

**KKNU-FM 93.3**

**SPRINGFIELD, OREGON**

**QUARTERLY POSTING OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS, NEEDS AND  
INTERESTS**

**First Quarter, 2016: January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>**

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## **KKNU-FM: Springfield, Oregon, 93.3 mhz**

### **McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc.**

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:

1. 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 in-depth examinations of community problems, needs and issues.

## **McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING 1Q, 2016, ISSUES LIST:**

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

Quarter	January 1 <sup>st</sup> through March 31 <sup>st</sup>
Year	2016
	<i><b>*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</b></i>
1	<b><u>ECONOMY, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, UTILITIES, COLLEGE AND PRO SPORTS:</u></b> Economic recovery; Unemployment, workforce training; Government funding; Personal finance; Gas & food prices; Recreational, medical marijuana; Immigration economics; Retirement concerns; Economic and downtown development, urban renewal and urban density; Rural development, urban growth boundary; UO athletic facilities; Athletics funding, spending; Sports events; Civic Stadium rebuilding; Agriculture; Technology; Energy prices, development; Cybersecurity, hacking.
2	<b><u>CRIME-SAFETY:</u></b> Gun control, gun violence; Mass killings, school shootings, Umpqua Community College attack aftermath; Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation; Drug & alcohol abuse; Human trafficking; Gangs; Policing & community policing; Demonstrations & riots; Arsonists; Racial profiling; Youth protection, including child abuse; Public safety during severe weather, disasters, terrorism; Cybersecurity, hacking, data breaches.
3	<b><u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS:</u></b> Campaign 2016 and presidential politics; Congressional gridlock; Legislative session; Ballot initiatives; Funding issues; Election finance; Government funding and shutdown threats; Planned Parenthood.
4	<b><u>MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM:</u></b> 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; National Guard deployments; Oregonians in the military; NSA hacking and privacy issues.
5	<b><u>HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME ISSUES:</u></b> "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	<b><u>WOMEN, FAMILY, ELDER, MINORITIES, RACISM, IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, COMMUNITY, DISABILITIES:</u></b> Immigration; Same-sex marriage; Gay rights, fair housing; Families and children; Domestic violence; Youth programs; Minority issues, the growing local Latino community; Race and racism; Civil rights, civil liberties; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religion, churches; Global migrant crisis; Community and charitable events, Older adults, Pets and animal rights.
7	<b><u>HEALTH:</u></b> Prescription drug prices; The Affordable Care Act, Oregon Health Plan, co-ops and managed care; Immunizations and treatments; Recreational and medical marijuana; Mental health; Measles, meningitis, Ebola and other outbreaks; Vaccination; Food and product recalls; General health care issues; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Drug & alcohol abuse; Pandemic risks; Physician-assisted suicide.
8	<b><u>EDUCATION:</u></b> 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	<b><u>TRANSPORTATION :</u></b> Lane Transit District EmX expansion; Willamette Street modifications; Highway and street improvements & safety; Drone safety and regulation; Pedestrian, biker, rider safety; Hiking-biking trails; Airlines and Eugene's airport; Hybrid, electric vehicles; Fees and taxes.
10	<b><u>ENVIRONMENT:</u></b> Malheur Wildlife Refuge occupation; Drought, severe weather; El Nino; Disaster preparedness: Earthquakes, tsunamis, Wildfires; Air quality, climate change; Agriculture; Pollinators; Pesticides, herbicides; Gardens, produce, Sustainable landscaping; Ocean health; Forest management; Wildlife habitat, fish recovery, fishing effects; Power generation; Alternate energy; Hazardous materials transport, toxic dumps, clean-up sites.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2016, Issues List was formulated at a public meeting on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. In attendance were Tracy Berry of KKNU-FM and Mary Reilly of KMGE-FM.

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	01/03/16 and 01/10/16
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, ECONOMY and HOUSING, EDUCATION
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>Have you made your New Year's resolutions? Do they include getting your finances in order and getting rid of debt? Our guest this morning is Ross Kanaga from NEDCO—the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation. It's a Springfield-based non-profit that offers classes and counseling for individuals and families working to get out of debt and save for the future. He also offers tips for listeners who want to improve their financial habits. NEDCO also offers programs designed to help low-income individuals and families purchase their first home. Other programs include microloans to businesses and the "food incubator" that helps start-up businesses grow into more robust food companies and outlets.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	01/17/16
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	HEALTH, CRIME, ECONOMY, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>Problem gambling remains a growing problem in Oregon. This morning, we chat with Lane County's Problem Gambling Prevention specialist, Julie Hines, about increased efforts to help adults and even some teens who've become hooked on online gambling, gutted their finances and leading to other risky behaviors along with increased risk of depression and suicide. She talks about the inpatient and outpatient resources funded by proceeds from the Oregon Lottery as well as private treatment centers. She discusses the rising challenges of sports betting sites such as FanDuel and DraftKings. And she offers tips on how to tell if you have a problem and how to talk to friends or loved ones you suspect might be problem gamblers.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	01/24/16
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	HEALTH, EDUCATION, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>A new study by the United Ways of the Pacific Northwest finds that one in three households in the region struggles to make ends meet. This comes to 1.6 million Pacific Northwest households unable to afford the region's high cost of living. The study finds the breadwinners for these households work at low-paying jobs, have little or no savings, and are one emergency away from falling into poverty. The households, including 38 percent of those in Oregon, are earning more than the official U.S. poverty level, but less than the basic cost of living. They are being categorized as part of the ALICE "Asset Limited, Income Constrained" population. Employed." This morning, we speak with Brandy Rodtsbrooks and Elena Fracchia from United Way of Lane County about the report, which finds that more than half of all jobs in Pacific Northwest pay less than \$40,000 a year and low-income jobs are projected to dominate the state's economy for the foreseeable future. Analysts with the United Ways of the Pacific Northwest say the head of a typical ALICE household is a mid-career professional who is now underemployed, the young family strapped by child care costs or a recent college graduate unable to afford to live on his or her own. More than one third are within their prime wage-earning years of 45 to 64 years old.</p> <p>By comparison, its authors say the average income needed in order to survive in Oregon is just shy of \$51-thousand. Now that they have a good snapshot of the problem, United Way officials say they're working with their community partners to craft solutions.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	01/31/16 and 02/07/16
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	ECONOMY, FAMILY, ELDERS, EDUCATION
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>Our quarterly "Focus on Finances" continues as we speak with coordinators and volunteers with the AARP Foundation and United Way "Tax Aides." If you're low income (especially if you're older than age 50)—or have disabilities—consider meeting with the trained tax Aide volunteers. They offer no-cost assistance preparing your tax returns and ensuring you receive the tax credits for which you might qualify. These include the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Care Tax Credit. Those credits alone can put millions of dollars back into the pockets of Lane County residents.</p> <p>We speak with John and Barb Nydahl—two longtime volunteers, as well as Elena Fracchia with United Way of Lane County. They tell you what you'll need to bring to your Tax Aide appointment and also encourage those with an interest in helping people financially consider becoming Tax Aide volunteers.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	02/14/16 and 02/21/16
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	CRIME, SAFETY, FAMILIES
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>When children are victims of or witness abuse, their journey through the legal system can be a challenging one. But Lane County's non-profit Kids' FIRST Center, which opened its doors in September of 1994, can help. The organization works under the direct supervision of the Lane County District Attorney's Office. The purpose of a child abuse intervention center like Kids' FIRST is to provide a central location for a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach to child abuse investigations, which eliminates the need for a child to be repeatedly interviewed about abuse by each individual agency. We offer a warm, non-threatening environment where specially trained interviewers talk to children. The interviews are video-recorded to document the children's statements, which can be used as evidence about their experiences. The Center also houses forensic medical assessments, grand juries and Lane County multidisciplinary team reviews. This morning, we chat with Sarah Stewart from the center about their efforts to recruit and train volunteers who can act as advocates and help the children and their non-offending parent(s) through the process.</p>



## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	02/28/16 and 03/06/16
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	EDUCATION, SAFETY, FAMILIES, MINORITIES
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>It was known for decades as Birth-to-Three but it's mission has expanded over the years to encompass older children. Now, the group known as Parenting Now! Continues its mission of providing parenting education and support to families with young children. That includes educational sessions, support groups, direct service to families and sales of nationally-recognized educational materials to parenting educators worldwide. The head of Parenting Now!, Lynne Swartz, joins us this morning to talk about programs, resources and the coming annual fundraiser that takes place on March 11<sup>th</sup>. And she talks about the questions parents have about their kids and their children's development that the staff, volunteers, trainers and other parents are able to answer.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	03/13/16 and 03/20/16
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	EDUCATION, FAMILIES
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>We're making great strides to improve literacy in our community, thanks to our local SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) program. Children who learn to read early and often do better in school and are more likely to land good jobs and have successful lives. This morning, we receive an update from Southern Willamette Valley Coordinator Kari Rosenfeld ahead of the annual SMART Reader banquet honoring hundreds of volunteers. She makes a pitch for listeners to become SMART volunteers, with an emphasis on recruiting those who speak English and Spanish. And we receive tips for parents and caregivers about how to read with children and help youngsters develop a love of books.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	03/27/16
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>Can you feel it? Spring is almost here and our Master Gardeners and Compost specialists with the Lane County-OSU Extension Service have tips for you. Our guests this morning, Brooke Edmunds and Barbara Duhamel, talk about what you can do now with your muddy soil. Hunt: It's a great time to pull weeds and plant some root crops but you'll want to wait until it's a bit drier to start working the soil, adding compost and putting tender fruit and veggie plants in the ground. We discuss the judicious use of garden chemicals and the need to protect our dwindling populations of pollinators. We hear about beneficial insects, such as ladybugs, and nematodes. And we learn about the Master Gardeners' hotline, where people can call in or drop by the resource center for free advice on yard and garden care, identifying insects and bugs and even receiving help planning a sustainable landscape. And we learn about the Master Gardeners' frequent classes and their foundation's upcoming plant sale.</p>

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

<b>DATE OF BROADCAST</b>	01/04/16
<b>TIME OF BROADCAST</b>	5:30AM-8:30AM / KGNU-FM
<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	Morning News
<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, CRIME, POLITICS: The southeastern Oregon city of Burns has become the latest flashpoint for anti-government sentiment. Armed protesters yesterday occupied a national wildlife refuge headquarters to object to a prison sentence for local ranchers convicted of deliberately burning federal land. Ammon Bundy - the son of Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, who was involved in a 2014 standoff with the government over grazing rights - is among the people at the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. It is unclear exactly how many people were taking part in the protests. Bundy and other militia members came to Burns last month, upset over the looming prison sentences for local ranchers Dwight and Steven Hammond. They went to the wildlife refuge Saturday evening following a peaceful rally that took place in Burns. On Sunday, militia members decked out in camouflage and warm winter gear and holding guns and walkie talkies guarded the wildlife refuge headquarters entrance. Pickup trucks blocked the entrance and were pulled out of the way to let select cars through. 73-year-old Dwight Hammond and 46-year-old Steven Hammond were convicted of arson three years ago after they admitted intentionally setting wildfires federal land in 2001 and 2006. They said they wanted to reduce the growth of invasive plants and protect their own property from range fires. The two were convicted of the arsons three years ago and served time - the father spending three months in prison, the son one year. But in October, a federal judge ruled that their terms were too short under U.S. minimum sentencing law and ordered them back to prison for about four years each. The decision generated controversy and is part of a decades-long dispute between some Westerners and the federal government over the use of public lands and the debate over federal versus local control. Dwight Hammond has said he and his son plan to peacefully report to prison today as ordered by the judge. The Malheur County sheriff says he is working with local and federal authorities to resolve the situation as quickly and peacefully as possible. He is asking people to stay away from the wildlife refuge. / SAFETY, CRIME, POLITICS: President Barack Obama is slated to finalize a set of new executive actions today to tighten the nation's gun laws. In doing so, the president is making his first order of business in 2016 a clear signal that he does not intend to settle quietly into his final year in office. At a meeting with Attorney General Loretta Lynch, FBI Director James Comey and other top law enforcement officials President Obama is expected to sign off on a package of proposals aimed at curbing gun violence and cracking down on unregulated gun sales. At the top of the list is an effort to expand background checks on gun sales by forcing more</p>

sellers to register as federally licensed gun dealers. The changes would be aimed at some unregistered sellers who skirt the background check laws by selling at gun shows, online or informal settings. Other moves being considered include improving reporting of lost and stolen weapons and beefing up inspections of licensed dealers, according to a person familiar with the plans who would not be named discussing proposals before they are finalized. White House has long considered such executive orders but held off amid concerns of legal battles and the potential for political backlash for some fellow Democrats. But after a steady string of mass shootings and with the clock on his tenure ticking down, President Obama appears primed to push further than he has in the past. ; The San Bernardino, California, Regional Center that was the scene of a shooting massacre will reopen today. Since the Dec. 2 attack, few of the 600 employees have gone to the office, although they've been visiting their clients — autistic children and mentally disabled adults. The actual conference center where the attack occurred will remain closed. The employees were attacked by a fellow employee and his wife. The couple was killed hours after they killed 14 people and wounded others. / ECONOMY: U.S. stocks are opening 2016 on a grim note, dropping sharply after a plunge in China and declines in Europe. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 347 points, or 2 percent, to 17,078 as of 9:35 a.m. Eastern time Monday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 37 points, or 1.8 percent, to 2,006. The Nasdaq composite gave up 112 points, or 2.2 percent, to 4,895. The drop was caused by weak Chinese manufacturing data and escalating tensions in the Middle East. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Lane County is looking at paying out more than \$605,000 to buyout 31 employees as part of a plan to make cost saving changes to future employees' health insurance plans. The Register-Guard reports that county management offered a voluntary buyout to 413 eligible workers this fall. Thirty-one employees applied. If those workers stick to their plan to take the buyout, the county will pay a total of \$605,460 upfront. Each employee will receive 250 hours of regular pay, plus \$500 for every year they have worked. County officials say they expect to save more than \$560,000 annually after the payout by capping the salary of those vacant positions and saving money on benefits. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A Winter Weather Advisory remains in effect through the morning for the possibility of freezing rain and sleet in the southern Willamette Valley. / ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION: Many schools, colleges and universities are closed with the icy conditions. They include all locations of Lane Community College – Eugene, Cottage Grove and Florence, as well as the main campus of Oregon State University and all locations of Linn-Benton Community College. Many others are opening two hours late and most local school districts have canceled classes for the day. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Delivery of today's print edition of The Register-Guard has been delayed in many areas of our market due to icy roads. The R-G anticipates a high number of calls to their Customer Service Center and asks that subscribers contact our office if they have not received delivery by 9:00 a.m. Subscribers in outer areas may experience later deliveries. Customers at the coast will receive the Sunday paper with Monday's delivery. ; Lisa joins the sheppardhyundai.com Road Crew with this text: "Hwy 126 near Walton road report: ODOT has been dropping volcanic gravel since about 4AM due to EXTREME ICE CONDITIONS. I don't know where they started but it goes from our location near the 30 mile marker all the way to Mapleton. The road is good from Mapleton to Florence. May be good to let folks know how dangerous

the ice condition is, i'm guessing from at least Badger Pass to Mapleton. Stay home if you do not need to be on this dangerous road today. Thanks for helping folks stay safe!!!"; Eugene Police warn of "Severely Hazardous" road conditions. Roads all through the central Lane County area are extremely icy and hazardous. Eugene Police say responders are handling a large number of accidents. Resources are stretched thin. Motorists are urged to avoid all driving that is not highly urgent. ; Due to icy road conditions, the three City of Eugene Recreation facilities are on delay or are cancelling classes today. ; Snowstorms over the past month have already pushed Sunriver past its snow average for the whole season. The Bend Bulletin reports an average winter season, measured from the first to last snowfall, brings about 60 inches of snow to Sunriver. Spokesman Brooke Snavely says Sunriver has already received about 70 inches this winter. Although some of the snow has melted or compressed, there is still about 30 inches of snow on the ground. December snow broke a record set in 1992-93, with 52.6 inches this past December. / ECONOMY-SPORTS: Thrust into the starting role in place of the suspended star quarterback, TCU's Bram Kohlhausen made the absolute most of his final chance with the Horned Frogs - in historic fashion. Not just for his team, but for the family that could join him at the Alamo Bowl and those who couldn't. Starting in place of Trevone Boykin, who was suspended after a bar fight two days earlier, Kohlhausen led the No. 11 Horned Frogs back from 31 points down for a 47-41, triple-overtime victory over No. 15 Oregon on Saturday night in the Alamo Bowl. It didn't look possible when Oregon (9-4) was rolling to a 28-0 lead behind standout senior quarterback Vernon Adams Jr., and led 31-0 at halftime. Adams passed for 197 yards and a touchdown and led the Ducks on four consecutive touchdown drives, eluding sacks and throwing downfield as Oregon rolled early. But Oregon stopped in its tracks when Adams was hurt on a rare called run for him. Adams knocked heads with TCU linebacker Derrick Kindred, left the game and never returned. Jeff Lockie drove Oregon to a field goal that made it 31-0 at halftime, but the Ducks stalled there. TCU scored on all of its possessions in the second half and overtime. / ENVIRONMENT: Biologists hope commercial fishing will end a carp invasion at Malheur Wildlife Refuge. The Oregonian reports carp completed a hostile takeover of Malheur Lake a while ago. The carp have created an ecosystem that no longer supports the plants and insect life that birds rely upon for food and habitat. Managers of the migratory bird sanctuary south of Burns have tried dynamite, poison, putting screens across the waterways and suffocating the fish by draining water from lakes and ponds. Now they're going to try fishing the carp out of there, with help the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation and Pacific Foods of Tualatin. A five-year contract began this year, but drought kept lake waters too low to start fishing. But by spring 2016, the team hopes to begin removing thousands of fish from the water each day. / HEALTH, WOMEN: A new survey suggests that many pediatricians and family doctors are not strongly recommending the cancer-preventing HPV vaccine to preteens and their parents. And that's contributing to low vaccination rates. While nearly all the 600 doctors surveyed discuss the vaccine with at least some patients 11 and 12 years old, most were likely to recommend vaccination and give shots to older kids. Researchers at the University of Colorado say some doctors need a clearer understanding of reasons to vaccinate younger patients. /

