; Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has agreed to host "Saturday Night Live" next month. NBC said its former "Celebrity Apprentice" host will be the headliner of the Nov. 7 show. It's the second time he has hosted the venerable comedy institution; he was on the show in April 2004. Trump was also skewered in the season premiere's opening sketch. Trump has been ratings gold for nearly every television outlet he's touched since his candidacy took off this summer, the main reason behind record viewership for the two GOP candidates' debates in August and September. Sia will be the "Saturday Night Live" musical guest on the night that Trump hosts. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Skipanon Brand Seafoods LLC of Warrenton, Oregon is voluntarily recalling ALL LOTS, ALL SIZES of ALL Skipanon brand seafoods canned products because it has the potential to be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum, a bacterium which can cause life-threatening illness or death. Consumers are warned not to use the product even if it does not look or smell spoiled. Botulism, a potentially fatal form of food poisoning, can cause the following symptoms: general weakness, dizziness, double-vision and trouble with speaking or swallowing. Difficulty in breathing, weakness of other muscles, abdominal distension and constipation may also be common symptoms. People experiencing these problems should seek immediate medical attention. There have been no reported cases of illness to date. Products were distributed to wholesalers and retailers in Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington and sold to internet customers nationwide from the website skipanonbrand.com. The last date of distribution of recalled products is September 2015. Affected production codes include any codes starting with "OC" and the code can be found either at the bottom or on top of the can. Products are packaged in metal cans with net weights ranging from 5.5 oz. to 66.5 oz.. Customers are advised to return or to contact company and hold for pick up all products. At this point officials are determining the best course of action to remedy the situation. / ENVIRONMENT. COMMUNITY: The goal is to restore fish and wildlife habitat, improve water quality, and restore an area that's adjacent to one of Lane County's most popular parks. Members of the Friends of Buford Park say they've completed their purchase of 62-acres known as "Turtle Flats" from Lane County. The land and wetlands are located at the base of Mount Pisgah, southeast of Eugene. The property is a former gravel-mining site along the Coast Fork of the Willamette River and the first land acquisition by the non-profit group that's best known for maintaining the mountain's trail system and restoring native plants. The property deal got a boost with a grant from the Bonneville Power Administration. And Lane County officials are dedicating \$284,000 from the sale proceeds to the Oregon Community Foundation to help fund restoration work on the property. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, CRIME: The software that helped Volkswagen's diesel cars cheat on U.S. emissions tests may not just be limited to past models. VW is disclosing to U.S. regulators that there's additional software in the 2016 diesel models that could potentially help exhaust systems run cleaner during government tests. Regulators are trying to find out whether the new software

constitutes a second effort to get around the emissions tests. / HEALTH, POLITICS: Planned Parenthood officials say they will maintain programs at some of their clinics that make fetal tissue available for research. But in response to a furor over undercover videos, the group will now cover the costs itself rather than accepting any reimbursement. Anti-abortion activists who recently released a series of covertly filmed videos have contended that Planned Parenthood officials sought profits from their programs providing post-abortion fetal tissue to researchers. Planned Parenthood said the videos were deceptively edited and denied seeking any payments beyond legally permitted reimbursement of costs. Planned Parenthood says its fetal tissue programs currently take place in only two states - California and Washington - at about a half-dozen of the 700 health centers run by the organization nationwide. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: The Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) today issued an Advisory Opinion that finds that Uber drivers are employees under Oregon labor law. The Advisory Opinion is intended to be instructive on what conclusions can be drawn from current, available information. To date, no case relevant to this question has been filed with BOLI. Any such case would be decided on the specific facts and legal arguments presented. "Oregon's worker protections are in place for a reason," said Labor Commissioner Avakian. "When corporations misclassify an employee, the worker is denied basic protections such as the right to be paid on time and in full. It also creates an unfair playing field for other employers who pay employment taxes, minimum wage and workers' compensation insurance." Oregon's economic realities test, the basis for the analysis, is comprised of the following factors:

- 1. The degree of control exercised by the alleged employer;
- 2. The extent of the relative investments of the worker and the alleged employer:
- 3. The degree to which the worker's opportunity for profit and loss is determined by the alleged employer;
- 4. The skill and initiative required in performing the job;
- 5. The permanency of the relationship; and,
- 6. The extent to which the work performed by the worker is an integral part of the alleged employer's business.

"Our agency has a duty to ensure that workers are treated fairly and that employers understand their obligations," said Avakian. "Our hope is this Advisory Opinion will bring clarity to how our agency will approach this question during an investigation." The BOLI Advisory Opinion follows recent administrative and court cases in California which address the employment status of Uber drivers. In addition, an opinion from the United States Department of Labor provides valuable insight into misclassification of workers generally. Workers who believe that they are being denied wages they've earned may contact BOLi's Wage and Hour Division at (971) 673-0844. / ENVIRONMENT: Orange poop is hard to miss -- and that's the point. Volunteers spent part of their weekend picking up piles of poo along the trails in Oregon's McDonald Forest. About a-half ton of doogie doo-doo was scooped up. The poop had been painted orange to make it easier to spot. It's part of an effort from the Oregon State University College of Forestry and local veterinarians, to draw attention to the amount of doggie droppings on hiking trails. Ryan Brown of OSU tells the Corvallis Gazette-Times that dog owners need to do a better of cleaning up after their four-legged buddies. /

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ECONOMY, FAMILY, ELDERS, HEALTH: Gas prices are down and so is the Consumer Price Index. And while that's good news for drivers' pocketbooks, it's bad news for the more than 70 million Americans—including older adults, disabled veterans and federal retirees—who receive Social Security benefits. For just the third time in 40 years, Social Security payments will remain flat. This happened previously in 2010 and 2011. Compounding the bad news: The lack of a benefit increase means that many older people could face higher Medicare costs, an issue that has advocates lobbying Congress. By law, the annual cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, is based on a government measure of inflation. That gauge came out this morning and showed the index remained flat as the average price of a gallon of regular gasoline hovered close to \$2.30 per gallon, about 90 cents less than it was a year ago. The announcement will affect benefits for more than 70 million people, more than one-fifth of the nation's population. The average monthly Social Security payment is \$1,224. Congress enacted automatic increases for Social Security beneficiaries in 1975, when inflation was high and there was a lot of pressure to regularly raise benefits. Since then, increases have averaged 4 percent a year. But in the past decade, the COLA has been that big only once. Advocates for seniors say years of small increases or no increase are eroding the buying power of benefits, regardless of the official inflation numbers. Most Social Security recipients have their Medicare Part B premiums for outpatient care deducted directly from their Social Security payments, and the annual cost-ofliving increase is usually enough to cover any rise in premiums. When that doesn't happen, a long-standing federal "hold harmless" law protects the majority of beneficiaries from having their Social Security payments reduced. But that leaves about 30 percent of Medicare beneficiaries on the hook for a premium increase that otherwise would be spread among all. Those who would pay the higher premiums include 2.8 million new beneficiaries, 1.6 million whose premiums aren't deducted from their Social Security payments, and 3.1 million people with higher incomes. Their premiums could jump by about \$54 a month; it could be more for those with higher incomes. / MILITARY: Bowing to calls from Pentagon leaders, President Barack Obama will keep 5,500 U.S. troops in Afghanistan when he leaves office in 2017, according to senior administration officials. Obama originally planned to pull out all but a small, embassy-based U.S. military presence by the end of next year, a timeline coinciding with the final weeks of his presidency. But military leaders argued for months that the Afghans needed additional assistance and support from the U.S. to beat back a resurgent Taliban and hold onto gains made over the last 14 years of American bloodshed and billions of dollars in aid. The president will announce the changes this morning from the White House. Officials said he will maintain the current force of 9,800 troops in Afghanistan through most of next year, then draw down to 5,500 troops in 2017, at a pace still to be determined by military commanders. U.S. officials have been hinting at the

policy shift for weeks, noting that conditions on the ground in Afghanistan have changed since Obama's initial decision on a sharper troop withdrawal timeline was made more than two years ago. Taliban fighters took control of the key northern city of Kunduz late last month, prompting a protracted battle with Afghan forces on the ground, supported by U.S. airstrikes. The president's decision to keep the U.S. military in Afghanistan beyond his tenure thrusts the conflict into the 2016 presidential race. The next president will become the third U.S. commander-inchief to oversee the war, with the options of trying to bring it to a close. maintaining the presence as Obama left it or even ramping up U.S. involvement in the conflict. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:At 10:15 a.m. on Oct. 15. Oregonians will "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" for the world's largest earthquake drill, "The Great ShakeOut!" The Oregon Office of Emergency Management and partners throughout the state have are encouraging individuals and families, schools, businesses, tribal, local, state and federal governments, health care organizations, and others to participate in the nationwide earthquake drill. More than 520,000 Oregonians have already registered for the Great Oregon ShakeOut. The total in Oregon has nearly doubled in the last two years with increased interest in earthquake preparedness and awareness. Oregonians will join more than 40 million people worldwide. You don't have to do anything special or head someplace different. Just take a moment wherever you are to "Drop, Cover and Hold!" to practice your emergency skills. If you live in Oregon, it's good to think about emergency planning. We're in an active earthquake zone that scientists say is overdue for a big temblor. You can register and learn more about the Great Oregon ShakeOut at http://shakeout.org/oregon/ / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: They were hit hard by decades of overfishing, the loss of habitat and the effects of hatchery fish. But now a federal agency has released a road map for the recovery of threatened Oregon Coast Coho salmon. The draft plan from the National Marine Fisheries Service focuses on protecting and restoring habitats in streams. lakes, wetlands and estuaries. That could mean stronger regulations on the agriculture and logging industries to protect water quality and habitat. The Oregon Coast Coho has been on and off the Endangered Species List and the subject of prolonged litigation. In their heyday, biologists say between 1 million and 2 million Coho returned annually to the Oregon coast, but that the number plummeted to about 20,000 in the 1990s. In recent years, improvements have led to stronger annual returns ranging from 100,000 to 350,000 fish. But federal biologists say poor ocean conditions and climate change could pose a challenge to the Coho. They say the main threats to overcoming that challenge, according to the plan, are degraded habitat and inadequate state rules. NOAA Fisheries estimates the cost of recovery at about \$55 million over the next five years and about \$110 million to achieve full recovery, depending on the effectiveness of improvements to the Coho salmon's habitat and the strength of laws protecting that habitat. The draft plan is open to public comment for 60 days. The agency plans to issue a final recovery plan in 2016.; An insurance company says two massive wildfires that burned up parts of Northern California did nearly \$2 billion in damage, among the costliest blazes the Golden State has ever seen. The Sacramento Bee reports that a report by insurance company Aon Benfield found the Valley Fire in Lake. Sonoma and Napa counties caused at least \$1.5 billion in damage. Damage in Calaveras and Amador counties from the Butte Fire was estimated to cost \$450 million. The report shows about \$925 million of the Valley Fire damage is covered by insurance, making it the fifth-worst wildfire insurance disaster in state history. The fires burned more than 200 square miles and killed six people. The Oakland Hills Fire of 1991 was California's most expensive, with damage covered by insurance costing \$2.67 billion when adjusted for inflation. / ECONOMY. ENVIRONMENT, LOW-INCOME: Truckloads of potatoes that would normally be destroyed were recently harvested to feed hungry families. The East Oregonian reports that Oregon State University's Hermiston Agricultural Research &

Extension Center director Phil Hamm says the fields are test plots to help growers determine whether crop problems originated with the seed or something at the farm. Hamm says the potatoes have been destroyed after each growing season for the last 40 years. That changed last year, when people and organizations worked together to turn them into 160,000 pounds of food. The harvest this year weighed in at 250,000 pounds, but the potatoes still need to be cleaned. Community Action Program of East Central Oregon resource developer Diana Quezada says the harvest will benefit the 7,500 people who use her organization. / COMMUNITY, FAMILY: A new play structure, much-needed uniforms and an educational trip are just a few of the success stories from the first round of Guaranty's fundraising partnership with the Cosmos-Bellotti Sports and Leadership Foundation (CBSLF). With his coaching career behind him, Mike Bellotti is nurturing a new generation of students. By donating cases of Cosmos Creations at no cost to 13 area groups, Guaranty Chevrolet and RV Super Centers in Junction City helped them raise \$42,874. After the dinner celebration hosted by Coach Bellotti and Guaranty in August, interest in the program jumped and the fundraising goal of \$100,000 is in sight with current money raised at \$74,544. As other partners and student groups from around Oregon join the CBSLF, Guaranty will help them raise even more money for projects in 2015. School, mission and non-profit groups looking for a sponsor are encouraged to contact Katie Felix at KatieF@cosmoscreations.com for more details. / ECONOMY, COMMUNITY, MILITARY: A space museum and water park in Yamhill County could be getting new owners after the county circuit court issued a writ of execution for the sale of the two properties at a foreclosure auction. The Yamhili Valley News-Register reports that the Evergreen Space Museum and the Wings & Waves Waterpark in McMinnville will be for sale Nov. 30 on the courthouse steps after the court found the nonprofit Michael King Smith Foundation is past due on \$1.9 million in debt to their builder. Foundation officials say they are working to resolve the matter before the auction. / HEALTH: The World Health Organization says it's possible for patients who survived Ebola to develop the lethal disease again. The WHO says in rare cases the virus can linger in the body and start to replicate. That might explain what has happened to a Scottish nurse now being treated in London's Royal Free Hospital. Pauline Cafferkey was admitted on Friday for an "unusual late complication" of Ebola. But the WHO says it's unclear if patients like Cafferkey are infectious. / HEALTH. ELDERS: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) today issued a proposed order to Cascade Health Solutions granting a certificate of need to develop a freestanding inpatient hospice facility in Eugene. The facility will be known as the Peter Moore Hospice House and will be located at 4010 Country Farm Road, Eugene, The facility will have 14 beds. The order issued today is a proposed order. Any affected party who takes exception to the proposed order may ask OHA to hold an informal hearing. If no request for a hearing is received by Oct. 26, 2015, the proposed order will automatically become final. For more information about this project, contact Jana Fussell, certificate of need coordinator, at 971-673-1108. Under the state certificate of need law, Cascade Health Solutions was required to seek state approval for development of this facility, but is one of six such facilities eligible to proceed under an abbreviated review process. The law's purpose is to see that health services are adequately distributed around the state without unnecessary duplication of services or excessive cost to patients. / MINORITIES, CIVIL RIGHTS, POLITICS: An Oregon legislator wants to take down Mississippi's state flag near the capitol if lawmakers in that state fail to remove the confederate battle emblem next legislative session. The Oregonian reports Mississippi lawmakers meet for about four months starting Jan. 5. If they adjourn without amending the flag, Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, wants Oregon to remove it from a park near the capitol. Courtney and House Speaker Tina Kotek are leading an administrative committee that could remove the flag. Kotek joins several other

lawmakers in pushing for the flag's immediate removal. Mississippi Sen. Willie Simmons says he and others are doing everything they can to get the legislation passed. Courtney said he's prepared to act sooner of Mississippi's efforts fail before its legislative session ends May 8. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: More cougars are prowling around Oregon, prompting state officials to raise its kill quota for the animals for the first time since 2006. The Bend Bulletin reports 193 more cougars can be killed this year. Salem-based Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Michelle Dennehy says population models show there are likely more than 6,200 cougars in Oregon. The population grew 9 percent from 2006 to 2013. State data shows the number of cougars killed in Southeast Cascades has fallen far short of the quota, which is a limit rather than a goal. Wildlife officials do have kill goals for four cougar target areas next year. Carnivore advocate Sally Mackler with Eugene-based nonprofit group Predator Defense said she questions raising quotas when they are not being reached. / CRIME, SAFETY: California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom would like voters to tighten the state's gun laws. He's unveiling a proposal today to restrict ammunition sales. require gun owners to turn in large capacity magazines and require owners to report lost or stolen guns. If adopted, California would become the first state to require background checks for ammunition at the point of sale. Other states require purchasers to obtain licenses and go through background checks ahead of time. Newsome is running for governor in 2018. / HEALTH, POLITICS; Utah State attorneys are in court today to try to convince a judge that last month's order allowing Planned Parenthood to receive federal funds should be allowed to expire today. Gov. Gary Herbert moved to block \$200,000 in federal funds the state passes through to the local organization for programs dealing with sexually transmitted disease testing and sex education. He said he was offended by the callousness of a discussion caught on secretly recorded videos about procuring fetal tissue for research. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, CRIME: The state and federal governments have decided not to pursue \$92 million in additional damages from Exxon Mobil Corp., citing the recovery of ducks and sea otters in Alaska's Prince William Sound following a devastating oil spill more than two decades ago. In a court filing, government attorneys say lingering oil that remains can no longer be considered an impediment to the recovery of sea otters or harlequin ducks, or a significant ongoing threat to their now-restored populations in the area affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Lawsuits brought against Exxon by the governments after the spill led to a \$900-million settlement and a consent decree that resolved claims related to natural-resource damages. The decree included a clause that allowed the governments to seek additional funds for restoration projects. / HEALTH, SAFETY, ECONOMY: Some retailers are selling pens that look like hypodermic needles. The Halloween novelty toys are stirring concerns among parents and drug abuse prevention advocates as the country battles a rising heroin and opioid addiction crisis. The pens are clear plastic tubes filled with brightly colored liquid, topped by a plunger and marked with the measuring lines found on syringes. Celeste Clark, director of the Raymond Coalition for Youth, says "I think it's an incredibly bad idea." Target says it will continue to sell the pens.; A new federal study estimates that dietary supplements send 23,000 Americans to hospital emergency rooms each year. The report, published in this week's New England Journal of Medicine, says the riskiest ones are weight-loss and energy-boosting products. Bodybuilding and sexual-enhancement products also led to cardiac symptoms in many seeking ER help. Supplements do not have to have federal Food and Drug Administration approval before they are sold, nor do they get the kind of testing prescription drugs do. Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and at the FDA studied emergency room records from 2004 through 2013 at 63 hospitals around the country to make their estimate. /

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ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT: The Register-Guard is reporting that the empty Hynix computer chip plant in West Eugene has sold at an auction. It took place on the auction.com website, where the sale is now in escrow. Officials say details will be revealed once the sale concludes. According to The Register-Guard, The bidding topped out at \$20 million from an unidentified buyer for the 1.2-millionsquare-foot complex. The auction began Tuesday with a starting bid of \$3 million and ended vesterday. The former Hynix manufacturing plant was empty for seven years but once employed 1,100 Eugene workers. After spending a quarter of a billion dollars on construction, Hynix opened it in 1998 to manufacture computer memory chips but closed ten years later as the market for that type of chips slowed during the global recession. / ECONOMY, CRIME: Millions of Americans are getting new credit and debit cards with more secure chip technology. But that leading to unintended headaches for companies that rely on working cards to charge their customers every month. Video and music streaming companies. dating websites, gyms and other subscription-based companies can take a hit when customers don't update their accounts after receiving a new card. It's always been a hassle, but with millions of cards carrying the new chip technology being mailed out all at once it's creating bigger problems. Netflix this week said large numbers of cards that weren't updated were partly to blame for slower subscriber growth in their most recent quarter. Officials with the video steaming site said an unusual number of accounts were cancelled during the three months that ended in September. Netflix Inc., which has 69 million members around the world, expects the issue to continue into the next quarter as more new chip cards roll out. With subscription services gaining in popularity, where customers have funds automatically withdrawn from checking accounts every month for a service, it has become increasingly noticeable when people don't update the cards that they use for those services, or are unaware that they need to. Often, the number on the card is still the same, but the expiration date has changed. / ENVIRONMENT: Will the weather phenomenon known as El Nino bring enough rain to the parched west to end the prolonged drought? Forecasters say the El Nino expected this winter will leave a big wet but not necessarily snowy footprint on much of the United States, including parched California. But there are still questions how much of that moisture will come to Oregon. The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration issued its winter forecast yesterday. El Nino changes weather worldwide, mostly affecting the United States in winter. The weather pattern happens every few years when the Pacific Ocean warms up around the equator. This year's is one of the strongest El Ninos on record. NOAA expects a cooler and wetter winter for the South. For California, more precipitation than usual is expected during the critical time that its reservoirs usually fill, but there's no guarantee. But there are indications that northern tier states, the Ohio Valley states and Alaska should be dry.; California police say they expect a mud-covered interstate to reopen to

traffic this afternoon. Interstate 5 north of Los Angeles was closed yesterday after flash flood debris blocked the roadway, stranded hundreds of vehicles and forced some motorists to take refuge on top of their cars. Excavator trucks scooped and hauled away mud in the darkness overnight. The closure has left thousands of drivers searching for alternative routes.; Nearly 540,000 Oregonians participated in yesterday morning's Great Oregon ShakeOut earthquake safety exercise. The Red Cross' annual #ShakeOutSelfie event on Twitter has attracted participants throughout the Pacific Northwest. The Great ShakeOut has been an important reminder of the earthquake risk residents face in the Pacific Northwest and the need to prepare. The Red Cross encourages Oregon and southwest Washington residents to continue taking measures to increase earthquake preparedness. Know what to do before, during and after an earthquake. This information and resources for making a plan and building a disaster kit are available on the free Red Cross Earthquake app. In addition, the Red Cross Cascades Region has produced a 28-page Prepare! guide which can be found on its website. / HEALTH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY: Local non-profit Cascade Health Solutions is a step closer to creating a hospice house on the northeast side of Eugene. That, after state regulators this week approved development of the 14-bed, freestanding inpatient hospice facility in the 4000 block of County Farm Road, off Coburg Road. The organization spent years fundraising to create the Pete Moore Hospice House, most notably during its signature holiday event, The Festival of Trees. The plan is to open the facility in late summer, to provide specialized hospice care for terminally-ill patients in their final days. While some hospitals and nursing homes offer hospice services, this would be the first standalone hospice house in the Eugene-Springfield area. In addition to the 14 patient beds, plans call for support services for patients' families, including a guest room and children's activity room. kitchen and dining area and a chapel. / IMMIGRATION: Hungary says it will close down its border with Croatia to migrants starting at midnight. It's already built a razor-wire fence along the border. Hungary clamped down on its border with Serbia with a similar barrier on Sept. 15. Since then, migrants have been taking a detour through Croatia to reach Hungary. More than 383,000 migrants have entered Hungary this year, nearly all passing through on their way to Germany and other destinations farther west in the EU. / HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME. VETERANS, COMMUNITY: An effort to provide affordable housing for veterans is getting a big push this month in Lane County. Later this morning, officials show off the results of a joint effort between the City of Eugene, Lane County's Housing and Community Services Agency and the group, "Housing Our Veterans." The new facility in the 3300 block of Elmira Road is what's known as "Single Room Housing." The idea is to convert existing homes into individual, lockable rental rooms with shared kitchen and common areas. Sounds about the same as renting a bedroom in a shared house, right? But organizers say it's different. For starters, at "Single Room Housing" projects, each unit is treated like its own housing entity, meaning tenants who rent individual rooms have their own formal leases, can establish rental histories and can pay with Section 8 federal low-income housing subsidies. In the past, most housing of this type was set up in modest hotels or rooming houses. Organizers hope that by upgrading standard homes with secure locks, hard-wired smoke detectors and modern fire sprinklers, they can create a place where veterans can stay in more comfortable surroundings and create a real sense of community. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: A new study from the centers for Disease Control and Prevention finds that excessive alcohol use continues to be a drain on the American economy. The study looked at the 2010 year, which had the most recent numbers available, and put losses to lost work productivity, crime and the cost of treating related health problems at \$249 billion. / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: A Boring, Oregon, man has been sentenced to five days in jail for acting as a fishing guide without a valid license. The Oregon State Police says 33-year-old Jereme Jones was also placed on three years of

probation and had his angling license suspended for three years. Lt. Bill Fugate says OSP cited Jones for guiding without a license in 2012. Police discovered last year that he was again acting as a guide. He was arrested after a fishing trip on Nehalem Bay. Jones pleaded guilty in Tillamook County last week to one count of falling to register as a guide. The Oregon State Marine Board registers guides to certify they carry the minimum liability insurance, and have current first aid and CPR training. / SAFETY, COMMUNITY, VETERANS: The Eugene City Council will not pursue a blanket fireworks ban, but members say they want increased enforcement against those who use already-illegal fireworks next year. The Register-Guard reports that last year the City Council limited the use of legal fireworks to 16 days a year, around the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. This year, the council banned fireworks in parts of south Eugene over the Fourth of July holiday weekend due to the fire threat. At Wednesday's council work session. only one member said she would support a blanket ban on fireworks next year. The council hopes to finalize its fireworks rules for 2016 by the end of the year so that fireworks vendors can know them before they order their inventory. / POLITICS-ELECTIONS: State Rep. Val Hoyle says she's running for Oregon secretary of state. The Eugene lawmaker on Thursday joined a crowded field of Democrats seeking the state's second highest office. Hoyle's announcement was widely expected after she stepped down from her position as House majority leader to explore a run for secretary of state. Hoyle says in a statement that she would work to reduce barriers to voting, streamline government and promote small businesses. State Sen. Richard Devlin and Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian have also said they'll seek the Democratic nomination. The secretary of state oversees elections, archives, business records and audits of government agencies. He or she is also first in line to be governor if the chief executive steps down. That's what happened in February, when Kate Brown took over for John Kitzhaber.; Ballots of the Nov. 3rd Special Election went in the mail yesterday. Not everyone in Lane County will receive a ballot. But if you're in the cities of Eugene and Springfield or the South Lane County fire & Rescue District, you could see your ballots as early as today or as late as Tuesday. If they've not arrived by then, contact Lane County Elections. / EDUCATION: The state has released report cards for Oregon's 1,236 schools and 197 school districts. Schools did not receive an overall rating Thursday due to the switch to new statewide assessments in English and math. But the cards give parents important information about schools' success at getting students to reach Common Core standards. A Portland-area analysis by The Oregonian newspaper found Clackamas, Gresham and Oregon City high schools to be among those producing exceptional growth. Oregon schools chief Salam Noor says learning is about more than a single test score, and the reports help paint a complete picture about the work schools are doing. School and district report cards have been released annually since 2000. / ENVIRONMENT: Thousands of fish were rescued in Oregon after a low-flowing river left them stranded in shrinking pools. The Bend Bulletin reports that volunteers joined state and federal workers Wednesday to pull trout, sculpin and whitefish out of the pools alongside the Deschutes River upstream of Bend. Fish biologist Erik Moberly of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says they collected 3,650 trout, hundreds of sculpin and a hundred whitefish. Since last weekend, at least 500 trout died after becoming stranded. It is the third consecutive autumn that fish had to be rescued along the stretch of the Deschutes near Lava Island Falls. The low flows in the Deschutes River are caused by trying to fill a nearby reservoir as much as possible for the next year's irrigation season. / ECONOMY, CRIME: Nevada regulators have ordered daily fantasy sports sites like DraftKings and FanDuel to shut down, saying they can't operate in the state without a gambling license. The decision comes amid growing backlash by investigators and regulators over the sites, which have grown in popularity in the past year. The sites insist they are skill-based games and not chance-based

wagers, and are therefore not subject to gambling regulations. Customers pick daily lineups of players in professional football, basketball, hockey and more, and they compete with other players to earn the most points and win money — in some cases more than \$1 million. The state's Gaming Control Board issued a notice Thursday saying the sites must stop offering their contests to Nevada residents effective immediately. Operators face felony fines and 10 years in prison. Regulators say the sites can apply for licenses. / ENVIRONMENT. ECONOMY: The chief executives of 10 of the world's biggest oil and gas companies have pledged support for an "effective" deal to fight global warming at a Paris conference next month. In a statement Friday, the CEOs of BP. Shell. Saudi Aramco, Total, Repsol, Statoil, Eni, Petroelos Mexicanos, Reliance Industries and BG Group said they recognize greenhouse gas emissions trends are inconsistent with the ambition to keep warming below a level many consider dangerous. Burning coal, oil and gas for energy is a key emissions source. The companies offered to help by reducing flaring and methane emissions from oil and gas operations. They also called for replacing coal with cleaner-burning natural gas in power generation. Greenpeace said the companies' offer "contains nothing meaningful" and accused them of undermining effective climate action. / CRIME, SAFETY: The Eugene Police Party Patrol will be back on the street tonight and Saturday night, cracking down on loud, out-of-control parties and underage drinking. Between Oct. 11-17, Eugene Police say they responded to complaints about two dozen loud parties, most of which were in the west University neighborhood. /

