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

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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 4Q, 2017, 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	October 1 st through December 31 st
Year	2017
	<i>*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</i>
1	<u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS:</u> Trump presidency, partisan battles, Congress; Health care reform, Tax reform; Oregon politics; national, state, local elections and politics; Immigration, border wall, North Korea, Syria, Russian election meddling, Government funding, shutdown threats.
2	<u>ECONOMY, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, UTILITIES, COLLEGE-PRO SPORTS:</u> Tax reform; Economy; 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 Athletics funding, spending; Sports events; Civic Stadium rebuilding; Agriculture; Technology; Energy prices, development; Cybersecurity, hacking.
3	<u>CRIME, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT:</u> Mass shootings (Las Vegas, etc.); Community and school violence; Drug & alcohol abuse; Opioid addiction, crime, treatment; Human trafficking; Youth protection, including child abuse; Gangs; Cybersecurity; Policing & community policing; Police shootings, targeting of police, police-racial relations; Gun control, gun violence; Demonstrations & riots; Arsonists; Racial profiling; Public safety during severe weather, disasters, terrorism.
4	<u>ENVIRONMENT:</u> Devastating summer wildfires and smoke, potential drought; Severe weather; Wintry weather; Disaster preparedness: Earthquakes, tsunamis, 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.
5	<u>WOMEN, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, FAMILY, YOUTH, ELDER, MINORITIES, RACISM, IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, COMMUNITY, DISABILITIES:</u> Immigration and DACA; Sexual harassment and #MeToo; Families and children; Domestic violence; Youth programs; Youth protection; Minority issues, growing local Latino community; Race and racism; Same-sex marriage; Gay rights, fair housing; Civil rights, civil liberties; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religion, churches; Global migrant crisis; Community and charitable events, Older adults, Pets and animal rights, women and campaign rhetoric.
6	<u>HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME ISSUES:</u> "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.
7	<u>HEALTH:</u> Health care overall and effects on Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid); Abortion and reproductive legislation; Prescription drug prices; The opioid epidemic; Immunizations and treatments; Recreational and medical marijuana; Mental health; Wildfire smoke and air quality; Zika, measles, meningitis, Ebola and other outbreaks; Vaccination; Food and product recalls; Lead in school and water systems; General health care issues; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Drug & alcohol abuse; Pandemic risks; Physician-assisted suicide.
8	<u>MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM:</u> the "War on terror," ISIS, al-Qaeda, 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.
9	<u>EDUCATION:</u> Local and state budgets for higher and lower education; Paying for college; Curriculum and academic standards; Programs and students honored for academic or civic excellence. National education and trends; teacher contracts.
10	<u>TRANSPORTATION:</u> Legislative transportation plan; 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; Oil and coal train safety.

The 4th Quarter, 2017, Issues List was formulated at a public meeting on Wed., Oct. 5, 2017.

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COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	10/01/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>It was a hot and smoky summer and a challenging season for the state's wildland firefighting crews. And while thousands worked in the woods and on the rangelands building firelines and subduing the flames, special task forces deployed from across the state and here in Lane County helped protect homes and other buildings threatened by the blazes. Structural fire protection requires a different approach, which is why you saw the task forces working the Chetco Bar Fire near Brookings, the Billy Fire near Sisters, the Eagle Creek Fire on the Columbia Gorge. And all of that came while the crews still here in Lane County dealt with the Horse Creek Complex up the McKenzie, the Jones Fire outside of Lowell and a handful of other blazes. This morning, we learn more about our local task forces. We chat with Chad Minter from the Coburg Fire District and Dean Chappell, who is based in Veneta for the Lane Fire Authority. Both deployed to blazes in other parts of the state, leading teams made up of experts and equipment drawn from across Lane County.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	10/08/17 and 10/15/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	HEALTH, ELDERS, FAMILY, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>October 15th marks the start of the Medicare open enrollment period. This is when adults over 65 may change their Medicare Advantage plans. But you want to be informed: understanding how much different plans will cost you, whether or not they cover your prescription medications and the like. And every year, we sit down with representatives from SHIBA, a non-profit program sponsored by the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services and the Willamalane Park & Recreation District to get some background and let you know how you may receive some free assistance to help you sort through your Medicare Advantage options. Brice Price with SHIBA is our guest and he also offers tips on avoiding Medicare-related scams, whether by mail, email, over the phone or in-person.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	10/22/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	CRIME, SAFETY, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	We're talking about law enforcement this morning. We sit down with two veterans of the Springfield Police Department to talk about issues ranging from next month's levy to continue operations of the Springfield jail to perspectives on how the job of policing has evolved. And we learn more about the CHETT program, an innovative charitable effort that's administered by the Springfield Police to help individuals and families in immediate need. Our guests are Chief Richard Lewis and Lieutenant Scott McKee.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	10/29/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	FAMILIES, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, ECONOMY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>When Eugene's Civic Stadium was destroyed by fire several years ago a terrific idea rose from the ashes: Create a new facility that will help kids and adults stay active and healthy throughout their lives. Civic Park, as the site is now known, will eventually house a fieldhouse that will also be home to Kidsports. The fieldhouse will contain indoor courts and other facilities and outside there will be a series of practice and playing fields. This morning, we sit down with Kidsports head Bev Smith, who's also part of the Eugene Civic Alliance. She says in this past month, backers of Civic Park got some good news: They've reached the midpoint in fundraising and now are working to land a lucrative challenge grant.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	11/05/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	YOUTH PROTECTION, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>They call them "Bags of Love." They contain clothing, shoes, coats, lots of small things stuffed into a small package. But they're essential items for children who suddenly find themselves in foster care. This morning on Community Forum, we speak with members of FAAPA, the Foster and Adoptive Parent Association of Lane County. They have a year-round effort to provide essentials for children in foster care. The organizers are foster parents themselves. Sheri Curry, the group's president, gives us background, talks about donations they need most and also tells us about the upcoming Christmas party for hundreds of local foster children and how you may donate to that.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	11/12/17 and 11/19/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, SAFETY, HEALTH
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>And we start this morning with a quick statistic: There are more than 34,100 housing units within the city of Eugene. More than half, 17,000 or 51.6 percent, are occupied by renters. In some ways that makes sense: We are a university town and housing costs have climbed over the years, forcing many to rent because they can't afford to buy. That's where Eugene's Rental Housing Standards come into play. This morning, we sit down with Mark Tritt and Randy Sangder, two City of Eugene code compliance inspectors with the Rental Housing Program. The program was created in 2005 when city officials saw a need for an office to act as a sometime liaison between tenants and landlords. What emerged was a habitability code for Eugene rental housing. The two discuss the obligations for landlords and tenants and the biggest issues they deal with, ranging from heating and cooling, plumbing, mold, rodents and more. They talk about how both sides have responsibilities to maintain the arrangement and how they help educate landlords even before they put their units up for rental.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	11/26/17 and 12/03/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	WOMEN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, SAFETY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>Having a new baby can be a wonderful thing but not if you're struggling with anxiety and depression in the days, weeks and months after you deliver. The organization WellMama provides support to new moms and access to appropriate treatment for women who might be suffering from perinatal mood or anxiety disorders as well as other issues. We sit down with a local obstetrician, Dr. Brooke Kyle, a key member of WellMama in Eugene and Springfield. She offers overviews on their counseling and support groups, online resources and "WarmLine" that woman in crisis may dial. She also talks about their newest offering, support groups who lost a baby to miscarriage or other form of fetal death or whose infant died shortly after birth. They also are expanding their support for close family members and friends.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	12/10/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	ECONOMY, WOMEN, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>Eugene is home to a growing technology sector and the organization Redefining Women in Tech is working to attract talented women ages 14 and up from all walks of life. There are other groups that assist and enhance our tech community. The Technology Association of Oregon, RAIN Accelerator and Lane Small Business Assistance Center are just a few. But RWIT co-founder Lauren Jerome says her organization fills an important need. She says backers realized that even in Eugene women were being left out of tech, often unintentionally. She says they encourage women and teens to take tech classes, hone their skills and join local businesses. She says the growing number of tech companies in our area will rely on a skilled local workforce and that recruiting is already challenging at times. RWIT is one of five local organizations that recently received a grant from the Mozilla Foundation to enhance their web recruitment and training offerings.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	12/17/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	EDUCATION, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES, YOUTH, ELDERLY, LOW-INCOME
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>If you haven't been to the Eugene Public Library lately, you haven't been to the library. Connie Bennett, the library services director, gives us a sampling of all of the great offerings available both at the main library, branch libraries and online. It's pretty remarkable. There are books, magazine, movies, music (and their online versions) as well as free language lessons, free subscriptions to Lynda.com, job and business resources, along with the Maker's Labs that include high end computer and graphic resources, 3-D printers and sewing machines. The holidays are an ideal time for the whole family to check out the library. And during the years there are classes and activities, ranging from storytimes to craft classes.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	12/24/17
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	ENVIRONMENT, FAMILY, ECONOMY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>It is Christmas Eve morning and we know there are procrastinators out there who haven't gotten any gifts or are looking for ways to enhance the holiday. Why not make this and future Christmases "Waste Free Holidays"? They're kinder on you, your budget and the environment. Sarah Grimm, a waste reduction specialist with Lane County, talks about changing your approach to gift-giving and gift wrap and how you dispose of outdated items. Among her tips: Make gifts at home, whether baked goods or potted bulbs or canned goods and soup mixes. They can be attractively packaged and the container can be reused by the recipient. Consider giving experiences: A card that promises a friend or family member an evening out or a home or yard project. And consider eliminating gift wrap or making it part of the gift: A nice dishtowel for kitchen items, perhaps a picnic cloth for outdoor foodstuffs or picnic items. Think about glass jars and other containers. And buy items that don't carry as much packaging. Decorate simple items with decoupage. Save parts of old Christmas cards for collages or postcard-style cards next year. Donate your old gift wrap and bows—or get secondhand gift-wrap and bows—from MECCA, our local materials exchange. Lots of people gift electronics but that creates the challenge of disposing of the old ones. Don't throw them in the landfill. NextStep, our local electronics recycler, safely decommissions and disposes of old items. They destroy computer hard drives to protect your data. And they rebuild computers and other electronics to give to students, needy families</p>

	<p>and individuals or to sell in their reuse shop to fund their operations. Grimm also suggests checking out reuse stores such as those run by the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Lane County, Goodwill industries and others. And she suggests family gatherings that can take the place of gift-giving. She also reminds us that Lane County offers not only a range of recycling options but informational sheets and online links to other recycling and reuse resources.</p>
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COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	12/31/17 and 01/07/18
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>It's a new year. How about a new approach to your finances and savings? Each year we sit down with the folks at NEDCO, our local non-profit that teaches financial literacy and financial independence, to hear tips for saving and responsible spending. NEDCO's Ross Kanaga also offers details on the organizations classes, counseling and other programs ranging from financial stability to buying that first house, starting a business and debt counseling. NEDCO offers an annual pass: \$75 gives your entire household unlimited access to the non-profit's classes and counseling. Some of the new classes target young adults ages 16-24 and people preparing for an in retirement. Kanaga also offers tips on how to track your spending, as well as exercises where one spends as little as they can in one month to see how quickly they can free up savings for other things.</p>

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

**DATE OF
BROADCAST** 10/04/17

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

**NAME OF
PROGRAM** Morning News

**LENGTH OF
PROGRAM** 30 Seconds

**ISSUE OR
SUBJECT
DISCUSSED** CRIME, SAFETY, TERRORISM: Register-Guard reporter Chelsea Deffenbacher has an interview this morning with members of a Eugene family of four who were attending the country music festival in Las Vegas and were forced to run for their lives. In the story, Robin Baird says she; her boyfriend, Kevin Lee; and their adult daughters, Kaila Lee and Lauren Card returned to Eugene with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The Register-Guard reports Baird and her family had traveled to Las Vegas from Eugene on Friday, and they were staying at the Luxor Hotel, the giant pyramid resort next door to Mandalay Bay. When they realized someone was firing into the crowd, Baird said she and her family just started running, taking cover with others under their riser-style VIP suite. They eventually squeezed through a security fence and made their way to safety. ; The painstaking search for evidence continues at the music festival grounds and at the Mandalay Bay resort hotel across the street. Yesterday, FBI teams walked among upturned lawn chairs, an abandoned baby stroller and countless crushed plastic cups littering the abandoned Route 91 Harvest Festival stage and grounds at the edge of the Las Vegas Strip. As they moved across the vast crime scene wearing protective shoe coverings, they occasionally picked up and bagged items for later analysis. Across the street at the base of the Mandalay Bay tower, several FBI agents on a low rooftop walked among the shattered glass that fell from shooter Stephen Paddock's smashed hotel room windows on the 32nd floor. Much of the focus remains on the tower above, as law enforcement officials in the hotel room examined the sniper's perch Paddock created in the hotel suite and the meticulous preparations the shooter made ahead of the attack. They revealed yesterday that the arsenal of 23 weapons found inside the rooms included 12 rifles the shooter had legally modified with "bump stocks," an external device that uses the recoil of a semi-automatic firearm to fire shots in rapid succession and simulates the feeling of an automatic firearm. They also say Paddock put up three video cameras in order to monitor the arrival of law enforcement and tactical units outside the resort and in the hotel hallway. ; The Las Vegas shooter's girlfriend returned to the U.S. overnight after a weekslong trip abroad and was met by investigators seeking to question her for clues to what drove Stephen Paddock to slaughter 59 people from his high-rise hotel suite. More than two days after the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, the question of why someone with no known record of violence or crime would open fire on a country music festival remains unanswered. 62-year-old Marilou Danley was in the Philippines at the time of the Sunday night shooting but flew back to the states at the request of

FBI investigators, who met her flight at the Los Angeles airport late yesterday. Investigators are still working to determine why a wealthy retiree who was a high-stakes gambler would meticulously plan and carry out the mass shooting before killing himself as tactical teams closed in on his 32nd-floor suite at the Mandalay Bay hotel casino. Whatever his motive, authorities say Paddock stockpiled nearly two dozen guns in his hotel room and set up cameras in the peephole and on a service cart outside his door, apparently to watch for the arrival of police. During the Sunday night rampage, a hotel security guard who approached the room was shot through the door and wounded in the leg. Jill Snyder, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, told CBS this morning that Paddock had been stockpiling guns since 1982 and bought 33 of them, mostly rifles, over the past year alone, including a purchase made three days before the attack. She added he had rigged 12 semi-automatic rifles with devices that allowed the guns to fire like an automatic weapon. Authorities previously disclosed that he had such "bump stock" devices with him at the hotel. Snyder said authorities would not have been notified of the rifle purchases but would have been informed if two or more guns were bought at one time. Officials say Paddock transferred \$100,000 to the Philippines in the days before the shooting, possibly to Danley. Investigators are still trying to trace that money and are also looking into a least a dozen financial reports over the past several weeks that said Paddock gambled more than \$10,000 per day. ; Employees at two Las Vegas hotels temporarily were using handheld metal detectors to examine bags in response to a man who had opened fire on an outdoor concert from a suite in a different hotel Sunday. The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports visitors at Wynn Las Vegas and Encore had bags checked by security upon entry beginning early Monday. The newspaper reports fewer bags were checked Tuesday. Both resorts are managed by casino magnate Steve Wynn. A spokesman for the hotels tells the newspaper that it initiated the screenings early Monday when police didn't know if there were multiple shooters involved in Sunday night's attack. The spokesman says they've returned to the practice of only scanning bags and guests when they "believe the need arises." Beefed up security procedures are continuing throughout the resorts. ; President Trump says it's a "sad day" as he departs the White House to meet with first responders and the victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas. The shooting left 59 people dead, more than 500 wounded or injured in the scramble to escape the attack. The president told reporters this morning before boarding Marine One that he and First Lady Melania Trump will be paying their respects as well as meeting with police. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Homeowners would be forced to choose between two popular tax deductions — one for local property taxes, the other for mortgage interest — under a potential compromise that House Republicans are considering as they craft the evolving tax revamp. The nearly \$6 trillion tax overhaul plan being pushed by President Donald Trump and Republican leaders in Congress promises to retain the deduction of mortgage interest from federal income taxes — a cherished tax break used by about 30 million Americans that supporters say is a catalyst to home ownership. Republicans in high-tax states such as New York, New Jersey and California are balking at the proposal from Trump and GOP leaders to eliminate the federal deduction for state and local taxes, fearing the financial hit on their constituents. / CRIME, ECONOMY: Several lawmakers on a congressional panel say Equifax's response to a massive data breach is unacceptable and still inadequate. Rep.

Frank Pallone, D-N.J., says that if Equifax wants to stay in business, its entire corporate culture needs to change to one that values security and transparency. Former Equifax chairman and CEO Richard F. Smith is testifying before a House subcommittee overseeing digital commerce and consumer protection. It's the first of several appearances taking place this week before House and Senate panels. They are reviewing a data breach that affected an estimated 145 million Americans. Pallone says it has been four weeks since the breach was made public and Equifax's customer service has been "confusing and unhelpful."

Republican Rep. Greg Walden of Oregon says he expects Smith's candor and cooperation as lawmakers learn how Equifax failed to secure its systems. ; The largest data breach in history just got a lot larger. Yahoo is now saying that the data breach it revealed last year affected all 3 billion accounts on its service. At first, the online portal said only 1 billion were affected. Yahoo says it has sent emails providing notice to additional user accounts that were affected by the August, 2013 data theft. To put it in perspective, the head of security for the Boston-based company Cybereason says the number of victims of the data breach at represents nearly "half the world."

/ ELECTIONS: A U.S. senator wants to know how well prepared the country's top voting machine manufacturers are against hackers. In letters shared with The Associated Press, Sen. Ron Wyden asks the CEOs of six election technology firms to answer a range of questions detailing how they protect sensitive voter data and test their own internal security systems. The Oregon Democrat says public faith in American election infrastructure is "more important than ever before." That's an apparent reference to a Department of Homeland Security assessment that Russian government hackers targeted election systems in 21 states last year. Some state officials have since disputed that assessment. In the wake of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign, federal officials designated elections systems as critical infrastructure like power plants or electrical grids. ; Protesters staged a rush-hour demonstration against a pro-marijuana measure that's on the ballot next month in Creswell, Oregon. If approved, marijuana retailers would be allowed in the town south of Eugene. The Register-Guard reports about 80 protesters urged passing motorists to reject it, earning supportive hoots and honks from some drivers Monday. Creswell voters previously banned marijuana retailers. But a company seeking to open a shop said the decision was close enough to warrant another vote. The company gathered enough signatures to put the question on the November ballot. / SAFETY: Eugene Police are investigating yesterday afternoon vehicle versus pedestrian accident at West 6th and Almaden Streets. It happened around 5:00 p.m. They say a pedestrian was struck by a box truck when he stepped into the roadway from the north curb. The man, whose name will be released once relatives are notified, was hospitalized with what were described as life-threatening injuries. The box truck driver was uninjured and assisted investigators. Police say driver impairment and vehicle speed were NOT factors in the crash. / RACISM, POLITICS: County officials in Vancouver, Washington, have voted to remove highway markers honoring Confederate President Jefferson Davis from the Clark County Heritage Register. The Columbian reports the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission voted on the delisting Tuesday night. The commissioners said the marker, which was installed in Vancouver in 1939, failed meet established standards for a community heritage site. Commissioner Alex Gall said the marker also lost its historic integrity when it was moved from its

original spot to its current home on private property along Interstate 5 near Ridgefield. The marker and a similar piece of granite originally installed in Blaine, near the Canadian border, now are part of Jefferson Davis Park which also includes Confederate flags. The voting followed almost 90 minutes of public testimony, with comments in support and against the heritage register designation.

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BROADCAST** 10/05/17

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

**NAME OF
PROGRAM** Morning News

**LENGTH OF
PROGRAM** 30 Seconds

**ISSUE OR
SUBJECT
DISCUSSED** CRIME, TERRORISM: President Donald Trump was somber Wednesday as he visited hospital bedsides and a vital police base in stricken Las Vegas. He offered prayers and condolences to the victims of Sunday night's shooting massacre, along with the nation's thanks to first responders and doctors who rushed to save lives. Trump said, "America is truly a nation in mourning." And he spoke of the families who "tonight will go to bed in a world that is suddenly empty." He told those families: "We know that your sorrow feels endless. We stand together to help you carry your pain. " ; Those seeking to know the motive of Las Vegas gunman Stephen Paddock have had little more to chase than hints and shadows. Unlike many other mass killers, Paddock led such a private life that no one seemed to know him well, and those who did had no sense he was capable of gunning down 58 people and injuring hundreds more at a country music festival before killing himself. FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe said that he was surprised Paddock had provided so few clues, and that has proved challenging. Clark County Sheriff did share on Wednesday night said Paddock had rented an apartment in another high-rise above another music festival a week earlier, though he could not say why. And he said he felt it was unlikely Paddock could have pulled off the elaborate plan alone, though investigators have no idea who may have helped him. ; Authorities trying to piece together the final days before Stephen Paddock unleashed his arsenal of powerful firearms on country music fans on the Las Vegas Strip have at least one potential trove of information: his gambling habits. Nevada gambling regulators say they're sorting through documents for clues about him and his girlfriend, Marilou Danley. Those can include suspicious transaction or currency reports, as well as information from a player's rewards card, which the casinos use to track their gambling and offer perks. Paddock's brother has described the gunman in Sunday's attack as a high-stakes video poker player who was routinely comped rooms, meals and drinks at casinos. Video poker players like Paddock use strategies that can minimize the house winnings and in some cases gain a minuscule mathematical advantage. ; Senior congressional Republicans said Wednesday they were open to considering legislation banning "bump stocks" like Paddock used to effectively convert semi-automatic rifles into fully automated weapons. The comments marked a surprising departure from GOP lawmakers' general antipathy to any kind of gun regulations. But they were far from a guarantee of a path forward for the new legislation, especially with Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan making clear their priorities are elsewhere. / POLITICS, ECONOMY, HEALTH:

Republicans are focused on cutting taxes instead of deficits as they look to power a \$4.1 billion budget plan through the House on Thursday. The 2018 House GOP budget promises deep cuts to social programs and Cabinet agency budgets but its chief purpose is to set the stage for action later this year on a comprehensive Republican overhaul of the U.S. tax code that is the party's top political priority as well as a longtime policy dream of key leaders like Speaker Paul Ryan. The plan calls for more than \$5 trillion in spending cuts over the coming decade, including a plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees, slash Medicaid by about \$1 trillion over the coming decade, and repeal the "Obamacare" health law.

/ TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The infotainment technology that automakers are cramming into the dashboard of new vehicles is making drivers take their eyes off the road and hands off the wheel for dangerously long periods of time, according to an AAA study. The study, released Thursday, is the latest by University of Utah professor David Strayer, who has been examining the impact of infotainment systems on safety for AAA's Foundation for Traffic Safety since 2013. Automakers now include more infotainment options to allow drivers to use social media, email and text. The technology is also becoming more complicated to use. Cars used to have a few buttons and knobs. Some vehicles now have as many as 50 buttons on the steering wheel and dashboard that are multi-functional.

/ EDUCATION, ECONOMY: A government study shows that students who attended for-profit colleges were at least twice as likely to default on their loans as students who attended public schools. The study by the National Center of Education Statistics looks at students who began their undergraduate education in 2003 and defaulted on at least one loan over the next 12 years. Fifty-two percent of the students who attended for-profit schools defaulted on their loan. That's compared to 17 percent for those who attended a four-year public institution and 26 percent at community college. The report released Thursday also finds that class of students defaulted on their federal student loans in greater numbers than their predecessors eight years before. The report comes as Education Secretary Betsy DeVos rewrites rules governing student lending protections. ; An NCAA committee is developing a proposal that would eliminate a school's ability to essentially block an athlete from transferring. The NCAA says the Division I Council could introduce legislation as early as January. An idea to allow some undergraduate athletes to switch schools and be immediately eligible to compete will not be considered.

/ ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: They say closures and low returns have created an economic disaster for Oregon's fishing industry and coastal communities. Oregon's U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden have joined with California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris to urge federal officials to back a regional fishery disaster declaration requested by both states' governors. The requests from Oregon Governor Kate Brown and California Governor Jerry Brown were made in May, after nearly 200 miles of coast in Oregon and California were closed to salmon fishing due to dwindling Klamath River salmon runs. Additionally, the fishing season was less than half as long as a typical year because of restrictions protecting Klamath River salmon stocks. The closure affects nearly half of Oregon's coastline, something officials say is causing economic distress for already-struggling coastal communities. Oregon and California also were hard-hit by a poor 2016 season, which resulted in millions in lost revenue. The senators and governors say the closed and curtailed salmon fishing seasons have been felt throughout the seafood supply chain, as fishermen

have left the industry, seafood processors have cut jobs and waterfront communities and ports have been forced to postpone basic repairs and upkeep. A disaster declaration would allow communities and individuals to apply for aid to offset a portion of the losses and, in some cases, pay for job retraining and low-interest loans. / EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT: The University of Oregon duo of Ryan Habenicht and Daniel Marshall, both of Eugene, Oregon, won the YETI-FLW College Fishing Western Conference tournament at Clear Lake, California, Saturday. The duo landed their five-bass limit weighing 18 pounds, 15 ounces. The victory earned the Ducks' Bass Club \$2,000 and the team will now advance to compete at the 2018 FLW College Fishing National Championship, scheduled for May 30-June 2 on the Red River in Shreveport, Louisiana. It was the second Western Conference victory of the season for Habenicht, who won the Lake Havasu tournament in February despite fishing the two-man team event solo. Marshall was registered to compete alongside Habenicht in that event but was unable to join his partner in Arizona due to travel issues. It was also the second-consecutive year that the duo from Oregon has won the annual FLW College Fishing event on Clear Lake, joining Chico State as the only two-time winners on the fishery. "I grew up fishing this lake and I feel like I'm usually in tune with what's going on here," said Habenicht, a senior business major. "We had an unbelievable practice and I thought we were going to crush them. Then the tournament rolls around and three hours into the day, we've got no bites. We had to scramble." Around 11 a.m. the duo finally got their first bite of the day off of a point – a 7-pounder – on a (bluegill) Z-Man Custom ChatterBait. "Every fish that we caught in the tournament was not a spot that we practiced in and was on a different lure," Habenicht said. "We ended up catching about 15 to 20 fish between 11 and 1:30. The 7-pounder was our biggest, but the best lure for us was a (Frenzy Baits) Wack-A-Sack jig with a 3-inch shad-colored (Reaction Innovations) Smallie Beaver. "The key for us was figuring out that we needed to slow way down. Traditionally, we like to fish extremely fast. But the lake was fishing tough and we had to make multiple casts sometimes. At one point it took 11 casts to catch a fish off of a dock." / ENVIRONMENT: The City of Eugene along with The Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management will be conducting ecological burns in West Eugene today (Thursday, October 5th.) Look for crews and occasional smoke on Coyote Prairie off of Cantrell Road, Willow Creek off of Willow Creek Road, and Fisher Butte off of West 11th Avenue. The controlled burns, designed to rid the areas of invasive plants and help restore native species to these Willamette Valley open prairies, will begin around 11:00 a.m. From the "Rivers to Ridges Controlled Ecological Burn Program" website: Our Willamette Valley prairies and savannas evolved over thousands of years with regular fires set by the native peoples of this area. Now, regular "disturbance" is needed for the unique assemblage of prairie species to sustain itself. By conducting ecological burns in our prairies, we are restoring a fundamental process of this ecosystem. In 2016, the Rivers to Ridges Partnership will celebrate the 30th anniversary of this successful and safe fire program that dates back to 1986. Benefits of ecological burns: Maintain biological diversity; Induce germination in some species and flowering and seed set in others; Release nutrients in the soil; Provides habitat and food resources for wildlife; Prairie structure is important for grassland bird habitat. / IMMIGRATION: An immigration judge in Washington state has declined to release an Iraq War veteran from custody while he fights the government's

efforts to deport him. Chong Kim, a South Korean immigrant and green card holder from Portland, Oregon, struggled with drug addiction, homelessness and post-traumatic stress following his time in Iraq in 2009 and 2010, leading to convictions for burglary and other charges. His lawyer and his friends say he's been doing well since completing a substance abuse treatment program run by the Department of Veterans Affairs early this year, but immigration agents arrested him April 5 and brought him to a detention center in Tacoma, Washington. They plan to deport him because of his convictions. His attorney, Tim Warden-Hertz of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, said a judge on Wednesday denied Kim's request to be released. / CRIME, YOUTH

PROTECTION: Attorneys representing three former Boy Scouts are suing the Boy Scouts of America and its Portland-area chapter for \$21 million, saying they let a known pedophile become a scout leader. The lawsuit filed Wednesday in Multnomah County Circuit Court is the latest in more than 100 filed against the scouting organization, according to attorney Peter Janci. The suit alleges the Boy Scouts allowed Calvin Malone back into the organization after he had been caught abusing at least one scout in California in 1970. The suit says that despite this knowledge, the organization hired Malone to be a scout leader in Portland in 1974. The three scouts, who were then aged 10 to 13, were allegedly sexually assaulted by Malone in 1974 and 1975. Malone was convicted of rape and child molestation in 1993 and is being held in a special detention facility for sex offenders in Washington state. / CRIME: Authorities say a man in Coos Bay wanted for falling

to appear in court temporarily knocked an officer unconscious who had been trying to take him into custody. Oregon State Police Lt. Cari Boyd says Coos County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Adam Slater went to a home Tuesday where a tipster had reported that Eric Wadkins was hiding. Boyd says Wadkins resisted arrest and fought with Slater, trying unsuccessfully to take Slater's firearm before fleeing. Multiple officers responded and took a report of a stolen vehicle. Boyd says Wadkins nearly drove it into another officer before crashing the vehicle near Charleston. Boyd says Wadkins fled again and entered a building where he continued resisting but was arrested. Boyd says Slater was treated and released from the hospital. Wadkins was evaluated at a hospital and booked into jail on suspicion of unauthorized use of a vehicle, robbery, assault of a peace officer, burglary and other charges. / POLITICS, MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS:

