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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>VETERANS, CRIME, COMMUNITY, HEALTH, IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT: Good news for our local Vet's Court and other programs. A Eugene federal judge this week ruled that the Trump administration cannot withhold millions of dollars in law enforcement grants from Oregon to force the nation's first sanctuary state to cooperate with U.S. immigration enforcement. U.S. District Judge Michael J. McShane wrote in his ruling that the Trump administration lacks the authority to impose conditions on the grants that were provided by Congress. Gov. Kate Brown and Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum sued President Trump in November to gain access a \$4 million in grants from fiscal years 2017 and 2018 restored to the state, saying Oregon was "unlawfully deprived" of the money. Rosenblum welcomed the judge's ruling, saying it provides money for critical public safety purposes. The Veterans Treatment Court in Eugene and 40 other specialty courts, including mental health and civilian drug programs, risked losing all or part of their budgets if the money was withheld. In 2017, the Trump administration threatened to withhold law enforcement grants from 29 cities, counties or states it viewed as having sanctuary policies that limit cooperation with federal immigration agents. Other courts also have ruled against the administration. By March, all those jurisdictions had received or been cleared to get the money, but not Oregon. McShane noted that the administration's policy put Oregon into the difficult position of either adopting stricter immigration policies or forgoing critical law enforcement funds and facing federal sanctions. The U.S. Department of Justice did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment. Oregon's 1987 sanctuary state law, the nation's first, prevents law enforcement from detaining people who are in the U.S. illegally but have not broken any other law. Authorities in the state won't hold in custody those who committed crimes and have finished their sentences to be picked up by federal immigration agents, unless they have a warrant signed by a judge. /</p> <p>GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: A political action committee has donated enough money to cover the majority of fines for each of the 11 Republican state senators in Oregon who walked out of the Capitol to kill a climate change bill in June. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the Stand with Our Senators Political Action Committee on July 30 contributed \$3,000 to each of the campaign committees of the 11 senators involved in the walkout, according to state campaign finance records. That's most of the \$3,500 that Senate leaders, who are Democrats, fined Republicans for missing seven days of work near the end of this year's legislative</p>

session. The fines accrued at \$500 per day, per absent senator. The largest donor to the political action committee was 2018 gubernatorial candidate Knute Buehler, who chipped in \$5,000. Other top donors include individuals and companies in the construction and logging industries. / GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, HEALTH, FAMILIES: Governor Kate Brown today signs Oregon's Paid Family Medical Leave bill into law. Analysts say it (House Bill 2005) is the country's most progressive family leave policy, and cleared the legislature with bipartisan support. Under the legislation, workers will receive up to 12 weeks of paid time off that can be used to care for a new baby, recover from a serious illness, or support newly adopted or foster children. It also provides paid time off for victims of domestic violence and guarantees 100% of wages to low-income workers. "Oregon families no longer need to make the difficult choice between paying the rent and staying home with their newborn, or between chemotherapy and keeping food on the table," said Governor Brown. "It's absurd that our society values someone clocking in and out of their job above holding a loved one's hand — and that will change under HB 2005, where all families who need and care for each other will be recognized." / VETERANS, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Officials with the Roseburg VA Hospital last week announced plans to convert their Emergency Department to an Urgent Care operation on or before next Friday, August 16—months ahead of schedule. But Oregon Fourth District Congressman Peter DeFazio is pushing back against that plan, saying he's concerned the accelerated timeline will affect veterans. Veterans Affairs officials planned the downgrade to a 12-hour Urgent Care operation in Roseburg by the end of the year. In making last week's announcement that the timeline had been moved up, Roseburg VA Director Keith Allen cited veteran safety as the chief concern. He said there was a shortage of qualified staff in critical support positions that rendered the emergency department unsafe. But DeFazio says he's concerned about a possible loss of high-quality care for veterans at both the new Urgent Care clinic as well as VA community hospitals and that the planned transition has been a source of tension between the VA and local veterans. The Roseburg News Review quotes Allen, who said Tuesday he intends to respond directly to DeFazio. He also reiterated his concern about staffing in the emergency department. Allen said the Roseburg VA Health Care System cannot provide emergency department services without the staff to deliver them. He urged veterans who feel their life or health is in danger to call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest emergency department immediately. / POLITICS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY: Oregon Governor Kate Brown yesterday signed legislation meant to encourage local cities to construct denser, more affordable housing options. The first-in-the-nation law targets a century-old practice known as "exclusionary single-family zoning," where local city governments only allow for the construction of single-family homes. The zoning often prohibits multi-family residences including duplexes, triplexes and others that are often more inexpensive. Critics say the practice has acted as a form of economic and racial segregation. "If a community is filled with only large and expensive homes, that often restricts who can move there," said Robert Silverman, a professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Buffalo. "Couple that with the other historical barriers that have prevented minorities from homeownership, and this all works to perpetuate segregation in communities." Under the new law, cities with more than 10,000 residents must now allow for the construction of some type of what's

known as "missing middle housing," or housing types that are somewhere between high-rise apartments and single-family homes. The move comes months after the governor signed the nation's first rent control law, limiting rent increases to about 10% annually. "States across the country should pay attention to what Oregon is doing on housing," said David Morely, a senior research associate with the American Planning Association. "Oregon has taken incredible first steps in addressing its housing crisis." It's estimated that nearly 2.8 million people live in cities affected by the law, which was inspired by a Minneapolis city ordinance. A lack of affordable housing is part of the reason behind soaring rents, experts suggest. From 2000-2016, Oregon produced only 89 houses for every 100 families, according to state data. The period following the Great Recession saw some of the lowest growth, with only 63 units produced for every 100 households from 2010-2016. Thousands of people have poured into the state for jobs and in some cases, for a lower cost of living. One in three renters pays more than 50% of their income on rent. That's far higher than the Congressional-set definition of housing affordability, which suggests setting aside 30% toward housing costs. Across the United States, over 11 million people spent put more than half their income toward rent in 2016, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. Damian Syrnyk, a regional planner in the fast-growing city of Bend, praised the Oregon bill for addressing housing affordability in a way that still allows for local control. But he cautioned that there's nothing in the law requiring new construction. "The amount of impact this law has is entirely dependent on developers," he said. "I have no idea how many people will come in to submit permits to build new types of housing, or if housing developers will even want to build more affordable units." Speaker of the House Tina Kotek, the Portland Democrat behind the bill, acknowledged its limitations but said affordable housing developers, including Habitat for Humanity, have listed zoning restrictions as a major barrier to planned development. "This bill alone won't guarantee that we'll meet our housing supply goals," she told lawmakers on the floor last month. "However, every single home makes a difference to someone and relieves pressure in tight housing markets." / DEVELOPMENT, SAFETY, CRIME: Planning a project on your home or business? You'll want to hire a licensed and bonded contractor. Oregon's Construction Contractor's Board can help you do that. The agency has a great online presence and a responsive helpline that assists you in checking whether a contractor is legitimate; how to hire someone to do the work; what should be in the contract; when and how much you should pay at the start, during and end of the work; and what to do if there's a dispute over what's been done. Contractors, the CCB also protects you and cracks down on unlicensed competitors. Sunday morning on Community Forum, we sit down with one of the experts from the Constructors Contractor's Board to learn more. That's Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on New Country 93.3. / CRIME: Got a message this week from a listener about what's known as the "curb painting scam," which is apparently making the rounds. Again. Have you heard about this one? People go door-to-door saying they're painting house numbers on burns and saying they need money to do yours. Or they distribute a flier that says curb painting is happening on a certain day and you'll need to pay them when they're done. Curb painting is not always a scam, but if you did not ask for your curb to be painted and a door-to-door solicitor did it anyway, you do not need to pay them anything. Most likely, the painters are not licensed contractors and are trying to get you to

shell out too much money for a service you do not need. If someone approaches you and ask for money because they already painted your house numbers on the curb, politely close the door. If they ask you first and you reach an agreement on a fair price, that's a different. If your address on your home is clearly visible from the street, you don't need the number painted on the curb, no matter what they tell you if they're trying to pressure you to pay to have it done. In some places, curb painting is not even allowed. Across the country, there have been stories of people distributing similar kinds of notices making it seem like homeowners need to comply. In some cases, scammers reportedly paint addresses without telling the homeowner and then knock on the door pretending to be a city worker and demanding money. Bottom line: A person needs to have your approval before doing any work on your property. If you ignore them or don't respond and they paint your curb with your address, that's on them. **YOU OWE THEM NOTHING.** If they give you a hard time or deface the curb because you won't hand over any cash, report them to police and the Better Business Bureau. / **CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Authorities say two Washington County Sheriff's deputies were shot and wounded in an incident yesterday outside the community of Gaston, south of Forest Grove. One was seriously wounded but his officials say his prognosis is encouraging. The other suffered non-life-threatening wounds. The suspect was shot and taken to a hospital. Their condition is unknown. Officials said the deputies were responding to a reported theft, after a homeowner reported the suspect stole a firearm and walked into the nearby woods. / **SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Six Washington State Patrol troopers have filed a class-action lawsuit against Ford Motor Company saying their patrol vehicles gave them carbon monoxide poisoning. KOIN reports the lawsuit states the troopers suffered physical harm. A separate lawsuit was filed Thursday by five troopers against the Washington State Patrol. The lawsuit says Explorer model years 2011 - 2018 have an exhaust fume defect with the climate control system which allows exhaust fumes to get in the passenger compartment. Ford's fix, according to the lawsuit, was to replace the exhaust system, but the suit calls that a "Band-Aid fix," claiming the exhaust system would warp and fail again. In a statement Ford said safety is a top priority and blamed after-market equipment installed on the police vehicles for creating unsealed holes. / **SAFETY, RECREATION:** Crews have recovered the body of a missing paddler who disappeared during an outing late last month on the Willamette River. Kenneth Swanson was last seen on July 23 after launching in his canoe from the Pengra Boat Landing near Lowell. He was described as an experienced paddler who was carrying supplies for the planned day trip. His canoe was located in the water on Saturday. Yesterday, a boater spotted something in the water between Pengra and Jasper Bridge and crews recovered Swanson's body. The cause of death is being determined. ; Lane County sheriff's officials say one of their deputies helped save a life on the river last weekend. It's a reminder of the importance of wearing life jackets when you're playing on the water. And the story itself is one of courage and perseverance. On Saturday, August 3, shortly after 4:00 pm, Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Codey Crawford was assisting with a traffic stop when dispatchers received a report of a woman nearby in the Willamette River who was reportedly floating in an inner tube when it overturned. She was clinging to a downed tree in the swift current. Crawford was the first to arrive, ahead of Marine Patrol deputies and fire departments equipped with boats. He could see the

woman was having a hard time keeping her head above water and could hear her calls for help. Realizing that something needed to be done immediately, officials say Deputy Crawford grabbed a life jacket and a bag of safety rope, entered the river, and began swimming toward where the woman was last seen holding onto the log. But before he was able to reach her, she lost her grip on the snag and was swept underwater. She resurfaced moments later and was able to make her way to the far side of the river. Deputy Crawford swam to her there and stayed with her until a Eugene-Springfield Fire Water Rescue boat arrived to transport both to safety. Pleasant Hill Fire and Rescue and the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District also assisted in the rescue. ; On August 8th at 4:18 pm, the Marion County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to assist a female hiker experiencing a complication from a prior medical issue on the Whitewater Creek Trail in the Willamette National Forest. The female hiker is part of a group with three other hikers and is believed to be several miles from the trailhead. The group is reported to have been well prepared to be in the wilderness for multiple nights. Search and Rescue Teams responded to the trailhead yesterday afternoon and was not expected to not reach the group for several hours. The hikers were in cell phone range and able to provide updates to first responders as needed. A short time after midnight a ground team from Marion County Search and Rescue were able to reach the hiking party. The ground team set up camp overnight and this morning riders from the Mounted Posse headed up the trail to meet the ground team and to assist with bringing the hiker out of the wilderness. / RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT: Congratulations to Steve Otoupalik with the McKenzie Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. He recently won a lifetime achievement award from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. Otoupalik is an Air Force Veteran who served in Vietnam, training pilots in survival equipment, escape and evasion. Post-war, he joined the U.S. Forest Service, first as a member of a Hot Shot crews fighting wildfires in Southern California, then as the longtime Recreation Coordinator for the McKenzie Ranger District. A paramedic since the late 1970s, he became an Incident Medical Specialist and took the lead in developing an Advanced Life Support network that brought together personnel and resources from across the region to help save lives on the forest, in the wilderness and during the battles against wildfires. He also helped develop national standards for medical care of wildland firefighters. He helped to create the original "9-Line" form, which has evolved into the Medical Incident Report carried by all wildland firefighters. Even in retirement, Otoupalik continues to deploy on Incident Medical Team assignments and serves as a Paramedic and EMS Chief for Upper McKenzie Fire. / LOW-INCOME, COMMUNITY, RELIGION: Springfield Grocery Outlet Bargain Market (160 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street) concluded a very successful "Independence from Hunger Drive" during the month of July. Customers were given the opportunity to purchase pre-packaged bags of groceries throughout the 31 days of the program. These bags were then brought to the Springfield location of Catholic Community Services (CCS) for distribution in the food pantry. The 3,450 pounds of food are now ready to serve the hungry children and families who use the services of CCS. Grocery Outlet owners Tom and Tracy Hogan are pleased to offer this drive each year with the goal of alleviating hunger among their neighbors in need. / EDUCATION: The Eugene School Board is back to full strength—with a familiar face filling a recent vacancy. After soliciting applications for more than 6 weeks, considering 15 candidates,

conducting interviews, and selecting three finalists for second interviews and consideration, the school board voted this evening to fill the open position on the board. The three finalists were Gary Campbell, Maya Rabasa and Jim Torrey. After two rounds of voting in the public board meeting this evening, Jim Torrey was selected for appointment and took the oath of office. Torrey previously served on the board from July 2007 to June 2019. He'll hold this seat through June 30, 2021, to complete the spot that opened this summer when Evangelina Sundgrenz moved out of state. Eugene School Board positions are non-partisan and are not connected to any specific region. School board members are not paid. School board members expressed their appreciation for every community member who volunteered to serve. /

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POLITICS, EVENTS: The City of Eugene, Eugene Police Department, Eugene Springfield Fire and EMS, and City Emergency Management say they provided security at a number of planned events Saturday. These events included the Saturday Market, Farmers Market, Eugene Springfield Pride in the Park at Alton Baker Park, and God, Guns and Liberty rally. For the latter event, there were reports of possible counter protests and the City planned extensively for the potential impact of these events occurring simultaneously. At 1:21 p.m., Eugene Police asked for mutual aid from Springfield Police and Lane County Sheriff's Office to handle priority calls for service within Eugene, freeing EPD officers to maintain staffing for the crowd's safety near the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza. EPD closed E. 8th from Pearl Street to Willamette Street for about an hour-and-a-half to accommodate a growing crowd and maintain safety for those in the area. The City is particularly aware of the importance of communicating as a community and ensuring the safety of all residents and guests. The City and Eugene Police Department has been planning for these events for the past couple of weeks, along with other City departments and partners. The City of Eugene thanks our partners from the Lane County Sheriff's Office and Springfield Police Department for responding today to help with the resources necessary to maintain safety in our community. By the end of the events, there was only one arrest: At 2:20 p.m. the EPD Street Crimes Unit apprehended a man who was carrying a helmet, had agitated others in the area, and also head-butted another person. The man was found to have a wrench taped to his arm. Brandon Alan Howard, age 33, of Springfield, was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct. By 3:30 p.m. all roadways were open to traffic and the crowd of approximately 300 had dispersed. ; Right-wing demonstrators and left-wing counterprotesters are planning to converge on Portland on Saturday, August 17. And the city's mayor and police chief warned earlier this month that if they intend to commit acts of violence or vandalism during the gatherings, they should expect to be met with the full force of the law. Right-wing activists from around the country have indicated they plan to hold what they've dubbed an "End Domestic Terrorism" gathering on Aug. 17 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in an attempt to build on public opposition to self-described antifascist groups known as "antifa." The Oregonian and OregonLive report supporters of the August gathering have spoken openly on the internet about bringing weapons to Portland. Portland's antifa group, Rose City Antifa, has issued a call for its supporters to "defend" the

city. City officials say Portland Police will take a tough stance against people who try to use the cloak of free speech as a pretext to brawl on Portland's streets. And Portland's mayor says he rejects the violence and subversion of free speech perpetrated by demonstrators, regardless of their politics. He's promised a zero-tolerance approach, saying anyone who breaks the law during the demonstration should expect swift action by the police. He also raised the prospect of "mass arrests" and indicated the Portland Police presence would be supplemented by law enforcement officers from outside agencies. Noisy and sometimes violent demonstrations have landed the city in the national spotlight a number of times over the past three years on issues ranging from Donald Trump's election to immigration policy to police use of force. Oregon's constitution carries unusually strong protections of free speech and expression that are broader than those of the federal level's First Amendment and extend into all manner of public conduct in Oregon. That legal framework has earned Oregon a reputation as a stalwart defender of free speech. But it has frustrated officials in Portland who wish to curtail violence at protests. Police drew condemnation last August when officers fired dozens of flash-bang grenades and other less-lethal munitions at those protesting Patriot Prayer and Proud Boys downtown, injuring multiple demonstrators. The police bureau has also faced rebukes, from both the left and the right, for failing to make arrests in violent attacks captured on camera during the protests. Cities across the U.S. have seen street skirmishes erupt between right- and left-wing groups since Donald Trump entered the White House, yet Portland has emerged as one of the most contested centers in the country's culture wars. Its long legacy of left-wing activism, notably its militant anti-fascists, has drawn the ire of the conservative movement as well as the pundits and politicians who lead it. Meanwhile, the city's liberal free speech tradition has allowed the bitter confrontations to continue while police struggle to keep the peace. The ongoing attention has helped create a surge of interest in the upcoming rally, said organizer and former InfoWars staffer Joe Biggs. He expects to have up to 1,000 people in attendance. The event also is getting help from Enrique Tarrio, national head of the Proud Boys, whose members describe themselves as "Western chauvinists" and opponents of Islam, feminism and liberal politics. Proud Boys have routinely brawled with left-wing activists in the streets of Portland, New York and elsewhere. Some supporters of the gathering have spoken openly online about bringing weapons to the Portland event and the desire to "exterminate" anti-fascist activists. Others have posted images depicting graphic beat downs, knives slicing the throats of enemies and corpses in body bags. Rose City Antifa, Portland's homegrown, amorphous band of anti-fascist activists, is calling on supporters to turn out in opposition to the rally. The use of physical force isn't out of the question. But antifa supporters often gather simply to counter-protest right-wing activists such as Joey Gibson and his Vancouver-based group Patriot Prayer. Gibson began leading rallies and marches in Portland after Trump's election and has been criticized for attracting white nationalists and others who promote hate. / ENVIRONMENT: Lightning storms rolled across parts of Oregon Friday night and sparked a series of small wildfires. But crews rushed to keep them small. On the Umpqua National Forest, officials said yesterday morning that crews responded to ten fires across the forest, keeping each to less than half an acre. Four of the starts were on the Diamond Lake Ranger District; four on the Tiller Ranger District; and one on the Cottage Grove Ranger District.