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POLITICS, ECONOMY: House Republicans return to Washington this week to confront a nearly unprecedented leadership crisis, looming budget deadlines and a deeply uncertain future. Attention is focused on Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, the GOP's 2012 vice presidential nominee. He's under pressure from party leaders to run for House speaker. That's a job he's repeatedly made clear he doesn't want. Even if Ryan yields to his colleagues' pleas, conservatives are increasingly serving notice that the 45-year-old Ways and Means Committee chairman will have to audition for the job just like anyone else - despite the widespread support he has. That suggests that the same hard-liners who pushed current Speaker John Boehner to announce his resignation and scared off his heir apparent, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, could throw up obstacles to Ryan, too.; Congress still has a lot on its plate to consider. One big item: Funding for the nation's highways, bridges and rail systems. A House bill introduced Friday maintains spending at current levels - suggesting Congress is still politically hesitant to soon tackle a growing transportation maintenance and modernization backlog. The bipartisan, six-year bill provides about \$325 billion over the next six years, continuing the current spending rate while allowing for inflation. Democratic Congressman Peter DeFazio of Oregon was one of the co-sponsors. The Senate passed a similar bill in July that would allow \$350 billion over six years but provide funding for only the first three years. But industry lobbyists are already trying to roll back key spending provisions in the Senate version they argue are unfair or unwise. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said last month that \$400 billion over the next six years is "the absolute minimum level of investment" needed to keep traffic from worsening. Others who have called for significant increases in federal transportation spending include two congressionally-chartered commissions, the trucking industry and companies that ship their goods by truck, dozens of state and local officials, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, labor unions and associations representing the construction and equipment industries, civil engineers and state transportation departments. The House bill contains a provision that would allow transportation spending to grow if Congress can find the money, but experts say that prospect is dim. While many road repairs are funded by gas taxes and other user fees that flow into the federal Highway Trust Fund, lawmakers must scrape together about \$16 billion extra each year just keep spending at existing levels. / CRIME, SAFETY, POLITICS: After 15 years of a virtual gag order on guns in presidential politics, Democrats are talking again. President Barack Obama is considering more executive action on gun control. The front-runner in the Democratic race to replace him says she "will not be silenced" on guns. At the Democrats' first debate in the presidential season, candidates jockeyed for bragging rights over who had the lowest rating from the National Rifle Association. The return of the gun debate comes in the first White House contest since the December 2012 shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, that killed 20 children and six educators at an elementary

school, and a string of mass shootings after that. The absence of gun legislation passed by Congress has spurred a steady call for action from the Democratic base. Democrats say support for new gun laws is broader now and the politics of the issue have shifted enough to make the push for tougher measures a political winner, even if there remains almost no chance for success in Congress. Republicans are eager for Democrats to test the theory. They watched the Democratic debate and saw fodder for advertising aimed at rural voters and gun owners still firmly opposed to putting more restrictions on gun purchases. Those voters have tended to retain their passion on the issue and have been motivated to vote, long after a shooting recedes from the headlines. The White House has been upfront that it plans to keep attention on the issue. Obama has directed his staff to review gun laws for possible ways he could make changes without congressional approval. One option could be changing regulations to ensure gun show and Internet purchasers are subject to background checks, a move that would probably run into a court challenge over whether he has that authority. It would risk a backlash from supporters of gun rights - one that could complicate Obama's agenda in Congress and create trouble for Democratic lawmaker running in conservative or rural districts. But Democrats increasingly argue that fears of such a backlash are overblown, particularly if the issue is framed narrowly.; The Supreme Court has so far resisted elaborating on two landmark decisions that established a nationwide right to defend one's home with a gun. That could change with a new appeal filed by gun owners that challenges a Chicago suburb's assault weapons ban. The appeal by Dr. Arie Friedman and the Illinois State Rifle Association argues that the city of Highland Park has violated their constitutional rights by banning all semi-automatic guns and ammunition clips of more than 10 rounds. The justices put off consideration of the appeal last week. In recent years, the court has almost always deferred action on an appeal before agreeing to take it up. The court could say as early as Monday whether it will hear the case. ; A federal appeals court has upheld key provisions of New York and Connecticut laws banning possession of semi-automatic assault weapons and large-capacity magazines. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled this morning, finding that the core parts of the laws do not violate the Second Amendment. The laws were passed after the December 2012 shooting massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut killed 20 first-graders and six educators. The laws were opposed by groups supporting gun rights, pistol permit holders and gun sellers. / CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION, VETERANS: Chris Mintz, the college student celebrated as a hero for running toward danger when a gunman opened fire at Umpqua Community College, says the shooter showed no emotion as he shot Mintz five times. Mintz shared his story in a lengthy statement posted Friday night on Facebook. He describes his experiences in exacting detail, from the normalcy of the morning to the excruciating pain of being shot to the moment his friend, a medic, arrived. "He was so nonchalant through it all, like he was playing a video game and showed no emotion," Mintz wrote of the shooter. "The shots knocked me to the ground and felt like a truck hit me." Mintz wrote that he hesitated to share his account out of fear that it would be too painful for some people to read, and he offered an apology to anyone negatively affected. He said the first responders and hospital workers were "the real heroes, they saved us." Since the story of Mintz's bravery became public, an online campaign has raised more than \$800,000 to help with medical bills and his expenses while he recovers. On Oct. 1, Mintz was in an adjacent classroom in Snyder Hall when everyone heard yelling. When they heard gunfire, Mintz held the door as everyone fled. "We all took off running down the breezeway toward the library, a boy and I collided while running because of the chaos and it knocked me to the ground. A counselor kept screaming that someone needed to tell the people in the library, and I told her id do it," Mintz wrote. He ran through the library to notify people of the shooter, then burst through an emergency exit and ran back toward Snyder. "I saw a young

girl who seemed to just be showing up to school and I yelled at her 'you cant be here' 'there's somebody shooting, you need to leave," Mintz wrote. "Her face, it changed, she seemed so scared." Not knowing where the shooter was, he reached Snyder and peered through a glass panel on a classroom door, he wrote. and saw a woman's foot wedged in the door. A man farther away who was hiding behind cars startled him, warning him he'd get shot. "I could only see one of the students through the door, she was screaming and yelling and covered in blood, I motioned my finger over my mouth communicating to be quiet and motioned both my hands down for them to stay down (at the time I didn't know the classroom was full of people, I thought it was only the two of them.)" He put his back against the door and waited, he wrote, as he heard sirens approaching. Suddenly, he wrote, the shooter opened a classroom door, leaned half his torso out and started shooting. After Mintz fell to the ground, he was shot again in the finger, and the shooter said, "That's what you get for calling the cops." "I laid there, in a fetal position unable to move and responded 'I didn't call the cops man, they were already on the way.' He leaned further out of the classroom and tried to shoot my phone, I yelled "its my kids birthday man" he pointed the gun right at my face and then he retreated back into the class," Mintz wrote. "I'm still confused at why he didn't shoot me again." Mintz tried to push himself into the classroom, but he couldn't move, he wrote. "My legs felt like ice, like they didn't exist, until I tried to move. When I moved pain shot through me like a bomb going off. " After what felt like days, he wrote, an officer arrived and tried to sort out whether Mintz was the shooter. "A friend came out of the classroom and kneeled down beside me, traumatized and crying. I think she tried to pray with me, the only thing I could say was 'its my son's birthday' 'please call my sons mom and tell her. I can't pick him up from school today," Mintz wrote. And then his friend, an emergency medical technician, arrived, one of the first responders on scene. "When I saw him," Mintz wrote, "I KNEW WE WERE ALL GOING TO BE OK." / TERRORISM: A British man being treated for schizophrenia was sentenced to 20 years in prison on U.S. charges that he helped in a failed attempt to set up an al-Qaida training camp in a remote part of Oregon two years before the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Haroon Aswat had admitted in a guilty plea in March that he traveled to Bly, Oregon, in 1999 at the direction of Mustafa Kamel Mustafa, a double-amputee and radical cleric based in London. The Sheffield, England-born Aswat also admitted that his job was to help train recruits who wanted to fight jihad. But his lawyers argued Friday that he deserved a lesser term because he was a minor player in the plot who became a personal assistant to Mustafa, but never adopted his views. Over time and through treatment for his mental illness, he told the judge, "I have chosen peace over violence. ... I hope to lead a peaceful, crime-free life." Prosecutor Shane Stansbury cited evidence that Aswat had traveled to Afghanistan to receive military-style training from al-Qaida, telling U.S. District Judge Katherine Forrest, "To paint this man as a pacifist is a complete distortion of the truth." The judge agreed to the stiffer sentence, but also sought assurances from prosecutors that Aswat, 41, would receive sound mental care while in custody, even if it meant returning him to the United Kingdom to serve his sentence. Afterward, defense lawyers said their client would receive credit for 10 years he spent behind bars in Britain fighting extradition and an additional year for his time in U.S. custody. In court papers, prosecutors confirmed Aswat is eligible for "good time credit" and can apply for an international prisoner transfer subject to approval by the Department of Justice. Authorities say Mustafa, also known as Abu Hamza al-Masri, turned London's Finsbury Park Mosque in the 1990s into a training ground for Islamic extremists, attracting men including Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui and shoe bomber Richard Reid. He claims to have lost his hands fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan. According to court papers, conspirators spoke of choosing a site known as Dog Cry Ranch for the camp because the property was located in a "pro-militia and firearms state" that "looks just like Afghanistan,"

and that the group was "stockpiling weapons and ammunition." But the camp never materialized beyond a dozen people taking target practice, authorities said. Mustafa was sentenced earlier this year to life in prison following a trial in the same Manhattan courthouse. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, POLITICS: The White House is enlisting corporate America to try to bolster its push for an international climate change agreement. White House officials say 81 companies—including Coca-Cola, Monsanto, Wal-Mart, Google and Intel—have signed the American Business Act on Climate pledge. The companies promise to advocate for a strong climate deal ahead of final negotiations in Paris next month. They also agree to take steps to reduce their own carbon emissions. The announcement comes as President Obama prepares to meet with executives at a roundtable at the White House today. / POLITICS, HEALTH: The federal penalty for having no health insurance is set to jump to \$695 for next year, and supporters of President Barack Obama's overhaul are urging the administration to highlight that increase as a marketing strategy. That means the 2016 sign-up season starting Nov. 1 could see the penalties become a bigger focus to motivate uninsured people to sign up. Until now, health overhaul supporters have stressed the benefits of getting taxpayer-subsidized coverage. But in 2016, the penalty for being uninsured the full year will rise to \$695 or 2.5 percent of taxable income, whichever is greater. Compare that with this year, when it's \$325 or 2 percent. The average customer with subsidies could get six months or more of coverage for \$695, instead of owing the government. ; A federal judge in New Orleans has ordered Louisiana to continue providing Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood clinics for 14 more days while a legal battle continues over Gov. Bobby Jindal's recent order to block the funding. U.S. District Judge John deGravelles in Baton. Rouge ruled early Monday. He had heard arguments Friday. Planned Parenthood challenged the state's right to end the funding for cancer screenings, gynecology exams and other health services. Jindal, running for the Republican presidential nomination, began the defunding effort after videos were released by the antiabortion Center for Medical Progress. The center said the videos showed that Planned Parenthood illegally sells fetal tissue for profit. Planned Parenthood officials say the videos were edited in a misleading fashion and noted the organization does not provide abortions in Louisiana. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Federal regulators are expected to announce today that the government will require registration of most drones to help track operators who ignore safety rules. The Federal Aviation Administration is setting up working groups of government and industry officials and model aircraft hobbyists to work out details of the registration system. The action comes after a number of high profile incidents where commercial airline pilots reported drones close to flight paths; where crews fighting wildfires had to ground aerial tankers because drones were spotted flying in restricted zones; where drones have flown over or landed in secure locations, including the grounds of the White House; and where drones have posed potential safety and security challenges at events around the country. The FAA is scrambling to get registration rules in place before Christmas. The Consumer Electronics Association has forecast that 700,000 drones will be sold this holiday season. The members of the working groups will decide which drones will require registration. Toys and small drones that don't present a safety threat are likely to be exempt. / ENVIRONMENT: Federal scientists using new technologies have mapped a Cold Water Climate Shield, an area spanning five western states that could support viable populations of native species if the region continues its warming trend. Scientists say mapping the cold-water refuges for cutthroat trout and threatened bull trout could help resource managers make decisions aimed at preserving populations of those and other cold-water dependent native species in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Wyoming. Scientists say streams in the region have warmed up about a degree over the last three decades and are getting hotter. Advances in stream temperature sensors

and environmental DNA sampling, a new way to find out what species inhabit a stream, have allowed scientists to create the detailed maps. \prime

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EDUCATION, CRIME, HEALTH: Are you one of the thousands of people who opened your hearts and your wallets in the wake of this month's shootings at Umpqua Community College? More than half-a-million dollars has been pledged to support survivors and the families of the victims. Now, the Greater Douglas United Way and the U-C-C Foundation have started distributing the first round of support. The Douglas County District Attorney's office is helping to identify those individuals and families with the most immediate needs as well as most important efforts to help the community heal. The first distribution to victims and their families totals \$120,00 to help pay for expenses that include extended hospital stays, travel expenses, destroyed school supplies, high phone bills and other unmet needs. The Salvation Army is also administering a grant to assist Umpqua Community College students and staff who were on campus at the time of the event. The Greater Douglas United Way and the U-C-C Strong Foundation are continuing to accept donations for future distributions. / LOW-INCOME. HOMELESSNESS: The newest addition to the area's affordable housing inventory holds its grand opening later this morning. Bascom Village in northeast Eugene includes 53 one through four bedroom units designed for rental by working families seeking financial and housing stability. The apartments are being rented at below-market rates to people with incomes equal to 50 percent or less of the area's median income. Planning for the \$10.5-million affordable housing project involved the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Lane County in partnership with close to half a dozen government, non-profit and private partners. They include the Housing and Community Services Agency of Lane County (HACSA), Cornerstone Community Housing, ShelterCare, Habitat for Humanity, Sponsors, Centro Latino Americano and NEDCO. KeyBank was the primary lender, providing eight-million dollars in equity using low-income housing tax credits and arranging a \$5.8 million construction loan. Other financing partners who stepped up included the City of Eugene, Oregon Housing and community Services, the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle and the Eugene Water and Electric Board. Demand for affordable housing remains strong in Lane County. Phase II of Bascom Village is in development and is scheduled for completion next fall. The rents, which start at \$405 dollars for one bedroom units and range up to \$610 for the four-bedroom apartments, attracted a crowd of hundreds when managers began accepting reservations and the waiting list remains open. Bascom Village also has a large community room, an on-site laundry, a playground, monitored bicycle storage and a community garden. / EDUCATION: High school graduation rates for most states continue to improve, according to preliminary data released this week by the Obama administration. The Education Department says preliminary data indicate 36 states saw higher graduation rates for the 2013-2014 school year, with the biggest gains in Oregon, Delaware, Alabama, West Virginia and Illinois. But officials say Oregon's

improvement to a 72 percent graduation rate comes as the state struggles with one of the nation's lowest high school completion rates. The nation's overall graduation rate stands at 81 percent, an all-time high. The majority of states also are showing gains for black and Hispanic students. Education Secretary Arne Duncan said the numbers were encouraging. Final graduation rate data will be released next spring. / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, CRIME: An expanding investigation into Volkswagen's emissions-cheating scandal launched by state attorneys general could last years and will likely end in a negotiated settlement. Forty-five states, including Oregon, and the District of Columbia have joined the review, investigating how VW was able to game emissions tests to hide that its "Clean Diesel" cars emitted smog-causing exhaust up to 40 times dirtier than the law allows. The attorneys general are likely to seek compensation for consumers and redress for environmental harm, building their own investigations under state laws that protect consumers from deceptive trade practices and set clean air standards. Volkswagen has already admitted wrongdoing, affecting roughly a half million cars in the United States. Several states have assumed leadership roles, including Oregon. At this stage, no one knows what any final settlement would entail. In pushing for redress, states will confront an economic reality: They want to compensate consumers and punish VW - but not help lead the company into insolvency. / HEALTH: The American Cancer Society is revising its advice on when women should start getting mammograms and how often. The updated guidelines recommend annual breast cancer screenings at age 45 instead of 40 and switching to every other year at age 55. The New York Times notes the update comes from one of the most respected and influential groups in the continued breast cancer screening debate. The changes reflect increasing evidence that mammography is imperfect, that it is less useful in younger women, and that it has serious drawbacks, like false-positive results that lead to additional testing, including biopsies. It's a big chance for the society, which for years took an aggressive approach to screening. This change moves the American Cancer Society closer to guidelines from an influential task force that recommends starting routine screening at age 50. It's not a one-size-fits-all recommendation. Both groups say women's preferences should also be considered. And it's worth noting the advice is for women at average risk of breast cancer. Specifically, it recommends that women start having mammograms at age 45 and continue once a year until age 54, then every other year for as long as they are healthy and are expected to live another 10 years. Doctors generally recommend more intensive screening for higher-risk women. The update also drops a recommendation for routine physical breast exams by doctors. The organization also said it no longer recommended clinical breast exams, in which doctors or nurses feel for lumps, for women of any age who have had no symptoms of abnormality in the breasts. The guidelines were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.; A landmark government-funded study is taking a critical look at the most common treatment for schizophrenia—and questioning whether it is the best approach. The New York Times reports that the findings, from by far the most rigorous trial to date conducted in the United States, concluded that schizophrenia patients who received smaller doses of antipsychotic medication and a bigger emphasis on one-on-one talk therapy and family support made greater strides in recovery over the first two years of treatment than patients who received the usual drug-focused care. The New York Times reports that more than two million people in the United States have a diagnosis of schizophrenia. The treatment for most of them mainly involves strong doses of antipsychotic drugs that blunt hallucinations and delusions. But that approach can come with unbearable side effects, like severe weight gain or debilitating tremors.; An Oregon clinic is facing a negligence lawsuit from the family of an Oregon woman who died four days after a procedure meant to relieve her migraine headaches. The Eugene Register-Guard reports that the family of 47-year-old Springfield woman Christine Port filed a \$2.2

million wrongful death lawsuit last week. The suit accuses Dr. Miguel Estevez of negligence in his treatment of Port when she became short of breath after a 2013 optical nerve block procedure. The case's other defendant is Neurology Associates of Eugene-Springfield, which does business with Oregon Neurology Associates. According to the suit, Oregon Neurology Associates was negligent in failing to train its employee in advanced life support and other inadequate responses to Port's reaction. The medical clinic declined to comment on allegations in the lawsuit.; Blake Shelton is suing In Touch Weekly magazine for claiming he was going into rehab. Shelton filed a lawsuit claiming defamation in Los Angeles yesterday. He's asking for more than \$1 million in damages over what he says is a false story. In Touch's cover story in late September said Shelton was drinking heavily and his actions contributed to the end of his marriage to Miranda Lambert. Shelton's lawsuit says he asked for a retraction but got no response. In Touch's representatives did not immediately return requests for comment. / IMMIGRATION: Slovenia's government says it plans to boost capacity at reception centers for migrants to up to 14,000 beds. An interior ministry spokesman says the last 24 hours have been the "most difficult, the most challenging" in Slovenia's effort to deal with the thousands of migrants reaching the country since Hungary closed its border with Croatia on Saturday. That border closing has forced migrants to find new routes toward Germany and western Europe. / ECONOMY: The latest report on housing starts shows a 6.5 percent increase. The Commerce Department says a 17 percent surge in multi-family housing — which includes apartments — accounts for almost all of that increase. New construction and sales of existing homes surged in the first half of the year, but tight inventories, rising prices and the absence of meaningful wage gains have capped growth. Stocks have opened lower on Wall Street. / ENVIRONMENT: A Grant County man fatally shot a wolf while hunting coyotes south of Prairie City. Oregon State Police Lt. Bill Fugate said Monday that the man reported the killing to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife on Oct. 6. Police met with the hunter and recovered the wolf from private property. Wolves are protected by the state Endangered Species Act, and the Grant County district attorney will decide whether to file any charges. The male wolf was originally from the Umatilla River pack in northeast Oregon. / ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT: A coastal city in Oregon will be using a survey to determine if short-term vacation rentals should be regulated by the city. The Daily Astorian reports that Gearhart City Manager Chad Sweet says the city has received more than 30 letters from each side in the rental debate. He says more than 10,000 people come through Gearhart through rentals. Some residents are annoyed by the proliferation of short-term rentals and people who don't participate in the community, while others are profiting from the business. City Councilors have agreed to gather data by surveying Gearhart residents, either through an insert in water bills or a separate postcard. Sweet says options range from doing nothing to full restrictions. He will present a draft of the survey at the council's November meeting. / ECONOMY: Amazon is suing more than 1,000 people for advertising their services writing fake reviews for as little as \$5 as it seeks to crack down on bogus reviews on its site. The complaint filed in Washington State Superior Court marks the latest effort by the online powerhouse to crack down on fraud on its site. In April, Amazon sued several sites that offered to produce reviews. In the current litigation, the company is going after writers of the reviews themselves who have accounts on freelance marketplace Fiverr.com. They don't name them in the complaint because they're working to determine their identities. In a statement Amazon says the complaint is not against Fiverr.com but against individuals selling reviews and says the vast majority of the reviews on its site are authentic. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The federal government will require many drone aircraft to be registered. The move is being prompted by a growing number of reported close calls and incidents that pose safety risks. The government says pilot sightings of drones

have doubled since last year, including sightings near manned aircraft and major sporting events, and interference with wildfire-fighting operations. Federal Aviation Administration chief Michael Huerta says the reports "signal a troubling trend." He says registration will increase pressure on drone operators to fly responsibly, otherwise "there will be consequences." To work out details, the FAA and the Transportation Department are setting up a 25- to-30-member task force including government and industry officials and hobbyists. They'll recommend which drones should be required to register and which should be exempted. The intent is to design a system that makes it easy for commercial operators to comply. Toys and small drones are likely to be exempt. Drones that weigh only a pound or two or that can't fly higher than a few hundred feet are considered less risky. Heavier ones and those that can fly thousands of feet pose more of a problem.; Selfdriving cars have faced one of their most rigorous tests yet: an interstate in busy northern Virginia. The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute demonstrated its automated vehicle technology Monday on the I-95 Express Lanes. Officials say it is the first time that driverless technology this advanced has been tested on an actual highway. Still, the demonstration was highly controlled: It occurred at midday, when the express lanes were otherwise empty, as they were in the midst of the reversal process from northbound to southbound. And the technology does not yet allow a driver to completely check out. A driver must remain behind the wheel, but the specially modified Cadillac SRX conducted lane changes on its own and adjusted speeds to account for simulated traffic and construction zones. /