America's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer civil rights organization has endorsed the re-election bid of Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, the nation's first openly bisexual governor. The Human Rights Campaign, based in Washington DC, announced its endorsement of the Democratic incumbent Wednesday. Group President Chad Griffin called Brown a champion of equality. The group said that under Brown's leadership as governor, Oregon banned so-called conversion therapy for LGBTQ young people. It also credited her with played a key role in passing Oregon's LGBTQ-inclusive non-discrimination law when she was majority leader in the Oregon Senate. The endorsement of Brown was the group's first gubernatorial endorsement for the 2018 elections. It noted that Oregon is home to an estimated 158,000 eligible LGBTQ voters. /

ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: A federal judge has ordered the Interior Department to reinstate an Obama-era regulation aimed at restricting harmful methane emissions from oil and gas production on federal lands. The order by a judge in San Francisco comes as Interior is moving to delay the rule until 2019, saying it is

too burdensome to industry. Interior tried earlier to postpone part of the rule set to take effect next year. U.S. District Judge Elizabeth Laporte says Interior failed to give a "reasoned explanation" for the changes and had not offered details why an earlier analysis by the Obama administration was faulty. She has ordered the entire rule reinstated immediately. The rule, finalized last November, forces energy companies to capture methane that's burnt off or "flared" at drilling sites on public lands. / ELDERS, DISABILITIES: An audit says a state-funded program that aims to help elderly low-income people and those with disabilities get care to stay in their homes has failed to fully protect them from potential harm. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the audit by the Secretary of State's Office was released Tuesday. The report said the Oregon Department of Human Services should take immediate action to improve oversight to guarantee "the safety and well-being" of those using the program. The multi-million dollar program pays workers, often relatives, to provide home health care. The audit says nearly 15,500 people use the program yet the state department has failed to ensure they're getting the help they need. Ashley Carson Cottingham, who directs the state's programs for aging and people with disabilities, disagreed with the audit, saying the program is headed in the right direction. / EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: They're holding a celebration this evening at one of Eugene's newest school buildings. There will be a ribbon cutting, student performances and a free tour of the new building housing River Road / El Camino del Río Elementary School. The events begin at 5:30 this evening at the school, located at 120 West Hilliard Avenue, off River Road. Four years ago, Eugene School District voters approved a bond measure to replace four of aging school buildings and update teaching and learning materials in each. / CRIME: The Register-Guard is reporting that a man convicted of forcing his way into two homes last summer on Woahink Lake will spend two-and-a-half years in prison. 25-year-old Kevin Friend ruined a family's summer reunion during the crime and was nearly was killed in the process. Reporter Jack Moran writes that Friend claimed he was black-out drunk during the bizarre incident, in which the victims say he threatened to kill children and rape male members of the family. One family member ended up shooting Friend in the leg when the intruder burst into one of the homes during the early-morning incident. Prosecutor David Schwartz noted Friend, quote, "must appreciate that he could have been justifiably killed" after entering the occupied residence. The Register-Guard reports Lane County Circuit Judge Debra Vogt told Friend prior to sentencing that, quote, "I think everyone in this room agrees you're the luckiest man here. You're lucky you're not dead." /

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CRIME: In Las Vegas, officials have completed the grim task of identifying the 58 people killed in Sunday's mass shooting. The victims killed ranged in ages from 20 to 67. Last night, thousands raised candles and surrounded the widow and two children of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Officer Charleston Hartfield, who was killed in the shooting. Hartfield was a 16-year Army veteran who served in Iraq. He and his wife attended the festival every year. Witnesses and colleagues say when the shootings began he moved to escort concertgoers to safety before being fatally struck by one of the rounds. ; Meantime, investigators are working to determine whether the shooter, 64-year-old Stephen Paddock, had been scouting other venues. Investigators say it appears Paddock booked rooms overlooking other music festivals in the months before Sunday's attack. They say Paddock booked rooms overlooking the Lollapalooza festival in Chicago in August—although there's no indication he actually stayed there. Investigators say he also booked condos overlooking the "Life Is Beautiful" show in late September near the Vegas Strip. It also appears Paddock might have been near Fenway Park in Boston, although investigators provided no further details. ; Paddock had an arsenal of 23 weapons in his hotel room. One dozen of them included "bump stocks," attachments that can accelerate the firing rate of a semi-automatic rifles to mimic a fully automatic weapon. In a rare concession on gun control, the National Rifle Association and some leading Republicans in Congress yesterday announced support for regulating the devices. Investigators are still working to determine Paddock's motivations. Officials say a profile developed so far is of a, quote, "disturbed and dangerous" man who acquired an arsenal over decades, according to Clark County Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said. A federal official said authorities are looking into the possibility Paddock planned additional attacks, including a car bombing. Authorities previously disclosed Paddock had 1,600 rounds of ammunition in his car, along with fertilizer that can be used to make explosives and 50 pounds of Tannerite, a substance used in explosive rifle targets. / **HEALTH, ELECTIONS:** Three Oregon Republican lawmakers say they've gathered enough signatures that, if verified, would set up a special election to determine the fate of a multimillion-dollar health care tax that was approved by the Legislature this year and signed by the governor. The chief petitioners said Thursday they've submitted the signatures of 84,367 people to the Elections Division of the Secretary of State for consideration. They needed 58,789. If that many are verified, a referendum would be held on House Bill 2391. The three lawmakers, Reps. Julie Parish, Cedric Hayden and Sal Esquivel, say the new

taxes on hospitals and insurers would ultimately be shifted to consumers. Proponents of the bill say it protects health care for 350,000 Oregonians and keeps premiums low for another 250,000. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Police say a Oregon State Hospital psychiatric patient is missing after attending a treatment group at the Laurel Hill Center in Eugene. Oregon State Police say 34-year-old Peace Dawn Wickham was reported missing Thursday afternoon when hospital staff members assigned to escort Wickham lost sight of him when he ran from the group. Police say Wickham is not considered to be a danger to himself or others, but people should not approach him. Wickham was admitted to Oregon State Hospital in November 2016. He was found guilty except for insanity on assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and felon in possession of a restricted weapon charges. Wickham is described as African-American, 6 feet 1 inch tall, 215 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a blue sweatshirt, blue jeans and gray sneakers. Anyone who sees Wickham should call 911 or the Oregon State Police at 800-452-7888. / SAFETY, CRIME: Authorities say a woman who left her Yoncalla home Tuesday to meet with a Springfield man and hadn't been seen since has been located and is heading home. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office says 39-year-old Cindy Lynn Warren was reported missing Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon the sheriff's office says deputies had found her. Family said Warren had been meeting a man at a park north of Roseburg in Sutherlin. The sheriff's office said she texted with her family twice Tuesday at 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. The sheriff's office had said both messages indicated she was on her way home. No further details were released. / HEALTH, CRIME, SAFETY: An effort to repeal a new Oregon law that enables a court to deny a gun to a person deemed at risk of suicide or hurting others has failed, its organizers said, because they didn't get enough signatures to place it on the ballot. Rep. Mike Nearman, a Republican from the town of Independence who was the chief petitioner, blamed Democratic Gov. Kate Brown, saying her delay in signing the bill weeks after it was passed by the Legislature gave too little time to get enough signatures. Petitioners had 90 days from the end of the Legislative session, which was July 7, to get enough signatures but couldn't begin to gather them until the governor signed the bill, which was Aug. 15. / HEALTH, RELIGION, HUMAN RIGHTS: A former worker for a Catholic health care system in the Northwest is suing the organization, saying its insurance plan refused to cover gender-reassignment surgery for her teenage son. The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington was filing the discrimination lawsuit against PeaceHealth in federal court Thursday on behalf of Cheryl Enstad, of Bellingham, and her son, Patxon Enstad. PeaceHealth, which is based in Vancouver, Washington, and operates 10 medical centers, did not immediately return an email seeking comment. Cheryl Enstad worked at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center in Bellingham from 1996 until last April. She says she was stunned to learn PeaceHealth wouldn't cover Paxton's chest reconstruction surgery, which his doctors had determined was medically necessary to treat his gender dysphoria and its effects, including depression. She says she paid more than \$10,000 herself by taking out loans and dipping into her son's college account. / ENVIRONMENT: A federal judge says the U.S. Bureau of Land Management violated environmental law in its plan to sterilize a herd of wild horses in southwestern Idaho. U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ruled last week the BLM failed to analyze consequences of the action and ordered the agency to reconsider its decision. Wild horse advocates who filed the lawsuit

had also argued the BLM adopted a plan that failed to protect wild horses. However, Lodge said he wouldn't rule on whether or not the BLM violated the Wild Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act. Instead, he instructed the BLM to better articulate its reasoning for using sterilization. The BLM in 2015 released a plan for the Saylor Creek Herd Management Area that calls for wild horses to be sterilized and the herd to be kept between 50 and 200 horses. A BLM spokesman was not immediately available for comment. / **POLITICS, ECONOMY:** The Republican-led House has taken a step toward its top priority of revising the tax code. On paper, the budget plan approved Thursday by House members tries anew to repeal the health care law passed under President Barack Obama and turn Medicare into a voucher-like program. Yet there are no expectations that such changes will take place ahead of an overhaul of the tax code. Instead, the budget plan is aimed at setting the stage for the tax overhaul by satisfying certain procedural demands. The goal is to prevent Democrats in the Senate from blocking the tax overhaul by using a filibuster. Instead, a simple majority would prevail in the Republican-dominated Senate. Nevertheless, the budget plan sets spending at \$4.1 trillion while promising deep cuts to social programs. / **SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** Oscar-winning producer Harvey Weinstein is taking a leave of absence from his own company after The New York Times released a report alleging decades of sexual harassment against women, including employees and actress Ashley Judd. Thursday's article includes several first-person accounts of Weinstein's alleged conduct. The Times reports two company officials say at least eight women have received settlements, including actress Rose McGowan. The report also includes Judd's account an incident from two decades ago in which she was asked to meet Weinstein in his hotel room. In a statement, Weinstein acknowledged he behaved inappropriately with colleagues but did not address any specific allegations in the Times piece. Weinstein's attorney Charles Harder said in a statement that the Times story included false and defamatory accounts, but did not provide specifics. / **IMMIGRATION:** Tens of thousands of young people eligible for renewed protection from deportation had yet to submit their applications hours before a Trump administration deadline Thursday night. Under a phase-out plan announced by the president last month, more than 150,000 people covered by the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program were invited to submit renewal applications by Oct. 5. DACA shielded hundreds of thousands of people from deportation and allowed them to work legally in the country. The Department of Homeland Security said about 118,000 out of the roughly 154,000 people eligible for renewals had submitted their applications by midday Thursday. That leaves 36,000 — or about 23 percent of those eligible — outstanding. / **ENVIRONMENT:** The fall outdoor burning season will open on Saturday, Oct. 14 for many Lane County residents. The season, originally set to start Oct. 1, was delayed until Oct. 7 and pushed back further due to continued fire danger. The Lane County Fire Defense Board decided to postpone the opening of the season since weather conditions have been very dry. Easterly winds are predicted next week, further heightening the fire risk. Outdoor burning, also known as open or backyard burning, allows some Lane County residents to burn dry woody yard debris that was generated on their own residential property. Rules concerning outdoor burning differ throughout the county, with some cities banning burning within city limits all together. Before starting a fire, all residents must check the daily burning advisory, which indicates to the community if burning is prohibited on

a given day. The advisory also tells residents when all fires must be extinguished by. The daily burning advisory can be found by calling Lane Regional Air Protection Agency's advisory line at (541) -726-3976 or by visiting www.lrapa.org /

ECONOMY: The Register-Guard is reporting that after years of downsizing, - cybersecurity firm Symantec plans to drastically reduce its presence in Springfield by next spring. Reporter Sheri Buri McDonald writes that the announcement is a blow to employees, Springfield and the larger region. For years, Symantec, headquartered in Mountain View, California, has been among Lane County's largest tech employers. The Register-Guard reports that by the end of March, Symantec's office in Springfield's Gateway area will have space for 150 seats, or call center workstations, with many other roles relocated to other communities in Utah, Texas and Arizona, where Symantec operates. At its peak in 2007, Symantec employed close to 14-hundred people in Springfield. A company officials say some Springfield employees will be transferred to other Symantec sites or become remote employees, working away from the office. Last year, Symantec announced a plan to cut \$400 million in costs by 2018. It included cutting 1,200 jobs — nearly 10 percent of its global workforce — and closing a quarter of its offices. In its most recent quarterly financial report filed Aug. 4, Symantec said it expected to reduce head count and close certain facilities as part of the restructuring plan. It said it expected costs of \$430 million to \$480 million associated with restructuring, including severance and termination benefits, relocation costs and other expenses. Symantec reported a loss of \$106 million on revenues of \$4 billion in the fiscal year ended March 31. Last year, Symantec consolidated its Springfield operation into one of the two connected 200,000-square-foot buildings the company owns on International Way. It left the other building vacant and announced its intention to sell the entire 400,000-square-foot campus and lease back the half out of which it currently operates. In August, Springfield officials confirmed they were talking with an unnamed "technology services" company looking at moving into the vacant building on Symantec's campus. Springfield officials could not be reached for an update on Thursday. Symantec entered Lane County in 1993 by opening a 250-employee call center in leased space in downtown Eugene. The company built the first of its two Springfield buildings in 2001. Several years later, the firm constructed the second building as its workforce grew. /

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The Register-Guard is reporting that a cougar was shot and killed Sunday at Casey's Riverside RV Park in Westfir after residents said it had spent at least a week prowling around the mobile home portion of the park. Reporter Dylan Darling quotes residents who say the 100-pound, male mountain lion was full grown but thin, had killed two cats and was visiting the park every night, crawling up onto at least one porch. The Register-Guard reports the man who shot the cougar has parents who live in the mobile home park. He reportedly called Oregon State Police afterward. Residents say an OSP wildlife trooper responded and collected the cougar's carcass but did not issue any citations. An Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife spokeswoman in Salem said the shooting was allowed under state law if the cougar is causing damage or creating a public safety issue. /

CRIME, SAFETY, ECONOMY: The Register-Guard is reporting a Springfield call center was shut for nearly four hours Thursday after a suspicious device was discovered near the building's natural gas line on International Way in the Gateway area. Reporter Chelsea Deffenbacher writes the device appeared to be two sticks of dynamite with a cellphone attached,

but it was later determined to be two road flares with a digital recording device attached — disguised to look like an explosive, according to Springfield police Lieutenant Scott McKee. The device appeared to be wrapped in black electrical tape. And McKee said the device appeared to have been “deliberately and intentionally” placed near the gas line to create fear. NW Natural Gas shut off gas to the site for the duration of the investigation, police said. The device had been on top of a 6-foot-tall brick structure near the gas line service access point. The area is used as a spot for work breaks by employees of the Professional Credit Service debt collection call center near Maple Island Road. An employee using the break area around 11 a.m. spotted the device and called police. Police looked at the device and verified it matched the employee’s description. The building was evacuated. The building, near the Symantec complex, houses approximately six businesses, including Willie’s Lebanese restaurant and Riverbend Coffee Co. The Eugene police bomb squad used two robots to determine the device was a hoax. Now, McKee said, the investigation will seek to determine who placed the device. At least one surveillance camera could be seen on the corner of the building. McKee said police will see if cameras captured any suspects. The Professional Credit Service debt collection business has terminated a number of employees recently, McKee said. Company President Scott Purcel said there have not been any layoffs, but performance-related terminations occur from time to time. Purcel said he had no idea who carried out the “mean spirited” threat, noting that consumers may be unhappy to have to pay their bills. The area was reopened to traffic around 3 p.m., and employees were allowed to return to the building. Professional Credit Service employs 170 people at its Springfield location. An estimated 200 people were evacuated Thursday. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: Officials with the Interior Department said Thursday they are withdrawing protections for 10 million acres of federal lands used by the threatened sage grouse to open it up for energy development. The plan would allow mining and other development in areas where it now is prohibited in six Western states: Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. It comes after a recent analysis from the Bureau of Land Management indicated that mining or grazing would not pose a significant threat to the sage grouse. The sage grouse is a ground-dwelling, chicken-like bird that roams across vast areas of the West. Officials say the proposal would affect less than one-tenth of 1 percent of sage grouse-occupied range across 11 states from California to the Dakotas. The change comes as the Trump administration moves to reconsider an Obama-era plan to protect the sage grouse, known for the male’s elaborate courtship display in which air sacs in the neck are inflated to make a popping sound. Millions of sage grouse once roamed the West but development, livestock grazing and an invasive grass that encourages wildfires has reduced the bird’s population to fewer than 500,000. / SAFETY, CRIME: Do you have an interest in supporting local law enforcement? Are you available for a few hours each week to become part of an award-winning volunteer program? The Eugene Police Department’s “Volunteers in Policing” or “VIP” program is recruiting all ages of volunteers, from college students to retirees. There are lots of opportunities to get involved, including the Squad Car Maintenance Team, Seniors on Patrol Team, Huckleberry Patrol, and Public Information Office Videographer. Eugene Police are actively recruiting and will be at the fairgrounds for the Lane County Home Improvement Show from Friday, October 6th, through Sunday, October 8th.

Department volunteers will be at the booth to answer your questions about the program. There will be brochures, flyers, prizes and giveaways. /

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Did cell phone usage play a role in Wednesday night's fatal crash near Monroe? Oregon State Police are pursuing that line of investigation, after the accident that left 42-year-old Carrie Hitt of Junction City. The crash happened around 9:00 p.m. Wednesday night when state police say an SUV driven by Hitt was traveling north on Territorial Highway when, for an unknown reason, it went off the road and rolled. Hitt was ejected from the vehicle and landed on the roadway in the path of an oncoming SUV whose driver was unable to avoid her. Hitt died at the scene. Investigators say they're looking into whether cell phone usage by Hitt was a contributing factor in the crash. And Oregon State Police wants to remind you that over the weekend new Districted Driving Law went into effect, which prohibits drivers from using any phone or phone function that is not hands-free. That includes cell phones, tablets, kindles, laptops, GPS units, mobile music players or any electronic device. If you are under 18, you cannot use anything while driving, even hands-free devices. The first violation comes with a \$260 fine. The second violation—or the first if it involves a wreck—includes a \$435 fine. The 3rd offense can earn you six months in jail or up to \$2,500 fine. / **HEALTH, POLITICS:** The Trump administration issued a rule Friday that sharply limits the Affordable Care Act's contraception coverage mandate, a move that could mean many American women would no longer have access to birth control free of charge. The new regulation, issued by the Health and Human Services Department, allows a much broader group of employers and insurers to exempt themselves from covering contraceptives such as birth control pills on religious or moral grounds. The decision, anticipated from the Trump administration for months, is the latest twist in a seesawing legal and ideological fight that has surrounded this aspect of the 2010 health-care law nearly from the start. Several religious groups, which battled the Obama administration for years over the controversial requirement, welcomed the action. Women's rights organizations and some medical professionals portrayed it as a blow to women's health, warning that it could lead to a higher number of unintended pregnancies. The rule change is among the recent moves by President Trump to dismantle initiatives enacted under the Obama administration. It fulfills a crucial promise Trump made as a candidate to appeal to social conservatives and that he repeated in May when he signed an executive order in the Rose Garden to expand religious liberty. /

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SAFETY, COMMUNITY: Wildfire season has reached extreme levels in Northern California, putting crews across the West on standby. Early this morning in Sonoma and Napa counties, California, emergency responders' worst fears were realized when what began the previous afternoon as small blaze in Calistoga, California, exploded during 60 mile per hour winds and raced 30 miles over a ridge of hills, surging into the heart of a city and destroying neighborhoods from north Santa Rosa down to Rohnert Park and into the rural Sonoma Valley with its string of wineries and communities that rely on tourism. In all, sparks from unknown causes fueled 10 fires burning destructive paths across the region, forcing entire communities to flee in the middle of the night. Other regional fires had already depleted regional fire resources, particularly a several hundred acre fire in Napa County, and Sonoma County fire officials said they were urging state authorities to send more help. At least five fires in Sonoma, Lake and Napa counties were threatening residential communities, Cal Fire officials said. Now, Oregon firefighters expect they'll deploy south to help protect endangered homes. The fire burning in Santa Rosa leveled entire blocks in the Fountaingrove area of Santa Rosa, where three-story homes were burning, as well as the older neighborhood of Coffey Park. The city's new fire station in the area, Fire State 5, was destroyed. Miles of hills surrounding Santa Rosa glowed red early Monday and evacuees fleeing the fire clogged local roads and officials rushed to open additional shelters. The communities of Kenwood and Glen Ellen were also threatened. Darkness made it difficult to determine how many acres had burned and impossible to fight the fires from the air. Two hospitals evacuated patients as the fire approached, as well as a number of retirement homes and care facilities. Several schools are believed burned and multiple districts have canceled classes. Tens of thousands of people are under evacuation orders. / **IMMIGRATION, POLITICS:** President Donald Trump told congressional leaders on Sunday that his hardline immigration priorities must be enacted in exchange for extending protection from deportation to hundreds of thousands of young immigrants, many of whom were brought to the U.S. illegally as children. Trump's list of demands included overhauling the country's green-card system, a crackdown on unaccompanied minors entering the country, and building his promised wall along the southern border. Many were policies Democrats have said explicitly are off the table and have threatened to derail ongoing negotiations over legislation protecting young immigrants known as "Dreamers." / **SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** Film mogul Harvey Weinstein's firing from the company he co-founded is likely the

final cut on his Hollywood career. Many in the industry believe his days making movies are over. It was a surprisingly swift downfall for a man who once dominated the Oscars. Weinstein's firing comes three days after The New York Times detailed decades of sex harassment allegations against the producer, including one involving actress Ashley Judd. Weinstein has yet to comment on his firing. He has said he intends to fight the Times over its reporting. The Weinstein Co.'s remaining board members said in a statement that they fired Weinstein due to new information about his misconduct that had emerged in recent days. /

POLITICS, HEALTH: The White House is finalizing an executive order that would expand health plans offered by associations to allow individuals to pool together and buy insurance outside their states. That move follows failed efforts by Congress to overhaul the health care system. President Donald Trump has long asserted that selling insurance across state lines would trigger competition that brings down premiums for people buying their own policies. Experts say that's not guaranteed, partly because health insurance reflects local medical costs, which vary widely around the country. Trump was expected to sign the executive order next week. /

CRIME: An Oregon mother has been charged with second-degree child neglect after authorities say neighbors found her 3-year-old son wandering naked in a road, nearly being struck by a passing car. The Eugene Register-Guard reports that 33-year-old Renee Allison Bradshaw told police she did not know her son was missing Thursday afternoon when neighbors pulled him from the road and gave him clothes. Authorities say that after hours of searching for a guardian, a resident saw a picture of the boy on social media and recognized him. The resident put police in contact with Bradshaw, who was then arrested. The child was placed in custody of the Department of Human Services. /

CRIME, SAFETY: Country star Jason Aldean has returned to Las Vegas a week after a mass shooting during his performance at a music festival left 58 people dead and hundreds more hurt. University Medical Center of Southern Nevada thanked Aldean on Facebook Sunday for visiting with survivors. The hospital says Aldean's visit "helped heal hearts and cheer those who were wounded." Aldean's wife, Brittany, posted a picture of herself and Jason on Instagram looking at the Mandalay Bay resort, where shooter Stephen Paddock opened fire on the crowd from his hotel room Oct. 1. She wrote in the caption that seeing the strength of victims helped the couple "try to begin the healing process." The visit came a day after Aldean performed on "Saturday Night Live" in tribute to the victims. /

POLITICS, MINORITIES, ECONOMY: Vice President Mike Pence was on hand at yesterday's NFL game in Indianapolis to watch the retirement ceremony for former Colts star Peyton Manning. But he ended up more of a participant than a spectator. Pence walked out of the game after more than one dozen members of the visiting San Francisco 49ers knelt at the sideline during the national anthem. In a tweet yesterday, Pence says he was upset that some players failed to stand for the anthem. President Donald Trump, in his own tweet, said he had told Pence he should walk out if anyone took a knee. Critics speculated Trump and Pence might have planned the walkout in advance. /

COMMUNITY, POLITICS: Facebook is working to more closely review ads that target certain groups and deal with politics, religion and other social issues. Officials with the social media site say workers will begin manually reviewing those ads. The company has informed advertisers about the new "human review" requirement — and has told ad-posters there might be delays before their ads can appear on the social media

platform. It comes after Facebook leaders were forced to apologize amid recent revelations of rampant abuse of the social media giant's automated advertising process to spread false news or promote hate speech. For example, there have been ads aimed at people who have expressed anti-Semitic views. /

ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: The Sacramento Bee is reporting that the Trump administration's point person on the Klamath River says the federal government is not going to stand in the way of tearing down four dams by 2020, in what would be the largest dam-removal project in American history. It comes after the Obama administration helped broker a deal last year to tear down the dams, which straddle the California-Oregon border. Alan Mikkelsen, acting commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, told a reporter with The Sacramento Bee he'd also like to broker a wide-ranging water-sharing agreement that goes beyond dam removal. The fight over the Klamath River is one of country's fiercest, longest-running water wars. Since 2001, it has pitted California's largest Indian tribes, environmentalists and the salmon-fishing industry against influential farmers and ranchers in Southern Oregon and Northeastern California. The dispute over how to share the Klamath has been playing out since the presidency of George W. Bush. Just last month, a federal judge ruled against Klamath Basin farmers, in a case that sought to have the U.S. government pay them millions of dollars for taking water away from their farms 16 years earlier. The judge ruled that Indian tribes along the Klamath that had sought more water for fish have senior water rights, so no payment was necessary. /