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

**DATE OF  
BROADCAST** 01/05/16

**TIME OF  
BROADCAST** 5:30AM-8:30AM / KGNU-FM

**NAME OF  
PROGRAM** Morning News

**LENGTH OF  
PROGRAM** 30 Seconds

**ISSUE OR  
SUBJECT  
DISCUSSED**

SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT: It's another day of icy roads, postponed and canceled classes and events and fender-benders during the morning commute. We update our listeners over the air and via social media. / POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: President Barack Obama is making good on his pledge to politicize gun violence. The package of gun-control executive actions Obama will formally announce today has pushed the contentious issue to the forefront of the 2016 presidential campaign, just weeks from the February 1<sup>st</sup> Iowa caucuses. The cornerstone of Obama's executive actions is a background check requirement for guns purchased from dealers even if they're bought online or at gun shows. The new federal guidance aims to narrow the so-called gun show loophole that allows some purchases to occur without a background check. At gun shows and flea markets and on some websites, some sellers often skirt that requirement by declining to register as licensed dealers, but officials say the new federal guidance would clarify that it applies to anyone "in the business" of selling firearms. After the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, President Obama sought far-reaching, bipartisan legislation that went beyond background checks. When the effort collapsed in the U.S. Senate, the White House said it was thoroughly researching the president's powers to identify every legal step he could take on his own. A more recent spate of gun-related atrocities, including the Umpqua community College and San Bernardino, California, shootings have spurred the administration to give the issue another look, as the president seeks to make good on a policy issue that he's elevated time and again but has failed until now to advance. While Republicans and Democrats are deeply divided on the issue, both parties see Obama's actions as an opportunity to generate enthusiasm among primary voters. But in a general election, the gun debate becomes a blurrier political proposition. Public opinion polls show Americans overwhelmingly support expanding background checks for gun purchases, but are more divided on the broader question of stricter gun laws. The gun-control advocacy movement has gained wealthy backers, including former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, but the National Rifle Association remains one of the most dominant forces in American politics. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, CRIME: The armed takeover of the headquarters of a remote southeastern Oregon wildlife refuge has put federal officials in a tough spot: Should they confront the occupiers or lay off, given that the public faces no imminent harm? Confrontation carries a risk of bloodshed. But a long stand-off carries the risk of emboldening other anti-government groups. About 20 people are occupying the compound that houses

the headquarters for the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. They say they came to protest the prison sentences of two ranchers who set fire to federal lands. But the ranchers have distanced themselves from the group and yesterday turned themselves in to authorities to serve a pair of expanded prison sentences. The Oregon Cattleman's Association issued a statement supporting the ranchers but said it does not support the illegal takeover of government property. The armed protesters want the wildlife refuge property turned over to local authorities so people can use it free of U.S. oversight. But the Oregon Cattleman's Association statement noted that Harney County ranchers have a long history of working on habitat conservation issues with the federal and local governments. Harney County's sheriff also issued a statement saying the best way the protesters could support the ranchers and the community was by leaving. President Barack Obama said Monday that federal authorities were monitoring the situation, but agents made no apparent moves to surround the property or confront the group - an approach that reflected lessons learned from bloody standoffs at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and Waco, Texas, in the early 1990s. But it also prompted complaints from many observers who suggested the government's response would have been swifter and more severe had the occupants been Muslim or black. ; The armed activists who took over the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge over the weekend say they're there to take a stand against the federal government and support local ranchers and people in Oregon's Harney County. But increasingly, the locals are distancing themselves from the occupation. The activists seized the southeastern Oregon wildlife refuge as part of a decades-long fight over public lands in the West. The armed group wants an inquiry into whether the government is forcing ranchers off their land after Dwight Hammond and his son, Steven, reported back to prison Monday. The Hammonds were convicted of arson three years ago for fires on federal land in 2001 and 2006, one of which was set to cover up deer poaching, according to prosecutors. The men served no more than a year until an appeals court judge ruled the terms fell short of minimum sentences that require them to serve about four more years. The group - led by two of the sons of rancher Cliven Bundy, who was involved in a 2014 Nevada standoff with the government over grazing rights - sent a demand for "redress for grievances" to local, state and federal officials. The takeover puts federal officials in a delicate position of deciding whether to confront the occupiers, risking bloodshed, or stand back and possibly embolden others to directly confront the government. But Harney County's sheriff says if the protestors want to support the local community they'll leave. And the Oregon Cattleman's Association issued a statement yesterday that said while it supported the Hammond family it does not support the illegal takeover of government property. Schools were closed for the week in the city of Burns, about 30 miles north of the refuge, out of an abundance of caution. ; The armed group occupying the headquarters of a national wildlife refuge in southeastern Oregon wants the federal government to relinquish the land to local officials so it becomes more accessible for ranching, mining and other uses. Less visible efforts to wrest control of federal lands date back more than a century in the West, where the U.S. government manages most of the land in some states: HOW MUCH LAND DOES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OWN? It controls about a million square miles, mostly in the West, according to the Congressional Research Service. It owns 85 percent of Nevada, 66 percent of Utah, 62 percent of both Idaho and Alaska, and



53 percent of Oregon. Most of the land is managed by U.S. agencies including the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service. The federal government also owns significant portions of California and Wyoming, at 48 percent each; Arizona, at 42 percent; Colorado, at 36 percent; New Mexico, at 35 percent; Montana, at 29 percent; and Washington state, at 28 percent. **HOW DID THE GOVERNMENT ACQUIRE SO MUCH LAND?** As the country expanded West, the federal government sought to protect some areas, such as Yellowstone National Park in 1872, and took control in the 1900s of unclaimed areas that were generally too harsh and difficult for homesteaders to make a living. For example, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management administers much of the sagebrush steppe of the Great Basin, which is habitat for the imperiled sage grouse but unsuitable for farming. **IS THE LAND-CONTROL CONFLICT NEW?** No. The debate over management of federal land has spanned decades. Some state officials and others contend that state control would mean less regulation and greater freedom for ranchers, miners, recreationists and others, boosting state income. Critics of that view say the land would be too expensive for states to maintain and would be sold off to private interests, cutting off access to the public. Congress approved a law in 1976 saying that remaining public land would stay under federal control. **WHAT EFFORTS ARE STATES MAKING TO CONTROL FEDERAL LAND?** State lawmakers, notably in Utah and Idaho, have sought a legal way to take control of federal land. However, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden has said the state's constitution gave up claims to the land when Idaho joined the union. Congress has the authority to turn over federal land to the states, but efforts to pass such a law have failed so far. **WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THE LAND IN OREGON?** President Theodore Roosevelt created the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in 1908. Administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the 300-square-mile refuge is partly a marshland that's a key rest area in the Oregon high desert for migrating birds. The number of migrating shorebirds qualifies the refuge as a Regional Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve, the wildlife service says. It also supports more than 20 percent of the state's breeding population of greater sandhill cranes, as well as many other species. Birding is a popular pastime at the refuge, which also draws anglers, hunters and wildlife watchers. / **ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY:** Federal authorities are suing Volkswagen over emissions-cheating software found in nearly 600,000 vehicles sold in the United States. The Justice Department and the Environmental Protection Agency on Monday filed a civil complaint against the German automaker in U.S. District Court in Detroit. The lawsuit alleges the company illegally installed software designed to make its diesel engines pass federal emissions standards when undergoing laboratory testing. The vehicles then switched off those measures to boost performance in real-world driving conditions. That resulted in greenhouse gas emissions at up to 40 times federal environmental standards. Volkswagen first admitted in September that the cheating software was included in its diesel cars sold since the 2009 model year. The company could still face separate criminal charges and is negotiating a massive recall with U.S. regulators. / **CRIME, SAFETY, MINORITIES, CIVIL RIGHTS:** The city of Chicago has paid \$5.5 million in reparations to 57 people whose claims that they were tortured by police decades ago were found to be credible. The money was paid Monday to victims of a police unit commanded by

disgraced former police commander Jon Burge from the 1970s through the early 1990s, the Chicago Sun-Times reported. More than 100 men, mostly African-American, have accused Burge and officers under his command of shocking, suffocating and beating them into giving false confessions, some of which landed them on death row. Burge has never been criminally charged with torture, but he served a 4 ½-year sentence for lying about the torture in a civil case and was released from a halfway house last year. The \$5.5 million adds to more than \$100 million that has been paid in court-ordered judgments, settlements of lawsuits and legal fees - most of it spent by the financially strapped city of Chicago and some by Cook County - over the years related to the torture scandal. The \$100,000 payment most victims received Monday is a fraction of some previous settlements. The payments come as the Chicago Police Department is under withering criticism since the release in November of a video showing white police officer Jason Van Dyke shooting black 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times in 2014. The video prompted protests and led to a civil rights investigation of the entire department by the U.S. Department of Justice. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: First the ice, now the fog. A dense fog advisory is up this morning for most of the southern Willamette Valley. Drive safely! / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, CRIME: The small, armed group occupying a remote national wildlife preserve in Oregon has said repeatedly that local people should control federal lands - a sentiment that frustrates critics who say the lands are already managed to help everyone from ranchers to recreationalists. With the takeover entering its fourth day today, authorities had not removed the group of roughly 20 people from the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in eastern Oregon's high desert country. But members of the group - some from as far away as Arizona and Michigan - were growing increasingly tense, saying they feared a federal raid. Arizona rancher LaVoy Finicum said Tuesday evening that he believes federal officials have issued warrants for the arrest of five group members - including himself and Ammon Bundy - but Finicum offered no details. The FBI in Portland referred calls to the Harney County Joint Information Center, which said in a statement it had no information on arrests or arrest warrants and that authorities were "still working on a peaceful resolution." Bundy said they would take a defensive position anticipating a possible raid. Late Tuesday, the group moved a large plow vehicle to block the refuge's driveway. Bundy told reporters Tuesday the group would leave when there was a plan in place to turn over federal lands to locals - a common refrain in a decades-long fight over public lands in the West. The younger Bundy's anti-government group is critical of federal land stewardship. But environmentalists and others say U.S. officials should keep control for the broadest possible benefit to business, recreation and the environment. Randy Eardley, a Bureau of Land Management spokesman, said the group's call for land ownership transfer didn't make sense. He says everybody in the United States owns the land and that the agency manages the best it can for recreation, grazing, energy and mineral development. Bob Sallinger, conservation director of the Audubon Society of Portland, said in a statement this week that occupation of the refuge "holds hostage public lands and public resources to serve the very narrow political agenda of the occupiers." The armed group seized the refuge's headquarters Saturday night. Bundled in camouflage, earmuffs and cowboy hats, they seem to be centered around a complex of buildings on the 300-square-mile high desert preserve. Finicum said the power was still on at buildings at the refuge. "If they cut it off, that would be such a crying shame. All the pipes would freeze," he said. Ammon Bundy offered few specifics about the group's plan to get the land turned over to local control, but

Finicum said they would examine the underlying land ownership transactions to begin to "unwind it." The federal government controls about half of all land in the West, which would make the wholesale transfer of ownership extremely difficult and expensive. For example, it owns 53 percent of Oregon, 85 percent of Nevada and 66 percent of Utah, according to the Congressional Research Service. Taking over federal public lands in Idaho could cost the state \$111 million a year, according to a University of Idaho study. Bundy said the group felt it had the support of the local community. But the county sheriff has told the group to go home, and many locals don't want them around, fearing they may bring trouble. A community meeting was scheduled for Wednesday. Harney County Sheriff David Ward said in a statement the meeting was to "talk about their security concerns and the disruptions that the behavior of the militants on the refuge are causing for our people." So far, law enforcement hasn't taken action against the group, whose rallying cry is the imprisonment of father-and-son ranchers who set fire to federal land. The group calling itself Citizens for Constitutional Freedom said it wants an inquiry into whether the government is forcing ranchers off their land after Dwight Hammond and his son, Steven, reported back to prison Monday. The Hammonds, who have distanced themselves from the group, were convicted of arson three years ago and served no more than a year. A judge later ruled the terms fell short of minimum sentences that require them to serve about four more years. The takeover comes amid a dispute that dates back decades in the West. In the 1970s, Nevada and other states pushed for local control in what was known as the Sagebrush Rebellion. Supporters wanted more land for cattle grazing, mining and timber harvesting. ; The man behind the armed occupation of a federal wildlife refuge comes from a Mormon family that has been challenging government authority for at least two decades. Ammon Bundy, like his father in previous confrontations, says he is following directions from God and invokes his family's faith when explaining the anti-government movement he is attempting to lead. In March 2014, his father, Cliven Bundy, was at the center of an armed standoff with federal officials over grazing rights on government land. Federal officials backed away from seizing the Nevada rancher's cattle, but the dispute remains unresolved, and the Bureau of Land Management says the family has not made payments toward a \$1.1 million grazing fee and penalty bill. Now Cliven Bundy's son has put himself in the spotlight, this time in Oregon in a dispute over someone else's ranching operation. His armed group is pressing federal authorities to turn over government land to local control. Ammon Bundy came to Oregon hoping to rally support behind his cause, but his tactics have been broadly rejected by many locals, by the state's main ranching group and by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which the Bundy family has belonged to for generations. In a statement issued Monday, Mormon leaders said the Oregon land dispute "is not a church matter," and condemned the seizure, saying they were "deeply troubled" by reports that suggest the armed group is acting "based on Scriptural principles." The ranchers that Ammon Bundy came to defend rejected his assistance and on Monday voluntarily surrendered to serve a federal prison term on a 2012 conviction on charges of committing arson on federal land. A leader of the group Oath Keepers-past and present members of the military, first-responders and police officers who pledge to uphold the Constitution- issued a statement saying Ammon Bundy has gone too far. Many Oath Keepers were at the 2014 Bundy ranch standoff in Nevada. But in Oregon, Oath Keeper founder Stewart Rhodes

said, Ammon Bundy had picked the wrong battle, adding last week on the group's website, "We cannot force ourselves or our protection on people who do not want it." Speaking through their attorney, ranchers Dwight Hammond Jr. and son Steven said they preferred to turn themselves in and serve out their sentence. Ammon Bundy has said he had never heard of the Hammond case until his father mentioned it to him. The Hammonds were convicted three years ago of setting fires on federal land in 2001 and 2006. One of the blazes was set to cover up deer poaching, according to prosecutors. The men served no more than a year until an appeals court judge ruled that the terms fell short of minimum sentences requiring them to serve about four more years. The Hammonds said they lit the fires to reduce the growth of invasive plants and protect their property from wildfires. The 2014 standoff - and the current one in Oregon - are continuations of a decades-long fight over public lands in the West. Many people living in rural areas say their efforts to make a living have been hurt by federal policies regulating the use of government lands. Conservation groups counter that federal agencies are a better choice than states to manage public lands. That's because the agencies can authorize the land for multiple uses, such as mining, grazing or recreation, while many Western states are constitutionally obligated to use lands they manage for the most lucrative purpose - often mining. Many locals agree with Ammon Bundy that the second Hammond sentence was too harsh, considering the crime. But they disapprove of Bundy's occupation and fear it could lead to violence. Those concerns were shared by John O'Keeffe, president of the Oregon Cattleman's Association, who said Monday that his group "does not support illegal activity taken against the government." Ammon Bundy himself has benefited from federal programs. Records show that in 2010 he borrowed \$530,000 through the Small Business Administration for his company, Valet Fleet Service LLC. On Tuesday, he justified the loan by saying he is not anti-government but is opposed to federal policies that go against the people's will. ; A member of the small, armed group that has been occupying a national wildlife refuge in Oregon says he believes federal officials have issued warrants for the arrest of five group members. LaVoy Finicum, an Arizona rancher, told reporters at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Tuesday evening that he is one of the people who is a subject of the warrants, but he offered no details. The FBI in Portland referred calls to the Harney County Joint Information Center, which said in a statement it had no information on arrests or arrest warrants and that authorities were "still working on a peaceful resolution." Finicum, holding a rifle and a backpack, told reporters he would stay at the entrance to the refuge overnight so authorities could find him. Ammon Bundy, a group leader, said they would take a defensive position anticipating a possible raid. The group calling itself Citizens for Constitutional Freedom said it wants an inquiry into whether the government is forcing ranchers off their land. / CRIME, SAFETY, POLITICS: President Barack Obama made it official yesterday, announcing executive action that expands mandatory background checks to gun shows, flea markets and online sales, adds more than 230 examiners and staff to help process them and calls on states to submit accurate and updated criminal history data. Those measures are seen as crucial to stemming gun suicides - the cause of two-thirds of gun deaths - by blocking immediate access to weapons. But many analysts say they would have had no impact in keeping weapons from the hands of suspects in several of the deadliest recent mass shootings that have spurred calls for tighter gun control. The