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POLITICS: Congressman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin says the clock is ticking. He says his GOP colleagues have until Friday to come together and embrace him as their consensus candidate for speaker of the House or his offer is off the table. Hardline Republicans, like the Freedom Caucus, have forced out current speaker John Boehner and the man who wanted to be his replacement, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. Freedom Caucus member Scott Perry of Pennsylvania says Ryan has to campaign for the position. ; Jim Webb says he is dropping out of the Democratic race for president. Webb was unhappy with his appearance at this month's Democratic debate, complaining that he did not get the chance to make his views fully known to viewers. Webb trailed badly in the field that includes Hillary Rodham Clinton and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. Webb has been polling in the back of the pack with former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley and former Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee. / IMMIGRATION, SAFETY. CRIME: Germany's foreign minister is warning that new conflicts must not be allowed to emerge between the countries that formerly made up Yugoslavia because of disputes about the handling of Europe's immigration crisis. In recent months, hundreds of thousands of people fleeing war and poverty have been streaming through the western Balkans, which saw a series of wars in the 1990s. EU and Balkan leaders have been invited to attend an emergency mini-summit Sunday to address the migrant crisis.; San Francisco supervisors have reaffirmed the city's status as a sanctuary city, nearly four months after a woman was killed by a Mexican national who had been released from jail despite federal requests to detain him for deportation proceedings. San Francisco's Board of Supervisors have unanimously approved a resolution urging the sheriff not to participate in a detainer-notification system that asks jails to let Immigration Customs and Enforcement officials know when an inmate of interest is being released. / CRIME, ELDERS: Prosecutors say he took close to \$30,000 from an elderly client, promising to secure a Lane County building permit and add a master bedroom to her house. But he never secured the permit, never started construction, and the woman-who was 89 at the time of the scam-died before 47-year-old Patrick Scott Cartwright fully faced justice. But this month, Cartwright was sentenced to five years in prison for his crimes—a mandatory sentence for aggravated theft because his victim was over the age 65. Prosecutors say the homeowner who hired Cartwright through a church friend. But officials with the Construction Contractors' Board say the case underscores the need to check references, get multiple bids, and be suspicious when something seems too good to be true. They say people are often tempted to skip those steps when dealing with an acquaintance or friend of a friend. At the time of the project, investigators sat Cartwright was working under a license obtained by his wife under the name of Northwest General Contractors. The Construction Contractors Board (CCB) suspended the company's license in September of 2012, after it found the

business had employees but lacked workers' compensation insurance. Construction Contractors' Board officials say Patrick Cartwright had been previously cited for working as an unlicensed contractor. Because Cartwright worked under a license, the business had purchased the required \$20,000 surety bond. The victim's family was able to access the bond and recover \$20,000 of their losses. If you suspect a construction scam, call local law enforcement agencies or the CCB at 503-378-4621. The CCB licenses approximately 33,000 contractors. Consumers can verify a contractor's license or report unlicensed contractors at www.oregon.gov/ccb / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION: It provides hikers, bikers and horseback riders some desperately-needed safety improvements after a couple of tragic accidents. There's an event planned for this afternoon to celebrate enhanced safety crossings at three locations along the Row River Trail. Row River Trail is part of the Oregon Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway; it begins in downtown Cottage Grove and continues for 17 miles, passing Dorena Lake and ending at the Culp Creek Trailhead.But the BLM-owned pathway crosses Row River Road in three locations—including spots where the speed limit for vehicles is 55 miles per hour. Lane County partnered with the BLM, with input from the City of Cottage Grove and the help of a federal grant, to create the improvements. They include a tunnel at Milepost Four to allow users to safely get to the other side of the fast-moving vehicles on the nearby roadway. The tunnel is 18 feet wide, more than 70 feet long and 10 feet high. For those who choose to cross above ground there and at Milepost 5.4, infrared sensors will activate rapid flashing beacons to warn motorists of people crossing the road. The trail also has been realigned at both locations to allow trail users a better view of oncoming traffic prior to crossing.; A crash has closed Highway 58 approximately five miles west of Oakridge near Milepost 30. There is no detour at this time. Travelers should expect an extended closure for a law enforcement investigation. ; Toyota is recalling 6.5 million vehicles worldwide for a defective power window switch that can overheat, melt and lead to fires. The Japanese automaker says the recall includes 2.7 million vehicles in North America, 1.2 million in Europe and 600,000 in Japan. It involves the Yaris, Corolla, Matrix, Camry, RAV4, Highlander, Tundra and other models. One injury in the U.S. has been reported related to the defect.; Safety advocates are taking issue with auto safety legislation being considered by Congress. The head of the National Highway Traffic Safety administration says one bill that's the subject of a House committee hearing today would effectively give automakers control over the disclosure and timing of recalls. Another bill would force the government to remove truck and bus company safety ratings from a public website. / CRIME, SAFETY: The city of Troutdale has paid nearly \$4,000 to acquire the rifle used in last year's shooting at Reynolds High School. Freshman Jared Padgett killed a Reynolds High classmate, then himself, with an AR-15 rifle he stole from his older brother. The brother, Lucas Padgett, went to court this summer, asking a judge to order the city to return his property. The judge ruled that city police had to return the rifle unless it could prove it was still being held as evidence. The City Council last week approved paying the brother \$3,950 for the rifle, ammunition and other items recovered at the scene. Mayor Doug Daoust said Tuesday that the action will help the city in its healing process. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: Public health advocates in Multnomah County want the Board of Commissioners to raise the minimum age to purchase cigarettes from 18 to 21. The Oregonian reports advocates told commissioners yesterday that many minors get cigarettes from older friends, but often don't have friends who are over 21. Commissioner Jules Bailey supported the idea, while other commissioners did not comment. / TRANSPORTATION: Eugene Airport officials say the city airport's popular "flying people" artwork will temporarily be moved to Lane Community College so the airport's \$16.8 million expansion project can proceed. The Eugene Register-Guard reports that the iconic art installation officially titled "Flight Patterns" will be displayed at the college's David Joyce

Gallery until they can be returned to the airport. / EDUCATION, POLITICS. RACISM: Student senators at the University of Mississippi have voted to ask the school administration to remove the Mississippi flag from campus because it contains a Confederate battle emblem that some say is an offensive reminder of slavery and segregation. The vote to adopt the nonbinding resolution was 33-15. with one senator not voting. Administrators on the Oxford campus will consider it later. / HEALTH, SAFETY: President Barack Obama will take steps to improve doctor training and ease access to drug treatment as part of an effort to help communities battling the scourge of heroin and prescription painkiller abuse. A White House official says Obama will detail the moves Wednesday on a day trip to Charleston, West Virginia. Obama is due to meet with law enforcement officials, drug counselors and advocates at a community center. West Virginia has the highest rate of overdose deaths in the U.S. — more than twice the national average. That's according to a report by the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Nationally, the number of people who reported using heroin within the past year almost doubled from 2002 to 2013. ; A Portland dispensary is out \$2,500 after the state fined the establishment for allowing a vendor to give away marijuana concentrates and pre-rolled joints in the parking lot on the opening day of recreational marijuana sales. The Oregonian reports that the fine against Cannacea is the first disciplinary action against a dispensary since recreational sales began Oct. 1. Oregon Health Authority officials say the dispensary allowed marijuana products to be given away in its parking lot and that Cannacea failed to check the identification of people receiving the swag to be sure they were 21 or older or that they were medical marijuana patients. Marijuana concentrates and edibles are currently off-limits to recreational customers. Tisha Siler, who was cited as the one responsible for the store, paid the fine in full. / HEALTH, EDUCATION< ECONOMY: An Oregon university devoted to bringing high quality medicine to rural areas recently opened its second rural campus "hub" site. The Herald and News reports that Oregon Health & Science University officially opened of its Rural Campus Academic Headquarters in Klamath Falls Monday. The first hub is in Coos Bay. The campuses are meant to make it easier for rural Oregon communities to recruit physicians, pharmacists, dentists and other health care providers. Klamath Falls Regional Associate Dean Dr. Joyce Hollander-Rodriguez says students will be more likely to return to rural areas to practice if they have been exposed to the region while learning the profession. Six students started the Klamath Falls program last month. University officials say they may consider a third hub in northeast Oregon in the future. / EDUCATION, SPORTS: The Pac-12 has become the first major conference to integrate studentathletes into its official voting governance structure. The conference announced Tuesday that it is adding the Pac-12 Student-Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) to conference athletic directors, faculty athletic representatives and the senior woman administrators as the newest subgroup of the Pac-12 Council. SALT will be made up of 24 athletes, with two from each school, who will attend every Pac-12 council meeting. Its first meeting as an official subgroup will be Wednesday in San Francisco and members will join their delegations for the Pac-12 council meeting the next day. The Pac-12 CEO group voted in October 2014 to including student-athletes in the formal governance process. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Oregon authorities say the massive rock threatening to fall from a cliff onto Highway 58 has now been secured. The Eugene Register Guard reports that a contractor for the Oregon Department of Transportation has botted down the 150-ton rock, which had been separating from the cliff face above the highway east of Oakridge. Workers from Rock Supremacy of Bend climbed the 75-foot cliff and used a wagon drill to make seven holes in the rock. They used steel reinforcement bars to secure it in place. The \$32,000 project was declared a success after strength tests. : Investigators say a Lowell man was critically injured in vesterday morning's accident on Highway 58 a few miles west of Oakridge. It happened around 6:30 in the morning, when a 2002 Ford pick-up traveling westbound on the highway lost power and came to a stop in the lane of travel. Oregon State Police say the driver. 31-year-old Steven White of Lowell, got out of the vehicle and walked around to the passenger side to speak through the open door to his passenger. That's when investigators say an Oldsmobile sedan operated by 48-year-old Springfield man came up behind the disabled pick-up. The driver told police he wanted to swerve to the left but there was oncoming traffic so he swerved to the right to try to squeeze between the vehicle and the guardrail. But his car struck White. Steven White was rushed to the hospital. His passenger and the other driver were uninjured. Investigators say that at the time of the crash, it was dark and there were no lights activated on the pick-up truck. The investigation is continuing.; Officials with the Lane County Sheriff's Office are thanking drivers on Interstate Five in Creswell yesterday evening for reporting an incident involving a suicidal man on the East Oregon Avenue overpass—and stopping traffic on the busy interstate until the situation was resolved. It happened shortly after 6:00 p.m. when investigators say they received calls about a 27-year-old white male standing outside the overpass' protective fence. Deputies responded along with the Oregon State Police and South Lane County Fire and Rescue. They were able to safely secure the man to the fence and bring in a ladder truck while a deputy trained in crisis negotiation was able to convince the man to come down and receive mental health evaluation and treatment.; Mazda says it is recalling 1.2 million older cars and minivans in the U.S. because ignition switches could overheat and catch fire. The recall covers seven models of vehicles that were manufactured during certain years in the 1990s. Mazda says it put too much grease on electrical contact points in the switches when the cars were manufactured. The grease can carbonize and reduce electrical insulation, raising the risk the switches might overheat, causing smoke and a possible fire. Mazda says the problem doesn't affect the cars' operation or safety devices and that there are no reports of crashes or injuries. The recall will start in December. ; U.S. safety regulators say eight people have died and 98 people have been injured by exploding air bag inflators made by Takata Corp. Those injured have suffered cuts to the neck, loss of eyesight and

hearing and broken teeth, according to representatives of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, who gave the updated totals this morning at a public meeting on the problem. About 23.4 million Takata driver and passenger air bag inflators have been recalled on 19.2 million U.S. vehicles sold by 12 auto and truck makers. The agency is moving toward taking over management of the massive recalls to speed up repairs. / TRANSPORTATION. ECONOMY: Eugene Airport officials say the "flying people" on airport walls will temporarily be moved to Lane Community College so the airport's \$16.8 million expansion project can proceed. The Eugene Register-Guard reports that the iconic art installation officially titled "Flight Patterns" will be displayed at the college's David Joyce Gallery. The artwork was created by the late LCC art instructor David Joyce. It features seven panels and more than 100 black-and-white photo cutouts of local people in flying poses. Airport spokeswoman Cathryn Stephens says no final decision has been made about where, when or if the artwork will return to the airport. She says the wall configuration will be very different after the expansion project. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: In southern Oregon, Miners are asking the federal government to intervene and prevent the state from shutting down certain types of mining in wild salmon rivers like the Rogue. The Mail Tribune reports that a consortium of mining interests filed a lawsuit Monday challenging the state's five-year ban on most suction dredging. The group says federal mining laws override state restrictions on federal lands. The suction dredging ban is set to begin in January. In-stream work usually begins in mid-June. The Oregon legislature passed a bill in 2013 that placed restrictions on dredging. It was designed to end after this year, with the assumption that lawmakers would then craft permanent rules—but they never did. If a lawmaker introduces legislation to keep dredging restrictions on the table, analysts say the interim limits might be allowed to continue without a problem. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Congressman Paul Ryan seems all but assured of becoming the next House speaker after vesterday receiving the backing of a majority of the House Freedom Caucus, a conservative group whose support he said he required before considering a bid for the chamber's top job. Meeting late Wednesday, around two-thirds of the hardline conservative group's three dozen members voted to back the Wisconsin Republican's bid for the House's top job. The group's vote essentially means the speaker's post is Ryan's for the taking when the House formally chooses a new leader next week. The Freedom Caucus' vote fell short of the 80 percent margin the group requires for an official endorsement, which Ryan had earlier demanded as a condition of seeking the post. But in a written statement afterward, Ryan erased any doubt that he considered their vote a green light to run. ; Vice President Joe Biden said yesterday he will not be a candidate in the 2016 White House campaign. The announcement came before reporters in the White House Rose Garden, as Biden spoke about his and his family's mourning after the recent death of his son, Beau. The vice-president noted the grieving process does not match the political calendar. And he said that while he said his family are emotionally prepared to undertake a grueling presidential campaign, they arrived at that decision too late for him to mount a credible bid for a job that has long been the object of his political ambitions. Flanked by his wife, Jill, and President Barack Obama, Biden observed, quote, "Unfortunately, I believe we're out of time." Biden notably did not endorse a candidate in the Democratic race. But his decision solidifies Hillary Rodham Clinton's status as the Democratic front-runner. The primary race now will likely settle into a two-person contest between Clinton and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. Biden's decision also gave Clinton a boost as she headed into her testimony this morning before a Republican-led House committee investigating the deadly attack on Americans in Benghazi, Libya, three years ago. With Biden out of the race, Clinton's campaign sees the hearing as a final hurdle before she can fully focus on early voting contests in Iowa, New Hampshire and elsewhere. / TERRORISM, POLITICS, ELECTIONS: The

Democrats and Republicans on the House Benghazi committee are clashing with one-another as they take testimony from former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. The committee chairman — Congressman Trey Gowdy of South Carolina — accuses Clinton and the Obama administration of withholding information, including Clinton's emails, about what happened in Washington, D.C., following the attacks that left four Americans dead. The top Democrat, Congressman Elijah Cummings of Maryland—is offering a vigorous defense of Clinton and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy — the California Republican who credited the committee with driving down Clinton's presidential poll numbers. Clinton is the front-runner for her party's nomination in 2016. She's told the committee that there were "no delays in decision-making" and "no denials of support" immediately after the deadly 2012 attacks on the U.S. compound in Benghazi. / CRIME, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A 22-year-old man will spend close to three years on probation after pleading guilty in connection with for seriously injuring a University of Oregon distance runner in a 2012 freeway overpass rock-throwing incident. Hayden Ray Tabor pleaded guilty last week to two counts of Assault III, two counts of Reckless Endangering, Throwing an Object off an Overpass, and Criminal Mischief I. He was sentenced to 36 months of probation and potential of 60 months prison if he violates his probation. Earlier this week, a 22-year-old Sutherlin man was sentenced yesterday to nearly six years in prison for the incident. Matthew Logan McKinney received his mandatory 70-month sentence after pleading guilty to charges that included two Measure 11 counts of second-degree assault. The Register-Guard reports McKinney also pleaded guilty to multiple counts of reckless endangerment and third- and fourthdegree assault, and single charges of throwing an object off an overpass and firstdegree criminal mischief. The victims, runners Molly Grabill and Chris Brewer, did not attend McKinney's sentencing hearing in Roseburg. The athletes were traveling north on Interstate 5 when McKinney tossed a large rock that shattered the windshield of Grabill's car, striking Grabill in the face. The car spun out of control and overturned after the rock knocked Grabill unconscious. She suffered a broken jaw and other head and facial injuries, and was hospitalized for two days afterward and spent months recovering. Brewer also was taken to a hospital after the crash, although his injuries were far less serious than those sustained by Grabill. Both men are expected to be required to pay more than \$27,400 in restitution. / HEALTH, EDUCATION, SAFETY: Marijuana use among U.S. adults doubled over a decade, rising to almost 10 percent or more than 22 million mostly recreational users, government surveys show. Researchers say the numbers from the 2013 survey trend reflects a cultural shift and increasingly permissive views about the drug. They note that other studies have shown increasing numbers of adults think marijuana should be legalized. Two years later, recreational use is now permitted in four states, including Oregon—which is also among 23 states that allow medical marijuana. But public health officials say while the numbers indicate people can use marijuana without harm, there are risks to some users who remain vulnerable to becoming dependent on the drug. While there was a slight decline from a decade ago, almost 1 in 3 users had signs of marijuana dependence or abuse. The study found that marijuana use increased among all ages but was most common in adults aged 18-29. Teen marijuana use is also higher: About 23 percent of high school students had used the drug during the previous month before the survey was conducted. / HEALTH: A new study on knee replacement surgery says people with knees worn out by arthritis can get more pain relief from joint replacement, but there are less drastic approaches that also could help. The study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine found that after one year, patients who had surgery improved twice as much as those who instead had physical therapy or other nonsurgical treatment. But there were more complications with surgery, including serious deep vein clots and infection. Some doctors view the study results as a clear victory for surgery. But other

medical experts advise trying other things before considering surgery, such as weight loss, physical therapy, exercise and medicines. Out of 100 patients observed by researchers in Denmark, two-thirds of those not given surgery still had meaningful improvement, and a quarter of them ended up having surgery within a year. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: It's crunch time for thousands of small business owners who must comply with requirements of the health care law for the first time. Companies with 50 to 99 full-time workers must offer affordable insurance to employees and their dependents starting Jan. 1. They must also file tax forms with the government by Jan. 31 detailing the cost of their coverage and the names and Social Security numbers of employees and their dependents. While companies of all sizes subject to the law must file the forms, smaller businesses without big staffs to handle the paperwork may have to hire someone to do it — at a cost of hundreds or thousands of dollars. /

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HEALTH, SAFETY, CIVIL LIBERTIES: A nurse who had contact with Ebola patients in West Africa and was guarantined at a New Jersey hospital when she returned has sued New Jersey's governor, Chris Christie, and that state's health officials—saying they illegally held her against her will. The American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey and a New York firm filed the federal civil rights lawsuit in Newark for Kaci Hickox. The suit seeks at least \$250,000 in compensatory and punitive damages, and Hickox's lawyers say they hope the case will change a quarantine policy they allege was driven by politics, not by public health concerns. The 34-year-old Hickox, who now lives in Oregon, was working with Doctors Without Borders in Sierra Leone during last year's Ebola outbreak, which killed thousands of people. When she returned via Newark's Liberty International Airport she was stopped, questioned and sent to stay in a tent outside a Newark hospital despite having no symptoms of the disease, which is spread through direct contact with the bodily fluids of an infected person who's showing symptoms. The White House and medical groups criticized the quarantine plans in New Jersey and New York. Hickox said Christie's decision to quarantine her was made out of fear rather than solid science and medical criteria and was politically motivated. While she did not elaborate. Christie has since then entered the Republican presidential race. A spokesman for Christie's office says they are not commenting because it is a pending legal matter. But Christie said last year he was doing his duty to keep people safe. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS< TERRORISM: Hillary Clinton wrapped up more than 11 hours of testimony yesterday evening in front of the House committee investigating the 2012 attacks on a U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya. And toward the end of the marathon session, the Democratic presidential candidate expressed hope that statesmanship will overcome partisanship as lawmakers investigate the incident that killed four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya. Clinton was the sole witness at the hearing and this was the fourth hearing since the committee formed in May of 2014. Amid guestioning that often bordered on a courtroom-style interrogation. Clinton avoided any major gaffes and at points dipped into her campaign arguments, declaring that the U.S. must promote American exceptionalism around the globe and not shirk its responsibility to lead the world community. Republicans touched on a wide range of issues, from the U.S. role in Libya and how the Obama administration initially portrayed the attacks, to the dozens of emails Clinton received from longtime political confidant Sidney Blumenthal. But the hearing surfaced little new information and landed no blows to Clinton's presidential aspirations, leaving Republicans without a memorable moment to promote as Clinton approaches the first primary contests. The hearing likely did nothing to change the minds of Republicans or other voters who already distrusted and disliked Clinton. But there were some early signs that it might have her solidify support within her party, with some donors and activists

who were backing other primary candidates pledging their support for Clinton after the hearing. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee is ending his Democratic presidential campaign. In prepared remarks before an appearance before the Democratic National Committee, Chafee said he is dropping out. Chafee delivered a widely panned debate performance earlier this month. He has struggled to raise money and gain traction against Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Bernie Sanders. The former U.S. senator called himself a "block of granite" when it came to issues during the debate and has highlighted his opposition to the Iraq war. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Oregon State Police investigators would like to hear from any drivers who might have witnessed vesterday's fatal accident on Interstate Five northbound near the Highway 58 interchange. The crash killed a Springfield man, 62-year-old James Roy Mullins. It happened just before ten a.m. when witnesses said a tan 2001 Saturn Sedan driven by Mullins collided with a black 2015 Dodge Pickup. The Saturn lost control and rolled over, coming to rest in the lanes of travel. The driver of the pickup was not injured. The accident blocked the freeway's northbound lanes for several hours while officials cleared the wreckage and conducted their investigation. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has filed a lawsuit against GNC, accusing the retailer of selling dietary and nutritional supplements that contain ingredients not approved for sale in the U.S. The lawsuit focuses on two ingredients - picamilon and BMPEA. Picamilon is a synthetic chemical used as a prescription drug in some countries to treat neurological conditions. BMPEA is chemical similar to amphetamine and the World Anti-Doping Agency has banned its use by athletes. GNC officials say they no longer sell products containing those ingredients. The company said it took that step in response to Food and Drug Administration statements about the regulatory status of the ingredients. Another retailer, Vitamin Shoppe, reached an agreement with Rosenblum earlier this year in which it agreed to stop selling products that contain BMPEA.; Federal health officials are warning doctors and patients that two hepatitis C drugs from AbbVie can cause life-threatening liver injury in patients with advanced forms of the disease. The Food and Drug Administration says it will require AbbVie to add new warnings to Viekira Pak and Technivie after reported deaths and liver transplants in patients who already had liver damage caused by hepatitis C. The warning could reshape the growing field of high-priced drugs to treat the virus. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Agriculture officials in the Northwest say they're concerned about the continuing spread of an invasive beetle known as the Brown Marmorated stink Bug. The pest, which was accidentally imported from Asia, has been moving west from the East Coast, where over the past two decades it's caused millions of damage to fruit orchards. berry fields and other crops. The stink bugs name stems from how they smell if they're crushed—like dirty socks, according those who've caught a whiff. But now, scientists from Washington State University say they've learned that a parasitic wasp that's also from Asia might be able to help control the pest. The tiny female wasps lay eggs inside clusters of brown marmorated stink bug eggs. After a wasp egg hatches, the larva eats the stink bug host, and then bursts out as an adult wasp, WSU officials said. Even better, the wasp doesn't sting. It's being studied under quarantine to ensure it doesn't pose a threat to some of our more benign local insects. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Hurricane Patricia is headed toward southwestern Mexico as a monster Category 5 storm. That is the strongest ever in the Western Hemisphere. Forecasters said it could make a "potentially catastrophic landfall" later in the day. Residents of a stretch of Mexico's Pacific Coast from Puerto Vallarta to Manzanillo—a coastline dotted with resorts and fishing villages—spent yesterday boarding up homes and buying supplies ahead of Patricia's arrival. With maximum sustained winds near 200 mph (325 kph), Patricia is the strongest storm ever recorded in the eastern Pacific or in the Atlantic, said Dave Roberts, a hurricane specialist at the U.S. National Hurricane

Center. The storm is forecast to make what the Hurricane Center called a "potentially catastrophic landfall." Patricia's power was comparable to that of Typhoon Haiyan, which left more than 7,300 dead or missing in the Philippines two years ago, according to the U.N.'s World Meteorological Organization. Mexican officials declared a state of emergency in dozens of municipalities, calling for evacuations and closing schools. The Hurricane Center in Miami warned that the storm could cause coastal flooding, destructive waves and flash floods. Patricia also poses problems for Texas. Forecast models indicate that after the storm breaks up over land, remnants of its tropical moisture will likely combine with and contribute to heavy rainfall that is already soaking Texas independently of the hurricane, making a bad situation worse. / ECONOMY: The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has approved preliminary rules to govern Oregon's retail marijuana system once it's fully operational next year. The rules approved Thursday limit the size of growing operations and prohibit medical and recreational stores under one roof. The on-site use of marijuana will prohibited, and delivery of pot will face stiff restrictions. Stores began selling marijuana to adults 21 and older earlier this month. Those dispensaries are operating under temporary authority from Oregon's medical marijuana program. By 2017, all stores selling to the general population will have to abide by the OLCC's rules.; Colorado's attempt to create a bank to service its marijuana industry has received a setback from the Federal Reserve. The guardian of the U.S. banking system said in a court filing Wednesday that it doesn't intend to accept a penny connected to the sale of pot because the drug remains illegal under federal law. The filing came in a legal battle between the Federal Reserve and a would-be credit union backed by the state of Colorado that would serve the industry. Last year, the U.S. Treasury Department issued rules for how banks can accept pot money. But the Federal Reserve now says marijuana proceeds can't go into the banking system. The would-be Fourth Corner Credit Union was set up last year to serve Colorado's \$700 million-a-year marijuana industry. But it can't open without clearance from the Federal Reserve. / HEALTH, ANIMALS: A horse at Oregon State University's veterinary hospital has been diagnosed with equine influenza. The Corvallis Gazette-Times reports the infected horse has been moved to an isolation facility and other horses are being monitored. Until the risk of infection is over, the hospital is only accepting horses that need emergency help. The hospital doesn't expect to treat horses for non-emergencies until Monday at the earliest. Equine influenza is a highly contagious respiratory disease that is generally not fatal. It can't be transferred to other animals. / ENVIRONMENT: A spectacular planetary conjunction this morning as Venus hangs in the eastern sky with Jupiter close by to the lower-left and Mars just a bit below and to the left of that. /

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CRIME, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, SAFETY, HEALTH: Nonprofits in Roseburg, Oregon, have distributed the first round of money that flowed into a relief fund following the mass shooting at Umpqua Community College. Organizers from the UCC Strong Fund distributed \$145,000 to victims, their families and the Salvation Army last week. The fund was created by Greater Douglas United Way, the UCC Foundation, Umpqua Bank and the Ford Family Foundation after the Oct. 1 shooting. A gunman killed nine and injured nine others before killing himself following a shootout with police. Distributing the money has brought out mixed emotions. United Way director Bryan Trenkle told the Roseburg News-Review. "We're able to bless them with some financial assistance, but at the same time they want their loved ones back," Trenkle said. "Money can't replace that.... We met with one mom and she said 'All I want is my child back." Members of the organization went to the homes of 24 families to hand-deliver money. Contributions came from all 50 states, Trenkle said. The fund administrators plan to distribute money in several more waves, but details are still being worked out. Separate fundraising efforts also are under way. One local man, Justin Troxel, is selling steel signs in the shape of Oregon, with a heart cut out over Roseburg. His fund has raised more than \$500,000 so far. The organizers of the UCC Strong Fund said they will also work to ensure that families continue to be aided in the future and will work with administrators of other benefit funds to avoid duplicating efforts. "There are more victims and people impacted than just the people in the room or even the people on campus," said Brian Prawitz, who helps oversee communications for the fund. / HEALTH: The Washington Post reports that a research division of the World Health Organization announced today that bacon, sausage and other processed meats can cause cancer, and that red meat probably does, too. The report by the influential group represents one of the most aggressive stances against meat taken by a major health organization, and it is expected to face stiff criticism here in the United States. The Port reports the World Health Organization conclusions are based on the work of a 22-member panel of international experts that reviewed decades of research on the link between red meat, processed meats, and cancer. The panel reviewed animal experiments, studies of human diet and health, and cell mechanisms that could lead from red meat to cancer. But the panel's decision was not unanimous, and by raising lethal concerns about a food that anchors countless American meals, it will be controversial. The Washington Post reports the \$95 billion a year U.S. beef industry has been preparing for months to mount a response and some scientists, including some unaffiliated with the meat industry, have guestioned whether the evidence is substantial enough to draw the kinds of strong conclusions that the international panel did. The American Cancer Society, for example, notes that many studies have found "a link" between eating red meat and heightened risks of colorectal cancer. But it stops short of telling people that the meats cause cancer.