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DISCUSSED** ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, SAFETY: A relentless onslaught of wildfires in Northern California is ravaging wineries, rural towns, and whole neighborhoods. Authorities say at least 11 are dead, at least 100 are injured and at least 1,500 homes and businesses have been destroyed. All three figures were expected to surge in the coming days as more information is reported. The city of Santa Rosa and its 175,000 residents felt much of the damage, with strip malls, business parks, hotels and subdivisions swallowed up by the fire. Smaller towns and vineyards in wine country were also hard hit, their residents forced to flee. Taken as a group, the fires are already among the deadliest in California history. Sonoma County has received more than 100 missing-person reports as family and friends scramble to locate loved ones while wildfires ravage the state. It is possible that many or most of the missing are safe but simply can't be reached because of the widespread loss of cell service and other communications. ; Vice President Mike Pence said during a visit to California that the federal government stands ready to provide any and all assistance to the state as it deals with deadly and destructive wildfires. Pence's remarks came at an event Monday night in the Sacramento area after Gov. Jerry Brown, who has given disaster declarations to many parts of the state, said he asked President Donald Trump to declare a federal disaster. Pence said "we'll be working very closely with Gov. Brown and California to see you through these challenging times. We are standing with you." It wasn't clear whether Pence's statements meant the request from Brown and several local leaders will be met. ; The Napa Valley Vintners association says most wineries were closed Monday because of power outages, evacuation orders and the inability of employees to get to work. The trade association said Monday that it does not have verifiable information on winery buildings that burned down or the impact the fires would have on the 2017 harvest. Workers had picked most grapes for the season before fires broke out. The wind-driven wildfires came as Napa and Sonoma counties were finishing highly anticipated harvests of wine grapes. Workers on Monday should have been picking and processing the ripe grapes that would make chardonnay and other wines. At least two wineries were destroyed and many others damaged. ; Authorities imposed a sunset-to-sunrise curfew in the city of Santa Rosa and say they were on the lookout for looters as firefighters battle blazes raging in California wine country. Acting police Chief Craig Schwartz said Monday the curfew will be enforced in a mandatory evacuation zone, with violators possibly subject to arrest. Other officials said they were beginning to get reports of looting in areas affected by fires. ; Trailer park

residents in California wine country had little time to escape before flames destroyed their homes. One woman said Monday that her dogs alerted her to the wildfire that quickly came blowing over a hill early in the morning and ignited trees in the Journey's End trailer park in Santa Rosa. Cook says she pounded on neighbors' doors before fleeing with her husband, dogs and medications. She and other residents didn't have time to round up their cats and had to leave them behind in their haste. Some fled in their pajamas and left their wallets. One person had to abandon a classic hotrod car that burned. ; Emergency workers and staff at a state home for the severely disabled outside of Sonoma have evacuated all of about 240 patients as flames from fast-spreading wildfires approached the center and ash rained down. Officials at the Sonoma Developmental Center, located on 900 acres, in the town of Glen Ellen said there were no known injuries during the evacuation. Crews got all patients from threatened buildings as flames closed within a few dozen feet of the center's buildings. Many of the patients were confined to beds and wheelchairs and had breathing or feeding tubes. Vans and school buses were lining up to remove the last patients as workers in masks pushed frail residents in wheelchairs across parking lots and roads. ; More than 200 people were hurriedly evacuated from two Santa Rosa hospitals threatened by wildfires that broke out Sunday night. Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital evacuated more than 80 patients in surgical, labor and emergency care. Kaiser Permanente had 130 patients evacuated from its Santa Rosa medical center Monday morning. ; Santa Rosa resident and cartoonist Brian Fies shared on his Facebook page about this family's loss, writing: "Now that I've hiked back to see our home and we've told most of the closest relatives we could reach, I'll report our follow-up: we lost our home. Our entire neighborhood burned to the ground. Nothing left but black toothpick trees and chimneys. What we have is what we fit into the back of our Prius, and I'm the (idiot) who put on a pair of sandals this morning. I took photos but they're too painful to post. Imagine the Moon, with flames shooting out of craters... I've got to say that Karen is a hero. She's been here since 2 a.m. (Monday), coordinating shelters, evacuating county facilities... She lost her home today but she's spending her day helping other people who lost theirs." ; As more than one dozen wildfires continue to rage across portions of Northern California's Wine Country, there's the grim work of assessing the damage in communities where it might take decades for some neighborhoods to recover. The worst of the flames swept into the northern portion of the city of Santa Rosa early Monday morning, moving so quickly that it leveled blocks of homes within minutes. Fire crews were forced to let many homes and apartments in the northern part of the city of 175,000 burn in order to awaken and evacuate residents just feet ahead of the approaching flames. The blazes burned so hot they melted glass and even the aluminum wheels on cars. Fires from ruptured natural gas lines dotted the charred landscape. In Sonoma County, the commercial losses included two hotels, two winery tasting rooms and dozens of small businesses. Two hospitals and a center for residents with severe developmental disabilities were evacuated. An historic dairy was gutted while herds of cows huddled a short distance away. Some of Sonoma County's thousands of legal medical marijuana farms were threatened. Residents who gathered at emergency shelters and grocery stores said they were shocked by the speed and ferocity of the flames. Many escaped with little more than the clothes on their backs. Sonoma County officials said they have received more than 100

missing-person reports but say it's possible that many or most of the missing are safe but simply can't be reached because of the widespread loss of cell service and other communications. October has generally been the most destructive time of year for California wildfires. What was unusual Sunday, however, was to have so many fires take off at the same time. ; A wildfire that has burned nearly a dozen square miles in the suburbs of Southern California near Anaheim is still just five percent contained and authorities say the thousands of people who evacuated will not be going home soon. Anaheim Police say the fire remains a threat to about 3,500 Orange County homes Tuesday morning and neighborhoods might not open until Wednesday. There's concern that the fire could spread into Cleveland National Forest. The fire began Monday morning in the Anaheim Hills about 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles and was rapidly spread by the region's notorious warm, dry and gusty Santa Ana winds. The National Weather Service says those conditions should ease through the day. The Orange County fire has destroyed two dozen structures, including homes and outbuildings. ; New aerial photos show severe damage to some parts of the Columbia River Gorge from a large wildfire that continues to burn. The photos taken Sunday by The Oregonian/OregonLive show the areas most impacted by the blaze include Oneonta Gorge, Eagle Creek and Tanner Creek. McCord Creek near Cascade Locks and Moffett Creek are also severely burned. Some trails in the gorge won't open until spring and some may not open for a year or two. The fire erupted Sept. 2 and has burned more than 75 square miles (194 square kilometers). It continues to burn in some areas but is not expected to grow. The risk of rockslides and mudslides in the burned area is high as the winter rainy season begins. ; Fifty-three disaster responders from the American Red Cross in Oregon and Southwest Washington (Cascades Region) are on the ground helping communities affected by destructive hurricanes in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Mississippi, West Virginia, Kentucky, Florida, and Texas. Additionally, local responders are helping in Las Vegas, offering emotional support and other resources to people affected by the tragic shooting. They come from cities including Eugene, Springfield, Roseburg, Albany, Independence and elsewhere. At disaster relief centers, the volunteers deliver food and water to affected neighborhoods, provide emergency financial assistance, help with family reunification, deliver health and mental health services and provide spiritual care. Overview of the Las Vegas response effort: Since the tragic shooting in Las Vegas last week, the Red Cross has been providing support to families of the deceased, people who were injured, and helping at public memorials and vigils. The Red Cross is providing health and mental health assistance, spiritual care and other forms of assistance at a family assistance center (a centralized location for affected families to go to get help and resources), at local hospitals, and through outreach teams. Additionally, and as part of our national blood network, the Red Cross has provided blood to hospitals treating patients injured in the incident. Following the shooting, the Red Cross supplied more than 450 units of blood and blood products to hospitals treating victims. Overview of the Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate response efforts: In the last six weeks, the American Red Cross has launched a wide-ranging relief effort to help people devastated by three historic, back-to-back hurricanes--Harvey, Irma, and Maria. And now, the Red Cross is helping families affected by a fourth hurricane, Nate, which made landfall in Mississippi Saturday. The Red Cross is on the ground, part of a large team of agencies and organizations responding to

provide help to communities turned upside down by these storms. ; The Middle Fork Ranger District will host a public meeting from 11am to noon this Thursday, October 12, at the Lowell Fire Hall, located at 389 N Pioneer Street in Lowell. Fire Management staff will provide an overview of the wildfires that occurred across the District this summer, including the Jones, Kelsey and Staley Fires. The meeting will also include updates from staff on ongoing repair work and recreation updates, as well as provide time for questions. Information and detailed maps of the wildfire related closures currently in effect are available at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7> For information on fire danger levels and industrial fire precaution levels, visit the Willamette National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/willamette and click on Fire Information. / EUGENE,

DEVELOPMENT: The Register-Guard is reporting that on a 7-2 vote, a citizen advisory committee on Monday endorsed changing the formal name of downtown Eugene's Broadway Plaza to Kesey Square. Reporter Christian Hill writes that the recommendation by the nine-member ad hoc committee convened by Mayor Lucy Vinis at the City Council's direction is now headed to the council. The council is scheduled to discuss the recommendation on October 18th. The plaza already contains a sculpture of the late Ken Kesey, who grew up in Springfield and was a longtime Pleasant Hill resident. Kesey earned acclaim for his novels "Sometimes A Great Notion" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." But the Register-Guard reports committee members remained divided because while some want to honor Ken Kesey's literary legacy, others say a segment of Eugene's populace dislikes his well-publicized history drug use. The Eugene City Council officially named the square Broadway Plaza in 1996, shortly before the former pedestrian mall was reopened to vehicle traffic. / ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT: As labor contract negotiations drag on, Lane County government's largest employee union will strike next week unless the administration offers wage and health care concessions, a representative of the union said Monday. A strike by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2831 and AFSCME nurses unit would put up to 673 employees — nearly half the people employed by the county — on the picket line. AFSCME representative Jim Steiner said the 575-employee general unit and 98-employee nurse's union will strike Oct. 18 if the county doesn't improve its offer. The notice follows negotiations since March on new three-year contracts for each of the units, with the county and union still far apart on employee compensation. The county has offered pay raises totaling about 3 percent on average in the contract's first year. The county also wants employees to start paying \$20 to \$70 per month toward their health insurance coverage premiums; they currently pay nothing. AFSCME wants far higher raises, an average of 14.8 percent for the general unit — a broad swath of public employees across county departments, from secretaries and maintenance workers to counselors, mental health specialists and accountants — and 19.8 percent for the nurses unit. The sides met in a pair of daylong mediation sessions last week. Steiner declined to go into details about the talks but said little progress was made. The county is preparing contingency plans for a strike which could include the suspension or delay of some services, county spokeswoman Devon Ashbridge said in an email. She said the county is still finalizing those plans and would reveal more details when it meets for another mediation session Thursday. The county plans to open up a hotline for residents to check on the availability of services starting Thursday. A strike could have potentially large impacts on Lane

County Health and Human Services and Lane County Public Works, with mental health specialists, juvenile counselors, community health analysts, planners, building safety specialists and electrical inspectors all covered by the AFSCME general unit. It doesn't include law enforcement positions such as sheriff's deputies and parole and probation officers, which negotiate separate contracts with the county. By law, those employees cannot strike with disputes settled by binding arbitration. The Oregon Employment Relations Board began running the mediation between the county and AFSCME after the sides struggled to narrow their differences. The union argues county administrators have received large raises in recent years, pointing to a 16.4-percent pay raise commissioners have given County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky since hiring him in 2014. The Lane County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 last year to give itself a 13.7-percent pay raise, the board's first since 2008. Meanwhile, small raises for AFSCME-represented employees coupled with monthly health insurance payments would essentially cut pay for some lower-wage county employees, the union argues. The county said disagreed, saying no one's pay would be cut under its offer. It contends AFSCME's proposal would put a huge dent in the county's budget over the next three years. Steiner said the union doesn't want to strike but won't accept the county's current offer. ; Student veterans at Umpqua Community College (UCC) are creating an event to honor their fellow brothers and sisters who served in our country's military. They are hosting a Veterans Resource Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 11. The event will be held in the LaVerne Murphy Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the three-hour event, a variety of resources will be available to help local veterans: Oregon Employment Department; Umpqua Community Action Network (UCAN); Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH); Valiant Seed; Mental health services; Chaplain; Educational resources; and more. In addition to providing resources, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Umpqua Valley Chapter 805 is bringing its Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall to campus. The Wall will be on display Wednesday, Oct. 11 through Friday, Oct. 13. It will be located outside of the Bonnie J. Ford Health, Nursing, and Science Center located on the main UCC campus. The public is invited to visit during business hours. ; The Lane County Veterans Stand Down sponsored by Roseburg VA Health Care System takes place on Friday, October 13, 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Lane County Fairgrounds. All Veterans Welcome, including Reservists, Active Duty Personnel and their families. Services offered include: Limited Medical & Dental Vision Care; Two Hot Meals; Haircuts; Toiletries; Civilian Clothing; Women's Area; Bike Repair; Pet Food; Legal Advice / Aid; Family Services; Veteran Benefits; Job Fair; Housing Programs; DOD Gear, and more. / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION: Snow will begin falling in the Cascades tonight and continue at times through Friday as snow levels lower to near the Cascade passes and as showers spread onshore later tonight and Wednesday in the wake of a Pacific cold front. Snow amounts could exceed a foot at the higher elevations of the Cascades through Friday, above 6,000 feet or so, with perhaps nearly 2 feet at the highest elevations. Amounts in the passes will be much less, though a couple of inches of accumulation are possible daily Wednesday through Friday. The snow will make many outdoor activities hazardous this week, including mountain climbing, hiking, as well as hunting. Be prepared for winter driving conditions through the Cascades this week. Carry traction devices and extra food and

provisions. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT:** At the center of the state, the City of Bend is more or less ground zero for collisions with deer during fall migration. There and elsewhere in the region, the Oregon Department of Transportation is advising motorists to be on the lookout for migrating mule deer on US Highway 97 and other Oregon highways. "Deer are embarking on their fall migration from the eastern slopes of the Cascades to their winter grounds near Fort Rock and Christmas Valley", said Cidney Bowman, wildlife biologist for ODOT. "Highway 97 lies directly in their path so motorists need to be alert for deer on or near the highway". The bulk of the deer migration starts about mid-October and extends until early-December in Central Oregon. Most of the animals travel during the dawn and dusk hours, but motorists can expect to see them at any time. ODOT is putting up notices on message boards on and near the highway to advise motorists to be extra cautious during the migration and taking other steps to alert motorists to the influx of deer. "We want to be sure drivers know what to expect on the highway during deer migration", said Bowman, adding, "We're doing what we can and motorists need to do what they can too." / **SAFETY, LAW**

ENFORCEMENT: What do you want in a new Eugene police chief? The City is hosting eight community forums this month to discuss the issue and hear from you. The first session is Tuesday, October 10, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Petersen Barn Community Center, 870 Berntzen Road. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and pizza is provided for attendees. The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and/or representatives of the recruiting firm will be present to hear feedback at each forum. Community members will break into small group discussions sharing their thoughts on what qualities they think a Police Chief should have, how they would write the job description, and what they like about the Eugene Police Department already. / **ECONOMY:** Thousands of taxpayers across Oregon have tax refund money awaiting them, and they have less than a week before it's harder to claim it. After state checks expire, two years from their issuance date, there's a limited window of time to get them reissued before additional requirements apply. That window closes on October 13. Each October, Revenue has to send any expired check amounts to the Unclaimed Property Program at the Department of State Lands (DSL). To claim property from DSL, taxpayers need a notarized claim and copies of identity-verifying documents. Revenue sent letters to nearly 9,000 taxpayers in July, warning them that their checks are expired and they need to request a new check before the amount is transferred to DSL. Some have already asked for a reissued check, claiming their portion of almost \$2 million in expired refunds that Revenue identified in July. If you got a notification letter from Revenue, McCarty-Snook said you should either sign the notification letter and return it before October 13 or call (503) 947-0084 to request a reissued check. "We still have more than 7,000 taxpayers with almost \$1.7 million in expired checks," said Vickie McCarty-Snook, Oregon Department of Revenue accounting manager. "We want these taxpayers to get their money before they have to take additional steps." McCarty-Snook said the most common reasons for not cashing a refund check are misplacement of the check and having an incorrect mailing address on file with Revenue. She said taxpayers should notify Revenue of any address changes to ensure receipt of all tax-related correspondence. You can visit www.oregon.gov/dor to get forms, check the status of your refund, or make payments. / **SPORTS, COMMUNITY:** The Oregon men's basketball team is looking for the next Charlie Noebel or Nick Lucenti. The Ducks will hold open

walk-on try outs Tuesday, October 10th, and Wednesday, October 11th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Matthew Knight Arena practice courts. Those interested must be enrolled as a full-time student at Oregon, and should bring their own basketball shoes and practice gear. For more information, contact the men's basketball office at 541-346-4346. / SPORTS, ECONOMY: UNDATED (AP) — They still have six games on the schedule, including this weekend's Homecoming contest versus Colorado. But when the Oregon State Football Team takes the field Saturday afternoon in Corvallis, they'll be without Head Coach Gary Andersen. Yesterday, Andersen and Oregon State athletic officials announced they'd mutually agreed to part ways. The move stunned the players and fans in Beaver Nation. OSU was off to a one-and-five start but the 53-year-old Andersen had a contract that was extended after last season, running through the 2021 season. But he walked away from the deal, as Andersen and the school, quote, "agreed to release each other from all future contract obligations and payments." He was due to make \$2.65 million this season and had he been fired without cause he would have been due about \$12 million. But school officials say the fact that Andersen waived his contract was testament to his character. The school announced the surprising split in a news release two days after a 38-10 loss at Southern California. Andersen finished 7-23 at Oregon State. Assistant Cory Hall is stepping up to become the interim coach. The school would immediately begin the search for a new head coach. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY: Two task forces have deployed from lane county. The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal in coordination with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management has activated its Agency Operations Center and 10 strike teams with equipment and personnel to assist with the raging wildfires in California. California fire officials submitted a request asking for assistance yesterday evening from Oregon and Arizona. The OSFM activated its emergency mobilization plan, sending out the request for assistance to all Oregon fire agencies. "Oregon fire agencies have stepped up to the plate to help our neighbors to the south, said Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple. "California helped us with the fires in southern Oregon this year and I am proud that we can return the favor in their time of need." California made the request through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact a national state to state mutual aid system. The EMAC request is sent directly to Oregon Emergency Management who contact and coordinate with the appropriate Oregon agency to fulfill the requests. Oregon county fire defense board chiefs have activated 10 strike teams from the following counties: Two from Lane County, Washington County, Multnomah County, Linn/Benton counties, Marion County, Clatsop County, Jackson/Josephine counties, Yamhill County, and Klamath/Deschutes counties. ; Winds gusting to 45 mph and dry air are expected to descend on areas of Northern California already slammed by deadly wildfires. At least 23 people have died and at least 3,500 homes and businesses have been destroyed, with entire communities evacuated. Communities in wildfire-prone Sonoma County have an array of emergency systems designed to alert residents of danger: text messages, phone calls, emails and tweets. But the fast spread of Sunday night and Monday morning's deadly blazes caught officials by surprise and now authorities say those methods will be assessed to determine whether it was even possible to reach everyone with so little time to react. ; After fast-moving wildfires left at least 23 bodies in their wake, California fire officials say they will assess the effectiveness of emergency alert systems. Communities in the wildfire-prone state use an array of electronic systems to send out alerts to residents when they need to evacuate, including text messages and emails. But it might not be possible to reach everyone in danger, with so little time to react. State fire agency Chief Ken Pimlott said Wednesday that many people were in bed when the fires hit communities Sunday night and there was "little time to notify anybody by any means." The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department said thousands of texts were sent warning residents to flee. But some evacuees said they were never</p>

warned of the danger. ; Here's a chilling statistic: An air quality analyst at a federal lab says the recent wildfires in northern California's Wine Country produced as much pollution in two days as all of that state's 35 million cars do in a year. In California alone, more than 140,000 acres are burning in large, wildland fires. Sean Raffuse, an air-quality analyst at the Crocker Nuclear Laboratory at University of California in Davis, California, says his is a rough estimate but that the fires in the wine country have probably produced about 10,000 tons of PM 2.5, an air pollutant that's the main cause of haze in the United States. He says that amount of smoke is significant because PM 2.5 is associated with respiratory and cardiovascular problems in people. And smoke from the thousands of structures burned in some of the fires can be even more hazardous than typical wildland fire smoke, according to Jim Roberts, a research chemist from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Earth System's Research Laboratory. He points to burned household components from insulation to plastics, as well as burned vehicles with their metals, plastics and fluids. ; Eugene city councilors are moving to put new restrictions on the use of fireworks within the city limits, citing public safety issues and fire danger. Reporter Christian Hill writes that city councilors directed City Manager Jon Ruiz on Wednesday to prepare a draft ordinance for review that would restrict the use of all but so-called "quiet" personal fireworks. That definition would allow only hand-held sparklers as well as "fountain-type fireworks—tubes placed on the ground that emit sparks but produce minimal noise. The Register-Guard reports the proposal also would limit the use of those personal fireworks to July 3rd and 4th. Under the current city ordinance, residents can buy and set off personal fireworks between June 23 and July 6. The city would continue to allow the discharge of personal fireworks on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 under the proposed ordinance. But they could produce only minimal noise to be legal. City councilors will schedule a public hearing before taking a final vote on the issue. / ECONOMY: Can they make some headway or will there be a strike of hundreds of Lane County government workers the middle of next week? Bargainers for Lane County and its largest employee union sit down for another mediation session today. And the union is warning of a strike next Wednesday unless it receives better offers on pay and health coverage. The labor dispute affects more than 670 workers who are members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees—or AFSCME— Local 2831 as well as the AFSCME Nurses' unit. Negotiations started in March on a new three-year pact but the two sides remain divided over pay raises and the level to which county employees should begin making contributions toward their health insurance premiums. Later today, county officials plan to reveal contingency plans for various county services in the event of a walkout. Since the union represents about one-half of all Lane County workers, some services might be delayed or suspended until there is contract agreement. The Register-Guard reported earlier this week that a strike could have potentially large impacts on Lane County Health and Human Services and Lane County Public Works, with mental health specialists, juvenile counselors, community health analysts, planners, building safety specialists and electrical inspectors all covered by the AFSCME general unit. But Reporter Elon Glucklich wrote that the AFSCME local does not include law enforcement positions such as sheriff's deputies and parole and probation officers, which negotiate separate contracts with the county. By law, those employees cannot strike with disputes settled by binding arbitration. /

EDUCATION: Sluggish test scores and low graduation rates. Oregon schools continue to underperform and yesterday Governor Kate Brown announced that the state's school chief, Salam Noor, was out and former Bethel Schools Superintendent Colt Gill will take over on an interim basis. Noor took the job two-and-a-half years ago but he was forced out after test results revealed last month that Oregon students' reading, writing and math skills continue to decline. In addition to mediocre test scores, Oregon has also been plagued with chronically low graduation rates. While high school completion numbers climbed to 75 percent during Noor's tenure, that is still well below the national average of 83 percent. Oregon has in recent years set a goal of a 100 percent graduation rate by 2025, something no state has achieved. Brown, in a letter dated Wednesday to Gill and other top education officials, says boosting graduation rates remains a top priority and that she would like to reach a still-ambitious goal of 90 percent. The governor also wants to develop a statewide early learning plan that serves all Oregon communities and expand career pathways to better conform with the workforce needs of business and industry partners. Colt Gill, the former Bethel superintendent, was named the state's education innovation officer in 2016 and was already working to increase the number of students completing high school. /

COMMUNITY, RELIGION, ECONOMY: A heartbreaking decision for organizers of a popular holiday event. Organizers say they don't have enough volunteers or support so the 2017 Springfield Christmas Parade has been canceled. The parade attracts more than 10,000 spectators as well as thousands who participate. But organizers say despite five years of effort to recruit new volunteers and organizational partners, not enough individuals and groups have stepped up and the planning effort—which is a year-round push—has lost momentum. That's placed a huge strain on the remaining volunteers and volunteer leadership. Known as "The Oldest and the Coldest," The Springfield Christmas Parade was founded in 1953. This year's event would have marked its 64th anniversary. Now, organizers say any entry fees already will be returned. Looking to the future, the parade organizers hope that a parade or holiday celebration in some form might materialize for next year and following. The parade committee invites anyone interested to watch for notice of a re-organizational/brainstorming meeting the early part of 2018 – to continue Springfield's long and proud heritage of coming together to celebrate the holidays. /

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect from 9:00 am this morning to 6:00 pm Friday above 5,000 feet. This affects the Cascades in Lane County above 5,000 feet, including Willamette Pass and McKenzie Pass. Snow expected, heavy at times. Travel will be difficult across the Cascades above 5,000 feet in elevation, especially at night. Total snow accumulations of 6 to 12 inches expected at pass level, with as much as 18 inches expected for the higher ski resort elevations by Friday evening. Heavier snow showers will result in brief accumulation rates of an inch or two per hour, reducing visibility considerably, especially at night. A Winter Weather Advisory for snow means periods of snow will cause primarily travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow-covered roads and limited visibilities, and use caution while driving. The latest road conditions for the state you are calling from can be obtained by calling 5-1-1. /

ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE, FAMILY: Many Lane County farmers are getting ready to retire. With the average age of a local farmer at 60 years old, it begs the question: What will happen to the area's local food systems and family farms? On October 14th,

representatives from the OSU Extension Service, along with the McKenzie River Trust, EWEB, and the Friends of Buford Park & Mount Pisgah, will host a succession planning workshop for landowners and families who are interested in preserving the legacy of their land or land-based business. The "Ties to the Land" Succession Planning Workshop takes place Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Emerald People's Utility District Meeting Room, 33733 Seavey Loop Rd, Eugene. The cost is \$50 per family. Register at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/ties-land> or call the OSU-Lane County Extension Office at 541-344-5859. Navigating the process of transferring a farm business to a successor is always a complicated and emotional process, perhaps even more so when the successor is not a family member. The story Creswell Farmer, John Karlik is a great example. John and partner Lynn Crosby had run Sweetwater Farm since the late 1970s. After making considerable impacts to their local community, in 2012, John formally retired and worked diligently with a consultant to help hand the reins of the business off to their long-time farm manager, Erica Trappe. Erica now owns and operates Good Food Easy, building on the successful business that John and Lynn spent decades establishing. ; A bumper hazelnut crop in Turkey has led to lower prices for growers in Oregon. The Hazelnut Growers Bargaining Association said Tuesday that Oregon growers will get a starting minimum price of 96.5 cents per pound for their crop this fall. That's a big cut from last year's starting price of \$1.18 per pound. Oregon produces nearly all of the hazelnuts in the United States, but only 3 to 4 percent of the world's supply. Turkey leads the world in hazelnut production, and it had a massive crop this year. The value of the Turkish lira also continues to fall, which makes Turkish hazelnuts a better buy for international buyers. The Register-Guard reports that Oregon exports about half of its annual crop to international markets. / CRIME: A Eugene tow truck driver who has twice served prison time for sexual assaults is again accused of attacking a female. The Register-Guard reports that a jury trial for 54-year-old Ricky LeVasseur began Wednesday. He is charged with single counts of first-degree kidnapping, sodomy and sexual abuse. He is accused of approaching a woman in November 2015 wearing a ski mask, pushing her to the ground and threatening her. The woman told police that he offered to let her go in exchange for oral sex. She fought back and said he touched her bare breast, but she was able to escape. LeVasseur's attorney said text messages show his client was at home on the night of the incident. If convicted, LeVasseur could be sentenced to life in prison as a third-felony sex offender. / WOMEN, SEXUAL HARASSMENT: The numerous sexual harassment accusations against film mogul Harvey Weinstein are leading many to question who knew about the allegations. The board of The Weinstein Co., which fired the co-founder on Sunday, says in a statement that they were unaware of the allegations until they were published in an expose by The New York Times last week. Legal experts however are skeptical the company could have been unaware given the volume of allegations. Employment law attorney Angela Reddock-Wright says that unless settlements described in reports by The New York Times and The New Yorker were paid out of Weinstein's own pocket, it is highly implausible the board didn't know. Weinstein has not publicly responded to any of the accusations by actresses and employees since last week. / WOMEN, FAMILY, COMMUNITY: NEW YORK (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America will admit girls into the Cub Scouts starting next year. And leaders say the Scouts will

establish a new program for older girls based on the Boy Scout curriculum that enables them to aspire to the coveted Eagle Scout rank. The expansion of girls' participation, announced Wednesday after unanimous approval by the organization's board of directors, is arguably the biggest change for the Scouting organization, potentially opening the way for hundreds of thousands of girls to join. Under the new plan, Cub Scout dens — the smallest unit — will be single-gender, either all-boys or all-girls. The larger Cub Scout packs will have the option to remain single gender or welcome both genders. The program for older girls is expected to start in 2019 and will enable girls to earn the same Eagle Scout rank that has been attained by astronauts, admirals, senators and other luminaries. Boy Scout leaders said the change was needed to provide more options for parents. The announcement follows many months of outreach by the BSA, which distributed videos and held meetings to discuss possibility expanding girls' participation beyond existing programs, such as Venturing, Exploring and Sea Scouts. During the outreach, some parents expressed concern about possible problems related to overnight camping trips. Officials said there would continue to be a ban on mixed-gender overnight outings for scouts ages 11 to 14. Cub Scout camping trips, they note, are usually family affairs with less need for rigid policies. Founded in 1910 and long considered a bastion of tradition, the Boy Scouts have undergone major changes in the past five years, agreeing to accept openly gay youth members and adult volunteers, as well as transgender boys. Many scouting organizations in other countries already allow both genders and use gender-free names such as Scouts Canada. But for now, the Boy Scout label will remain. The Girl Scouts of the USA, which had sought unsuccessfully to dissuade the Boys Scouts from making this move, said they remained committed to their single-gender mission. Girl Scout officials have suggested the BSA's move was driven partly by a need to boost revenue, and they contended there is fiscal stress in part because of past settlements paid by the BSA in sex-abuse cases. /

IMMIGRATION, RELIGION: Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson is asking a federal judge to lift his stay halting the state's case against President Donald Trump's travel ban. In a filing Wednesday, the state said that lifting the stay will allow it to challenge the third and latest version of the ban before it takes effect later this month. Five other states are involved in the case including Oregon, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and California. The filing also says the states have talked with Trump administration lawyers and that they do not oppose lifting the stay. The Trump administration in September announced the most recent restrictions, which affect citizens of Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen — and some Venezuelan government officials and their families. They are to go into effect Oct. 18. / COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: With seed money and a passion for their local park, a group of Eugene neighbors have come together to create a nature trail in their backyard. The new smooth surface trail through the forest at Hawkins Heights Park adds a unique feature for visitors to enjoy and helps more neighbors access the much-loved park. The vision for the new trail began when the Churchill Area Neighborhood Association teamed up with the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division explore what was possible for the site. This ultimately led to the neighborhood association successfully securing a Neighborhood Matching Grant from the City of Eugene to fund a good portion of bringing their vision to reality. Parks staff prepped the site and worked on trail alignment and grant funding brought the restoration help of