shooters at Sandy Hook and San Bernardino used weapons bought by others, shielding them from background checks. In other cases, including in Oregon, the shooters legally purchased guns. The president briefly teared up when mentioning the deaths of the 20 elementary school students at Sandy Hook, saying he wanted to do everything he could to prevent future tragedies. ; President Barack Obama's plan to strengthen controls on guns in the U.S. is meeting swift resistance from gun rights groups, Republicans and even a few Democrats who say it's up to Congress to enact new policies on firearms. Yet the overall effect on gun violence could prove to be relatively small. The president announced a 10-point plan to try to keep guns from people who shouldn't have them. The centerpiece is new federal guidance that seeks to clarify who is "in the business" of selling firearms and has to get a federal license. Currently, licensed dealers must run background checks on prospective buyers, but private sellers don't. President Obama is aiming to narrow that loophole so that more firearms sold at gun shows, flea markets or online are subject to background checks. Other steps include 230 new examiners the FBI will hire to process the estimated 63,000 background checks requested each day. Obama is directing federal agencies to research smart gun technology to reduce accidental shootings and asking Congress for \$500 million for mental health care. Further steps aim to better track lost guns and prevent trusts or corporations from buying dangerous weapons without background checks. Can the president do this alone? Obama says he can. Republicans and gun rights advocates say he can't. The White House says Obama is acting fully within his legal authority, by clarifying existing laws that Congress has already passed. It's an argument Obama has used before when opposition in Congress has led him to take sweeping executive action on immigration, climate change and other issues. Still, Obama readily concedes the executive steps will be challenged in court. One likely option for opponents is to challenge Obama's authority to define what it means to be "engaged in the business" of selling guns, since that definition isn't laid out in the law. / ECONOMY: Gov. Kate Brown has replaced the director of the state's Employment Department days after a state audit detailing security lapses and tax troubles involving the department's aging computer systems. The Oregonian reports state budget manager Kay Erickson will be the temporary replacement for Lisa Nisenfield, while a permanent replacement is sought. / CRIME: Linn County authorities say a SWAT team has seized seven firearms and about 1,000 rounds of ammunition from the home of a man legally prohibited from owning guns. KVAL-TV reports that deputies arrested 73-year-old Allen Diggs yesterday on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a firearm. ; Trial is set for a former Wisconsin police officer accused of killing an Oregon woman whose body was found in a suitcase along a rural highway. A final pretrial hearing was held Tuesday for 54-year-old Steven Zelich. WITI-TV reports that the trial for the former West Allis officer is scheduled to begin Jan. 25. It's expected to last two weeks. Zelich is charged with first-degree intentional homicide and hiding a corpse in the 2012 death of 19-year-old Jenny Gamez, from Cottage Grove, Oregon. Zelich also is suspected of killing 37-year-old Laura Simonson, of Farmington, Minnesota, at a Rochester hotel in 2013. The women's remains were found in suitcases along a highway near Lake Geneva in June 2014. Court records say Zelich told investigators he killed them accidentally during sex. ; Federal agents are seeking to keep firearms and cash seized in connection to an alleged marijuana growing operation on national forest lands in southern Oregon.

The Mail Tribune reports the U.S. Attorney's Office filed a request last week for the forfeiture of 14 firearms and nearly \$50,000 in cash seized by Drug Enforcement Administration agents at the residence of 60-year-old Alberto Rincon Martinez and a marijuana grow site in 2013. Martinez hasn't been charged in the case. Authorities began investigating in May 2013 when U.S. Forest Service workers responding to a wildfire found evidence of a grow operation in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Authorities later removed nearly 3,000 marijuana plants from the site. Martinez claimed to have only one marijuana plant at his residence used for cancer treatment. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, POLITICS: The Portland city auditor is fining Uber \$2,000 for violations of lobbying rules. Mary Hull Caballero says the ride-sharing company failed to disclose that political consultant Mark Weiner was working as a lobbyist on its behalf. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Are you new to Oregon? Well, you're not alone. For the third year in a row, more people are moving to Oregon than anywhere else in the nation. The Statesman Journal reports that a study by United Van Lines found that 69 percent of moves to and from Oregon in 2015 were inbound. The state has increased inbound migration by 10 percent over the past six years. According to the study, 19 percent of people moving to Oregon say they did so for retirement. Another 19 percent say they came for the lifestyle. Other popular states for those looking to move were South Carolina, Vermont, Idaho, North Carolina, Florida, Nevada, Texas, Washington and Washington, D.C. / SAFETY: Search and rescue volunteers found the body of an Oregon man who was reported missing in late December. The Lane County Sheriff's Office says Mark "Jason" Manderscheid's body was found Monday night in the Salmon Creek area near Oakridge. The 31-year-old Creswell man told friends shortly after Christmas he was going camping, and then head to Eugene and possibly Seattle. A volunteer dive team recovered the body and the medical examiner will do an autopsy. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Oregon residents looking to enter the recreational marijuana business can now apply for a license. The Oregonian reports that the license paperwork became available Monday morning. At noon, 70 people had submitted the forms. Oregon has no limit to the number of grower or retailer licenses it will issue. A report by the liquor control commission estimates the state will issue 850 recreational marijuana licenses by the end of 2017. Commission Executive Director Steve Marks says the agency will review applications for outdoor production facilities and laboratories first, so growers can have their crop ready for the retail market later this year. Marks says regulators are not likely to approve any applications until after the Oregon Legislature meets next month. / ECONOMY, CRIME: A judge has dismissed a lawsuit that sought federal approval for a credit union aimed at serving marijuana businesses in Colorado, saying allowing it "would facilitate criminal activity." Colorado's Fourth Corner Credit Union challenged a decision by the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City to keep the pot bank from accessing the nation's financial system. But U.S. District Judge R. Brooke Jackson dismissed the lawsuit Tuesday because marijuana remains illegal under federal law. Jackson says the situation is untenable, and he hopes it will soon be resolved by Congress. Aaron Smith, executive director of the National Cannabis Industry Association, says the ruling sends the message that Congress must act. He adds, "There's no workaround to fix this industry-wide." / ENVIRONMENT: The nonprofit McKenzie River Trust has completed the purchase of more than 150 acres of land near Blue River to help

protect water quality and salmon habitat. The Register-Guard reports that the trust purchased the land for \$775,000 to help with conservation of the McKenzie River, which provides drinking water to the Eugene Water & Electric Board. The electric board commissioners authorized a \$250,000 grant for restoration of the property and have agreed to match up to \$500,000 of money the trust raises through a fundraising campaign. The trust and land owner Rosboro, a Springfield forest products company, are also in talks for the purchase of an additional 110 acres across the river. / HEALTH: The nation's lead public health agency is focusing its attack on electronic cigarettes on the issue of advertising, saying too many kids see the ads. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released national survey results Tuesday indicating 7 in 10 youths see e-cigarette ads, mostly in stores. CDC officials worry such ads will lead more kids to try them and, perhaps, regular cigarettes. There are bans on TV commercials and some other types of marketing for regular cigarettes but there are no restrictions on advertisements for e-cigarettes. Most states, though, ban the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. The report doesn't prove advertising is actually causing more kids to pick up e-cigarettes and a trade group said the survey is flawed. / ECONOMY: Officials with the Oregon lottery say the Powerball jackpot for tonight's drawing has been increased from \$450 million to \$500 million. This jackpot is the fourth largest Powerball jackpot of all time. /



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<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	Morning News
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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>CRIME: Eugene Police say they have received numerous reports in recent days of an IRS scam that has been circulating. These calls generally use an automated system, but occasionally they will come from an actual person who attempts to alarm or scare the recipient. A list of scams is provided on the Eugene Police Department website. Go to the "Prevention and Safety" section and look for the information on "Fraud, Scams and Identity Theft." You may view or download a document that lists the most common scams in our area. New ones pop up all the time but are often similar to existing scams. It is easy to get taken in, even if you are usually suspicious of scams. Call the Eugene Police non-emergency line, 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 agency. Also, if you receive a call of this nature, please report the activity to federal Internet crime investigators at their website: <a href="http://www.ic3.gov">www.ic3.gov</a> Follow your instincts and never feel embarrassed about confirming the identity of a caller. This can be accomplished by contacting the represented agency directly by looking up a published contact phone number and asking to speak with the individual directly or confirm the information with the agency's non-emergency phone number. Tips for avoiding scams: 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. ; 9:55 a.m. Wednesday update: Eugene Police just sent an email saying they have a new example of how quickly scammers are to change tactics and follow one scam with another more devious one. It is a recording received at home by a Eugene Police employee. They are sharing it so that our community is aware and no one falls prey!</p> <p>In this scam, the caller identifies as the Internet Crime Control Center, which is IC3 (IC3 is the bureau to report scams to), however this is NOT IC3. It is a scammer. / ECONOMY: A lottery official says the estimated prize for this weekend's Powerball drawing is the largest jackpot of any lottery game in U.S. history. Texas Lottery spokeswoman Kelly Cripe says Saturday's drawing will be</p>

worth about \$675 million. That's because no one matched the numbers drawn for Wednesday night's estimated \$500 million jackpot. Wednesday's numbers were 2, 11, 47, 62 and 63, and the Powerball was 17. The previous record was a \$656 million Mega Millions jackpot won in March 2012. Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. / WAR ON TERRORISM: In Paris, France, police have cleared hundreds of people from the neighborhood of an attack on a Paris police station amid fears that other assailants could be at large. A single unidentified attacker was killed by police after threatening them with a knife. Tensions were high in the Goutte d'Or neighborhood in Paris' 18th arrondissement, a multi-ethnic district not far from the Gare du Nord train station. Police expanded the security cordon about an hour after the attack, swiftly and roughly clearing out hundreds who had gathered at a subway station and along nearby streets. Shops were ordered shuttered along neighboring streets. Two French officials say a man shot dead outside a Paris police station was wearing a fake explosives vest. The two officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing investigation, said he had wires protruding from his body. They said he has not yet been identified. One of the officials said the man threatened officers at the police station in northern Paris with a butcher's knife. Tension was high on the anniversary of the attacks against the Charlie Hebdo newspaper, which left two police officers dead a year ago today. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: Are Harney County residents growing impatient with the small, armed group occupying the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge? Cheers erupted yesterday at a packed community meeting in southeastern Oregon when the sheriff said it was time for the group to, quote, "pick up and go home." The group, which objects to federal land policy, seized buildings at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday. Authorities have not yet moved to remove the roughly two dozen people, many of whom came from Nevada but some from as far away as Arizona and Michigan. The group also objects to a lengthy prison sentence for two local ranchers convicted of arson. But the ranchers have distanced themselves from the group and reported back to prison on Monday. Schools are closed in the Burns District this week in the wake of the seizure of the refuge buildings amid safety concerns. The Harney County sheriff told the hundreds gathered at yesterday's meeting that he hoped the community would put up a "united front" to peacefully resolve the conflict. Group leader Ammon Bundy has told reporters his group members will leave when there's a plan in place to turn over federal lands to locals. And several people did speak in support of Bundy and his followers at Wednesday's meeting, saying they were making a statement to wake people up. Earlier Wednesday the leader of the Burns-Paiutes, the Native American tribe that regards the preserve as sacred, issued a rebuke to Bundy's group, saying they are not welcome at the snowy bird sanctuary and must leave. The tribal leader said the protesters have no right to the land which, if anything, belongs to the native people who live in the area. The standoff in rural Oregon is a continuation of a long-running dispute over federal policies covering the use of public lands, including grazing. The federal government controls about half of all land in the West. For example, it owns 53 percent of Oregon, 85 percent of Nevada and 66 percent of Utah, according to the Congressional Research Service. / EDUCATION, SAFETY, CRIME: Six new classrooms, offices for faculty, a student lounge, a fountain and nine trees outside for each person who died. The building

on the campus of Umpqua Community College that was the site of October's mass shooting would be transformed under a recommendation from an advisory panel made up of U-C-C students, teachers and others. They began meeting in November to discuss the best ways to erase the terrible memories of that day—but still honoring those who died. The goal: Give the building a new look but ensure it remains a key part of the Roseburg campus. Snyder Hall has been closed since the October 1<sup>st</sup> incident. The Oregonian reports the 16 members of the advisory panel looked at how people at the sites of other mass shootings dealt with such buildings. The options ranged from a remodel to demolition. The new design from a Portland architectural firm would slightly change the building's footprint and cost \$3.2 million dollars. The Umpqua Community College board of trustees will ask the state for money to fund the project. A separate committee will begin meeting this fall to consider ideas for the memorial. / HEALTH: New dietary guidelines released by the government say that some Americans may not have to cut back on eggs and salt as much as they once thought. And eating lean meat is still OK. But watch the sugary drinks. The guidelines released Thursday back off the strictest sodium rules included in the last version, though Americans still consume too much salt. It reverses guidance on the dangers of dietary cholesterol and adds new advice on sugars. Released every five years, the guidelines are intended to help Americans prevent disease and obesity. They inform everything from package labels to subsidized school lunches to doctors' advice. The main message is similar to previous years: Eat your fruits and vegetables. Whole grains and seafood, too. And keep sugar, fats and salt in moderation. ; Cancer death rates have been falling for nearly 25 years, but deaths from heart disease — the No. 1 killer nationwide — have been dropping at a steeper rate. As a result, researchers with the American Cancer society say that in 2014, cancer was the top cause of death in 22 states. The trend is noted in the group's latest annual report on cancer statistics, which was released this morning. It notes that cancer is also the leading cause of death in certain groups of people, including Hispanics, Asians, and adults between the ages 40 to 79. The report predicts slightly more than 22-thousand newly-diagnosed cases of cancer in Oregon this year, mostly breast cancer, lung cancer, colorectal cancer and melanoma or "skin cancer." But to put things in a brighter light, the nation's cancer death rate has dropped by 23 percent since 1991. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY: U.S. weather officials say December's wild El Nino pushed 2015 to near-record levels for heat, moisture and downright extreme conditions. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Thursday that last year was the second warmest and third wettest in 121 years of record-keeping for the lower 48 states. The 54.4 degree average last year was second only to 2012. Scientists blame a combination of man-made climate change and El Nino, the natural warming of the central Pacific that changes weather worldwide. The U.S. set the record for warmest and wettest December, beating the old monthly warm temperature mark by nearly a degree. NOAA said its extreme weather index ranked 2015 as the most extreme year on record. Global figures come out later, but 2015 will likely rank as the hottest. / CRIME: Law enforcement officials say both the shooter and the victims in a home invasion that left all three dead had drugs at the time of the incident. On Dec. 15, 32-year-old Nathan Sunderland shot 53-year-old Debra Aleckson and her 59-year-old husband Wesley Moss. Sunderland and Moss died at the scene. Aleckson died 10 days later at a hospital. The Register-Guard

reports the couple was in possession of methamphetamine and marijuana at the time of the shooting, as well as bags and scales. It was previously reported that Sunderland had methamphetamine in his system at the time of the killings. The Lane County Sheriff's Office says Sunderland fired shots as he tried to force his way inside a Veneta home and then went next door, fatally shooting Moss, critically injured Aleckson before killing himself. / SAFETY, EDUCATION: Some colleges across the country are telling students to leave their hoverboards at home. At least 20 universities have banned or restricted hoverboards on their campuses in recent weeks, saying the popular motorized scooters are unsafe. Along with the risk of falls, federal authorities are warning that some hoverboards have caught fire. Some of the schools that have banned hoverboards: American University and George Washington University, both in Washington, D.C., and Kean University in New Jersey. / ECONOMY: Macy's is cutting up to 4,800 jobs after disappointing holiday sales. The Cincinnati-based department store chain says sales fell 5.2 percent in November and December at existing stores. Warm weather and lower spending by international tourists hurt sales. The company also listed Wednesday which 40 stores it would close—including those in Roseburg and North Bend. It had announced it was closing stores in September. Macy's said Wednesday that it now expects its profit for its fiscal fourth quarter and full year, which run through January, to fall short of its previous estimate. It sees fourth-quarter earnings per share at \$2.18 to \$2.23, compared with the average analyst estimate of \$2.56 per share. /