Likewise, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, the federal government's advice compendium, encourage the consumption of protein foods such as lean meats as part of a healthy diet. Regarding processed meats, however, the Dietary Guidelines do offer a tentative warning: "moderate evidence suggests an association between the increased intake of processed meats (e.g., franks, sausage, and bacon) and increased risk of colorectal cancer and cardiovascular disease," the guidelines say. The Dietary Guidelines stop well short of saying processed meats cause cancer, however. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: A new study says the typical student in the nation's big-city public schools spends between 20 and 25 hours a school year taking standardized tests — and roughly 112 mandatory exams from preschool through high school. The study, from the Council of the Great City Schools, comes amid a new era of Common Corealigned testing that's been met with loud dissent from parents, teachers and others. Researchers analyzed actual test-taking time, so that doesn't include the hours devoted to prep ahead of testing required by the federal government, states or local districts. It also didn't include daily classroom quizzes and tests in reading, math, science, foreign languages and other subjects. The issue is the subject of a White House meeting today between President Barack Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan. On Saturday, in connection with the study's release, President Barack Obama called for capping standardized testing at two percent of classroom time. The president acknowledged that the government shares some responsibility for an over-emphasis on testing. But he said federal officials would work with states, schools and teachers. But the Obama administration still supports annual standardized tests as an essential assessment tool, and both the House and Senate versions of an update to No Child Left Behind law would continue annual testing. But the rewrite legislation would let states decide how to use test results to determine what to do with struggling schools. Differences between the two bills still need to be worked out. / CRIME, COMMUNITY. MINORITIES: About 6,000 federal drug felons are set for early release around Nov. 1 because of new sentencing guidelines. The intention is to shorten sentences of people considered low-level and non-violent offenders. Many were imprisoned in the years before drug laws changed to reduce sentences for such offenders. Analysts say slightly more than 41-hundred drug felons are destined for various points in the U.S. and its territories, while the rest are expected to be deported. According to the U.S. Justice Department, while some states such as Texas might see more than 500 inmates released—and well over 200 in places like California, North Carolina and Illinois, only 13 drug felons would be affected in Oregon. / HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL RIGHTS: In the absence of a federal law banning discrimination against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people, there is a sharp split among the states, with some enacting such protections and a majority opting not to. According to LGBT-rights advocacy groups, here's the latest breakdown: 28 states have no explicit statewide protections for sexual orientation and gender identity: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming. 17 states and the District of Columbia prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing and public accommodations: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington. Three states prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations: New Hampshire, New York, Wisconsin. The laws in these states don't encompass gender identity. However, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is issuing an executive order that will soon extend protections to transgender people. Massachusetts prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation

and gender identity in employment and housing and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in public accommodations. There's an effort underway to extend the public accommodation protections to transgender people. Utah prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment and housing. Its law doesn't cover public accommodations. / POLITICS: The honeymoon might be over before it even begins for House Speaker-in-waiting Paul Ryan when he is elevated to the top job this week. The Wisconsin Republican, on track to prevail in secret-ballot GOP elections Wednesday and in a full House vote Thursday, would take over at a moment of chaos notable even for a Congress where crisis has become routine. Lawmakers are racing toward a Nov. 3 deadline to raise the federal borrowing limit or face an unprecedented government default, and there is no plan in sight for averting it. Crucial highway funding authority is about to expire, requiring a short-term extension that no one supports. And early December will bring the next chapter in the government shutdown wars, with a must-pass deadline for spending legislation and the threat of continued political brinksmanship. It's all happening amid fierce fighting among Republicans, on Capitol Hill and in the presidential campaign, as angry voters demand change and establishment-aligned politicians do battle with outsiders and hard-liners. This is the atmosphere that produced Ryan's candidacy for speaker after the incumbent, Congressman John Boehner, announced his resignation under conservative pressure, and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy abruptly bowed out of competition for Boehner's job. That led party leaders to draft a reluctant Ryan. Now Ryan, the GOP's 2012 vice presidential nominee, will face immediate - and perhaps competing - tasks: passing must-do debt and spending bills likely to be opposed by a majority of Republicans, even while he attempts to unite a badly fractured House GOP. / CRIME: Was she drunk? Stoned? Mentally ill? An attorney representing a 25year-old woman accused of driving her vehicle into the crowd at a weekend homecoming parade for Oklahoma State University says his client had, quote, "no real response whatsoever" when he told her that four people were killed. Tony Coleman told NBC's "Today" show this morning that Adacia Chambers was hospitalized two years ago for an unspecified mental illness. He says he believes Chambers was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of Saturday's crash, but instead was mentally ill. But Stillwater Police Capt. Kyle Gibbs said authorities believe Chambers was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Gibbs told ABC's "Good Morning America" this morning that authorities have not seen signs of mental illness in Chambers, though she has made no statements to investigators so far. Gibbs says 17 people remain hospitalized, including five in critical condition. / RACISM, MINORITIES, EDUCATION: The University of Mississippi has stopped flying the state flag on its Oxford campus because Mississippi's banner contains the Confederate battle emblem that some see as a painful reminder of slavery and segregation. The school's interim chancellor ordered the flag lowered Monday morning. The action came days after the student senate and other groups adopted a student-led resolution calling for removal of the banner from campus. Since 1894, the Mississippi flag has had the Confederate battle emblem in the upper left corner. Residents chose to keep the flag during a 2001 statewide vote. The public display of Confederate symbols has been widely debated since the June massacre of nine black worshippers at a church in South Carolina. / HEALTH, POLITICS, ECONOMY: Opponents of the Affordable Care Act say they won't let go. They're taking their latest challenge of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul to the Supreme Court, filing a new appeal today. The Pacific Legal Foundation contends the law violates the provision of the Constitution that requires tax-raising bills to originate in the House of Representatives. They say if they lose this one, they'll keep filing other appeals. The court has already turned back two major challenges. / ECONOMY: The average price of gasoline has dropped 10 cents over the past two weeks, to \$2.24

a gallon. Here in Eugene-Springfield, the average stands at \$2.28. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg reports Sunday that prices have fallen 63 cents in the past 19 weeks. Lundberg says the price slide could end if crude costs remain close to current levels. In the Lower 48 states, the highest average price of regular gasoline was \$2.87 per gallon in Los Angeles. The lowest was \$1.85 in Charleston, South Carolina. The U.S. average diesel price is \$2.56 per gallon, down a penny from two weeks ago. /

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HEALTH, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY: The Register-Guard is reporting that Springfield-based PacificSource Health Plans and Portland-based Legacy Health are joining forces. In vesterday's announcement, the companies said their goal is to rein in soaring health care costs while also improving care. The chief executive with Legacy says the Portland health care nonprofit organization will pump \$250 million into health insurer PacificSource over the next few years. In return, it will own half of PacificSource. The Register-Guard reports a new entity being set up by PacificSource will retain the other half of the health insurer. Writer Ilene Aleshire notes that the deal comes as hospitals, health insurers, the federal government and many state governments nationwide are struggling for ways to simultaneously improve health services and peoples' health while curbing the rapid increase in health care spending. PacificSource employs about 700 people. It has about 3,900 employers throughout the Northwest as clients. Legacy has five hospitals, laboratory services and a research institute, as well as primary care and specialty clinics — and employs more than 10,000 people. CEOs with both companies say the partnership will not have any impact on the relationships the two organizations already have with other providers and insurance companies.; The cost of a benchmark plan on HealthCare.gov will increase an average 7.5 percent for 2016 coverage, but the increase is even larger in Oregon, But officials say most Americans will be able to buy a plan for less than \$100 a month, after tax credits. Monday was the first day people could see 2016 prices on the website established under President Barack Obama's health care law. A new sign-up season starts Sunday, and consumers can start browsing now as they prepare to buy. Rates increased by double digits in some states using the federal marketplace, including Oregon, where there will be a more than 22 percent increase for the second-lowest cost or "silver" plans offered in 2016. Why the jump? Analysts say insurers in many states had underpriced their plans and are raising rates because of medical inflation and higher claims than expected. Those increases do not take into account advance premium tax credits, which lower the monthly costs for the overwhelming majority of Marketplace consumers. The government reports about 8 in 10 individuals who selected a 2015 Marketplace plan qualified for financial assistance, and the average advance premium tax credits for those enrollees who qualified for financial assistance was \$270 per month. Open Enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace for those who are eligible starts on November 1st and runs through January 31st. But if you want your coverage to be in place by January 1st, you'll need to sign up by December 15th. / VETERANS, SAFETY, HEALTH: The Eugene Police response to a March 9-1-1 call that ended when an officer fatally shot a veteran in emotional crisis is the topic this evening at a meeting of the Eugene Civilian Review Board. The panel will discuss the shooting of Brian Babb. The 49-year-old Babb, a former captain in the Oregon Army National Guard, was shot and killed by Officer Will

Stutesman after Stutesman said Babb pointed a scoped, high-powered hunting rifle at him from the doorway of his west Eugene home. The incident prompted many questions in the community about the department's handling of the call and prompted the department to make a series of reforms to improve its response to residents in emotional crisis. The deadly encounter occurred less than an hour after Babb's therapist called 911 to report that Babb, who suffered from severe post-traumatic stress disorder and a traumatic brain injury, was suicidal and had fired a gun in the house. Earlier this month, Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns announced that his sworn officers followed department policies during their response but called Babb's killing a, quote, "tragedy for his family and our community." The Eugene Civilian Review Board meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Harris Hall in the County/City Administration Building at the corner of Eighth and Oak Streets in Eugene. Kerns' report found that Stutesman acted within policy when he shot Babb due to an "immediate threat of serious injury or death," echoing the finding of former Lane County District Attorney Alex Gardner, who earlier found the officer wasn't criminally liable for the killing. Babb's family members and the therapist, Becky Higgins, have criticized the department for escalating the situation by calling for an armored response and rescue vehicle, known as a BearCat, during its response and interrupting Higgins' efforts to calm Babb over the phone by using the vehicle's loudspeaker to order him out of his house unarmed. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Investigators say October is peak time for deer migration across Oregon and leads to the largest number of "deer versus vehicle" collisions of any month. On Monday, Oregon State Police troopers responded to an accordent on Highway 20, three miles west of the Central Oregon city of Sisters, after a collision between a car and a buck mule deer. It happened around 7:30 in the morning when the deer apparently tried to cross the highway ahead of a car driven by a 79-year-old Terrebonne woman. Investigators say the deer jumped and crashed through the woman's windshield. The driver brought her vehicle to a safe stop and police say she was lucky: the deer's antlers struck the steering wheel, preventing it from coming the rest of the way into the passenger compartment. The driver survived with minor injuries. The deer did not. / POLITICS: House Speaker John Boehner is pushing for the approval of a two-year budget and a raising of the debt limit before the new House speaker, Paul Ryan, is sworn in on Thursday. This morning, Republicans will discuss the bipartisan plan, which came about following behind-the-scenes negotiations last night between Boehner and the White House. But its success depends on the reception it gets from restive Republicans, including archconservatives who forced Boehner out. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Fiat Chrysler is recalling nearly 94,000 SUVs because the air conditioning lines are too close to the exhaust manifold and could catch fire. The problem affects certain 2015 Jeep Cherokees. The automaker is also recalling 2015 and 2016 model year Ram pickups because the rear axle shafts could break and cause a wheel to separate. General Motors is recalling 1.4 million vehicles that can leak oil and catch fire because of a degrading valve cover gasket. The problem was recalled before, but repairs didn't' work. / EDUCATION, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: It's one thing to sequence human DNA but the folks at Oregon State University are taking their genetics a little more personally. The school's mascot is the beaver so they want to become the first Pac-12 institution to sequence their mascot's genome. No, they won't be using DNA from one of the students who inhabits the costume. Instead, they're sampling DNA from a four-year-old beaver, named Filbert, who was born and raised at the Oregon Zoo. When they complete their work, Filbert will be the first of his species to have his DNA analyzed. Why is that important? By understanding what genes are present and how they function. scientists say they'll gain insight into beaver populations, their diseases and where the animal sits on the tree of life. The oldest evidence of beaver in North America is a pair of teeth, estimated to be 7 million years old, found in the John Day Fossil

Beds National Monument in Eastern Oregon. Beavers are distinctive for their orange teeth that enable them to relentlessly chew on trees and for their dambuilding activities that shape habitats across the continent. Determining the actual structure of the DNA will take only a few days, but researchers will spend months analyzing the chemical building blocks, known as base pairs, which comprise all of the genes and other parts of the genome. But genetic research like this costs money so the scientists and students at OSU started a crowdfunding campaign managed by the OSU Foundation. We've put a link on the Tracy Berry newsroom Facebook page. Look up tracykknu to find out more. To contribute toward the \$30,000 goal, see create.osufoundation.org/seqthebeav. The campaign is in its final days and could use some last-minute donations. / CRIME, SAFETY, POLITICS: The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is voting on an ordinance requiring video recordings of all gun and ammunition sales, footage that could later be used in criminal investigations. The proposal on Tuesday's agenda led the city's only gun shop to announce in September that it would close for good rather than subject customers to any surveillance requirements. The ordinance would also require vendors to submit a weekly report to police on ammunition sales, including the type and amount of ammunition bought and information identifying the buyer. The provision applies to vendors who sell in San Francisco, or deliver to addresses in San Francisco. Chicago officials approved a similar requirement last year. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) -- Bracing for a tsunami like the one that devastated Japanese communities during a 2011 megaearthquake, coastal communities from British Columbia to California have been grappling with how to protect people from a similar catastrophe. One of those towns is constructing the nation's first structure built as a vertical tsunami refuge. Two years ago, voters in Westport, Washington and other communities in the school district approved a \$13.8 million bond to build a new elementary school that would be reinforced to withstand a big earthquake and have a tsunami evacuation area on the gym's rooftop. "We have no natural high ground," said Paula Akerlund, superintendent of the Ocosta School District, located on a peninsula, noting that they have 20-30 minutes between a quake and a tsunami to get to higher ground. That's "impossible." The new school is being built on a small ridge, which will put the reinforced roof of the gym above the highest tsunami surge expected by scientists. It is expected to be completed in March. The devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan was a reminder of a mirror-image threat lurking just off the Pacific Northwest coast: a 600-mile-long fault that has not produced a major quake since 1700 but could do so any time. The fault is called the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Newport, on Oregon's central coast, is turning a 90-foot-tail forested hill into a tsunami evacuation area. "Safe Haven Hill," as its being called, will have lighted walkways to the top so evacuees can find their way at night. Seaside, on Oregon's northern coast, has some natural high ground for evacuees but it also has bridges likely to collapse during a big earthquake, cutting off escape to thousands of people. Many coastal communities are strapped for cash, a factor in planning. Even though Seaside is one of the most vulnerable communities on the Oregon coast, voters rejected a \$129 million bond to move three schools to safer ground. Federal money helped moved high school students out of the tsunami zone in Waldport, on Oregon's central coast, into a new school on high ground. The old school was "smack dab" in the tsunami zone and "had some quake safety issues," said Dennis Sigrist, Oregon's hazard mitigation officer. In Curry County, on Oregon's border with California, voters two years ago approved a \$10 million bond issue to replace an aging hospital that faced closure. The new hospital is going up on the same lot as the old one, in the city of Gold Beach. / CRIME: An Oregon man with a lengthy rap sheet faces charges of stealing equipment from the Bureau of Land Management to settle a debt. The Register-Guard reports that court documents say 45-year-old Larry Alan Larsen of Springfield gave methamphetamine and a tractor stolen from a BLM maintenance

yard to a Josephine County resident. Larsen was released from prison in early 2014. Authorities say he stole a Ford truck from an Albany auto dealership and drove it through a fence at the BLM property in April. The charging documents say Larsen conspired with four other people to carry out the theft. He is the only one being held in jail because he was indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: A Roque River jet boat excursion company won't be operating out of TouVelle State Park anymore amid criticism from anglers on the upper portion of the river. The Mail Tribune reports the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department notified the owner of Rogue Jet Boat Adventures, Taylor Grimes, that his one-year pilot project permit wouldn't be extended. The permit to run the 10-passenger boat for up to four trips a day lasts through October. State park officials decided to end the pilot project after reviewing comments from the public. Some of the comments from tour customers praised the service, while other boaters and anglers voiced dissatisfaction with the operation. Grimes says he believes his operation was targeted by river groups that don't support the upper Rogue as a multi-use river. Outdoor retailer Recreational Equipment, Inc., known as REI, has announced it will buck Black Friday and close its 143 stores on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The Kent-based co-op told members the plan in an email Monday, saying instead of working they'll pay their employees on Nov. 27 to be outside. REI also created the social media hashtag #optoutside and a website where people can share their outdoorsy plans for that day. The National Retail Federation said fewer people shopped over Thanksgiving weekend last year due to early discounts, more online shopping and a mixed economy. A \$2 billion-a-year company, REI has been named by Fortune Magazine as one of the top 100 companies to work for. / HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A new federal rule forbids airline passengers from packing electronic cigarettes or other battery-operated electronic smoking devices in their checked bags to protect against in-flight fires. The rule still allows e-cigarettes in carry-on bags, but passengers cannot recharge the devices while on the plane. The Department of Transportation said there have been at least 26 incidents since 2009 in which e-cigarettes that have caused explosions or fires, including several in which the devices were packed in luggage. Usually, they have been accidentally left on or the battery short-circuits. At Los Angeles International Airport in January, a checked bag that arrived late and missed its connecting flight caught fire in the luggage area due to an overheated e-cigarette packed inside. The rule goes into effect within the next two weeks. /

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CRIME: Eugene Police say they're investigating a murder-suicide that was reported early yesterday morning in the 2300 block of Compton Street, in a neighborhood near North Park Avenue and the Northwest Expressway. It came after police were called shortly after three a.m. to what was reported as a burglaryin-progress. But they say they found a deceased woman and, after a search nearby, the body of a man by a pond—the victim of an apparent suicide. Police say as they investigated they learned the two had previously been in a relationship. They have identified the woman as 43-year-old Athena L. Slavin and the man as 44-year-old Jeffrey Brian March. The Lane County Medical Examiner will determine their cause and manner of death. / ENVIRONMENT. TRANSPORTATION: A big weekend storm is heading for Oregon, bring the threat of high winds and heavy rains to the coast and valleys and heavy snow to the higher elevations of the mountains. / COMMUNITY, FAMILY: Halloween is coming and a range of community activities are planned to give kids and families a safe place to have fun.; One of Springfield's most popular events returns when City Hall opens its doors to trick or treaters on October 30 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Returning this year, kids and parents can join magician and balloon animal expert Jay Frasier in the main City Hall lobby for a free performance starting at 4:00. Residents are encouraged to bring their kids in costume and have some fun walking from department to department collecting goodies. This year's event to include additional stops inside City Hall.: Valley River Center also offers a safe. warm, dry atmosphere for trick-or-treating on Halloween night. Stores will greet children at the their storefronts to pass out candy between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. There are expected to be 1,500 children in costume trickor-treating throughout the center. / ECONOMY, WOMEN: Abby Wambach (WAHM'-bahk), the leading career scorer, male or female, in international soccer, announced her retirement from soccer shortly after the U.S. national team celebrated its Women's World Cup victory at the White House. The 35-year old. who grew up in Rochester, New York, has appeared in 252 international matches with 184 goals. She will play the final four matches of the national team's 10-game victory tour before stepping away from the team. Her final match will be Dec. 16 against China in New Orleans. / SAFETY, MILITARY: Oregon authorities are investigating an explosion inside a World War II-era tank that left two people dead. The blast occurred Tuesday afternoon at a public gun range east of Bend. Paramedics tried to save the victims but they died from their injuries. No names have been released. Deschutes County Sheriff Shane Nelson tells KTVZ-TV that rescuers were able to speak with one of the victims before death. There was no word on what caused the explosion, but Nelson says video was being shot around when the blast occurred that could help them learn more about what happened. The station showed footage of the tank in a field. Authorities said there is no risk to the public. Detectives from the sheriff's office and the Oregon State Police

Arson and Explosives Section are investigating. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Expect the 10 poll-leading candidates participating in the third Republican presidential debate to highlight rising tensions in the unsettled field. Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson is surging past Donald Trump in Iowa and one-time front-runner Jeb Bush faces pressure to prove he's still a viable candidate for the GOP nomination. They may take aim one another during the debate that takes place in Boulder. Colorado, and will be broadcast at five p.m. on CNBC. The four other candidates meet earlier this afternoon. Carson has been a low-key presence in the previous GOP debates, but he's likely to get more attention in Wednesday's debate after a series of preference polls show him atop the field in Iowa. Trump has shown he's eager to take on Carson, jabbing him for his understated style and raising questions about his faith. Meanwhile, Bush will be grasping for momentum after one of the most trying stretches of his White House campaign. The 2016 voting starts Feb. 1 in Iowa. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: They floated the idea on Friday and the public quickly slammed it down. Now, The Register-Guard reports members of a divided Lane County Board of Commissioners yesterday delayed a vote on pay raises for almost all the county's nonunion managers and supervisors, saying they need more information and that the public needs to better understand the proposal. The proposal would give raises over three years for 215 managers and supervisors. The Register-Guard's weekend story noted that the largest increase would go to department directors at the top of their pay scale, who would see their pay rise over the next three years to \$140,284 from the current \$122,657, a 14.4 percent increase, the article explained. Lower-level management employees would see smaller increases in their pay ranges, typically around 4 percent. Overall, the pay-scale increases would cost an estimated extra \$867,000 in county's next annual budget. At yesterday's meeting, some commissioners blamed county residents for not reading past the headline on the Register-Guard article or understanding the incremental nature of the raises proposed. The board continues its discussion on the plan in December, / CRIME, SAFETY. CIVIL RIGHTS: President Barack Obama yesterday defended police officers who have come under increased scrutiny.

The president was appearing before the International Association of Chief of Police, which held its annual meeting in the president's hometown of Chicago. Obama said the men and women who risk their lives to provide security are wrongly "scapegoated" for failing to deal with broader problems that lead people to commit crimes. The president said unemployment, poor education, inadequate drug treatment and lax gun laws are not the responsibility of police officers. Obama also blamed the news media's tendency, quote, "to focus on the sensational," saying it helped to drive a wedge between police officers and a public they take an oath to protect and serve. He called for rebuilding the trust that once existed between them. Obama delivered his speech amid a roiling national debate about officers' treatment of potential criminal suspects following the deaths of unarmed black men in New York, Missouri and elsewhere by police. He opened his remarks with a tribute to slain New York City police officer Randolph Holder as hundreds of officers streamed into his wake. The 33-year-old Holder died last week after being shot in the head by a man he and his partner were chasing. A suspect is in custody on charges of murder and robbery in Holder's killing.; President Obama also argued for fairer sentencing laws as part of his push for a more effective criminal justice system. He said that while he has no sympathy for violent offenders, America every year wastes billions of dollars that could be better spent to keep non-violent offenders behind bars. And following this month's deadly shooting at Umpqua Community College, Obama also used to appearance to push for new steps to reduce gun violence, such as requiring national background checks for every firearms purchase. The police chiefs' association supports such checks. / CRIME: Eugene Police are awaiting results from Lane County's medical examiner as they investigate an apparent murder-suicide that was reported early

yesterday morning. It was called in as a burglary-in-progress in the 2300 block of Compton Street, in a neighborhood near North Park Avenue and the Northwest Expressway. But investigators say they say they found a woman's body in the home and, after a search, found the body of an man by a neighborhood pondvictim of an apparent suicide. They have identified the woman as 43-year-old Athena L. Slavin and the man as 44-year-old Jeffrey Brian March. Police say they learned the two had previously been in a relationship. / HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME, FAMILY, POLITICS: Saying Eugene is facing an affordable housing crisis, Mayor Kitty Piercy is calling on members of the city council to vote on a resolution today. It would ask Governor Kate Brown to declare a housing "state of emergency" in Oregon. Piercy says it's a problem affecting cities up and down the West Coast and that Eugene would be joining forces with Portland in making the request to the governor. Piercy says waiting lists are long for available affordable housing units and that the numbers of homeless people in need are steadily increasing. She says while communities are working on local solutions, the affordable housing and homeless problems require a statewide approach. / FAMILY, CRIME, SAFETY, ECONOMY: To the north of us, Linn County officials are reminding parents of all middle- and high- school students that marijuana remains illegal for minors, even though adults can now buy it in stores. The Albany Democrat-Herald reports that the letter says children are susceptible to peer pressure and have constant access to friends through social media. It adds that children found in possession of marijuana or under the influence will be referred to authorities. The letter notes that 53 percent of children referred to the Juvenile Department for marijuana possession are between 13 and 15 years old. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Ford is recalling 129,000 midsize SUVs in parts of the U.S. and Canada to fix potential fuel leaks. The company says the recall covers the 2009 and 2010 Ford Edge and Lincoln MKX. In places where salt is used to clear the roads of snow, the fuel tanks can rust under the reinforcement brackets that hold them to the SUVs. This can cause a fuel leak or activate the check engine light. A leak could cause a fire. Ford says it doesn't know of any fires caused by the problem. Dealers will inspect the fuel tanks and repair or replace them at no cost to customers. The recall covers 21 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. In Canada, seven provinces are covered.; Under pressure from U.S. safety regulators, BMW's Mini brand is recalling more than 86,000 cars because the power steering could fail. The recall covers the Mini Cooper and Cooper S models from 2002 to 2005. BMW says in documents filed with regulators that the power steering can fail because of manufacturing or other issues. If that happens. manual steering remains but it would take greater effort to steer. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began investigating the cars in 2010 after getting 339 complaints including five minor crashes and three fires involving melted wires. BMW at first extended steering warranties, but last month the agency sought a recall. BMW agreed but said the problem wasn't an unreasonable safety risk. Dealers will replace power steering parts if needed starting in December.; A federal accident investigations board says the recall system for faulty tires is "broken" because manufacturers have no way to contact most tire owners. They're calling for mandatory registration of new tires. The National Transportation Safety Board says only about one in five recalled tires are removed from the road through the recall process. The board said the problem is that most independent tire dealers don't register the tires they sell with the manufacturer. That makes it difficult for manufacturers to determine who owns the tires and to contact them. About 500 people are killed and 19,000 injured in some 33,000 tire-related accidents each year. Investigators say it's not possible to tell how many of those accidents involved recalled tires rather than tires that hadn't been properly maintained. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: It's a big push to enhance health and wellness services in communities they serve. Non-profit Catholic health care organizations PeaceHealth and Providence Health & Services have unveiled

an effort to collaborate on some key health initiatives. Their first priority is just outside the Portland metro area, developing a health and wellness center, featuring rehab, fitness, primary care and other services in Vancouver. Washington, Providence and PeaceHealth also plan to explore jointly providing services such as health screenings and educational offerings in other communities they serve. It comes as health providers are looking for opportunities to work together as a means of managing costs by improving the health and wellness of their customers. / VETERANS, SAFETY, HEALTH: The Register-Guard reports members of a citizens' review board last generally agreed with the Eugene Police Department's actions that resulted in an officer fatally shooting a military veteran who was in an emotional crisis. But the R-G reports members of the panel acknowledged the police missed some opportunities. The city's Civilian Review Board reviews the use of force by officers. The panel also agreed that the directives and policy changes that arose out of the March 30 incident may save lives in the future. But The Register-Guard reports they delivered a stinging critique of the investigation of the shooting by an interagency team of Lane County law enforcement agencies. The meeting occurred after Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns announced that the responding officers followed department policies and procedures during the March 30 incident and outlined a series of steps to improve the department's response to individuals in a mental health crisis. Eugene police officer Will Stutesman shot and killed Brian Babb on March 30 after the officer said Babb, who was suicidal, pointed a hunting rifle at him. Babb's therapist. Becky Higgins, had called police to Babb's West Eugene home after receiving a call from him. Babb was a veteran who served with the Oregon Army National Guard and suffered severe post-traumatic stress disorder and a traumatic brain injury. Higgins, who remained on the phone with Babb during the incident, and Babb's family have been critical of the on-scene commander's decision to bring in an armored rescue and recovery vehicle and use its loudspeaker to order Babb to come out of the house unarmed. Higgins said Babb was calming down in his conversation with her — progress that ended with the loud hailing and led to Babb's angry tirade that preceded the fatal shooting. Kerns concluded the armored vehicle afforded an officer an elevated position to look over a fence and keep an eye on the front door, and the hailing, while it may have aggravated Babb, alerted his roommate and allowed him to leave the home safely. Neither Police Auditor Mark Gissiner nor the board said they had major qualms about the officers' response. But they identified what they said were missed opportunities that might have led to a different outcome. Board member Eric Van Houten said that an offer by the roommate to talk to Babb once the roommate left the home went unheeded, for example. They also questioned why officers didn't draw back from the home after the roommate exited, to de-escalate the situation. The onscene commander has said he was considering this but didn't have time to act before Babb came to the door for the final time.