Oregon Woods to the project. Next, the Eugene Outdoors parks volunteer program supported the neighborhood association and the Obsidians outdoor club as they rolled up their sleeves to lay the surfacing of the trail. To celebrate the completion of this team effort and officially open the trail, neighbors and volunteers gather on Thursday, Oct. 12 from 3:30 TO 5:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend. The Neighborhood Matching Grants program was established by City Council in 2000 with the purpose of encouraging residents in Eugene to work collaboratively to identify and actively participate in making improvements to their neighborhoods. The City of Eugene Neighborhood Matching Grant program is currently accepting applications for 2018 now through October 31. For more information visit eugene-or.gov/nmg / COMMUNITY: On Friday, Sept. 29, Dutch Bros celebrated its annual Buck For Kids day and raised \$414,233. All 292 stands donated \$1 from each drink sold to the local children's organization of their choice in honor of National Coffee Day. Dutch Bros has given to local youth organizations for 10 years through Buck For Kids day. However, two years ago, the company moved the day to coincide with National Coffee Day, to increase the impact coffee lovers can have on youth in their local communities. To date, Dutch Bros' Buck for Kids has raised more than \$1.75 million for local youth organizations, \$414,233 this year alone. Each Dutch Bros location is locally operated and proceeds from the day go to nonprofits as they mentor, support and better the lives of youth throughout the area. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: More than 500,000 child car seats made by a company called Diono are being recalled because they may not adequately protect children in a crash. The recall covers the Radian R100, Radian R120, Radian RXT, Olympia, Pacifica, and Rainier convertible and booster seats. They were made from January of 2014 to September of this year by Diono, which used to be called Sunshine Kids Juvenile. Documents posted Thursday by the U.S. government say that when the seats are secured using a lap belt without the top tether, children over 65 pounds have an increased risk of injury in a crash. Diono, based in Sumner, Washington, says it has no reports of injuries. The company will send owners an energy absorbing pad and a new chest clip. The recall is expected to start Nov. 22. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>MILITARY, VETERANS, HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME: The Lane County Veterans Stand Down sponsored by Roseburg VA Health Care System takes place today from 6:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W 13th Ave, Eugene. All Veterans are welcome, including Reservists, Active Duty Personnel and their families. Services include: Limited Medical & Dental Vision Care; Two Hot Meals; Haircuts; Toiletries; Civilian Clothing; Women's Area; Bike Repair; Pet Food; Legal Advice; Legal Aid; Family Services; Veteran Benefits; Job Fair; Housing Programs; DOD Gear and more. / HEALTH, ELDERS, LOW-INCOME: Annual open enrollment for Medicare starts next week, and Oregon's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) Program is available to help. Medicare is health insurance for people 65 years or older or younger than 65 with Social Security Disability Income. People living in Oregon who are 65 years or older may be eligible to sign up and find health insurance that best meets their needs. Medicare covers many medical costs, including visits to the doctor, prescription medications, and preventive care, such as mammograms, colonoscopies, diabetes treatment, and blood pressure screenings. Medicare annual enrollment runs Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2017. Any Medicare Advantage (MA) or prescription drug plan (Part D) changes must be made between these dates so that coverage begins without interruption on Jan. 1, 2018. Those who are late to enroll may face a lifetime of premium penalties. It is important to compare Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans every year," SHIBA Program Manager Lisa Emerson said. "Plans change year to year, as do people's individual health care needs. People could potentially save money by shopping for a new plan." SHIBA provides free health insurance counseling to explain how the Medicare program works, additional insurance options that work with Medicare, and help with reducing out-of-pocket costs. SHIBA staff members, along with over 200 certified counselors, serve many of Oregon's more than 780,000 Medicare beneficiaries to help them understand their Medicare benefits and enrollment options. Free information and help is available by calling 1-800-722-4134 (toll-free) or visiting OregonSHIBA.gov SHIBA counselors help beneficiaries compare plans and enroll by using the plan finder tool found online at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan. Beneficiaries and their families can also choose to use this tool to compare plans and enroll on their own. Tips from SHIBA to prepare for Medicare Open Enrollment: Review your plan notice. Be sure to read any notices from your Medicare plan about changes for next year, especially your Annual Notice of Change letter. Think about what matters most to you. Medicare</p>

health and drug plans change each year and so can your health needs. Do you need a new primary care doctor? Does your network include the specialist you want for an upcoming surgery? Is your new medication covered by your current plan? Does another plan offer the same value at a lower cost? Take stock of your health status and determine if you need to make a change. Find out if you qualify for help paying for your Medicare. SHIBA can help you learn about a state program that helps with the costs of Medicare premiums, your Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) and Medicare Part B (medical insurance) deductibles, co-insurance and co-payments, and Medicare prescription drug coverage costs. Apply for help with drug costs. If you have limited income and assets, you may qualify for extra help with prescription drug costs. SHIBA counselors can help you apply for this benefit through Social Security. Update your list of prescription drugs. Check with your doctor to make sure you understand each prescription. Is a generic available? Can you eliminate unneeded medications? Based on your list, do you have the right plan? Use the Medicare.gov plan finder. The plan finder uses your prescription list to compare prescription drug and Medicare Advantage health plans in your area. Not all companies cover the same drugs so it's important to have a complete list of your medications and dosages when using this tool. Contact your doctor, hospital, and pharmacy before making changes. Not all health and drug plans contract or work with the same providers. If you switch plans, make sure you understand which providers you can see for the best price. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A winter weather advisory remains in effect until Friday evening above 5,000 feet. Plan on winter-like travel conditions. Additional snow accumulations of 4 to 8 inches at pass levels with localized amounts of 8 to 12 inches possible above 6,000 feet. The latest road conditions can be obtained by calling 5-1-1. / CRIME, TERRORISM: Court records show that the Oregon man who was arrested after an explosion went off inside his SUV was being tracked by the FBI for at least two weeks beforehand on suspicion that he was violating the terms of his 18-month probation. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that an arrest warrant was issued for 26-year-old Jason Schaefer hours before the explosion on Wednesday. The FBI suspected Schaefer of having recently bought materials used to create bombs. The warrant was issued on grounds that he was a felon in possession of explosives. Authorities say Schaefer led them on a brief chase before he stopped and set off a small handheld explosive device inside the SUV. Authorities say the blast knocked the detective back and severely damaged Schaefer's left hand. He was then arrested. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Authorities say a tornado touched down south of Portland overturning small airplanes, downing power lines and damaging several glass greenhouses. National Weather Service meteorologists say the tornado touched down at the Aurora State Airport near Canby at about 3:45 p.m. Thursday. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the storm prompted a tornado warning for west Clackamas County until 4:15 p.m. Aurora Fire District Lt. Bill Hansen says two unoccupied planes at the airport overturned while others were blown around but not damaged. Hansen says glass greenhouses and an office building housing a plant nursery also were damaged and that winds snapped a large tree in half and downed several power lines. Molalla High School students stayed inside the high school during the storm, which delayed the school's homecoming parade. No injuries were reported. / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials say a collared gray wolf was

illegally shot dead in southern Oregon, and they are asking the public to help solve the crime. The agency announced the death of wolf OR-33 on Wednesday, saying DNA from the carcass found this spring was matched to DNA from when OR-33 was collared by wildlife biologists two years ago. The carcass was heavily decomposed when it was found northwest of Klamath Falls on the Fremont-Winema National Forest. The Mail Tribune reports the wolf had been blamed for a three-day livestock killing spree east of Ashland in June 2016. OR-33 was blamed for killing two goats, one sheep and injuring a third sheep. ; The Oregon Department of Justice found insufficient evidence to file a criminal case against a sheriff based on complaints that he destroyed public records and issued concealed handgun licenses to out-of-state residents. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports residents filed 11 complaints about Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer that raised alarms about Palmer's association with leaders of the armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Oregon's Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Director Eriks Gabliks says the agency has not decided yet whether to do a broader administrative inquiry of the complaints. Justice Department chief counsel Michael J. Slauson says investigators reviewed complaints submitted from the state public safety agency, interviewed members of the sheriff's office and the John Day Police Department, examined Palmer's training records and "forensically reconstructed shredded documents. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Wild turkeys are increasingly clashing with humans as they spread into urban areas. While some residents say the birds are a menace, others say they enjoy their presence. / ECONOMY, CRIME: A federal judge has refused to impose bail for an Adidas representative embroiled in a bribery scandal that's thrown college basketball into turmoil. At a hearing Thursday in federal court in Manhattan, prosecutors urged Judge Katherine Parker to require that James Gatto post \$100,000 bond to keep his freedom. The judge instead continued the no-bail conditions set at an earlier court appearance in Oregon. Lamont Evans, an assistant coach at Oklahoma State who was fired after being charged in the case, appeared on Thursday in the same courtroom. He was freed on \$100,000 bond. Both men and eight other defendants were charged last month in an alleged scheme to bribe assistant coaches in exchange for steering top-flight NBA prospects to a particular agent or financial adviser. / ECONOMY, ELDERS, LOW-INCOME, HEALTH: Millions of Social Security recipients and other retirees can expect another small increase in benefits next year. Preliminary figures suggest an increase of around 2 percent. That would mean an extra \$25 a month for the average beneficiary. The Social Security Administration is scheduled to announce the cost-of-living adjustment on Friday. The annual increase hasn't topped 2 percent since 2012. By law, the annual cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, is based on a broad measure of consumer prices generated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Advocates for seniors claim the inflation index doesn't accurately capture rising prices faced by seniors, especially for health care. The COLA affects benefits for more than 70 million Americans, including Social Security recipients, disabled veterans and federal retirees. / SAFETY: Stay safe while working in the yard this fall. s the leaves turn, fall weather arrives in the Pacific Northwest. For some homeowners, this means pruning trees and taming overgrown gardens, for others it means cleaning the gutters or painting the house. Many outdoor projects like these can be hazardous if you don't put safety first. So follow these safety tips: Use caution when pruning trees: Don't use pruning tools

or ladders near power lines. Always keep yourself and anything you're handling at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines. Never try to remove a branch that is tangled or lying across a power line. Instead, call your electrical utility. They'll be happy to remove it for you. Treat all electric lines with caution. Be aware and steer clear of overhead electrical wires when installing, removing, cleaning or repairing gutters. Have help when installing or adjusting a satellite dish or antenna. Make sure you're working at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines. Use only wooden and fiberglass ladders. Metal ladders conduct electricity. Never use electrical equipment or tools near a pool or other wet areas. Additionally, make sure outlets are equipped with a ground fault circuit interrupter, designed to automatically disconnect if the tool comes into contact with water. Plant trees and shrubs away from meters, switching cabinets and boxed transformers. Vegetation blocking electrical equipment makes meter reading, repairs and maintenance challenging and sometimes dangerous for utility workers. Underground power lines are just as dangerous as overhead ones. If your project involves digging, make sure the locations of underground power lines are marked. Call 811 to have underground utilities located and marked for free. / ECONOMY, ELDERS: The Register-Guard is reporting that a national group representing large businesses on Thursday filed a lawsuit against OregonSaves, Oregon's new and controversial state-sponsored retirement plan. Reporter Saul Hubbard writes that the state program is designed to help workers whose employers — typically private companies or non-profit agencies — don't offer a retirement savings option. Workers would be able to save their own money through automatic payroll deductions. But the national ERISA Industry Committee objects to the reporting - requirements that Oregon's new program imposes on businesses that already - offer retirement plans to their employees. The Register-Guard notes the lawsuit is the latest salvo in the nationwide dispute over the effort by some states to create their own retirement systems for private-sector workers. This summer, Oregon became the first state in the nation to start rolling out its plan. Under OregonSaves, employees can create Individual Retirement Accounts, or IRAs, fed by automatic payroll deductions from workers. It's voluntary for workers. It doesn't mandate that employers provide any matching contributions. Nor is it backed by taxpayer funds. But all companies that don't already offer a 401(k) or other retirement plan eventually will be required to make OregonSaves available to employees and to administer the payroll deductions. Under the OregonSaves, companies that already offer retirement plans would not have to sign their workers up but they would have to certify with the state every three years that they already offer a plan. The reporting requirement goes into effect on November 15th for employers with more than 100 employees. State officials say it takes only two minutes or less for a business to file the current exemption document. / CRIME, SAFETY: Lane County's District Attorney says Eugene police officers were justified in the fatal shooting of a 31-year-old man last month after he allegedly pointed an AK-47 assault rifle at officers outside an apartment near River Road. The Register-Guard is reporting that was the conclusion of an Interagency Deadly Force Investigations Team probe into the Sept. 26 shooting death of Roger Craig Nielsen. Reporter Chelsea Deffenbacher writes that investigators reviewed details of the incident at the unit on Corliss Lane during which Nielsen held the rifle on a female acquaintance and her infant and repeatedly threatened to kill them. Nielsen's confrontation with police happened after he was forced out of the

apartment and went to a nearby apartment where an uncle lived. Police say when they ordered Nielsen to exit the apartment with his hands up he instead exited with the rifle in his hand and pointed it at officers. / HEALTH, COMMUNITY: Scott Davis with the Bi-Mart Pharmacy joins us for our annual flu shots on-air. It's a chance to remind listeners to get vaccinated. ; We say "Good morning!" to the hundreds of women who attended yesterday's "Lunch at Tiffany's," benefitting the planned PeaceHealth Heartfelt Guest House. Tracy was one of the emcees. /

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LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>VETERANS, MILITARY, WOMEN, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES: Ominous dark-gray clouds and intermittent downpours didn't stop a couple hundred people from taking to the streets of Springfield on Sunday for the 18th annual Lane County Veterans Day Parade. Those who braved the weather could be seen standing and sitting along Olympic Street equipped with rain boots, coats, umbrellas, ponchos and blankets, and waving miniature American flags that were given out at the event. The parade was a short one, taking less than 10 minutes to pass by any given spot, but it was packed with veterans and service members of all ages and ranks as well as representatives of local organizations. Members of the Springfield Police Department, both on motorcycles and in patrol cars, kicked off the event at exactly 1:30 p.m., followed by the Lane County Sheriff's Office Posse, two Cub Scout packs, one Boy Scout troop, a car full of World War II "Rosies," and the Emerald Empire Marine Corps League Detachment 917, among others. "Rosie the Riveters" are renowned for the many ways they contributed to the Allied war effort on the homefront — more precisely the work front at home — during World War II. By the millions, women took up the manufacturing, farming and industrial jobs vacated by the soldiers who went to war. Many of those present to watch Sunday's parade said they were there to honor local veterans ahead of Saturday's national holiday. / ECONOMY, SAFETY: A fire early Sunday morning in Junction City gutted a building at Premiere RV Services and destroyed many of the recreational vehicles parked inside. Junction City Fire & Rescue officials it took hours and assistance from six other agencies to get the blaze under control. The cause remains under investigation but damages run in the millions of dollars. No one was injured. The blaze was reported around 2:40 a.m. when an automatic fire alarm went off at the Premiere RV facility on East First Avenue. The company is recreational vehicle dealer and also services RVs. Photographs on the Junction City Fire & Rescue Facebook page show charred RVs parked inside the service bays of the structure. The Register-Guard is quoting a co-owner of the RV business, who said the blaze in the 65,000-square-foot building caused upward of \$10 million in damage. / HOMELESSNESS, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY: A homeless crisis of unprecedented proportions is rocking the West Coast, and its victims are being left behind by the very things that mark the region's success. A roaring economy has sent housing costs skyrocketing. People who were once able to get by, even if they suffered a setback, are now pushed to the streets because rents have become so expensive. Reporting by The Associated Press</p>

finds that the surge in the number of homeless people, from San Diego to Seattle, is overwhelming cities and nonprofits. Public health is at risk, several cities have declared states of emergency, and cities and counties are spending millions — or even billions — of dollars in search of solutions. Even nonprofit workers who have decades of experience with the homeless are shocked by the surge, calling the situation along the West Coast catastrophic. Part of an ongoing examination of the homeless crisis along the West Coast. / POLITICS, ECONOMY, HEALTH: House Speaker Paul Ryan says Republicans are discussing whether their tax plan should include a repeal of the Obama health law's requirement that people have insurance coverage. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that repealing that requirement — known as the individual mandate — would save \$416 billion over a decade. The mandate provides a powerful incentive for people to get coverage before health problems arise. But the money represents a tempting revenue source for GOP tax-writers whose tax plan would add an estimated \$1.5 trillion over 10 years to the national debt. Ryan tells "Fox News Sunday" that "a lot of members are suggesting" that the tax plan repeal the individual mandate. / ECONOMY, GROWTH: Portland officials offered no special tax breaks or grants in its public-private proposal to Amazon in the heated competition to secure the company's second headquarters. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that the newspaper obtained the city's proposal through a public records request. The online retailer kicked off its hunt for a second home base in September, promising 50,000 new jobs and construction spending of more than \$5 billion. Amazon received 238 proposals from cities and regions across the United States, Canada and Mexico. Portland's proposal focused on the proximity to Seattle, where Amazon is based, which is a three hour drive away. The city pinpointed several downtown blocks to meet Amazon's required 8 million square feet of needed space. However, city also said it would work on infrastructure and housing only if Amazon also promised to contribute to those efforts. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS, CRIME: The trial of a Nevada rancher, his two sons and another man accused of leading a 2014 armed standoff with federal agents in a dispute over land use begins this week. Stakes are high for federal prosecutors, who fell short of getting full convictions of other men who had guns during the dispute over a government round-up of Cliven Bundy's cattle. In opening statements Tuesday prosecutors will accuse the 71-year-old Bundy, sons Ryan and Ammon Bundy, and co-defendant Ryan Payne of enlisting a self-styled militia to defy government authority. Ian Bartrum, a University of Nevada, Las Vegas law professor following the case, says it's an important test for a federal government trying to enforce its own land policies in the Western United States. / CRIME, SAFETY: Governor Kate Brown today ordered all flags at Oregon public institutions to be flown at half-staff immediately until sunset Nov. 9 in honor of the victims of the Texas church shooting. The White House also issued a national flag-order. ; It was the worst mass shooting in Texas history, claiming the lives of 26 people between the ages of five and 72. Police say the gunman, who was dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an military-style rifle, opened fire Sunday morning inside a small South Texas church, killing more than two dozen members of the congregation and leaving 20 wounded. He was confronted outside by an armed resident. Investigators say the resident, quote, "grabbed his rifle and engaged that suspect." The suspect flew in his vehicle but was found dead a short time later near the county line. A passing

driver said he was driving past the church as the shooting happened. He saw the armed resident exchange gunfire with the shooter, then asked to get in the passersby truck and the pair followed as the gunman drove away. The passerby said the gunman eventually lost control of his vehicle and crashed. Police have not officially named the attacker but two officials — one a U.S. official and one in law enforcement — identified the suspect as 26-year-old Devin Kelley. One investigator said Kelley lived in a San Antonio suburb and did not appear to be linked to organized terrorist groups. Kelley received a bad conduct discharge from the Air Force for assaulting his spouse and child, and was sentenced to 12 months' confinement after a 2012 court-martial. Federal agents, including ATF investigators and the FBI's evidence collection team, continue to process the crime scene and are working to confirm whether the suspect knew some of the victims. Investigators said they weren't ready to discuss a possible motive. Officials said 23 of the dead were found in the church, two were found outside and one died after being taken to a hospital. Among those killed was the church pastor's 14-year-old daughter. The pastor and his wife were both out of town when the attack occurred. Relatives identified others killed as a woman who was eight months pregnant, three of her children and her in-laws. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Bargainers for the Eugene School District and the union representing its teachers resume contract talks this afternoon. Negotiations between the district and the Eugene Education Association, which represents teachers and licensed specialists, began in May. The current collective bargaining agreement expired at the end of June but key elements remain in place while talks continue. The two sides are working to close the bargaining gap over salary, insurance, elementary prep time and instructional hours. / EDUCATION, SPORTS: The prep soccer and prep football playoffs continue this week with several local teams still in contention. / VETERANS, LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS: In honor of Veterans Day, join the Red Cross and donate new toiletry items at locations in Eugene and Springfield. Assemble toiletry items into comfort kits for homeless veterans and veteran's hospitals. Among the items needed: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, first aid kits, hand sanitizer, soap, shampoo, conditioner, bandages, antibiotic ointment, lip balm, antacids, nail clippers, socks, hairbrushes/combs, knit hats, gloves, hand warmers, grocery gift cards and washcloths. Have some extra time to volunteer? On Nov. 10, Join Red Cross volunteers and community members at our Eugene Red Cross office at 440 E Broadway in Eugene at 11 a.m. to assemble donated toiletry items into comfort kits for distribution at local veteran's hospitals and homeless veteran's events. / VETERANS, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: This summer, a group of five Veterans with no previous sailing racing experience became a winning team. The Eugene Rec River House Veterans Sailing Team placed first in the Fall Series and third in the Summer Series put on by the Eugene and Triton Yacht Clubs Joint Race Committee at Fern Ridge Reservoir, despite racing against teams with decades of experience. The team spanned three eras of military service — from Vietnam to Afghanistan to recent combat — and four branches of the military. Team member Phillip Hudspeth, a Coast Guard Veteran, says, "This was an amazing experience," Hudspeth said. "We were a team of strangers, and we were novices when we stepped onto the boat. A lot of the training we experienced in the military — teamwork, vision, doing your job right — came together on the boat with our crew. There was a learning curve and there were snafus, but we had great coaches who gave us the tools to become proficient sailors. I would encourage any and all Veterans to participate." This year marked the Vet Sailing program's second season, although Eugene Rec's River House Outdoor Program has run sailing programs since the early 1980s. Similar programs nationwide focus on</p>

teaching sailing but not typically on racing. "The program has become more than I ever could have hoped for," program director and sailing coach Roger Bailey said. Bailey holds a vision of eventually traveling with the team outside of Oregon to race in larger, longer regattas lasting up to three weeks. For the 2018 season, Eugene Rec will build a new team with five new Veteran sailors. Interested Vets are encouraged to contact Roger Bailey at the River House Outdoor Center at 541-682-6323. Individuals or businesses interested in supporting the program can call us for information on how to take part. / COMMUNITY, YOUTH PROTECTION, HOMELESSNESS, EDUCATION: CBT Nuggets, a Eugene-based online IT education company, on Monday will announce a \$2-million donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County (SVDP) for the development of a facility that will provide up to two years of free housing and casework to homeless teen boys with the aim of helping them graduate from high school and preparing them for next stages of adult life. The announcement will be made at 11 a.m. at the Eugene-based company's headquarters at 1550 Valley River Drive. The new youth house will be the second such project undertaken by SVDP. A transitional housing project, which will serve homeless teen girls and is located in the former Cascade Presbyterian Church at 3350 Willamette St. in south Eugene, is nearing completion and is scheduled to open in early January. The gift is by far the largest single donation ever received by SVDP since it was founded more than six decades ago. It will enable the agency to start working on the second youth house project as soon as it completes fundraising for the first youth house on Willamette Street. A location for the new youth house has yet to be determined. So far SVDP has raised \$1.65 million of the \$1.85 million it needs to complete its first Youth House project. CBT Nuggets, which was founded in 1999, produces and sells online education for information technology professionals worldwide. Officials said the company's mission is to continually improve the learning experience for IT professionals. / HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME: The booming economy along America's West Coast has led to a historic shortage of affordable housing and has upended the stereotypical view of people out on the streets. Reporting by The Associated Press finds that many of them are employed, working as retail clerks, plumbers, janitors - even teachers. They go to work, sleep where they can and buy gym memberships for a place to shower. Advocates for the homeless say it will only get worse unless more affordable housing is built. Public health is at risk, several cities have declared states of emergency, and cities and counties are spending millions — or even billions — of dollars in search of solutions. Even nonprofit workers who have decades of experience with the homeless are shocked by the surge, calling the situation along the West Coast catastrophic. / EDUCATION: Oregon's original State Constitution has been restored after more than 137 years of wear and a mix-up in page numbers. The Statesman Journal reports that the restored constitution was unveiled on Monday. It had pages falling apart, fading ink, a torn cover and a peculiar page mix-up. When it was first bound in 1880 — 23 years after being written — the constitution's 52nd page was put in front of the 51st. That mistake was identified and fixed during a monthslong restoration process earlier this year. State Archivist Mary Beth Herkert said the original document was "well-loved." The restored constitution was placed beneath museum-quality glass in the Oregon State Archives building. It's opened to the preamble, with digital before and after photographs showing the restoration results. / POLITICS, CRIME: Portland officials say more than half of the 200

people arrested during protests after last year's presidential elections were not prosecuted, and many cases were dismissed altogether. Chief Deputy District Attorney Kirsten Snowden tells the Oregonian/OregonLive that the high number of cases led her office and the Police Bureau to focus on the most dangerous offenders from the protests. Eleven people have already been convicted for crimes such as threatening people or property. Eleven others are still heading to trial. Prosecutors say they agreed to drop misdemeanor charges against 43 others accused of non-violent crimes and allowed them to pay fines or do community service instead. Six defendants were acquitted or had their cases dismissed before their trials. / CRIME, MILITARY: The gunman who killed 26 people at a small town Texas church was able to buy weapons because the Air Force did not submit his criminal history to the FBI as required by military rules. The Air Force acknowledged Monday that if the past offenses by Devin Patrick Kelley had been properly shared, they would have prevented him from buying a gun. In 2014, Kelley was formally ousted from the Air Force for a 2012 assault on his ex-wife in which he choked her and struck her son hard enough to fracture his skull. Authorities say Kelley fired at least 450 rounds of ammunition at worshippers in Sunday's attack at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs. The dead ranged in age from 18 months to 77 years old. / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: Another gray wolf has been found dead in Oregon, marking the third such unsolved death of a federally protected wolf in the past year, state and federal wildlife officials said. Another wolf was shot by a hunter who claimed self-defense. The wolf was found dead Oct. 29 in Klamath County on state forest land. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has offered a \$5,000 reward for information on the killing, authorities said Monday. The wolf was known to biologists as OR-25 and was wearing a tracking collar. It was believed to have killed a calf at a private ranch near Prospect earlier this year, according to state wildlife officials. OR-33, another collared male, was found shot dead April 23 about 20 miles northwest of Klamath Falls in Fremont-Winema National Forest. OR-28, a collared female, was found dead Oct. 6, 2016, in Fremont-Winema National Forest near Summer Lake. All three investigations remain open, and authorities do not believe the latest wolf died of natural causes, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife spokesman Brent Lawrence told the Mail Tribune. Killing gray wolves in the western two-thirds of Oregon is a violation of the federal Endangered Species Act and of Oregon state game laws. The federal offense is punishable by up to a \$100,000 fine, a year in jail or both. The maximum state penalty is a fine of \$6,250 and a year in jail. Wolves in Oregon hunt deer, elk, bighorn sheep and goats. But they also can target livestock and are loathed by many livestock owners. State wildlife officials say 141 livestock or domestic animals have been killed by wolves in Oregon since they began returning to the state in the late 1990s. In 2016, wildlife officials estimated a minimum of 112 wolves lived in Oregon in 11 packs that included eight breeding pairs. An elk hunter recently shot and killed a gray wolf in eastern Oregon in self-defense after he said the wolf charged at him while he was hunting alone and he mistook it for a coyote. The hunter, who contacted authorities after realizing he had shot a gray wolf, will not be prosecuted because the shooting was ruled self-defense. / SAFETY, BUSINESS: The Register-Guard is reporting that Sunday's early-morning industrial fire at Premier RV Services caused an estimated \$8 million in damages and was accidentally sparked. That's according to Junction City Fire and Rescue officials. Investigators say the blaze caused \$2

million in damage to the building and \$6 million to its contents, including a number of recreational vehicles. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's investigators say Eugene Police arrested a 30-year-old man in connection with last month's robbery of the Hilltop Market in Elmira. It happened on October 8th. During the hold-up, the suspect demanded money and merchandise from the store clerk, then stole a Honda sedan from a nearby church after pointing a gun at the vehicle's owner. Early yesterday morning, Eugene Police received information that the suspect, 30-year-old Jordan Voorhees, was in the area. He was arrested in the Danebo area and faces charges of First Degree Robbery and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. ; Something didn't feel quite right last week, when a guy dropped by a local car dealership and tried to have some keys made for a few new vehicles. In fact, the vibe was odd enough that the salesman for Lithia Dodge took a photo of the man as he was being turned away. Now, the person in the photograph is the suspect in Sunday's burglary at the dealership as well as the theft of a new pickup truck and 300 vehicle keys. Eugene Police say that with the help of a downtown security guard who called in a suspicious vehicle found inside a parking garage, they've arrested 28-year-old Aaron Alan Harney, recovered the truck and a large number of the stolen keys. That's good news for the dealership, which faced the prospect of rekeying every vehicle on the sales lot. The estimated value of the stolen keys exceeded \$70,000. The value of the recovered truck was more than \$55,000. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The Oregon State Marine Board is mailing approximately 75,000 boat registration renewal notices to boaters whose boat registration expires on December 31, 2017. Each renewal notice is unique to the owner and their boat. You have three options to renew: The fastest option is online using the Marine Board's online store. After completing the transaction, boaters can print out a temporary permit and go boating right away. There is no transaction fee when using a credit or debit card. Other options include mailing the payment coupon to the Marine Board or visiting a local registration agent, who can also issue a temporary permit. The cost to register a boat is \$4.50 per foot, rounded to the highest foot, plus a \$5 aquatic invasive species fee. The Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention fund pays for inspection stations, decontamination equipment, inspectors, signage, and education materials. The Marine Board is funded entirely by motorized boat registrations, motorboat fuel tax and receives federal funding to support services to boaters. Nearly eighty-six cents of every dollar are returned to boaters in the form of law enforcement services, boat ramps, restrooms (floating and land-based), parking, boarding floats, facilities engineering/design services, boating education and program outreach. / CRIME, EDUCATION, POLITICS: The Register-Guard is reporting that Oregon's senior U.S. senator, Ron Wyden, is demanding more information from the University of Oregon on how it handled a rape allegation leveled last year against one of its basketball players. An article published in Sports Illustrated last month raised questions about whether the U-of-O followed its own policies on student sexual misconduct after being notified of the allegations against Kavell Bigby-Williams. In a letter late last week to U-of-O President Michael Schill, Wyden wrote that he was "deeply troubled" by the report, written by U-of-O student and freelance reporter Kenny Jacoby. Wyden wrote, quote, "If these reports are accurate, they raise major questions about the university's commitment to creating and maintaining a safe campus environment." Register-Guard reporter Saul Hubbard writes that the assault allegations against Bigby-Williams never resulted in criminal charges in