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**ISSUE OR  
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DISCUSSED** ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: Three Oregon sheriffs met with leaders of an armed group to try to persuade them to end their occupation of a federal wildlife refuge in southeastern Oregon. It comes after a meeting on Wednesday evening during which many local residents made it plain that's what they want. But it was unclear whether the Thursday's meeting at a snowy intersection in southeastern Oregon would lead to an end of the occupation by Ammon Bundy's group any time soon. But Harney County Sheriff David Ward said afterward that, quote, "There are some positives that could come out of this." Ward and other authorities continue to press for a peaceful resolution to get the armed group to leave the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Bundy said his group poses a threat to no one. He also said his demands that federal land in Harney County be turned over to local residents to manage are being ignored. Ward said he didn't come to argue. Bundy said neither had he. The encounter came as pressure mounts on Bundy to end the occupation of headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, south of Burns. Bundy's demands are a continuation of long-running arguments that federal policies for management of public lands in the West are harming ranchers and other locals. Bundy is the son of Cliven Bundy, a Nevada rancher who in 2014 was at the center of a tense standoff with federal officials over grazing rights. Sheriff Ward offered to escort Bundy and his followers out of the refuge, but Bundy scoffed at the suggestion, saying he didn't need an escort. The two sides plan to meet again today. Oregon Governor Kate Brown yesterday called the occupation of the wildlife refuge "unlawful" and said it had to end. Brown said the activity was, quote, "instigated by outsiders whose tactics we Oregonians don't agree with." Bundy's group includes members from Nevada and from as far away as Arizona and Michigan. At Wednesday's community meeting, some local residents said they sympathized with the armed group's complaints about federal land management but disagreed with their tactics and called on Ammon Bundy and his followers to leave. Bundy came to Burns to rally support for two local ranchers who were sentenced to prison on arson charges. The ranchers - Dwight Hammond and his son Steven Hammond - distanced themselves from Bundy's group and reported to prison Monday. The Hammonds were convicted of arson three years ago and served no more than a year. A judge later ruled that the terms fell short of minimum sentences requiring them to serve about four more years. / CRIME: The Register-Guard is reporting that a plea deal has resolved last year's hit-and-run case in which an intoxicated Veneta woman fled the scene of a Springfield

collision with a gravely injured pedestrian atop her station wagon, then drove 11 blocks before dumping the man — who died of his injuries — along a side road. Reporter Jack Moran writes that 31-year-old Isabel Gloria McDaniel pleaded guilty yesterday to eight charges, including criminally negligent homicide, in the death of 67-year-old Daniel Ortiz-Reynaga. The Register-Guard reports McDaniel was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison but is eligible to get that term reduced by a year or more if she displays good behavior while in custody. / ECONOMY: American employers added a strong 292,000 jobs in December. That suggests the U.S. economy may defy global trends and expand at a solid pace this year. The Labor Department says the unemployment rate remained 5 percent for the third straight month, as more Americans started looking for work and found jobs. / ECONOMY-SPORTS: The San Francisco 49ers met with former Philadelphia Eagles coach Chip Kelly on Thursday, according to reports from Comcast Bay Area and the San Francisco Chronicle. Kelly was fired from the Eagles on Dec. 29 after a 26-21 record in three years in Philadelphia. ESPN's Adam Schefter reported on Monday that Kelly's camp reached out to the 49ers to express interest in their coaching vacancy. San Francisco is searching for a replacement for Jim Tomsula, who went 5-11 in his lone season as head coach. The 49ers on Thursday also met with Buffalo Bills assistant head coach Anthony Lynn, reports CSN Bay Area. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: A group of sustainable energy advocates have partnered with power companies to try to reduce coal consumption in Oregon. The coalition of environmental groups has agreed to drop its bid to force power companies to offer 50 percent renewable energy by 2040, but instead will ask the Legislature to pass a similar proposal. The coalition has reached an agreement with Pacific Power and Portland General Electric to draft a proposal that will debut next week at the House Committee on Energy and Environment meets. The proposal would grant the utility companies flexibility in how they use renewable-energy credits, the ability build electric charging stations into rates and the ability to block an entity from acquiring service territory without consent. ; State Treasurer Ted Wheeler has asked for a suspension of lending through the Oregon Energy Department's Small Scale Energy Loan Program. The fund faces a \$20 million deficit after making bad loans on energy projects. Wheeler says a bailout will take money away from schools, police and other needs. Wheeler plans to formally recommend the suspension at a Jan. 19 meeting. He wants the suspension to last until the program is vetted and its long-term viability can be assured. The program has been around since 1981. Wheeler's request is the latest blow for the Energy Department, which has come under persistent scrutiny for its handling of green energy tax credits. Gov. Kate Brown's office recently announced a comprehensive review of the agency's management and performance. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Portland and Nike have announced that the company will sponsor the city's planned bike-rental program. Beaverton-based Nike will pay \$10 million over five years and put its name and logo on a fleet of 1,000 bicycles. The program that's being called Biketown is expected to start this summer, three years later than what city leaders originally envisioned. The city says the cost to ride will be the lowest in the country at \$2.50 for 30 minutes. Riders can also purchase a \$10 to \$15 monthly membership, valid for up to 90 minutes of bike time a day. / HEALTH, SAFETY: A Coast Guard crew took a man by helicopter from a fishing vessel to receive medical care after a reported seizure. The Coast Guard says they were notified of

the man's condition at about 1 a.m. Thursday and planned a vessel pick up until the weather became rough. The man was picked up by helicopter around 11 a.m. Thursday, about 9 miles west of Winchester Bay. The Coast Guard transferred the man to waiting emergency medical personnel at Southwest Oregon Regional Airport in stable condition. / **DISABILITIES, TRANSPORTATION:** The government is fining United Airlines \$2.7 million for violating rules aimed at protecting disabled passengers and preventing long tarmac delays. The Transportation Department says there was a significant increase in disability-related complaints regarding United in 2014. A DOT review of the complaints found that United had failed to give passengers with disabilities prompt service getting on and off planes, and in many instances damaged or delayed the return of wheelchairs and other mobility devices. United is also being fined for five lengthy delays in which passengers were kept waiting in planes on the tarmac at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, and another delay at Hobby Airport in Houston. In a statement, United says it remains committed to meeting all Transportation Department rules, particularly during difficult operating conditions. / **WOMEN:** The "Star Wars" version of Monopoly will add a game piece based on the female character Rey after an 8-year-old girl wrote "Girls matter" in a letter to game maker Hasbro noting the omission. Carrie Goldman, of Evanston, Illinois, posted a letter on Twitter this week written by her daughter, Annie Rose, asking why Hasbro left out Rey when she is a main character of the latest movie in the series, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." The original game includes pieces modeled on male characters: Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, Finn and Kylo Ren. Hasbro responded, saying it didn't want any spoilers, so it did not include Rey when it released the game in September. The Rhode Island-based toy maker says it will add the new piece this year. / **ECONOMY:** It's easy to sum up your chances of winning tomorrow's huge Powerball jackpot — slim to none. The math whizzes put the odds of winning at more than one in 292 million. One statistical expert at the University at Buffalo (Jeffrey Miecznikowski) says that's like flipping a quarter and getting heads 28 times in a row. In other words, forget it. Scott A. Norris, an assistant professor of mathematics at Southern Methodist University, has one tip. He says let the computer pick rather than choosing the numbers yourself. That's because when people use birthdates or other favorite figures, they generally choose numbers 31 or below. That ignores the fact that there are 69 numbered balls. /

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<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ECONOMY, HEALTH, COMMUNITY: Lottery officials say Wednesday's Powerball prize has swelled to an estimated \$1.3 billion - the world's largest. Ever. The jackpot is so big that billboards in some places around the country had to advertise the prize as \$999 million because they were not built to show billions. Oregon's lottery billboards and retailers' digital signs were dark for Sunday and the first few hours of Monday but are being reprogrammed to show the one-point-three. No one matched all six Powerball numbers Saturday night, leading to the record prize, which has grown in bounds since early November, when it started at \$40 million. The odds to win are one in 292.2 million. Seventy-five percent of all the possible combinations were purchased before Saturday's drawing and lottery officials estimate enough tickets will be sold to cover about 80 percent of the possible combinations by Wednesday. ; Powerball mania has reached a fever pitch, and that can spell trouble for compulsive gamblers. Casual gamblers—those who typically do not buy lottery tickets—might spring for one or two when the jackpot gets ridiculously high. The tickets are \$2 each so for most people it's not a big deal, just a chance to indulge in "what if I were rich" fantasies. But experts say for those living with or recovering from problem gambling addictions, the hype over the \$1.3 billion jackpot might be enough to push them into another gambling binge. Some compulsive gamblers try to keep their addiction in control by avoiding triggers such as lottery advertisements—even planning their drives to work or school along routes to avoid seeing lottery signs. But that's difficult to do in states like Oregon where seemingly every other corner store has a digital lottery board in the window advertising the amounts of the current jackpots in red. Similarly, all of the hype, news stories and casual conversation around the office or campus can trigger thoughts of addictive gambling. Even non-gamblers sometimes have an unrealistic attitude about big jackpots. The odds don't change from game to game: You still have a one in 292-million chance of winning—stratospheric odds. For those struggling to make ends meet or living with serious financial problems, the Powerball drawing might seem a potential solution, worth wagering their entire pay or remaining savings in the hope of a big win. It's an outside bet at best and a very risky one. / ECONOMY: The Supreme Court will hear arguments today in a case that challenges the right of unions representing public employees to collect fees even from workers who don't want to belong to the union. A group of California public school teachers claims the mandatory fees violate the First Amendment rights of workers who disagree with the union's positions. / POLITICS&lt; ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, CRIME: The occupation of</p>



national wildlife area by a small, armed group upset over federal land policies has now entered its second week. Things were quiet Sunday at the entrance to the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in remote southeastern Oregon. On Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the group, led by Ammon Bundy seized the buildings. Bundy has repeatedly rejected calls to leave buildings at the refuge despite requests from the county sheriff, from many local residents and from Oregon's governor, among others. He has said the group will leave when there is a plan to transfer control of federal land to locals. So far, the authorities have not moved in to remove Bundy's group. Ammon Bundy is the son of rancher Cliven Bundy, who was involved in a 2014 Nevada standoff with the government over grazing rights and the family's more than one million dollars in unpaid federal grazing fees. On Saturday a separate group of armed men arrived but left several hours later after occupation leaders told them they weren't needed. The Pacific Patriot Network showed up in a convoy of about 18 vehicles, carrying rifles and handguns and dressed in military attire and bulletproof vests. They said they were there to help with security. They departed the refuge area after occupier LaVoy Finicum said the network's help was appreciated, but that organizers wanted, quote, "the long guns put away." Also on Saturday, a state legislator from Douglas County met with members of the armed group, even though the House lawmaker who represents the district that includes the wildlife refuge encouraged him not to come. The Oregonian reports that Roseburg Republican Representative Dallas Heard spoke with some of the group members. Representative Cliff Bentz, the Republican state representative whose district includes the refuge, says he told Heard not to come because it would be "inappropriate." A Harney County judge also advised against the visit. But in the end, the judge says Bentz and five other out-of-state elected officials from Washington, Idaho and Nevada accompanied Heard. And on Saturday, Ammon Bundy's mother, Carol, sent an email to supporters asking them to send her son's group supplies from a list of more than 80 items, including sleeping bags, wool socks, cigarettes, toiletries, food, coffee and "French Vanilla Creamer." The standoff is the latest flare up of tensions over federal management of Western lands. The federal government manages most of the land in many Western states, including 53 percent of Oregon. While ranchers and others object to what they say are unfair rules, environmentalists say mining, logging and ranching have run roughshod for decades on public land and left a legacy of pollution for taxpayers to clean up. ; Republicans are widely condemning an attempt by armed ranchers in Oregon to force the federal government to return western lands to local communities. But the GOP has grown more supportive of the ranchers' goal, if not their tactics. Republican presidential candidates are increasingly arguing that the federal government owns too much of the West's land. The Republican National Committee passed a resolution calling for the return of federal western land to states. And some states are studying whether they want to try to take back the real estate. Even some western critics of the federal government say that a massive federal land take-back will never happen. It's too controversial politically given many westerners' love of public lands. But all sides agree the issue will keep getting more attention. / POLITICS: A Syrian scientist stricken with cancer and seeking a new start for his family in Michigan—and a native American student from Klamath Falls, Oregon—will be among the guests of first lady Michelle Obama for the president's final State of the Union address. The Tuesday event provides presidents with a chance to invite diverse

people to highlight a number of policy efforts. President Barack Obama has committed to accepting an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees, but some Republican lawmakers and presidential candidates are critical of the expansion. The Syrian scientist and his three daughters arrived in Michigan in December, anxious to rebuild their lives after fleeing first from Syria to Turkey after a missile attack killed his wife and one other daughter. Others on the first lady's guest list will highlight issues that Obama has attempted to prioritize during his tenure, such as expanded health insurance coverage, and issues that he hopes to work on during his final year, such as criminal justice. Lydia Doza of Klamath Falls will attend, representing some of the president's proposals to increase affordable access to higher education. Doza is a Native American pursuing a degree in software engineering at Oregon Tech. Staff Sergeant Spencer Stone of Sacramento, California, will also be on hand. He, along with childhood friends Anthony Sadler along with Roseburg resident and U.S. Army Specialist Alex Skarlatos, stopped a man from opening fire on passengers aboard a crowded Paris-bound train. One seat in the first lady's box will be empty, to represent the victims of gun violence. The guest list also includes a California man whose partner was killed in the San Bernardino attack, the first female Army Reserve officer to graduate from the Army's elite Ranger School and a plaintiff in the landmark Supreme Court case that found same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry. / HEALTH, ECONOMY-SPORTS: Amid allegations of doping among Russian track and field athletes and elsewhere across the globe, the governing body of British athletics is suggesting that ALL world records in track and field should be reset and lifetime bans should be imposed on serious drug cheats—in order to clean up the sport. U-K Athletics today published 14 proposals aimed at restoring credibility to a sport battered by allegations of widespread doping, cover-ups and corruption. The key suggestion: Wiping out all preexisting records to eliminate questions about whether world standards were set using performance-enhancing substances or other blood-doping techniques. But athletes who say they were clean competitors claim such an across-the-board approach is unfair and would punish those who followed the rules. UK Athletics also proposed a lifetime ban for athletes guilty of a serious anti-doping violation, rather than the current standard of four-year suspensions, as well as greater transparency from track and field's governing bodies. Russia is currently banned from international track and field after a report commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency alleged widespread doping and cover-ups. / CRIME: Police in Eugene say a man died soon after he was arrested by officers as a theft suspect. The Eugene Police Department says the 32-year-old man ran on Saturday evening from Fred Meyer loss prevention staff. It's unclear what he was trying to steal, but he was described as 'aggressive.' Officers located the suspect on a bike path at a park. They said the man allowed them to handcuff him without resisting and without having to use force. But when officers helped him stand up, the man began exhibiting medical distress. After emergency workers performed CPR, the man died. Police identified him as Perry Otto Charles Wilms of Roseburg. The Lane County Medical Examiner will determine the cause of death. ; A federal judge has dismissed a nude protester's claim that police violated his rights by arresting him while he played violin stark-naked outside the federal courthouse in Portland. Matthew T. Mglej of Hillsboro, Oregon, sued the Portland police and the county last January, seeking \$1.1 million in damages. The 26-year-old was

arrested for indecent exposure in May 2014. According to The Oregonian, the judge said Mglej's nudity didn't advance a specific message, so it wasn't protected by either the First Amendment or the state constitution. The judge allowed one allegation of excessive force against Multnomah County to proceed to trial. Mglej claimed jail deputies cut his wrists by jerking on his handcuffs. County attorneys argued Mglej refused to follow directions once in jail and he didn't complain of injuries at the time. / HEALTH, EDUCATION, FAMILIES: A new government study finds that even though fewer U.S. teens are smoking, secondhand smoke remains a big problem for them. Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say nearly half of nonsmoking kids in middle school and high school encountered secondhand tobacco smoke in 2013. Secondhand smoke has been linked with several illnesses in children, including breathing problems, ear infections, bronchitis and pneumonia. The study is online in today's edition of the journal Pediatrics. /

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<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>POLITICS, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: The leader of a small, armed group occupying a national wildlife refuge in southeastern Oregon said Monday he and his followers are going through government documents stored inside refuge buildings. Ammon Bundy says he want to use the documents to buttress his claim that the government has discriminated against local ranchers who use federal land for cattle grazing. Bundy said his group is not accessing government computers at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, including personnel files. After the news conference, reporters say members of the group drove in a convoy to a ranch near the refuge and tore down a stretch of government-erected fence. The goal, according to the armed men, was to give the rancher access to the range that had been blocked for years. It's not clear where the fence was located or which rancher sought the group's help. The refuge is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. An agency official strongly condemned the destruction of the fence and said the action undermines hard-earned conservation impacts achieved in the area. Spokesman Jason Holm added that because the documents and files at the refuge may have personally identifiable information, the agency "is taking necessary steps to ensure employee and family safety." Holm says 16 full time employees and one part time employee usually work at the refuge. Some who can't work away from the refuge have taken administrative leave, while others are working from home or another office. In Burns, about 30 miles from the refuge, schools reopened after being canceled for a week over safety concerns due to the refuge standoff. But government offices in the area remained closed, including those of the Bureau of Land Management. BLM spokesman Randy Eardley said about 60 BLM employees were working from home. Harney County Sheriff Dave Ward said at a community meeting Monday night that members of the armed group have been harassing law enforcement officers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife employees as they go about their business in the community and that group members are even following some of the employees home or trying to engage them in debates about their status as federal employees. Ward told community members, "there's an hour glass and it's running out," The Oregonian reported. Federal, state and local law enforcement officials are monitoring the occupation but have not taken any action. The county sheriff and many locals have asked that Bundy and his group leave. But Bundy says he is not ready to go. Ammon Bundy called his group's occupation of the refuge "peaceful" and said the armed men would not leave until the Hammonds are out of prison and abuses against ranchers are exposed. Bundy called the occupation a "moral and</p>