The one on the Cottage Grove district was not started by lightning. It sparked from an abandoned campfire. Umpqua National Forest managers say with this week's clearing and drying trend in the weather forecast, public use restrictions will remain in place. On average, they say human-caused wildfires make up close to nine out of ten of all wildfires annually. And they ask that if you're working or playing in the woods, you remain aware of fire danger levels and current fire restrictions. And even if your campfire is in a designated campfire ring, remember it must be completely extinguished and cool to the touch before you leave your camping area. ; Around 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning, a funnel cloud was spotted - its presence backed up by radar -- in the Newberg/Dundee area. Fortunately, there was no evidence that it touched down and became a tornado. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: Portland city officials say an estimated 60,000 gallons of storm water and sewage overflowed into the Willamette River following weekend heavy rains. The Portland Bureau of Environmental Services characterized the estimate of the combined sewage overflow Saturday as preliminary. It defines a combined sewer overflow as about 80% storm water and 20% sewage. The agency, in a release, said the number of such overflows has dropped by 94% to the Willamette River since the completion in 2011 of a \$1.4 billion project aimed at reducing such incidents. The agency said people should avoid contact with the river downstream and in other areas until late Monday due to increased bacteria in the water. / GOVERNMENT: Nine Oregon public employees have sued the state, saying their pension benefits are unfairly reduced by a new law. The Statesman Journal reports that the lawsuit, filed Friday in the Oregon Supreme Court, contests Senate Bill 1049, which the Oregon Legislature passed and Gov. Kate Brown signed into law this year. The lawsuit says the legislation amounts to a breach of contract and illegal taking because it reduces the amount of retirement benefits for the employees. The measure was passed by lawmakers in a bid to rein in the state's unfunded pension liability tied to the Public Employees Retirement System, which is about \$27 billion. Policymakers have long grappled with how to keep those costs under control, which are tied to the pensions of local, state and school district retirees. / CRIME, GOVERNMENT: The Oregon Department of Revenue has recently seen a spike in concerned taxpayers reporting fishy phone calls. The callers fraudulently identify themselves as Social Security representatives and threaten the taxpayer with deactivating their Social Security number or account because of suspicious activity. The scammers may ask for personal information and bank account information. In addition, your caller ID may even show the real Social Security Administration number (1-800-772-1213) when the scammers call—but they're faking the number. "We encourage the public to protect themselves by verifying they're speaking with authorized representatives of the Social Security Administration if they have any questions about the legitimacy of the call," said Department of Revenue Director Nia Ray. The Social Security Administration advises that if you suspect the call is a scam, hang up and call the SSA at 1-800-772-1213 to speak to a real SSA representative. Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you, or your bank account or credit card number. If you get one of these calls, notify the Federal Trade Commission at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint). You can also report scams to the Office of Inspector General on their hotline at 1-800-269-0271 or online. / HEALTH, FAMILIES, GOVERNMENT: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown on Friday signed what advocates are calling the nation's most progressive paid

family and medical leave measure, making the state the first in the country to offer 100% wage replacement for minimum-wage workers. The law, which will pay out benefits beginning in 2023, gives 12 weeks paid time off to new parents, victims of domestic violence and those who become ill or need to care for a sick family member. It also includes people who may be in the country illegally and those working part time. Residents need to have earned at least \$1,000 in wages in a year to qualify. The state joins eight others and the District of Columbia in offering paid family leave. "This is one of the most inclusive and equitable paid leave laws in the country," said Andrea Paluso, executive director of Family Forward, the advocacy group who helped craft the bill. "It's accessible to nearly every worker and provides enough benefits so people can just focus on taking care of themselves or their families when they need to." The law allows workers to take time off not only to care for blood relatives, but also for significant others, friends and other close associates that are the "equivalent of a family relationship." Workers will also be able to take paid leave in non-consecutive increments, allowing those with chronic illnesses to take time off when needed. "This bill is written for 2019," said then-House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson on the floor in June. "It better captures the structures of families and reflects the types of communities and neighbors we strive to be." Although those making minimum wage will see 100% wage replacement, benefits decrease as income rises. Across the country, 14% of workers are provided paid family leave by their employers, according to a study from the Pew Research Center. Employees who need time off are guaranteed job protection under federal law, but they aren't paid for the time they take. That leaves many being forced to choose between taking care of a loved one and paying the bills. The Oregon Employment Department will determine what percentage of payroll contributions should go to fund program, though statutorily it can't be more than 1%. Workers will pay 60% of whatever rate is decided, with employers contributing the remaining 40%. Small businesses with less than 25 employees will not have to pay into the program, although their workers will still receive benefits. / AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has decided not to veto a bill that will ease rules for farmers clearing out irrigation ditches, her office told Oregon Public Broadcasting. Oregon Public Broadcasting says that her decision was likely to please many in rural parts of the state, but it spurred a furious reaction from environmental groups. The legislation says farmers would need to give notice that they were going to clear an irrigation ditch, but would not need a permit unless they planned to move more than 3,000 cubic yards of material over a five-year period — a 60-fold increase from the current 50-cubic-yard threshold, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported. Environmental groups argued that the measure undermines the state's ability to protect state wetlands. Many farm fields in the Willamette Valley are classified as wetlands. Friday was Brown's deadline for vetoing bills from the 2019 legislative session. / IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT, LOW-INCOME: Trump administration officials say rules that could deny green cards to immigrants who use Medicaid, food stamps, housing vouchers or other forms of public assistance are going into effect, one of its most aggressive moves to restrict legal immigration. Federal law already requires those seeking green cards and legal status to prove they will not be a burden to the U.S., or what's called a "public charge," but the new rules, made public this morning, detail a broader range of programs that could disqualify them. Much of President Trump's effort to crack down on illegal immigration has

been in the spotlight, but this rule change targets people who entered the United States legally and are seeking permanent status. It's part of a push to move the U.S. to a system that focuses on immigrants' skills instead of emphasizing the reunification of families, as it has done. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officers will now weigh public assistance along with other factors such as education, household income and health to determine whether to grant legal status. The rules will take effect in mid-October. They don't apply to U.S. citizens, even if the U.S. citizen is related to an immigrant who is subject to them. The acting director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Ken Cuccinelli, said the rule change fits with the Republican president's message. Immigrants make up a small percentage of those who get public benefits. In fact, many are ineligible for public benefits because of their immigration status. But advocates worry the rules will scare immigrants into not asking for help. And they are concerned the rules give too broad an authority to decide whether someone is likely to need public assistance at any time, giving immigration officials the ability to deny legal status to more people. On average, 544,000 people apply annually for green cards, with about 382,000 falling into categories that would be subject to this review, according to the government. Guidelines in use since 1999 referred to a public charge as someone primarily dependent on cash assistance, income maintenance or government support for long-term institutionalization. Under the new rules, the Department of Homeland Security has redefined a public charge as someone who is "more likely than not" to receive public benefits for more than 12 months within a 36-month period. If someone has two benefits, that is counted as two months. And the definition has been broadened to include Medicaid, housing assistance and food assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. The Medicare Part D low-income subsidy won't be considered a public benefit. And public benefits received by children up until age 21 won't be considered. Nor will emergency medical assistance, school lunch programs, foster care or adoption, student loans and mortgages, food pantries, homeless shelters or disaster relief. Green card hopefuls will be required to submit three years of federal tax returns in addition to a history of employment. And if immigrants have private health insurance that will weigh heavily in their favor. Active U.S. military members are exempt. So are refugees or asylum seekers, and the rules would not be applied retroactively, officials said. But the Trump administration also has moved to drastically reduce asylum in the U.S. According to an Associated Press analysis of census data, low-income immigrants who are not citizens use Medicaid, food aid, cash assistance and Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, at a lower rate than comparable low-income native-born adults. In general, immigrants are a small portion of those receiving public benefits. For example, non-citizen immigrants make up only 6.5 percent of all those participating in Medicaid. More than 87 percent of participants are native-born. The same goes for food assistance: Immigrants make up only 8.8 percent of recipients, and more than 85 percent of participants are native-born. The new public assistance threshold, taken together with higher requirements for education, work skills and health, will make it more difficult for immigrants to qualify for green cards, advocates say. / MINORITIES, YOUTH, FAMILIES: A federal appeals court has upheld the constitutionality of a 1978 law giving preference to Native American families in foster care and adoption proceedings involving American Indian children. Friday's decision by a panel of the 5th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeal upholds the Indian Child Welfare Act and reverses a Texas-based federal judge. It comes in a case involving non-Indian families in multiple states who adopted or sought to adopt Native American children. Opponents of the law called it an unconstitutional race-based intrusion on states' powers to govern adoptions. But the 5th Circuit majority disagreed, saying the law's definition of an "Indian child" is a political classification. The decision was a victory for supporters of the law who say it's needed to protect and preserve Native American culture and families. / GOVERNMENT, WILDLIFE: The Trump administration is finalizing major changes today to the way it enforces the landmark Endangered Species Act. It is a move that administration officials say will reduce regulatory burdens but critics claim will drive more creatures to extinction. The administration is making public a final version of a rule overhauling the way the federal government handles protections for plants and animals at risk of extinction. A draft version of the rule released last year would end blanket protections for animals newly deemed threatened, allow federal authorities for the first time to consider the economic cost of protecting a particular species, and could let authorities disregard impacts from climate change, one of the largest threats to habitat. The Trump administration says the changes will make regulation more efficient and less burdensome while preserving protections for wildlife. But at least 10 attorneys general joined conservation groups in protesting an early draft of the changes, saying they put more wildlife at greater risk of extinction. The Endangered Species Act is credited with helping save the bald eagle, California condor and scores of other animals and plants from extinction since President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1973. The Endangered Species Act currently protects more than 1,600 species in the United States and its territories. A United Nations report warned in May that more than 1 million plants and animals globally face extinction, some within decades, owing to human development, climate change and other threats. The report called the rate of species loss a record. ; U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley last week announced a \$26,205 federal grant awarded to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for its program to improve environmental conditions for whales off the Oregon Coast by reducing the risk of whales entangled in fishing gear. "Oregon has a proud history of conservation, and fishing is the lifeblood of our coastal communities economies," Wyden said. "This important investment is a win-win on both fronts, protecting threatened whales and ensuring Oregon's fisheries continue to thrive," adding that, "This funding is critical to maintaining the health of our waters, while ensuring that Oregon's fishing industry can support families in coastal communities for generations to come." Two years ago, Oregon Sea Grant convened a multi-stakeholder working group at the request of Oregon fishermen to reduce the risk of whale entanglements in Dungeness crab and other fixed gear in Oregon and along the entire West Coast. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant will continue these efforts by gathering valuable spatial data on both whale migration and fishing patterns to minimize interactions between the two. That information can be used by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to guide future management decisions to protect threatened whales and ensure the continued stability of Oregon's coastal fishing industries. / WILDLIFE: A trained team freed an entangled humpback whale off the Washington coast Thursday night by cutting ropes that had become attached to the animal's mouth and tail. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the whale

was first spotted Thursday morning by a fishing guide company, Todd's Extreme Fishing, which stayed with the whale to track its location until the Makah Tribe and U.S. Coast Guard staff arrived to take over monitoring, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries. The agency praised the guide's approach to the situation, as well as the work of other responders, in a news release issued Friday night. "They did exactly the right thing by keeping their distance and watching the whale so the team could quickly find it," said Kristin Wilkinson, regional coordinator of NOAA Fisheries' Pacific Northwest Large Whale Entanglement Response Network. At the time it was cut loose, the whale was near Tatoosh Island at the tip of the Olympic Peninsula. It turned out to be complicated to untangle the humpback because "ropes running between its mouth and tail had left it hogtied at the surface," according to the news release. The ropes might have been attached to a crab trap or other fishing gear. All of the people who helped free the whale had undergone extensive training and were working under a NOAA Fisheries' permit that is required for efforts to free whales. They included the Makah Tribe, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Cascadia Research Collective, World Vets and SR3. The team managed to remove all of the tope, except a small piece in the whale's mouth that was likely to fall out on its own. "The whale appeared to be in good condition and was swimming normally after the team removed the ropes," NOAA Fisheries said. /

**GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, HEALTH:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded \$7,289,593 to Oregon to combat the opioid crisis. The investments will enable HRSA-funded community health centers, rural organizations and academic institutions supporting residents in Oregon establish and expand access to integrated substance use disorder and mental health services. The grants of \$167,000 each include Lane County and the White Bird clinic among their recipients. The awards support HHS's Five-Point Opioid Strategy, introduced under President Trump in 2017. The number of patients receiving medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid addiction at HRSA-funded health centers increased 142 percent from 2016 to 2018 and, since President Trump took office, the number of patients receiving buprenorphine, a common form of MAT, has increased 28 percent. "Health centers and behavioral health providers are on the front lines of the fight against the opioid crisis and substance abuse, especially in rural communities," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "With our evidence-based strategy, HHS is working to support local communities in fighting back against substance abuse, and our united efforts are yielding results. Together, we can end our country's opioid crisis and lay a foundation for a healthier country where every American can access the mental healthcare they need." Oregon is receiving \$4,509,000 to increase access to high quality, integrated behavioral health services, including the prevention or treatment of mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder through the Integrated Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) program. Nationally, HRSA is awarding more than \$200 million to 1,208 health in all states through the IBHS program. /

**LOW-INCOME, ELDERS:** What kind of volunteer job can you have that brings millions of dollars into the pockets of Oregonians? Become an AARP Tax volunteer to make a difference no matter where you live in Oregon. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest volunteer-run, tax-preparation service. The foundation is looking to expand its team of volunteers for

the upcoming tax season and is accepting new volunteers through the end of October. Tax-Aide offers free in-person tax preparation and assistance to low- and moderate-income individuals nationwide. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by helping taxpayers, and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in coordination with the IRS. There are a variety of volunteer roles, including tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification. Last year, 1,093 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Oregon volunteers helped more than 45,000 people file their federal and state tax returns. The program is offered at approximately 128 sites in Oregon, including senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations. Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use Tax-Aide. Tax Aide volunteers helped to bring more than \$47 million in refunds into Oregon as well as more than \$11 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. To learn more visit [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) Or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).

**COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ELDERLY:** The Willamette National Forest will be having a public potluck picnic in celebration of the Civilian Conservation Corps Company 2907 (CCC). The picnic will take place on Wed., Aug. 14, 2019, at 11 a.m., at the historic Longbow Organizational Camp. Longbow is located on Gordon Road, milepost 46, in the middle Cascades east of Sweet Home on U.S. Highway 20. A color guard and living history presentation will open the picnic, followed by a potluck-style lunch at 12:30 p.m. The public is asked to bring a dish. People with last names beginning with A-H should bring a hot dish, last names beginning with I -P should bring a salad, and last names beginning with Q-Z should bring a dessert. Plates, utensils, napkins and beverages will be provided. Transportation is available to and from Longbow Organization Camp for those without transportation and will depart at 9:30 a.m., the day of the picnic, from the Sweet Home Ranger Station located at 4431 Highway 20 in Sweet Home. Call (541) 367-5168 to reserve a seat ahead of time. Organizers say the contributions the CCC Company 2907 on the Sweet Home Ranger District and across the entire Forest Service are invaluable. Company 2907, formerly Company 1314, was organized in 1933. In 1934, the members moved to Camp Cascadia, located along the South Santiam River east of Sweet Home. They built 35 miles of forest roads and 80 miles of trails; installed 17 miles of telephone lines; built six fire lookouts and eight bridges; landscaped four acres of grounds near the Cascadia Ranger Station; constructed two large dwellings, an office building and a gas and oil station; and constructed House Rock, Fernview, and Trout Creek Campgrounds.

**VETERANS, HEALTH:** The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is pleased to announce that its Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon has been awarded the 2019 Silver National Quality Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living. The Lebanon facility was one of only three in the state of Oregon to receive this distinction from the AHCA/NCAL. The award followed an intensive review process that covered all areas of the 154-bed long-term and memory care facility. The silver award is the second of three distinctions possible through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program, which spotlights providers across the nation who have demonstrated their dedication to improving quality of care for residents and patients in long term and post-acute care. The original Oregon Veterans'

Home, which is located in The Dalles, received the Gold Excellence in Quality Award in 2014. At the time, it was the first and only state veterans' home in the nation to have received this distinction. The Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon has received a number of other awards and honors since it opened in 2014, including being named one of the state's Best Nursing Homes by US News and World Report for 2018-2019. Care at the Oregon Veterans' Homes is an earned benefit available to veterans, their spouses and parents who had a child die while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (often known as "Gold Star Parents"). /

**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** The practice of setting what are known as "controlled blazes" to lessen the impact of wildfires is not being used in the American West as frequently as officials would like. A study this year in the journal *Fire* found prescribed fires on federal lands in the region have stayed level or fallen despite calls for more. Supporters say the burns are one of the most effective ways to make forests healthier by clearing undergrowth. They say the fire can stop or slow future blazes by removing fuels that help them spread. There are plenty of reasons prescribed fires aren't employed as often as planned, including weather, air quality issues and bureaucratic hurdles. And opponents point to prescribed fires that got out of control and turned deadly, contributions to global warming and say they aren't appropriate in some places. /

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employment. If immigrants have private health insurance, that will weigh heavily in their favor. ; Leaders of the Portland-based Oregon Food Bank said in a statement that the proposed changes to legal immigration policy "criminalize immigrants." The rule would consider whether legal immigrants receive food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The food bank officials note the changes could reduce participation by those who fear accepting SNAP meals might hurt their chances of getting a green card. The Oregon Food Bank's statement notes that, quote, "No family should have to decide between putting food on the table and securing long-term stability for themselves and their children." ; Leaders of a major medical association say new guidelines that could be used to deny green cards to immigrants who use public assistance like Medicaid will have drastic consequences on health care.