Wyoming, where the incident allegedly occurred in the fall of 2016. The player, who since has transferred from the UO, said the sex with the alleged female victim was consensual. But the revelation earlier this year that Bigby-Williams continued to play for the Ducks while UO officials knew he was under investigation in Wyoming recalled the specter of the 2014 UO basketball scandal in which a female student accused three Duck basketball players of gang rape. The three male students said the sex was consensual. Despite no criminal charges being brought in that case, because of insufficient evidence, the UO eventually imposed multiyear suspensions on all three players. The university also agreed to pay an \$800,000 settlement to the alleged victim. / ELECTIONS: Planning to have your ballot counted in today's election? Then you need to hand-deliver it to your county elections office or a designated drop box. It is too late to mail it in and have it arrive before tonight's 8:00 p.m. deadline. Want to find the closest ballot drop-off location near you? Check the insert that was included with your ballot or go to www.oregonvotes.gov and click "My Vote." The Lane County Elections Office has a drive-up drop box right outside its location at the corner of 10th and Lincoln Streets in downtown Eugene. The drive-up is on the Lincoln Street side of the building. Want to track results tonight? You may also do that online at www.oregonvotes.gov Click on "Election Results" after 8:00 p.m. We'll also have some of the key results tomorrow morning on Barrett, Fox and Berry. Today's election involves approximately 187,000 registered voters in Eugene, Springfield, Creswell, Lowell and Oakridge. Eugene voters have two items before them: A five-year bond issue to improve local streets and a change in city charter amendment language to clarify the method of filling mayoral and city council vacancies. Springfield is asking voters to renew the jail and police levy. In Creswell, voters will decide whether to lift a local ban on recreational marijuana sales. The Oakridge and Lowell School Districts are asking voters to approve bond measures. The Siuslaw Schools are requesting renewal of their levy. And the South Lane, Rainbow and Upper McKenzie Fire Districts have measures before their voters. / SAFETY, EDUCATION: A classroom at Corridor Elementary School caught fire at around 5:40 a.m. Tuesday morning. Eugene-Springfield Fire Department said the classroom is part of a detached building with four classrooms at the elementary school, and no other classrooms were affected. They said the fire was small and they were able to put it out quickly, but the school was gated which made it difficult for crews to access the building. / ENVIRONMENT: Three conservation groups have filed notice of their intent to sue the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over what they're calling the agency's failure to improve passage over dams for adult and juvenile fish. The Statesman-Journal in Salem quotes officials with the Native Fish Society, Wild Earth Guardians and Northwest Environmental Defense Center say the Corps has consistently missed deadlines or dragged its feet in meeting requirements to improve habitat conditions following a 2008 legal agreement. The groups say Cougar Dam, on the McKenzie River, was supposed to have downstream fish passage by 2015, but that won't happen for years. The lawsuit says the Corps also is postponing efforts to improve passage and water temperatures at the Middle Fork Willamette dams. As a result, the plaintiffs say Upper Willamette salmon and steelhead are at risk of becoming extinct and the dams are the primary threat. A Corps spokesman says the agency is committed to actions beneficial to fish, but they have to balance it with what's "technically feasible and cost-effective." He added the agency has spent \$194 million to

improve habitat conditions and fish passage in the McKenzie, Middle Fork, North Santiam and South Santiam rivers. The legal challenge is taking shape after wild steelhead returned to rivers such as the North Santiam and Molalla at such low numbers that state biologists said basin-wide extinction was a real possibility. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Oregon officials plan to use rock salt this winter on the section of Interstate 84 between Boardman and the Idaho border that is often closed by snow and ice. An Oregon Department of Transportation spokesman tells a reporter from the East Oregonian that the salt will be used in the mountains when other methods are not clearing the ice and snow. Oregon has previously avoided using rock salt due to its corrosive effect on asphalt, bridges and vehicles, and concerns about runoff into soil and streams. But officials say rock salt can quickly cut through snow and ice and perhaps help prevent the crashes and closures that are frequent on that section of the Interstate. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>ELECTIONS, EDUCATION, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS, SAFETY: Voters were in a giving mood in Lane County but not when it came to cannabis in Creswell. Eighty-five percent of Creswell voters said "no" to a proposal to lift a ban on sales of recreational marijuana within the city limits. But there is celebration in Springfield for backers of the levy renewal for Springfield's jail and police operations, with 68 percent casting ballots in favor. Springfield Police say ever since they opened the municipal jail crime rates have fallen and fewer suspects are missing court appearances—largely because there is the threat of a jail cell if they're no-shows. Eugene voters approved a five-year bond issue to improve local streets. The measure received a 62 percent "yes" vote. Eugene voters also okayed a change in the city's charter amendment language to clarify the method of filling mayoral and city council vacancies. Voters in the Oakridge and Lowell School Districts approve bond measures and voters okayed a renewal of the Siuslaw Schools' levy. And it was "thumbs up" for measures from the South Lane, Rainbow and Upper McKenzie Fire Districts. Tuesday's special election involved approximately 187,000 registered voters in Eugene, Springfield, Creswell, Lowell and Oakridge. But as of noon yesterday, only about 27 percent of the voters had returned their ballots—fairly low turnout. Meantime, some close votes up in Linn County, where the City of Harrisburg's water bond issue is passing by just three votes. Voters in the Central Linn School District rejected money for a new school, bus maintenance and school safety. In Benton County, which includes Corvallis, voters strongly backed a five-year renewal of their county levy, which includes money for rental of additional jail beds and round-the-clock sheriff's patrols. /</p> <p>ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Today marks the one-year anniversary of President Donald Trump's stunning victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton. Trump is marking the occasion in Asia, where he's on a five-nation tour. The president told reporters he considered having a "big celebration party," but White House officials say there are no plans to formally acknowledge the anniversary. Ten months into his presidency, Trump is still focused on the election that catapulted him to power. Egged on by longtime friends and cable news, he repeatedly attacks Clinton. In public and in private, he still boasts of the size of his victory. Trump said Tuesday in Seoul, South Korea: that it was a great victory, "and a victory that made a lot of people very happy." SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS: While most parts of Oregon are still experiencing crisp fall weather, forecasters are predicting another cold and wet winter ahead. Experts say this window of time—before snow and ice</p>

hit—is the best time to prepare your business to ensure employees avoid slips, trips, and falls. Last year saw more than 1,400 workplace slips, trips, and falls related to snow and ice—more than any winter in recent memory. Take a few steps now to avoid slips later: Check last year's incident reports to see where most slipping accidents occurred and take corrective measures to eliminate hazards. Pay special attention to areas where transparent "black ice" can form, including walkways shaded by trees, buildings, or other structures. Look for partially covered walkways or parking stairwells where precipitation might blow in. Plan ahead to have ice-melt granules distributed to hazard-prone areas. To learn more, read the Consumer Reports guide, including "5 steps for better deicing." Ensure lighting is adequate on walkways, stairwells, parking lots, and other areas where slips might occur. Consider making foot/heel traction devices available to staff who frequently work in areas where snow and ice are prevalent. If your organization allows telecommuting, encourage staff to work from home when extreme conditions are expected, to minimize risk for slips, motor vehicle accidents, and other weather-related dangers. Raise awareness about the importance of proper footwear and safe winter walking. Watch a video to learn how to walk like a penguin and learn more at www.saif.com/falls/

ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The Oregon State Marine Board is mailing approximately 75,000 boat registration renewal notices to boaters whose boat registration expires on December 31, 2017. Each renewal notice is unique to the owner and their boat. You have three options to renew: The fastest option is online using the Marine Board's online store. After completing the transaction, boaters can print out a temporary permit and go boating right away. There is no transaction fee when using a credit or debit card. Other options include mailing the payment coupon to the Marine Board or visiting a local registration agent, who can also issue a temporary permit. Boaters may also take advantage of other services using the online store: Apply for a Boater Education Card or Replacement Card; Purchase Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Permits for nonmotorized boats; Apply for the boat's Certificate of Title or a Replacement Title; Register a new boat; Register or renew as an Outfitter or Guide; Apply for a Charter Boat license. The cost to register a boat is \$4.50 per foot, rounded to the highest foot, plus a \$5 aquatic invasive species fee. The Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention fund pays for inspection stations, decontamination equipment, inspectors, signage, and education materials. The Marine Board is funded entirely by motorized boat registrations, motorboat fuel tax and receives federal funding to support services to boaters. Nearly eighty-six cents of every dollar are returned to boaters in the form of law enforcement services, boat ramps, restrooms (floating and land-based), parking, boarding floats, facilities engineering/design services, boating education and program outreach. Access the online store directly at www.boatoregon.com/store/

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: He is an avid motorcyclist who shares his passion and expertise with fellow riders. Eugene resident John Buckendahl is in his sixth year as an instructor for the TEAM OREGON motorcycle rider training programs. And this month, he was named TEAM OREGON's "Instructor of the Year." Program organizers say Buckendahl has taught 68 courses – educating more than 700 students on safe and defensive riding techniques. TEAM OREGON is a cooperative partnership between the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon State University. More than 1,400 rider training courses are offered at 24 locations across the state between

February and November. The courses are required for new riders. Successful completion earns them their motorcycle endorsement and can provide a break on their insurance rates. For more information, visit <http://team-oregon.org> or call 800-545-9944. / EDUCATION, SAFETY, WOMEN, POLITICS: U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden is pushing the University of Oregon for more information on how it handled a rape allegation made against a basketball player last year. The Register-Guard reports the Democratic senator sent a letter to the university's president last week, saying he was troubled by the questions raised in an article published in Sports Illustrated last month. The article questioned if the university followed its own policies on student sexual misconduct. Wyden asks how the university determines what information is required to trigger its sexual misconduct protocols and what penalties employees face for not following those protocols. Spokesman Tobin Klinger says the university will respond to the senator's questions, and it followed the necessary process "under nuanced and challenging circumstances." No criminal charges were filed against the player. / CRIME, EDUCATION: Police say a 14-year-old Eugene boy is the suspect in a threat made last week against Bend's Mountain View High School. It comes after school officials in the Bend-La Pine District say they received a threat through their website stating a former student would blow up a math class on Friday, November 3rd. Over the next 48 hours, Bend Police and an FBI special agent worked with IT experts from the school district to trace the threat. Ultimately, they identified the source in Eugene and narrowed it to the teen boy. Investigators say the 14-year-old actually intended to disrupt a former friend's school in another state but somehow chose Mountain View High School in Bend, instead. The Deschutes County District Attorney is evaluating the case and will decide on whether to file charges. Police say the incident required the assistance of more than 10 law enforcement officers and multiple Bend-La Pine school staff for multiple days, disrupting the entire school community for a day. ; In Linn County, sheriff's investigators say a 14-year-old Harrisburg Middle School student is responsible for two days of bomb threats in the district. It comes after a threatening note was found earlier this week at Harrisburg Middle School and a second note was discovered the next day at nearby Harrisburg Elementary School. Sheriff's deputies responded in both cases, briefly evacuating both schools, before determining the threats were hoaxes. Investigators say once they focused on their suspect, the 14-year-old cooperated with deputies. The case is being referred to the Linn County Juvenile Department for charges. Linn County Sheriff's officials say it's important for parents to speak with their children and make sure they understand the seriousness of their actions. What children consider "pranks" are, in fact, crimes with potentially serious consequences. ; Three people are dead at a Roseburg residence and investigators in Douglas County say the case is considered a homicide. Few details were released overnight but the victims were discovered in the 400 block of Whispering Pines Way in Roseburg. The call came in after 8:30 last night and investigators from a number of law enforcement agencies are working the case. They say there is no current risk to the public. An update is expected later today. / CRIME: The homeless man accused of stealing a wedding ring off the finger of a man who died in a knife attack aboard a Portland light-rail train has pleaded guilty. Court records show 51-year-old George Tschaggeny (shog-uh-nee) pleaded guilty Monday to theft, identity theft and tampering with physical evidence. Sentencing has been scheduled for Nov. 14. Police say Tschaggeny was wearing Ricky Best's

ring when officers arrested him. Investigators say he also stole Best's wallet and used his credit card. Best was one of three men who were stabbed May 26 after confronting a passenger who went into a racist rant. Best died on the train and another victim died at a hospital. The other man survived. ; Police reports indicate the gunman who killed more than two dozen at a small-town Texas church briefly escaped from a mental health center in New Mexico in 2012. The Air Force confirmed Tuesday that Devin Patrick Kelley had been treated in a facility after he was placed under pretrial confinement stemming from a court-martial on charges that he assaulted his then-wife and hit her child. The service acknowledged Monday that it didn't enter Kelley's criminal history into the federal database as required by military rules. Also, a police report from El Paso says Kelley was caught trying to bring guns onto Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico when he was stationed there. Authorities say the death toll of 26 from Sunday's shooting includes the unborn baby of one of the women killed. ; A deliveryman in Oregon who heard a woman's screams for help had his wife call 911, but when a deputy showed up it turned out the screamer was a parrot, not a woman. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Tuesday that when Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputy Hayden Sanders showed up, all he found was Diego the Parrot. The green-and-yellow bird was in good health and no humans were involved. ; The Oregon Department of Revenue has recently seen a spike in concerned taxpayers reporting fishy phone calls. The callers fraudulently identify themselves as IRS or Department of Revenue employees and threaten the taxpayer with arrest if they don't provide personal identifying information, such as Social Security or credit card numbers. State officials say scams like this surface every year. The tell-tale sign is the caller threatening arrest or other consequences, which is an attempt to force a taxpayer to make a bad decision. Revenue employees may ask a taxpayer to verify some personal information, but they will never make threats or demand personal or financial information. If a caller says they're with the Department of Revenue, but something about the call doesn't seem right, taxpayers can call the department directly at (800) 356-4222 to check the validity of the call. Do not rely on Caller ID to determine whether the person calling is legitimate. Unfortunately, fraudsters can make their Caller ID appear to be coming from an official agency. Collectors with the Department of Revenue will always send a letter to a taxpayer about their debt before making a phone call. Revenue agents never ask a taxpayer to wire money. Tax payments do not have to be made over the phone. Payments may also be made online or by mail. Visit oregon.gov/dor/payments to see payment options for each tax program. Revenue staff won't ask taxpayers to send information or payments to any addresses that aren't on this list. Report scams and fraud to the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) Consumer Hotline at (877) 877-9392 or at www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection. The IRS at (800) 366-4484. / DISABILITIES: The Northwest Association for Blind Athletes is hosting an adapted swimming clinic for individuals who are blind and visually impaired in Eugene on Saturday, November 11th, at Sheldon Pool. The event is at capacity with registrations, but organizers are continuing to recruit volunteers. Interested in helping out? Contact the Northwest Association for Blind Athletes 360-768-5649. This is the first of the swimming clinics the Association will be offering during the fall and winter seasons. The mission of Northwest Association for Blind Athletes is to provide life-changing opportunities through sports and physical activity to individuals who are blind and visually impaired. Today, the association serves

more than 1,500 children, youth, adults and military veterans with visual impairments to improve their self-confidence and self-esteem, promote independence and build skills necessary to succeed in life. / SAFETY, ECONOMY: Some good news for Eugene-Springfield Fire is good news for local home and business owners, as well. Local officials say they've been notified by an organization known as the Insurance Service Office or ISO that it has raised its Fire Protection Rating of Eugene-Springfield Fire from Class 3 to Class 2. Why is that important? Because insurance companies use ISO fire protection ratings to help determine home owner and business insurance premiums. The better the department's rating, the more likely fire insurance premiums in the metro area will stay low—in fact, they might drop by five to eight percent, depending upon the home or business property. Local officials say for a property owner paying \$700 annually for fire insurance, that translates into a reduction of between \$35 and \$56 and potentially millions of dollars, communitywide. ISO ratings are based on evaluations of fire department equipment, staffing, station locations, training and fire prevention efforts, as well as the community water system, 9-1-1 systems and other factors to assign a protection rating. ; To the north of us, in the Linn County community of Tangent, there's an interesting ceremony planned this evening. Members of the public will join with staff of the Tangent Fire District for what's known as a "pushing-in ceremony." Tangent Fire is adding three vehicles to its fleet: two water tenders and a "Type 3" engine. Part of the traditional ceremony for welcoming a new piece of apparatus includes having the firefighters and community members join together to "push" the new apparatus into the firehouse. Officials say the tradition began in the late 1800s to early 1900s when firefighters used horses to pull pumpers to fires and when they returned had to push the equipment back into the station bays to hose down the vehicles and the horses. The modern-day version of the tradition has transformed into a one-time event to welcome new trucks to the department, signifying it is ready to serve the community. The ceremony will take place starting at 6:30 p.m. this evening at the Tangent Fire Station. After everyone gives the new additions their welcoming "push," there will be refreshments and tours of the new apparatus. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Bargainers for the Eugene School District and the union representing its teachers and licensed specialists such as counselors, nurses and librarians have reached tentative agreement on a three-year contract. Among the highlights: a 2.1 percent cost-of-living increase in the first year, with pay hikes of 1.8 percent and two percent in the succeeding years. The district will continue its contribution to employees' health insurance. Elementary teachers will receive more preparation time during the school day and there will also be additional compensation for special education workloads. The two sides will ratify the agreement before it goes into effect. Members of the Eugene Education Association will review and vote on the tentative deal on Tuesday afternoon. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Congress' nonpartisan budgetary analysts say ending the requirement that most people buy health insurance would save less money than was estimated earlier. The Congressional Budget Office says repealing the so-called individual mandate would save \$338 billion over a decade. The office had estimated \$416 billion in savings earlier this year. Republicans have said they're considering repealing the individual mandate in their tax bill. The savings would give them more room to cut other taxes in their legislation. Wednesday's smaller budget office estimate means they'd have less money to play with. President

Donald Trump wants to include the repeal in tax legislation. Doing so would complicate the tax bill's passage because of GOP divisions over health care, and so far the repeal is not in the House or Senate versions. ; House Republicans have blocked Democrats' efforts to get bigger tax benefits for the cost of raising or adopting children. As the House's tax-writing committee feverishly sprints toward a completed bill by week's end, the Senate's tax bill is starting to take shape. That version is expected to completely repeal the federal deduction for state and local taxes but retain the medical expense deduction. The House GOP plan calls for repealing the adoption tax credit. One of the Democratic proposals defeated Tuesday would have restored that credit. Another defeated Democratic amendment would have added a \$3,600 credit for families with children under age 6. ; Millions of Americans would lose the ability to deduct up to \$2,500 in student loan interest under the Republican tax bill, a proposal that education advocates say will make college less affordable. But supporters of the measure say the loss will be offset by other provisions in the bill. In a letter to top members of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, the American Council of Education asked lawmakers to reconsider their plan keep the deduction for student loan interest. / HEALTH: The Trump administration is moving ahead with a law from the Obama years that will require calorie counts to appear on foods served at restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores and pizza delivery chains nationwide. Despite years of opposition by some food sellers, the Food and Drug Administration is offering only minor accommodations to industry complaints about the difficulties of displaying the information. The FDA is posting recommendations to help businesses comply with the law. Trump appointees have delayed or upended numerous other regulations passed by the Obama administration. But the menu labeling rules, championed by former first lady Michelle Obama, appear on track to take effect next May after years of delays. / HEALTH, POLITICS: The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that Governor Kate Brown yesterday directed Oregon's top health official to seek repayment of \$64 million in Medicaid money that the state wrongly sent to health care organizations. The governor sent the letter one day after her likely Republican opponent in the 2018 election, Representative Knute Buehler of Bend, wrote his own letter calling for the governor to recoup the money. The Oregonian/OregonLive first disclosed the Medicaid overpayments, which it learned about through a public records request, last week. State health authority leaders said at the time that unidentified previous agency "leadership" had made a policy decision not to ask health care groups it contracts with to pay back the \$64 million. The overpayments occurred because the state incorrectly enrolled people in Medicaid, apparently unaware they were also old enough to qualify for Medicare. Buehler is also calling for Brown to appoint an independent lawyer to investigate the overpayments and release her administration's communications on the issue. The governor said last week she only learned of the problem in mid-October. ; sMaine voters say they want to join 31 other states in expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, the signature health bill of former President Barack Obama. Tuesday's referendum represented the first time since the law took effect that the question of expansion had been put in front of U.S. voters. Some 11 million people in the country have gotten coverage through the expansion of Medicaid, a health insurance program for low income people. The vote in Maine was a rebuke of Republican Gov. Paul LePage, who vetoed five different attempts by the state Legislature to expand the

program. It follows repeated failures by President Donald Trump and his fellow Republicans in Congress to repeal Obama's law. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Residents of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska turned in 17.5 tons of prescription medications on October 28, 2017. In Oregon, volunteers at 56 collection sites accepted 5.1 tons of prescription meds. Americans nationwide did their part to reduce the opioid crisis by bringing the Drug Enforcement Administration and its more than 4,200 local and tribal law enforcement partners a record-setting 456 ton of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for disposal at more than 5,300 collection sites. That is almost six tons more than was collected at last spring's event. Now in its 8th year, this event continues to remove ever-higher amounts of opioids and other medicines from the nation's homes, where they could be stolen and abused by family members and visitors, including children and teens. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. DEA launched its prescription drug take back program when both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration advised the public that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines--flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash--posed potential safety and health hazards. The DEA's next Prescription Drug Take Back Day is April 28, 2018. /

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DATE OF BROADCAST	11/09/17
TIME OF BROADCAST	5:30AM-8:30AM / KGNU-FM
NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>LOW-INCOME, COMMUNITY: The Letter Carriers' Food Drive has a long tradition in this community. It is by far the largest food drive and provides much of the non-perishable food distributed by our local food bank, FOOD for Lane County. And this year, the food drive date is changing to Saturday, November 18. This will be the only weekend for this year's food drive. Organizers made the change because letter carriers are increasingly busy during the holiday season as more patrons order their purchases online. By holding the food drive on November 18th, they ensure there's enough room in their vehicles now to collect the donated food and enough room next month for all of the online package deliveries. Leaving 3-4 cans of food at your mailbox the Saturday before Thanksgiving to help stock the FOOD for Lane County warehouse. FOOD for Lane County especially needs foods that are high in protein, including canned meats, peanut butter, or other items. / CRIME: Authorities arrested a 16-year-old boy accused of fatally shooting his foster mother and two siblings at a home in Lookingglass, near Roseburg. Kevin Wayne Adams is charged with three counts of aggravated murder. The teen is being held in a juvenile detention facility. Court papers reveal that Robert Adams, the boy's foster father, called emergency dispatchers Tuesday night to report the shootings. He identified the deceased as his wife, Donya Adams; daughter, Amory Adams; and foster daughter, Payshience Adams—whom he said was Kevin Adams' sister. Investigators say the boy told them he shot his relatives multiple times with a handgun, and then waited for his foster father to return home. The father told police that the teen told him to call police and not go inside the house. ; A woman who started a fire last year that killed four people at a coastal Oregon motel has been sentenced to nearly four years in prison after pleading guilty to criminally negligent homicide and reckless burning. Newport Police Chief Jason Malloy said investigators determined that 39-year-old Rebecca Sinclair of Toledo, Oregon, was staying on the bottom floor of the City Center Motel when she dropped a lit cigarette on her bed. The fire spread when she eventually opened her door to seek help, destroying the motel and damaging cars in the parking lot. Firefighters found the bodies of two couples — 60-year-old Sandra Sue Shoemaker and 64-year-old Danny Keith Shoemaker of Springfield and two people from Portland — in two second-floor rooms. Charges of second-degree manslaughter were dropped in Tuesday's plea agreement. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: The Senate version of the Republicans' tax overhaul is set to be unveiled with billions in tax cuts for people and corporations, repeal of the federal</p>

deduction for state and local taxes, and a likely compression of the personal income tax brackets from seven to four. The House measure, meanwhile, nears approval by the tax-writing committee after last-minute changes by its primary author. The legislation pulling the attention of lawmakers in both chambers would bring the first major reshaping of the U.S. tax code in three decades. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch plans to take the wraps off the new Senate bill on Thursday. In the House, Ways and Means Committee Chair Kevin Brady was making changes before the panel votes Thursday to deliver it to the full House. ; Top administration officials have met privately with Republican lawmakers as Senate GOP tax writers put finishing touches on their bill cutting levies on people and corporations and reshaping the federal tax code. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch has planned to unveil the legislation on Thursday. Republican Sen. David Perdue of Georgia says the measure would fully eliminate the deduction people can take for state and local property, income and sales taxes. The House version would retain the deduction only for property taxes and cap that at \$10,000, drawing opposition from GOP lawmakers from states with high local taxes like New York and New Jersey. Perdue says the Senate plan would compress the current seven personal income tax brackets down to four. On Tuesday, two Republicans had said the bill would retain the seven brackets but cautioned that changes were possible. Hatch's plan was likely to include a one-year delay in its reduction in the corporate tax rate, which will be permanent, said a GOP aide who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. Shrinking that rate to 20 percent from its current 35 percent has been a chief goal of President Donald Trump and the business community, and delaying that reduction would help contain the bill's costs. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION: A southern Oregon man walked 22 miles in the snow for help after the car he and his father were riding in slid off the road in the mountains outside of the Douglas County community of Tiller during a hunting trip. Investigators say 42-year-old Danny Treskey Jr., of Myrtle Creek, was able to lead rescuers back to his father, who had remained in the car. Treskey's brother found him walking for help and shuttled him to an area with cell service. The elder Treskey, who is 67, was found alert but cold in the car. He was taken to a local hospital for evaluation. ; Jackson County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) teams are looking for a missing man. Christopher Knapp reportedly went mushroom picking on the evening of Sunday, November 5. He is believed to be in the areas of Prospect, Highway 227, or Tiller in Douglas County. He was reported missing on November 8. Knapp is 45 years old and 6'4" tall with a thin build and dark "salt & pepper" hair. He usually is clean shaven and wears bib overalls or black ski pants, a ball cap, or beanie. Knapp drives a green 2-door Honda Civic with a missing front bumper. He usually stays on the coast in the Florence area, but has been in the Prospect area for a few months to pick mushrooms and huckleberries. If you have information about Knapp's whereabouts, please contact SAR Sergeant Shawn Richards at 541-774-6800. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT: A two-mile section of road in rural Arizona is being renamed in honor of a controversial opponent of government overreach and federal grazing rights who died during a standoff with law enforcement in Eastern Oregon. The News-Herald in Lake Havasu, Arizona, is reporting that the Mohave County Board of Supervisors gave the green light this week to name the stretch of pavement LaVoy Finicum Road, who was member of the armed group that occupied the

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge for a month in early 2016. The vote was three-to-two. Finicum, who was an Arizona resident, was fatally shot by law enforcement officers during a confrontation after he fled a traffic stop on a snowy highway in Eastern Oregon. The state troopers who shot and killed Finicum were later cleared of wrongdoing, but those who voted to change the road name say they consider Finicum a patriot who died defending the Constitution. Those who opposed the proposal say they didn't think the name change was appropriate because they say it makes Finicum's actions seem heroic and they disagreed with him for taking the law into his own hands. ; The Republican-controlled House has approved a bill aimed at expanding hydroelectric power, an action supporters said would boost a clean source of renewable energy but opponents denounced as a giveaway to large power companies. The bill would define hydropower as a renewable energy source and streamline the way projects are licensed. Power from rivers and streams makes up nearly 50 percent of the power generated in Oregon. But hydro only accounts for 7 percent of electricity nationwide. Only three percent of the nation's 80,000 dams now produce electricity. Backers say electrifying some of the larger sites - primarily locks and dams on the Ohio, Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas Rivers that are operated by the Army Corps of Engineers - would generate electricity for millions of homes and create thousands of jobs. But opponents complain the bill turns over public waterways to industry at the expense of fishermen, boaters and Native American tribes. The bill now goes to the Senate. / ENVIRONMENT, FAMILY: Oregon State Parks invites you to play for free on Nov. 24 in celebration of 'Green Friday.' The agency will waive day-use parking fees in 26 Oregon State Parks the day after Thanksgiving. "We started this tradition three years ago to encourage people to opt outside," said OPRD director Lisa Sumption. "Why not get some fresh air with your family and create a new holiday tradition?" To help celebrate, the nonprofit Oregon State Parks Foundation is offering free hot cocoa, hot coffee and snacks at a number of the larger state parks, including Silver Falls, Cape Blanco, Fort Stevens and others. Parking is free year-round at almost all state parks; the waiver applies to the 26 parks that charge \$5 daily for parking. The waiver applies from open to close on Nov. 25, except at Shore Acres State Park, where it expires at 3 p.m. for the Holiday Lights event that runs Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. Daily parking permits can be purchased on site, but one- and two-year passes are also available online at store.oregonstateparks.org Visit the Oregon State Parks website for directions to each park: oregonstateparks.org / EDUCATION, MILITARY, VETERANS: To celebrate Veterans Day, students and staff at Howard Elementary School have created a "Wall of Honor" in the front entryway. Students and their families were invited to decorate a star pattern to honor a loved one who has served in the United States Armed Forces. A red, white and blue display includes yellow stars for people connected to the Howard community who have served in the military. The decorated stars are on display in the school's front entryway in a colorful "Wall of Honor" tribute to recognize our community's veterans. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Career technical education begins early in Springfield! This morning, Thurston Elementary fourth-graders get some hands-on lessons from industry professionals about the magic of combustion and how diesel engines work. Representatives from the local Cummins Sales and Service RV repair shop yesterday taught students about what an engine is and how it works, including the science behind combustion. Things will "heat up" today at the

second session, which will feature the chance for the kids to interact with equipment at each station, pushing buttons, connecting wires and more. /

ECONOMY, BUSINESS, DEVELOPMENT: the funds will support everything from robots in classrooms to downtown arts installations. Officials with tech company Mozilla are distributing \$83,000 in grant money to five local organizations. The goal: Help improve online access and skills. Mozilla, which produces the popular Firefox web browser, is contributing to projects ranging from NEDCO's "mobile interactive" to Lane STEM's "Coder in Residence" efforts, as well as the Lane Arts Council's "Gigabit Residencies," Harmonic Lab's "City Synth" and the Redefining Women in Tech's "Interactive Video Learning Event." Mozilla officials named Eugene a "Mozilla Gigabit City" earlier this year, recognizing local effort to improve high-speed Internet access and enhance online skills and literacy. /

CRIME: Eugene Police say they've arrested a 26-year-old homeless man and charged him in connection with a pair of Halloween night robberies. Investigators believe Jeremiah Charles Owens was the man who robbed the See's Candies shop on Coburg Road shortly before seven p.m. A short time later, they say he used a knife to rob the Dari-Mart on Monroe Street. Owens faces two counts of first-degree robbery. /