righteous stand for the future of this country." Ammon Bundy is a son of Cliven Bundy, a Nevada rancher who was at the center of a tense standoff with federal officials in 2014 over unpaid grazing fees. A man representing hunters and anglers, who arrived in Oregon from New Mexico this weekend, condemned the Bundy group at the earlier news conference. "What I see is a lunatic fringe of extremists who have taken my land over," said New Mexico Wildlife Federation executive director Garrett VeneKlasen. The group represents sportsmen, including hunters and anglers. ; Harney County Sheriff Dave Ward says there's been an uptick in the number of vandalism, harassment and intimidation reports in Burns and surrounding areas since members of a small, armed group began occupying the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Ward says the reports increased recently, after leaders of the group issued what he termed a "call to action," which Ward said resulted in the arrival of numerous outside militia members. Ward says there are now continual reports of law enforcement officers and community members being followed home; of people sitting in cars outside their homes, observing their movements and those of their families; and of people following them and their families as they move around the community. While not direct physical threats, Ward says the activities are clearly designed to try to intimidate. Ward said law enforcement, quote, "will not be intimidated from doing their jobs." He adds that federal, state and local law enforcement officials are monitoring the occupation but have not taken action. The Oregonian reported that Ward told community members, "there's an hour glass and it's running out." / ECONOMY-SPORTS, HEALTH: The head of the IAAF taskforce set up to determine whether Russia's ban from global track and field should be lifted says the country is making efforts to reform after its doping scandal. Russia was suspended by the IAAF from international competition, including the Olympics, in November after a report by a World Anti-Doping Agency panel detailed a state-sponsored doping program. Norwegian anti-doping expert Rune Andersen, who heads the IAAF taskforce, held meetings Monday and Tuesday in Moscow with Russian government and sports officials. Andersen tells The Associated Press that "the Russians have recognized that there is an issue, a problem, and they are trying to fix it." He adds that "several" more meetings are planned with "our Russian friends" before the taskforce reports back to the International Association of Athletics Federations in March. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Tonight, President Barack Obama delivers his final State of the Union address, and it's expected to take on an optimistic tone. White House aides say the president will call attention to his administration's successes, such as reaching a nuclear deal with Iran, re-launching diplomatic relations with Cuba and negotiating a budget deal with the Republican-led Congress. The positive recap comes despite polls that show many Americans are pessimistic, with concerns about terrorism and rapid social change. ; Kim Davis, the Kentucky clerk who spent five days in jail for defying federal court orders and refusing to license same-sex marriage, will have a seat at the president's final State of the Union speech. Her lawyer, Mat Staver, announced today that both he and Davis will be in the audience to, in his words, "stand for religious freedom" and "represent Judeo-Christian values." Every lawmaker gets one guest ticket to the President's annual speech. Staver did not say which members of Congress invited them, and no lawmaker has yet acknowledged extending the invitation. / ENVIRONMENT: Data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows that 2015 was Oregon's warmest

year on record. The Oregonian reports that Oregon was one of four states to experience record average temperatures in 2015. Washington, Montana and Florida also saw record years. An Oregon State University article published on Thursday about the NOAA data says Oregon's average temperature in 2015 was 50.4 degrees, which breaks the previous high set in 1934 by a half-degree. According to NOAA data, 2015 was the second-warmest year on record for the 48 contiguous states, with average temperatures coming in at 54.4 degrees. ; Scientists are puzzled by a massive die-off of one of the Arctic's most abundant seabirds. Thousands of common murrelets (murres), a penguin-like bird, have been found dead, apparently of starvation. Die-offs have occurred before, but not like this. Federal researchers are investigating but say there's little they can do. There's speculation ecosystem changes have affected food supplies. / CRIME: Police are on the lookout for a man who walked into a southeast Portland pet store and stuck a 2-foot-long python down his pants. Store owner Christin Bjorgan (byoo-gun) says video surveillance from Friday's theft has helped viewers and police identify a suspect, and she expects to have the \$200 snake returned soon. She says it was "pretty gutsy" for the thief to put the python down his pants, and potentially a bad move because it was close to feeding day. Police Sgt. Greg Stewart says the department has investigated thefts at pet stores, but this is the first time it has involved someone putting a snake in their pants. / MILITARY: Former Afghan Taliban captive Bowe Bergdahl is expected to appear in a military court today for a pre-trial hearing. The Army sergeant who was held by the Taliban for five years faces charges of desertion and misbehavior before the enemy after walking away from his outpost in Afghanistan. Bergdahl was freed in a prisoner swap. / ECONOMY: The world's largest lottery jackpot has grown to \$1.5 billion because of continuing strong Powerball ticket sales. Lottery officials increased their estimate of the huge jackpot for the second day in a row Tuesday because of immense interest in the prize. The record-breaking Powerball jackpot could grow yet more before Wednesday's drawing if ticket sales continue to exceed expectations. Officials reassess the estimate daily. The odds of matching all six numbers to win the jackpot are one in 292.2 million. The \$1.5 billion prize would be paid in annual payments over 29 years. Or the winner could opt for a lump-sum payment of \$930 million. ; How's this for a winning Powerball strategy? You and your buddies buy every possible number combination. Assuming you've got friends who can pony-up about 584 million bucks, you're still likely to come up short after tomorrow's drawing. That's even with a jackpot estimated at 1.4 billion-with-a-b dollars. Officials note the winner still has to pay taxes. If there's more than one winner the jackpot will be split. So, you might rethink your plan to buy more than 292 million Powerball tickets. ; With up to \$1.5 billion at stake in Wednesday's Powerball, questions about the drawing seem to be as abundant as the convenience-store kiosks offering tickets for the record-breaking jackpot. The inquiries include many myths and misconceptions about the winners, the prize money and the system that decides them. Officials with the Multi-State Lottery Association say one of the most frequent complaints is that all the winners seem to be from certain states. For example, in the past two years, Missouri and Tennessee have each been home to three Powerball jackpot winners. But lottery officials, backed by mathematicians, say probabilities equal out over time. In shorter periods, oddities can occur, in the same way someone could flip a coin

and get heads five times in a row. /

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<b>DATE OF BROADCAST</b>	01/13/16
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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: The armed activists occupying a national wildlife refuge in southeastern Oregon said yesterday that they plan to hold a community meeting this week to explain themselves and inform residents when they will leave. A member of the anti-government group told reporters that the meeting will be held Friday evening in Burns, 30 miles from the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. The small group is under pressure from many locals to end the occupation that began earlier this month. The activists say they are there to oppose federal land-management policies. Ammon Bundy, the group's leader, has previously said the group would not leave until a plan was in place to turn over federal lands to local authorities. They also want the release of Dwight and Steven Hammond, father-and-son ranchers convicted of arson who returned to prison last week to serve longer sentences. But while the Hammonds' case set off the occupation, they have distanced themselves from the activists. Federal, state and local law enforcement are monitoring the occupation but have not taken action. Officials with the Harney County Joint Information Center declined to comment because of the ongoing investigation. Some Harney County residents say they share the activists' frustration with the federal government—but they don't agree with their tactics. That same frustration was also at the heart of a message about the refuge occupation delivered by Republican Oregon Congressman Greg Walden on the U.S. House floor last week. The speech by Walden, whose district includes Harney County, has gone viral online. Walden says that while he does not condone the occupation, the armed men, quote, "have elevated the knowledge of frustration people feel in this high desert county." / ECONOMY: Tonight is the big night. Not a presidential debate or a State of the Union address, but the estimated \$1.5 billion Powerball drawing — the largest lottery jackpot in the world. The jackpot started at \$40 million on Nov. 4, but no one has matched all six Powerball numbers since then. / POLITICS: With Americans preparing to choose his successor, President Barack Obama is describing his seven years in office as a time of positive change, implicitly asking voters to replace him with a Democrat who would continue his hard-won policies on health care, climate change and Iran. Addressing a hostile Republican-led Congress and a country plunged in a tumultuous and, at times, angry presidential campaign, Obama used his final State of the Union address to summon an upbeat vision of his administration and of the future. He challenged critics, naysayers and the GOP White House hopefuls, but also acknowledged his own failure to transform the country's bitter politics and unite the nation. With a year left in office, Obama</p>



presented that task as more urgent than ever and pleaded with voters to turn away from harsh voices and come together. Referencing terror threats around the globe, Obama defended his own efforts fighting Islamic State militants. Shortly before the speech began, news broke that Iran was holding 10 U.S. Navy sailors and their two small boats that drifted into Iranian waters after experiencing mechanical problems. The development, which Obama did not mention, prompted criticism from Republicans about Obama's hard-fought Iran nuclear deal, which the president argued helped avoid another war. Obama addressed a Congress now run by emboldened GOP majorities already planning their agenda under a potential Republican successor, starting with repealing the president's health care law. Behind Obama sat a new House speaker, Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, who last week celebrated sending legislation to Obama's desk that would do just that—even though it faced a certain veto. ; President Barack Obama is hitting the road after his final State of the Union address. The president is visiting Omaha, Nebraska, today, and following with an appearance tomorrow in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At both stops, he is expected to tout progress under his leadership and goals for his final year in office. The White House notes that unemployment in the pair of Republican-leaning states has fallen significantly since Obama took office. More than 2.5 million Nebraska and Louisiana residents have also gained coverage under his health care law. Obama wants more states to take advantage of the law and expand Medicaid to cover more people. Louisiana's new Democratic governor started that process this week. Nebraska lawmakers are expected to reconsider Medicaid legislation this year. ; South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who delivered the GOP response to the State of the Union address, says the U.S. should continue admitting "properly vetted legal immigrants, regardless of their race or religion." Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump has been calling for the banning of Muslims from entering the U.S. Haley, whose parents are immigrants from India, says the U.S. should refuse entry to refugees "whose intentions cannot be determined." / CRIME: Eugene Police arrested a 23-year-old man accused of stabbing his mother. Spokeswoman Melinda McLaughlin says officers went to a home where a man was reportedly suicidal and trying to start a fire. She says Joshua Maskal ran from the home when officers arrived, but a sergeant found him hiding under a truck about a block away. Officers at the home found the mother with an injury not considered life-threatening. McLaughlin says Maskal suffered a laceration during the stabbing and joined his mother at the hospital early Tuesday. The hospital released Maskal later in the morning. He was booked into the Lane County Jail on charges of attempted murder, assault and unlawful use of a weapon. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>CRIME, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: The FBI has arrested the leaders of that armed group that has occupied southeastern Oregon's Malheur National Wildlife Refuge for more than three weeks. Militant leader Ammon Bundy and his followers were reportedly heading from the refuge headquarters near Burns to a community meeting in John Day yesterday afternoon when they were stopped along Highway 395. In a statement, the FBI and Oregon State Police say militant leader Ammon Bundy, his brother, Ryan, and three others were arrested but that an adult male suspect was killed and another suffered non-life threatening injuries when shots were fired. Authorities didn't identify the person killed, but the Oregonian quotes family and other sources who say it was 55-year-old Arizona rancher Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, a high-profile presence and frequent speaker during events that were part of the refuge occupation. The FBI did not release details of the incident but there is a news conference set for later this morning. Those under arrest are from Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Montana and Ohio. In the past week, federal officials had come under increasing pressure from Oregon's governor, local leaders, tribal officials and others to end the occupation. They were also unhappy that members of Ammon Bundy's group had been free to come and go, bring in supplies, hold news conferences and travel to community meetings. Bundy had been in limited contact with an FBI negotiator and local law enforcement. Law enforcement officials had said they were holding off on taking action in hopes of a peaceful resolution and repeatedly urged the militants to leave the refuge and return to their out-of-state homes. The FBI said those arrested yesterday face a federal felony charge of conspiracy to impede officers of the United States from discharging their official duties through the use of force, intimidation or threats. It was unclear how many—if any—people remained at the refuge headquarters. Late Tuesday night, reporters said there was no obvious police presence and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown asked for "patience as officials continue pursuit of a swift and peaceful resolution." The group took over the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on Jan. 2 after a peaceful protest in nearby Burns, Oregon, over the conviction of two local ranchers on arson charges. Dwight Hammond, 73, and his son Steven Hammond, 46, said they lit fires on federal land in 2001 and 2006 to reduce the growth of invasive plants and protect their property from wildfires. The two were convicted three years ago. But in October, a federal judge ruled their terms were too short under U.S. law and ordered them back to prison for about four years each. Among the demands by the Bundy group is for the Hammonds to be released. ; Ammon Bundy's group, which has included</p>

people from as far away as Arizona and Michigan, seized the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on Jan. 2 as part of a long-running dispute over public lands in the West. The confrontation came amid increasing calls for law enforcement to take action against Bundy for the illegal occupation of the wildlife refuge. They previously had taken a hands-off approach, reflecting lessons learned during bloody standoffs at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho, during the 1990s. Many residents of Harney County, where the refuge is located, have been among those demanding that Bundy leave. Many sympathize with his criticism of federal land management policies of public lands but opposed the refuge takeover. They feared violence could erupt. "I am pleased that the FBI has listened to the concerns of the local community and responded to the illegal activity occurring in Harney County by outside extremists," Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley said in a statement. "I hope that the remaining individuals occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge will peacefully surrender." The Bundys are the sons of Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, who was involved in a high-profile 2014 standoff with the government over grazing rights. The state police said it would investigate the officer-involved shooting. The militants, calling themselves Citizens for Constitutional Freedom, came to the frozen high desert of eastern Oregon to decry what it calls onerous federal land restrictions and to object to the prison sentences of two local ranchers convicted of setting fires. Specifically, the group wanted federal lands turned over to local authorities. The U.S. government controls about half of all land in the West. Conflicts over Western land use stretch back decades. In the 1970s, Nevada and other states pushed for local control in what was known as the Sagebrush Rebellion. Supporters wanted more land for cattle grazing, mining and timber harvesting. ; A 50-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 395 remains closed this morning and police checkpoints are in place along major routes leading to and from the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. ; It was unclear how many—if any—people remained at the refuge headquarters. Late Tuesday night, reporters said there was no obvious police presence and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown asked for "patience as officials continue pursuit of a swift and peaceful resolution." Early this morning, the FBI and Oregon State Police established a series of checkpoints along key routes into and out refuge. The agencies said in a statement that the containment was to "better ensure the safety of community members." According to the statement, only Harney County ranchers who own property in specific areas will be required to show identification and be allowed to pass. The confrontation between law enforcement officials and the militants came amid increasing calls for law enforcement to take action against Bundy for the illegal occupation of the wildlife refuge. They previously had taken a hands-off approach, reflecting lessons learned during bloody standoffs at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho, during the 1990s. Many residents of Harney County, where the refuge is located, have been among those demanding that Bundy leave. Many sympathize with his criticism of federal land management policies of public lands but opposed the refuge takeover. They feared violence could erupt. The state police said it would investigate the officer-involved shooting. / POLITICS: Once again, Donald Trump steals the show. The billionaire Republican's decision to tangle with Fox News and skip the final presidential debate before Iowa's kickoff caucuses all but ensures that he - and he alone - will dominate the conversation in the closing moments of campaigning in 2016's leadoff state. It's a move that for any other candidate would probably be viewed as un-presidential. But for Trump,

it's fresh evidence that he's working to redefine the art of presidential politics. For the past several days, Trump had sought the removal of FOX News host Megyn Kelly as a moderator of the Thursday night debate. His back and forth with the network reached a tipping point on yesterday afternoon. Trump had blasted Fox News Channel for "playing games" and including anchor Kelly as a debate moderator. He dismissed Kelly as a "third-rate reporter" who is bad at her job and had been "toying" with him - reprising a squabble that erupted after a debate Kelly co-hosted last year. Kelly shot back on her nightly show, arguing that Trump is used to getting his way but can't control the media. She said her network and CEO Roger Ailes had made it clear to Trump for months that they wouldn't change their moderator line-up. Instead of appearing on the debate stage Thursday night, Trump said he will host an event at the same time to raise money for wounded veterans. The move puts the other seven Republican participants in an awkward position. Attack the party's absentee front-runner, and provide him with even more attention? Or ignore him, and leave voters wondering what they think of the national front-runner's hardball play just days before the Feb. 1 caucus? Trump's presidential run has been defined by such moments. He's questioned whether Arizona Sen. John McCain is worthy of being called a war hero, graphically criticized Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly and unveiled a widely condemned plan to bar Muslims from the United States. Each led his rivals, political professionals and pundits to predict his undoing. But instead, Trump has maintained his support in the preference polls he loves to tout - a reflection of his ability to capture the feelings of a Republican electorate deeply skeptical of the party's establishment and the country's news organizations. / **EDUCATION:** Oak Hill School is the new home of Super Summer, a three-week academic enrichment program for advanced learners and Talent and Gifted (TAG) students. With the move to Oak Hill School, Super Summer will expand to include 6th and 7th grade students. Super Summer will be open to students completing grades K-7. The popular program has been housed at the University of Oregon for the past 35 years. Super Summer will begin its permanent residency on the Oak Hill campus June 27- July 15, 2016. The application process will open on February 8, 2016. Registration for Super Summer classes will open on March 7, 2016. Program information, scheduling options and tuition information are available at [www.oakhillschool.com/summercamps](http://www.oakhillschool.com/summercamps) / **CRIME, SAFETY:** Eugene Police are welcoming two new K-9 members to their team and throwing a retirement party for a third. Police are also announcing the establishment of a Eugene Police K-9 Fund, to provide improved equipment and quality training for the team. The acquisition of K-9 Cjuk, pronounced "Juke" and K-9 Kato, will allow for the retirement of K-9 Guus (pronounced "Hoose.") Due to Guus' retirement, Sergeant Terry Martin and Officer Mike Casey traveled to the Adlerhorst International Police K-9 Training facility in Jurupa Valley, California, to procure a new K-9 for the Eugene Police K-9 team. At the facility, Sergeant Martin and Officer Casey conducted tests and evaluations to determine the most suitable K-9 for the team, and identified 'Kato', now our newest member. Kato is a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois with a current weight of approximately 65 lbs. He is assigned to his handler Officer Mark Hubbard, former handler of K-9 Guus. K-9 Cjuk is a 2-year-old German Shepherd, which has gone through the testing and evaluation phase, and was generously donated by Officer Mike Casey, and is now property of EPD. Officer Casey has raised and trained dogs for use as police K-9s for the past 10