Continuing to hail Babb over the loudspeaker "seemed inconsistent with trying to de-escalate something," Gissiner said. "They had all the time in the world." The board did criticize the investigation conducted by the Lane County Interagency Deadly Force Investigation Team — with one board member suggesting the inquiry did a disservice to all involved and that Eugene may want to end its participation in the team.

"The gaps are appalling," board member Chris Wig said. Officers preserved the scene until the interagency team's leaders arrived nearly three hours later, lost time that Gissiner said may have cost the investigation because of nightfall. Investigators didn't test the rifle for fingerprints to verify that Babb held the weapon, although Gissiner said there's no evidence that the weapon was planted. Investigators also did not conduct a walkthrough of the incident with Stutesman after the shooting, a standard practice. They didn't attempt to verify the claim by the driver of the armored vehicle — Stutesman's collaborating witness — that he

saw Babb raise his rifle. "We don't have nearly that level of forensic evidence gathered at the scene," Denner said. "It's all, 'This is what we saw, this is what happened." However, board members expressed confidence in the recommendations for policy changes that arose out of the inquiries that followed the investigation into the shooting. "I do believe there will be different outcomes," board member Steven Buel-McIntire said of future police responses to individuals in crisis. "I'm encouraged." / ECONOMY: Walgreens confirmed Tuesday that it will buy rival pharmacy chain Rite Aid for about \$9.41 billion in cash. The Wall Street Journal first reported news of the deal. Walgreens says it will pay \$9 per share for Camp Hill, Pennsylvania-based Rite Aid Corp. That's a premium of 48 percent to the closing price of Rite Aid Monday. The deal is worth \$17.2 billion when debt is included, the companies said. Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc., based in Deerfield. Illinois, is the largest U.S. drugstore chain, based on store counts. Rite Aid is the third largest. The deal expected to close in the second half of next year. / HEALTH: Federal health officials have approved a first-of-a-kind drug that uses the herpes virus to infiltrate and destroy skin cancer tumors. The Food and Drug Administration approved the injectable drug from Amgen for patients with hard-totreat melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer that affects about 74,000 new patients annually. The drug, Imlygic (Em LYE Gick), is injected directly into tumor tissue, where it uses herpes as a Trojan horse to slip past and rupture cancer cells. The drug combines a gene snippet meant to stimulate the immune system with a modified version of the herpes simplex virus — the kind that causes mouth cold sores. Despite the drug's groundbreaking approach, FDA officials stressed it has not been shown to extend life. Instead, some patients on the drug saw their tumors shrink. / ENVIRONMENT, ELECTIONS: A bill to outlaw ivory sales stalled in the Oregon Legislature earlier this year, so animal welfare advocates are taking their cause directly to voters. The measure would go even further, aiming to end the sale of products derived from a variety of endangered or heavily poached animals, including elephants, rhinos, lions, sea turtles and sharks. It comes as other states, and the federal government, look to end much of the legal market for ivory. By making most ivory illegal to sell, the proponents hope to tamp down demand for exotic animal parts and discourage poaching in Africa and Asia. But critics say criminalizing the sale of parts from animals killed long ago will do nothing to stop the poachers responsible for the brutal killings of elephants and other animals today. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: A new poll finds the high cost of prescription drugs for critical diseases is an issue that the vast majority of Americans agree on. The poll by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation finds that 77 percent of those surveyed rate keeping drugs for cancer, hepatitis, HIV and other conditions affordable is their top health priority. The sentiment crosses all party lines. / POLITICS: It'll be a busy day for lawmakers in the House today. They're expected to vote on a bipartisan two-year budget and Republicans are set to nominate Paul Ryan as their new speaker. Democratic and Republican leaders in the House and Senate are urging lawmakers to back the budget, which would resolve fights over defense and domestic spending and federal borrowing until early 2017. / EDUCATION: America's schoolkids are slipping in math. The 2015 Nation's Report Card shows that math scores have slipped for fourth and eighth graders over the last two years, and reading grades are not much better. The report suggests that students have a ways to go to demonstrate a solid grasp or mastery of their reading and math skills. And it's found a continuing achievement gap between white and black students. /

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COMMUNITY, HOMELESSNESS: Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy wants the city council to approve a resolution asking the state for help alleviating homelessness. Council members are scheduled to vote Wednesday on the mayor's request. Piercy originally wanted the council to request that Gov. Kate Brown declare an emergency. She's now seeking a resolution that asks the state to convene a work group and spend more money to address the issue. The Register-Guard reports that Piercy changed her resolution after talking to the governor's staff. She says the governor typically declares a state of emergency in response to a natural disaster, and the request must come from the county, not the city. Piercy's move comes as she is pushing a community-wide discussion about "travelers" who gather in groups on sidewalks and other public spaces downtown. / ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT: It could help drive redevelopment in the old Eugene Planing Mill district on the northwest edge of downtown. Last night marked the grand opening of Venue 252, an event space near 3rd and Lawrence Streets in Eugene. The brainchild of Market of Choice owner Rick Wright, his wife, Debbie and the Ausland Group, it's transformed one of the old planning mill buildings into a venue that can accommodate up to 770 seated guests or a reception of close to 1,300. It also takes advantage of Wright's Market Catering, is handling all of the food and beverage service at the location. The venue has already hosted a number of events while crews were applying the final touches. It's seen a range of dinner events, fundraisers, weddings and church services. Another developer has purchased several nearby buildings and plans to upgrade those facilities to attract additional tenants. / SAFETY, CRIME, EDUCATION: Some tense moments early yesterday afternoon when the Springfield Police Department received a report of a possible armed subject in a vehicle in the area of Gateways High School on Main Street. It came after a reported dispute between the vehicles occupants and others in the area. A witness said one of the males in the vehicle lifted his shirt to expose what appeared to be a silver-handled hand gun in his waistband. The information was relayed to school staff who notified the on duty school resource officer. That sent four nearby schools into precautionary lockdown. But police say they located the vehicle and the suspects and stopped them near Springfield High School. And while they recovered a recovered a silver-handled knife, they did not locate a firearm. Police say the 19-year-olds Pharaoh Dezman Dickerson and Cameron Lee Kelly were arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct 2. Dickerson was also charged with Menacing. / SAFETY, MILITARY: Investigators say two men killed by an explosion inside a World War II-era tank at an Oregon firing range were participating in a video shoot in a military vehicle owned by one of the victims. The collector had been filmed previously for shows on the Discovery Channel, the Smithsonian Channel and a video game commercial. A crew was filming the tank firing rounds when the blast occurred Tuesday east of the city of Bend, killing the vehicle's owner, 51-year-old Steven Todd Preston, and

22-year-old Austin Tyler Lee. The cause of the blast remains under investigation and the video is being analyzed. A close friend of Preston's and a fellow tank owner said Preston had fired rounds before and "everything worked fine." The friend told investigators he believe the men were "testing some armor plate" when the explosion occurred. Preston's close friends said he was a military vehicle collector who owned the tank as well as a World War II amphibious vehicle, a Humvee, a military motorcycle and a vintage observation plane. / CRIME. SAFETY: Officials say Oregon State Police were involved in a shooting on Interstate 5 in Salem. Oregon State Police spokesman Lt. Bill Fugate said in a news release that troopers attempted to stop a vehicle near Woodburn at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday. He says the driver tried to elude authorities by continuing south at a high rate of speed. A shooting that involved officers reportedly took place a short time later near Kuebler Boulevard in Salem. A detour was in place for those traveling south on I-5 near Kuebler Boulevard. The Marion County Sheriff's Office is investigating. / ECONOMY: Oregon grocery stores are once again pursuing a ballot measure that would allow them to sell hard liquor. Operating under a group called Oregonians for Competition, grocers filed paperwork for the ballot measure on Wednesday. The initiative would allow liquor sales at stores that currently sell beer and wine, but not at gas stations. Currently, only the state can import and distribute liquor, which is sold at state-licensed stores. Advocates say the initiative would make alcohol purchases more convenient. Critics have said in the past that privatizing the liquor system would make it harder for Oregon's craft distillers to compete for shelf space. Grocers pursued a similar initiative two years ago but dropped it when they ran out of time to collect signatures. Washington voters privatized liquor sales in 2011. / HEALTH. SAFETY: Sanofi is recalling hundreds of thousands of epinephrine injectors used to treat severe allergic reactions because they may not deliver the correct amount of the life-saving drug. The company says the recall includes all Auvi-Q injections currently on the U.S. market, or roughly 490,000 packs of the devices. Most packs include two injectors. Sanofi's product competes with Mylan's EpiPen, which is a staple of firstaid care. Both products are used to treat allergic reactions caused from insect bites, foods, medicines or other substances. About 200,000 people in the U.S. have Sanofi's injector, according to company estimates. Consumers can call 1-866-726-6340 or visit the product's website for information on how to return the injector. They should also contact their health provider to get a prescription for an alternate device. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A U.N. aviation panel has rejected a ban on rechargeable battery shipments on passenger airliners, despite evidence they can cause unstoppable, in-flight fires. Two aviation officials told The Associated Press the International Civil Aviation Organization panel voted 10 to 7 against a ban. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak about the vote publicly. The United States, Russia, Brazil, China and Spain, as well as organizations representing airline pilots and aircraft manufacturers, voted in favor of the ban. The Netherlands, Canada, France, Australia, Italy, United Arab Emirates, South Korea, Japan and the United Kingdom, as well as an international airline trade association, voted against it. U.S. government tests show small quantities of overheated batteries can cause explosions that can disable aircraft fire protection systems.; Congress has passed a bill that delays for at least three years the mandate for railroads to put longsought safety technology in place, and extends the government's authority to spend money on highway programs. The Senate passed the bill by voice vote. The House had passed the measure a day earlier, and it now goes to the White House. Accident investigators say the technology, known as positive train control, could have prevented a deadly Amtrak derailment in Philadelphia last May. Railroads have had seven years to install PTC, but most weren't expected to meet the deadline by the end of this year. The measure allows the government to continue to spend money on highway programs through Nov. 20, buying time for

Congress to pass a longer-term transportation bill. : This UFO wasn't an Unidentified Flying Object — it was an Untethered Flying Object. An unmanned Army surveillance blimp broke loose from its mooring in Maryland yesterday. It floated over Pennsylvania for hours with two fighter jets on its tail. The 240-foot helium-filled blimp was dragging its tether, triggering blackouts as the cable snagged power lines. No one was reported hurt. The blimp finally came down near Muncy, a small town about 80 miles north of Harrisburg. The blimp was carrying sensitive defense technology and radar equipment. Officials are investigating why it broke free. / SAFETY: Wednesday morning at 06:22 AM, Lane Fire Authority responded to a barn fire at 91024 Kirk Road, approximately ½ mile north of the Fern Ridge Dam. Engines and water tenders responded from six LFA stations (Irving, Alvadore, Franklin, Alderwood, Noti, and Veneta) along with three chief officers and a fire marshal, to find a large barn containing 100 tons of hay, 20 tons of milled grain, and commercial grain milling equipment fully involved. The building was a total loss, and two pieces of equipment (a boom truck and a forklift) parked next to the building were also destroyed by the fire. Water was shuttled from a hydrant at the base of Fern Ridge Dam. The fire was contained in less than an hour, but the hay will continue to smolder for days. Due to the recent rains, there was no threat to the surrounding woodlands. There were no injuries, No other structures were threatened. The cause of the fire is being investigated at this time. The dollar loss is still being calculated. / POLITICS: Paul Ryan has been elected speaker of the House, succeeding John Boehner (BAY'-nur), Ryan was backed by most of the hardliners from within the Republican party, although a few cast votes for others -- a reminder that future tensions between the most conservative Republicans and Ryan can't be ruled out. Also among those watching today from the visitors' gallery was Mitt Romney, whose decision in 2012 to make Ryan his running mate vaulted the Wisconsin congressman to national prominence. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Another round of wet fall storms are headed for western Oregon, bringing the potential of clogged storm drains from autumn leaves and debris and potentially challenging driving conditions.;; East of Salem on Tuesday morning, a Sublimity man says he watched in horror as a voung cougar cornered and carried off his dog-an eight year-old Yorkie-from his front porch. State wildlife experts and Marion County law enforcement are investigating and reminding Oregonians about safety around cougars in rural areas According to the ODFW web site, if you encounter a cougar you should: Leave the animal a way to escape. Cougars often will retreat if given the opportunity. Stay calm and stand your ground. Maintain direct eye contact. Pick up children, but do so without bending down or turning your back on the cougar. Back away slowly. Do not run. Running triggers a chase response in cougars, which could lead to an attack. Raise your voice and speak firmly. If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make yourself look larger and clap your hands. If in the very unusual event that a cougar attacks you, fight back with rocks, sticks, tools or any items available. Call authorities if you believe a cougar is frequenting your property. / ENVIRONMENT: Federal officials say huge numbers of juvenile winter-run Chinook salmon have died this year because of California's drought. They fear that brings Northern Calfiornia's endangered species one step closer to extinction. The Sacramento Bee reports the news also raises the specter of more agricultural water cuts in California next summer and restrictions on next year's commercial and recreational salmon fishing seasons. The disclosure by the National Marine Fisheries Service suggests a complicated and controversial effort to save this year's run of salmon may have ended largely in failure, although officials said they wouldn't have definitive numbers until late November or early December. Federal officials sharply curtailed flows of water coming out of Lake Shasta, delaying deliveries of water to hundreds of Central Valley farmers who had already planted their crops, in what turned out to be a futile effort to keep enough cold water in the system to keep as many of the fish alive as possible. It's

the second year in a row that nearly all of the juvenile winter-run Chinook were essentially cooked to death because the water in the Sacramento River got too warm. Officials estimate that last year, only five percent survived long enough to migrate out to sea. Preliminary counts indicate this year's situation is worse. officials said, although they wouldn't quote any percentages. / TRANSPORTATION: Computer problems that delays about 20 Alaska Airlines. flight were being resolved early today, the airline said. Late Wednesday night several computer systems ran into technical problems, including programs for passenger check-in and for pre-flight departure paperwork. As a result, about 20 flights-including some out of Portland-were delayed. But the airline said no major delays or flight cancelations are expected today. Still, the company advised passengers to check the status of their flight before leaving for airports. / RELIGION, EDUCATION: The coach of a Washington state high school football team who prayed at games despite orders from his school district to stop has been placed on paid administrative. Bremerton School District officials said in a statement that assistant football coach Joe Kennedy's leave came after his refusal to comply with district directives that he refrain from engaging in overt, public religious displays on the football field while on duty as a coach. Kennedy has vocally engaged in pregame and postgame prayers, sometimes joined by students, since 2008. But the practice recently came to the district's attention, and it asked him to stop. He initially agreed to the ban, but then, with support from the Texas-based Liberty Institute, a religious organization, he resumed the postgame prayers, silently taking a knee for 15 to 20 seconds at midfield after shaking hands with the opposing coaches. His lawyers insist he is not leading students in prayer, just praying himself. The controversy has focused attention on the role of religion in public schools. Also this week, The Satanic Temple, a non-religious group which has 42 members in its Seattle chapter, suggested that by allowing the coach to continue praying, the district has created a forum for religious expression open to all groups. So it requested permission to perform an invocation on the field after the game. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: She disappeared in 2007. Now investigators-- and more importantly, family and friends-- know what happened. Here's the news release: On October 26, 2015, the Lane County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a motorist who reported seeing a vehicle partially sticking out of the water in a pond located at the westbound Beltline Highway off-ramp to the NW Expressway. Deputies responded and located a vehicle partially submerged in the pond that appeared to have been at the location for an extended period of time. The vehicle was recovered from the water and a records check of the vehicle revealed that it was associated to a person, Linda Lee Perry, who had been reported as Missing Person to the Junction City Police Department in November of 2007. The Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Dive Team also responded to the location on the 26th and the 27th and recovered human remains. The remains have since been identified as Linda Lee Perry by the Oregon Medical Examiner's Office and the next of kin notifications have been made. The investigation of the scene and the remains does not indicate there was any foul play and it is believed this was an accidental vehicle crash resulting in Perry's death. The pond was at its lowest level in a number of years due to the drought conditions, which made the vehicle visible through the murky water.; This was unexpected: That big Wednesday morning barn fire north of the Fern Ridge Dam that burned the structure, 100 tons of hay, 20 tons of milled grain, grain milling and other equipment? It was sparked by wasps known as Mud daubers. Fire investigators say the critters apparently built their nests around an electrical box which caused it to overheat, shorting out the wiring, igniting a rafter that started the fire that gutted the structure. Good sleuthing, fire folk! Damages, incidentally, stand at \$100,000 for the barn and \$150,000 for the contents. I understand the owners had at least some insurance coverage. Interestingly, this is the second such barn fire in our area this year. There was one in the spring where the Mud daubers built nests around the ballast of a light fixture causing it to overheat. Not the sort of thing you'd consider a fire risk. They like warm places. So it's probably worth checking (carefully!) around your electrical wiring and fixtures to ensure you don't have a similar problem developing in your barn or outbuildings. / HEALTH, EDUCATION: We should know more later today about whether it was, in fact, an outbreak of norovirus that closed O'Hara Catholic School yesterday. The Register-Guard quotes a Lane County Heath spokesman who says 16 of O'Hara's staff members called in sick Thursday morning, prompting the school's principal to cancel classes for the day. Health officials say a number of students also reported feeling ill. So the school is closed again today while crews try to determine the source of the outbreak and scrub the building from top to bottom with a chlorine-bleach mix. Norovirus is highly contagious and virus that can cause vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramps. The county health department as well as janitorial and custodial staff from the school began cleaning the building Thursday evening and will continue

their efforts Friday, Davis said. The private pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school has more than 520 students currently enrolled, according to the school website. More than 50 teachers and administrators work there. While Davis said there's no way to be sure, the county is almost positive the outbreak is due to norovirus. Davis said the virus usually is spread when someone accidentally gets traces of stool or vomit from an infected person in their mouth. "It's a fecal-to-mouth virus, so it is transported primarily by fecal matter either in food or hard surfaces," Davis said. "It's not transmitted via the air at all." Davis added that proper hand washing can help to avoid contracting the virus, and that it's a short-lived illness. "Usually people feel better within two or three days of getting sick," Davis said.

The stubborn virus often is present in food preparation areas and can live on hard surfaces for up to six months. Davis said. He added the only sure way to kill it is with a chlorine-bleach mix. The mix is not used in everyday practices as it's somewhat harmful to humans. Students most likely will return to school "early next week," Davis said. An exact return date had not yet been scheduled. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: A teen girl from eastern Oregon has contracted the bubonic plague, health officials said. The Crook County girl is believed to have acquired the disease from a flea bite during a hunting trip near Heppner in Morrow County. officials said. The trip started on Oct. 16, she fell ill five days later and was hospitalized three days afterward. The girl is recovering at a hospital intensive care unit. Her condition isn't known. State and federal epidemiologists are working with local health officials to investigate the illness. No other people are believed to have been infected, officials said. Bubonic plague was prevalent in medieval times, but it is rare today. In recent decades an average of seven human plaque cases has been reported nationwide each year in the U.S., according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Eight human cases have been diagnosed in Oregon since 1995. No deaths have been reported. In 2012, an Oregon man lost his fingers and toes to the plague. He had contracted the disease from his cat after trying to remove a mouse from the cat's throat. The infectious bacterial disease is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other animals or humans through bites. The plague is treatable with antibiotics if caught early, but can be fatal if left untreated. Bubonic plague is the most common form and is characterized by high fever, lethargy and swollen lymph nodes. A plague vaccine is not available at this time. Officials recommend people avoid any contact with wild rodents, especially sick or dead ones, and should never feed squirrels or chipmunks. People should also keep their pets away from wild rodents to avoid infection.; Health authorities offer the following recommendations to prevent plague: Avoid sick or dead rodents, rabbits and squirrels, and their nests and burrows. Keep your pets from roaming and hunting. Talk to your veterinarian about using an appropriate flea control product on your pets. Clean up areas near the house where rodents could live, such as woodpiles, brush piles, junk and abandoned vehicles. Sick pets should be examined promptly by a veterinarian. See your doctor about any unexplained illness involving a sudden and severe fever. Put hay, wood, and compost piles as far as possible from your home. Don't leave your pet's food and water where mice can get to it. Veterinarians and their staff are at higher risk and should take precautions when seeing suspect animal plague cases. For more information about plague, visit: www.cdc.gov/plague/ / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION: Getting ready for winter activities? This is a great time to buy and display your Sno-Park parking permit. Oregon's Sno-Park program helps provide snow removal at about 100 winter recreation parking areas (Sno-Parks) around the state. Sno-Parks are in most of Oregon's mountain passes and in most ski, snowmobile, and snow play areas. A list of Sno-Parks is available at www.tripcheck.com under "Travel Center". If you park in a Sno-Park from Nov. 1

through April 30, you need a valid Sno-Park permit displayed in your vehicle near the lower left corner of the windshield. Parking in a Sno-Park without a permit may result in a fine. There are three types of permits: a \$25 seasonal permit; a \$9 three-day permit good for three consecutive days; and a \$4 daily permit, All DMV offices and many permit agents at winter resorts, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets sell these permits. Private agents can charge an additional service fee. Sno-Park permits issued by California and Idaho are honored in Oregon and Oregon permits are honored in those states. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they have been getting reports from the public about a scam where a caller says they are with the IRS and threatens to arrest you for tax evasion. Eugene Police are continuing to hear of scams in which the perpetrators impersonating officers, IRS agents, and financial institutions. It is easy to get taken in, even if you are usually suspicious of scams. These scams try to alarm you or scare you. Don't be fooled! Call the Eugene Police non-emergency line at 541-682-5111 if you live in Eugene and get such a call. If you live outside Eugene, call your local police or sheriff's department. Scammers trick you into handing over your cash, personal I.D., checking account numbers, and credit card information any way they can. Follow your instincts and never feel embarrassed about confirming the identity of a caller. Hang up and contact the agency they claim to be representing directly using a number you've looked up in a phone directory or from a reliable online source. Ask to speak with the individual directly or confirm the information with the agency's non-emergency phone number. Eugene Police's non-emergency number is 541.682.5111. To report a scam, you can also call the EPD crime tip number at 541.682.8888. Also, if you receive a call of this nature, please report the activity to www.ic3.gov These cases provide an opportunity for a reminder on how to avoid becoming the victim of fraud. Scams are cyclical in nature. Eugene Police recommend to remain careful and skeptical of callers: If someone asks you for your cash, credit card numbers or other personal information-especially if you don't know them well-the safest move is to refuse their request and check with the police, or find an independent way to contact a legitimate business and follow up rather than responding right away to the caller. Don't give out personal or financial information to someone who calls you. If you are unsure, hang up and independently find the phone number of the alleged represented agency and call yourself. A law enforcement agency will not ask you for this type of information or request that money be sent by way of money order for any reason. Beware of high pressure techniques, such as the need to give information or make a decision on the spot. If it sounds quirky or weird, it probably is.; Investigators say a man who was shot and killed by police along Interstate 5 on Wednesday had pointed a loaded gun at a state trooper. The Marion County Sheriff's Office on Thursday identified the man as 36-year-old Jasper Levi Adams of Grants Pass. Authorities say a trooper tried to stop Adams south of Woodburn but he fled. The pursuit came to a stop off the roadway south of Salem. When troopers moved in to arrest the driver, authorities say he pointed a gun at them. Senior Trooper Jason Perrizo fired one shot that killed Adams instantly. He's been with the state police for 13 years. I-5 was closed for several hours Wednesday night while investigators worked at the scene.; Authorities say a man wanted on attempted murder charges fired at pursuing officers before he was shot and killed by police to end a 17-mile chase on Highway 26 in the Coast Range. The Washington County Sheriff's Office says 36-year-old Andrew Dehart was taken to a hospital late Wednesday and was pronounced dead. The highway east of Oregon 47 was closed through the night. KGW-TV reports that Dehart was wanted for attempted murder, kidnapping and assault charges in Clark County, Washington, U.S. Marshals found him at a friend's home in Seaside, but he fled as the marshals waited for backup to arrive. Authorities say Dehart shot at police cars, disabling one of them, and continued shooting until he reached a tunnel. Sheriff's Sqt. Bob Ray says three officers got out of their at the east end of the tunnel. They fired at