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NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SAFETY, CRIME: The City of Eugene is inviting the public to honor police Chief Pete Kerns 34 years of service to the community and his retirement from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on December 12, 2017, First Baptist Church, 3550 Fox Meadow Road, Eugene. Chief Kerns announced his retirement on March 27, 2017, and agreed to remain as chief while the City began the process of hiring a new chief. On October 16, 2017, the chief accepted a position as chief of staff of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County and set December 11, 2017, as his last day with Eugene Police Department. Pete Kerns assumed duties as the Chief of Police for the Eugene Police Department in October, 2008. He has served the City of Eugene Police Department in a variety of disciplines since July 1983. Chief Pete Kerns began his career as a reserve police officer in 1981, was hired as a full time officer in 1983, and subsequently worked as a patrol officer until he was promoted to agent in 1989. While in Patrol he was a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team, the Fatal Accident Investigations Team, the Defensive Instructors Team, and was one of the department's Field Training Officers. He was assigned to the Property Crimes Unit in 1990, then transferred as a detective to the Lane County Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team (INET) where he was promoted to sergeant in 1995 and supervised the interagency team. In 1999, he was promoted to lieutenant and served as the Eugene Police Department's West Sector commander and as a watch commander. In 2003, he became the Special Operations Section's commander in charge of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) and the Crowd Control Team, with responsibilities including management of the Explosive Disposal Unit, Crisis Negotiation Team, Firearms Program, Honor Guard, Traffic Enforcement Unit, School Resource Team, and Patrol K9 Team. Throughout his career, Chief Kerns has worked with community groups, neighborhoods and business associations to promote safety through problem oriented, neighborhood based community policing. / POLITICS, ECONOMY: The Senate's tax reform bill looks one step closer to passage this morning after holdout GOP Senator Ron Johnson of Wisconsin just announced he would support the proposal. Yesterday, Republican Senator John McCain announced his backing for the plan. The two "yes" votes put Senate leaders closer to the 50 votes they need to pass the issue with a possible tiebreaker from Vice-President Mike Pence. Among the concerns backers are trying to moderate: Word from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office that the Senate's version of the bill would add \$1 trillion to the deficit</p>

over the next decade—a big concern for budget hawks. / **POLITICS:** U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon will receive an award for hosting the most town halls of any U.S. senator this year. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that Wyden will have held 80 town halls this year after he completes two scheduled for this weekend. He will be awarded on Sunday by the Town Hall Project, an organization that encourages face-to-face meetings between members of Congress and constituents. Wyden pledged to hold a town hall in every Oregon county every year when he was campaigning for the Senate in 1996. He was elected that year, and since then, has held 860 meetings with his constituents. Wyden said he is honored to receive the award. / **POLITICS, HEALTH, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME:** The collateral damage from Congress' struggle to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law could include a program that covers more than 8 million low-income children. The Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as CHIP, provides low-cost coverage to children in families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid. But it has become caught up in a political stalemate over how to fund it. Congress failed to reauthorize the program before it expired in September, and legislation to fix the problem remains stalled. Fresh federal money for CHIP dried up Oct. 1. Several states are expected to deplete their remaining funds for the program by late December or late January. The uncertainty has left states scrambling — and it's causing worries for families that depend on the program. / **POLITICS, BUSINESS:** An Oregon Congressman and one from California who are the namesakes of an amendment that prevents federal officials using public funds to enforce federal laws against medical marijuana are pushing to ensure the protections remain for another year. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions in May told congressional leaders that it would be "unwise" to renew the Rohrabacher-Blumenauer Amendment, saying marijuana is harmful and is banned by federal law. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, an Oregon Democrat, said the leadership of the House didn't allow a vote on any marijuana-related amendments. But the Senate Appropriations Committee included the provision in its bill. Blumenauer and California Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher this week sent a letter with signatures of 64 colleagues to congressional leaders supporting the provision that protects medical-marijuana states from federal intrusion. / **IMMIGRATION, CRIME:** An Oregon lawyer argues that a regional jail is violating a sanctuary state law by incarcerating detainees of immigration officials. KOPB-FM reported Wednesday that a group of northern Oregon residents filed a lawsuit against Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facilities in July that claims that the jail is violating a state law which prohibits using public money, equipment or personnel to detect or apprehend people only for being in the country without legal permission. Wilford Carey, the jail's attorney, argues that the facility simply houses detainees for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement under a contract between the two and does not detect, detain or arrest anyone. David Henretty, one of the plaintiff's lawyers, claims it is incarceration rather than housing. The judge is expected to rule on the lawsuit before Christmas. / **ENVIRONMENT:** A wildfire that ignited in Oregon's scenic Columbia River Gorge this summer has been declared 100 percent contained. Rachel Pawlitz, spokeswoman for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, told The Oregonian/OregonLive on Thursday that some hot spots might be smoldering, but the blaze isn't going to grow beyond its perimeter. The blaze which started Sept. 2 forced evacuations, closed an interstate highway, and

scorched more than 75 square miles (194 square kilometers). Many trails remain closed, but the Multnomah Falls Lodge reopened Wednesday. Authorities say the fire was started by a 15-year-old boy playing with fireworks. He's been charged with reckless burning. / HUMAN RIGHTS, BUSINESS: The Supreme Court next week hears arguments in a case with profound implications for LGBT rights and religion's place in public life. At its core, the case is a showdown between a gay couple from Colorado and a Denver-area baker who in 2012 cited his Christian faith in refusing to make a cake for their wedding celebration. Jack Phillips is the owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop in Lakewood. He was judged through multiple phases of litigation to have violated Colorado's anti-discrimination law. He now gets to argue before the high court that he's an artist who should not be compelled to create a cake that contradicts his religious views. Advocates for LGBT rights fear a ruling in Phillips' favor would open the door to discrimination by a wide range of businesses. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, POLITICS: Financially strapped counties in western Oregon that rely on logging revenue will receive nearly \$1.4 million that had been withheld by the federal government due to budget caps. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Thursday the BLM will issue payments totaling \$19.5 million to the 18 counties, including the \$1.4 million. Officials with the Association of O&C Counties - commonly called the "timber counties" - said Thursday the counties will see the funds soon. The 18 counties, which include Lane, Douglas and others, customarily receive a share of timber receipts from logging on 2.1 million acres to compensate them for the loss of revenue when the U.S. Bureau of Land Management took over the acreage. But nearly seven percent was withheld in 2016 because of a government-wide mandate to cut federal spending by 6.9 percent. Local officials say that put added pressure on their already tight budgets and forced additional program and staffing cuts. For years, the counties have struggled from the sharp decline in logging over the past several decades. Douglas County, for example, closed its public libraries this year because of reduced public funds. Congressman Greg Walden, a Republican from Hood River, said the money "will be critical to funding essential county services from law enforcement and emergency operations to schools and infrastructure projects." / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: The Register-Guard is reporting that the University of Oregon and its longtime athletics sponsor, Nike, have reached a tentative deal on a new 11-year apparel sponsorship. Reporter Saul Hubbard writes that it is worth \$88 million in cash and Nike gear for the U-of-O's various teams. Under the agreement, the U-of-O would receive \$2 million a year in cash from Nike until 2023, then \$2.5 million a year until 2028. Oregon's athletic department would also receive \$5 million worth of apparel annually, will the allocation gradually increasing to \$6 million for the 2022-23 school year. The Register-Guard reports that's a significant increase from the UO's current deal, in which the school receives a base cash payment of \$600,000 and \$2.4 million worth of Nike products in the 2017-18 school year, for an annual total of \$3 million. The new UO deal will go to the school's Board of Trustees late next week for approval. Yesterday's details were part of a general description of the deal but campus officials say the draft contract will be made public before the board meeting. The Register-Guard reports that will include detailed information on, for example, bonuses for the football team's success, free tickets to games for Nike's use, or required event appearances by coaches for Nike — all of which are features of the current deal. According to data collated by Forbes magazine last

summer, the agreement's average annual base value of \$8 million would place Oregon among the nation's top 10 for most lucrative university sports sponsorships — behind only athletic powerhouses such as UCLA, Ohio State, Texas and Michigan. The deal also includes a \$3 million signing bonus and is retroactive to the start of this school year. The UO would also see an increase in the royalties it receives from the sale of Oregon-themed Nike products, to 15 percent from 12 percent. Its royalty rate for shoes will stay at 5 percent. And two UO students would be guaranteed summer internships at Nike, up from one currently. The deal further strengthens the ties between the University of Oregon and Nike co-founder Phil Knight. Knight had personally donated millions to the UO and its athletics department, including a recent \$500 million pledge for a new science campus and at least \$245 million for a variety of athletics building projects. / ENVIRONMENT: The Oregon Coast Aquarium has named an endangered sea turtle rescued on a Washington state beach "Turkey" because it was found around Thanksgiving. The female olive ridley sea turtle was critically ill when she was discovered by an Oregon couple walking on the beach at Cape Disappointment State Park. Staff at the aquarium in Newport, Oregon said Thursday that Turkey isn't out of the woods yet but does not have any internal injuries and has warmed up some. Turkey's body temperature was just 59 degrees and veterinarians estimate she had not eaten for a month. Sea turtles belong in warmer waters to the south, but sometimes winter storms and strong currents bring them to the Pacific Northwest. In cold water, they become lethargic and have trouble eating and swimming. / POLITICS, CRIME, ELECTIONS: The New York Times is reporting that President Trump's former National Security Adviser, Michael Flynn, will plead guilty today to lying to the FBI about a conversation with the Russian ambassador last December. The Times reports the plea is the latest indication that Flynn is cooperating with the special counsel's investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: The Register-Guard is reporting that more than 350 local PeaceHealth technical unit workers, including respiratory therapists and pharmacy technicians, have voted to unionize. Reporter Sheri Buri-McDonald writes they voted to join the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the union said Thursday. The addition of the technical workers means about half of PeaceHealth's workforce of 6,000 part- and full-time employees are covered by a union. PeaceHealth is a Catholic affiliated health care system based in Vancouver, Wash. It is the dominant health care provider in Lane County, operating four area hospitals, a doctors group and other services. Several groups of local PeaceHealth workers have unionized in the past two years, including more than 1,000 cooks, housekeepers, certified nursing assistants and others who voted to join SEIU Local 49 in 2015. The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) represents more than 5,000 health care professionals throughout PeaceHealth's system in Washington, Oregon and Alaska, the union said. Nationwide, the AFT represents 130,000 health care professionals, making it the second-largest health care union in the United States, the union said. / CRIME: The Register-Guard is reporting that a Eugene man caught trying to sexually assault a teenager on the Fourth of July was sentenced Thursday to five years in prison. A judge imposed the sentence after 21-year-old Kume Robert Barnes pleaded guilty to charges of attempted first-degree sodomy, attempted first-degree sexual abuse and fourth-

degree assault. The Register-Guard reports police arrested Barnes six days after he injured the victim outside South Eugene High School in the early morning hours of July 4. Investigators said Barnes and the girl, who was younger than 17 at the time, had never met before that night. The prosecutor said they first crossed paths in downtown Eugene after the girl had sneaked out of her family's home. The victim reported that she had been walking with Barnes toward an apartment near the University of Oregon when he knocked her down and dragged her onto the high school campus. The reported attack was interrupted by a pair of nearby residents who heard the victim screaming, grabbed flashlights and approached the high school. The prosecutor said Barnes fled when he saw the neighbors. /

COMMUNITY: Western Oregon University's 50th Holiday Tree Lighting takes place this evening. / **HEALTH, LOW-INCOME:** The deadline is near for people who want health insurance in 2018, but don't get coverage through their job or another program. Open enrollment at HealthCare.gov ends at midnight on Dec. 15, about two weeks away. Oregonians can find insurance agencies and organizations offering free enrollment help listed at OregonHealthCare.gov/gethelp The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, a division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, has these tips for consumers: See if you qualify for help paying for your coverage, even if you did not qualify last year. The income qualifications adjust upward each year, and rising premiums can mean greater assistance for those who qualify for subsidies. Go to HealthCare.gov and start an application to find out if you can save money. Be aware of the Dec. 15 deadline in Oregon. There are other deadlines for insurance customers in California and Washington, but here in Oregon, the last day for most people to get individual or family coverage is Dec. 15. If you already have a 2017 health plan through HealthCare.gov, go back to your account to update your income information and shop for a 2018 plan. You may be counting on HealthCare.gov to automatically re-enroll you in coverage for next year. That works as a backup plan; however, there may be plans that are better for you and your budget. Plan prices and benefits change each year, and your income or household size may have changed, too. Log in to your HealthCare.gov account, update your information, and look at the 2018 plans to find the best fit for you or your family. The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, the state-level partner to HealthCare.gov, can answer general questions about enrollment and connect people to in-person enrollment assistance. Call 1-855-268-3767 (toll-free) or visit OregonHealthCare.gov. /

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ECONOMY, EDUCATION: The University of Oregon will meet the Boise State Broncos in the 26th Las Vegas Bowl at Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas on Saturday, December 16 at 12:30 p.m. The game will be broadcast on ABC. The Ducks will make their 12th bowl appearance in the last 13 years, as well as their 19th appearance in the last 21 seasons. Overall, the Las Vegas Bowl will be the Ducks' 30th appearance in a bowl game. Oregon is making its third appearance in the Vegas Bowl, after beating Air Force 41-13 in 1997 and losing to BYU 38-8 in 2006. In head coach Willie Taggart's first season, Oregon went 7-5 during the regular season, including a pair of wins against Arizona and Oregon State to finish the season. The Ducks ranked 19th in the country in scoring, averaging 36.7 points per game, while boasting the country's eighth-best run offense with 268 yards per game. / **ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS:** President Trump is outlining his plans to scale back two sprawling national monuments in Utah, responding to what he has condemned as a "massive federal land grab" by the government. Trump is traveling to Salt Lake City on today to announce his intention to shrink the Bears Ears and the Grand-Staircase Escalante national monuments spanning millions of acres in Utah. The two national monuments are among 27 that Trump ordered Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review earlier this year. Utah's Republican leaders pressed Trump to launch the review, saying the monuments declared by Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton locked up too much federal land. The planned changes have angered tribes and environmentalist groups who have vowed to sue to preserve the monuments. Trump says his plan to scale back two national monuments in Utah is an important move for "state's rights" as well as for the people of Utah. / **SAFETY, ANIMALS:** A 2-month-old puppy named Blondie stranded on an island in a western Oregon river for about a week has been rescued. The Register-Guard reports that a Eugene Springfield Fire boat rescue team captured the possible Chihuahua-corgi mix on Friday. Officials say the 6- to 8-pound dog yelped but soon settled down and snuggled into a towel held by one of the rescuers. Officials say Blondie is in good health. John Gordon, a 56-year-old homeless man, says he abandoned the island in the McKenzie River about eight days ago amid rising water, but Blondie didn't respond to his calls to come. It's not clear if Blondie will be returned to Gordon. He says he has two other puppies from the same litter. / **HEALTH:** Washington state health officials say a Salmonella outbreak involving pre-cut fruit sold at Washington and Oregon grocery stores has sickened 18 people. The Washington state Department of

Health said Friday that 16 people in Washington and two in Oregon have been diagnosed with Salmonella. Most of the people diagnosed were in King and Snohomish counties with one each in Mason, Pierce, Thurston and Yakima counties. Officials say in Oregon the cases were found in Multnomah and Wasco counties. Officials say people who bought pre-cut watermelon, cantaloupe, or fruit mixes containing watermelon or cantaloupe from around Oct. 25 to Dec. 1 from QFC, Fred Meyer, Rosauers and Central Market should throw it away. Lab results identified Salmonella Newport as the cause. The symptoms include fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. People experiencing any of the symptoms should contact their health care provider. / IMMIGRATION, TERRORISM, RELIGION: Two federal appeals courts will hold hearings this week on challenges to the latest version of President Donald Trump's travel restrictions. Lawsuits filed in Hawaii and Maryland say the restrictions on citizens from eight countries represent the "Muslim ban" Trump promised during his presidential campaign. Administration officials insist the restrictions are a legitimate attempt to beef up national security. / POLITICS, ECONOMY: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says it's "impossible" to craft a tax reform bill with language that guarantees everyone in the middle class sees a tax cut. McConnell appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday and added, quote, "You can't craft any bill that would guarantee no one was in a special category that might get a tax increase. What I can tell you is that every segment of taxpayers, every category of taxpayers on average gets significant relief." On Friday, McConnell slammed Democrats' criticism of the passing a bill to overhaul the nation's tax code. He suggested they were only concerned about the legislative process because they were losing. In addition to tax reform, the Senate bill that passed early Saturday repeals the individual mandate under the Affordable Care Act, something conservatives in Congress have long wanted. The House version, however, does not touch the individual mandate. ; TheOregonian and OregonLive report the Republican tax bills now before Congress could save Oregonians \$1 billion a year overall, according to a preliminary state analysis. But those benefits might elude many middle-class residents, recent college graduates and taxpayers with high medical bills. Congress is moving to end a deduction for state taxes, which enables Oregon residents to deduct every dollar they spend in state taxes. That provision benefits 670,000 residents a year, according to state data. Oregon taxpayers at the top of the income ladder could pay tens of thousands of dollars more per year without the deduction. But even households earning less than \$75,000 could face tax increases averaging about \$1,200, according to the preliminary analysis from Oregon's nonpartisan Legislative Revenue Office. Other deductions on the chopping block in the House include one for medical expenses and one for student loans, along with limits on the deduction for local property taxes. Oregon offers tax breaks for all those expenses, tied to the federal deductions. / WOMEN, CRIME, BUSINESS: With a series of high-profile workplace sex scandals on their minds, employers are making sure their holiday office parties don't become part of the problem. There will be less booze at many. An independent business organization has renewed its annual warning not to hang mistletoe. And some will have party monitors, keeping an eye out for inappropriate behavior. TV and movies often depict office parties as wildly inappropriate bacchanals or excruciatingly awkward fiascos, if not, horrifyingly, both. But even a regular office party can be complicated because the rules people

normally observe at work don't quite apply, which makes it easier for people to accidentally cross a line — or try to get away with serious misbehavior. Especially when too much drinking is involved. According to a survey by Chicago-based consulting company Challenger, Gray & Christmas, only 49 percent of companies plan to serve alcohol at their holiday events. Last year that number was 62 percent, the highest number in the decade the firm has run its survey. The number had been going up each year as the economy improved. While most companies ask bartenders or security or even some employees to keep an eye on how much partygoers are drinking, others limit the number of free drinks or the time they're available. A small minority have cash bars instead of an open bar. The National Federation of Independent Businesses recommends all of those steps, and adds another that might seem obvious these days: don't hang mistletoe. It's been giving those suggestions for several years. / ENVIRONMENT: We have a Supermoon this week. What is a supermoon? This phenomenon occurs when the moon is full and makes a close pass to Earth. Usually, the moon is about 238,000 miles away from Earth. However, because the moon's orbit is elliptical rather than a perfect circle, the distance between the moon and the Earth changes throughout the month and over the course of the year. The moon will be at its closest over the next few days, reaching perigee (closest pass) on Monday (Dec. 4), a mere 222,135 miles away. This proximity is what creates the phenomenon known as a supermoon. The moon appears bigger and closer to us than usual — because it actually is. / ENVIRONMENT: After eight months and more than 500 comments from Oregonians, the U.S. Forest Service is closing in on a proposal that could protect central Oregon's most scenic areas from overuse. The Forest Service kicked off the project in the spring by holding public meetings to gauge interest in changing the way trails and campgrounds in five popular wilderness areas, spanning up to 530,000 acres in the Deschutes and Willamette national forests, are managed. According to a document released in May, visitation to the five most-used trails in the Three Sisters Wilderness Area increased by between 249 and 878 percent between 1991 and 2016. The increase has led to additional trash, tree damage and soil erosion in the wilderness areas. At the end of May, the Forest Service released a proposal for the affected wilderness areas, which discussed creating a limited entry permit system for certain day-use areas and all overnight campers in wilderness areas, along with imposing restrictions on campfires above certain elevations. The Forest Service will incorporate public comment to come up with specific alternatives, and draft an environmental assessment by next spring. A separate, parallel public planning process, focused on the logistics of a fee and permit structure in wilderness areas, will begin in the spring, according to Peterson. / GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT: They used to be called "grandmother or mother-in-law cottages." But to Springfield city officials, those smaller housing structures in some backyards are known as Accessory Dwelling Units. And this evening, members of the Springfield City Council will hold a public hearing on a plan to make it easier to build them. It's part of an effort to update the city's development code. Among the changes proposed: allowing the Accessory Dwelling Units in medium and high density residential zones as well as in the Washburne District, no longer requiring the property owner to live on-site, removing the requirement for off-street parking if on-street parking is available, providing additional options for meeting design requirements. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the Lane Regional Protection Agency are issuing an air stagnation advisory for the Southern and Central Willamette Valley today through Monday, Dec. 11. An advisory is also in place for much of Southern Oregon beginning today. Forecasters expect air quality to deteriorate due to an extended period of stagnant air. During such conditions, smoke can be trapped at ground level where people breathe. The DEQ asks people in the affected areas to refrain from outdoor burning and to use alternatives to woodstoves if other heating options are available and practical. Numerous scientific studies have linked smoke pollution to a variety of problems including coughing, aggravated asthma, bronchitis and irregular heartbeat. Health officials recommend that young children, pregnant women, asthma sufferers, those with lung or heart conditions and adults age 65 and older limit vigorous outdoor activity. Pollution levels tend to be highest during evening and morning hours. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Last night's cold weather prompted this fall's first activation of an Egan Warming Center. The Lane Community College Warming Center opened and is on standby for the next few days. Egan centers open when the temperature is expected to drop below 30 degrees, from Nov. 15 to March 31 each winter. The Egan Warming Centers are a community-led, almost entirely volunteer-run program serving homeless community members in the Eugene-Springfield area. The program was inspired by the Dec.18, 2008, death of U.S. Army Major Thomas Egan, who froze to death on the streets of Eugene during a snowstorm. While LCC's Egan Center is primarily intended for students and other homeless members of the LCC community, no one will be turned away. LCC will provide two meals, access to restrooms and showers, and a safe, warm place to sleep, including bedding. ; A fast-growing wildfire in the foothills 15 miles east of Ventura, California, threatened hundreds of homes when it ignited late yesterday. More 27,000 residents in more than 8,000 households in the cities of Santa Puala, Ventura and surrounding areas were told to evacuate as strong winds pushed the 31,000-acre wildfire, known as the Thomas Fire, west through dry brush. NBC reports close to 500 firefighters are battling the blaze and more personnel area expected today. The fire was driven by wind gusts of up to 70 mph that are expected to continue along with low humidity the rest of the week. ; A psychiatric hospital has burned in a raging wildfire in Southern California that has spread over 48 square miles and destroyed 150 structures in Ventura County, about 60 miles northwest of Los</p>

Angeles. A live view of Vista del Mar Hospital broadcast by KCBS-TV shows the structure in flames. The facility treats patients with mental health problems, chemical dependency and veterans with post-traumatic stress syndrome. The Los Angeles Fire Department says there's also a new fire on the north edge of the city that is threatening portions of the Sylmar and Lakeview Terrace neighborhoods. The department says evacuations are now being coordinated by the Los Angeles Police Department. The fires are being spread by the region's notorious Santa Ana winds. Meteorologists say it's the strongest Santa Ana wind event so far this season. / POLITICS, CRIME, WOMEN: The Republican National Committee is once again supporting embattled Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore after President Donald Trump formally endorsed him Monday. An RNC official confirmed the committee will resume its financial support to the Alabama Republican Party's effort to elect Moore to the U.S. Senate, despite the allegations of sexual misconduct against him. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss the internal deliberations. The reversal was first reported by Breitbart News. The RNC announced three weeks ago that it was severed its fundraising ties to Moore following allegations that he'd molested two teenagers when he was in his 30s. Trump on Monday formally endorsed Moore in a phone call and on Twitter. ; Congressman John Conyers, who has been battling sexual harassment allegations by former female staffers, says he is retiring. Today. Conyers made the announcement this morning on WPZR-FM in Detroit. The 88-year-old Democrat says he is endorsing his son to take his seat in Congress. Conyers, who was first elected in 1964, easily won re-election last year in Michigan's heavily Democratic 13th District. The House Ethics Committee has been reviewing multiple harassment allegations against Conyers. / IMMIGRATION, TERRORISM, RELIGION: It's not a final ruling, but the U.S. Supreme Court is letting the Trump administration fully enforce a ban on travel to the United States by residents of six mostly Muslim countries. Challenges to the policy are winding through the federal courts, and the justices themselves ultimately are expected to rule on whether the ban is legal. The justices offered no explanation for their action Monday. The Trump administration had said that blocking the full ban was causing "irreparable harm" because the policy is based on legitimate national security and foreign policy concerns. The order indicates that the high court might eventually approve the latest version of the ban. Lower courts have continued to find problems with it. The ban applies to travelers from Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen. / IMMIGRATION, CRIME: The federal government has provided the most complete statistical snapshot of immigration enforcement under President Donald Trump, showing Border Patrol arrests plunged to a 45-year low while arrests by deportation officers soared. Numbers released Tuesday show the Border Patrol made nearly 311,000 arrests during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, a decline of 25 percent from a year earlier and the lowest level since 1971. Despite the significant decline, arrests increased every month since May, largely families and unaccompanied children. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, whose officers pick up people for deportation away from the border, made more than 140,000 arrests, an increase of 25 percent from a year earlier. After Trump took office, ICE arrests surged 40 percent from the same period a year earlier. / HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION: The Supreme Court is taking up the highly anticipated case of the Colorado baker who refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. Today's clash at the high

court pits baker Jack Phillips' First Amendment claims of artistic freedom against the anti-discrimination arguments of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, and two men Phillips turned away in 2012. The commission ruled that Phillips violated the state's anti-discrimination law when he refused to make a wedding cake for Charlie Craig and David Mullins. The argument is the first involving gay rights since the Supreme Court ruled in 2015 that states could not prevent same-sex couples from marrying. The Trump administration is supporting Phillips in his argument that he can't be forced to create a cake that violates his religious beliefs.

/ ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: Environmental groups are suing to block President Donald Trump's decision to scale back a national monument in Utah just hours after the decision was announced. The lawsuit filed Monday by Earthjustice on behalf of several groups challenges the reduction of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, which has been a source of Republican frustration since it was created by Bill Clinton in 1996. The monument near the Arizona border contains a rich cache of dinosaur fossils and vast coal reserves. Trump said in Salt Lake City that Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument will be reduced by half, from nearly 3,000 square miles to 1,569 square miles. He also reduced Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. A coalition of American Indian tribes plans to sue over that decision.

/ CRIME: The U.S. Attorney's office in Portland says federal officials are investigating a marijuana processing facility in Oregon near Interstate 5, a major drug-trafficking route, after an explosion there injured a man who was previously convicted in a money laundering operation linked to a pot-trafficking operation. The probe is a rare instance in which U.S. officials are investigating a marijuana case in a state in which the drug has been legalized, contrary to federal laws that ban possession and distribution of pot. The Register-Guard reports Eric Scully was hospitalized with burns to his face and hands after the blast in Cottage Grove. Kevin Sonoff, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office, told The Associated Press he cannot comment on active investigations.

/ EDUCATION, BUSINESS: An \$88 million tentative sponsorship deal between the University of Oregon and Nike would come with strings attached. The Register-Guard reports that under the conditions of the proposed contract, the athletic giant could impose financial penalties if too many football players cover their shoes with tape during a game. The deal also says Nike would get to dictate from "time to time" what specific uniforms or equipment sports teams must use. It would also ban the Duck Store and other campus retailers from selling anything made by Adidas, Under Armour, Reebok and Puma. The retroactive agreement would increase the school's base compensation in cash and Nike products to \$7 million this school year, up from \$3 million. University trustees will vote Friday on the new contract.

/ ENVIRONMENT: Oregon wildlife officials say a 250-pound llama killed in Union County was probably attacked by a wolf, but the agency isn't certain. The East Oregonian reports that the landowner found the llama dead with wounds to its right rear leg on Nov. 24. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife investigators found that while a wolf kill is likely, the wounds could have been caused by another predator. The same landowner also reported another dead llama earlier in the month, which had been largely consumed except for its neck, head and left shoulder. ODFW determined there was no evidence of a predator attack at the scene. The cause of death is unknown. Ranchers are increasingly frustrated as wolf numbers rise in Oregon.