Association of American Medical Colleges President David Skorton issued a statement Monday saying the rules change will discourage noncitizen immigrants from seeking needed medical care and services. He warns that could aggravate illnesses and lead to increased costs of care. The association represents over 150 medical schools and almost 400 teaching hospitals nationwide. Federal law already requires people seeking green cards to prove they won't be a burden, or what's called a "public charge." But the new rules outline a wider range of programs that could disqualify them. The rules were published Monday and take effect in October. / ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: The Trump administration yesterday moved to weaken how it applies the 45-year-old Endangered Species Act, ordering changes that critics said will speed the loss of animals and plants at a time of record global extinctions. The action, which expands the administration's rewrite of U.S. environmental laws, is the latest that targets protections, including for water, air and public lands. Two states — California and Massachusetts, frequent foes of President Trump's environmental rollbacks — promised lawsuits to try to block the changes in the law. So did some conservation groups. Pushing back against the criticism, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and other administration officials contend the changes improve efficiency of oversight while continuing to protect rare species. Under the enforcement changes, officials for the first time will be able to publicly attach a cost to saving an animal or plant. Blanket protections for creatures newly listed as threatened will be removed. Among several other changes, the action could allow the government to disregard the possible impact of climate change, which conservation groups call a major and growing threat to wildlife. The Endangered Species Act is credited with helping save the bald eagle, California condor and scores of other animals and plants from extinction since President Nixon signed it into law in 1973. The act currently protects more than 1,600 species in the United States and its territories. While the nearly half-century-old act has been overwhelmingly successful in saving animals and plants that are listed as endangered, battles over some of the listings have been years-long and legendary. They have pitted northern spotted owls, snail darters and other creatures and their protectors against industries, local opponents and others in court and political fights. Republican lawmakers have pushed for years to change the law itself. One of Monday's changes includes allowing the federal government to raise in the decision-making process the possible economic cost of listing a species. Congress has stipulated that economic costs not be a factor in deciding whether to protect an animal. The prohibition was meant to ensure that the logging industry, for example, would not

be able to push to block protections for a forest-dwelling animal on economic grounds. / WILDLIFE, GOVERNMENT: In Idaho on Monday, officials reported that state's sage grouse population has dropped 52 percent since the federal government decided not to list the birds under the Endangered Species Act in the fall of 2015. Wildfires, as well as oil and gas exploration and farming, have cut into the grouse's habitat. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services estimates that between 200,000 and 500,000 sage grouse are believed to remain out of as many as 16 million a century ago. Most of them are found in parts of Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Utah and Colorado. It's not yet clear whether the three-year decline is part of a cyclical pattern or indicative of a more serious issue, but the Idaho Statesman reports the trend could force state and federal wildlife and land managers to take a closer look at how sage grouse are faring in Idaho and other western states. / POLITICS, SAFETY: Far-right groups are traveling to Portland from around the United States on Saturday to rally against self-described antifascists who are planning to oppose them. The potential for violent demonstrations at Portland's Waterfront Park has convinced some business owners to cancel events and preemptively close shop. Portland's mayor and police chief warn there is "zero tolerance" for violence on Saturday and they will not allow either side to use the First Amendment's free speech protections as a shield to justify physical attacks. Multiple Portland media outlets are reporting that the "Roses on the River" 5K race, which was scheduled to start near Portland's Waterfront Park, has changed its start location to the opposite side of the Willamette River. A nearby bicycle shop is closing on what would normally be a busy Saturday for summer rentals. One downtown Irish pub has canceled a Saturday boxing event that normally attracts a large crowd. The Southern Poverty Law Center says the groups coming to Portland include far-right militias, white supremacists, white nationalists and other hate groups. Members of the Rose City Antifa, a self-described antifascist organization, say they will counterprotest. None of the city's nearly 1,000 police officers will have the day off Saturday. The Oregon State Police and the FBI are providing additional support. Mayor Ted Wheeler says he might ask Governor Kate Brown to call up the Oregon National Guard. The rally is being organized by a member of the Proud Boys, who have been designated by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group. Others expected include members of the American Guard, the Three Percenters, the Oathkeepers and the Daily Stormers. American Guard is a white nationalist group, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, while the Three Percenters and the Oathkeepers are extremist anti-government militias. The center describes Daily Stormers as neo-Nazis. / GOVERNMENT: The State of Oregon has been experiencing intermittent network connectivity issues for the past week-and-a-half due to what officials say is a problem with some network hardware. Crews are working to solve the hardware problem but have no estimate on it will be fixed. In the meantime, officials with Oregon's Department of Motor Vehicles say they are unable to provide knowledge tests for driver permits and licensing, at least through today. DMV is able to provide other services, many of which are available online at OregonDMV.com The DMV website also provides updated wait times for many of its 60 offices across Oregon for those wishing to do business in person. Officials say if it's possible to postpone your business with the state until things are resolved, you might consider doing so. ; Starting next week, an army of 40,000 Census Bureau workers with laptops will review addresses in

neighborhoods across the country to prepare for next spring's Census, the largest head count in United States history. The address verifications are the most labor-intensive component of the bureau's preparations for the 2020 count. The workers known as "listers" will take a closer look at addresses across about one-third of the nation. But the method used by census workers is changing this year: In years past, listers walked every block of every street to ensure physical addresses matched what was on their lists. In this year's process, workers are verifying about two-thirds of the addresses from their office computers. Using aerial imagery, workers look for blocks where there has been significant growth or decline, where there are multiple instances of an address or where an address is missing. If there are discrepancies, they send workers to those blocks to double check for accuracy and update information. The Census Bureau conducts a count of every U.S. resident every 10 years. The census results are used to distribute federal funds and decide how many U.S. representatives each state seats in Congress. The start of the address verification comes one month after President Trump announced his administration would no longer seek to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. Civil rights groups still worry that the legal fight over the question will cause immigrants and others to hesitate in filling out their census forms, leading to undercounts in some states. Census officials estimate the new method will save time and money by reducing the workload of employees in the field and requiring less than one-third of the listers who were used in the 2010 count. The agency's Office of Inspector General, though, recently questioned the accuracy of the new method. In a test run last year in Rhode Island, in-office results for a census zone did not receive a physical check showed that workers failed to match what was actually in the field for more than 60 percent of the test blocks. Census Bureau officials said they disagreed with the Inspector General's method for calculating the error rate and had overstated the errors. / CRIME: A federal jury in Eugene has found two men guilty of trafficking methamphetamine from Southern California to Central Oregon and the Portland Metropolitan Area for distribution. Prosecutors say 49-year-old Ronald Wayne Thrasher of Madras, was convicted of purchasing and transporting methamphetamine for distribution. Thrasher's supplier, 53-year-old Russell Marvin Jones of Gresham, was found guilty of selling methamphetamine and possessing a stolen firearm. Both men were also found guilty of being felons in possession of a firearm. U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams says Thrasher and Jones served prior prison terms, Thrasher a federal sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm and Jones a state sentence for first degree manslaughter. In earlier cases, nine co-defendants pleaded guilty to conspiring with Thrasher to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and are awaiting sentencing. They include seven people from Oregon and two from California: Jordan Michael Johnson, 57, of San Diego, California; Brenda Ann Lederman, 46, of Santee, California; Jason James Puckett, 46, of Prineville, Oregon; Tyler Wayne Fuller, 30, Renee Marie Scarlett, 48, and Talina Shantel Ortiz, 45, of Madras; Jacklin Renee Bowlby, 36, of Bend, Oregon; Kerry Wayne Hopson, 33, of Redmond, Oregon; and Mistie Dawn Cooper, 39, of Alfalfa, Oregon. Fuller also pleaded guilty to robbing a bank in Madras. Thrasher and Jones will be sentenced on February 4, 2020 and November 14, 2019, respectively, before U.S. District Court Judge Michael J. McShane. The case was investigated by CODE, DEA, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the Oregon

State Police. It was prosecuted Frank R. Papagni Jr. and Judi Harper, Assistant U.S. Attorneys for the District of Oregon, with the assistance of the Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes County District Attorney's Offices. ; The Oregonian and OregonLive publish occasional excerpts from the Forest Grove Police Department's call logs. They highlight some of the "minor" calls a police department typically receives and the low-key response: For example, on Monday, August 5, a caller staying at Forest Grove hotel dialed police to report a fight in the next room after overhearing a shouting match regarding a possible robbery and sex offenders. Police noted they found no such altercation but did discover a television with the volume set quite high. On Wednesday, August 7, Forest Grove Police took a call about man working out in the back lot of the police department. Officers contacted the man, who told them his children were in a tutoring session next door at the city library, so he was spending the time pumping iron. And on Thursday of last week, Forest Grove Police took a report of a small child walking alone near a busy intersection. The child told officers he was on his way to get candy, but was unaware money was required. Officers returned the boy to his home and briefed his mother on the child's adventure. /

ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: The Oregon State Marine Board is considering a petition to allow the use of electric motors at a "slow-no wake" speed on Lane County's Gold Lake. The lake is just this side of Willamette Pass, set in the woods about a mile north of Highway 58. Prior to this year's legislative session, Gold Lake and a number of other lakes in various counties were designated by law as non-motorized waterbodies. But lawmakers passed a bill during the session that authorizes the Marine Board to consider rules that would allow boats with electric motors to operate under the slow speeds under certain circumstances. A request from a longtime fisherman with arthritis in his hands asks the Marine Board to consider allowing the electric motors on Gold Lake, saying it is difficult for an older generation to row on many lakes they've fished for years. The petition notes that electric motors are quiet and boats equipped with them move slowly and create little or no wake, preserving the lake's peaceful atmosphere. The Oregon State Marine Board is accepting written and emailed public comments about the proposal through September 27<sup>th</sup> and will meet in late October to decide whether to consider changing the lake's rules. /

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: An 80-car freight train struck two large boulders that fell onto the BNSF Railway tracks in a remote area about 20 miles north of Madras, causing five locomotives and a rail car to derail and closing the line. KTVZ reports there were no injuries and all of the cars remained upright. A BNSF regional spokesman said the derailment happened about 2:30 a.m. Monday, involving a northbound freight train traveling from Bakersfield, California, to Pasco, Washington. Along with the five locomotives, the train was hauling 11 rail cars loaded with freight and 64 empty cars. ; Authorities say a motorcyclist died after his motorcycle struck a cow that had wandered onto the roadway. The crash happened early Monday morning in Jackson County. Investigators say 57-year-old Stephen Coolidge from Jacksonville died at the scene. The cow also was killed. Medford Fire and Oregon Department of Transportation assisted Oregon State Police Troopers in the crash investigation. ; Interstate 5 motorists traveling between Winchester and Tri City can expect intermittent nighttime delays the next three months due to blasting work on Roberts Mountain. Contractors are scheduled to begin blasting as early as Tuesday evening, August 13. The work will usually involve one underground

detonation a night, sometime between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Excavation may require a handful of blasts each week. Rolling slowdowns will be used to create a gap in traffic during the blasting work. Most traffic delays will be about 10-20 minutes. In the southbound direction, pilot cars will lead I-5 traffic on a low-speed approach from the Winchester area to Roberts Mountain (milepost 129-118). Flaggers will hold traffic at each southbound on-ramp from Edenbower Blvd. (Exit 127) to the Oregon 42/Winston interchange (Exit 119). Northbound rolling slowdowns will begin in Tri City (milepost 103), with flaggers holding on-ramp traffic at every interchange from Myrtle Creek/Weaver Road (Exit 106) to Clarks Branch Road (Exit 113). Roadside blasting typically produces noise and clouds of dust, but little flying debris. The nearby travel lanes are cleared as a safety precaution. The Roberts Mountain blasting work will enable the contractor to excavate the slope on the west side of I-5 and construct a climbing lane on both the northbound and southbound approaches to the pass. Construction on the \$26 million project began this spring and is scheduled to be completed by summer 2021. /

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<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	Morning News
<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>SPORTS, EDUCATION: Sports Illustrated is celebrating college football's 150th season by ranking the top 10 all-time greatest mascots, putting the University of Georgia's bulldog in first place. The magazine includes both real and costumed mascots in this week's edition. The runner-up? The University of Oregon's duck, followed by Mike the Tiger at Louisiana State University, the longhorn bull at the University of Texas and Stanford University's Tree. The University of Colorado's 1,200-pound live buffalo named Ralphie, University of South Carolina's costumed gamecock named Cocks, Western Kentucky University's Big Red, Syracuse University's orange named Otto and University of Tennessee's bluetick coonhound named Smokey closed the list. The latest University of Georgia bulldog is the 10th iteration of the mascot, which the magazine says has been a staple since 1956. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: Oregon is part of a coalition of 21 Democratic-led states that sued the Trump administration Tuesday over its decision to ease restrictions on coal-fired power plants. In June, the Environmental Protection Agency eliminated the Clean Power Plan and replaced it with a new rule that gives states more leeway in deciding upgrades for coal-fired power plants. The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, says the new rule violates the federal Clean Air Act because it does not meaningfully replace power plants' greenhouse gas emissions. Those spearheading the suit say the administration is trying to prop up an outdated industry, adding that generations of children would continue to be harmed by coal pollutants. The EPA and White House issued similar statements saying they expect the new version to survive the court challenge. Supporters of coal called the lawsuit a "government 'power grab'" and argued that the Democratic attorneys general are wrong in their interpretation of the Clean Air Act. The EPA's analysis of the new rules predicts that by 2030 an additional 300 to 1,500 people will die each year because of additional air pollution from the power grid. But EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler said in June that Americans want "reliable energy that they can afford," adding he expected more coal plans to open as a result. / SAFETY, POLITICS: Don't bring your violence to our city. That will be the message later today from Portland's mayor and close to 100 local organizations to protesters headed for potentially violent clashes on the city's waterfront on Saturday. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the city officials and the coalition, which includes community, religious, labor and educational groups, along with other organizations and individuals, will join Portland Mayor Ted</p>

Wheeler at an event publicly denouncing potential violence at the upcoming protests. Reporter Jayati Ramakrishnan writes that Portland officials began laying the groundwork for the coalition event last week. Portland officials are anticipating a right-wing rally and a left-wing counter-protest Saturday and, based on online comments by organizers and participants from both sides have been preparing for the possibility that the events could turn violent. Right-wing activists from around the country have been planning a rally at Tom McCall Waterfront Park to condemn anti-fascists, or antifa. They have also been pushing to have antifa designated as domestic terrorists. Members of a Portland-based antifa say they will turn out to counterprotest. The news release from Portland officials notes that the message to anyone from either side planning to commit violence is, quote, "you are not welcome here," and "If you choose to commit violence, you will face legal consequences." None of Portland's nearly 1,000 police officers will have the day off, and the Oregon State Police and the FBI are providing additional personnel. Portland's mayor has said he may ask Gov. Kate Brown to call up the Oregon National Guard. Police are encouraging residents and visitors to stay away from the area on Saturday. A planned 5K race, which was scheduled to start near Portland's Waterfront Park, has changed its start location to the opposite side of the Willamette River. A nearby bicycle shop is closing on what would normally be a busy Saturday for summer rentals. One downtown Irish pub has canceled a Saturday boxing event that normally attracts a large crowd. The Portland Classical Chinese Garden has cancelled a musical event and might close, as well. ; Portland police continued mobilizing yesterday to prevent Saturday clashes between out-of-state far-right groups planning a rally along the city's waterfront and the homegrown anti-fascists who oppose them. Saturday's rally — and the violence it may bring — are a relatively new reality for Portland, as an informal coalition of white nationalists, white supremacists and extreme-right militias hones its focus on Oregon's largest city as a stand-in for everything it feels is wrong with the U.S. Masked and black-clad anti-fascists are expected to turn out to violently oppose the right-wing demonstrators as soon as they set foot in town. The rally is being organized by a member of the Proud Boys, who have been designated by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group. Others expected include members of the American Guard, the Three Percenters, the Oathkeepers and the Daily Stormers. American Guard is a white nationalist group, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, while the Three Percenters and the Oathkeepers are extremist anti-government militias. The Daily Stormers are neo-Nazis, according to the center. The right-wing groups know they will get a headline-grabbing reaction from Portland's so-called "antifa," whose members have issued an online call to their followers to turn out to "defend Portland from a far-Right attack." Portland's Rose City Antifa, the nation's oldest active anti-fascist group, says violence against right-wing demonstrators is "exactly what should happen when the far-right attempts to invade our town." Portland leaders are planning a major law enforcement presence on the heels of similar rallies in June and last summer that turned violent, and the recent hate-driven shooting in El Paso, Texas. None of the city's nearly 1,000 police officers will have the day off, and Portland will get help from the Oregon State Police and the FBI. Mayor Ted Wheeler has said he may ask Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, to call up the Oregon National Guard. / CRIME: Investigators say the sale of heroin was a factor in three recent unrelated shootings that occurred during the past three

weeks. The Lane County Sheriff's Office has identified the suspects in each shooting, arresting two people in one of the cases. But they are still seeking suspects on two other cases. The arrests came in a case from Friday, when deputies responded to a shooting involving a heroin sale at the Sailor Pioneer Cemetery in Noti. They say they took 34-year-old Samuel Ferguson and 24-year-old Jazmine Sherman into custody later the same day. Sherman, from Cottage Grove, allegedly had her 19-month-old child in the backseat of the vehicle during the incident. But deputies are still searching for 20-year-old Juan Israel Hernandez-Burboa, whom they say is a suspect in an alleged heroin sale on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Ponderosa Mobile Village in Glenwood where shots were fired and a 31-year-old man was wounded. While investigators are seeking information on Hernandez-Burboa's location, they say do not attempt to contact him because he is considered armed and dangerous. They've issued a similar "armed and dangerous" warning about Gene Manuel Joseph, who is the suspect in a July 29 incident in the Florence area where a 32-year-old male was shot in a dispute over a large amount of heroin believed to be stolen from Joseph. If you have information in any of the three cases, call the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4141. / SAFETY: Lane County Sheriff's officials continue to investigate Monday's midday crash that left a motorcyclist dead on London Road just north of Williams Creek Loop in Cottage Grove. Initial indications are that the motorcyclist, who was traveling northbound on London Road shortly before noon, lost control and crashed the bike on the roadway. It appears the rider was ejected from the bike and collided with an oncoming passenger car. The motorcyclist, whose name will be released after relatives are notified, died at the scene. The motorist was uninjured. Officials say it is still early in the investigation, but they are working to determine whether excessive speed might have been a factor in the crash. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Some of Oregon's wildfires are started by lightning. But far too many are human-caused: Abandoned campsites, illegal debris burns, discarded cigarettes, sparks from maintenance equipment or dragging trailer chains. Investigators in Southern Oregon say a wildfire that started on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jackson County, burning 155 acres and forcing the evacuation of several nearby residences was started by an explosion in an illegal marijuana extraction lab. The blaze broke out in a rural area midway between the cities of Grants Pass and Eagle point, off East Evans Creek Road. Jackson County Sheriff's investigators say it happened when a man used flammable solvents in a makeshift structure to create a concentrated marijuana extract known as "butane honey oil" or "BHO." The suspect, 24-year-old Michael Cashmareck of Pennsylvania, faces charges including unlawful manufacture of cannabis and two counts of arson. ; Fire investigators say a blaze that damaged a popular Lincoln County coastal café was caused by spontaneous combustion. And its prompting a warning to other businesses about the importance of safely disposing of oily paper towels and cleaning cloths. The Otis Cafe off Highway 18 outside of Lincoln City, a popular tourist stop, was heavily damaged by the fire on July 4. Investigators say evidence indicates the blaze started in the cafe's kitchen near the cooking range, where paper towels soaked with oil and grease were improperly discarded in a plastic bucket. Spontaneous ignition can occur when oily materials are left in an open container, oxidize, slowly generate heat, and spark a fire. Investigators say you should discard used, oil-laden towels and fabrics in a closed top, non-combustible container made for such items —



perhaps even cover the items in the container with water. Keep such containers outside and away from combustible structures. If you need to clean oil- and grease-soaked cloths, be warned that heat from dryers has sparked some towel and rag fires. Some professional cleaning companies can properly remove cooking oil from towels. / IMMIGRATION, LOW-INCOME: Leaders of the Oregon Food Bank and its statewide partners, including FOOD for Lane County are concerned about the proposed changes to U.S. immigration policy that would deny green cards to many migrants who use food stamps, Medicaid, housing vouchers or other forms of public assistance. Among other things, the proposed rule would consider whether legal immigrants receive food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program known as "SNAP." The food bank officials note the changes could reduce participation by those who fear accepting SNAP meals might hurt their chances of getting a green card, leading to increased hunger for individuals and families. The Oregon Food Bank's statement says that no family should have to decide between putting food on the table and securing long-term stability for themselves and their children. ; In the comments the Oregon Health Authority submitted to the federal government on the proposed rule in December 2018, the agency noted that health coverage contributes to healthier pregnancies, births, and childhood outcomes. When people have health coverage, officials wrote, they are better able to work, go to school and contribute in other ways to their local economy. Employers benefit from a healthier workforce, insurance costs are lower, and there is less absenteeism. The OHA also noted there are reduced emergency department visits and hospitalizations as well as reduced uncompensated care and that, ultimately, fewer people turn to social services and draw on the safety net. The statement notes that health care is not a cash assistance benefit and says the proposal punishes immigrants for taking responsibility for their health, the health of their loved ones and their neighbors by seeking health care. The agency concludes by writing that the proposal fails to acknowledge that in a growing majority of states (like Oregon), which have expanded Medicaid, a high percentage of Medicaid members work, earn income and support themselves without public assistance. It stigmatizes Medicaid and CHIP as public assistance programs, instead of promoting them of as a cornerstone of a strong health care system." / AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT: Oregon's governor has signed a bill requiring eggs produced by commercial farms to eventually be cage-free. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that Gov. Kate Brown approved the new law mandating all eggs produced or sold in Oregon must come from cage-free hens by 2024. The measure applies to commercial farms with 3,000 or more chickens. The state requirements will give about 4 million birds added space and perches. The Humane Society of the United States called the law a "monumental win for hens confined in tiny cages in the egg industry." Oregon joins a handful of other states with similar laws including California, Washington and Massachusetts. The newspaper cites reports that say cage-free laws provide an improvement for chickens, but most remain held in small spaces and cages. / GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORTATION: Good news for would-be drivers: Oregon's Department of Motor Vehicles once again is able to provide knowledge testing at its 60 field offices across the state for people seeking driving privileges. The DMV's knowledge testing system had been down since Monday morning. Oregon Department of Transportation technicians and the system's vendor restored the system just before lunch