years, and is now the handler of K-9 Cjuk. The Redmond Police Department and Portland Police Bureau have both purchased dogs from Officer Casey, and the Junction City Police Department received a dog that was donated by Officer Casey. A new fund has been set up for tax deductible donations to the K-9 fund! Just one of the items that is needed is Money for preventive surgery – K-9s are at risk for a serious medical condition referred to as Gastric Torsion or Bloat. This can and has tragically happened to local K-9s. There is a surgical procedure, that costs \$1,500, to prevent it from occurring. Donations can be made by check and mailed to K-9 Fund, Eugene Police, 300 Country Club Road, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Donations will soon also be made online at <http://www.eugenepolice.com> through a secure PayPal service. / HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME ISSUES: Lane County Human Services, our local anti-poverty program, along with its non-profit partners, will conduct a Point in Time (PIT) Count of people who are homeless in Lane County. The Annual Homeless PIT reaches throughout the community to people sleeping on the streets, vehicles, parks, camps, and other places not meant for human habitation. Emergency shelter and transitional housing programs designated for people who are homeless are also counted. The one-night count takes place across the state of Oregon each January. It provides a snapshot of the problem of homelessness to help policymakers target resources to the areas of the state experiencing the greatest need. This valuable data identifies the needs and gaps in services for homeless people in order to inform local planning efforts. The 2016 One Night Homeless Count will include both sheltered and unsheltered. This count is required by Oregon Housing and Community Services, and by Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) who provides over \$3 million in housing and services to single adults, families and youth who are homeless in Lane County. Last year, a total of 1,473 people were counted. During last year's "sheltered" count, 757 individuals were counted including homeless community members who were used local emergency shelter and transitional housing programs designated for people who are homeless. The "street count" or unsheltered count includes those who are on the streets, under bridges, in parks, at food pantries, schools, day access centers and churches. Last year, 716 unsheltered individuals were counted. Community Alliance of Lane County, a local social justice agency, assists with the unsheltered Count by adding volunteers to our teams to administer PIT surveys in locations all over the county. This year, 25 Lane County employees from the Department Health and Human Services offered to participate in this year's Count. They will be stationed at the Eugene Mission, Food for Lane County's Dining Room, meal sites, and community service centers, basic needs are distributed at outside locations where homeless people gather. The 2016 Count has the participation of 24 agencies that administer multiple programs; they have contact with people who are homeless, including outreach programs, day access centers, 26 food pantries, dining sites, and other places where homeless people use services. Results from the 2016 count will be available in May 2016, once the individual demographic information from the forms is analyzed and tallied for accuracy locally and approved for release at the state and national levels. / HEALTH, SAFETY: A government task force is recommending that all adults, including pregnant women and new mothers, should be screened for depression as a routine part of health care. Depression is a common public health problem, and screening simply involves health workers

asking about certain symptoms even if patients don't mention them. The second part of the recommendation from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force is more difficult - ensuring systems are in place to properly diagnose and treat people identified through screening. And the guideline, published by the Journal for the American Medical Association, couldn't determine how often adults should be screened. Officially called major depressive disorder, depression interferes with people's ability to function in their daily lives and can even lead to suicide. The National Institute of Mental Health estimates nearly seven percent of U.S. adults experience a depressive episode each year. Symptoms can include persistent sadness, feeling hopeless, difficulty concentrating, problems sleeping and loss of interest in once-pleasurable activities. People sometimes also experience physical symptoms, such as headaches or back pain, which can confuse diagnosis. Depression can affect anyone, and there are multiple risk factors. A personal crisis, such as loss of a loved one, sometimes precedes depression, but it also can occur without any obvious trigger. Depression and other mood disorders tend to run in families, and depression frequently accompanies serious physical disorders. Hormones can play a role, during pregnancy and after a woman gives birth. The task force cited a study that found about 10 percent of new mothers experienced a postpartum depression episode, more serious and lasting longer than so-called "baby blues." Depression can go unrecognized, especially if patients don't seek a diagnosis. Updating 2009 guidelines, the task force reviewed years of research and said Tuesday that screening for depression remains an important part of primary care for adults of all ages. This time around, the guideline separately addresses pregnant and postpartum women, concluding they, too, benefit from screening. A variety of screening questionnaires are available, such as one that asks how often, over the last two weeks, patients have felt bad about themselves or felt like they're a failure, had little interest in doing things or experienced problems sleeping, sleeping or concentrating. Still undetermined, the task force said, is how often to screen, given that a person's circumstances and risk could change over time. Those aren't new recommendations; several other health groups also have long urged depression screening, although there's no data on how often it's done. But the task force says one key is that appropriate follow-up be available to accurately diagnose those flagged by screening - and then to choose treatments that best address each person's symptoms with the fewest possible side effects. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: On Wednesday, ODOT will be paving three spots where the road has been sinking on HWY 101, five miles north of Newport, near Beverly Beach (MP 135-133). There will be alternating lane closures with flaggers between 8:30am-4pm. Travelers should expect delays up to 20 minutes. / HEALTH, SAFETY, ECONOMY: There are new concerns about the safety of the sport of football after yesterday's news that 27-year-old Tyler Sash, a former safety in the NFL and at the University of Iowa who died in September, has been diagnosed with a degenerative brain disease found in dozens of former professional football players. Chris Nowinski of the Boston University-affiliated Concussion Legacy Foundation confirmed the diagnosis of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, last night to The Associated Press after an earlier report by The New York Times. CTE, which can be diagnosed only after death, is directly linked to repeated brain trauma. It is associated with symptoms such as memory loss, impaired judgment, depression, and, eventually, progressive dementia. The Times report says the

severity of CTE in Sash's brain was similar to the level found in the brain of former NFL hall-of-famer Junior Seau, who committed suicide in 2012 at age 43. /

EDUCATION: Now THAT was unexpected. Construction crews have unearthed the fossilized bones of a mammoth and other ice age mammals in the end zone of Oregon State University's Reser Stadium. OSU spokesman Steve Clark says workers found a mammoth femur and bones from a prehistoric bison and camel. The school's archaeologist believes the Reser end zone might once have been the location of a pond or watering hole. OSU associate professor of anthropology Loren Davis says it's not unusual to find ancient bones in Willamette Valley, which was home to thousands of mammoths and other animals. Davis says sick animals often went to a body of water to die, creating deposits of bones like the 10,000-year-old ones found at OSU. The Reser construction work has been shifted temporarily to other areas while experts examine the fossilized bones. /

CRIME, SAFETY: Oregon State Police are continuing their investigation into yesterday morning's fatal crash on Highway 126 and Deerhorn Road, east of Springfield. It happened around 9:45 a.m., when an SUV operated by a 77-year-old Patricia Booth of Springfield was struck on the driver's side by a pick-up truck as Booth attempted to turn left from Deerhorn Road onto the highway. Booth died from her injuries. The pickup's driver, 26-year-old Timothy Anthony of Springfield, and his passenger were uninjured. State Police say that during the crash two kittens which belonged to Booth escaped from their carrier and ran into the nearby woods and neighborhoods of Cedar Flats. One is described as orange-and-cream colored and the other is black with spots. Both were wearing possibly blue or green collars. If you spot the kittens, please contact the Springfield Office of the Oregon State Police. / POLITICS, ECONOMY, EDUCATION, SAFETY: State lawmakers are getting ready to tackle some big issues, and getting it done within just 35 days.

At a forum of journalists on Tuesday organized by The Associated Press, Gov. Kate Brown spoke about her top priorities for the upcoming legislative session, including raising the state's minimum wage, improving graduation rates, removing red tape for small businesses and scouring the state budget to cover the accumulating costs of the ongoing armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Brown's top issues were in line with Democrats who are a majority in the Legislature. But Republican leaders said with the Feb. 1 start of the short session just around the corner, there's too little time to tackle issues like housing, renewable energy and new gun laws. / POLITICS, HEALTH: The new president of Oregon Right to Life says she lost her job at a Portland cleaning company because of her political activity. Harmony Daws spent four years at Sparkling Palaces, and advanced to operations manager. Daws says her boss was concerned that she'd discriminate against those who don't share her beliefs. Daws says she never considered someone's views on abortion when hiring them to clean houses. The owner of Sparkling Palaces didn't return messages seeking comment. Federal laws prohibit employers from firing workers because of gender, race or religion, but there is no such protection for political activity. Paula Brantner is executive director of Workplace Fairness, which provides information to workers about their rights. She says election years generally bring an uptick in stories of people getting fired for political speech or activity. / ECONOMY-SPORTS: An Oregon resident has filed a class-action lawsuit against two daily fantasy sports sites, claiming the businesses are operating illegal online sports betting. The Oregonian reports that Polk County resident Brandon Peck filed the

suit in federal court in Portland Monday. He filed it on behalf of himself and more than 100 Oregon players who lost money in the past three years while placing bets through DraftKings and FanDuel. The lawsuit asks the court to halt the sites' operations and have each business pay players back double the amount they lost. More than 30 class-action suits against daily fantasy sports websites have been filed in more than 10 states. The companies have argued that fantasy sports aren't gambling but a game of skill. That exempts them from a federal law prohibiting online gambling. / **MILITARY:** An Oregon family has scheduled a memorial service for a Marine who died in a helicopter crash in Hawaii. The Statesman Journal reports that Lance Cpl. Ty Hart was one of 12 U.S. Marines who died when two helicopters crashed during training exercises in Hawaii on Jan. 14. His family announced Monday that they will hold a memorial service for Hart on Saturday at Stayton High School. Hart was a Stayton graduate and a former student-athlete. Gov. Kate Brown ordered all flags at public institutions to be flown at half-staff on the day of Hart's memorial service. The public is invited to attend the service. / **EDUCATION, ECONOMY-SPORTS:** The University of Oregon has asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed by a former basketball player who claims the school damaged his prospects of playing in the NBA. Brandon Austin was one of three UO basketball players who were removed from the team and suspended from school after a student accused them of rape. He filed a lawsuit in October saying since prosecutors declined to prosecute him the school unfairly kicked him out. The Oregonian reports that on Monday, UO formally denied that it treated Austin unfairly in 2014 when officials banned him from the university for up to 10 years. Austin claims his constitutional right to due process was denied by the school, but the university says Austin waived his chance to contest the allegations. / **HEALTH, ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION:** Two major U.S. airlines are offering refunds to passengers worried about the Zika virus outbreak in many tropical countries. United Airlines says customers booked to fly to areas affected by the virus can reschedule or get refunds. American Airlines says it will give refunds to pregnant women who were planning to travel to parts of Central America. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have warned pregnant women to take precautions against mosquito bites when traveling to areas in Latin America and the Caribbean where there have been Zika outbreaks. The CDC says the mosquito-borne illness could be linked to a birth defect of the brain. /



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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>EDUCATION, HEALTH: February 17 is School Exclusion Day, and the Oregon Immunization Program is reminding parents that children will not be able to attend school or child care starting that day if their records on file show missing immunizations. Under state law, all children in public and private schools, preschools, Head Start and certified child care facilities must have up-to-date documentation on their immunizations, or have an exemption. Health officials say immunization is the best way to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases such as whooping cough and measles and keeps schools and the entire community safe and healthy. Information for parents about updated vaccine requirements: The hepatitis A vaccine, which protects against a communicable viral infection, is a two-dose series required for children 18 months and older in child care, preschool and kindergarten through seventh grade. Parents of children with old exemptions on file signed before March 2014 will need to submit updated documentation. If the child has received the vaccines, the parent needs to turn in the immunization dates to the school. If the parent wants a nonmedical exemption, the parent needs to turn in a Vaccine Education Certificate showing that they've received education about vaccines, either from a health care practitioner or from the online vaccine education module. The parent also needs to sign a new Certificate of Immunization Status. More information about exemptions can be found at the division's vaccine exemption website at <a href="http://www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption">www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption</a>. If school and child care vaccination records are not up-to-date, the child will be sent home. In 2015, local health departments sent 29,234 letters to parents and guardians informing them that their children needed immunizations to stay in school or child care. A total of 4,666 children were kept out of school or child care until the necessary immunization information was turned in to the schools or child care facilities. Letters to parents will be mailed on or before Feb. 3. Parents seeking immunizations for their children should contact their health care provider or local health department, or call 211Info—just dial 211. No one can be turned away from a local health department because of the inability to pay for required vaccines. Pharmacists can immunize children 7 and older. Parents should contact their neighborhood pharmacy for details. Additional information on school immunizations can be found at the Immunization Program website at <a href="http://www.healthoregon.org/imm">www.healthoregon.org/imm</a>.</p> <p>POLITICS: The unexpected death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia - and the immediate declaration from Republicans that the next president should nominate his replacement - adds even more weight to the decision voters will</p>

make in November's general election. For months, the candidates have espoused theoretical, sometimes vague, policy proposals. Now, the prospect of President Barack Obama's successor nominating a Supreme Court justice immediately after taking office offers a more tangible way for voters to evaluate the contenders. Candidates in both parties moved quickly to reframe the election as a referendum on the high court's future. Scalia, a hero of conservatives during his nearly 30 years on the Supreme Court, was found dead Saturday at a resort ranch in Texas. The court now is divided between four liberal and four typically conservative justices, putting the ideological tilt up for grabs. Obama pledged to nominate a replacement in "due time," even after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said that responsibility should fall to the winner of the 2016 election. Obama could try to ram a nominee through the Senate this year, taking a high court vacancy off the next president's immediate to-do list. Even if that were to happen, a confirmation vote probably would be months away, leaving the Supreme Court in the center of the campaign during the nomination process. Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who served in the Cabinet of President George W. Bush, said Monday that Obama has an obligation to select a replacement for Scalia, telling CNN that "the president has to do his job." Gonzales said that the Senate, likewise, has a role and should weigh Obama's choice "on its own calendar." With three other justices over the age of 75, the next president could have other vacancies during his or her tenure, even if Obama fills Scalia's seat. It's unclear how the new focus on the Supreme Court might affect voters' decisions in an election that has seen surprising and unconventional candidates such as Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders challenge their parties' establishments. ; The Supreme Court will have to deal with the potential for plenty of four-four tied votes, perhaps for many months, after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Among the questions being asked over the weekend: What happens to cases in which Scalia cast a vote or drafted an opinion, but no decision has been publicly announced? It might sound harsh, but Scalia's votes and draft opinions in pending cases no longer matter. A Veteran Supreme Court lawyer, Roy Englert, says that "the vote of a deceased justice does not count." Nothing is final at the court until it is released publicly and, while it is rare, justices have flipped their votes and the outcomes in some cases. What if there's a tie on future cases? The justices have two options. They can vote to hear the case a second time when a new colleague joins them or they can hand down a one-sentence opinion that upholds the result reached in the lower court without setting a nationwide rule. When confirmation of a new justice is expected to happen quickly, re-argument is more likely. In this political environment, the vacancy could last into 2017. The court doesn't like tie votes because a major function of the Supreme Court is to resolve disputes among lower courts and establish legal precedents for the entire country. Tie votes frustrate those goals and they essentially waste the court's time. How does Scalia's death affect specific cases? It deprives conservatives of a key vote and probably will derail some anticipated conservative victories in major Supreme Court cases, including one in which labor unions appeared headed for a big defeat. Next month's Supreme Court clash over contraceptives, religious liberty and President Barack Obama's health care law also now seems more likely to favor the Obama administration. Q. Unions have suffered a string of defeats at the Supreme Court. Is that likely to change? A. Yes, at least in the short term. Many of the cases involving organized labor were

decided on 5-4 votes, with the conservative justices lining up against the unions and the liberal justices in support. The pending case seemed like more of the same. Public sector labor unions had been bracing for a stinging defeat in a lawsuit over whether they can collect fees from government workers who choose not to join the union. The case affects more than 5 million workers in 23 states and Washington, D.C., and seeks to overturn a nearly 40-year-old Supreme Court decision. Now, what seemed like a certain 5-4 split, with the conservatives in the majority and the liberals in dissent, instead looks like a tie that would be resolved in favor of the unions, because they won in the lower courts. Q. What other pending cases could be affected? A. A challenge to the way governments have drawn electoral districts for 50 years now appears to have little chance of finding a court majority. The court heard arguments in December in a case from Texas on the meaning of the principle of "one person, one vote," which the court has said requires that political districts be roughly equal in population. But it has left open the question of whether states must count all residents, including noncitizens and children, or only eligible voters in drawing district lines. Q. What will happen in the upcoming case over the Obama health care overhaul? A. The Supreme Court will be looking at the health care law for the fourth time since its 2010 enactment. This time, the focus is on the arrangement the Obama administration worked out to spare faith-based hospitals, colleges and charities from paying for contraceptives for women covered under their health plans, while still ensuring that those women can obtain birth control at no extra cost as the law requires. The faith-based groups argue that the accommodation still makes them complicit in providing contraception to which they have religious objections. A tie vote here would sow rather than alleviate confusion because the appellate courts that have looked at the issue have not all come out the same way. That prospect suggests that Justice Anthony Kennedy will join the court's four liberal justices to uphold the arrangement, Supreme Court lawyer Thomas Goldstein said. Q. Are there cases in which a tie would be a loss for the Obama administration? A. The administration's plan to shield up to 5 million people from deportation was struck down by lower courts and a Supreme Court tie would leave that ruling in place. On abortion, the administration is backing a challenge to Texas' strict new regulations for abortion clinics. A federal appeals court upheld the regulations. /