; The Capital Press is reporting that the state wildlife commission meets Dec. 8 to review its draft wolf management plan. Reporter Eric

Mortensen writes that it comes amid debate between representatives of livestock, hunting and conservation groups over the state's growing wolf population and increased reports of attacks on livestock. The public will be able to provide testimony in mid-January. Oregon law requires conservation of gray wolves but also requires protecting Oregonians' economic and social interests. The conflicts can occur on lands that are considered potential wolf habitat that are already used seasonally to graze cattle and sheep. The Capital Press notes that Oregon adopted a wolf plan in 2005, updated it in 2010 and began the current revision in 2016 after taking wolves in Eastern Oregon off the endangered species list. The plan suggests 300 wolves as the "minimum population management threshold" through 2022. Oregon had 112 documented wolves at the end of 2016, but wildlife officials now believe Eastern Oregon could have 300 wolves as early as 2018, based on current population growth rates. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they've charged a 22-year-old man with DUII, Reckless Driving and Criminal Mischief after his vehicle crashed into an exterior wall of the Far Horizons Montessori School near 25th and Hilyard Streets early yesterday morning. Investigators say Timothy Stocker was traveling the wrong way on Hilyard at a high rate of speed when he left the roadway just south of 24th Avenue around 12:30 yesterday morning. They say Stocker's vehicle went through three chain-link fences before striking the north side of the school causing significant structural damage. While Stocker's vehicle sustained extensive damage and he was unconscious when officers arrived, police say he sustained non-life threatening injuries and was treated at the hospital. /

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ECONOMY-SPORTS, EDUCATION: Here, then gone. Willie Taggart has agreed to become Florida State's next football coach, leaving Oregon after just one season. Taggart called a team meeting to inform his Oregon players he is heading to Tallahassee to replace Jimbo Fisher at Florida State. Fisher resigned Friday to accept the opening at Texas A&M. The 41-year-old Taggart coached at South Florida for four seasons before leading the Ducks. Co-offensive coordinator Mario Cristobal is serving as Oregon's interim head coach for the Las Vegas Bowl on December 16th. The Register-Guard is quoting a source who says Duck defensive coordinator Jim Leavitt will follow Taggart to Florida State. For Oregon, Taggart's departure comes at a tough time as the football recruiting season gets into full swing. Taggart has a 47-50 career record, including 7-5 this season, but is known as a rebuild. Florida State is 6-6 this season and will face Southern Mississippi in the Dec. 27 Independence Bowl. / HOMELESSNESS, ECONOMY, POLITICS: The nation's homeless population increased this year for the first time since 2010, driven by a surge in the number of people living on the streets in Los Angeles and other West Coast cities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released a report Wednesday showing nearly 554,000 homeless people across the country during local tallies conducted in January. That figure is up nearly 1 percent from 2016. The number of homeless with no access to nightly shelters who instead stay in vehicles, tents, on the streets or in abandoned buildings also is up — by more than 9 percent compared to two years ago. Increases are higher in Los Angeles and several other West Coast cities, driven by soaring rents. ; Municipal governments worry the tax overhaul in Washington, D.C. could chill the construction of affordable housing as homelessness reaches a crisis point on the West Coast. Officials with the housing authority in Portland, Oregon, said Tuesday that the U.S. could lose nearly 1 million units of affordable housing over 10 years if the final bill eliminates the tax-exempt status for a type of bond commonly used by developers to finance affordable housing. The so-called private activity bonds are issued by state and local governments to private companies to finance qualified projects. The House version would remove their tax-exempt status, making them essentially useless. Uncertainty over the bonds' future has developers racing to lock in financing and has raised costs considerably for some projects, including a large housing complex in Portland. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is recommending shrinking four sprawling national monuments in the West, including Southwestern

Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, covering 112-thousand acres of mountains, forests and rivers along Oregon's border with California, was expanded by then-President Obama during his final days in office. The new areas include habitat for endangered fish such as the shortnose sucker and Lost River sucker. In a July visit, Zinke expressed doubts that much scientific study went behind the drawing of its boundaries. Created by President Bill Clinton in 2000, Cascade-Siskiyou is the first monument set aside solely for the preservation of biodiversity. Two timber companies have challenged the legality of Obama's expansion, saying it reduces the supply of timber sold and jeopardizes their supply. ; Defenders of two national monuments in Nevada are vowing to wage a legal battle to protect them if President Donald Trump tries to shrink them like he did in Utah. Trump signed a pair of proclamations Monday dramatically reducing the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments in Nevada. Democratic Congresswoman Jacky Rosen says it sets a dangerous precedent that will put millions of acres of protected lands at risk of mining and other development that will forever alter the outdoor treasures. She's among those who fear Nevada's Gold Butte and Basin and Range monuments could be next. Friends of Gold Butte leader Jaina Moon says Nevadans fought for decades to protect the natural and cultural resources of the monument President Obama designated. She says they stand ready to challenge the matter in court if necessary. ; Oregon's Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, along with Oregon Governor Kate Brown, are criticizing the decision to shrink the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. They say that despite months of requests for more information, the report from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke also fails to provide specifics of how the administration plans to alter the boundaries or management of the land. Merkeley calls Zinke's decision a "monumental mistake." Wyden says it is opposed by a majority of Oregonians. Brown says the decision is designed to appease corporate interests. ; The Trump administration has agreed to resume litigation over the expansion of Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument on Jan. 15 unless it resolves the dispute first. The Capital Press reported Tuesday that two groups sued when then-President Barack Obama nearly doubled the monument's size earlier this year. But those groups agreed to freeze their litigation while the incoming President Donald Trump decided whether to roll back the Obama expansion. The Association of O&C Counties and the American Forest Resource Council want Trump to scale back the monument so it doesn't include so-called "O&C lands." Eighteen Oregon counties receive logging receipts from those lands under statute. The groups say expanding the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument to include those lands was illegal. The Trump administration recommends modifying the monument's boundaries but details aren't clear. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: The Willamette Valley is experiencing an unseasonal stretch of sunny skies and parts of the valley are socked in with fog. The Statesman Journal reports that a strong high pressure system will keep the normal December rains away for up to 10 days. But the same system means fog and smoke from woodstoves is getting trapped. The Register-Guard reports that Lane County issued an air quality advisory because smoke from woodstoves is getting trapped low in the atmosphere. Amanda Bowen, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Portland, says the last 10-day stretch without a December rain in the Salem area was in 1985. Bowen says that the rains will return and this dry spell shouldn't

impact long-term snowpack or rainfall levels. / **POLITICS, TERRORISM:**

President Donald Trump will recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital today despite intense Arab, Muslim and European opposition to a move that would upend decades of U.S. policy and risk potentially violent protests. Trump will instruct the State Department to begin the multi-year process of moving the American embassy from Tel Aviv to the holy city, U.S. officials said Tuesday. It remains unclear, however, when he might take that physical step, which is required by U.S. law but has been waived on national security grounds for more than two decades. The announcement brought warnings from leaders in the Mideast and elsewhere that this move could cause violent protests and complicate Mideast peace efforts. ; President Donald Trump's expected recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital is a move that could have deep repercussions across the region. Wednesday's expected recognition will be welcomed by U.S. ally Israel and it will be popular with pro-Israel evangelical Christian voters who make up a key part of Trump's base. But it could also trigger violence in the region, derail a developing U.S. Mideast peace plan before it even gets off the ground and infuriate key allies in the Arab world and the West. Israel claims all of the city as its capital, while the Palestinians claim the city's eastern sector, captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war, as the capital of a future independent state. The international community overwhelmingly says Jerusalem's final status should be resolved through negotiations. /

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The biggest and most destructive wildfire burning in Southern California has jumped U.S. Highway 101, nearly reaching the ocean and forcing new evacuations. Fire officials said earlier Tuesday that keeping the fire north of the major highway linking coastal California cities was one of their objectives. However, the flames crossed the 101 around 8 p.m. at the rocky and sparsely populated Solimar beach, which is northwest of the densely populated city Ventura. While people in the area had to evacuate, state fire officials say the lack of vegetation softens the blow of the fire crossing the highway. The blaze has burned 85 square miles, destroyed at least 150 structures and forced the evacuation of nearly 30,000 people since it broke out Monday. ; Powerful winds have turned three Southern California wildfires into destructive firestorms in Ventura County. The 50 mile-per-hour gusts are making it difficult for water-dropping planes and helicopters to fly. The winds are also limiting how closely ground crews may approach the flames in some areas. The fires near the communities of Ventura and Santa Paula have forced the evacuation of nearly 200,000 people and destroyed close to 200 homes. Another 12,000 structures are threatened. With more winds in the forecast, officials say prospects for containment are not good. The largest and most destructive of the fires, a 55-thousand acre blaze in Ventura County, reached the Pacific Ocean after racing 30 miles in roughly 24 hours and jumping U.S. Highway 101. In the foothills of northern Los Angeles, a separate wildfire burned 30 structures. While fires are not typical in Southern California this time of year, they can break out when dry vegetation and too little rain combine with the Santa Ana winds, which sweep from east to west. Hardly any measurable rain has fallen in the region over the past six months. ; The same vicious winds that made three Southern California wildfires so destructive are also making the firefight itself more difficult. The water-dropping planes and helicopters essential to fighting massive fires have been mostly grounded because it's too dangerous to fly in the strong gusts. Commanders hoped to have them back in the air on Wednesday morning, but all indications are

the winds will be whipping then too. The blazes brought evacuation orders for nearly 200,000 people, destroyed nearly 200 homes and have remained mostly out of control. The largest and most destructive of the blazes, an 54-thousand acre wildfire in Ventura County northwest of Los Angeles, had nearly reached the Pacific Ocean last night after starting 30 miles inland a day earlier. ; Two fire task forces from Lane County are heading south to join the battle against the wildfires in Ventura County. The strike teams are led by officials from Eugene-Springfield and Coburg Fire. They include members and equipment from Lane Fire Authority, South Lane Fire, McKenzie and Siuslaw. The units are all brush truck with crews of 3. / WOMEN, CRIME: Six women have filed a lawsuit against Harvey Weinstein, seeking to represent a class of "dozens, if not hundreds" of women who say they were assaulted by the movie mogul. The lawsuit was filed Wednesday at a federal court in New York. It claims that his actions to cover up the assaults amounted to civil racketeering. It claims that Weinstein and the companies he worked with colluded together to conceal Weinstein's widespread sexual harassment and assaults. A lawyer for Weinstein declined comment. According to the lawsuit, actresses and other women in the film industry were lured to industry events, hotel rooms, Weinstein's home, office meetings or auditions under the pretense that they were to discuss a project. ; The anti-harassment #MeToo movement has been named Time magazine's Person of the Year. In the wake of revelations about Harvey Weinstein and other men, millions have shared their stories about being sexually harassed and assaulted. The announcement was made Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show, where longtime host Matt Lauer was recently fired amid harassment allegations. Other finalists included President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping and quarterback Colin Kaepernick. ; Women who say they were sexually harassed or mistreated by powerful men in television news are banding together to form a support network. They want to change a newsroom culture they say has given men a free pass to misbehave for decades. The women behind the Press Forward initiative tell The Associated Press they want a zero-tolerance policy for sexual misconduct at the networks. They also want to teach women coming into the industry about their legal rights and hold executives accountable to ensure safety and improvements. Press Forward evolved over the last two months as women went public with allegations against television news stars including political reporter Mark Halperin, CBS and PBS newsmen Charlie Rose and NBC's "Today" show host Matt Lauer. Those three have all apologized and been fired. / POLITICS, ECONOMY: Some GOP lawmakers are offering blunt assessments about parts of their massive tax packages, even as the legislation speeds toward approval in the Republican-controlled Congress. Republican congressman Mark Sanford of South Carolina says the tax packages passed by the House and Senate focus more on helping big corporations than on cutting taxes for the middle-class. Republican congressman Mark Meadows of North Carolina complains that some taxpayers will eventually see tax increases. Both the House and Senate have passed massive tax bills that would provide steep tax cuts for businesses and more modest tax breaks for families and individuals. Despite complaints from some Republicans, GOP leaders see no deal-breakers to reconciling the House and Senate bills and passing a unified package before Christmas. / ECONOMY: The Register-Guard is reporting that 66 Symantec employees will lose their jobs in Springfield next month as the cybersecurity firm continues the drastic reduction of

its local workforce. Reporter Christian Hill writes that Symantec, in a federally required notice, revealed the employees were notified in November of their pending job losses. The last day for most is January 17th. Symantec, once Lane County's largest technology company, has not said how many workers it will keep in Springfield or whether it ultimately will close the site. A Symantec spokesman said in October that some Springfield employees would be offered transfers to other Symantec locations or become remote employees, working away from the office. The Register-Guard notes it is unclear how many workers are employed at the complex now. California-based Symantec, a computer software and cyber-security company, employed a peak of about 1,400 people at its Gateway campus in 2007. Since then, the site has shrunk amid corporate restructuring. It now has an estimated 700 to 800 employees, but some employees estimate those numbers are expected to dwindle to about 200 people, some employees. ; A Senate panel has approved legislation that would provide banks and credit unions with relief from some of the stricter regulatory requirements approved after the 2008 financial crisis. The bill was approved Tuesday by a vote of 16-7 and raises the threshold from \$50 billion to \$250 billion at which bank holding companies are considered too big to fail. That designation subjects them to financial stress tests and a capital-planning review. The panel rejected numerous amendments that senators said could unravel an agreement crafted over several months. Supporters from both major parties say the legislation would make it easier for credit unions, community banks and many regional, midsized banks to lend money and boost economic growth. Every Republican on the panel voted for the measure, along with four Democratic senators. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: The nation's biggest health insurer is spending nearly \$5 billion to buy hundreds of clinics, just three days after rival Aetna announced a tie up with CVS Health. UnitedHealth Group Inc. said Wednesday that its Optum segment will buy the DaVita Medical Group from DaVita Inc. in a cash deal expected to close next year. DaVita Medical Group runs nearly 300 primary and specialty care clinics in several states. It also operates urgent care and outpatient surgery centers, as well as some dialysis centers in Oregon. Optum has been adding clinics and expanding the care it provides in recent years. Health insurers have been pushing deeper into managing or providing patient care in order to cut costs and improve health, especially for those with chronic conditions. / CRIME, SAFETY: A Cottage Grove city police captain aimed his handgun at an armed man in the middle of Interstate 5 last month and pulled the trigger, but the gun didn't fire, according to a search warrant affidavit filed last week in Lane County Circuit Court. The Register-Guard is reporting that Cottage Grove police Capt. Doug Skaggs tried to load another round, but moments later the gunman's demeanor changed, and Skaggs subdued him with a Taser, according to the affidavit filed by Oregon State Police Detective Cale Day. Skaggs was the first officer on scene about 9:30 a.m. Nov. 17 as the incident unfolded. Steven Lind Smith, 66, of Cottage Grove reportedly had been driving erratically on the shoulder and weaving in and out of traffic. Smith then stopped his Mazda pickup truck on the centerline of two I-5 lanes north of Cottage Grove and got out with a handgun, waving it around in the air, the affidavit said. The incident created a long traffic backup. According to the affidavit, witnesses said Smith repeatedly pointed the gun at other drivers stopped in their vehicles and then at his own head. At one point, a witness told police, Smith kneeled on the ground with the gun to his head. At other times, he was ranting and raving, and

threw the gun on the ground. According to the affidavit, one witness said, "There was no sequence to Smith's actions. It was like watching a loop with him taking turns pointing (the gun) at different things: himself, (a witness) and other cars." Skaggs was in the southbound lanes when he saw the Mazda stopped in the middle of the northbound lanes and a man kneeling on the highway, the affidavit states. He went to the scene and was familiar with Smith because he had been contacted by Cottage Grove police numerous times in the past. According to the affidavit, Day wrote that Smith walked toward Skaggs, turned around and walked away, then walked toward him again. Smith yelled expletives at Skaggs and was uncooperative, the affidavit states. At one point, Smith walked away from Skaggs, bent down and picked up the handgun, then walked toward Skaggs again. According to the affidavit, Smith began raising the gun toward Skaggs. "Skaggs made the decision to shoot Smith," Day wrote in the affidavit. "He squeezed the trigger on his firearm, but it failed to fire." Skaggs heard his gun click, but nothing else happened, the affidavit states. He then tried to use the slide on the gun to load another round into the chamber, but when he looked up, "he saw that Smith's facial expression had changed, and he was holding the gun in a less menacing way," Day wrote. Smith then threw his gun over his shoulder behind him, so Skaggs pulled out his Taser, which he used to subdue Smith before arresting him. Smith was charged with menacing, unlawful use of a weapon, pointing a firearm at another and harassment. He remains an inmate of the Lane County Jail. The search warrant affidavit sought to search Smith's smartphone, the Mazda pickup truck, five unfired .38-caliber cartridges and a handwritten note. The contents of the note were not disclosed. Smith's trial is expected to start Jan. 17. An Interagency Deadly use of Force Investigation Team has not investigated the incident because Skaggs' gun did not fire, Lane County District Attorney Patty Perlow said Monday. However, had Skaggs' gun fired a bullet that missed Smith, an investigation would have occurred, Perlow said. ; Two nearby schools went into a precautionary lockout and traffic was rerouted as police responded to a report of a man with an axe yesterday morning in South Eugene. The reports came in shortly after 10:30 a.m. of the suspect in the 100 block of East 25th Avenue. Police located him a short time later near the first Place Family Shelter near 19th and Pearl Streets. For a brief time, South Eugene High School and Roosevelt Middle School went on a temporary lockout—securing doors and windows but continuing classes. Traffic was briefly rerouted in the area of 24th Avenue and 19th Avenue. The suspect was contacted by police and taken into custody on a non-criminal hold, then transported to the hospital for evaluation. / HUMAN RIGHTS, ECONOMY, RELIGION: The sharply divided U.S. Supreme Court yesterday heard arguments in the case of a baker who in 2012 refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. And, as in previous close cases, Judge Anthony Kennedy appears to be the swing vote. The lawyer for the Colorado baker argues he has the right to refuse to put his artistic talents to use in support of something in which he disagrees. The attorney for the couple says they have the right to be treated like any other two people who wanted a cake to celebrate their marriage. Both views were reflected in Justice Kennedy's questions and comments. Kennedy has been the author of all the court's major gay-rights decisions and a fierce defender of free speech. President Trump's administration is supporting the baker in his argument that he cannot be forced to create a cake that violates his religious beliefs. It appears to be the first time the federal government has asked the

justices to carve out an exception from an anti-discrimination law. Protesters on both sides filled the sidewalk in front of the court shortly before the start of the argument. / EDUCATION: New figures show Oregon once again has the third-worst high school graduation rate in the country. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the National Center for Education Statistics says Oregon, for the second straight year, ranks 48th in the nation in students graduating from high school. Oregon ranked No. 47 for two years before that, but sank a notch when Alaska raised its success rate. The only states with lower rates than Oregon are Nevada and New Mexico. The new rates are for the class of 2016. Oregon got 74.8 percent of students in its class of 2016 to earn diplomas within four years of starting high school. Oregon plans to release graduation rates for the class of 2017 in late January. / HEALTH, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME, POLITICS: A report from the Oregon Health Authority concludes close to 94 percent of Oregonians—about 3.7 million adults and children—have health insurance. That's better than the national average and the survey says that's up 10 percentage points since 2014 when the Affordable Care Act and the individual mandate went into effect. But in the report, state officials express concern that recent federal changes jeopardize Oregon's ability to sustain current coverage rates. It comes as the shortened "open enrollment" period enters its final ten days and members of Congress continue to debate whether to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which covers approximately 120,000 children in the state. Federal funding expired earlier this fall and Oregon and a number of other states are providing interim funding. ; The government says sign-ups for the Affordable Care Act's subsidized health insurance are still rising, but with just over a week to go in an enrollment season that was cut in half, experts believe the final tally is likely to fall short. About 3.6 million people had signed through Dec. 2 in states served by the federal HealthCare.gov website. That's more than 20 percent higher than the comparable period last year. But this year's open enrollment ends on Dec. 15, and last time it continued through Jan. 31. Barring an unusually strong final surge, experts say it's unlikely that enrollment will match the 12.2 million initial sign-ups for 2017 coverage. Democrats blame the Trump administration, while Republicans say the problem is that "Obamacare" doesn't work. / POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: The Republican-controlled House is taking up a bill to make it easier for gun owners to legally carry concealed weapons across state lines. It is the first gun legislation in Congress since mass shootings in Nevada and Texas killed more than 80 people. Republicans said the bill would allow gun owners to travel freely without worrying about conflicting state laws. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi accused Republicans of doing the bidding of the National Rifle Association, which calls the concealed-carry law its top legislative priority. Pelosi said Republicans were "brazenly moving to hand the NRA the biggest item on its Christmas wish list." The House vote comes as the Senate Judiciary Committee holds a hearing on reporting criminal history information to the FBI. Democratic Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty from Newtown, Connecticut, says Republicans are catering to gun industry lobbyists by combining the bill on background checks with the one making it easier to carry concealed guns across state lines. She calls the GOP maneuver "an insult to the folks in Sandy Hook," a Newtown village where 20 school children and six adults were killed in 2012. /

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strong Santa Ana winds, coupled with low humidity, could offer "a recipe for explosive fire growth" there and on other firelines today. State fire officials say about 12,000 homes remain threatened by flames. Up to 200,000 have been told to evacuate. At least 150 structures — including one large apartment complex and a psychiatric hospital — were consumed by flames. But Cal Fire suspects the true number is hundreds more; firefighters just haven't been able to get into some areas to know for sure. ; A surge from the biggest of the wildfires burning in Southern California has forced several thousand more people to evacuate in a community of artists and resorts. Ventura County sheriff's Sgt. Eric Buschow says flames have been creeping closer and slowly surrounding the town of Ojai (OH'hi), and on Tuesday night increasing winds brought them close enough to expand evacuation orders there. Flames, now about 4 miles away, were visible from the city's downtown for the first time on Tuesday night, and ash was raining down. Parts of Ojai were already under evacuation orders, and the entire valley surrounding it had been under a voluntary evacuation advisory since the fire broke out on Monday. The new evacuations meant most of the town of about 7,000 people was under mandatory orders. Nearly 30,000 people are under evacuation orders for the fire. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: About 51 million Americans are expected to fly on U.S. airlines in the three weeks around Christmas and New Year's Day, a 3.5 percent increase over last year. That's the forecast from Airlines for America, a trade group for most of the leading U.S. airlines. The group credits an improving economy and airfares that have lagged below the rate of inflation. The forecast counts domestic and international flights between Dec. 15 and Jan. 4. That would mean about 80,000 more passengers per day. The trade group says airlines are adding about 91,000 seats per day to handle the crowds. / POLITICS, ECONOMY: Congress seems set to prevent a weekend government shutdown. But lawmakers and President Donald Trump still have longer-range disputes to settle over spending, immigration and other issues before they can declare budget peace. Many on both sides have decided a headline-grabbing federal closure would be a political blunder, at least for now. So the House planned to approve legislation Thursday financing federal agencies through Dec. 22. The Senate seemed ready to follow. Without legislation, many agencies would run out of money after midnight Friday and grind to a close. The two-week spending measure is aimed at giving both parties' bargainers more time to reach longer-term budget decisions. To jumpstart that negotiating, Trump and congressional leaders agreed to meet Thursday an attempt to reach agreements. / POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: The U.S. House has approved a Republican bill making it easier for gun owners to legally carry concealed weapons across state lines. The bill is the first gun legislation in Congress since mass shootings in Nevada and Texas killed more than 80 people. The bill is a top priority of the National Rifle Association, which calls it an important step to allow gun owners to travel freely between states without worrying about conflicting state laws or civil suits. Opponents, mostly Democrats, say the bill could endanger public safety by overriding state laws that place strict limits on guns. Democratic Rep. Elizabeth Esty of Newtown, Connecticut, called it "unspeakable" that Congress would expand gun owners' rights after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary as well as other deadly attacks in recent years, including this year in Las Vegas and Texas. The House approved the bill Wednesday, 231-198. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS: Officials with health organizations PeaceHealth and Kaiser

Permanente Northwest say they are partnering with ShelterCare to support some of Lane County's most vulnerable residents. Kaiser Permanente and PeaceHealth are jointly contributing more than \$590,000 to ShelterCare for the creation of a transitional housing program that will provide emergency, short-term housing to Lane County residents who are homeless and battling severe mental illness or medical conditions. The funds will help ShelterCare transition participants to affordable, permanent housing within six months to a year. Organizers say the effort will address the root causes of homelessness by providing health and social support services, including mental health services, primary care placement, money management training and employment assistance. Backers of the effort say safe housing is a key determinant of health, adding that too many people end up in the hospital sicker than they would have been because of lack of housing. According to Lane County's 2017 Annual Homeless Point in Time Count, more than 1,500 individuals were reported as homeless, with 45 percent struggling with behavioral health issues or substance abuse disorders. ShelterCare assists more than 1,200 adults annually with severe mental illness or medical conditions. More than 70 percent of families facing homelessness who complete ShelterCare's current programs move on to stable housing. The new program will directly address the ongoing affordable housing crisis in Lane County, which has created extremely limited vacancies and multi-year waitlists. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: People on Medicaid are more prone to smoke, struggle with depression and obesity, or rate their own health as fair or poor. But that's not the whole story. A new study suggests that low-income Medicaid recipients are also invested in their health, with 4 out of 5 saying they have a personal doctor, 3 out of 5 saying they eat healthy, and nearly half saying they exercise frequently. Experts say the analysis for The Associated Press by the Gallup-Sharecare Well-Being Index indicates that Medicaid could gain by putting more emphasis on prevention, as well as better coordination of care. Similar strategies are already employed by many workplace health plans and by Medicare. Call it Medicaid's health care challenge. About 1 in 5 Americans are covered by the federal-state program. / WOMEN, POLITICS: Oregon state Sen. Sarah Gelser, who filed a complaint against a male colleague for sexual harassment, is one of the women and men featured in Time magazine's person of the year: The silence breakers. Gelser said on Twitter Wednesday it's an honor to be included. She urged women and men in every profession to speak out if they're victims, saying there's no shame in coming forward. Gelser, a Democrat from Corvallis, has asked for Sen. Jeff Kruse, a Republican from Roseburg, to be expelled from the Senate. She says he touched her breasts, put his hand on her thigh during a committee hearing, slipped his fingers under the hem of her skirt, and whispered so closely it left her ear and cheek wet. Kruse has denied inappropriate behavior. ; Minnesota Democrat Al Franken, facing fresh allegations of sexual misconduct and vanishing support from fellow Democrats, appears to be on the brink of resigning from the U.S. Senate. Franken scheduled an announcement for today, though a tweet from a staffer Wednesday evening indicated he had not made "a final decision" on resigning. But yesterday, a majority of the Senate's Democrats called on the two-term lawmaker to quit after a woman emerged Wednesday morning saying he forcibly tried to kiss her in 2006. Hours later, another woman said Franken inappropriately squeezed "a handful of flesh" on her waist while posing for a photo with her in 2009. That brought the number of women alleging misconduct by

Franken to at least eight. Franken, the former comedian who made his name on "Saturday Night Live," faces a chorus of calls to step aside, and Democratic senators said they expected their liberal colleague to resign. That includes Franken's female colleagues in the Senate, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, Oregon's two Democratic senators and others. Late in the day, Democratic Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York added his voice. While Franken apparently is departing, Alabama GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore could be arriving, if he prevails in a Dec. 12 special election. Multiple women have accused the 70-year-old Moore of sexual misconduct with them when they were teens and he was a deputy district attorney in his 30s. If Moore is elected, it could create a political nightmare for Republicans, who have promised an ethics probe. The national conversation about sexual harassment has intensified this fall after the heavily publicized case of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, who was accused of many acts of sexual misconduct, including rape, by actresses and other women. Just on Wednesday, Time magazine named as its person of the year the "silence breakers" — women who have come forward on sexual harassment. /

ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Ranchers in Idaho and Oregon have begun grazing their cattle again on some of the thousands of acres burned in wildfires in 2015. The Capital Press reports the Bureau of Land Management has allowed grazing to resume on 48 of the 84 pastures on affected allotments in southeastern Oregon and southwest Idaho. A decision on whether to resume grazing on the remaining 36 pastures is expected to come later this month. The bureau closed the 279,000 acres of scorched land for grazing for two growing seasons under a restoration plan following the fire. The loss of the grazing land increased expenses for ranchers, presenting a feed challenge for the past two years. The BLM hopes to protect the lands from future large wildfires by maintaining 30 miles of targeted grazing fuel breaks. It would take the form of 200-foot buffer area on the sides of roads where the grass will be trimmed. ; As the West tallies the damages from the 2017 wildfire season, researchers at Oregon State University say they are trying to learn more about how embers form and about the blaze-starting potential they carry. Preliminary findings indicate the diameter of the branches that are burning is the biggest single factor that determines which ones will form embers quickly and how much energy they'll pack. Research shows smaller-diameter branches are better at producing embers, also known as firebrands. Spot fires are started by embers that are lofted ahead of the main fire front. Such blazes are difficult to predict because the embers can be carried across defensible space and onto otherwise protected structures. By understanding how the size of trees and their branches can provide fuel to feed a fire, researchers hope they can create better computer models to predict wildfire behavior. This past fire season in Oregon, roughly 2,000 fires combined to burn more than a half-million acres — that's about 1,000 square miles, an area the size of Rhode Island. One of the most devastating of those blazes was the Eagle Creek fire in the Columbia River Gorge, which scorched nearly 50,000 acres and threatened the historic Multnomah Falls Lodge — and provided a terrifying illustration of what embers can do. Some were blown two miles across the Columbia River and started spot fires in Washington state. / HEALTH, WOMEN: Modern birth control pills that are lower in estrogen have fewer side effects than past oral contraceptives. But a large, longterm Danish study suggests that, like older pills, they still modestly raise the risk of breast cancer, especially with long-term use. Researchers found a similar breast

cancer risk with the progestin-only intrauterine device, and they couldn't rule out a risk for other hormonal contraceptives like the patch and the implant. But the overall increased risk was small, amounting to one extra case of breast cancer among 7,700 women using such contraceptives per year. Experts who reviewed the research say women should balance the news against known benefits of the pill — including lowering the risk of other cancers. Still, medical experts who've analyzed the data say women in their 40s might want to consider non-hormonal IUDs, getting their tubes tied or talking with their partners about vasectomy. About 140 million women worldwide use some type of hormonal contraception, including about 16 million in the United States. ; A better mammogram? Increasingly women are asked if they want a 3-D mammogram instead of the regular X-ray. Now U.S. health officials are starting a huge study to tell if the newer, sometimes pricier choice really improves screening for breast cancer. The 3-D mammograms have been marketed as being able to find more cancers. But there are trade-offs, and researchers say it's important to learn if the scans really pinpoint life-threatening cancers without increasing false alarms or spotting tumors that grow so slowly they never would have posed a risk. About 165,000 women will be recruited for the study funded by the National Cancer Institute. Researchers also hope the findings will clear up some of the confusion about when women should start getting mammograms and how often. / MILITARY, VETERANS: Governor Kate Brown ordered all flags at Oregon public institutions to be flown at half-staff in honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day from sunrise to sunset on Thursday, Dec. 7. "I encourage all Oregonians to honor National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day by reflecting on the bravery and sacrifice of America's Greatest Generation of U.S. service members," Governor Brown said. The White House also issued a national flag-order. / SAFETY: A 13-year-old boy died last night during a crash with a pick-up truck in the darkness on Highway 99-South, three miles north of Cottage Grove. Investigators say it happened around 6:00 p.m. when the teen was riding on the highway and was struck by the southbound truck driven by an 85-year-old Creswell man. The youth died at the scene. Investigators say the driver is not suspected of any wrongdoing. Highway 99S was closed for three hours while troopers and other emergency responders conducted their investigation. /