Tuesday. Have business with the DMV? Remember you may conduct much of it online at [www.OregonDMV.com](http://www.OregonDMV.com) and even if you need to go to a field office you may check online for estimated wait times. / **CRIME:** A Prineville man has been sentenced to more than a year in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release for his role in selling a machine gun to an undercover agent. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Oregon says Michael Friesen agreed to broker the sale of the gun for John Jordan in 2018. Court documents say Friesen discussed the price of the weapon with an undercover agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives posing as a potential purchaser. Documents say Friesen confirmed for the agent that he had seen the firearm function as a machine gun. Documents say Jordan met the agent in a Prineville motel room and completed the transaction for \$3,000. Friesen pleaded guilty in April to conspiracy to transfer and unlawful possession of a machine gun. Jordan is awaiting trial in the case. / **ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS, WILDLIFE:** Removing four hydroelectric dams along the lower Klamath River in Southern Oregon and Northern California is expected to cost just under \$434 million and could happen by 2022, according to a new filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Capital Press reports the nonprofit Klamath River Renewal Corp. submitted plans with FERC in 2018 to decommission and demolish J.C. Boyle, Copco Nos. 1 and 2 and Iron Gate dams, which block about 400 miles of upstream habitat for migratory salmon and steelhead. Regulators are now considering whether to transfer the dams' operating license from PacifiCorp to KRRC before the project can move forward. A general contractor, Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. of Fairfield, Calif., is already on board and working on a plan for razing the dams. But first, KRRC must answer questions from a six-member independent board of consultants appointed by the feds to prove they have the money, insurance and contingency for such a large proposal. / **SAFETY, CRIME, TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT:** The state of Oregon will pay \$500,000 to an Ashland man whose wife died in a head-on collision with a wrong-way drunk driver. A civil trial was to begin Tuesday in Jackson County over the 2014 death of 911 dispatcher Karen Greenstein. The Mail Tribune says the settlement was approved Friday. Her husband, Bill Greenstein argued in his lawsuit that the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles shouldn't have granted a driver's license to Richard Webster Scott, Jr. Scott had five convictions for driving under the influence in California and a suspended and revoked license in that state. He's now serving nearly 12 years in prison after being convicted of first-degree manslaughter in Greenstein's death. Greenstein's estate will also get \$100,000 from the company that insured the minivan Scott was driving. / **GOVERNMENT:** Oregon Lottery officials say a coding mistake in the Powerball ticketing system is causing a bit of "date dyslexia" for some players. They say Advance 24-draw quick-pick Powerball tickets printed between Friday, Aug. 10 and Monday, Aug. 12 listed incorrect dates for the Oct. 26, 29 and Nov. 2 draws. While the dates on the tickets are off by one day, the tickets are valid for the actual draws. The error caused the draw dates to print one day off on approximately 30 tickets. A player brought the issue to Lottery's attention on Monday Aug. 12, and Lottery's gaming vendor worked immediately on a fix. Tickets are printing correctly today. Players who purchased Powerball tickets that included the Oct. 26, 29 and Nov. 2 draws have two options: hold on to the ticket and present it for validation if winning numbers are drawn for any of the draws

listed; or contact Lottery at 503-540-1000, or [lottery.webcenter@state.or.us](mailto:lottery.webcenter@state.or.us), to arrange a new ticket with the same numbers. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY: Warm weather is bringing an increase in the number of toxic algae blooms on Oregon waterways. Earlier this month, the Oregon Health Authority issued a recreational use health advisory for Odell Lake, noting that people should avoid swimming and high-speed water activities, such as water skiing or power boating, in areas of the lake where blooms are identified. Although toxins are not absorbed through the skin, people who have skin sensitivities may experience a puffy red rash. Yesterday, the Oregon Health Authority expanded its recreational use health advisory for Upper Klamath Lake from a single area to the entire lake. And they reminded visitors of a precautionary advisory of possible blue-green algae blooms on Central Oregon's lake Billy Chinook, which is prone to such issues, although there's been no evidence of an algae bloom yet this season. At all of the lakes affected by such advisories, visitors still may enjoy activities such as fishing, camping, hiking, biking, picnicking, and bird watching. Boating is safe, as long as speeds do not create excessive water spray which might cause you to inhale the droplets. But remember that children and pets are at increased risk for exposure because of their size and level of activity. People who bring their pets to a lake with areas affected by a bloom for recreation activities should take special precautions to keep them from drinking from or swimming in these areas. If you catch fish caught from areas where toxic algae blooms are present, you should remove the fat, skin and organs before cooking or freezing, as toxins are more likely to collect in these tissues. Fillets should also be rinsed with clean water. Drinking water directly from areas of the lake affected by a bloom is especially dangerous, since the algae's toxins cannot be removed by boiling, filtering or treating water with camping-style filters. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Ten days after the arrests of two United Airlines pilots in Scotland for suspicion of trying to fly while intoxicated, United Airlines is setting an earlier cutoff time for when pilots must stop drinking alcohol before they take off. The airline is telling pilots they must abstain from alcohol for 12 hours before flights, up from the previous eight hours. The change in the rule — called "bottle-to-throttle" in the airline business — is tougher than a longtime eight-hour limit endorsed by the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA also prohibits pilots from flying with a blood-alcohol content at or above point zero-four (0.04%). The United pilots who were arrested in Scotland and charged with suspicion of being under the influence were set to operate a flight to Newark, New Jersey. The flight was canceled. Those behind United new 12-hour policy hope the extra four hours will help social drinkers sober up, although it might not be long enough for a heavily drunken person. In a statement, the Air Line Pilots Association, which represents United pilots, said "Inappropriate alcohol use by airline pilots is exceedingly rare," and the professionalism of pilots has contributed to making air travel safe. Representatives for American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Southwest Airlines said their policies follow the FAA's current standard of no drinking within eight hours of duty. They said their airlines are not considering any changes. Alaska Airlines said it has a 10-hour no-alcohol rule for pilots. /

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**CRIME:** We'll start by saying the child is safe and back home with family. But some tense moments yesterday afternoon when Eugene Police received a report of a stolen vehicle with a one-year-old boy inside. It started in the 500 block of Langers Lane, near Roosevelt and Danebo in West Eugene. The owner of a 2015 Silver Hyundai Sonata reported her vehicle was stolen with her child inside. Officers began the search and a short time later there was a call about a vehicle crash on Spencer Creek Road near Fawn Hill. The female suspect fled but the child was still in his car seat and appeared uninjured but was taken to the hospital as a precaution and later released. Meantime, police continued their search for the suspect, who apparently hitched a ride from a passing motorist to the area near North Danebo and Royal Avenue. They're still trying to locate her. She's described as a white female, in her late teens or early 20s, with a thin build, brown hair possibly in a ponytail, and last seen wearing a red color short sleeve or tank top shirt, black capri yoga type pants, and black shoes. The suspect was also described to be bleeding from the head and or face area with possible cuts or scratches on her face. Have any information in the case? Eugene Police would like to hear from you. Call EPD at 541-682-5111, ask for Detective Cliff Sites and leave a message with your full name, address, and phone number. /

**SAFETY:** Lane County Sheriff's officials yesterday released the name of the 30-year-old man who died Monday in a midday crash on London Road just north of Williams Creek Loop in Cottage Grove. Investigators say it appears Desmond Keller of Cottage Grove was traveling northbound on London Road shortly before noon when he lost control and crashed on the roadway. Officials say Keller was ejected from the bike and collided with an oncoming passenger car. The motorist was uninjured. Officials say it is still early in the investigation, but they are working to determine whether excessive speed might have been a factor in the crash. /

**POLITICS, SAFETY:** The mayor of Portland said yesterday that people planning violence or espousing hatred at a planned Saturday protest by right-wing groups in the liberal city, quote, "are not welcome here." Mayor Ted Wheeler was joined yesterday by Portland police officials and representatives of religious, business and community organizations. He aimed his message at right-wing demonstrators and anti-fascist counterprotesters. Anticipating trouble, none of the city's nearly 1,000 police officers will have the day off. The weekend event is being organized by a member of the Proud Boys, which has been designated as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Also expected at the Saturday event are

members of the American Guard, a white nationalist group; as well as members of the anti-government organizations Three Percenters and Oathkeepers. Members of the Neo-Nazi group Daily Stormers are also expected to attend. Members of the Rose City antifa, an anti-fascist organization, say they will hold a counter-protest. Over the past two years, the right-wing and left-wing demonstrations have led to violent confrontations. At a June rally in Portland, masked anti-fascists — known as antifa — beat up a conservative blogger. Video of the 30-second attack grabbed national attention. Portland's mayor said yesterday that Portland has a history of supporting free speech and the right to assemble. But he warned those on both sides from using their Saturday gatherings as a platform to spread hate and be violent under the guise of free speech. Some businesses near Portland's Waterfront Park—the site of the planned demonstrations—are closing their doors Saturday and several weekend events have been moved or canceled. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Westfir Road is closed at Old Barnard Bridge, over the Willamette River, until repairs can be made to the foundation under a footing of the bridge. The closure only affects local traffic and does NOT affect drivers on Oregon Highway 58. The closure comes after Oregon Department of Transportation bridge inspection dive crews found a hole under a bridge footing, possibly caused by debris flow from last winter's large storms and landslides. The turnoff onto Westfir Road is located across Highway 58 from the Middle Fork Ranger Station. Since that access is closed, travelers to and from Westfir need to drive a bit farther east to take Westfir-Oakridge Road as a detour. There is no estimate for when repairs will be made and the bridge on Westfir Road reopened. / WILDLIFE: A 20-foot juvenile humpback whale washed ashore north of the Alsea River near Waldport on Wednesday. A team organized by the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network has been working to relieve the animal's stress while waiting for a high tide to get it back to sea. But after two high tides—one mid-day Wednesday and one shortly after midnight today—the whale remains stranded. A team of contractors representing the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration arrived early today to help assessment the situation and figure out what can be done. Depending on the animal's health, the options include waiting for another high tides, finding another way to get its safely back to the ocean or, if all else fails and it cannot be saved, euthanizing it to end its misery. Students, volunteers, staff and beach rangers with the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Oregon Coast Aquarium, OSU Marine Mammal Institute, OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center and Oregon State Parks spent yesterday doing what they could to comfort and care for the young whale by digging out the area around it to allow more water to seep from the sand and using cloths and towels to keep its exposed hide wet. During Wednesday's high tide, the whale managed to swim free briefly before stranding itself again. Members of the team stayed on site most of the night. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department reminds all residents and visitors that any stranded marine mammal should be reported immediately to 541-270-6830. Marine mammals, including carcasses, are protected by federal law and must be left untouched and given 150' of space in all directions. / CRIME, POLITICS: A new law curbing use of the death penalty in Oregon now appears to go further than supporters intended, after a recent ruling that a former death row inmate cannot be sentenced to death upon retrial. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that the state's prosecutors are working to determine how many murder

cases might be affected. Meanwhile, lawmakers behind the new law said Tuesday they were surprised and would seek a fix as soon as possible — even asking the governor to call a one-day special session next month. In passing Senate Bill 1013 this year, lawmakers limited use of capital punishment to a narrow set of circumstances, including terrorist acts and murders of children or law enforcement officers. But officials also appeared to take pains to ensure those changes would apply to sentences moving forward — not cases where a sentence was pending or those where a punishment had already been handed down / BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT: Bigger, more efficient equipment will allow a western U.S. electric utility to redevelop an aging Wyoming wind farm with far fewer turbines while generating the same amount of power. Portland, Oregon-based PacifiCorp plans to replace 68 wind turbines at the Foote Creek I wind farm with 13 turbines over the next year. The wind farm will continue to generate about 41 megawatts, or enough to power nearly 20,000 homes. PacifiCorp spokesman Spencer Hall says the turbine changeover is like upgrading to a new cellphone from one made in 1998, when the wind farm was built. PacifiCorp has 1.9 million customers in Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Washington state, Oregon and California and wants to generate more electricity from wind power in the years ahead. / BUSINESS: A plant-based food producer has asked a federal court to temporarily stop Arkansas from enforcing a law that bans labeling vegetarian and vegan products as meat and advertising them as such while litigation is underway. Hood River, Oregon-based Tofurky Co. told courts Wednesday that complying with the law would have a "severe detrimental impact" because of the cost to change marketing and packaging. It's not clear if the law has been enforced since taking effect three weeks ago. The law's authors say it's designed to protect consumers. Tofurky claims the lawsuit restricts commercial speech protected by the First Amendment. A spokeswoman says Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge is reviewing the motion to determine next steps. The American Civil Liberties Union first filed a lawsuit on Tofurky's behalf challenging the law in July. Similar lawsuits have been filed in Missouri and Mississippi. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: The large presidential field is narrowing by one today. Sources with John Hickenlooper's campaign say he will announce he is dropping out of the Democratic presidential primary. The former two-term Colorado governor, who ran as a moderate warning of the perils of extreme partisanship, struggled with fundraising and low polling numbers. The 67-year-old Hickenlooper is considered a favorite to instead run for Colorado's U.S. Senate seat, but no announcement on that is expected today. Incumbent Republican Sen. Cory Gardner, up for reelection in 2020, is considered one of the most vulnerable senators in the country because of Colorado's shift to the left. Hickenlooper became a political giant in Colorado for his quirky, consensus-driven and unscripted approach to politics. He once jumped out of a plane to sell a ballot measure to increase state spending and won two statewide elections in a purple state during Republican wave years. He was previously the mayor of Denver. He launched his longshot White House bid in March, promising to unite the country. Instead, he quickly became a political punch line. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: U.S. health officials are making a new attempt to add graphic images to cigarette packs to discourage Americans from lighting up. The Food and Drug Administration this morning proposed 13 warnings that would appear on all cigarettes, including images of cancerous tumors and diseased lungs. Most

developed countries worldwide have adopted similar graphic warning labels. The FDA's previous effort was defeated in court in 2012. A panel of judges sided with tobacco companies and ruled that the agency could not force cigarettes to carry grisly images, including cadavers, diseased lungs and cancerous mouth sores. The agency will take comments on the new proposal before moving to finalize the labels. ; U.S. regulators Wednesday approved a new tuberculosis medicine that battles drug-resistant strains of TB, shortening and improving the prognosis for the hardest-to-treat cases. It's also the first TB drug from a nonprofit group, the TB Alliance. Formed to come up with better treatments, the group developed the antibiotic (pretomanid) with help from charities and government agencies. The pill was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use with two other antibiotics. It comes after decades of incomplete or ineffective treatment has resulted in TB strains that have become drug resistant and aren't killed by long-standard medicines. In a key study, the three-pill combo cured about 90% of patients with very drug-resistant TB, usually within 6 months. Until now, the best option cured about two-thirds of patients, took 18 to 30 months and required up to eight kinds of shots and pills. Many patients die or don't finish treatment, according to TB Alliance CEO Mel Spigelman. Worldwide, TB kills about 1.6 million people annually. It spreads through droplets when someone sick with TB sneezes or coughs. TB attacks the lungs and sometimes other organs. /

TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT, SAFETY: The Trump administration took a key step Wednesday toward relaxing federal rules that govern the length of time truck drivers can spend behind the wheel. It is a move long sought by the trucking industry but opposed by safety advocates who warn it could lead to more highway crashes. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued proposed changes to the "hours of service" rules, which dictate breaks truckers are required to take, and their time on and off duty. Trade groups that represent truck drivers and motor carriers have pushed for years for less rigid rules, arguing that the regulations were out of step with the daily realities confronting most truck drivers. They found a supporter in President Trump, who has made rolling back layers of regulatory oversight a priority. But highway safety groups warn that putting the revisions into place would dangerously weaken the regulations, noting it could lead to more drivers who will operate while fatigued and motor carriers who will coerce them to do so. The existing regulations limit long-haul truckers to 11 hours of driving time within a 14-hour on-duty window. Drivers must have had 10 consecutive hours off duty before the on-duty clock starts anew. A driver who is going to be driving for more than eight hours must take a 30-minute off-duty break before hitting the eight-hour mark. Under the proposed revisions, truckers could take a break while they are on duty but not driving. Drivers have complained that long waits for cargo to be loaded or unloaded keep them idle yet they are still required to take an off-duty break, even if they do not need to rest or cannot find suitable parking for a big rig. The administration also is proposing to allow drivers to "pause" the 14-hour driving window for an off-duty break of up to three hours, provided the trucker still takes the 10 consecutive hours off duty at the end of the work shift. ; Federal safety officials have banned some Apple laptops from airline flights after Apple recalled the batteries because they could catch fire. The Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement Wednesday that it alerted airlines last month about the recall involving batteries for some Apple MacBook Pro laptops. Under FAA policy, some potentially dangerous items including lithium

batteries can't be carried on board or placed in checked baggage if they are under a safety recall. The item must be repaired, replaced or made safe by a manufacturer-approved method before going on a plane. On its website, Apple says a "limited number" of 15-inch MacBook Pros sold mostly between September 2015 and February 2017 have batteries that might overheat and pose a fire risk. Apple says it will replace affected batteries for free. / CRIME, BUSINESS: Federal prosecutors say a woman charged in a massive data breach at Capital One may have hacked more than 30 other organizations. Paige Thompson, of Seattle, was arrested last month after the FBI said she obtained personal information from more than 100 million Capital One credit applications. There is no evidence the data was sold or distributed to others. In a memorandum filed ahead of a court hearing Thursday, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Seattle said servers found in Thompson's bedroom contained data stolen from more than 30 unnamed companies, educational institutions and other entities. Prosecutors said much of that data did not appear to contain personal identifying information and, investigators are still working to identify the affected organizations. / HEALTH, SAFETY: With suicides on the rise, the U.S. government wants to make the national crisis hotline easier to reach. Once implemented, people will just need to dial 988 to seek help. Currently, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline uses a 10-digit number, 800-273-TALK (8255). Callers are routed to one of 163 crisis centers, where counselors answered 2.2 million calls last year. A law passed last year required the Federal Communications Commission to study assigning a three-digit number for suicide prevention, like 911 for emergencies or 311 for city services. The FCC says in a Wednesday report that there is "overwhelming support" for a three-digit number because it would be easier for distressed people to get help. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai says he intends to start the process to make that happen. /