Dehart and his truck came to a stop. ; A former investigator for Federal Public Defenders is suing the agency, saying it has left her vulnerable after providing a violent criminal with her address and other personal information. The Register-Guard reports Toni Pisani filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Eugene Tuesday. She says the agency's mistake will cost her some \$19,000 over the next decade for personal protection including a home security system. Pisani investigated former Coos Bay resident Thomas William Cornelius, who is serving 50 years in prison for attacking two inmates and possessing guns. The agency allegedly gave Cornelius documents that included Pisani's address, birth date and other information. Documents say in February, she came into contact with Cornelius who let her know he has the information. The agency didn't immediately return a call from the Register-Guard for comment.; Authorities say an alcoholic man jailed in Oregon for trying to steal liquor died on the floor of his jail cell from a medical emergency. The Register-Guard reports that 42-year-old Tyson Jon Christian's Oct. 17 death is the third in Springfield Municipal Jail's five-year history. The first two were suicides, though neither of the men was on suicide watch. Municipal jail Commander Russ Boring says Christian was jailed on Oct. 15 and placed on medical watch because he was intoxicated. Two days later, Christian was found dead. He was still on medical watch. Boring says it could take months for the Lane County Medical Examiner to determine a cause of death. He says an initial review suggests jail staff did all they could to save Christian. / SAFETY. FAMILY: Eugene Police will patrol as usual on Halloween evening and will have an additional Halloween presence with the help of Senior Patrol. Let's all work together to keep kids safe this Halloween! Tips for trick-or-treaters and parents: Street safety is key. Children should cross only at corners—never between parked cars—and always remove masks before crossing streets. Watch for cars that may be turning into or backing out of driveways. Walk facing the oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk. Keep safety in mind when designing or selecting costumes. They should be flame- resistant, reflective and safe. Shoes should be functional. to avoid falls (sneakers, yes; high heels, no); capes should break away, to prevent strangulation. A natural mask of nontoxic face paint or cosmetics is safer than a mask, which can restrict vision or breathing; swords or knives should be made of flexible materials to avoid accidental or intentional injuries. The safest option is to take your kids trick-or-treating only in low-traffic neighborhoods where you know the residents, or at organized events. Second best, have a trusted adult accompany children on their trick-or-treating rounds. Third best-an option for older kids—be sure you know what route your children will take as they trick-ortreat with their friends, and set a time limit for returning home (make sure they carry a watch!). Serve kids dinner before trick-or-treating — this will help them resist temptation and save their treats until they get home. Although candy tampering concerns are based largely on an urban legend that has inspired a few real incidents and many more hoaxes, pigging out on candy isn't good for anyone's health or comfort! Examine the trick-or-treating haul and toss out anything that looks unsanitary or suspicious. Such problems are exceedingly rare, but police should be notified of any suspicious treats or inappropriate behavior at homes visited. Consider throwing your own Halloween party for your kids and their friends! An adult should be present at all children's parties. Make certain that all popcorn poppers and other electrical appliances are in good working order. Replace any worn or frayed electrical cords. Tips for all residents: Motorists should drive extra cautiously on Halloween evening, as excited youngsters may forget some of their safety rules and dart out in front of cars. Residents are urged to have a well-lighted doorstep and yard, and to remove all obstacles from their lawns and steps to prevent children from being injured. Use small flashlights or disposable chemical light sticks in place of candles in Jack- O'-Lanterns. Keep matches, lighters and open flames away from children's reach. Do not place candles on porches, in walkways, or near combustible materials. A fire could start,

or children's clothing could ignite and burn. Keep all decorations away from light bulbs and open flames. Pets and trick-or-treaters are safer, and the pets are less stressed, if the two are kept separated—if you live with a dog, keep him or her inside the house and away from the entryway during trick-or-treating time. Don't want trick-or-treaters, or ran out of candy? Turn off lights and remove Halloween decorations from your porch to send the right signals. Parents should teach their children: Vandalism and bullying in the name of fun is not acceptable. The Halloween holiday does not give kids permission to vandalize neighbors' properties with eggs, toilet paper or spray paint; to bully, harass or intimidate smaller children; or to engage in other actions that could hurt someone, damage property or start a fire. Remind them that responsibility to the community and respect for others outweigh their desire to have fun at others' expense. If a homeowner has turned off the porch lights, this means the household does not want to be visited by trick-or-treaters. They may be ill, asleep, unable to answer the door, or just plain out of candy. Never enter a stranger's home unless their parent is along for the visit and says it's okay. Go home immediately to report any dangerous or threatening situations. / HEALTH: Wouldn't it be cool to have Twilight vampire eyes for Halloween? Or deep violet eyes to match your purple sweater? How about your favorite sports team's logo on your eyes just for fun? You can have all of these looks with decorative contact lenses (also called fashion contact lenses or colored contact lenses, among other names). These lenses don't correct vision—they just change the appearance of the eye. But before buying decorative lenses, here's what you should know: They are not cosmetics or over-the-counter merchandise. They are medical devices regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Places that advertise them as cosmetics or sell them without a prescription are breaking the law. They are not "one size fits all." An eye doctor (ophthalmologist or optometrist) must measure each eye to properly fit the lenses and evaluate how your eye responds to contact lens wear. A poor fit can cause serious eye damage, including scratches on the cornea (the clear dome of tissue over the iris - the part of the eye that gives you your eye color): corneal infection (an ulcer on the cornea); conjunctivitis (pink eye); decreased vision; and blindness. Places that sell decorative lenses without a prescription may give you few or no instructions on how to clean and care for your lenses. Failure to use the proper solution to keep contact lenses clean and moist can lead to infections. Bacterial infections can be extremely rapid, result in corneal ulcers, and cause blindness-sometimes within as little as 24 hours if not diagnosed and treated promptly. The problem isn't with the decorative contacts themselves. It's the way people use them improperly-without a valid prescription, without the involvement of a qualified eye care professional, or without appropriate follow-up care. The FDA is aware that many places illegally sell decorative contact lenses to consumers without valid prescriptions for as little as \$20. You should never buy lenses from: street vendors, salons or beauty supply stores, boutiques, flea markets, novelty stores, Halloween stores, record or video stores, convenience stores, beach shops or on the Internet (unless the site requires a prescription). Contact lenses are prescription devices by federal law. / ENVIRONMENT. SAFETY: Forecasters continue to warn of high winds and heavy rains this weekend from a series of strong Pacific storms. The weather could complicate Halloween night activities. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: It'll be more than a year, at least, before the specter of default or partial government shutdown rears its head over Capitol Hill. That's because the Senate this morning put the finishing touch on a bill providing for continued government borrowing authority and a two-year budget plan. The approval sends the measure to President Barack Obama, who negotiated the deal with congressional leaders. / ENVIRONMENT: Fall is a great time for trout. Trout fishing on many streams and rivers closes on Oct. 31 but there's still time to hit the water for some great fall fishing. With water temperatures cooling, trout will be getting more active and fishing should pick up.

Fish begin to feed heavily in the fall in anticipation of the leaner months of winter. As water temperatures continue to cool, look for trout feeding in the warmer, shallow waters near shore. Many rivers and streams will close to fishing on Oct. 31 - though several popular locations remain open year-round. Most lakes and ponds are open year-round, and some will continue to be stocked with trout into October and November. Check out the stocking schedules to see which ones. Holdover fish will still be available in lakes and reservoirs stocked throughout the summer months. These fish have only grown bigger, and can offer great fishing throughout the fall and early winter. Check out the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's zone reports for the best fishing near you, and check out ODFW's "Trout 365" web page to learn more about the year-round trout fishing possibilities in Oregon. Bay crabbing also remains open! November and December can be some of the best times of the year for crabbing, and bay crabbing is open year-round. Check out the ODFW website for information on where and how. / ECONOMY. SPORTS: A state trooper will receive \$50,000 in a settlement with the city of Eugene over his arrest during an Oregon Ducks football game. The Oregonian reports Trooper Marc Boyd's lawsuit alleges that an officer used excessive force and arrested him without probable cause at Autzen Stadium in 2013. Boyd said he had been singled out in a crowd of unruly fans. The settlement reached Wednesday is far below the \$400,000 Boyd had initially sought. A Eugene police spokeswoman says Boyd's claims were dismissed, but legal fees were considered in the city's decision to settle. The city admitted the officer should've taken additional measures to confirm Boyd's arrest, but said the suit was filed in retaliation against the officer, who alerted Boyd's employer about his actions at the game.; Lane community College hosts high school cross country championships this weekend. It'll be wet weather but it's a chance to see some of the state's talented young runners. / ENVIRONMENT: Oregon wildlife officials are recommending that wolves be removed from the state's Endangered Species Act list. The state's Fish and Wildlife Commission will vote on the recommendation at its November 9 meeting in Salem. Eighty-one wolves now live in Oregon. Wildlife officials said the species is not in danger of extinction here. But some independent scientists disagree with that conclusion. The state's wolf plan calls for initiating a process to consider stripping wolves of legal protections when eastern Oregon hits a population of four breeding pairs for three consecutive years. That goal was met in January. While delisting wolves wouldn't lead to immediate changes, more lethal measures could be allowed to manage them in the future. An upcoming wolf plan review could also lead to changes in protections.; The GPS collar that allowed people around the world to track the movements of Oregon's famous wandering wolf, OR-7, has stopped working. State officials say the battery has died, and efforts to put a new collar on OR-7 were unsuccessful. The wolf became globally famous when he set off from his Northeast Oregon pack four years ago and wandered thousands of miles through Oregon and northern California in search of a mate. He found a mate, settled in the Cascade Range in southern Oregon and has had five pups. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf coordinator John Stephenson tells the Bend Bulletin that OR-7 is now being monitored with trail cameras and sightings. Despite the collar's breakdown, officials say they know where OR-7 and his pack roam. / POLITICS: Former Republican state Rep. Dennis Richardson says he'll run for Oregon secretary of state. Richardson announced his plans on Thursday, nearly a year after he lost his campaign for governor to Democrat John Kitzhaber. Richardson, a Central Point resident, says the state has failed to restore the public's trust in government after the influencepeddling allegations led Kitzhaber to resign three months after the election. Richardson touted his experience as co-chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and says his skills are the right match for the job. He's the highestprofile Republican to announce a run for secretary of state. He'll face Lane County Commissioner Sid Leiken in the GOP primary. Three Democrats are also vying

Oregon's second-highest office — Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, state Rep. Val Hoyle and state Sen. Richard Devlin. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Honda is recalling more than 300,000 Accord midsize cars in the U.S. because the side air bags can inflate if a door is slammed too hard. The recall covers Accords from the 2008 and 2009 model years. Honda says the side impact sensor can activate the side curtain and side seat air bags if there's a non-vehicle impact to the lower body or a door is shut with extreme force. The ignition has to be on for the problem to happen. Nineteen people have filed injury claims with Honda because of the problem. The company says dealers will update software to adjust the threshold for air bag inflation. Customers will get recall notices in the mail starting in mid-December.; Fiat Chrysler is recalling 894,000 Jeep, Dodge and Fiat SUVs worldwide to fix problems with anti-lock brakes and air bags. The first recall covers nearly 542,000 Dodge Journeys and Fiat Freemonts from 2012 to 2015. Moisture can build up in the anti-lock brake control module, disabling the system and the electronic stability control. Fiat Chrysler found the problem by investigating warranty claims. Dealers will apply a sealant and replace electrical parts if needed. The company also is recalling 352,000 Jeep Grand Cherokees and Libertys from 2003 and 2004 because the air bags can inflate for no reason. Seven people have been hurt. Dealers will replace the occupant restraint control computer or the side impact sensors. In both recalls, owners will be told when they can schedule service. /

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CRIME, COMMUNITY: The Oregon Cannabis Association is offering marijuana offenders an opportunity to have their convictions expunded. The Statesman Journal reports the group is sponsoring a free legal clinic Thursday called "Expungement Day," in Portland. The clinic is targeting people who have marijuana convictions in Multnomah, Washington or Clackamas counties. To be eligible, people must have been convicted at least three years ago and not have been convicted of additional crimes, excluding driving offenses. State law allows residents to apply to have marijuana convictions expunged, but expungement is not guaranteed and attorney costs can add up to \$1,500. Thursday's legal clinic will cover attorney fees, finger printing and notary services in the expungement process. Attendees are required to pay to file their paperwork, which can be \$200 to \$400. / HEALTH, SAFETY, ECONOMY: O'Hara Catholic School is expected to reopen for class tomorrow morning, after being closed again today as staff and students—and some of their relatives—recover from a norovirus outbreak. Lane County Health officials said Sunday that 100 and 200 people have displayed symptoms of the infection. They advise that those showing symptoms spend a full 72 hours at home after the onset of symptoms before returning to school. Late last week, crews wiped down the school's surfaces with bleach to sterilize the building. Health officials are still working to trace the source of the outbreak but say a single food source seems unlikely given that the school does not have its own cafeteria service. Norovirus is generally caused when someone fails to wash their hands thoroughly after using the bathroom. You can prevent a lot of diseases simply by using soap and water to wash your hands for 15-20 seconds before touching food, surfaces or your own face. ; Health officials expect the number of people sickened by an E. coli outbreak linked to Chipotle restaurants in Washington state and the three-county Portland metropolitan area to grow while they investigate the cause of the infection. There have been no reports of illness in our area. As of Friday, three people in the Portland area and 19 people in western Washington had become sick from E. coli. Seventeen of them had eaten at a Chipotle restaurant during the past few weeks. Eight people have been hospitalized. Investigators say the source of the outbreak was most likely a fresh food product, since the cases are connected with so many restaurants. Chipotle has voluntarily shut down all 43 of its restaurants in the two states while the investigation continues. There are hundreds of E. coli and similar bacteria strains in the intestines of humans. Most are harmless, but a few can cause serious problems. Symptoms of E. coli infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting. Health officials say the best defense against the bacterial illness is to thoroughly wash hands with soap and water. / POLITICS: Republican presidential candidates have agreed on a series of demands to give them greater control of debates. It comes as the GOP's frustrated 2016 candidates work to inject changes into a nominating process that was supposed to create a smoother path to the White House. The

dynamics of the extraordinarily crowded contest, which has increasingly featured Republican infighting, has prompted the campaigns to try to wrestle some control of the debates from the Republican National Committee and media hosts. Representatives from more than a dozen campaigns emerged from a closed-door meeting in suburban Washington, D.C., last night having agreed to several changes to be outlined in a letter to debate hosts in the coming days. They include largely bypassing the RNC in coordinating with network hosts, mandatory opening and closing statements, an equal number of questions for the candidates, and pre-approval of on-screen graphics, according to Ben Carson's campaign manager Barry Bennett, who hosted the meeting. The GOP's most recent debate, moderated by CNBC in Boulder, Colorado, on Wednesday night, drew harsh criticism from campaigns and GOP officials. Afterward, some candidates complained that the questions were not substantive enough; others wanted more air time or assurance that candidates would get opening and closing statements. GOP Chairman Reince Priebus decided to suspend a partnership with NBC News and its properties on a debate set for February, but that wasn't enough to satisfy the frustrated campaigns. While the campaigns agreed to the changes in principle Sunday night, the media companies that host the debates are under no obligation to adopt them. Bennett suggested that campaigns could boycott debates to get their way. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: The government's insurance website is faster and easier to use, but as a third sign-up season gets underway, some say President Barack Obama's health care law is approaching its limits. Enrollment on the federal and state exchanges began Sunday. While the law's expanded coverage has reduced the uninsured rate to a historic low of about nine percent, the gains will be harder in 2016. The cost of a benchmark plan on HealthCare.gov will increase an average 7.5 percent for 2016 coverage, but the increase is even larger in Oregon, where there will be a more than 22 percent increase for the second-lowest cost or "silver" plans offered in 2016. But officials say most Americans will be able to buy a plan for less than \$100 a month, after tax credits. Why the jump? Analysts say insurers in many states had underpriced their plans and are raising rates because of medical inflation and higher claims than expected. A sharp increase in fines may sway at least some fence-sitters. In 2016, the penalty will rise to \$695 or 2.5 percent of taxable income, whichever is higher. This year, the fine is the greater of \$325 or 2 percent of income. Supporters say the reasons have to do with the structure of the complicated law, the effects of a major change introduced by the Supreme Court and the political divisions that are likely to be magnified in an election year. The fate of the Affordable Care Act also known as "Obamacare" - is very much in the hands of the next president. A weak sign-up season could embolden opponents. The 2012 Supreme Court decision that upheld the law's individual coverage requirement also gave states the choice to decline expanding Medicaid. But across the South, Republican-led states have turned down the Medicaid option, leaving millions uninsured. That leaves many trapped in what's called the "Medicaid gap." They cannot get health insurance through HealthCare.gov because the law prevents people below the poverty line from using the insurance exchanges. So the private insurance alternative is closed to them, even as their states refuse to expand public coverage. / ENVIRONMENT: The National Weather Service says 3.69 inches of rain fell in October in Portland. Of that, 1.97 inches fell on Saturday. We received a bit more than 1.1 inches here in Eugene-Springfield on Halloween. The Oregonian reports the weather service predicts more rain will fall through tomorrow. /

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VETERANS, COMMUNITY: It was a rainy Sunday but still a spirited, although a bit smaller, turnout for Springfield's annual Veterans' Parade. This was the event's 16th year and it kicks off a week of observances and commemorations honoring our nation's veterans. Most of the events take place on Veterans' Day itself, which falls on Wednesday. / HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, COMMUNITY: An Oregon judge who refused to perform same-sex marriages is scheduled to go before a judicial disciplinary commission today. The two-week hearing will determine whether Marion County judge Vance Day should be sanctioned. The Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability says Day committed several ethics violations. They include screening marriage applicants to exclude same-sex couples, hanging a portrait of Adolf Hitler in the courthouse, asking lawyers for money and allowing a convicted felon to handle a gun. Day, a former chairman of the Oregon Republican Party, has denied he violated judicial ethics rules, and says the rules are unconstitutional. He says he's being targeted because of his Christian beliefs. / MINORITIES, RACISM, EDUCATION, SPORTS: The president of the University of Missouri System says he is resigning amid student criticism of his handling of racial issues. President Tim Wolfe says his resignation is effective immediately. The announcement came at a special meeting of the university system's governing body. Black student groups have been complaining for months about racial slurs and other slights that occurred on the system's overwhelmingly white flagship campus in Columbia, Missouri. Their efforts got a boost over the weekend when 30 black football players announced they wouldn't participate in team activities until Wolfe was removed. / SPORTS, HEALTH: The gold and bronzemedal winners in the 800 meters at the London Olympics are among five Russian runners targeted for lifetime bans by the independent track-and-field commission tasked with investigating widespread doping in that country. The commission's report said the London Games were sabotaged because track's governing body and Russia's anti-doping authority didn't take doping seriously enough and allowed runners to compete who should not have. The recommended lifetime bans were part of the commission's 350-page report that came out today. Its investigators suspect Russia has been using an obscure laboratory on the outskirts of Moscow to help cover up widespread doping, possibly by pre-screening athletes' doping samples and ditching those that test positive. Many of their competitors are elite athletes from Oregon. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, HEALTH: The shutdown in the Dungeness crab harvesting season on the West Coast because of higher levels of a poisonous substance linked to a massive algae bloom is starting to make some national headlines. The ribbon of microscopic algae, up to 40 miles wide and 650 feet deep in places, now stretches from at least California to Alaska. It's not only led officials in parts of Oregon, California and Washington to halt recreational shellfishing but is blamed for sickening dozens of seabirds, seals, whales and other marine life. Now the question is how long the harvesting ban will

last. Dungeness crab is a traditional part of many holiday meals on the West Coast. Crab fishermen say if they lose what is their most lucrative part of the season, it could have dire implications for their businesses. Domoic acid, a naturally occurring neurotoxin, has been found in high levels in a variety of shellfish. If consumed in too high a quantity, Domoic acid poisoning can cause vomiting, seizures and, in severe cases, coma and death. Seafood caught commercially is subject to regular testing. Authorities say there's more concern about shellfish caught by recreational clam-diggers and crabbers. But Oregon officials warned people to remove the viscera, or guts, before eating recreationally caught crab meat. Oregon and Washington state also have barred digging for razor clams on ocean beaches. The toxic algae bloom will disappear over timebut it's the timing that concerns fisheries managers. Last week, Oregon officials issued an advisory for all recreationally caught crab along the state's southern coast, from south of Coos Bay to California. Commercial crabbers hope the toxin disappears by the time the commercial season is set to begin on December 1st. The commercial Dungeness crab take from Oregon, California and Washington has been cyclical, ranging from 8 million to 54 million pounds a year. But it remains one of the West Coast's most valuable fisheries, according to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, and is worth tens of millions of dollars. / ENVIRONMENT: A 78-foot long dead blue whale weighing over 100 tons washed ashore last week north of Gold Beach. The Register-Guard reports researchers are working to harvest the skeleton of the marine mammal, which is rarely seen in Oregon. The emaciated whale was dead for about two weeks before it washed onto the sandy beach one week ago about ten miles north of Gold Beach. Marine experts speculate the whale might have been weakened by warming ocean conditions that can harm marine life upon which blue whales feed. Work could continue this week. / POLITICS: The U.S. Supreme Court is refusing to hear a dispute over California's requirement that nonprofit groups turn over the names of their major donors. The justices let stand a lower court ruling that says the state has the right to review donor lists to determine whether a group is actually involved in charitable activities. The conservative Center for Competitive Politics argued that such reviews violate donors' right to privacy and freedom of association under the First Amendment. A federal appeals court had rejected the group's challenge earlier this spring, finding there was no indication the state of California was trying to harass donors or discourage them from contributing. California Attorney General argued the donor lists were for official review only and would not be released to the public. / TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT: Volkswagen is offering \$1,000 in gift cards and vouchers as a goodwill gesture to owners of small diesel-powered cars involved in an emissions cheating scandal. The offer goes to owners of 482,000 cars in the U.S., many of whom are angry at the company because they'd paid extra for the cars to be environmentally sensitive without losing peppy acceleration. VW is working on a fix for the cars, which are equipped with software that turns on pollution controls during government tests and turns them off while on the road. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the cars, with 2-liter four-cylinder diesel engines, emit 10 to 40 times the allowable amount of harmful nitrogen oxide while being driven. Meanwhile, Germany's Transport Ministry said that of the 2. 4 million vehicles being recalled for fixes in Germany, regulators "currently expect that approximately 540,000 will also need hardware changes" as well as software changes. It says Volkswagen will inform owners of the details. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Weverhaeuser Co. is buying Plum Creek Timber Co. for \$8.44 billion to form what is expected to be one of the world's biggest timberland and forest products companies. The company will keep the Weverhaeuser name and have more than 13 million acres of timberland, the companies said Sunday, It will be worth \$23 billion based on current share prices. Plum Creek shareholders will receive 1,60 shares of Weyerhaeuser for each Plum Creek share. Weyerhaeuser

shares closed at \$30.40 Friday. Weverhaeuser also says it will buy \$2.5 billion of company shares after the deal closes. Weyerhaeuser, based in Federal Way, Washington, also says it may spin off its cellulose fibers business, which includes five pulp mills. Plum Creek is based in Seattle. / ENVIRONMENT; The World Bank says climate change could push more than 100 million people into extreme poverty by 2030 by disrupting agriculture and fueling the spread of malaria and other diseases. A report released today says the impact of global warming is borne unevenly, with the world's poor woefully unprepared to deal with climate shocks such as rising seas or severe droughts. How to help poor countries — and poor communities within countries - deal with climate change is one of the crunch issues in talks on a global climate accord that's supposed to be adopted next month at U.N. summit in Paris.; The U.N. weather agency says levels of carbon dioxide and methane, the two most important greenhouse gases, reached record highs last year. The World Meteorological Organization says CO2 levels rose to nearly 398 parts per million, from 396 ppm in 2013. The CO2 level fluctuates throughout the year and the monthly average crossed the symbolic 400 ppm threshold in March 2015. The WMO says the annual average "is likely to pass 400 ppm in 2016." Pushed by the burning of coal, oil and gas for energy, global CO2 levels are now 143 percent higher than before the industrial revolution. Scientists say that's the main driver of global warming. WMO says methane levels reached a new high of about 1,833 parts per billion in 2014. /

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EDUCATION, SAFETY: An armed sheriff's deputy is now patrolling the campus of Umpqua Community College. The patrol began yesterday at the campus in Roseburg where on October 1st a gunman killed nine people and himself and wounded many others. The Oregonian reports that Douglas County deputy Scott Batsch is a recently retired deputy with experience as a school resource officer. Umpqua's \$30,000 contract with Douglas County will pay for Batsch to be on campus seven hours a day, five days a week through June 30. He will have a car on campus but mostly patrol on foot.; Authorities say a boy who made threats targeting students at a Florence high school had no means to carry them out. Florence Police Lt. John Pitcher tells KCST-FM that the boy threatened to shoot "a couple people" at Siuslaw High School. Pitcher says he talked to everyone involved, searched the boy's home and sifted through his cell phone and social media accounts. He determined there was no real danger. The boy allegedly made the threats Oct. 26 and was overheard by another student. The unidentified boy was charged with disorderly conduct. / SAFETY: Eugene Police say a woman pushing a shopping cart was hit by a train but is expected to survive. Police say the incident occurred Monday just after midnight. The woman was identified as 54-year-old Kathy Tekansik. Authorities say the freight train operators honked the horn and applied the emergency breaks, but the woman did not appear to hear or respond. She was taken to a hospital with injuries that are described as not lifethreatening. / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, POLITICS: Eugene officials are considering whether to increase the minimum wage for city employees to \$15 an hour. The Register-Guard reports that the City Council are discussing the pay hike for city workers as well as a proposal to require the same wage for workers of companies that do business with the city. Oregon law prevents cities from requiring businesses to pay more than the state minimum wage, which is \$9.25 an hour. But backers argue the council could pass an ordinance allowing the city to raise the minimum wage for its workers, / HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, FAMILY: A disciplinary hearing began Monday for an Oregon judge who is accused of a variety of ethics violations that include screening marriage applicants to exclude same-sex couples. Marion County Circuit Court Judge Vance Day went before the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability for the start of a trial-like proceeding that is expected to last two weeks. Day is accused of breaking several rules from the Code of Judicial Conduct, including a requirement that judges "observe high standards of conduct" so their integrity and independence is preserved. Day has acknowledged that after gay marriage became legal in Oregon last year, he told his judicial clerk that any same-sex couples who wanted him to preside over their wedding should be referred to another judge. A few months later, Day stopped doing weddings altogether. He said he's not aware of any same-sex couples who sought his services. Day is also accused of hanging a portrait of Adolf Hitler in the Salem courthouse, soliciting money from lawyers

appearing before him, threatening a youth-sports referee, allowing a convicted felon to handle a gun, and lying to ethics investigators. Day, a former Oregon Republican Party chairman, has denied he violated judicial ethics rules, and said even if he did, the rules are unconstitutional. He said he's being targeted because of his Christian beliefs. Day is the head of Veterans Treatment Court, which aims to provide intensive monitoring of veterans to treat drug and alcohol problems as an alternative to jail. Several of the allegations against him stem from his interactions with veterans and displays he placed around his courtroom. The judge says the Hitler portrait was not intended to glorify the Nazi dictator but was part of a display on democracy's defeat of fascism. He says he solicited money from lawyers to pay for patriotic displays intended to inspire veterans who ran afoul of the law. A panel of judges, lawyers and members of the public will decide whether sanctions are warranted and make recommendations to the Oregon Supreme Court, which has the final say. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The U.S. Forest Service says it has increased the pace and scale of its forest restoration work since 2011, but that the agency is struggling to keep pace with demand and will continue to fall behind without more resources. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is using the results of a new report to encourage Congress to change the way in which the federal government funds fighting wildfires. He says long-term budget constraints have reduced the number of Forest Service workers dedicated to restoration and recreation work by nearly 40 percent over the past 17 years. And he adds that more than half the agency's budget was dedicated to firefighting this year, setting a record. Vilsack says that puts the Forest Service in the position of being more of a fire department than a forest conservation agency. He says only Congress can provide enough resources to allow the agency to step up thinning in fire-threatened areas and enhance reforestation after large blazes. He warns that without better funding there are 45 million acres of diseased trees in the national forests just waiting for a lightning strike to ignite them. With Congress finishing its work on this year's budget bills, the Obama administration is pressing for legislation that would treat the most devastating wildfires as natural disasters and relieve pressure on other parts of the Forest Service's budget. Some Republican lawmakers are pushing an alternative bill that would ease the environmental review process for certain projects to speed up forest-thinning projects. They would also provide disaster funding after 100 percent of the budget for firefighting has been consumed. Vilsack said the Forest Service needs more certainty.; A National Park Service decision has reignited century-old tensions over the ownership of irrigation canals that bring water to central Oregon. The Bulletin reports that the NPS recently decided not to recognize the Central Oregon Irrigation District as the owner of Pilot Butte Canal, which draws water away from the Deschutes River. The district operates the canal. The NPS decision means the irrigation district can't formally object to a 1 1/2 -mile section of the canal being listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a recognition nearby property owners are seeking. But the irrigation district doesn't want it added to the register because that might block piping or other changes to the canal structure. The canals provided water that allowed central Oregon's federal land to be divided into private farms and ranches during the 20th century. / ENVIRONMENT: On a split vote, members of Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Commission have voted to remove the gray wolf from the state's Endangered Species Act list. The 4-2 vote to delist the wolves came during a meeting yesterday in Salem. Eighty-one wolves now live in Oregon. State biologists say the species is not in danger of extinction here. But some independent scientists disagree with that conclusion. While delisting wolves wouldn't lead to immediate changes, more lethal measures could be allowed to manage them in the future. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Washington state health officials say they have found no source for the E. coli outbreak related to Chipotle, and the chain's Pacific Northwest restaurants could reopen later this week. All the tests of food from Chipotle stores in Washington and the Portland metropolitan area in