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TIME OF BROADCAST	5:30AM-8:30AM / KGNU-FM
NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The Los Angeles Times is reporting that Southern California's wildfires, driven by erratic winds through parched narrow canyons and flat expanses of dry brush, continued to roar yesterday and overnight. Fifteen task forces from Oregon, including two from Lane County, are on the lines working to protect homes and businesses. The largest blaze, the 115,000-acre Thomas fire in Ventura County continued its onslaught in beach communities, suburbs, fruit orchards and rugged mountain neighborhoods. It has burned at least 440 structures and damaged 85 others. While firefighters gained ground in containing other wildfires around the region, in Ventura County they feared wind could drive the flames into the city of Carpinteria on the coast. Without rain, they said, the fire could burn for weeks in remote parts of the Los Padres National Forest. Fire crews succeeded in keeping the flames out of the resort town of Ojai overnight Wednesday and into Thursday morning. City officials called it "a miracle" that the winds eased just in time. And The Times quotes a UCLA climate scientist who says relative humidities are in the single digits along the coastal mountains, meaning the the air is the driest it's been in recorded history—drier than a desert and as low in some spots as one- or two-percent. That air combined catastrophically with vegetation that grew thick in a wet winter and withered through summer and a hot and dry fall. In addition to fires burning in Sylmar, Santa Clarita, San Bernardino and Bel-Air, new ones erupted Thursday afternoon in Murrieta and San Diego County, prompting evacuations. The wind-fanned fire in the Bonsall area of San Diego County destroyed at least 20 structures and was threatening 5,000 more, fire. ; Winds driving an uncontained wildfire in northern San Diego County subsided substantially overnight but forecasters say they will return after sunrise Friday. The fire erupted Thursday and quickly burned dozens of homes as it spread over more than 4,500 acres and pushed west. The National Weather Service says there will be a resurgence of winds after daybreak with gusts up to 60 mph directly below mountain slopes and in passes but will be less widespread than on Thursday. The fire also tore through a horse racing training center, where state authorities now estimate about 25 of the 500 horses stabled there were killed. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency issued a "RED" wood burning advisory for Oakridge until 4 PM. During a red advisory, no visible smoke is allowed from a chimney at a residential home. The daytime air quality has been good and clear. However, strong air inversions have caused thick smoke from residential wood heating to build up in the in</p>

Oakridge overnight. "We are concerned about the buildup of night time pollution from woodstoves when there is very little ventilation" said LRAPA spokesperson Jo Niehaus. "When pollution levels are that high, everyone may begin to experience health effects and those who are more sensitive may experience more serious health effects. People can help us avoid Red advisories in the future by burning clean and not dampering down their woodstoves." People are advised to use alternative forms of heat until the air quality clears. LRAPA could extend the advisory another day if the pattern of overnight air stagnation continues. The National Weather Service has issued an air stagnation advisory Tuesday to last until the following Monday. LRAPA reminds residents that during a red advisory any visible smoke from a chimney can result in enforcement action and a fine. City police handle enforcement and issue tickets to violators during red days. However, LRAPA is sensitive to the fact that many Lane County residents rely heavily on wood for their primary heat. People with economic exemptions are held to the 20% smoke opacity limit in Oakridge city limits. LRAPA is seeing similar patterns in the Eugene/Springfield metro area. People are cautioned to curb wood burning to avoid triggering a red advisory inside the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries. Wood combustion is the biggest cause of winter-time air pollution in Lane County. Degraded air quality can trigger asthma attacks or increase negative long-term health impacts including cancer, for children, seniors, pregnant women, and people with pre-existing respiratory conditions. The agency regularly forecasts pollution levels and provides the community with a daily home wood burning advisory. Call the Home Wood Heating Hotline, 541-746-4328, or check www.LRAPA.org for current advisories and up-to-date air quality information. /

POLITICS, ECONOMY, HEALTH: No government shutdown — for now. On Thursday, the Senate voted 81-14 for a spending bill to keep the government open until Dec. 22. The Senate approval came about an hour after the House backed the measure. The bill now heads to President Donald Trump for his expected signature. The measure provides funds to government agencies, from the Defense Department to the IRS. The two-week spending bill also makes money available to several states that are running out of funds for the Children's Health Insurance Program. That widely popular program provides medical care to more than 8 million children. Passage of the measure gives Republicans and Democrats more time to negotiate some of the other end-of-year agenda items, including immigration. /

ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY,

POLITICS: The Trump administration is angering environmental groups and residents of the Columbia River Gorge by rolling back a 2015 rule on oil train safety. Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Thursday that the Obama administration rule change required trains carrying highly explosive liquids to have electronically controlled pneumatic brakes installed by 2021. Those new systems were intended to help prevent fiery oil train wrecks like the one that happened in the Oregon town of Mosier in 2016. President Donald Trump's administration says the rule change would cost three times the benefit it would produce. Chet Thompson, of the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, says in a statement that the rollback a "rational decision." Electronically controlled pneumatic brakes are supposed to be safer than air-controlled brakes because they are faster. /

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, POLITICS: Fourteen states, including Oregon, along with the District of Columbia are suing the Trump administration over what they say is a failure to enforce smog standards. The

lawsuit announced Thursday says the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has not designated any areas of the country as having unhealthy air, missing an Oct. 1 deadline. Such areas must take steps to improve their air quality. EPA spokeswoman Michele Huitric could not immediately comment on the lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court in San Francisco. The plaintiffs say healthier air can save lives. / HEALTH, WOMEN: New research suggests that a blood test five years after breast cancer treatment may help identify some women who are likely to relapse, long before a lump or other signs appear. The findings are considered preliminary, and more research is needed to determine whether and which women may benefit from these tests. They're called liquid biopsies, and they look for stray cancer cells that tumors can shed into the blood. The tests are sometimes used now to monitor patients with advanced cancer during treatment. This was the largest study to look at them for predicting relapse in women with breast cancers that are fueled by estrogen, the most common form of the disease. Results were discussed this morning at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium. / SPORTS, EDUCATION: Mike Riley is returning to Oregon State, this time as an assistant on new coach Jonathan Smith's staff. Riley was most recently head coach at Nebraska after twice serving as the Beavers' head coach. He is Oregon State's all-time winningest coach with 93 wins. / CRIME: The Register-Guard is reporting that Lane County prosecutors expect to wrap up their main case against murder defendant Robert Darnell Boyd today. The defense is expected to begin presenting evidence on Boyd's behalf next week. Reporter Jack Moran writes several Springfield police officers and two state police forensic scientists testified Thursday in Boyd's trial, providing details of the investigation into the beating death of 18-year-old Allyson Archibald, an ex-girlfriend of Boyd's, who was killed in November 2010. The Register-Guard reports the trial represents a second chance for the 35-year-old Boyd to dispute evidence that he is guilty of murdering Archibald. Boyd was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison in 2012 after he waived his right to a jury trial and instead had a judge decide his case. Boyd appealed the conviction, and the Oregon Supreme Court last year overturned it and sent the case back to Lane County for a second trial. The court ruled that a Springfield police officer improperly questioned Boyd after he had invoked his rights to counsel and against self-incrimination. In his first trial, Boyd acknowledged that he killed Archibald, but he said he didn't remember doing so and would not have done it intentionally. ; Two employees with the Lane County Sheriff's Office were honored this week for their work with people experiencing mental health crises. The National Alliance on Mental Illness honored Captain Dan Buckwald for his work at the Lane County Jail, including bringing in three behavioral health specialists to assist with inmates who have severe and persistent mental illness. Deputy Bryan Holiman was presented with the Crisis Intervention Training Officer of the Year Award. He is a member of the regional Crisis Negotiations Team and is frequently called upon to respond to calls involving someone in mental health crises, in hopes of resolving potentially dangerous or life-threatening situations without the need for force. / CRIME, WOMEN, YOUTH PROTECTION: Larry Nassar, the former team doctor for U.S.A. Gymnastics, was sentenced on Thursday to 60 years in prison on child pornography charges. The New York Times notes this week's case stemmed from more than 37,000 images of child pornography found on Nassar's computer. In a separate case, the 54-year-old Nassar has pleaded guilty to ten counts of sexual

abuse of gymnasts under his care. In January, he's expected to be sentenced to at least 25 years in that case. The prosecution began last year after an investigation by the Indianapolis Star found that U.S.A. Gymnastics, the sport's national governing body, had systematically failed to report gymnasts' allegations of sexual abuse by coaches. Separately, more than 100 women and girls, including several former Olympic gymnasts, are suing Nassar, as well as USA Gymnastics and Michigan State, where he was based. / WOMEN, POLITICS: Senator Al Franken announced plans to resign yesterday. The Minnesota Democrat faced mounting pressure to step down as new allegations surfaced this week, bringing the number of women alleging he had groped or tried to kiss them to at least eight. In a sometimes emotional speech delivered on the floor to the Senate, Franken said some of the accusations were false and that he remembered some situations differently. But he acknowledged he could not continue as a senator. The announcement came two days after Congressman John Conyers, a Michigan Democrat, announced he was resigning. ; Congressman Trent Franks, an Arizona Republican, issued a statement yesterday announcing his resignation. The Washington Post reports that Franks, who is among the most conservative members of the House, said he would step down after House officials learned that he had asked two female employees to bear his child as a surrogate. The House Ethics Committee planned to create a special subcommittee to investigate Franks but his resignation, effective January 31st, will end the ethics investigation. / RACISM, CRIME: Twenty years in prison for former South Carolina police officer Michael Slager. The 36-year-old Slager, who is white, was sentenced for violating the civil rights of Walter Scott, a black motorist whom Slager shot in the back five times as Scott ran away from a traffic stop in April of 2015. The case and cellphone video captured by a passerby became a rallying cry for the Black Lives Matter movement. /

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Morning News

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: It's a seriously cold and gloomy morning in most areas as fog is forming through most of the Willamette Valley and into Portland and Vancouver. The Oregonian and OregonLive report a mix of ice, snow and sleet complicated travel Christmas eve into Christmas morning and will stick around at least for part of today as temperatures will struggle to climb into the mid-30s this afternoon. Expect a cold and mostly cloudy day. The forecast gets a bit more interesting tonight as a weak system containing at least some moisture moves towards Portland later in the day. If precipitation does fall, forecasters with the National Weather Service expect rain for the southern Willamette Valley, but potentially snow or a rain/snow mix for the Portland metro area. ; Much of the rainy Pacific Northwest got a rare white Christmas, and that turned out to be a gift for auto-body shops. Dozens of crashes were reported Sunday in and around the big cities of Portland and Seattle, and the slipperiness forced some road closures. The snow wasn't particularly deep, only an inch or two, but it created havoc when mixed with freezing rain. The weather gradually warmed Monday, but the National Weather Service said roads remained slick. The agency says it's only the sixth time since 1884 that downtown Portland has had measurable snow on the ground on Dec. 25. It says it's also very rare in Seattle. Boise, Idaho, is a Northwest city more accustomed to snow than Portland or Seattle, getting about 9 inches from weekend storms. ; Holiday travelers and morning commuters woke up to more icy roads in Portland after the sleet, snow and ice freeze again overnight in the metro area. KGW-TV is reporting that Portlanders should not expect much of a thaw during the day. By noon, the temperature will still be at 32 degrees. Snow could start falling in late afternoon with up to an inch into the evening, he said. Portlanders woke up to a White Christmas on Monday morning. Temperatures slowly rose above freezing during the afternoon but they were not warm enough to melt most icy roads. Forecasters say the roads will freeze again overnight. The Portland Bureau of Transportation issued a winter travel advisory, warning travelers about the icy roads, especially in higher elevations. PBOT said crews will be patrolling Portland streets to monitor conditions and treat roads as needed overnight. ; Be prepared for winter weather if you're traveling over the mountain passes. Look for 20 degrees, snow flurries and packed snow on Santiam Pass, 16 degrees and spots of ice on Willamette Pass and 30 degrees and spots of ice on Siskiyou Summit. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says the Dungeness

crab fishery from Cape Blanco to the Columbia River and into Washington state will open Jan. 15. The fishery traditionally starts Dec. 1, but was delayed to give the crabs more time to fill with meat. Fisheries managers use "meat fill" tests to determine how well the Dungeness have rebounded from the late summer shedding of their shells in a process called molting. After the molt, the crabs fill with water as their shells harden and they grow new muscle. The minimum threshold is 25 percent meat, meaning a 2-pound crab must yield at least a half-pound of meat. Hugh Link is executive director of the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission. He tells The Daily Astorian that crabbers aren't thrilled with the delay, but understand it is necessary for a healthy market. / CRIME: A security guard helped police arrest a man following a dispute in which shots were fired at an apartment complex. The Register-Guard reports the man was taken into custody by Springfield police who received help from Michael Githens, a Springfield resident and licensed security officer who does not work at the complex. Police say no one was injured in the shooting, which happened after the man had a dispute with a group of men. Officers recovered a revolver at the scene. Police say the man resisted arrest, and Githens helped an officer wrestle with the man, which was key to getting the man in handcuffs. Police say the man was arrested on charges of menacing, resisting arrest, unlawful use of a weapon and felon in possession of a firearm. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Authorities say an Oregon man is dead and four of his family members from Westfir are injured after a rollover crash in Utah. Utah Highway Patrol troopers believe the family's mother fell asleep at the wheel, causing the vehicle to roll into a concrete sound wall on Interstate 215 near Taylorsville about 8 a.m. Saturday. They identified the person who died as 19-year-old Cage Patterson. Troopers say the man was a backseat passenger and all the vehicle's occupants were wearing seat belts. They say neither speed, impairment nor weather appear to be factors in the crash. Authorities say Patterson's mother and father and two brothers were taken to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries. They say the five were headed to Cottonwood Heights to visit family for the holidays. /

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PROGRAM** Morning News

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PROGRAM** 30 Seconds

**ISSUE OR
SUBJECT
DISCUSSED** TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Ugly driving in the mid-Willamette Valley and the Portland area. Freezing rain is occurring this morning. And a winter weather advisory remains in effect for the mountain passes, where drivers will encounter packed snow in some places and spots of ice in others. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: A tax on insurance companies and some hospitals to provide health care for low-income Oregonians goes before voters next month, even first being approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor in the 2017 legislative session. Three Republican lawmakers, arguing that costs would be shifted to consumers, gathered enough signatures for a referendum to allow voters to say yes or no to what Democrats call assessments and Republicans call taxes. There's a lot at stake in the Jan. 23 special election. If voters say no to Measure 101, thereby eliminating or delaying the assessments or taxes, it will cause a drop of \$210 million to \$320 million in state revenue. That could lead to a possible reduction of \$630 million to \$960 million or more in federal Medicaid matching funds. / ENVIRONMENT: Starfish are making a comeback on the West Coast, four years after a mysterious syndrome killed millions of them. From 2013 to 2014, Sea Star Wasting Syndrome hit sea stars from British Columbia to Mexico. The starfish would develop lesions and then disintegrate, their arms turning into blobs of goo. The cause is unclear but researchers say it may be a virus. Now, starfish are rebounding. The Orange County Register says sea stars are being spotted in tide pools and elsewhere. / ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE: Backers of a project aimed at solving the onion industry's transportation problems say the proposed rail reload facility in eastern Oregon is expected to be built within three years. The Capital Press reports the Oregon Legislature's transportation package passed earlier this year included \$26 million for a reload facility that's planned for a location north of Nyssa. Industry leaders say transportation is a chronic problem for onion shipping companies in Oregon and Idaho, and the problem is just getting worse. Snake River Produce manager Kay Riley says the reload facility is vital for keeping business going. A reload facility allows shipping containers to be transferred between truck and rail. Onion shippers in the region are currently required to truck their produce to the nearest reload facility in Wallula, Washington. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Regulators are considering reducing the amount of halibut that fishermen are allowed to catch along the Pacific coast next year. The Peninsula Clarion reports the International Pacific Halibut Commission may adopt a 24 percent reduction to the annual halibut quota for fisheries from Alaska to California. In a report

presented to the intergovernmental organization at its meeting last month, the reduction was recommended due to low recruitment rates among young halibut populations over the last decade and increasing pressure on the fish stocks. The commission is considering dropping the total allowable catch from more than 42 million pounds this year to 31 million pounds next year. The commission is scheduled to meet next month in Portland, Oregon, to make a final decision. /

ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT: The Register-Guard is reporting that a building in Springfield that once housed an adult video store soon could become Lane County's second redemption center for recycled bottles. Reporter Elon Glucklich writes that the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative plans to open a distribution center at 2289 Olympic St. in Springfield to collect bottles and cans returned by shoppers for the 10-cent refund. The cooperative paid Lane County real estate investor Jack Louie \$1.2 million for the 6,700-square-foot building, - according to a recently filed deed in Lane County. The Register-Guard reports the cooperative hopes to open the Springfield center in April with about eight employees. The cooperative, on behalf of its grocery-store members, operates 23 other redemption centers across the state, including a 27,000-square-foot center and processing plant it built in 2014 on West Broadway in Eugene, with 18 employees. Consumers take their water, beer, soda and other redeemable bottles and cans to the centers for the 10-cents-per-bottle refund under the Oregon Bottle Bill. The co-op's member grocery stores that operate retail outlets within a set radius of a particular redemption center don't have to offer bottle redemption on-site at those outlets. The refund doubled from 5 cents to 10 cents this year, triggered by a 2011 law mandating the increase if bottle return rates dipped below 80 percent for two straight years. /

ECONOMY: Tax collectors have a message for Oregon and Washington residents who want to prepay property taxes ahead of a new federal limit on state and local deductions: You are out of luck. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that's because neither state allows it nor does either have a system for collecting such advance payments. Reporter Molly Young writes that officials with multiple Oregon counties have fielded questions about paying 2018 property taxes now, before the new federal cap on state and local tax deductions takes effect at the end of the day Sunday. The \$10,000 limit is included in sweeping tax reforms signed last week by President Trump. Taxpayers in some states and counties can pay in advance of the change. But Oregon law does not let counties collect payments before tax rolls are certified. The Oregon Department of Revenue sent an advisory email to county officials outlining the law and the few exemptions that allow advance payments. And the Oregonian and OregonLive report that Oregon taxpayers who do send in early payments might face unintended consequences. If they write a check in 2017 that ultimately is returned to them by the assessor in 2018, there is the risk of a bigger headache reconciling the payments over the tax years, according to one tax attorney interviewed for the story. /

CRIME: A 25-year-old man is in custody, facing charges after yesterday afternoon's armed robbery of the Econolodge on West 6th Avenue. Investigators say a man with a gun demanded cash and fled east on foot without any cash. A short time later, patrol officers detained a suspect matching the description at 7th and Van Buren Streets and say that, with the help of a bystander, they located and recovered a handgun near the scene. The suspect is identified as Archie Murl Havens. /

ECONOMY: Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.3 percent in November.

That's three-tenths of one percent lower than October's rate of 4.6 percent in October. Analysts with the state employment department say November's 4.3 percent jobless figure is one-half of a percent lower than one year ago. Since November of 2016, county employers have added close to 4,000 jobs for a 12-month growth rate of 2.5 percent. There were some seasonal losses last month, namely in construction and leisure and hospitality. But the retail sector had a healthy seasonal increase and there were gains in professional and business services. Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2 percent and the national rate was 4.1 percent in November. / GROWTH: Idaho was the nation's fastest-growing state over the last year. Its population increased 2.2 percent to 1.7 million from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2017, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's national and state population estimates released today. But Oregon came in tenth. Much of the west showed population increases as the Southeast and Upper Midwest saw net population losses. /

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ELECTIONS, MINORITIES: Oregon's elections division has expanded the number of languages available on forms to register for people to vote to six languages. The division, which is part of the secretary of state's office, said Wednesday that the forms, both online and on paper, are now offered in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Somali and Russian. The secretary of state's web site offers a language choice, clicking on a language opens a page with registration eligibility requirements, and a link to actually register if the requirements are met. The requirements are being a U.S. citizen, a resident of Oregon, and being at least 17 years old. / **ENVIRONMENT:** Lane County was the only Oregon county to recycle more waste than it threw away as garbage last year. A state Department of Environmental Quality report released this month shows residents and businesses in the county that includes Eugene sent 258,370 tons of materials into recycling, compared with 258,041 tons sent as garbage to a landfill. The statewide average was 42.6 percent of the waste stream going into recycling and the rest into landfills. The Register-Guard reports that local officials are unsure if Lane County can sustain its high rate of recycling. China, the world's largest market for recycled waste, plans to restrict its imports of recycled materials such as plastics and unsorted paper starting Jan. 1. / **ENVIRONMENT:** State Parks and Recreation officials say this week is an excellent time to see whales on the Oregon coast. Ranger Luke Parsons from the Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay says an estimated 20,000 gray whale are traveling south from Alaska to warm lagoons off the coast of Baja, Mexico. The parks department marks its annual whale-watching week by designating 24 "Whale Watching Spoken Here" sites that offer the best viewpoints. Volunteers staff the sites from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., offering viewing tips and facts about whales. Whale-watching week began Wednesday and ends Dec. 31. / **ECONOMY, COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME:** In this season of giving, charity seems to be getting an extra jolt because next year the popular tax deduction for donations will lose a lot of its punch. Traditionally generous Americans may be feeling even more so this year, or maybe they're concerned about the state of a deeply divided country and volatile world. But a big reason is a lot more concrete: The newly minted tax law. The changes that will make it less advantageous for people to donate to charity in 2018 may be sparking a year-end stream of fattened contributions in anticipation. The law doesn't eliminate or even reduce the deduction for donations to charitable, religious and other nonprofit organizations. But those who switch to the standard deduction may be less

inclined to donate. / **ECONOMY, CRIME:** Following in the steps of Washington state and Oregon, California's legal marijuana market is taking shape just days ahead of its January 1st launch. California state officials earlier this month issued the first batch of business licenses to sell and transport recreational-use cannabis. The 20 temporary licenses — some of which were for the previously existing medical marijuana industry — represent a fraction of the thousands of licenses expected to follow as the state embraces legal marijuana in 2018. Choices will likely be limited for consumers looking to ring in 2018 with a legal purchase on Jan. 1. Businesses must have a local permit and a state license to conduct business in the new marketplace. The state and hundreds of cities have been struggling to devise rules to govern the vast, emerging industry with a projected value of \$7 billion. California's recreational marijuana launch comes amid continued uncertainty over whether the Trump administration will attempt to intervene in states where marijuana is legal. / **SAFETY:** A dog stranded overnight on a cliff in Ecola State Park, north of Cannon Beach, is safe after being rescued by a Seaside rope and rescue team. The two-year-old border collie named Felix disappeared during a Christmas Day hike with his owner Monday afternoon. Sarah Stremming said she a group of friends searched for the dog through the evening but had no luck. The next morning, the fire chief from the nearby community of Hamlet used his private drone to fly along the cliff and Felix. That's when the rope and rescue team from Seaside fire sprang into action, recovering the dog after three hours of steep, technical work. Seaside Fire Lieutenant Genesee Dennis said the most difficult aspect of the high-angle rescue was the fact that Felix was a dog. Dennis noted that, "You can't reason with a dog, and they can't really help." At one point Felix slipped out of his harness so a rescuer bear-hugged him while they were being hoisted to safety. / **EDUCATION, WOMEN:** South Eugene High School soon might replace its mascot, the Axemen. But it might not. Whether the high school will have a different mascot going forward will depend on the results of several school-community conversations that will be held following the district's winter break, which concludes when students return to school Jan. 3. As of Wednesday, the school remained the home of the Axemen, as it has been known for almost 90 years. But many in the community have indicated that a change from the mascot would be a positive move, and school officials plan to hear them out. In an email sent Tuesday to South Eugene High School parents, families and other community members, Principal Andy Dey said a "conversation about South's team name, the Axemen, has been percolating through the school community recently." As a result of the conversation, a petition was presented to the school, Dey said. The petition, which was signed by hundreds of students, parents, teachers, coaches and members of the community, mostly asked that the mascot name be changed to something that is "nongender specific and that better represents the entire student body," according to Dey's email. He also said there were some who, upon hearing about the petition, adamantly disagreed with the idea of changing the mascot, as well as others who had neutral feelings on the topic. Dey said he intends for the conversation be positive, and that he and the rest of the school leadership, as well as district's leadership, intend to fully examine the matter. He said he expects to make a recommendation to Eugene School District Superintendent Gustavo Balderas by the end of January. /

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ECONOMY: The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has announced the top ten distilled spirits products sold in Oregon for the calendar year 2017. The products are sorted below by both volume and dollar sales. Distilled spirits sales makes up 96 percent of the total gross revenue collected by the OLCC. Other sources of income the OLCC collects include: tax on beer and wine (3%), license fees and miscellaneous income (1%). The total revenue collected is \$1.17 billion. By volume in liters, here are the top ten: HRD Vodka (Hood River Distillers) 800,000 L; Fleischmann Royal 786,000 L; Black Velvet 602,000 L; Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey 559,000 L; Smirnoff Vodka 557,000 L; Jack Daniels Black Label 532,000 L; Platinum 7X Vodka 485,000 L; Monopolowa White Label 478,000 L; Seagram's Seven Crown 470,000 L; Potters Vodka 80P 465,000 L. By dollar sales, the top ten are: Jack Daniels Black Label \$14,816,000; Jameson Irish Whiskey \$12,519,000; Pendleton Whiskey \$12,222,000; Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey \$11,628,000; Seagram's Crown Royal \$11,443,000; Tito Handmade Texas Vodka \$ 9,651,000; Smirnoff Vodka \$ 9,412,000; Monopolowa White Label \$ 9,343,000; HRD Vodka (Hood River Distillers) \$ 7,981,000; Black Velvet \$ 7,709,000. / **CIVIL LIBERTIES, BUSINESS:** An appellate court has upheld a penalty against Oregon bakery owners who refused to make a cake for a same-sex wedding almost five years ago. The owners of the Gresham bakery — Aaron and Melissa Klein — argued that state Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian violated state and federal laws by forcing them to pay emotional-distress damages of \$135,000 to the lesbian couple. Their lawyers said Avakian and the state Bureau of Labor and Industries violated the Kleins' rights as artists to free speech, their rights to religious freedom and their rights as defendants to a due process. But the Oregon Court of Appeals sided with the state Thursday, saying the Kleins failed to show the state targeted them for their religious beliefs. / **HEALTH, POLITICS:** Oregon officials say more than 156-thousand residents signed up for health insurance this fall at HealthCare.gov. It was the highest enrollment ever for this state, despite an enrollment window that was half the previous length. Analysts with the Oregon Dept. of Consumer & Business Services the numbers were up close to one-thousand from 2016's open enrollment. In addition to radio, television, newspaper and online advertising, they credit an outreach effort that awarded grants to six community groups and 31 insurance agencies to help publicize the new deadlines and provide one-on-one enrollment assistance to consumers. / **SAFETY, ELDERS:** Relatives are suing Alaska Airlines after an

elderly woman apparently became confused and drove her electric wheelchair down an escalator, dying from complications from the accident three months later. The family of the woman, 75-year-old Bernice Kekona, said they arranged for the airline and its contractor to get her from her arriving flight to a connecting gate. Kekona was returning from a family vacation in Maui. Surveillance video initially shows her with a contracted employee escorting her through the terminal but later she is alone when she steers her wheelchair to the top of an escalator, hesitates, then moves forward, triggering the head-first tumble and suffering multiple injuries. In a statement, an Alaska Airlines official says the woman declined ongoing assistance in the terminal and decided to proceed on her own to her connecting flight. The airline statement also noted her reservation did not note any "cognitive, visual or auditory impairments." / CRIME: On December 28, 2017 shortly before 10:00 am, a Lane County Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the Veneta City Contract observed a male subject on Erdman Way in Veneta. The subject matched the description of a suspect that deputies had been trying to locate since 12/27/17 when he allegedly discharged a firearm during a dispute. The suspect, 29 year old Sean Lovewell of Veneta, is known to be armed. Lane County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area and were assisted by the Eugene Police Department and the Oregon State Police. Law enforcement attempted to contact Lovewell and he fled the area. An extensive search of the area was conducted with the assistance of the Lane County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team, but Lovewell has not been located. Lovewell is a 29 year old white male, standing 6'6" tall and weighing approximately 210 pounds. He is bald with blue eyes, and was last seen wearing a gray sweatshirt and jeans. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone who knows the Lovewell's whereabouts to call 541-682-4141. Please do not attempt to contact him or apprehend him. ; This morning, people in several Eugene neighborhoods were awakened before 5 a.m. by illegal fireworks before 5 a.m. It's downright un-neighborly and illegal to shoot off fireworks outside of the allowed timeline of between December 31 and January 1. Today's calls came in beginning at 4:54 a.m., starting in the 400 block of Clark Street (near Lawrence), and ranged from 4th and Jefferson, 7th and Van Buren, Monroe and 2nd, Country Club, and other locations. Callers advised first of what sounded like gunshots, however it was determined to be fireworks, possibly aerial fireworks. Police searched the area, but did not locate the source. Within Eugene, fireworks that are legal for retail purchase can be used only between June 23 and July 6 and December 31 and January 1. Illegal fireworks cannot be used. Please continue to be mindful of people in your neighborhood who may be sensitive to loud noises, due to PTSD or other conditions. Especially combat veterans, who deserve our every comfort after their service, can be impacted by the sounds and sights of illegal fireworks. Also many pets are lost each year due to reactions to fireworks. /