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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A broken water main at the intersection of East Broadway and Hilyard Street will severely restrict traffic movements at the intersection, meaning morning commuters should avoid the area and seek alternate routes. Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) crews are in the process of repairing the break but they estimated at 6:00 a.m. that the work will take several more hours. Northbound Hilyard approaching the intersection is reduced to one lane north of East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Vehicles will be allowed to proceed northbound across the intersection, or eastbound on Broadway only. No westbound traffic movements from northbound Hilyard are permitted. Southbound Hilyard is closed at East Eighth Avenue, and only business access is permitted. Eastbound Broadway is reduced to a single lane approaching the intersection, with only eastbound and southbound traffic movements permitted. Westbound Broadway is also restricted at the intersection, with vehicles only permitted to turn onto northbound Hilyard. The break to the 20-inch cast iron water main occurred at approximately 2:30 a.m. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: Crews worked overnight to put out a fire burning on the southeastern side of Mt. Pisgah—home to Lane County's popular Buford Park. The blaze was reported around noon yesterday, prompting a closure of the park and evacuation of the hiking and horseback trails. By late afternoon, the Pisgah Fire had scorched close to 50 acres of grasses, brush and timber. No structures were threatened at the time. The South Cascade District of the Oregon Department of Forestry has taken the lead in managing the fire attack and along with other agencies has between 75-100 personnel working the blaze. Equipment deployed to fight the fire include three helicopters doing water drops, two single-seat aircraft, one air tanker, and three 20-person hand crews on the ground along with a 10-person inmate crew. Howard Buford Recreation Area at Mt. Pisgah will remain closed to all visitors throughout the weekend as fire crews continue to mop up. The park entrances will remain barricaded until the closure is lifted. Officials with Lane County Emergency Management also are asking residents to respect the closure of the park for their own safety and so that responders can focus on fire-fighting efforts. Along with the Oregon Department of Forestry, Lane County Parks, Lane County Emergency Management, Oregon State Police, local rural fire departments, the Oregon Department of Transportation, multiple private contractors and the Willamette National Forest are assisting in putting out the blaze. / WILDLIFE: A 20-foot juvenile humpback whale washed ashore north of the Alsea River near Waldport

on Wednesday. A team organized by the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network worked for the next 36 hours to relieve the animal's stress while waiting for a high tide to get it back to sea. But in the end, the whale remained stranded and as its condition deteriorated, experts euthanized it to end its misery. Students, volunteers, staff and beach rangers with the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Oregon Coast Aquarium, OSU Marine Mammal Institute, OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center and Oregon State Parks spent Wednesday doing what they could to comfort and care for the young whale by digging out the area around it to allow more water to seep from the sand and using cloths and towels to keep its exposed hide wet. During Wednesday's high tide, they say whale managed to swim free briefly before stranding itself again. Members of the team stayed on site most of Wednesday night and were joined by contractors from NOAA—the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—yesterday morning. They determined that the whale was unlikely to make it back out to sea and that, even if it did, was too young to survive on its own. Experts are working to determine what caused it to beach itself. In the past year, dozens of whales have come ashore on West Coast beaches. Some have shown signs of parasites and infection, still more of emaciation including plastic litter in their stomachs. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department reminds all residents and visitors that any stranded marine mammal should be reported immediately to 541-270-6830. Marine mammals, including carcasses, are protected by federal law and must be left untouched and given 150' of space in all directions. /

RECREATION: Fish, crab or clam for free in Oregon on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-18. It's another great Oregon "Free Fishing Weekend." During these two days, no fishing licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag or Columbia River Basin Endorsement) are required to fish, crab or clam anywhere in Oregon for both residents and non-residents. Although no licenses or tags are required, all other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. If you are fishing for salmon, steelhead or marine species like rockfish, remember to check the Fishing section of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's "Recreation Report" for the zone you want to fish to find the latest regulations. Look for the latest on fishing conditions online at ODFW's Weekly Recreation Report, which is updated every Wednesday. Trout and warmwater fishing are ideal for beginners. There's also a trout stocking schedule that indicates when your local pond last was stocked with hatchery rainbow trout. If you're in the mountains, combine a hike with a fishing trip and hike in to one of Oregon's higher elevation mountain lakes. These stay cooler in the summer which keeps trout on the bite. The ODFW has an online guide to Fishing Oregon's hike-in lakes. If you are on the coast this weekend, ocean fishing for rockfish, tuna and coho salmon has been good. Surfperch can be targeted from beaches and jetties by those staying on shore (see the ODFW's How To Fish for Surfperch online tips). Or try crabbing, which is currently open along the entire Oregon coast (but remember to always double-check shellfish restrictions before clamming or crabbing). ; Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife recreation notes: Practice good catch-and-release techniques in late summer conditions: When water conditions are low, clear and warm, like they are now, be sure to practice good catch-and-release techniques when releasing fish. Fish early in the day when water and air temperatures are at their coolest. Land fish quickly. Playing a fish too long reduces its chances to recover. Keep the fish in the water while landing and

releasing it. If you can't remove the hook easily, cut the leader near the hook, which will eventually dissolve. Revive the fish in moving water before releasing it.

**Fire and early season hunting:** As early season hunters know, dry conditions and the associated fire danger can have a large impact on your hunting opportunity. It pays to check in advance to see if there are any access restrictions in the unit(s) you plan to hunt. Youth pheasant hunts begin in September: Kids 17 and younger can experience a low-pressure, pre-season hunt with a good chance of harvesting a pheasant or two. Hunts are on various dates throughout the state. All kids must have completed hunter education and be accompanied by an adult. Go to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife website at [myodfw.com](http://myodfw.com) for details. /

**ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, HEALTH:** The Oregon Health Authority has lifted the recreational use health advisory issued for Odell Lake, just east of Willamette Pass off Highway 58 in Klamath County. Water monitoring confirmed that the level of cyanotoxins (harmful algae toxins) in Odell Lake are below recreational guideline values for human exposure. However, officials advise recreational visitors to be alert to signs of cyanobacterial (harmful algae) blooms, because blooms can develop and disappear on any lake through the season. Only a fraction of Oregon's lakes and streams are monitored for cyanobacterial blooms. People and especially small children and pets should avoid recreating in areas where the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, if a thick mat of blue-green algae is visible in the water, or bright green cells are suspended in the water. If you see these signs avoid activities that cause you to swallow water or inhale droplets, such as swimming or high-speed water activities. It's possible cyanotoxins can still exist in clear water. Sometimes, cyanobacteria can move into another area, making water that once looked foamy, scummy or discolored now look clear. However, when a bloom dies elsewhere in the water body, it can release toxins that may reach into the clear water. There also are species of cyanobacteria that anchor themselves at the bottom of a water body, live in the sediment, or can grow on aquatic plants and release toxins into clear water near the surface. /

**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, DEVELOPMENT:** Oregon's recent repeal of a ban on construction of police stations, fire stations and schools in tsunami inundation zones has unleashed a torrent of criticism. The backers of the changes say the ban created serious hardships for coastal homeowners and businesses, affecting their property values and their ability to get property insurance. Researchers say it's only a matter of time before a shift in a major fault line off Oregon's coast causes a massive earthquake that generates a tsunami as much as seven stories tall. One leading earthquake expert says lawmakers' decision to repeal a ban on new "critical facilities" in tsunami inundation zones sacrifices public safety for development. Oregon State University professor Chris Goldfinger says Oregon has gone from being a leader in tsunami preparedness to "full reverse." /

**LAW ENFORCEMENT, SAFETY:** Some anxious moments yesterday evening in a neighborhood off Coburg Road and north of the Beltline, after an armed man was spotted running down a street with a handgun and later died from a self-inflicted wound. It began around a quarter past seven, when Eugene Police received several 911 calls about the man, who was first seen in the 2700 Block of Grand Cayman Drive with others chasing him. Police say it appears they were family members concerned the man was intent on harming himself. He was located a short time later running toward Crescent Park, where he fired one round of his handgun at the ground and

then one at himself. He was rushed to the hospital but did not survive. Eugene Police want to remind you that if you know of someone struggling and feeling like harming themselves, there are numerous resources including the suicide hotline, Eugene Police and Cahoots. / HEALTH, SAFETY: With suicides on the rise, the federal government appears a step closer to making a national crisis hotline easier to reach. The Federal Communications Commission is preparing to study a proposal to assigning a three-digit number for suicide prevention, in the same way that you dial 911 for emergencies or 311 for city services. Under this proposal, people in crisis would be able to dial 988 to seek help. Currently, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline uses a 10-digit number, 800-273-TALK (8255). Callers are routed to one of 163 crisis centers, where counselors answered 2.2 million calls last year. But 10-digit numbers are difficult to remember. Backers say a three-digit number like 988 could make the difference for those contemplating ending their lives. The government's action comes as suicide rates have increased across the U.S. over the past two decades, and dramatically so — by more than 30% — in half of U.S. states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There were 45,000 deaths in 2016. In Oregon, suicides rates are higher than the national average and have been for years. / HEALTH, SAFETY, POLITICS: U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden is welcoming the FCC recommendation to designate a new nationwide three-digit phone hotline for people facing a mental health crisis and for suicide prevention. Wyden's backed such an effort for months now, citing alarming suicide statistics from Oregon and throughout out the U.S. Oregon's senior senator says a three-digit number designated for people in a mental health crisis or considering suicide can save lives and provide a much-needed help for those who need it most. Wyden notes that for the past three decades, Oregon's suicide rates have been higher than the national average. Numbers from the statewide "Breaking the Silence" project indicate more than 800 Oregonians a year complete suicide and that suicide rates have increased steadily since 2000. Experts say that qualifies as a public health crisis. Wyden says establishing a three-digit lifeline takes a significant step in that direction. He's lobbied for a three-digit number such as 6-1-1 that builds upon the long-time use of 9-1-1 as a recognized number for emergencies. / SAFETY: The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is seeking information into the whereabouts of a missing Roseburg man and his two-year-old daughter. 29-year-old Sean Michael Moss and his daughter, Madison, were reported missing on Monday morning, August 12. They were last seen by Moss' co-worker on the evening of Friday, August 9th. Family members were expecting Sean and Madison to attend the Douglas County Fair on August 10th, but they did not arrive. Sean Moss drives a dark green Chevy Trailblazer with front end damage on the right side of the bumper with Oregon license plate 549DBU. He is described as 5'9" tall and 160 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. He has scars from his chin to his waistline. He also has a full back tattoo and a tattoo that reads "Lilly" on his left arm. Madison is described as 3'0" tall and 25 lbs with curly brown hair with one green and one hazel eye. If you have any information which may help locate both individuals, please contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 541-440-4471 or contact your local law enforcement. ; Authorities say two employees at a manufacturing business in Albany were injured in a Thursday morning explosion. The Statesman Journal reports Albany Fire Department and Tangent Rural Fire District responded to a fire at Selmet Inc. just before 8 a.m. Thursday. Selmet is a

titanium casting manufacturer for aerospace parts. The two injured employees were taken to Albany General Hospital. Authorities say one was released but the other was flown by helicopter to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland in critical condition. Albany Fire officials say crews extinguished the fire and determined the area was free of chemical hazards. Authorities are investigating the cause of the explosion. / CRIME: An Oregon man is facing felony drug charges following a traffic stop near Ashland in which they seized tens of thousands fentanyl pills, a potentially deadly synthetic opiate. The Mail Tribune reports 22-year-old Pavel Dubinstov of the Portland suburb of Damascus faces charges of manufacturing and delivering a Schedule II controlled substance. Court documents say he transported the fentanyl pills from California into Oregon in a van with hidden compartments. Investigators say police stopped Dubinstov on Interstate 5 on July 28<sup>th</sup> and found more than 60,000 pills that tested positive for fentanyl as well as bundles of cash. He's posted bail and his next court appearance is in early September. / DEVELOPMENT, MINORITIES: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have finalized their purchase of the former Blue Heron paper mill site at Willamette Falls in Oregon City. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the site is located within the tribes' ancestral homelands and holds significant historical and cultural importance for the Grand Ronde. It was used for fishing and harvesting eels. The confederated tribes purchased the 23-acre site from a Washington state developer and intend to resurrect their role as caretakers of Willamette Falls. The area is part of the lands ceded to the United States government under the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855. Following the treaty, tribal members were forcibly removed from Willamette Falls and relocated to Grand Ronde. / COMMUNITY, EVENTS, MINORITIES: The news comes as the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde hold their annual Pow-Wow Contest this weekend. Powwows are social events where dancers and drummers showcase their talent while celebrating who they are as a tribal people. It is a vibrant event that attracts tribal and student groups from across the region. The 2019 Pow-Wow Contest runs today (Friday) through Sunday. This evening's Grand Entry is at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, there are grand entries at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and again at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The event takes place at the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde's Pow-Wow grounds, adjacent to Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area. That's off Highways 18 and 22, north of Valley Junction. The turnoff is just west of the Spirit Mountain Casino. There's a small charge for parking—either one dollar or donated canned food. Or catch the free shuttle from the Spirit Mountain Casino. Everyone is welcome to attend. / COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME, ELDERS: It's a volunteer job puts millions of dollars into the pockets of Oregonians. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest volunteer-run, tax-preparation service. The foundation is expanding its team of volunteers for the coming tax season and is accepting new volunteers through the end of October. Tax-Aide offers free in-person tax preparation and assistance to low- and moderate-income individuals nationwide. Volunteers help taxpayers and their families who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in coordination with the IRS. Tax Aide volunteers helped to bring more than \$47 million in refunds into Oregon as well as more than \$11 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. Last year, 1,093 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Oregon volunteers helped more than 45,000 people file their federal and state tax returns. The program is offered at

approximately 128 sites in Oregon, including senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations. Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use Tax-Aide. The program offers a variety of volunteer roles, including tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers receive training in tax preparation and IRS certification. Visit [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277) to learn more. / RECREATION, DISABILITIES, COMMUNITY: It offers Eugene residents access to a popular fleet of adaptive rental bikes, trikes and recumbents. There are programs on health and wellness, along with field trips, social events and creative arts activities. The City of Eugene's "Adaptive Recreation Services" began 50 years ago at Washington Park Community Center with a small handful of activities designed to enhance the quality of life of people living with disabilities. Today, it is a year-round, nationally recognized program offering more than 2,500 recreational activities annually for individuals who experience physical, cognitive, emotional, mental and social disabilities. On Friday, August 16, from 3-6 p.m., you're invited to attend a 50th anniversary celebration of the Adaptive Recreation program, as well as mark the 30th anniversary of its current location at Hilyard Community Center, located at 2580 Hilyard Street in Eugene. This free celebration features live music, the presentation of a new mural, refreshments, tie-dye activities and more. Learn more on the City of Eugene Recreation's Facebook page. For more information about Adaptive Recreation, visit [getrec.org](http://getrec.org) / SPORTS: The Oregon women's soccer team will open the 2019 season with an exhibition match Saturday, August 17, at 5 p.m. at Pape' Field versus British Columbia. Admission is free. Season ticket holders may pick up their 2019 team scarves at the gate. The Ducks are coming off their best season in a decade after going 9-9-1 in 2018. Oregon's returns its second-leading goal scorer in senior forward Emma Eddy who found the net six times last fall. The Ducks also return their assists leader, sophomore midfielder Zoe Hasenauer, who had five in 2018. The squad returns three-of-four starters on defense, led by senior Alyssa Hinojosa who played in every minute last year. Additionally, Oregon welcomes the highest-ranked recruiting class in program history. The group was ranked 17<sup>th</sup> nationally by Top Drawer Soccer with two top-100 national players, midfielder Sakura Yashida from Redmond, Wash., (No. 66) and forward Ally Cook from Coto de Caza, Calif. (No. 92). / CRIME, POLITICS: A lawyer for Patriot Prayer leader Joey Gibson says he has been charged with rioting in connection to a May Day incident in Portland. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the leader of the Washington-based far-right group told a radio show host that he is preparing to turn himself into authorities Thursday. Gibson contended on the show that the charge is intended to prevent him from joining protests scheduled for Saturday. The charge against Gibson comes after a lawsuit filed by Cider Riot's owner, who contends Gibson and other right-wing protesters arrived at his business May 1 and fought with customers, causing mayhem and physical injury to at least one person. Video shows people using chemical spray and several people fighting. Gibson's lawyer, James Buchal, said none of the videos from the altercation show Gibson being violent. / COMMUNITY, BUSINESS: A pair of handmade Nike track shoes from the 1972 Olympic trials has sold for \$50,000. Dave Russell of Sacramento, tells KTXL-TV he sold the rare shoes last month to a hotel in Eugene, The Graduate, that is

developing Nike-themes on its property. Russell says he was 25 when he qualified for the trials in the marathon in Eugene, where the shoe and the Nike brand debuted that year. Known as "moon shoes" for their waffle-like bottom, the shoes were the first prototype designed by Nike co-founder Bill Bowerman. The shoe company made only 12 pairs. Russell finished 55th in the trials, which were won by Frank Shorter who went on to win the gold medal at the Olympics in Munich. / CRIME, BUSINESS: Lawyer Michael Avenatti wants a judge to dismiss criminal charges alleging he extorted Nike, and he's blaming his arrest on what he calls "vindictive" prosecutors. Avenatti's attorneys filed papers Wednesday in Manhattan federal court. Avenatti has pleaded not guilty to charges he tried to extort up to \$25 million from Nike by threatening to publicize claims the sportswear company enabled payouts to promising young athletes and their families. A trial is set for November. Avenatti is also charged separately with defrauding former client and porn star Stormy Daniels in a book deal, and he faces federal fraud charges in California related to clients. He has denied wrongdoing. Avenatti says prosecutors went after him partly because of his aggressive public persona and feuding with President Donald Trump. Prosecutors decline comment. / ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: July was the hottest month measured on Earth since records began in 1880, the latest in a long line of peaks that scientists say backs up predictions for man-made climate change. The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Thursday that July was 1.71 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the 20th century average of 60.4 F for the month. Because July is generally the warmest month on the calendar, meteorologists say this means it also set a new all-time monthly record for the past 140 years. Last month's temperatures narrowly topped the previous July record, set in 2016, by 0.05 F. According to NOAA's records, 9 of the 10 hottest Julys on record have occurred since 2005 and last month was the 43rd consecutive July above the 20th century average. The record temperatures notched up in July were accompanied with other major landmarks. Average Arctic sea ice, for example, was almost 20% below average in July, less even than the previous historic low of July 2012. The July peaks came hot on the heels of a sizzling June, which ended up being the hottest June recorded over the past 140 years. The year to date is also 1.71 F above the long-term average, still slightly behind 2016 and on a par with 2017, NOAA said. Meteorologists expect 2019 won't beat the current record for warmest year, set in 2016. / SAFETY, BUSINESS: A South Carolina man is suing Walmart, saying a gas can that exploded and set him on fire was defective and should never have been sold. In a federal lawsuit filed this month, Jamie Grubbs says he was using fuel as an accelerant for a fire in his back yard. But he claims fumes from the gasoline ignited, causing a "flashback explosion" that sprayed him with burning gasoline in 2015. The lawsuit is one of several filed in recent years—including in Oregon—involving portable gas cans manufactured by an Oklahoma-based company Blitz U.S.A. Inc. Blitz U.S.A. closed in 2012. Its CEO blamed the lawsuits. / AGRICULTURE, CRIME: Four Midwestern farmers who cheated organic food customers are scheduled to be sentenced for the largest fraud scheme of its kind in U.S. history. Federal prosecutors say the farmers are responsible for a seven-year scheme that tricked thousands of customers into paying premium prices for products that were marketed as organic but were not. Prosecutors are seeking prison sentences for the alleged leader of the scheme, Missouri farmer Randy