ENVIRONMENT: Where did El Nino go? Winter has suddenly switched off the rain and flipped on heat up to 95 degrees in California, raising jitters that the strong El Nino might not be the drought-buster the crispy state had hoped. "Forget El Nino, this is El No-no!" YouTube celebrity Hannah Hart tweeted. Heat records have fallen across the West in recent days, from Oregon to Phoenix to Los Angeles, where surfers hit the beaches and golfers strolled fairways. Much of California marked its 10th straight day on Friday without measurable precipitation. The blue skies were increasingly unwelcome in a state that just logged its four driest years on record. California has been looking for a robust and rainy El Nino to bring it out of mandatory water cutbacks. The dry spell came after El Nino dropped near-normal rain and snow earlier this winter. Strong El Ninos such as the one this year typically bring strong rain. However, there have been few modern El Ninos on the scale of this one, making comparisons trickier. National Weather Service forecasters were quick to offer soothing messages of drizzle yet to come. They say the balmy weather has "been awesome" but it's not going to last. Californians are particularly concerned about whether the warm stretch is melting

the above-average snowpack in the Sierra Nevada. The snow generally provides about a third of the state's water when it thaws in the spring. / FAMILY: He's become the face of dogs, with a voice as gentle as a Saint Bernard, as friendly as a chocolate Lab. David Frei makes it all feel so familiar, heading this week into his 27th and final year hosting the Westminster Kennel Club show telecast. Frei routinely offers up a mix of insight, advice and information. Neapolitan mastiffs, for example, are judged by the "wham" method - that's wrinkles, head and mass. And he loves to reassure viewers "that the real best in show is the dog you have on the couch next to you." As a teen, he roamed the sidelines when his father, Jerry, was the head football coach at Oregon. Those teams included future NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Fouts and Ahmad Rashad, then known as Bobby Moore. Jerry Frei later became an NFL assistant coach and scout. On Westminster telecasts, David often wears the Super Bowl ring his dad earned when the Denver Broncos won in 1999. Frei later went to work for the Broncos, San Francisco 49ers and ABC Sports, handling publicity for the likes of O.J Simpson and Howard Cosell. Over the years, Frei became involved with breeding, showing and judging dogs. He also created Angel On A Leash, pairing therapy dogs with hospitals, rehabilitation centers, the Ronald McDonald House and other places. Frei's wife, Cheryl, is a chaplain and director of family services at the Ronald McDonald House in New York, a few blocks from their Manhattan apartment. At home, the Freis have two dogs, Angel the cavalier King Charles spaniel and Grace the Brittany. A sign on the back of the front door advises "Wag More Bark Less." / SAFETY: An Oregon man is expected to survive being pulled head-first into a wood chipper thanks to his helmet and his foot catching a safety bar. The Register-Guard reports the man is in his 20s and was taken to a hospital Friday afternoon with trauma to the back of his head and a broken leg. Officials say the man was wearing a harness rope that became entangled in the wood going into the chipper. He was pulled into the chipper, with his foot catching the safety bar that turns off the machine just as his head came up against the chipper blades. Firefighter Matt Brooks says the man's helmet likely assisted in his survival. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, CRIME: Right fight; wrong strategy. That's what many ranchers and sympathizers opposing federal control of public lands in the West concluded after the armed occupation of a national wildlife refuge in Oregon. For some, the weekslong standoff that ended Thursday with the surrender of the final occupiers has only strengthened their resolve to fight the government's control of vast expanses of Western land. But not all condone the tactics of the armed group that drew the nation's gaze to the snowy landscapes of eastern Oregon. "We're not backing off," said Greg Whalen, a military veteran from Las Vegas who supports the Bundy ranching family that led the occupation. "We're actually going to fight harder - peacefully." Whalen and others say protests must remain a key part of the strategy - but they must be civil to avoid giving a reason for arrests. Others suggest the battle should shift to the courts to pry authority over open space from the federal government. State lawmakers, notably in Utah, are considering a legal way to take control of U.S. lands that account for a majority of the West, including most of Nevada; about two-thirds of Utah, Idaho and Alaska; and half of Oregon. Federal officials say U.S. control ensures the land is used in the interest of the environment, outdoor enthusiasts and industries, such as ranching, mining, and oil and gas. Utah Gov. Gary Herbert denounced the tactics in the standoff but called it "a wakeup call for all of us that there (are)

legitimate issues out there that are causing frustration." Supporters say sympathy from prominent Western politicians shows that their mantra - that locals can do a better job managing federal lands than out-of-touch bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. - has been embraced by more than gun-toting protesters. "We're not just cowboys with hats who are hicks and don't know what's going on," said LisaMarie Johnson, who stood with Cliven Bundy at his Nevada ranch in a 2014 armed standoff with federal agents. Bundy is the father of the Oregon occupation's leaders. "People in New York City don't understand what's going on out here," the Nevada resident said. The dispute predates statehood in some places. But calls for action have gotten louder as federal agencies designate protected areas for endangered species and set aside tracts for mining, wind farms and natural gas exploration. The latest wave has roots in the Sagebrush Rebellion, which began more than 40 years ago over grazing rights in Nevada. Occupiers that seized the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon on Jan. 2 demanded the U.S. turn over the land to locals and release two ranchers imprisoned for setting fires. Tom Haynie, a 58-year-old Las Vegas resident who's also passionate about solar energy, medical marijuana and water in the West, subscribes to a common belief in the movement. "The government wants to control everything," Haynie said. "But it's the people's land, not the federal government's land." Brett Tolman, a former U.S. attorney in Utah, said it appears the federal government is trying to send a message: You will face legal consequences if you cross the line from peaceful protest. Cliven Bundy was arrested Wednesday in Portland for his actions nearly two years ago in the Nevada standoff. A total of 25 people have been charged in the Oregon occupation. Four people were prosecuted in Utah for riding ATVs on an off-limits trail in 2014, including a well-known county commissioner who was convicted and became a cause celebre in the movement. Therein lies the danger in the federal strategy: The intended message may be misinterpreted, Tolman said. "I think people are going to be more hardened and more upset, and in some ways, you make martyrs out of those who have chosen this route," he said. Many are giving that status to Arizona rancher Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, who was killed by police in a Jan. 26 traffic stop that also led to the arrests of Cliven Bundy's sons, Ammon and Ryan Bundy. Finicum, an Oregon standoff spokesman, was memorialized at his funeral last week near the Utah-Arizona border as a freedom fighter murdered in the name of liberty. Authorities say he was reaching for a gun. Some worry that the Bundys will garner similar sympathy as they remain in jail. But others say they don't consider them leaders of a movement that has more moderate voices working through the courts. "How can you go up there and take over government property and expect to accomplish anything from it?" said Demar Dahl, an Elko County commissioner in Nevada and advocate for state control of lands. "Whatever we do, we've got to do within the law." Jerry DeLemus traveled twice from his home in New Hampshire to play peacemaker - once during the Nevada standoff and once during the Oregon occupation. "I love the Bundys," DeLemus said this week. "But they made a tactical mistake going out to that refuge. They were portrayed as armed anti-government protesters taking over government buildings. There was a lot of fear." ; FBI officials said Friday they haven't found any rigged explosives or booby traps at the national wildlife refuge in Oregon that had been seized by an armed group. Authorities allowed a group of reporters to get closer to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, where the last four occupiers surrendered Thursday. The tour stopped short of the refuge itself. The

armed protesters had blockaded the road near the refuge using a government-owned heavy front-end loader and two pickup trucks. A group of tents and pickup trucks was clustered on a small rise far beyond the road barrier. Larry Karl, the assistant special agent in charge of the Portland FBI, said the tents made up the "shantytown" where the last four holdouts at the refuge spent most of their time. Greg Bretzing, the special agent in charge of the Portland FBI, said investigators have begun their sweep of the property. Karl said that process is still ongoing, however, but they hoped to finish the safety sweep of the buildings and begin processing evidence sometime Friday afternoon. There was flammable liquid and hazardous materials stored at the site before the armed takeover, Karl said, and the FBI had information that "certain materials" might have been brought to the refuge by the protesters. "So until we are able to go through the refuge and see what conditions those items are in, that they're properly secured and stored, or what has been brought on that we don't know about," the evidence collection will have to wait, Karl said. He said the FBI would work closely with the Burns-Paiute Tribe, archaeological experts, federal land managers and others while they process the crime scene. The holdouts who surrendered Friday were the last remnants of a larger group that seized the property on Jan. 2, demanding the U.S. turn over public lands to locals and exposing simmering anger over the government's control of vast expanses of Western range. David Fry, 27, of Blanchester, Ohio; Jeff Banta, 46, of Elko, Nevada; and married couple Sean Anderson, 48, and Sandy Anderson, 47, of Riggins, Idaho; were arraigned Friday in Portland, Oregon, along with two of the other 21 people who have been indicted. They pleaded not guilty and U.S. District Court Judge John Acosta scheduled a 21-day trial to start April 19. Such dates are often pushed back by months. Fry, the last activist to surrender, appeared in an anti-suicide smock. He waved to Nevada assemblywoman Michele Fiore, who visited Burns to help broker the end of the standoff and promised the holdouts she would be in the courtroom. Outside the downtown Portland courthouse, Fiore read a statement from jailed standoff leader Ammon Bundy and defended the occupiers, much to the delight of a small group of protesters. She took issue with a reporter who asked if she advocated for more armed occupations. "I advocate free, peaceful assembly, and that is exactly what happened," she said. "Nobody pointed a gun at anybody." / ENVIRONMENT, FAMILY: The U.S. Forest Service is waiving fees for day-use sites in Oregon and Washington today in honor of Presidents' Day. The waiver does not apply to SnoParks even if they are located on national public lands, because the SnoPark program is sponsored by the states of Oregon and Washington. But the fee waiver will include many federal picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads and visitor centers. Concession operations will still charge fees for things like federal campsites unless the permit holder decides to join the fee-free day. So look for signs if you're out and about that let you know what's fee-free today and what's not. / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: Federal authorities want feedback from the public about new rules they hope will take a bite out of the illegal fishing imports that jeopardize the country's multibillion-dollar commercial fishing industry. A national council proposed the rules this month. They would create a new system to collect data about harvest, docking and chain of custody of fish and fish products imported into the U.S. The system would apply to key food fish like cod and tuna. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration official says the rule changes are critical to combat illegal fishing activities that

harm food security and negatively impact law-abiding fishermen. /

**ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY:** The Northwest Power and Conservation Council predicts the electricity needs of Northwest states can be met in the next 20 years mostly through conservation efforts, with little need to construct new power plants. The Portland-based council recently issued its 20-year plan for meeting the energy needs of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. There are two members of the council from each state, appointed by the governors. / **SAFETY:** On February 14, 2016 at 6:49 am Springfield Police and Fire Departments responded to the 700 block of W/B Hwy 126 regarding a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident. The vehicle driven by Lovelace was traveling west bound on Hwy 126 in the #2 lane when a pedestrian appeared in his lane and was struck. Lovelace stopped and called 911. He performed CPR until relieved by medics. Medics pronounced the pedestrian deceased at the scene. Preliminary investigation shows that alcohol and speed are not a factor on the part of the driver. The pedestrians' identity is unknown at this time. The accident is being investigated by the Departments Major Accident Investigation Team. If anyone witnessed the accident or has any additional information they are asked to call the Springfield Police Department at 541-726-3714. / **CRIME:** Authorities in Klamath Falls in southwest Oregon say they're investigating after someone fired shots into a local law enforcement officer's home and vehicles. The Klamath County District Attorney's Office in a statement Sunday says police responded at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday to several calls reporting shots fired. Authorities say no one was injured at the home of the law enforcement officer, who is not being named. Officials say no one has been taken into custody. The Klamath Falls Police Department is investigating the shooting as a crime committed against a law enforcement officer and not a random act. / **SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT:** The U.S. Coast Guard says crews rescued six people in three different search-and-rescue calls Saturday along the Washington and Oregon coast. The Coast Guard reports rescuing three people on Saturday morning near Coos Bay, Oregon, after their boat overturned. On Saturday evening, two kayakers, a male and female, capsized on the northeast side of Whidbey Island. The two swam to uninhabited Hope Island where a helicopter crew retrieved them. Also Saturday evening, the Coast Guard says a 58-year-old man fell from a dock at the Port of Ilwaco, Washington. A crew in a boat located the unconscious man wedged between a dock and a life raft. / **ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT:** City officials in Eugene are asking for bids to develop and operate a hotel on city land near the city's airport. The Register-Guard reports that the Eugene Purchasing Office posted the request for bids on Friday. Officials have been trying to land a hotel at the city-owned Eugene Airport since 2007. A request for proposals for a hotel issued last summer didn't receive any responses. A hotel at the airport would offer easy access to flights. But the airport is 15 to 20 minutes away from the Eugene city center. There are few amenities or attractions in the airport area, and developers are already working on new hotels in central Eugene. ; A plan by a private entity to buy and develop an open area in downtown Eugene is being complicated by a deed restricting the area to public use. The Register-Guard reports in a story on Saturday that the 1971 deed dedicating the area in Broadway Plaza to the city of Eugene from the city's urban renewal agency places the restriction on any sale. A city official says that because the council and urban renewal agency's governing board are now the same, the city could remove the restriction. But others who want to keep the

square public say the deed helps them. / **ECONOMY:** A southwest Oregon lumber mill is shutting down for the second time in three years due to a log shortage. Rough & Ready Lumber co-owner Jennifer Phillippi tells the Grants Pass Daily Courier that she told the sawmill crew on Saturday. She says 20 sawmill workers are out of work and another 40 working in other areas could be gradually phased out over the coming weeks. The lumber mill has about 70 full-time workers. It's one of the largest employers in Cave Junction. Phillippi says it's not clear when the mill can reopen at full strength. / **ENVIRONMENT:** Federal judges in Washington D.C. and Nevada have agreed to give environmental lawyers a seat at the table in separate legal battles between the government and opponents of new U.S. protections for the greater sage grouse. The Wilderness Society, National Wildlife Federation and mining watchdog group Earthworks all recently won formal intervenor status in lawsuits several Nevada counties filed in Reno and Idaho's governor filed in Washington last fall. The environmentalists say they back the Obama administration's new land use planning amendments that protect thousands of square miles of grouse habitat across the West. But they say they have their own interests that can't be adequately represented by the government's lawyers at the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. /



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<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>CRIME, SAFETY: Lane County Youth Services and the Lane County District Attorney's Office are hosting the "Victim Voices 5k Run and Walk" on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The event takes place at 10 a.m. at Alton Baker Park and is open to the public. The event is part of a countywide effort to raise awareness for victims during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This year's theme is <i>Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope</i>. Advocates with Lane County's District Attorney's Office and Youth Services assist victims of crime by providing support and by walking them through each step of the criminal justice process. Victim advocates in both agencies worked with more than 3,200 victims last year, providing nearly 30,000 services. These services bridge the gap between the community and the adult and juvenile systems by providing assistance throughout the judicial process as well as emotional support. The advocates help victims by ensuring they have a meaningful role in the justice process, receive notification of and the opportunity to attend court hearings, are notified of case outcomes and offender release schedules, and about how they may seek financial restitution. The goal: Stress the importance of early intervention and victim services in establishing trust with victims, which in turn begins to restore their hope for healing and recovery. ;</p> <p>Comissioner Jay Bozievich and Sheriff Byron Trapp will be holding a series of town hall meetings with community members throughout the West Lane County Commissioner District. Community members are invited to learn more about the upcoming budget year, the results of the jail levy audit and any other public safety or County issues they have questions about. The dates, times and locations are: Veneta Community Center, April 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m., 25192 E Broadway, Veneta, Oregon; Siuslaw Library - Bromley Room, April 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m., 1460 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Florence; Mapleton Lions Club, April 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m., 88148 Riverview Ave.; and Triangle Lake School - Library, April 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m., 20264 Blachly Grange Rd., Blachly /</p> <p>CRIME: President Barack Obama is commuting the prison sentences of 61 people serving time for drug-related offenses. A White House counsel says more than one-third of the inmates were serving life sentences. Obama's commutation shortens those terms so that most will be released in late July. All of the inmates are serving time for drug possession, intent to sell or related crimes. Most are nonviolent offenders, although a few were also charged with firearms violations. The president will also meet today with people whose sentences were previously commuted under Obama or under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush to learn more about how they re-entered society after their incarceration. ; Jury selection has begun for the trial of a man who faces the death penalty if convicted in the 2012 death of a man whose dismembered body was found buried off a remote forest road near Eugene. The Register-Guard reports that 25-year-old A.J. Scott Nelson is accused of helping David Ray Taylor kill Celestino Gutierrez in 2012. Taylor was convicted in the killing in 2014 and is now on death row. Nelson, a military veteran, is charged with many of the same</p>

crimes that Taylor was found to have committed and could also be sentenced to death. A judge denied a request from Nelson's attorneys last week to ban the possibility of the death penalty because of an injury their client suffered while serving in the Army in Afghanistan. / **CRIME, WOMEN, EDUCATION:** One of the most moving moments in last month's Academy Awards ceremonies was when Vice President Joe Biden introduced entertainer Lady Gaga to highlight her Oscar-nominated song that raises awareness about sexual assault on college campuses. Now, the two are holding events across the country to further spread the message. One comes next week at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and will include a rally and speakers who will discuss the importance of preventing campus sexual assaults. Biden is planning additional events in Pennsylvania and Colorado. / **ECONOMY, POLITICS:** In the clearest sign yet of the impact of Justice Antonin Scalia's death, U.S. labor unions scored a major victory Tuesday with a tie vote in a high-profile Supreme Court case they had once seemed all but certain to lose. The 4-4 split, in a case that sharply divided the court's liberal union supporters and their conservative opponents, demonstrated how much is riding on President Barack Obama's effort to replace Scalia with a judge who could tilt the balance on the high court for years to come. Senate Republicans say they won't consider any nomination until a new president takes office. The vacancy helped the liberals this time. The deadlocked vote came in a case that considered whether unions representing government employees can collect fees from workers who choose not to join. California teachers backed by a conservative group said being forced to pay union fees violated the free-speech rights of nonmembers who disagree with the union's policy positions. The split vote left in place an appeals court ruling that upheld the collection of "fair share" fees from nonmembers. The result was an unlikely reprieve for organized labor. It had seemed virtually certain that the high court would rule 5-4 to overturn a system that's been in place nearly 40 years. But the court now is operating with only eight justices after the Feb. 13 death of Scalia, who had been expected to rule against the unions. That was a blow to conservative groups that have spent years pushing the court to overrule a 1977 precedent that allows unions to collect fees from members and non-members alike to cover the costs of collective bargaining. Union officials feared a ruling barring the fees would threaten membership and further weaken the clout of unions, which are major supporters of Democratic candidates and causes. Labor leaders called the lawsuit part of a coordinated effort by conservative groups to weaken labor rights. The tie vote came amid a political standoff over Obama's nomination of appeals court judge Merrick Garland to fill Scalia's vacant seat. Garland was meeting Tuesday with Republican Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk, his first meeting with a GOP senator. / **HEALTH, ECONOMY, FAMILY, ELDER:** Many relatives and friends providing financial support or care to people with dementia have dipped into their retirement savings, cut back on spending and sold assets to pay for expenses tied to the disease, according to a survey released Wednesday by the Alzheimer's Association. About one in five go hungry because they don't have enough money. "This was a big shocker for us," said Keith Fargo, Alzheimer's Association director of scientific programs and outreach. Fargo said he didn't expect so many families to be struggling. He said the survey shows that people are not prepared for the high costs of home care or nursing home care. The median cost of a home care aide is \$20 per hour and the average cost of a semi-private room in a nursing home is \$80,300 per year. Nationwide, there are 5.4 million people with Alzheimer's, the most common cause of dementia. The majority are older than 75. As the dementia progresses, patients often need help with daily activities, such as eating, getting dressed or bathing. Roughly two out of five of the more than 15 million unpaid caregivers in the U.S. have a household income below \$50,000, the Alzheimer's Association says. Often the caregiving role falls on a daughter or a spouse. Ninety-three percent of those surveyed were family members and the rest were friends. On