Oregon came back negative for E. coli, according to public health officials. Chipotle did its own testing, and those results came back negative as well. Jonathan Modie, a spokesman for the Oregon Health Authority, said Monday that food-borne illnesses are not easy to track to the source of the outbreak. He describes finding the source as a bit like finding a needle in the havstack. The outbreak sickened about 40 people. Chipotle voluntarily closed all of its Northwest outlets during the investigation. They will reopen in the next few days after first getting rid of and replacing all produce, deep cleaning their stores, passing a local health inspection and starting a new protocol for cleaning produce. / HEALTH: The Oregon health department is launching a campaign in hopes of stemming the spread of syphilis in the state. The Statesman Journal reports that the rate of incidence of syphilis has grown 1,500 percent between 2007 and this year. Reported cases have spiked from fewer than 30 in 2007 to 450 so far this year. The Oregon Health Authority is launching an awareness campaign aimed at public and health care providers. The campaign, called Syph Aware, will place ads on TriMet buses and launch a website with information about the disease. Dr. Sean Schafer, a medical epidemiologist with the authority, says the campaign should remind high-risk groups to use protection and to be aware of the rise in infections. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Yet another wet Pacific storm is headed for our state, bringing with it the possibility of local stream flooding and clogged urban storm drains because of the autumn leaves. High winds could affect traffic along coastal roadways and scattered power outages are possible in the region. / POLITICS: The fourth GOP debate will be held tonight in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The two-hour event will be hosted by Fox Business Network and begin at six p.m., our time. There will be eight, not ten candidates in the main event. The four remaining contenders will take part in an earlier session. The main debate will be the first forum since a CNBC session that left candidates complaining about the questions asked by moderators. / SPORTS, HEALTH: The Russian government has begun fighting accusations that the country operated a vast state-sponsored doping program. The response comes even as the first punishment is being handed down. A 350-page investigative report from a commission of the World Anti-Doping Agency found Russian doping essentially sabotaged some of the track-and-field events at the London Olympics. The report recommends sanctions that might include banning Russia's athletes from taking part in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janiero. Today, the anti-doping agency revoked the accreditation of Russia's anti-doping testing lab in Moscow. That means samples must now be transported to another accredited lab outside Russia. Some elite Oregon athletes are wondering whether they should be awarded higher-level medals for finishes behind Russian athletes included in the investigation. / ECONOMY: As the grocery chain Haggen looks to shed many of its stores during bankruptcy proceedings, Albertsons is looking to take back some of the Western locations it sold to the retailer. Haggen is auctioning off 95 stores. Many of those stores for sale were purchased from Albertsons and Safeway in December. But Haggen struggled to convert many of the stores to their brand, then filed for bankruptcy protection in September. Albertsons is now the baseline bidder for 36 of the stores that went to auction Monday, including outlets in Oregon, Washington and Arizona. Albertsons was forced to sell the stores last year by the Federal Trade Commission when it merged with Safeway. / IMMIGRATION: A federal appeals court has ruled against President Barack Obama's plan to protect an estimated five million people from being deported because they are living in the United States illegally. In a 2-1 decision Monday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans upheld a Texas-based federal judge's injunction blocking the administration's immigration initiative. Republicans had criticized the plan as an illegal executive overreach when Obama announced it last November. Twenty-six states challenged the plan in court. The administration argued that the executive branch was within its rights in deciding to defer deportation of selected groups of immigrants, including

children who were brought to the U.S. illegally. / VETERANS, HOMELESSNESS, HEALTH: Six years ago, the Obama administration set the ambitious goal of ending veteran homelessness in 2015 and ending the backlog in disability claims. It appears likely the Department of Veterans Affairs will miss both targets, even though it has made progress. The latest count available showed about 50,000 homeless veterans on a single night in January 2014. That's a decline of 33 percent from January 2010. The disability claims backlog also is on a downward path, though not before the claims processing system became so overwhelmed that lawmakers and veterans groups demanded changes at the VA. The number of claims pending for more than 125 days soared from about 180,000 at the start of 2010 to more than 611,000 by March of 2013. It now stands at about 76,000.

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HOMELESSNESS, VETERANS: Last November, in response to the White House "Ending Veterans' Homelessness Challenge," the City of Eugene and Lane County pledged to house 365 homeless veterans by the end of 2015. During the past 12 months, 248 homeless veterans were housed, and another 51 veterans at imminent risk of losing their homes received rental assistance and case management from St. Vincent DePaul, the V.A., the Housing and Community Services Agency, and Housing Our Veterans. Officials with agencies serving homeless veterans say they are determined to find at least another 66 housing units to meet the goal by year's end. Leaders of the Veterans' Affairs office and St. Vincent de Paul say they have grants and support services available to make this work but must find affordable units and willing landlords to meet the need. Yesterday, officials from Carl's Jr. and the Eugene Realtors' "Young Professionals Network" presented donations to the Veterans' Housing Project. It came as Veterans Housing Project volunteers put the finishing touches on a home that will soon provide affordable housing to returning military veterans. The "LTD home," as it's known, was donated by the Lane Transit District, and is set for completion by December 1st, Carl's Jr. will presented a \$20,000 gift, which will help prevent returning veterans from becoming homeless by providing them with affordable temporary housing. The Realtors Young Professionals Network added a \$2,000 donation. Lane County's overall homeless population, including veterans, exceeds 1,450 on any given night. / MILITARY, VETERANS: President Barack Obama is honoring current and former members of the military as well as their families on Veterans Day today. This morning he's hosting a breakfast to honor veterans and their loved ones. And later on, the president will take part in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.; On Veterans Day, participants from the City of Eugene, Eugene's Mayor, and the Eugene Police will read the names of the 6,851 service members killed in action, following 9/11. The Annual Veterans Day Roll Call is an event that takes place in cities nation-wide and is meant to honor military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice. Colors will be posted at 7:50 a.m., and will be followed by the Eugene Kilted Firefighters Pipes and Drums, until 8 a.m., when Police Chief Pete Kerns opens the event with the first reading. Each participant to follow will read a block of 240 names. The event will conclude at approximately 3:15 p.m. when the entire list of 6,851 names, including the person's rank and service branch, have been read.; The U.S. Senate yesterday passed a defense policy and funding bill and sent it to the president for his signature. And among its amendments is one by Oregon Senator Ron Wyden ensuring retired military dogs can return to the United States after serving overseas. The provision requires the Department of Defense to arrange and pay for transportation of trained military dogs to the United States when their service abroad has been deemed no longer necessary, including because of injury. Currently, handlers and veterans who wish to reunite with their dogs generally

have to cover the costs of bringing them back to the United States. Wyden says veterans shouldn't face months of delays and thousands of dollars in costs to ensure their working dogs can come home with them, and not be stranded overseas. The Defense Department estimates there are about 2,000 dogs currently working in the various branches of the military. United States military dogs are used in combat to sniff for roadside bombs and other explosive devices. Retired military dogs can require special care upon retirement and trained handlers often can best accommodate those unique needs. / HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, VETERANS: With a recent surge in Eugene-Springfield area's homeless population, the Egan Warming Center has an urgent need for volunteers to help staff and operate the shelters that provide homeless people with a safe place to sleep indoors when temperatures drop below 30 degrees between Nov. 15 and March 31. The need is especially urgent this year with the significant increase in homeless numbers and the opening of two new shelters. Training sessions this fall have been sparsely attended and the center's core of trained volunteers could be hard pressed to meet the demand if there is an extended period of cold weather. Warming Center volunteers must be at least 18 years old, and attend a mandatory orientation and training session before working at a shelter. The last training session before the season starts is being held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, November 14th, at First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St. No pre-registration for the training session is necessary. Now in its seventh season, the Egan Warming Center is a community-led, almost entirely volunteer-run program serving homeless community members in the Eugene-Springfield area. The program was inspired by the Dec.18, 2008, death of U.S. Army Major Thomas Egan, who froze to death on the streets of Eugene during a snowstorm. For more information, please visit eganwarmingcenter.com. Other assistance is needed and welcome: Donations of sleeping bags, blankets, coats, socks and other items to keep people warm can be dropped off at any St. Vincent de Paul location. (Donors should make sure gifts are clearly marked "Egan Warming Center.") Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at FOOD for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road in Eugene. Center organizers ask that donations not be dropped off at warming center sites, and note that health regulations prohibit volunteers from serving food not prepared in a certified commercial kitchen. Financial donations can be made online at svdp.us/getinvolved/donate/ or by mail at P.O. Box 24608, Eugene, OR 97402. / ECONOMY: As grocery chain Haggen moves ahead with plans to shed many of its stores during bankruptcy, it's now looking to potentially unload its core stores in Washington and Oregon. The Bellingham Herald reports court documents filed Monday shows the company has scheduled a hearing in early December to discuss selling the 32 stores it initially said it would keep. A timeline submitted shows a tentative January auction of those stores. Haggen is already auctioning off 95 stores, many of which were purchased from Albertsons and Safeway in December. Haggen struggled to convert many of the stores to their brand and filed for bankruptcy protection in September. Haggen officials said in an email to The Bellingham Herald that the company is required to explore potential outside opportunities for all its stores. : Downtown Eugene customers will not be able to shop at Whole Foods Market until fall 2016 as the retail chain is delaying the opening of its store following excavation work for possible historic artifacts. The Oregon State Historic Preservation Office issued an excavation permit for the grocer's site Sept. 28. The permit authorizes surveying and other work for removal of historic materials. The Register-Guard reports that Whole Foods and its contractor had previously predicted the Eugene store would open in March. Construction on the Whole Foods was delayed this summer amid excavation work for possible historic artifacts. A state archaeologist says the property owner has chosen to preserve the site without excavating the possible artifacts. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: After seven years and \$13 million in improvements, a rail

line linking the cities of Eugene and Weed, California, has reopened, reestablishing freight service for veneer and other wood products along the corridor. The Mail Tribune in Medford reports a ceremony was held Tuesday to mark the culmination of the Siskiyou Summit Railroad Revitalization project. The Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad recently resumed sending freight trains over the 296-mile short line and expects to run about a dozen freight trains on the line each day. / CRIME, RELIGION: On October 30 at about midnight, members of a Jewish fraternity at 791 E. 15th Avenue reported that one of the residents had a confrontation with a person at a neighboring home. The 20-year-old male victim reported he was going to walk a female home and noticed a male sitting in the bed of his pick-up truck, which was parked on the side of the fraternity. The victim told the suspect to get out of his truck but that the suspect, later identified as 23year-old Damien Leon Ramirez, responded by using anti-Semitic terms regarding Jewish people and the victim in particular. The victim says Ramirez got out of the truck, but kicked the side of it as he was leaving. He also allegedly made a comment about getting a firearm as he went into his residence nearby. The victim said Ramirez re-emerged from the house holding something in his hand but the victim could not clearly see what it was. Police have charged Ramirez with Second-Degree Intimidation, / CRIME: Eugene Police say they're looking for the man who allegedly harassed a 15-year-old girl on the Willamette river bicycle path north of the Owosso Bridge shortly before 5:30 on Monday evening. The girl told investigators the man was on a bike when he approached her, made continued attempts to talk to her, and repeatedly grabbed her arm and told her she needed to go with him. The girl pulled her arm away and ran, and said the suspect then rode south toward Marist High School. The male was described possibly being in his and early 40s and was wearing a black, Columbia-style windbreaker, black tshirt, dark blue jeans and white and blue Nike shoes. His bicycle was described as a black road bike with thin tires and straight handlebars, with a black bag on the back. Know anything about the incident or the suspect? Contact Eugene police. If anyone has information about the incident or suspect, please call police at 541-682-5111. / ECONOMY, SAFETY, CRIME, ENVIRONMENT: There will be caps on nighttime noise and limits on the number of large events allowed each year. The Lane County Board of Commissioners voted yesterday to support all recommendations of a task force charged with creating guidelines for hosting large events of 1,000 or more attendees in Lane County parks. The panel received an earful from the public—especially when it came to hosting large events in the Howard Buford Recreation Area at the base of Mount Pisgah, southeast of Eugene. In fact, the recommendations for Buford Park include limiting the frequency of large events to a maximum of four large events per year, with no more than two large events in any one calendar quarter. The task force says events at Buford should be limited to those with a primarily educational or nature-based theme. And they should last for no more than 10 hours per day, between sunrise and 7:00 p.m. Among the system-wide recommendations for large events in Lane County's Parks: Prohibit the use of amplified sound, including concert sound systems, megaphones, air horns or explosive devices, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. And limit camping to parks with developed camparounds in order to manage the events' impacts on parks, other park users and nearby neighborhoods. The one recognized exception to the camping limitations would be the existing arrangement between Lane County and the City of Veneta which allows camping at Zumwalt Park during July's Oregon Country Fair. / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Significant rainfall is expected from the storm arriving in western Oregon during the next 24 hours. It could also translate into heavy snow on the mountain passes. Travelers are urged to prepare for the conditions. High winds might also topple trees in alreadysaturated soil, causing power outages.; With approximately six inches of snow already accumulated on the west side of the McKenzie Pass Highway, and more

snow expected through the week, the Oregon Department of Transportation has closed Oregon Highway 242 west of the summit for the season. The highway is be closed from the junction of with Oregon Highway 126 (above McKenzie Bridge) to just west of the Dee Wright Observatory. Access to Dee Wright Observatory will still be available from Sisters until additional snow accumulates on the eastern roadway. Then, it will only be reachable by ski, snowshoe or snowmobile. Built in the mid-1930s, the highway became a seasonal scenic highway in the 1960s with the completion of the Clear Lake-Belknap Springs section of Oregon Highway 126. Even during its time as the main route between the southern Willamette Valley and central Oregon, the narrow, twisting roadway and high elevation made the highway too difficult and expensive to maintain and keep clear during the winter months. The Oregon Department of Transportation's records indicate that the earliest closure of the Old McKenzie Pass Highway occurred on October 18, 1996. The latest closure happened on January 10, 1939. The highway is currently scheduled to reopen the third Monday in June (June 20, 2016), weather permitting. During the summer, about 300 cars a day travel the highway. / ENVIRONMENT: Fall Chinook salmon are returning to eastern Washington's Hanford Reach section of the Columbia River in record-setting numbers. Scientists estimate 200,000 Chinook are spawning in the Hanford Reach, the most fish ever counted in this area since dams were constructed in the 1930s. Overall, this year's fall Chinook run on the Columbia and Snake rivers is the second best since counting began in 1938, with 1.2 million fish returning to the rivers and their tributaries. Approximately 50,000 of the fall Chinook are spawning in a one-mile section of the Hanford Reach called Vernita Bar. According to biologists, historically only a small number of salmon spawned at Vernita Bar because that stretch of the river was higher than historic flows. Regional utilities began managing river flows in the 1980s to keep more salmon redds, or nests of eggs, underwater at Vernita Bar. Utilities such as Grant, Douglas and Chelan PUDs, and the Bonneville Power Administration worked to balance the needs of salmon with power production, flood control and other river uses. The result has been a significant increase in fish survival and much larger numbers of spawning salmon, benefiting their populations and the wider river ecosystem. / FAMILY, WOMEN, ECONOMY: The percentage of young women living at home with parents or relatives has risen to its highest level since 1940 as more millennial women put off marriage, attend college and face high living expenses. An analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data by the Pew Research Center found that more than 36 percent of women between the ages 18 and 34 lived with parents or relatives in 2014, the most in more than seven decades. The researchers say young women are staying home now because they are they are half as likely to be married as they were 1940 and much more likely to be college-educated. Other economic forces, such as increasing student debt, higher living costs and economic uncertainty, are also playing a role. More young men than young women have historically lived with parents, and similar economic and cultural forces are keeping an increasing number of men at home too in recent years. But the rate young men are staying home with their parents and relatives, close to 43 percent, remains about five percent below the rate of the 1940. The percentage of young men and women living with family fell after the 1940s as more women joined the workforce, the overall workforce expanded, and marriage rates increased. But while marriage was once the life event that triggered a move out of the family home, it is now coming later with each generation, if it comes at all. Young women and men began staying home or returning there at a more rapid rate after 2000, a trend that sharply increased with the economic uncertainty brought on by the housing collapse and recession in the late 2000s. And even though the postrecession job market has improved, researchers say more young adults continue to live with their parents now than in 2010. / CRIME, ECONOMY: Federal authorities in New York City say three people have been charged in the largest

theft of consumer data from a U.S. financial institution in history. Authorities say the probe resulted from a huge cyberattack against JPMorgan Chase, the nation's biggest bank by assets. They say there were also attacks against several other financial institutions, financial services corporations and financial news publishers. Federal prosecutors say the cyberthieves stole the personal information of more than 100 million customers of the companies. An indictment unsealed Tuesday in Manhattan federal court says the computer hacking crimes were carried out from 2012 until this past summer. U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara (bahr-AHR'-ah) says the cybertheft "showcases a brave new world of hacking for profit." Two Israeli men and a U.S. citizen are charged. / POLITICS: Marco Rubio emerged unscathed. Ben Carson defended his integrity. Donald Trump flashed his dominant personality. And Jeb Bush avoided disaster. Mission accomplished. Aided by tentative questioning, the GOP's top presidential candidates executed their strategies with little resistance in Tuesday night's prime-time debate. Yet with no breakout moments - good or bad - the muddled status quo continues in the Republican Party's unruly 2016 contest, with time running out to change yoters' minds heading into the holiday season. That's good news for leading outsiders Trump and Carson, who have surprised the political world with remarkable staying power atop national polls. It's also good news for a surging Rubio, who entered the night with a target on his back and avoided any stumbles. The status quo is not as good for Bush, the onetime establishment favorite now clinging to his political life. The former Florida governor lived to fight another day after Tuesday's performance. But he was overshadowed at times by another pragmatic-minded executive, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who stepped on Bush's opportunities and gave nervous supporters another reason to question Bush's New Hampshire-focused comeback attempt. Bush's best moments came early in the night as he showed a feistier side with moderators, who ignored him for the first 15 minutes. If Bush did well Tuesday night, however, Rubio did better. Bush and the rest of the field completely ignored questions raised this week about Rubio's use of a Florida GOP credit card during his time in the state legislature. he Rubio campaign had released two years of spending reports just days earlier. And none of the candidates - or moderators - engaged Rubio when the discussion shifted to immigration, considered a key vulnerability among conservatives who oppose Rubio's plan to give immigrants in the country illegally a pathway to citizenship. Instead, Rubio was free to outline his calls for a strong national defense and describe his moving personal story - standard campaign trail talking points delivered uninterrupted before a national television audience. / SPORTS, ECONOMY, HEALTH, CRIME: New York's attorney general has told the daily fantasy sports companies DraftKings and FanDuel to stop accepting bets in the state, saying their operations amount to illegal gambling. In letters sent to the companies Tuesday, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said their contests are promoted like a lottery and are essentially games of chance, not skill. Schneiderman added that the contests are "neither harmless nor victimless." In a separate statement, he accused the companies of being "leaders of a massive. multibillion-dollar scheme intended to evade the law and fleece sports fans across the country." New York-based FanDuel said in a statement that its games are legal and Schneiderman is just out for media attention. Boston-based DraftKings said it disagreed with Schneiderman and would pursue legal options. Last month, Nevada required fantasy sports companies to obtain a gambling license.

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MILITARY: President Barack Obama is awarding the nation's highest military honor to a former Army captain who tackled a suicide bomber while serving in Afghanistan in August 2012. Florent Groberg is being credited with saving fellow soldier's lives with his actions. He was also badly injured in the attack, which killed four people. The 32-year-old soldier spent nearly three years recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Thursday's ceremony at the White House will mark only 10th time a living service member has received the Medal of Honor for actions in Afghanistan or Iraq. Seven more were posthumously awarded the medal. Groberg was born in Poissy, France, in 1983. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2001, the same year he graduated from high school in Maryland. / SAFETY, VETERANS: It was a very good Veterans' Day, indeed for a 51-year-old Gulf War vet. He is recovering after spending days stranded in a rural area outside the Yamhill County community of Willamina. A story in The Oregonian quotes deputies who say Timothy John Marsh was disoriented and was showing early signs of hypothermia when he was located yesterday—but is recovering. The Lane County Sheriff's Office listed Marsh as missing on Saturday after he'd failed to contact those who knew him. Marsh was last believed to be traveling from Florence to his hometown of Newport in his Ford F-250 pickup. Marsh, an Army Gulf War veteran, told deputies he'd run out of gas on a back road in a remote. wooded portion of the Coast Range, eating dog food and relying on his military training to survive. Wednesday morning, a 61-year-old grouse hunter called the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office after he heard a faint cry for help. After a couple hours, and some shouting back a forth, deputies found Marsh at his car across a canyon. / EDUCATION, MINORITIES, RACISM: Racially-charged protests at the University of Missouri have energized students at other colleges to push for better treatment of black students. Missouri's president resigned Monday after protesters accused him of ignoring racial attacks on students. At Yale, Michigan and other schools dealing with racial tensions, students say the Missouri case has emboldened them to take a harder line against their own administrators. It also has inspired students at more than 20 colleges to plan solidarity demonstrations this week. Some students say they're planning to issue demands over racial matters. The Missouri case is bringing attention to issues that have been simmering amid a national discussion of race relations in America. Many students have said colleges can be inhospitable to black students, calling for more diversity among students and faculty.; An investigator says a man accused of making online threats against black students and faculty at the University of Missouri's Columbia campus admits that some of the postings mimicked those that were linked to a deadly shooting rampage in Oregon last month. Prosecutors have charged Hunter Park with making a terroristic threat. He's due in court later today. A university police officer wrote in a probable cause statement that Park admitted he wrote the postings when confronted early yesterday in his dorm room. /