Constant, and three Nebraska farmers who worked with Constant. All four have pleaded guilty to fraud charges. They admitted that they grew non-organic corn and soybeans, and a small amount of certified organic grains, and falsely marketed them all as organic. Most of the grains were sold as animal feed to companies that marketed organic meat and meat products. /



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COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, SAFETY: Thanks to everyone who scrambled to help people who had weddings and other events set for over the weekend at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum at Lane county's Buford Park. A wildfire Thursday afternoon closed the mountain. But a number of venue managers stepped up to offer their locations to those unable to hold ceremonies, services and gathering at the popular parks. Still, it was quite a scramble for florists, caterers, deejays—not to mention wedding parties and guests. The Howard Buford Recreation Area, including the Mount Pisgah Arboretum and all surrounding trails, are closed to the public at least through today (Monday, Aug. 19). Fire crews from the Oregon Department of Forestry – South Cascades continue to work in the park. It is necessary to remove all heat and hazards caused by the fire before visitors are allowed to return to the park. Depending on how conditions improve during the day, Lane County Parks may be able to reopen certain trails on Tuesday. Status updates regarding access to Buford Park may be found at [lanecounty.org](http://lanecounty.org) Once parts of the park are re-opened, visitors should be aware that there will still be crews working there through early to mid-week. / POLITICS, SAFETY: Hundreds of far-right protesters and anti-fascist counter-demonstrators swarmed downtown Portland on Saturday for a long-hyped rally that attracted President Trump's attention and resulted in at least 13 arrests. Police seized metal poles, bear spray and other weapons and closed bridges and streets to try to keep the rival groups apart. They were largely successful. Six minor injuries were reported. More than two dozen local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, were in the city for the right-wing rally. Portland Police said the city's 1,000 officers would be on duty for the gathering that was hyped on social media and elsewhere for weeks. ; With both the left and the right declaring victory following a long-hyped rally that had Portland on edge, it seems the liberal city will continue to be a flashpoint in an increasingly divided country. City officials were mostly relieved that a downtown gathering Saturday of more than 1,000 far-right protesters and anti-fascist counter-demonstrators was not as violent as feared. There were 13 arrests and police seized bear spray, shields, poles and other weapons. But by using barriers and bridge closures — and allowing a large contingent of right-wingers to leave when they asked to — authorities were able to mostly keep the two sides apart. Six minor injuries were reported. By early afternoon, most of the right-wing groups had left the area. But hundreds of people remained downtown and on nearby

streets, and there were tense skirmishes, mostly with antifa protesters who were trying to find right-wing rallyers, throughout the day. Joe Biggs, the organizer of the right-wing gathering that featured the Proud Boys, Patriot Prayer and other far-right groups, said they accomplished their goal of drawing attention to black-clad anti-fascist protesters — known as antifa — who showed up to meet them. Biggs said he and the right-wing groups would keep coming back to Portland so long as antifa was around. Ahead of the demonstrations, President Trump tweeted early Saturday that "major consideration is being given to naming ANTIFA an 'ORGANIZATION of TERROR.'" It wasn't immediately clear what he meant by that since there is no mechanism for the U.S. government to declare a domestic organization a terror group. But those involved with counter-protests also declared victory. They said Biggs' groups cut short a planned five-hour rally. And they note that the counter protests not only included antifa members but representatives of community, religious, civil rights and other groups. Portland's mayor, Ted Wheeler, said at a Saturday evening news conference that anyone espousing hate or violence is not welcome in the city. He also noted that because Portland is very progressive community it is, quote, "always going to be at or near ground zero of this battle." / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: the Oregon Department of Transportation will hold an open house on Tuesday, August 20, to provide an update on the Scottsburg Bridge replacement project. The open house will held at the Scottsburg Community Center, 35066 Highway 38, and visitors can drop by anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. ODOT staff will be available to discuss the bridge and provide an update on the project plans. For those unable to attend the open house, all displays will be posted on the project website, [www.ScottsburgBridge.com](http://www.ScottsburgBridge.com) Two years ago, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 2017, which provided approximately \$42 million to replace the 90-year-old bridge. ODOT is now finishing up that design and construction of the new bridge should begin in early 2020. As part of the design process, ODOT must document the history of the bridge, the community of Scottsburg and the surrounding region. Coordinators say they already have gathered some history from the community but want to expand on that. They're encouraging those attending the session to bring any stories or photos they would like to share with ODOT's staff historians. ; I-105 Bridge Preservation Project (Eugene) update: Westbound lane restrictions into Eugene have changed and two lanes are open in the work zone beginning today (Monday, Aug. 19). Eastbound remains the same, with one lane open on the Washington Street / 7th Avenue on-ramp. Lane closures change as needed and crews are onsite day and night in the project area. Expect lane and ramp closures at night in September for paving. In a two-year project, I-105 bridges and ramps between the Delta Highway interchange and downtown Eugene are being repaired, repaved, and receiving seismic upgrades. / WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: Practice good catch-and-release techniques in late summer conditions. Wildlife and fishing experts with the Oregon department of Fish & Wildlife say when water conditions are low, clear and warm, like they are now, be sure to practice good catch-and-release techniques when releasing fish. Fish early in the day when water and air temperatures are at their coolest. Land fish quickly. Playing a fish too long reduces its chances to recover. Keep the fish in the water while landing and releasing it. If you can't remove the hook easily, cut the leader near the hook, which will eventually dissolve. Revive the fish in moving water before releasing it.

/ ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, SAFETY: The Oregon Health Authority on Wednesday lifted the recreational use health advisory issued for Odell Lake, just east of Willamette Pass off Highway 58 in Klamath County. Water monitoring confirmed that the level of cyanotoxins (harmful algae toxins) in Odell Lake are below recreational guideline values for human exposure. However, officials advise recreational visitors to be alert to signs of cyanobacterial (harmful algae) blooms, because blooms can develop and disappear on any lake through the season. Only a fraction of Oregon's lakes and streams are monitored for cyanobacterial blooms. People and especially small children and pets should avoid recreating in areas where the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, if a thick mat of blue-green algae is visible in the water, or bright green cells are suspended in the water. If you see these signs avoid activities that cause you to swallow water or inhale droplets, such as swimming or high-speed water activities. It's possible cyanotoxins can still exist in clear water. Sometimes, cyanobacteria can move into another area, making water that once looked foamy, scummy or discolored now look clear. However, when a bloom dies elsewhere in the water body, it can release toxins that may reach into the clear water. There also are species of cyanobacteria that anchor themselves at the bottom of a water body, live in the sediment, or can grow on aquatic plants and release toxins into clear water near the surface. / SAFETY, BUSINESS: Crews battled a four-alarm blaze at a wooden pallet facility in Salem early today. The Statesman Journal reports the fire was initially reported before 3 a.m. Fire officials stated that the blaze engulfed a large number of wooden pallets but crews had made good progress and had the fire spread contained as of 6 a.m. Authorities said all structures at the Oregon Pallet location and surrounding businesses were not burned in the blaze. Several units from Salem Fire Department were on scene with units from surrounding agencies. / LAW ENFORCEMENT, WOMEN: A former employee has filed a complaint against the Oregon Department of Human Services, claiming the state's social services agency mishandled her safety concerns involving a police officer who has since resigned amid criminal and internal investigations. The Register-Guard reports the woman's complaint filed in July with the Bureau of Labor and Industries claimed that created a hostile work environment that lead her to resign. The woman said the state failed to protect her from Lane County Sheriff's Office deputy Bryan Holiman after she encountered him while working for the agency. She said he made sexual comments, showed up uninvited and continued to try to contact her even after he was ordered to stop. Holiman, who resigned in March after similar complaints were discovered, couldn't be reached for comment. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION: A 5.4 magnitude earthquake struck about 260 miles off the Oregon coast. The U.S. Geological Service says the temblor happened before 7:30 a.m. Friday, west of Newport, Oregon. There is no tsunami danger, according to the National Weather Service. The quake was about 6 miles deep. ; Researchers at Oregon State University say they are paving the way toward greater safety for coastal residents and infrastructure by developing a better means of modeling the destructive force of tsunami waves. Rare but potentially devastating, tsunamis can cause huge damage to coastal infrastructure, with part of the problem tracing to unstable soil around the structures. But they say understanding the processes through which a tsunami destabilizes soil is a key to developing engineering techniques that can make

buildings, roads and bridges better able to withstand the complicated forces at work within a tsunami. Collaborators led by Ben Mason and Harry Yeh of the OSU College of Engineering used a centrifuge at UC Davis that once tested Apollo astronauts' resistance to G-forces, attaching a container apparatus filled with soil and water for a larger-scale simulation of the effects of inundation. The centrifuge technique replicates inundation physics over a large parcel of soil, close to 70 feet long, 45 feet wide and more than 30 feet deep. That's much larger than can be simulated in a traditional wave tank. They say it can mimic the tsunami process, showing how the seismic waves scour soil and erode the footings and foundations of bridges and buildings. They hope the data will help lead to improved disaster planning and better-protected structures. / HEALTH, ANIMALS, ENVIRONMENT: An epidemic of cats with hyperthyroidism may be explained by exposure to a chemical contained in flame retardants commonly found in furniture, according to an Oregon State University study. The number of cats diagnosed with hyperthyroidism in 1980 was 1 in 200. Today it's estimated that 1 in 10 cats are afflicted. For the Oregon State study, a silicone pet tag developed by Kim Anderson, an environmental chemist in the Oregon State College of Agricultural Sciences, was attached to the collars of 78 hyperthyroid and non-hyperthyroid cats. The cats wore the tags for a week and owners filled out a questionnaire. Once collected, the tags went through a process to extract the chemicals by soaking them in a solvent. The feline passive samplers – similar to a rabies tag – are produced out of the same material used in the silicone wrist bands invented in Anderson's lab for measuring exposure to environmental chemicals in humans, including after Hurricane Harvey in Houston in 2017. "The tags are porous and chemically very similar to human cells," Anderson said. "Molecules of contaminants embed themselves in the silicone in the same way they'd go into the cells in your body. The silicone is a pretty good mimic of the types of chemicals that you can absorb – what we call passive sampling." The research, led by Carolyn Poutasse (poo-TAWSS'), a doctoral student in Anderson's lab, found over 20 individual flame retardants in at least one tag. But only levels of tris(1,3-dichloro-2-isopropyl) phosphate, or TDCIPP, a flame retardant once used in children's sleepwear and discontinued for that use in the late 1970s, differed between tags worn by hyperthyroid and non-hyperthyroid cats. TDCIPP is still commonly applied to the foam in upholstered furniture, some plastics and some gel air fresheners. The research found that even in healthy cats, higher TDCIPP levels were correlated with thyroid hormone levels. "The way a cat is diagnosed with feline hyperthyroidism is by extremely elevated concentrations of thyroid hormones," Anderson said. "Seeing the correlation is suggestive of a connection between thyroid function and exposure to TDCIPP." Two cats in the same household can have different levels of TDCIPP, Poutasse said, because one cat may spend more time on furniture and the other on windowsills or other areas without flame retardant. Covering furniture to provide a barrier and reducing air freshener use may help lower a cat's TDCIPP exposure. The findings have led researchers to think about hyperthyroidism in humans. Even at the cellular level the benign tumor associated with feline hyperthyroidism is identical in cats and humans. Extrapolating from that, hyperthyroid cats could be sentinels for humans, warning of a possible link between flame retardants and human hyperthyroidism. The amount of the chemical in use in the U.S. continues to rise, Poutasse noted. In 1997, demand for TDCIPP was 450 tons and in 2006 it

was 22,700 tons. Scientists are beginning to look not only at the organophosphates in flame retardants, but also the derivatives. Anderson and Poutasse plan to continue evaluation of over 1,500 chemicals not measured in the current study. "When you look at the environment, you're immediately struck by, well, this wasn't diagnosed in the '60s and '70s and now it's 1 in 10," said Anderson. "What chemicals came on the market in that time period? One of the biggest ones is flame retardants." The study was a partnership between OSU's Food Safety and Environmental Stewardship Program, the OSU Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine, Columbia University, the Animal Endocrine Clinic and the New York Cat Hospital. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Burning Man is served with a side of playa dust that covers cars and clothing and finds its way into places where the sun doesn't shine. But experts say it doesn't appear to pose any significant health risk to those who inhale it during the annual counter-culture festival in the desert 100 miles north of Reno, according to the Reno Gazette Journal. Masks, bandannas and bedazzled respirators are wrapped around Burners' faces in an effort to keep the chalk out of their mouths and nostrils, but the fashionable flair is often futile. "Your eyelashes are covered, your clothes are covered - all the clothes you wear, they're impossible to clean again," said Wendover Brown, a frequent Burner who co-founded a fashionable protective mask company, Vogmask. "It's such a fine dust, those microscopic particles, they get into everything." Since 1990, Burning Man has been held on the Black Rock Desert playa, an ancient lake flat made of alkaline dust. As the event has grown from a few hundred to tens of thousands of attendees, the increased vehicle and foot traffic has led to more frequent dust storms. "Normally, you could see 2 miles on a clear day on the playa. During a dust storm, you can only see 2 yards," Brown said. Air quality studies have found that the air quality at Burning Man during the peak days of the event is atrocious, far exceeding national air quality standards all days during the event and during many of the days leading up to it, when staff, volunteers and artists are on-site. The most recently published air quality data was collected at Burning Man 2017, and the concentration of particulate matter — which can be anything from dust to smoke and ash — was so high that it at times maxed out the monitoring instruments, according to a 2019 environmental report by the Bureau of Land Management. During seven of nine days, the measurement of larger particulate matter exceeded 600 micrograms per cubic meter, which typically warrants a hazard notice — indicating the highest level of danger — from air quality officials. The measurement of smaller particulate matter reached hazard levels as well, exceeding 250 micrograms per cubic meter, on five days of the event. Brendan Schnieder, an air quality specialist with Washoe County, noted that Burning Man coincided with a wildfire in 2017, so levels of larger particulate matter were especially high. "If this is a typical week at Burning Man, it would be a concern ... but I think people understand that, and a lot of them stay inside" their RVs or other shelters, he said. Dr. Aleem Surani, a pulmonary medical specialist at the Northern Nevada Medical Group, said short-term exposure to playa dust is unlikely to cause any long-term health effects, even if repeated. Surani said it's hard to say with certainty that there are no effects because the research isn't there. Most research focuses on prolonged, repeated exposure over decades, generally in workplaces such as mines, construction sites and agricultural facilities. Granted, anyone attending Burning Man with pre-existing conditions,

such as asthma, should use extra caution, he said. Children and elderly people also should attend with caution. "People are going to probably have gunk in their mouth and throat, and hopefully they're drinking lots of water and taking it easy during the wind," he said. He said a doctor visit is recommended if any effects of breathing in dust persist beyond a week or two. /

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RECREATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Following a five-day closure, most trails within Lane County's Howard Buford Recreation Area at Mt. Pisgah reopen this morning. But the Eastern Trailhead, which accesses the area on the southeastern side of the park that was burned by the wildfire, will remain closed. That includes the parking area. Also, portions of two trails that run near or through the fire are also closed while crews assess the condition of the area – both for the safety of hikers, and while officials determine whether any work is needed to protect habitat in the wake of the blaze. The fire was reported just before noon on Thursday, August 15, and burned close to 50 acres within the park's Eastern Meadowlark Unit. Yesterday, investigators confirmed it started accidentally, when sparks from a mower ignited dry grasses and brush. The mower was being used to remove invasive plants. On Monday, the last remaining Oregon Department of Forestry hand crew finished its mop-up and doused any remaining hot spots. But while the fire is considered out, workers with the Oregon Department of Forestry's South Cascade District will patrol the area periodically this week to ensure there are no flare-ups. / SPORTS: Clemson tops the standings in the Associated Press' pre-season college football poll, but the Oregon Ducks are one of five Pac-12 teams that made the list. The Ducks missed the Top Ten and are ranked Number 11. Washington is Number 13, Utah Number 14, Washington State is Number 23, and Stanford is Number 25. On Saturday, August 31, the Ducks open their season against Number 16 Auburn at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The match-up will open ABC Saturday Night Football's 14th season while the matchup will also be featured on ESPN's College GameDay. Oregon was listed at Number 13 in the pre-season coaches' poll. The game airs at 4:30 p.m. (our time) on ABC. Oregon and Auburn are meeting for the first time since the Tigers edged the Ducks 22-19 in the 2010 season's BCS National Championship Game. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they are seeking an 18-year-old woman in connection with last week's case involving a vehicle that was stolen while a young child was inside. The child was recovered safely after the vehicle was located crashed southwest of Eugene. Now, police are focusing on a person of interest in the case: 18-year-old Faith Miranda Rhoads, who they believe is in the Eugene area. Know where she is? Police would like to hear from you. The incident happened last Wednesday when the owner of a silver 2015 Hyundai Sonata reported the sedan was stolen from the 500 block of Langers Lane, near Roosevelt and Danebo. The vehicle was spotted a short time later crashed on Spencer Creek Road near