average, they spent more than \$5,000 per year, mostly on food, travel and medical supplies, such as diapers. The highest expenses were incurred by spouses or partners. Nearly half of respondents said they cut back on spending. About 20 percent go to the doctor less often, while 11 percent don't get all of their own medications. About 11 percent cut back on their children's educational expenses. / EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, MINORITIES: The local Eugene/Springfield branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in partnership with the City of Eugene presents the 25th Annual ACT-SO Talent Competition on April 3, 2016 at 5-7 p.m. at the Hult Center. ACT-SO is an acronym for Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. The performances are free and open to the public. The ACT-SO program centers on the dedication and commitment of community volunteers and business leaders to serve as mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence among African American students and their peers. This year students from middle and high schools in Eugene and Springfield will compete in various categories. Donations are accepted to help students attend National ACT-SO event in Cincinnati. / POLITICS: They don't like each other. They don't trust each other. And increasingly, they won't support one-another. The three Republican presidential candidates are no longer committing to supporting whomever the party chooses as its standard-bearer in the fall campaign. That could make for a messy and fractured GOP nominating convention in July. Early in the campaign Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and John Kasich indicated they would support the eventual nominee. But when the three were asked about that again last night in town hall appearances in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, hosted by CNN their answers had changed. The candidates were in Wisconsin ahead of the state's primary next week. Trump said he was rescinding his promise because, quote, "I have been treated very unfairly." He listed the Republican National Committee, the Republican Party and party establishment among those he believes have wronged him. Ted Cruz said, quote, "I'm not in the habit of supporting someone who attacks my wife and children," referring to the frontrunner's jabs at his wife, Heidi. John Kasich said that, quote, "if the nominee is somebody that I think is really hurting the country and dividing the country, I can't stand behind them." But he added he would wait and see how events unfold. / POLITICS, WOMEN, CRIME: The 2016 presidential race might have descended on Wisconsin - but most of the campaign buzz surrounds an incident that happened nearly one month ago in Florida. Police there charged Donald Trump's campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, with "simple battery" Tuesday as a videotaped altercation with a reporter transformed what was another messy campaign sideshow into a criminal court summons. Speaking to reporters on his airplane in Wisconsin on Tuesday, Trump vowed to stand by his campaign manager and lashed out at the young female reporter who reported the incident to police. Police reviewed the video and determined that it shows Lewandowski grabbing reporter Michelle Fields as she tried to ask Trump a question after a March 8<sup>th</sup> appearance. The unexpected development injects a court battle into an already contentious Republican primary season just one week before a high-stakes election in Wisconsin. And it came on a day that the three Republican presidential candidates, already at odds with one another over issues both political and personal, said they now will not commit to supporting whomever the party chooses as its standard-bearer in the fall campaign. That's a reversal of their earlier positions that they would support the nominee for the sake of party unity. / ECONOMY, SAFETY: The Oregon Ice Cream Co. has agreed to pay \$55,000 for violating federal safety rules at its Eugene plant. In 2011, Environmental Protection Agency inspectors found that the company failed to meet industry safety standards for its ammonia refrigeration equipment and neglected to install a leak detection system or emergency ventilation. The refrigeration system contained more than 10,000 pounds of anhydrous ammonia, which may be harmful if inhaled at high concentrations. As

part of the settlement announced Tuesday, the company will improve emergency plans, upgrade its refrigeration equipment and install a proper ventilation system. / **ECONOMY:** A judge has approved a bid by Albertsons to take over the remaining Haggen grocery stores, bringing Haggen's bankruptcy proceedings essentially to a close. Albertsons will pay about \$106 million for 29 stores in Washington and Oregon that were owned by the Bellingham-based company. The Bellingham Herald reports U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Kevin Gross signed an order approving the sale on Tuesday. Albertsons spokesman Brian Dowling said in a written statement the company is pleased with the court approval. He said Albertsons expects to close on the deal in the next several weeks. Haggen bought 146 stores in 2014 when Safeway and Albertsons merged but Haggen failed to convert the stores successfully. Albertsons says it plans to keep the Haggen name on 15 stores in Washington. ; Google has acquired more land to expand its data-center campus in The Dalles. The Oregonian reports that Google bought 74 acres from Northwest Aluminum, which operated a smelter along the Columbia River until 2000. The sale price has yet to be recorded with the assessor's office in Wasco County. Google opened its first corporate data center in The Dalles a decade ago and has steadily expanded since then. About 175 people work there. ; The Boeing Co. is reportedly taking steps to eliminate 10 percent of its workforce in Washington state. The Seattle Times reports the aerospace giant has already taken steps to eliminate 4,000 jobs by June and is aiming for about a 10 percent overall cut - which would mean about 8,000 positions in Washington. In February the company announced it would be eliminating commercial airplane jobs as part of a cost-cutting effort. On Tuesday the company told the Times the initial jobs eliminated include "hundreds of executives and managers" and that the 4,000 figure will be achieved through normal attrition and a voluntary buyout package for about 1,600 employees. Boeing said layoffs could come later in the year if cost-savings targets weren't met. / **CRIME, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY:** The company involved in a Depoe Bay fishing license scam has been sentenced to refund customers and pay state agencies almost \$100,000 in restitution. The Oregonian reports Tradewinds of Depoe Bay, Inc. pleaded guilty to felony racketeering. Owners Timothy and Julie Harmon pleaded guilty alongside their daughter Eva to violating a state wildlife law. An Oregon State Police news release says the Harmons have agreed to sell the company and permanently leave Oregon's fishing charter industry. Both parents have to pay \$3,500 in court fines. Their daughter is required to pay \$3,000. Investigators found the company pocketed money from selling thousands of fishing licenses at \$16.75 each. Customers who were given receipts instead of a daily angling license can contact the Lincoln County District Attorney Victim's Assistance Department. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** There might be a reason why people have trouble seeing while driving at night, and it's not their eyesight. A new rating of the headlights of more than 30 midsize car models gives only one model a grade of "good." The study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says that of the rest, about a third are rated "acceptable," a third "marginal" and a third "poor." It says the difference between the top- and bottom-rated models for a driver's ability to see down a dark road was substantial. The Toyota Prius V LED headlights, available only in the top trim line, are the only headlights to get the "good" rating. At the bottom are the halogen headlights in the BMW 3 series, whose headlights only illuminated 128 feet ahead. / **HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT:** Welcome to the start of allergy season. Our sunny weather means tree pollen levels have climbed. That's triggering scratchy eyes and throats and runny noses among sensitive residents. Among the tips: Wash your hair in the evenings before bed and consider washing your pillowcase every few days, if needed, to reduce the chance stray pollen might be in the fabric and against your face overnight. /

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<b>DATE OF BROADCAST</b>	03/31/16
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<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	Morning News
<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>POLITICS, HEALTH, WOMEN: The debate over abortion is now front and center in the presidential campaign. And Donald Trump is fighting to convince a skeptical Republican Party he can improve his standing among women, even as he tries to take back an explosive comment about abortion and a police investigation into whether his campaign manager illegally grabbed a female reporter. It took Trump's campaign just hours to backtrack yesterday after he said that should abortion become illegal, women who undergo the procedure should face, quote, "some sort of punishment." The plan sparked an immediate backlash from both sides of the debate, prompting Trump to release two statements clarifying his position. His second statement said only those who perform abortions would be, quote, "held legally responsible, not the woman." The flap comes as Trump works to hold off a challenge from chief rival Ted Cruz in Wisconsin's high-stakes primary on Tuesday. With a win, Trump's grasp on his party's presidential nomination could be unbreakable. A loss would leave open the possibility of a divisive, brokered GOP national convention in July. Earlier in the week, police in Jupiter, Florida, charged Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski with misdemeanor battery after examining surveillance video of an incident in which a reporter said she was grabbed and shoved. The police report said the woman's arm revealed "bruising from what appeared to be several finger marks indicating a grabbing-type injury." In what was a sustained effort on Wednesday to defend his adviser and discredit the reporter, Trump said, quote, "I don't know who created those bruises." ; Women will be able to take the so-called abortion pill later in a pregnancy and with fewer doctor visits under a new federal label for the drug that undermines several state laws aimed at restricting medical abortions. The Food and Drug Administration has notified the manufacturer of the drug Mifeprex (MIH'-feh-prehx) in a letter that the drug is safe and effective for terminating a pregnancy up to 21 days later than previously instructed. Also known as mifepristone or the abortion pill, the drug manufactured by Danco Laboratories is used in combination with another drug (misoprostol) to end a pregnancy. / WOMEN, ECONOMY (SPORTS): It was a great run but the season came to an end last night for the Oregon Women's Basketball team. The Ducks lost to South Dakota, 88-54, in the semifinals of the WNIT Tournament. But Oregon tallied 24 wins this season. That's just one short of the team record. The Oregon State University Women meet Connecticut on Sunday in Indianapolis in the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament. Tip-off is at 3:00 p.m. on ESPN. ; The New York Times is reporting that five key members of the United States women's national soccer team, the</p>

reigning Women's World Cup and Olympic champion, plan to file a federal complaint today charging U.S. Soccer with wage discrimination. In the filing, the five players—including co-captain Carli Lloyd—will contend that the women's team is the driving economic force for U.S. Soccer, the governing body for the sport in America. But despite its leadership, they contend the team's players are paid far less than their counterparts on the men's national team. The players involved in the complaint are among the most prominent and decorated female athletes in the world: the co-captains Carli Lloyd and Becky Sauerbrunn, forward Alex Morgan, midfielder Megan Rapinoe and goalkeeper Hope Solo. / CRIME: President Barack Obama commuted the prison sentences of 61 drug offenders yesterday, including more than one-third serving life sentences. The list includes two Lane County men. It is part of an administration effort to overhauling the U.S. criminal justice system. All of the inmates are serving time for drug possession, intent to sell or related crimes. Most are nonviolent offenders, although a few were also charged with firearms violations. Obama's commutation shortens their sentences, with most of the inmates set to be released on July 28. They include George Michael Gray of Springfield, who was sentenced to life in prison for a number of methamphetamine-related charges as well as possession of a firearm. The other is an Elmira resident, Christopher Michael Wright, sentenced to 18 years in prison for conspiracy to manufacture meth. Obama has long called for getting rid of strict sentences for drug offenses, arguing they lead to excessive punishment and sky-high incarceration rates. There is wide bipartisan support for a criminal justice overhaul. But what once looked like a promising legislative opportunity in Obama's final year has recently lost steam amid partisan politics. A bipartisan bill, which would let judges hand out lesser sentences more lenient than the federal mandatory minimums and eliminate mandatory life sentences for drug offenders caught three times. In a bid to call further attention to the issue, the president met for lunch Wednesday with people whose sentences were previously commuted. He said he wanted to hear about their challenges re-entering society. ; A former Wisconsin police officer accused of killing a Cottage Grove woman will spend the next 35 years in prison. 54-year-old Steven Zelich was sentenced yesterday for the 2012 death of 19-year-old Jenny Gamez. Prosecutors say Zelich met her online, choked her at a hotel during a sexual encounter, then stuffing her body in a suitcase and dumping it along a highway. He faces similar allegations in the 2013 death of a Minnesota woman. The two suitcases were spotted by Wisconsin highway crews in 2014. / GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, POLITICS: Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley was in Eugene yesterday, part of his statewide tour of various affordable housing projects. Merkley held a roundtable discussion with local and state advocates about what the federal government can do to help address the housing crisis, where rising rents and prices are squeezing out many lower-income and mid-income individuals and families. Merkeley says he'd heard from large numbers of Oregonians who have become homeless due to rental increases, as well as families who qualify for affordable housing but face waitlists that are years long. Some of the ideas he's discussed with local leaders and affordable housing advocates: Greater flexibility for public housing authorities to use federal vouchers for portable rent subsidies or bundle them to preserve and renovate multi-family buildings. Making existing housing vouchers more effective by changing the Fair Market Rent calculation in communities where rent is rising quickly. Increasing flexible funding for locally-

developed comprehensive plans. And building on Oregon's pilot project to integrate housing with healthcare delivery as part of the Coordinated Care Organizations using Medicaid dollars. / ENVIRONMENT: The Register-Guard is reporting that the non-profit McKenzie River Trust, this week finalized the purchase of 122 acres of land that includes the Finn Rock Boat Landing. The goal is to protect the river and its bank while keeping the boat landing open to the public. Reporter Francesca Fontana writes that it comes after the trust purchased 156 acres of riverfront on the opposite side of the McKenzie in December. The Register-Guard reports that both properties were purchased from Springfield-based Rosboro for a combined cost of just over \$1.5 million. The most recent acquisition includes a bit of history: the site of the former Finn Rock Logging Camp, where Rosboro Lumber workers lived from the 1940s through 1980s. While specific plans have not been finalized, but in past acquisitions the trust has managed riverbanks and riparian zones by removing weeds, pulling invasive species and planting native plants. The trust also might restore areas affected by timber harvest, or make gravel ponds on the property less hospitable to non-native fish species, such as bass. McKenzie River Trust officials also told The Register-Guard that there are some old cross-country trails on the property they purchased in December that the non-profit might restore those, as well. ; The Eugene Water & Electric Board is about to begin maintenance on its Leaburg Power Canal and that's going to briefly close access to some popular sites at Leaburg Lake. The maintenance begins on Saturday, when the utility will begin letting water out of the Leaburg Power Canal in order to perform maintenance on the power plant, canal and fish screen. The work should be completed in about two weeks. But for the first week, the project is forcing a temporary closure of Leaburg Lake's the parking lot at the visitor center and the boat take-out. The facilities are expected to reopen to the public on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The utility will complete similar repairs to the Waltherville power plant, fish screen and canal beginning in mid-June. /

EDUCATION, ECONOMY, POLITICS: Saying they, quote, "stand at a precipice," the presidents of Oregon's seven public universities are asking lawmakers to add \$100 million dollars when they convene their 2017 legislative session in Salem. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that lawmakers boosted funding for higher education during the past two bienniums. But in a letter sent Wednesday to the state's Higher Education Coordinating Commission, the campus presidents say that hasn't been enough to dig the schools out of a crisis that developed during two decades of reduced state funding. The Oregon university presidents warn that without enhanced funding, their schools will be forced to put through significant tuition increases and cut personnel and services. The schools are collectively requesting \$765 million from the state for general operations during the 2017-19 biennium. In Oregon's new world order of higher education, where each school has its own independent governing board, some had predicted the schools would be bickering over scarce resources. But The Oregonian and Oregon Live report the request comes more than one year before the Legislature will vote on the budget, a united show of force by the universities ahead of what may be a difficult session. State budget analysts have warned that lawmakers might face a \$1 billion revenue shortfall. The full Higher Education Coordinating Commission Board will discuss the proposal at its next meeting on April 14. / LOW-INCOME: Imagine visiting all your favorite restaurants in one evening and not only eating amazing food, but getting to visit with the chefs as well. For "foodies" it is a dream

come true when they attend Chefs' Night Out on April 5, 2016. Held at Eugene's Hult Center, the venue offers an opportunity to graze cuisine that each chef has thoughtfully prepared using the area's finest ingredients. With every level of the Hult Center's lobby being used, some attendees work their way through it "top to bottom," starting on the Upper Balcony and ending in The Studio where live music is playing. No matter where you start and end, you will find yummy bites of food and tastes of local wines, microbrews and spirits along the way. This unique culinary experience not only satisfies your taste buds, it also meets a critical need in our community. All of the proceeds from this event helps FOOD For Lane County provide emergency and supplemental food to our neighbors. Last year's event provided more than 200,000 meals to people in need. Tickets are available now through the Hult Center ticket office at 541-682-5000 or online at [www.hultcenter.org/](http://www.hultcenter.org/) . It's only \$75 for general admission. And don't forget, 100% of your ticket price will help a neighbor eat well! / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Officials with the The Oregon Department of Transportation are reminding drivers that the studded tire season ends at the end of the day on Thursday, March 31, and that with better weather on the way this year's season will not be extended. /