RELIGION, MINORITIES, COMMUNITY: A Dallas City Council member is standing by statements he made on his personal Facebook that some are calling anti-Islamic. The Statesman Journal reports that Micky Garus said Tuesday that his comments do not reflect the city of Dallas or other city councilors, but that he believes more Muslims in power would lead to the implementation of Sharia law and a loss of freedoms in America. Garus posted over the weekend on his public Facebook page that he believes the Islamic faith is "pure evil" and compared Muslims to Adolf Hitler. The original post has been removed, Dallas Mayor Brian Dalton says the city is committed to nondiscrimination and that the content of Garus' Facebook post was not a matter of discussion by the City Council. / RACISM, MINORITIES, SAFETY: Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum says investigators did search for social media hashtags used by the Black Lives Matter movement as part of a threat-assessment program. The Oregonian reports that Rosenblum said Tuesday she was "shocked and appalled" by the information. Her confirmation comes after a letter from the Urban League of Portland accused the Department of Justice of digital surveillance of people involved in the racial justice movement. Rosenblum says an investigator has been placed on paid leave as a result of the allegations and that she has hired a special investigator to examine the data collection by the Justice Department's Criminal Justice Division. / CRIME, SAFETY: No charges have been filed in connection a Cottage Grove shooting that left one man dead and another with a gunshot wound to the face. The Register-Guard reports that Lane County Deputy District Attorney Erik Hasselman says there is not sufficient evidence to suggest 60-year-old Dale Lloyd committed any crime in the death of 64-year-old John Sidman. Hasselman says the investigation is closed, pending any new evidence. Lloyd told police Sidman, who lived across the street from Lloyd, asked him to come over to discuss his daughter. When Lloyd arrived, he says Sidman pulled out a gun and threatened to restrain Lloyd. Lloyd says Sidman shot him and he ran back to his house to call 911. Police say evidence supports this. / SPORTS, EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT: The Register-Guard is reporting that the University of Oregon's planned sports science center already has a name: the Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Complex. And the R-G reports that it also now has a price tag: \$19.2 million, according to a building permit application filed by the U-of-O this week. The money will come from Nike co-founder Phil Knight and his wife, Penny-the latest in a long line of gifts from the Knights to the university. The 29,000-squarefoot addition or "enhancement," as campus leaders describe it, to the Casanova Center building on Leo Harris Parkway, next to Autzen Stadium, could see construction could start in January and conclude by mid-September. The work would refurbish an equipment room on the east side of the Casanova Center's first floor into a center with state-of-the-art equipment to improve athletes' health and performance. The UO Board of Trustees approved the project Sept. 10. Under the agreement, the university will lease the 29,000-square-foot piece of the Casanova Center to PHIT LLC, a business entity controlled by Knight. He then will hire Portland-based Hoffman Construction and the architectural firm SRG for the work. Upon completion, Knight will donate the space back to the university, It's a similar arrangement to other projects Knight has built for the university, including the lavish 145.000-square-foot Hatfield-Dowlin Complex next to Autzen, which opened in 2013. The price-tag for that is estimated at \$69 million. The Mariota center will be spendy: \$662 per square foot, and that's just for construction. It doesn't include furnishings and equipment. The center will feature threedimensional motion-capture technology to record and improve athletes' movements, as well as a neurocognitive center to diagnose and treat head injuries, according to the university. The project also will expand the Casanova Center's equipment room. The complex is the latest in a string of projects that have boosted UO athletics' profile in recent years, following the Hatfield-Dowlin Complex, completion of Papé Field in 2012 and PK Park in 2009, as well as

several upgrades to Autzen Stadium. The Casanova Center opened in 1991, and totals 102,000 square feet. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: New University of Oregon President Michael Schill says helping students graduate on time is among the best ways to keep rising college costs in check. Schill told The Associated Press Wednesday that he aims to improve the university's graduation rate by 10 percentage points over five years. Just half of UO students graduate in four years, and fewer than 70 percent graduate in six. Schill says the university is spending \$17 million on its efforts to improve graduation and retention. The money comes from an increase in higher education funding that state lawmakers approved earlier this year. Schill says he'll hire a "retention czar," along with more student advisers. The university also will grant more in scholarships to students in danger of dropping out, among other changes. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: Smoking could soon be banned in public housing. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is proposing to require all of the nation's public housing agencies to make their properties smoke-free. HUD Secretary Julian Castro says the rule would save about \$153 million a year in health care costs, repairs and preventable fires. The nation's surgeon general says the rule is needed to protect public housing residents from the dangers of secondhand smoke. / HEALTH, EDUCATION: The Register-Guard is reporting that the cause of a confirmed norovirus outbreak at O'Hara Catholic School is still a mystery, according to Lane County officials. At least 100 people were reported to have fallen ill at the end of October, including students, parents, teachers and several friends and family members. Initially, county officials suspected the outbreak was related to food services at the school, until learning that O'Hara has no hot lunch program. One theory was that the virus originated from a staff breakfast held earlier that week. A health official told The Register-Guard It's possible that a teacher who was ill but was not aware of her illness provided utensils for the breakfast, Davis said. Also being investigated: Two pumpkin-carving events held at the school that might have contributed to the spread of the virus. / HEALTH: Chipotle reopened 30 restaurants in Washington state and the Portland, Oregon, area in time for lunch Wednesday. The company expects all 43 outlets closed after an E. coli outbreak was linked to 11 Chipotle restaurants will be open by Thursday. Fans of Chipotle streamed into one Seattle outlet, but the crowds were thinner than the usual lunch crowd. Chipotle voluntarily closed all its restaurants in Washington state and the Portland area at the end of October after health officials connected an E. coli outbreak to the casual Mexican restaurants. An investigation didn't find the cause of the outbreak, but health officials told the Mexican food chain it could reopen the restaurants if they met certain safety conditions, including a thorough cleaning and replacement of all fresh food. Chipotle says it tested the food prior to restocking and is instituting additional procedures in its 2,000 restaurants to ensure robust food safety standards.; Obesity is still rising among American adults, despite more than a decade of public-awareness campaigns and other efforts to get people to watch their weight. And researchers with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say women have now overtaken men in the obese category. For the past several years, experts thought the nation's alarming, decades-long rise in obesity had leveled off. But the CDC report finds that the obesity rate has climbed to nearly 38 percent of adults, up from 32 percent about a decade earlier. Experts said they had no explanation for why the obesity rate appears to be rising. And women are more at risk: Obesity rates for men and women had been roughly the same for about a decade. But in the new report, the rate was significantly higher for women, at 38 percent, compared with 34 percent for men. Obesity - which means not merely overweight, but seriously overweight is considered one of the nation's leading public health problems. Until the early 1980s, only about one in six adults were obese, but the rate climbed dramatically until it hit about one in three around a decade ago. The news comes after years of government anti-obesity campaigns to encourage people to eat better and

exercise. Soda consumption has dropped in recent years, and fast-food chains have adopted healthier menus. New federal rules have also been adopted to remove artificial trans fats from grocery store foods and to require chain restaurants to post calorie counts, though those have not gone into effect yet. The report also looked at obesity in children but did not see much change. For young people ages 2 to 19, the rate has been holding at about 17 percent over the past decade or so. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Two to three inches of rain in the valley three to four inches along the Oregon Coast. That's the latest forecast related to today's arriving Pacific storm, which could complicate travel and lead to debris flows and fallen trees-along with possible power outages. Drivers should be alert and plan alternate routes, if needed. / CRIME: The Register-Guard is reporting that five Eugene police officers and another officer who works in Gresham have joined in a \$1.75 million lawsuit against the Eugene Police Department and a now-imprisoned former cop. The Register-Guard reports the suit was filed Tuesday in Lane County Circuit Court. It claims Eugene police officials failed to conduct a full background investigation of nowformer officer Jeff Argo, who was convicted earlier this year of possessing child pornography and invading the privacy of a number of people. His victims included several male colleagues who now are suing after they were filmed while urinating in a police department bathroom after Argo had installed hidden video cameras there. The 41-year-old Argo is serving a seven-year sentence after pleading guilty in April to 21 criminal charges. A police spokeswoman told The Register-Guard's reporter that officials could not comment on the lawsuit because they had not yet seen it. The officers allege in the suit that department officials broke established policy by not conducting any face-to-face interviews with Argo's prior employers or personal references. They claim such interviews would have revealed that Argo was neither fit nor appropriate for hire as a Eugene Police Department office. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The Federal Aviation Administration says three different planes were hit by a laser beam yesterday evening coming from an area near Dallas, Texas. A Southwest Airlines plane, Virgin America plane and private business jet were affected. All three were inbound to Dallas Love Field. Both airliners were coming from Austin and the planes were at altitudes of between 3,000 and 4,000 feet. The beams from laser pointers can temporarily blind pilots at a critical time during their flights—and can cause permanent eye damage. An FBI campaign last year sought to combat the illegal use of laser pointers to target airplanes. Authorities said at the time that instances of the crime had increased significantly since 2005, when federal officials first started keeping statistics. /

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ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT: The Register-Guard is reporting that Avago Technologies, a global semiconductor supplier, is the mystery buyer who snapped up the West Eugene Hynix factory site in last month's auction. The publicly-traded company plans remodel it and start churning out components for mobile phones there in several years. Avago is headquartered in Singapore and San Jose, California. The Register-Guard reports it submitted the winning bid of \$21 million in last month's online auction of the 1.2 million-square-foot Hynix site in west Eugene. Avago officials said they expect the sale to close later this month. The plant has stood vacant since 2008 when Hynix closed it, laying off 1,100 workers. The Register-Guard reports Avago officials plan to apply for enterprise-zone tax breaks, which would waive property taxes on plant improvements for three to five years. They have not yet said how much they would spend retrofitting the plant nor how many workers would be hired for the West Eugene site. The Register-Guard reports the Eugene plant would be the second production site for the Avago division that makes cellphone components. It already has a facility in Fort Collins, Colo., where business has grown dramatically. Avago started in 1961 as a division of Hewlett-Packard. When the Fort Collins facility was part of Hewlett-Packard, manufacturing operations were co-located in Fort Collins and Corvallis. Hynix employed 1,100 workers and was the county's top property taxpayer in Lane County from 2006 to 2009, paying a peak of \$9.7 million in property taxes in 2009. After Hynix closed the plant in 2008, property tax payments plummeted as equipment was removed and the plant's value dropped. / EDUCATION. MINORITIES, RACISM: Across the country, there were demonstrations on college campuses showing support for students at the University of Missouri, In Eugene. close to 500 students, faculty and staff took part in a gathering organized by the group, "Black Women of Achievement." Demonstration organizer Shaniece Curry told reporters it's time for campuses to become more diverse saving, quote, ""We want students here that look like us. We want faculty who look like us - and we're not going to stop until we do." The group plans to send U-of-O administrators a list of demands to begin addressing concerns of black safety, cultural and educational advancement, and the recruitment and retention of black students. / POLITICS: Lane County Commissioner Faye Stewart says he's running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate. Stewart says he's throwing his hat into the Senate race because he believes the federal government has neglected the needs of Oregon counties while running up debt and mismanaging natural resources. If Stewart prevails in the GOP primary, the Cottage Grove resident would face incumbent Ron Wyden in November of 2016. Wyden was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1996 and has been reelected by large margins since then. It's unclear how many challengers Stewart, an eleven-year member of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, will face in the Republican primary. Two GOP candidates have announced their bids: Mark Callahan, who lost to Monica Wehby in last year's

primary, and Dan Laschober, a software and general finance consultant from Wilsonville. Bend businessman Sam Carpenter is rumored to be entering the race. Wyden is expected to keep his seat. He entered the Senate in 1996 after edging Gordon Smith in a special election to fill the spot vacated by Bob Packwood. Wyden easily won re-election in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Republicans have not won a statewide race in Oregon since 2002. / TRANSPORTATION. SAFETY: Kia is recalling more than 256,000 Soul compact SUVs in the U.S. because the steering could fail. The recall covers Souls from the 2014 through 2016 model years. Kia says the adhesive that holds steering gear parts together may not be strong enough and the parts can separate. That can cause loss of steering. The recall is expected to start Dec. 22. / ECONOMY, HEALTH: Oracle Corp. is suing Oregon Gov. Kate Brown for allegedly violating the state's public records law by failing to turn over the contents of email accounts used by former Gov. John Kitzhaber. The complaint was filed Thursday in Marion County Circuit Court. It says Brown failed to provide documents related to Oracle's April 6 public records requests. Instead, Oracle says Brown allowed Kitzhaber to decide which emails are subject to public disclosure and passed on those emails to Oracle. The controversy stems from a legal battle between Oracle and the state over the troubled Cover Oregon health insurance exchange. Oracle is seeking Kitzhaber's private emails that were stored on state servers; the company says they're relevant to pending litigation. Brown's office did not immediately return a call for comment. / CRIME, SAFETY: An Oregon woman has been charged with child neglect for leaving five young children home alone. The Register-Guard reports that police say a Springfield 7-year-old knocked on a neighbor's door around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and said she was left alone with infants. When police arrived, they found four younger children -- a 2-year-old and three 1-year-olds. Officers called the state Department of Human Services and charged a 29-year-old woman with five counts of child neglect. Police say she told them she just went to a convenience store for milk. It's unclear how long the children were alone. A police log says the children stayed with a relative while the woman was in jail. It's not clear whether they were returned to her custody after she was released on bail. / ENVIRONMENT: Wildlife officials shot and killed a 7-year-old bighorn ram that wandered near an Oregon city because it got too close to domestic sheep. The Herald and News reports that the ram left the Klamath National Wildlife Refuce last week and was shot after being seen on agricultural land outside Merrill Thursday morning, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Jon Muir says wild bighorn sheep that mingle with their domestic counterparts are exposed to infections and often get pneumonia. Respiratory illnesses like that are benign for domestic sheep but often lethal to bighorns, sometimes wiping out entire herds. ODFW Klamath Falls district biologist Tom Collom says the ram was too close to domestic sheep to let him return to the wild herd and risk infecting other animals. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Heavy rains continue to fall across Oregon, creating highway driving hazards and increasing the risks of localized flooding and debris flows. Four to seven inches combined are expected through Sunday night on the coast, with up to three inches possible in the Willamette Valley. Snow levels are falling in the mountains. / SAFETY, HOMELESSNESS: Eugene Police say a man sleeping under an empty semitrailer was fatally injured when a driver hooked his truck to the trailer and began pulling it away. It happened early yesterday morning near 18th and Chambers. Police say the driver arrived at a loading dock with a full trailer, which he disconnected and then attached the empty trailer. He did not realize until moments later that the man had been sleeping underneath. The victim was taken to the hospital but did not survive his injuries. / HEALTH, AGRICULTURE: The Food and Drug Administration has come out with new safety rules for produce, and the goal is to prevent the kind of large-scale outbreaks of foodborne illnesses that occurred over the past decade. Under the rules, the government soon will have new

oversight of farms that grow Americans' food. That means — for example making sure workers are trained to wash their hands, irrigation water is monitored for harmful bacteria and animals don't leave droppings in fields. / SPORTS: In an effort to avoid a ban from track and field, Russian athletic officials today offered "broad cooperation" on doping reforms, including the creation of a new anti-doping agency. Track's governing body will decide later today on whether to suspend Russia from competition following a World Anti-Doping Agency commission's report that alleged a vast state-sponsored doping program. That would be the first step toward banning Russia's track team from next year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. In the doping report, the Russian track federation's athletes and officials were accused of "extensive" use of performance-enhancing drugs, obstructing doping tests and helping to cover up drug use. While Russian officials remain sharply critical of the report, senior leaders have become increasingly focused on reconciliation. They say they are prepared to re-certify their laboratory, or to reform, or to create a new Russian anti-doping organization. The controversy is being followed closely by elite athletes in Oregon and herein Eugene, which hosts some of the world's top track and field competitions. / CRIME, SAFETY. TRANSPORTATION: A 24-year-old Portland-area woman who hit and badly injured three teen girls while she was using her cellphone while driving will serve five months for her crime. The Oregonian reports it happened in January on the street outside Centennial High School as the victims were in a crosswalk. Prosecutors say 24-year-old Elizabeth Dove crashed into the teens while she was taking video of her three-year-old son in the back seat of her car. In the moments before the accident, investigators say she was also sending texts to relatives as she was driving, then turned to record the video of her child. The Oregonian reports Dove must serve three years of probation and complete 200 hours of community service, including making public service announcements on distracted driving. She also cannot have a cellphone that has texting capabilities or is equipped with a camera while on probation. The judge allowed up to a year to determine a restitution amount for the three girls, who suffered shattered bones and skulls. Two of them also lost their senses of taste and smell. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Campbell Soup is recalling 355,000 cans of SpaghettiOs Original in the U.S. due to a possible choking hazard. Pieces of red plastic, part of the can's lining, were found in a small number of the 14.2 ounce cans. Campbell Soup announced the recall after receiving complaints. It said that the plastic is food grade and not harmful if swallowed. / HEALTH: A new study concludes that people who drink about three to five cups of coffee a day might be less likely to die prematurely from some illnesses than those who don't drink coffee or drink less coffee. The research comes from the Harvard School of Public Health, Drinkers of both caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee saw benefits, including a lower risk of death from cardiovascular disease, neurological diseases, Type 2 diabetes, and suicide. The researchers say bioactive compounds in coffee appear to reduce insulin resistance and systematic inflammation. But they also say more studiesand apparently more coffee-drinking-are needed for further understanding of how it works. Moderate coffee consumption was associated with reduced risk of death from cardiovascular disease, diabetes, neurological diseases such as Parkinson's disease, and suicide. / ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT; Crab pots are sitting empty on docks, boats are idled and fishermen are anxiously waiting for California authorities to open the lucrative Dungeness crab season, California has delayed the Nov. 15 start of its commercial crab season after finding dangerous levels of a toxin in crabs. Officials in Oregon and Washington are testing crab samples and will decide soon whether to open their coastal season. A massive bloom of algae - which produced a natural toxin that is harmful to wildlife and fish in the Pacific Ocean is threatening the crab industry during a time when many fishing outfits make their most money. A closure along the entire West Coast would be a blow to the industry, which harvested nearly \$170 million worth of

Dungeness crab in 2014. / ECONOMY: President Barack Obama is trying to rally hundreds of thousands of eBay sellers to get behind a proposed trade deal between the U.S. and 11 other countries. Obama intends to sign the deal, but he could face a tough task in getting Congress to ratify it. Obama says the Trans Pacific Partnership will help preserve a free and open Internet. The growth among Internet users is greatest in developing regions like Southeast Asia and Obama says "they're looking to connect and buy from sellers like you." He says one chapter in the agreement is dedicated to e-commerce. It establishes rules that ensure companies and consumers can access and move data freely without facing arbitrary blocking of their websites. Obama's message is being emailed to more than 600,000 eBay members. / ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE: Bird flu took a bite out of the turkey supply. Heavy rain washed out the pumpkin crop. But Thanksgiving groceries likely won't cost Americans much more than last year, and nobody should have to miss gobbling down their favorite holiday foods. The holiday season always generates stories about some items being in short supply or dramatically pricier. But markets have a way of balancing themselves out, particularly around this meal. So even though bird flu wiped out 8 million turkeys driving production down and wholesale prices up — you're in no danger missing out. These birds don't play by the usual rules of supply and demand. According to Richard Volpe, a former government food price economist, it's because one of the most effective things grocers can do to lure holiday shoppers is offer cheap turkeys, even selling them at a loss.

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) is predicting an increase in air pollution levels in Lane County this week through the weekend. The Home Wood Heating (HWH) Advisory is currently at "Yellow" for both Eugene/Springfield and Oakridge. During a "Yellow" advisory, wood burning is cautioned against. People are asked to use alternative heating methods in their homes until air quality conditions improve. If conditions degrade and air pollution increases, it could trigger a burn ban or a "Red" advisory in Lane County. The National Weather Service issued an Air Stagnation Advisory for the Willamette Valley starting Wednesday evening through the weekend. Air inversions will keep cold air trapped in the valley without much ventilation. Pollution and particulates from wood burning will linger at ground level, saturating the air people breathe. Pollution from wood burning is made up of fine particles referred to as PM 2.5. These fine particles are less than two and a half microns in diameter, about 1/30th the average width of human hair. When inhaled, these particles may get lodged into the respiratory system or bloodstream, causing both short and long term health effects. / SAFETY, HOMELESSNESS: The Egan Warming Centers are being activated for homeless individuals and families tonight. The locations are: First Christian Church 12th & Oak in Eugene (Pets Allowed), St Mary's Episcopal Church 13th & Pearl in Eugene (Late open, overflow only, no food served), Ebbert Memorial 6th and C Street, Springfield (Pets Allowed), Central Lutheran Church 18th & Potter in Eugene (Pets Allowed), First United Methodist Church (YOUTH) 1376 Olive Street in Eugene, Resurrection Episcopal Church 3925 Hilyard Street in Eugene, Valley Covenant Church 18th & Bailey Hill in Eugene, Lane Community College, E 30 Avenue in Eugene. *NOTE: Central Presbyterian will not be an Egan site for this activation and there will be no River Road site available. The LCC Warming Center is a partnership with Egan Warming Centers and is primarily intended for any homeless LCC student but will serve anyone who needs shelter. LCC will provide two meals, access to restrooms and showers, and a safe, warm place to sleep, including bedding.; This comes as The Register-Guard reports that Eugene police are conducting a death investigation after a homeless woman's body was found on Lincoln Street on Tuesday morning. The body of 58-year-old Elvira Mary Shetter-Marshall was found at 7:30 a.m. in a covered area designated for bike racks at the Eugene Municipal Court. According to Eugene police, Shetter-Marshall often slept in the bike-rack area and was well known and liked by the court staff. The court is at Lincoln Street and West 11th Avenue. / SAFETY, COMMUNITY, CRIME, TRANSPORTATION: Eugene police and officials with other agencies remind you that the New Year is a time for celebration, not driving impaired. Also, be considerate of neighbors and pets or others who might be sensitive to fireworks. DUII patrols will be staffed above and beyond the normal strength throughout the holiday weekend, primarily with the help of funding from state grants. The social host, or ordinance on unruly gatherings, holds individuals

criminally responsible for hosting, organizing and allowing an unruly event or social gathering. Property owners where the event is hosted will also be penalized if there are multiple violations of this ordinance at the same property. The Eugene Municipal Court has assigned a base fine of \$375 for criminal violations of this ordinance. Both hosts and property owners could be civilly liable for police, fire and public works response to repeated illegal gatherings that fall under this ordinance. Fireworks within the City of Eugene are allowed if they are legal retail fireworks and they can only be used between December 31 and January 1 (and also between June 23 and July 6 -City Code 4.934). Violation of the ordinance has a base fine that has been set at \$250. The use of illegal fireworks during anytime of the year, or the use of fireworks that are legal for retail purchase other than between June 23 and July 6 and December 31 and January 1, is covered by the Social Host ordinance (4.670). Legal fireworks in Oregon include fountains, spinners and wheels available at retail fireworks outlets. Additionally, legal fireworks produce only smoke, sparks or fire but DO NOT explode, eject balls of fire, fly into the air more than 12 inches or travel more than six feet on the ground. When both legal and illegal fireworks are improperly handled, injuries and fire damage occur. Illegal fireworks include but are not limited to, fire crackers, bottle rockets and roman candles, fly into the air, explode and behave in an uncontrolled and unpredictable manner. Illegal fireworks are extremely dangerous and create extreme fire danger. Possession of illegal fireworks is a class B misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of \$2,500 and six months in jail. Cherry bombs, M-80's and larger and any legal or illegal firework that has been modified are considered an EXPLOSIVE DEVICE and should not be handled. Call the Eugene Police Department immediately and do not transport.; The Lane County Sheriff's Office has received special allocated funding from ODOT and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association to provide for overtime patrols with a focus on Traffic and Life Safety emphasizing DUII and aggressive driving enforcement. Sheriff's deputies are conducting overtime patrols in the Lane County area through January 1st. This saturation is part of a nation-wide effort to reduce drunk and impaired driving. Drive safely during the typically hazardous conditions, drive sober, and utilize designated drivers, taxis or other public transportation if you choose to drink. With the passage of Oregon's marijuana laws, this is also a reminder of the impairment marijuana creates of drivers, impacting their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) applies to drivers under the influence of marijuana, as it does with alcohol. During the first part of the holiday saturation patrol period, deputies made 5 DUII arrests, one of which was related to a motor vehicle crash. Deputies also responded with Oregon State Police troopers to a fatal crash on Fleck Road at Central Road outside of Veneta on December 25th. Winter weather and cold road surfaces are expected to further contribute to motor vehicle crashes. Impaired drivers make things more dangerous. / TERRORISM, SAFETY: Come for the party — but stay alert to possible danger. That's the somewhat mixed message being given to those expected to show up by the hundreds of thousands tonight in New York's Times Square. Officials say the up to 1 million revelers expected should be safe because of all the police and a new counterterrorism squad being deployed in the area. In Las Vegas, people turning out for a public fireworks display are being asked to leave their bags, backpacks and strollers at home. But city officials note that's just a suggestion, not a requirement. / FAMILY, COMMUNITY: Fees for Oregon vital records, including birth, death and marriage certificates, will increase by \$5 in January to cover increasing administrative costs, the Oregon Health Authority's Center for Health Statistics is announcing. The basic fee for a certificate will be \$25 starting January 1st. Officials say the fee increases are necessary to cover costs for supporting the state's vital records system. They say those costs have gone up during recent years as revenue from fees has fallen. The last vital records fee increase was in 2003. Vital records are the legal

registration of a vital event, such as a birth, marriage, domestic partnership, divorce or death. By law, every vital event that occurs in Oregon must be recorded and permanently stored with Oregon Vital Records. Certified copies of the record are printed on special paper in the form of birth certificates, death certificates or marriage certificates. / CRIME, ECONOMY: TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin has been charged with felony assault of a police officer. San Antonio Police spokesman Sgt. Jesse Salame said Boykin is being held on \$5,000 bond. Bexar County Magistrate's website showed Boykin was arrested at 1:45 a.m. Thursday. A police report said the 22-year-old was fighting with employees at a bar. People whom Boykin was with told police they would take him back to the hotel. Police said Boykin then charged at responding officers and swung at one officer before he was taken to the ground. The report also said Boykin resisted arrest until he was told they would use a stun gun on him. TCU plays Oregon on Saturday in the Alamo Bowl. The school said in a statement that they are aware of the situation and will "closely monitor" it and "evaluate additional details as they become available." / ECONOMY: Oregon's tax-free marijuana sales come to an end next year. Beginning Jan. 4, the state will collect a 25 percent sales tax on marijuana products sold to people without medical cards. That means pot will become one of just three products with a tax applied at the point of sale. The others are hotel rooms and prepaid mobile phone credits. Oregon marijuana stores have been selling tax-free pot in limited quantities since Oct. 1 due to a quirk in the voterapproved initiative that allowed adults to buy the drug from licensed stores. State marijuana sales taxes will drop to 17 percent late next year when Oregon's recreational marijuana program is fully up and running. Local governments will then be able to assess their own taxes of up to 3 percent. / TRANSPORTATION SAFETY: Laws taking effect in the new year illustrate how states are diverging on some hot-button issues. Texas will allow licensed owners to carry handguns openly in public places, while California will allow people to ask a judge to have weapons taken away from relatives who are believed to pose a threat. California and Oregon will become the first states that automatically register eligible voters who obtain or renew a driver's license. North Carolina will join the list of states requiring that photo IDs be presented at polling places. The differences are a sign of a nation that is polarized politically. Minimum wages are rising in several states, a contrast to inaction on the issue in Congress. / CRIME: A murder charge has been filed against a man accused of killing his 80-year-old stepfather in Florence. The Lane County Sheriff's Office says Jeffrey Holmes was arrested Tuesday about a mile from where Jack Youngblood's body was found. Deputies had been called to Youngblood's home at about noon on a report of a dispute between family members. Holmes had been temporarily staying with his mother and stepfather, and was away from the house by the time deputies arrived. KCST reports that a deputy spotted Holmes on Highway 101. He was booked into the county jail. Court records show the 41-year-old with a record stretching back to his teenage years, with convictions for assault, forgery, drug possession and other crimes. Documents filed in Multnomah County in 2014 and 2015 listed him as homeless. / ECONOMY, CIVIL RIGHTS: A federal judge has accepted a proposed settlement affecting employment opportunities for thousands of Oregonians with disabilities. U.S. Magistrate Judge Janice Stewart approved the settlement on Tuesday. The settlement stems from a class-action lawsuit filed in 2012. The suit alleged that Oregon relies too heavily on so-called "sheltered workshops," where people with developmental or intellectual disabilities work almost exclusively with disabled co-workers. The lawsuit alleged that Oregon's practice prevented people with disabilities from working with non-disabled peers in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act. The U.S. Department of Justice joined the suit a year after it was filed. Among the concessions in the settlement. the state agreed to reduce the number of people in sheltered workshops by 20 percent to a maximum of 1,530 over the next two years. / ENVIRONMENT: Three

environmental groups are suing Oregon wildlife officials over their decision to remove the gray wolf from the state's endangered species list. The Center for Biological Diversity and two other groups say it's premature to delist the animal with just 80 adult wolves living in the state. / ENVIRONMENT, FAMILY: The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is joining America's State Parks in sponsoring First Day Hikes in 28 Oregon State Parks on New Year's Day. Park rangers or volunteers will lead most of the hikes. Day-use parking fees are waived for all visitors at participating parks on January 1st only. First Day Hikes help families enjoy state parks close to their homes and encourage a healthy lifestyle. Visit the Oregon State Parks website for directions to each park at

www.oregonstateparks.org Dress for the weather and bring snacks if you like or binoculars for wildlife viewing. Participating parks include:

WILLAMETTE VALLEY/CASCADES:

Elijah Bristow State Park, Noon. Horse ride at the equestrian parking area. Bring your own horse.

Champoeg State Heritage Area, hike at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area, 10 a.m. at the trailhead kiosk.

Silver Falls State Park. 10 a.m. at the South Falls Lodge porch.

Willamette Mission State Park, hikes at 10 a.m. and noon. Meet at the Wheatland Ferry bicycle trailhead parking lot.

OREGON COAST:

Jessie M. Honeyman State Park, 10 a.m. at the group campground parking lot off Canary Road.

South Beach State Park, 10 a.m. at the South Jetty Trailhead.

William Tugman State Park, 10 a.m. in the day-use parking lot by the boat ramp.

Bullards Beach State Park, 10 a.m. near the entrance to B Loop.

Beverly Beach State Park, 10 a.m. in the day-use area