Fawn Hill. The female suspect fled but the child was still in his car seat and appeared uninjured. Police said the suspect apparently hitched a ride from a passing motorist to the area near North Danebo and Royal Avenue. Call Eugene Police at 541-682-5111. / SAFETY, POLITICS: Police in Portland are earning praise from outside observers for using the city's Willamette River to keep dueling protesters apart during a weekend far-right rally and large counterdemonstration. Two of the 13 people arrested during Saturday's events made a first court appearance Monday. The rest have court dates next month to allow authorities to process evidence, including videos and photos posted on social media. Authorities said more arrests may come from Saturday's rallies as those postings are reviewed. The state's top federal prosecutor called the handling of the event a "definitive counterpoint" for those who on both sides who have criticized police after past protests for favoring one side or the other in a politically charged environment. / BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: A new report warns that Oregon and other states where recreational marijuana is legal should be cautious with how they spend cannabis revenue until the market has enough time to stabilize. The Sacramento Bee reports that the analysis is from the Pew Charitable Trust. It finds that while budget forecasters in eight states where recreational cannabis is legal have decades of data to pull from when they project revenue from alcohol and cigarette taxes, they have no more than five years of numbers from across the country on recreational marijuana sales. The report finds that it takes time for price and demand to stabilize and that will happen only when markets mature to their full capacity. Oregon state economist Josh Lehner was interviewed for the report. He said that in standard revenue forecasting models, it's helpful to have more detail about demographics, consumption, and product types. But he says Oregon and the other cannabis-legal states are not there yet. States saw spikes in revenues when they first legalized recreational marijuana. But while growth is high at the start, it can drop steeply. In Oregon, an overabundance of product led to big price cuts, lower profits for retail outlets and the potential for falling revenues for the state. The study from the Pew Charitable Trust also found that revenue can be affected by having a neighboring state where recreational marijuana also is legal, which could wind up being the case for Oregon and Washington, which have competing markets. The analysis notes that California provides a good example of how revenue should be spent. That state puts the money into a separate fund, which is not spent until the following year in order to prevent budget shortfalls. The Pew report found that cannabis revenue can be used to fill immediate budget needs and one-time projects, the money can be less reliable for ongoing spending demands. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, EDUCATION: The U.S. Geological Survey is greatly increasing funding for the northwest's seismic network, putting it on track to send public alerts of impending earthquake shaking within the next two years. The Seattle Times reports federal agency has allocated \$10.4 million to the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network for the next two years. The University of Oregon and University of Washington jointly operate the network. The additional money will help add 104 more seismic stations across the region. Managers of the monitoring network say each time they add a seismic station it improves the speed, reliability and accuracy of the ShakeAlert early warning network. A pilot version of the system already is operating and last month performed well in July, detecting the primary wave of a quake ahead of a Magnitude 4.6 temblor in Washington state. The test version of



the ShakeAlert system provided about eight seconds of warning to the downtown Seattle area. That might not sound like much, but it's enough time to trigger automated systems and give people time to recognize what's going on, stop what they're doing and get under a table. It also might allow public transit buses and trains to slow or stop, elevators to hold at the closest floor of a high-rise, and surgeons to pause a procedure. The goal is to develop the ShakeAlert system to the point where it will be able to provide early earthquake warnings directly to the public, through a smartphone app. System managers think that will happen within two years. / CRIME, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: How skilled are scammers who target businesses and governments? Officials say the Portland Public Schools almost were bilked for \$2.9 million when a fraudster posing as one of the district's construction contractors hoodwinked employees into green lighting the payment. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the swindle was discovered on Friday while the millions were still in the fraudster's bank account, but that the money should be returned to the school system's account in the next few days. In 2017, Southern Oregon University was bilked for \$1.9 million when an employee fell for an email scam. Less than one-third of that money was recovered. At the time, FBI investigators warned businesses and governments that it was relatively easy for a criminal to identify construction companies involved in building, remodeling and maintenance projects. The criminals glean information from social media and other sources to pretend they are with a legitimate firm and turn in bogus invoices tied to the scammers' checking accounts. A letter from the Portland school superintendent says the two employees who were fooled into approving the payment were put on paid administrative leave. The district's money managers will spend today in a mandatory training on fraud prevention and no one in the Portland Public Schools will be allowed to authorize payments until after they've completed the training. / BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE: A class-action lawsuit claims that an Oregon creamery association falsely advertises the source of its milk. The lawsuit was filed by the Animal Legal Defense Fund against the Tillamook County Creamery Association in western Oregon, The Statesman Journal reported Monday. The lawsuit by the California-based organization said most of the association's milk comes from Threemile Canyon Farms in Boardman rather than from cows grazing on coastal family farms. The lawsuit filed Monday in Multnomah County Circuit Court lists four Oregon consumers from various parts of the state as plaintiffs and seeks an injunction against misleading advertising, and monetary relief. The association's dairy products are "made from milk from the largest industrial dairy in the country that confines tens of thousands of cows on concrete in the desert of eastern Oregon," the complaint said. "The Tillamook County Creamery Association adamantly disagrees with the allegations made in the lawsuit and we will aggressively defend ourselves," said Tori Harms, corporate communications director. The association is owned by about 80 families, Harms said. Much of the association's milk has come from at least five dairies near Boardman, 163 miles east of Portland. The three largest dairies are owned by Threemile, which has 70,000 animals. Also known as Columbia River Dairy, Threemile has a 145-square-mile farming operation where manure from the cows is used as fertilizer, the newspaper reported. The plaintiffs purchased Tillamook products believing they were sourced from pasture-based farms in Tillamook County and were willing to pay more based on the company's advertising, the lawsuit said. / WILDLIFE, SAFETY, CRIME: A Lane County man

has pleaded guilty in connection with the killing of an endangered gray wolf. The U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Oregon says 22-year-old Colton Dick of Oakridge pleaded guilty Monday to a single count of unlawfully taking an endangered species. Although Dick did not admit to killing a gray wolf, the investigation began in October of 2016 when an adult female GPS-collared gray wolf known as "OR 28" was found dead from a gunshot wound in the Fremont-Winema National Forest near Summer Lake. According to court documents, one day earlier—on October 5 of 2016—Dick used a rifle and scope to shoot at the wolf without legal justification as the animal was walking away from him. Investigators say Dick was unable to locate the wolf. Under a deferred sentencing agreement with the government, Dick has agreed to submit to one-year of supervised release, pay restitution of \$2,500 to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, not hunt any wildlife for a period of one year and perform 100 hours of community service. If Dick complies with these conditions, he will be allowed to withdraw his guilty plea and the government will move to dismiss his charge. /

**WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT:** A new federal lawsuit seeks to establish a "protection zone" for endangered orcas in the Pacific Northwest. The Center for Biological Diversity and the Orca Relief Citizens' Alliance sued NOAA Fisheries in U.S. District Court in Seattle, saying the agency has failed to act on a petition it filed in 2016. The petition sought to bar vessels from a 10- to 12-square-mile area west San Juan Island where the orcas feed from April through September each year. Canada has already announced that no vessel traffic will be allowed from June through October in three sanctuary zones in prime orca feeding habitat. Advocates say vessel noise interferes with the echolocation the orcas use to hunt. The whales are struggling with a dearth of their preferred prey, Chinook salmon. /

**SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT:** Authorities say a man drowned after jumping off a rock cliff into Crater Lake. The National Park Service says the unidentified 27-year-old jumped at Cleetwood Cove around 4:40 p.m. Sunday and did not resurface. Crater Lake National Park spokeswoman Marsha McCabe says the cliff the man had jumped from was about 25 feet high. McCabe says the cliff known as "Jumping Rock" is a popular recreation spot and was not a prohibited area for jumping. She says officials have not yet determined exactly why the man drowned. During the summer, the surface of the lake warms up to about 60 degrees Fahrenheit, but the average temperature of the lake is around 38 degrees Fahrenheit. Swimming is only allowed in the area around Cleetwood Cove and along the shore of Wizard Island. /

**HEALTH:** Oregon health officials say 23 measles cases have been confirmed, the most reported in the state in a single year since 1991. The Oregon Health Authority announced nine new cases were reported in Clackamas and Multnomah counties since the beginning of July. Health officials say none of the nine people who recently contracted measles was vaccinated, and they have all stayed home while contagious. Officials say two of the nine cases were confirmed after the department updated its numbers Aug. 14. Health officials say most of the people diagnosed this year have been children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say more than 1,000 cases have already been confirmed in 30 states this year. Officials say measles can cause cough, fever and a whole-body rash. /

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DISCUSSED** **ECONOMY, BUSINESS:** Lane County's low unemployment rate held steady again in July at 4.3 percent. State analysts say the county's jobless numbers are one-tenth of a point lower than the numbers one year ago. Lane County's 4.3 percent unemployment rate is just a bit higher than Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 4.0 percent. Nationwide, the jobless numbers for July stand at 3.7 percent. Statewide, job growth is up 1.6 percent over 12 months ago. Across Oregon, the largest gains in July were in the construction, leisure and hospitality, wholesale trade and financial activity sectors. Analysts say there were some job losses in the educational sector because of the summer break. Other relatively small drops were in health services, professional and business services, and government employment. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Went to Scottsburg yesterday evening, where it was a very full house for the Oregon Department of Transportation's open house that offered an update on the project to replace the aging Scottsburg Bridge on Highway 38 over the Umpqua River. Two years ago, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 2017, which provided approximately \$42 million to replace the 90-year-old bridge. ODOT is now finishing up that design and construction of the new bridge should begin in early 2020. If you're coming from the valley, the new bridge would be just downstream of the old one. The span would begin just to the right of the old bridge on the Umpqua's north shore, then cross at a bit of a downstream angle to carry traffic onto a parcel of property currently owned by Douglas County on the south end. The new Scottsburg bridge will be a little longer and a bit higher. That should give it the ability to better withstand high water and occasional floods. In fact, there was a photograph on the wall of the Scottsburg Community Center where yesterday evening's open house took place. It shows the waters from the 1964 floods just a few feet below the deck of the existing bridge. ; Big thanks to all off the Oregon Department of Transportation crews and contractors who have spent the past few months aggressively cleaning up the downed trees and limbs along the Highway 38 corridor. The damage was created by those heavy snowstorms. First, crews took out the major blockages and hazards, creating makeshift log decks. Then, they salvaged and hauled away what logs they could and chipped what debris was easy to reach. Now, they're focusing on other hazards, including clearing culverts and adjacent drainages to avoid a buildup of hazardous debris during the coming winter. ; Lane County Road crews continue their construction project on a stretch of Prairie Road, northwest of Eugene. Today, watch for traffic

backups as they focus on upgrading the intersection at Prairie and Irving Roads, north of the Beltline Highway. ; The Eugene Police Traffic Safety Unit is participating in a statewide Safety Belt campaign that started on Aug. 19. The campaign is a two-week traffic enforcement program which seeks to reduce the number of motor vehicle related deaths and injuries by increasing public awareness about the use of safety restraints and proper use of child safety seats. The campaign provides federal funding for overtime that allows officers statewide to join together for two-week periods of intensive, high-visibility enforcement and safety education. Lack of or improper use of seatbelts continues to play a significant factor in the number of Oregon motor vehicle occupant deaths. The Traffic Enforcement Unit would like to remind motorists that seatbelts must be worn in the manner in which they are specifically designed in order to be in compliance with the law. Wearing a shoulder belt under your arm is against the law and can result in a citation. It's also important that motorists are familiar with current child safety seat laws. Infants are required to ride in rear-facing safety seats until they reach both two years of age AND twenty pounds. Children over one year old AND between 20 and 40 pounds must be properly secured with a forward-facing child safety seat. Children who weigh over 40 pounds must be properly secured in a booster seat until they are 8 years old OR 4'9 in height. Children who are at least 8 years old or 4'9 tall may graduate to an adult safety belt, but only if it fits them properly. Additionally, the Eugene Police Traffic Safety Unit would like to assist motorists with the proper installation of child safety seats. If you would like to receive assistance with the proper installation of your child safety seats, please call the Eugene Police Traffic Enforcement Unit at 541-682-5157 to make an appointment. ; The Lane County Sheriff's Office is using grant funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association to provide overtime patrols from mid-August through the Labor Day holiday with a focus on traffic and life safety. These patrols started August 16th and will run through September 2nd. This saturation patrol effort is in conjunction with a nation-wide effort to reduce drunk and impaired driving and reduce the number of injuries and deaths from vehicle crashes. Deputies whose overtime is funded by this grant are focusing on DUII detection and apprehension, aggressive driving, and seat belt use enforcement including the use of child safety seats. According to statistics from the Oregon Department of Transportation, close to one-quarter of all passengers injured in Oregon traffic crashes in 2017 were children ages 14 and under. Keep you infants and children safe. And remember: Oregon law requires children less than 2 years of age to be in a rear facing child seat. The Lane County Sheriff's Office reminds motorists to buckle up, drive safely and drive sober. With the passage of Oregon's marijuana laws, keep in mind that marijuana use impairs drivers, impacting their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Oregon's DUII law applies to applies not just to drivers under the influence of alcohol, but also those under the influence of marijuana. ; The Springfield Police Department will participate in a high visibility enforcement campaign this Labor Day weekend and urge the community to celebrate safely and responsibly. Police would like to remind drivers that if they are impaired by any substance, alcohol or drugs, they should not get behind the wheel of a vehicle. Driving while impaired is illegal. If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. Community members are encouraged to plan ahead and celebrate the Labor Day weekend safely. If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you

home. Party and BBQ hosts are encouraged they ensure all guests leave with a sober driver. In an effort to increase community safety the Springfield Police Department will increase DUII and distracted driving patrols through the weekend. Increases in DUII patrols are possible through grant funding made available by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Springfield Police ask that if you observe a suspected impaired driver, call 911 and monitor the car from a safe distance until police arrive. The Springfield Police Department wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend and wishes to remind drivers that sober driving is safe driving. / EVENTS, COMMUNITY: The annual "Hood-to-Coast Relay" takes place on Friday and Saturday. The walkers and runners come from across the U.S. and many other countries and take part in a scenic but grueling relay that begins at Timberline Lodge on the slopes of Mt. Hood and continues through the night and into the next morning, with a finish on the sands of the beach in Seaside. The event, which started in 1982, annually attracts more than 18,000 participants, including 12,600 runners, along with shuttle drivers and other relay team support members. The race also relies on 3,600 volunteers. This year, there's also a team of ten experienced runners who are either blind or otherwise visually impaired. Over the years, the team members have competed in Iron Man triathlons, ultramarathons, the Paralympics, and more. They will be accompanied along the 199-mile route by sighted guides. The team was organized by Vivienne Hau, a Kaiser Permanente Retina Surgeon who is also a marathon runner, along with blind Veteran Richard Hunter of Pendleton. Dr. Hau previously guided Hunter at the 2015 and 2018 Boston Marathons. Hunter is founder of United in Stride and captain of the visually impaired team. The runners' goal is to not just complete the course but to raise \$15,000 to help fund [unitedinstride.com](http://unitedinstride.com). Their message to those who are blind or visually impaired is that anyone can enjoy the freedom of running outdoors. They're also spreading the word that more sighted running guides are needed across North America. / BUSINESS, DEVELOPMENT: Deschutes County voters will decide in November of 2020 whether recreational marijuana-growing and processing operations should be allowed in their county in the future. The Bulletin in Bend reports a unanimous Monday decision by members of the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners triggered an immediate moratorium on any new applications for grow sites or processing facilities in rural, unincorporated Deschutes County until the voters cast their ballots in 15 months. The moratorium and upcoming vote will not affect existing Deschutes County cannabis businesses, nor any kind of marijuana operation in one of that county's cities. Medical marijuana operations also would not be affected. But residents have told Deschutes County leaders they are concerned the growing number of recreational marijuana growers and retailers are affecting their quality of life. If approved in November of 2020, backers of the limits say they will also curb the number of land use appeals the Deschutes County faces involving rural marijuana operations. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Authorities say it was a 27-year-old Oregon State University student who drowned after jumping off a rock cliff into the water at a popular swimming area at Crater Lake National Park. It came after Sumedh Mannar leapt from a spot known as "Jumping rock" into the lake's Cleetwood Cove on Sunday afternoon. The cliff is about 25 feet high and a popular area for visitors looking to cool off. Officials have not determined why the man drowned, but Crater Lake National Park officials note that during the summer, the surface of the lake warms to about 60 degrees,

but the average temperature of the lake just a few feet down is around 38 degrees. / **HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME:** Officials say an expanded look at homeless numbers in Oregon's largest metropolitan area offers a more comprehensive sense of the issue than traditional single-night homeless counts conducted annually across the state. Researchers from Portland State University say their study, conducted in 2017 across the Portland metropolitan area, including Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties, finds an estimated 38,000 people experienced homelessness at some point. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that's compared to a single-night "point in time" count that canvassed homeless shelters, camps and vehicles, finding a combined 5,700 people without long-term permanent housing. While the Portland State study uses those counts as a starting point, it also attempts to account for people who experience homelessness off and on. And it tallies families who double-up with friends or relatives because of economic hardship. Much of that data is drawn from public school districts' databases. The authors of the research hope the study expanded numbers will provide policymakers with a better scope of the issue as they work to address the causes and responses to homelessness. / **EDUCATION, MILITARY, VETERANS:** Governor Kate Brown this week signed into law a bill that expands tuition assistance to members of the Oregon National Guard. The law (House Bill 2817) expands higher education grants to qualified members of the Oregon Guard by permitting grants to be used for undergraduate degree programs at Oregon Health and Science University or at qualifying private post-secondary institutions. That's an expansion from the community colleges and public higher education institutions previously allowed. This benefit will be available for the 2020-2021 academic year. It comes after the initial Tuition Assistance plan for Oregon National Guard members went into effect for those attending public universities and community colleges during the 2018-19 academic year. The program requires students be in academic "Good standing" with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher at the qualifying Oregon public or private institutions at which they are enrolled. The Tuition Assistance plan covers up to 90 credit hours at a community college; or 180 credit hours at a public university, a qualifying private institution, or OHSU. / **CRIME, EDUCATION:** A former teacher in the Riddle School District in southern Douglas County has been sentenced one week in jail after stealing close to \$83,000 from her employer. The News-Review reports 47-year-old Jennifer Lynn of Medford also must make restitution, paying back the full amount over time. Lynn was a teacher in the Riddle District. But prosecutors say she fed a gambling addiction by using a district credit card set aside to purchase school supplies. She pleaded guilty to nine counts of theft in Douglas County Circuit Court. Lynn apologized in court. A judge also ordered her to serve five years' probation, stop gambling and take part in a gambling treatment program. / **ENVIRONMENT:** Even though we've had a mild summer, conifers in western Oregon are still getting hit hard by several years of drought, to the point that many are dying. Experts with the Oregon State University Extension Service say it started in 2013-2014 with Douglas fir, which began dropping more needles than normal and produced more than the usual number of cones—a sign, say the experts, of stress in Oregon's state tree. Over the next few years, there were dead branches or treetops, and sometimes entire Doug-fir started to die. Now, OSU Extension experts say stress and tree deaths are showing up in other species here on the west side of the Cascades, including

Western red cedar, Incense cedar, Grand fir and even some of the Willamette Valley's Ponderosa pine. You might not be able to do much to help trees you see in the woods or along the sides of highways. But you can help any trees on your own property that might be showing signs of drought stress. Drought-affected trees are more vulnerable to pests and diseases. Watering big trees is the best approach to helping one recover. Consider watering for at least six hours every two to four weeks this and next month. Avoid shallow watering. Instead, use a soaker hose wound around the tree at to drip line—that's where the farthest branches reach. You'll pay a bit more on your monthly water bill, but experts say it's cheaper than removing a large tree, which can cost thousands of dollars. And it reduces a potential fire and hazard on your property. Apply mulch to the drip line to maintain soil moisture. Don't crowd mulch around trunk; keep it a few inches away. Don't compact the soil around a tree's root with vehicle or livestock damage. Reduce competing vegetation. And if you're planting new trees, make sure they're a good match for the site and species that has some drought tolerance. If your tree seems to be suffering, contact a certified arborist to confirm whether drought is the cause or if there's some other problem. / AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS: A mandated wage increase for Washington state blueberry pickers may cause one fruit company to end its harvest early. The Capital Press reported Tuesday that Zirkle Fruit Company of Selah says its season may be ended prematurely by a 50% wage increase ordered by the U.S. Department of Labor. Zirkle Fruit says it is awaiting the outcome of an Aug. 29 hearing, during which a federal judge will decide whether to uphold the increase. The company says it will pay the increase for workers back to July 24 before deciding whether to complete the harvest. A company attorney says in a lawsuit filed Aug. 7 that the "unprecedented wage jump" would cause a "calamitous" increase in labor costs. /

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ENVIRONMENT: We had a little more than one-third of an inch of rain yesterday in Eugene. But that's nothing compared to the record for that date: 1.88" in 1979. ; There was a power outage earlier this (Thursday) morning in Oakridge, affecting close to 2,000 customers. The power's back on, but while things were dark there was no way to cook the food normally delivered on the Oakridge "Meals on Wheels" routes or served in the Oakridge "Cafe 60" dining rooms. So if you're an Oakridge "Meals on Wheels" recipient or an Oakridge "Cafe 60" diner, use one of your emergency meals today, instead. / ECONOMY, EDUCATION: They are the non-teaching staff at Oregon's seven public colleges, whose ranks include office workers, custodial staff and library technicians. And this week, the union bargaining team for the thousands of classified workers declared an impasse in contract negotiations. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that starts the clock on a new phase of negotiations where the union and management have until Friday to submit their final contract offers. Then there will be a 30-day cooling off period during which negotiations are scheduled to continue but the union may also give notice of a possible strike. Members of the SEIU 503 bargaining team say the universities are not offering a fair contract and cite concerns over salary, proposals related to layoffs and workplace bullying. The union is asking for a 3.5% cost of living adjustment for 2020 while the universities propose a 1.25% cost of living increase. An Oregon Public Universities spokesperson says the universities' proposal is for a 2.5% cost of living adjustment plus the step raises which total about a 12% increase overall in the next two years and would affect about 70 percent of the union members. The union is seeking to add a step at the top of the range so the 30% of employees who have reached the previous top step would also receive a step raise during the next contract period. Bargainers for the universities say any wage increases must be balanced against impacts on college tuition and fees for low- and moderate-income students. SEIU 503 members last went on strike in the mid-1990s. / COMMUNITY, EVENTS, TRANSPORTATION: Expect some street closures on 5th Avenue between High and Oak streets, and Pearl Street between 6th Avenue and the railroad tracks Friday, Saturday and Sunday as the Fifth Street Public Market holds its second-annual MarketFest. The event offer food, drink, music and art. And Lane Transit District is using the weekend festivities to kick off its new "EmGo" shuttle service for people who live, work and visit downtown Eugene. The EmGo electric vehicles hold six people—the driver and five riders. There are five vehicles in the fleet and



their top speed is 25 miles per hour. The shuttles are intended to help ease downtown parking and traffic congestion while providing shoppers. Resident sand workers with a convenient way to make a quick hop to another part of downtown. EmGo is free for users and will operate Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. With stops at more than 70 downtown locations between Charnelton and High Streets, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenues. It's a year-long pilot project by Lane Transit District, Lane Council of Governments, Lane County, and City of Eugene and is operated by RideZero. Want to give EmGo a try? There's an app for that. Go to [LTD.org/EmGo](http://LTD.org/EmGo) . That's spelled E-m-G-o, short for "Emerald Go." Or search on your mobile device's onstore for the Transloc app. / COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS, RELIGION: This summer featured some leadership changes in the local charity landscape. Susan Paiement is taking the helm of Catholic Community Services of Lane County, effective September 1. She's a familiar face, having served on the organization's board for five years and later as its development director. Paiement's also has extensive background in fundraising and development from her time with the Relief Nursery, India Partners, and most recently with Holt International Children's Services. Paiement is replacing Tom Mulhern, who in last June became Executive Director at FOOD For Lane County. Catholic Community Services' centers in Springfield and Eugene offer immediate help to individuals and families who are trying to work their way out of poverty. The charity's programs include hosting one of FOOD for Lane County's highest-volume food pantries, as well as providing assistance with housing, case management, energy assistance and clothing. / GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, VETERANS, HEALTH, ECONOMY, BUSINESS: The nation's lawmakers are back in their home districts this month during Congress' summer recess. Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio, for example, addresses a gathering of the Springfield City Club during the noon hour and will provide an update on legislation before the U.S. House. This week, DeFazio also sent letters to the Veterans' Affairs secretary and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, urging the agencies to step up their efforts to recruit and retain quality health care workers for the Roseburg VA Healthcare System. Staffing shortfalls were a major reason the Roseburg VA's Emergency Department last week converted to an Urgent Care facility. DeFazio says he's concerned because the change leaves Roseburg-area veterans with few immediate medical care options after 8 p.m. on weekdays and on weekends. DeFazio says he's hosting a town hall meeting in Roseburg on Friday focusing on health care issues. It takes place Friday from 2:00-3:00 PM at Umpqua Community College's Center Stage Theater. ; Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, meantime, is in Florence later today to address the Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit. It's one of several stops in Lane County over the next two days where he'll highlight issues ranging from rural health care and prescription drug prices, wildfires and recreation, housing, fisheries and agriculture. Wyden and fellow Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley were big backers of a 2018 law, which decriminalized hemp—marijuana's non-intoxicating cousin—and classified it as an agricultural commodity. Now, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is drafting new rules for growing and testing hemp and Wyden says the agency expects to issue regulations in the next two to four weeks. That's good news for Oregon hemp farmers and manufacturers, who want to establish consistent standards for the expanding crop. Earlier this week, Wyden addressed the Western U.S. Hemp Growers Conference and Expo in

Portland, noting how thousands of farmers across the U.S. are now growing the crop. Since 2014, experts with the Oregon Department of Agriculture estimate the state has gone from 13 registered hemp growers with 105 acres in production to 1,883 growers and roughly 62,000 acres under cultivation. While hemp fiber can be used to make paper, textiles, clothing and building materials such as "hempcrete," the current primary market is for products containing a derivative extract known as cannabidiol, or CBD. Companies are putting CBD in everything from cosmetics to beverages, touting numerous benefits. The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service is now developing a program to implement the Hemp Farming Act, which requires states and tribes as the primary regulators of hemp to comply with federal standards for testing THC levels, inspecting farms and monitoring overall production. States will submit their detailed plans for approval once the regulations are announced, going into effect for the 2020 planting season. State ag officials say Oregon already does testing and tracks production under the state's hemp pilot program. But the goal is to begin treating hemp the same as any other crop. At the same time, the industry is working to manage issues such as the potential for cross-pollination of crops, pesticide drift and odors. Courtney Moran, a hemp lobbyist and president of the Oregon Industrial Hemp Farmers Association, said the USDA rules should clarify uncertainties for hemp growers and producers around interstate commerce, banking, crop insurance and law enforcement. The Food and Drug Administration is responsible for regulating and classifying CBD products. Wyden said he was told that could take three to five more years, which he pushed back against forcefully. The government is starting to make progress implementing the Hemp Farming Act, Wyden said, but needs to move faster. "CBD products have enormous potential. And that was the whole purpose of the bill," Wyden said. "We don't want to see that potential squelched because the feds are moving too slowly." / BUSINESS: The major online pot shop directory and cannabis marketplace Weedmaps announced Wednesday that it will no longer allow black-market businesses to advertise on its site, a decision that could boost California's efforts to rein in its vast illegal market. State regulators and licensed businesses had been pressuring the company to ban unlicensed businesses. Allowing untaxed, unregulated product on the site alongside the taxed marijuana of licensed and regulated stores undercut the legal market, they said. "That is a huge win," said Ryan Kunkel, whose Have A Heart dispensary chain operates in Washington, Oregon and California. "Our biggest competitor in every jurisdiction in California is black-market Weedmaps. It's not the tax rates, it's not the regulations — it's Weedmaps' efforts to prop up unlicensed operators." Jerred Kiloh, a licensed dispensary owner in Los Angeles who heads the United Cannabis Business Association, an industry group, projected that half of California's illegal operations could dry up once they are denied access to Weedmaps ads. He credited state regulators with pressuring the company to reverse course, along with pending legislation aimed at ending the practice. "Illegal operators are going to have to go back to the underground," Kiloh said. "That's not going to give them the kind of business they had." Weedmaps, founded in 2008 and based in Irvine, is a go-to website for people looking to find a marijuana shop. With a few clicks on a cellphone, customers can find virtually any type of cannabis product, along with the fastest route to the place selling it and ratings from other consumers to help them decide what to buy. They can also order online through the site and even have their weed delivered.

In a news release, the company framed its announcement as part of a social justice imperative. The company said it would launch an initiative to support unlicensed, minority-owned marijuana businesses as they become licensed. That includes providing participants with free training in licensing and compliance regulations, professional support and coaching, and free listing on the Weedmaps app for up to one year once they obtain their license. It said that "later this year" it would begin requiring U.S. advertisers to provide a state license number on their listing, and that it would restrict the use of its point-of-sale system, online orders, delivery logistics and other services to licensed businesses exclusively. Kunkel said competition from black-market companies on Weedmaps has not been as big an issue in other states, noting that Washington, for example, has cracked down on unlicensed sellers. ; Amazon says it will double the size of its tech hub in Portland by adding 400 jobs. The Oregonian/Oregonlive reports Amazon's Portland operations date to 2015, when it paid \$296 million for Portland startup Elemental Technology. Amazon says it has added 3,500 jobs in Oregon this decade, most of them in warehouses. The company also has large data centers in Morrow County and nearby parts of eastern Oregon. Technology is the state's most vibrant industry, paying a wage of more than \$115,000. That's more than double the state average. Analysts say tech hiring slowed in 2016 and 2017, but Oregon's tech economy resumed its rapid expansion in 2018. / ECONOMY, BUSINESS, POLITICS: The City of Portland, the Portland Business Alliance, Travel Portland and more are offering deals and free parking downtown this weekend in an effort to generate some of the revenue lost during last weekend's political protests. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the Portland Business Alliance estimated yesterday that last Saturday's demonstrations cost Portland businesses an estimated \$3 million dollars in lost sales. That is, in part, because many retailers and restaurants in the downtown area Saturday opted to close ahead of the right-wing protest and counter-protest. Many residents and visitors also opted to stay home or away from Portland's downtown that day. In a "Shop. Eat. Play." promotion, Portland's downtown street parking and Smart Park garages will be free on Saturday. Portland Streetcar rides will be free all day. Biketown rentals will also be free. And Lyft, Lime, Bird and Spin are all offering deals to riders. / SPORTS: Pac-12 conference schools are interested in morning college football kickoffs. Just not this season. A Pac-12 spokesman said Wednesday that some schools are still interested in playing games that can be slotted into the noon Eastern time window by broadcast partner Fox. That would mean 9 a.m. kickoffs for the schools in the Pacific time zone and 10 a.m. for those in the Mountain time zone. But the conference official says further discussion is needed and the earliest any morning games would be scheduled would be the 2020 season. Many fans are not thrilled about such early kick-offs but Pac-12 schools are looking for ways to get more attention on the East Coast, to raise conference profiles, perhaps gain more respect in the weekly ratings and assist with recruiting. The Pac-12 has eight schools in the Pacific time zone and four on Mountain time. The Arizona schools play part of their season on the equivalent of Pacific time because most of the state does not use daylight saving time. / RECREATION, COMMUNITY, ELDERLY: Eugene Recreation's Campbell Community Center is getting an upgrade and expansion thanks to last year's passage of the Eugene Parks and Recreation Bond and Levy. And today, community members are invited to attend a groundbreaking ceremony—and an

ice cream social. The actual construction will begin in mid-September. Improvements to the building will include building updates and significantly more programming space, specifically targeting health and wellness for older adults. But today from 5:30 p.m., you can drop by the ice cream social, learn about the project and at 6:30 p.m. celebrate the project's groundbreaking. The Campbell Community Center is located at 155 High Street in Eugene. / ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS, WILDLIFE: California fishermen are reporting one of the best Chinook salmon seasons in years, thanks to the spring's heavy rain and snow that ended that state's historic drought. A marine scientist with California's fish and wildlife agency says commercial catches have so far surpassed official preseason forecasts by roughly 50%. The salmon rebound comes after three years of extremely low catches resulting from poor ocean conditions and California's five-year drought. It is a sharp reversal for Chinook salmon, also known as King salmon. The iconic fish helps sustain many Pacific Coast fishing communities. Harvests have been particularly strong off California's Central Coast but weaker along California's northern coast. The salmon rebound comes after three years of extremely low catches that resulted from poor ocean conditions and California's five-year drought, which drained the state's rivers and reservoirs. Over the past several years, regulators imposed severe fishing restrictions to protect chinook salmon, and officials declared federal fishery disasters in 2018 to assist fishing communities in California, Oregon and Washington. This year's adult salmon are the first class to benefit from record rainfall that filled California rivers and streams in early 2017, making it easier for juvenile chinook to migrate to the Pacific Ocean, where they grow into full-size fish. Chinook salmon are also being helped by improved ocean conditions that have produced an abundance of anchovies, krill and other feed. Several years ago, an El Nino event brought unusually warm water to the Pacific Coast and disrupted the marine ecosystem. Most of the chinook salmon now being caught come from the Sacramento River and its tributaries, where they spawn. Many were raised in state-run hatcheries then released into rivers to swim to the ocean. Harvests of chinook from rivers farther north have not been strong. For consumers, the bountiful harvest has driven down wild salmon prices to \$15 to \$20 per pound, compared with \$30 to \$35 per pound in recent years. Fishermen are making up for the difference by catching more fish. / HEALTH, BUSINESS: CareOregon, the largest insurer of Medicaid patients in the state, is becoming part of the multistate, multi-billion-dollar Providence Health & Services system. The Lund Report, which covers Oregon's health care sector, reports the two nonprofits made the announcement earlier this week. Portland-based CareOregon has struggled in recent years to stem financial losses. Lund Report analysts say CareOregon's operators appear to be seeking stability and economies of scale by becoming a subsidiary of the much larger Providence organization. Meanwhile, Providence—which three years ago signed a strategic alliance with PeaceHealth—will gain CareOregon's experience in running Medicaid and other insurance programs. CareOregon currently insures about 312,000 Oregonians, mostly members of the Oregon Health Plan, as well as some Medicare and tribal members. / BUSINESS: An Oregon casino plans to begin offering sports betting ahead of the state lottery agency, which does not expect to meet its goal of starting by the time professional football kicks off. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City expects to open sports betting Aug. 27. Chinook Winds sports

betting will only be available at the casino and will include NCAA wagers. The Oregon State Lottery also plans to offer sports betting games, but a spokesman says the agency will not be ready for the opening games of the NFL season. A state lottery spokesman says sports games will likely not begin until two or three weeks into the season because of technical difficulties in creating an app allowing bets from anywhere. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The largest-ever project in the U.S. to remove thousands of juniper trees to help imperiled sage grouse has started in southwestern Idaho. The Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat Project aims to remove junipers on 965 square miles of state and federal land in Idaho's Owyhee County. Officials say the multi-year project that started this spring could become a template for other western states as junipers have expanded due to fire-suppression by humans and are taking over vast sagebrush areas and forcing out sage grouse. Sage grouse survival is entirely dependent on sagebrush. Between 200,000 and 500,000 sage grouse remain, down from a peak population of about 16 million. Environmental groups fought the project contending it was being driven by grazing interests. But federal officials gave final approval earlier this year. / HEALTH, SAFETY: The number of breathing illnesses reported among people who vape is growing. Health officials are now looking into more than 150 possible cases in 16 states. Officials on Wednesday said the Food and Drug Administration has joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and states investigating reports from the last two months. All the illnesses were in teens or adults who had used an electronic cigarette or some other kind of vaping device. Doctors say the illnesses resemble an inhalation injury, with the lungs apparently reacting to a caustic substance. So far infectious diseases have been ruled out. No single vaping product or compound has been linked to all of the cases, and officials said it's not clear if there's a common cause. No deaths have been reported. / ECONOMY: The U.S. job market isn't quite as strong as originally believed — with revised figures showing that the economy had 501,000 fewer total jobs this March than initially reported. The Labor Department said Wednesday that nearly two-thirds of the downward revision came from the retail and leisure and hospitality sectors, the industries most associated with consumer spending. Retailers had 146,400 fewer jobs, while leisure and hospitality — which includes hotels and restaurants — had 175,000 fewer workers. Business services, health care, construction and manufacturing were also lower than first reported. But other sectors had their job totals upwardly revised. Employers in government, financial services, information and transportation and warehousing hired more workers than originally reported. Analysts say some of the slowdown might be natural, given the length of the expansion. But this was the sharpest downward revision in jobs totals since 2009, when the economy was just starting to emerge from the Great Recession. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Airlines expect record crowds over the week-long Labor Day period. The trade group Airlines for America forecasts 17.5 million passengers will fly on U.S. carriers between Aug. 28 and Sept. 3. That's 2.5 million passengers a day and a four percent increase over the same week last year. The busiest day is expected on Friday, Aug. 30, when the group forecasts close to three million people will board a U.S. airline. The industry group notes carriers have added seats even though Southwest, American and United have canceled thousands of flights while their Boeing 737 Max planes remain grounded. Transportation Department figures show travel demand has been

strong all year, with fares at or near record lows, after adjusting for inflation. The fare numbers, however, do not include extra fees for baggage, preferred seating and other in-flight services. / CRIME, VETERANS, ELDERS: Federal prosecutors say five people have been arrested on charges they obtained social security and other identifying information to steal millions of dollars from mostly elderly and disabled veterans. Authorities say the five face several charges including aggravated identity theft, wire fraud and conspiracy. Robert Wayne Boling Jr. is identified in an indictment unsealed Wednesday in San Antonio as the scheme's mastermind. Boling is a U.S. citizen who was arrested in the Philippines along with two others. Another suspect was arrested in Las Vegas and the fifth in San Diego. The indictment says the scheme began when one defendant, who was a civilian employee at a U.S. Army installation, stole identifying information for thousands of military service personnel that was used to access benefits and steal from bank accounts. It's not clear whether Boling has an attorney. / IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT: The Trump administration is moving to end a long-standing federal agreement that limits how long immigrant children can be kept in detention. A court fight will almost certainly follow over the government's desire to hold migrant families until their cases are decided. The current court agreement now requires the government to keep children in the least restrictive setting and to release them as quickly as possible, generally after 20 days in detention. Homeland Security officials say they are adopting their own regulations that reflect the court's "Flores agreement," which has been in effect since 1997, and there is no longer a need for court involvement, which was only meant to be temporary. But the new rules would allow the government to hold families in detention much longer than 20 days. It is the latest effort by the administration to tighten immigration, President Trump's signature issue, and is aimed at restricting the movement of asylum seekers in the country and deterring more migrants from crossing the border. The news immediately generated fresh outrage, following reports of dire conditions in detention facilities, and it is questionable whether courts will let the administration move forward with the policy. Immigrant advocates decried the move and said prolonged detention would traumatize immigrant children. Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan said Wednesday the regulations create higher standards to govern family detention facilities. The facilities will be regularly audited, and the audits made public. The regulations are expected to be formally published Friday and go into effect in 60 days absent legal challenges. They follow moves last week to broaden the definition of a "public charge" to include immigrants on public assistance, potentially denying green cards to more immigrants. There was also a recent effort to effectively end asylum altogether at the southern border. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper said Thursday that he will run for the U.S. Senate, becoming the immediate front-runner in a crowded Democratic field vying for the right to challenge Republican incumbent Cory Gardner. Hickenlooper made his announcement via a video message in which he blasted national lawmakers over soaring prescription drug prices, the failure to act on climate change and the use of public lands by developers. Democrats urged him to run against Gardner, who is widely seen as the most vulnerable Republican senator in the country. But Hickenlooper instead launched a longshot presidential campaign that collapsed before it ended in mid-August. Hickenlooper, an oil geologist turned brewpub owner who decided to run for Denver mayor in

2003 and won two gubernatorial elections, has loomed over Colorado politics for two decades. But his moderate, consensus-oriented approach might not be as good a fit in a state shifting to the left. Numerous Democrats — all younger than the 67-year-old former governor — announced their challenges to Gardner after Hickenlooper shifted his sights to the White House, and none has indicated he or she would step aside now. Some of the candidates raised almost as much campaign money as Hickenlooper did in his brief presidential bid. But national Democrats have been nervous that a messy and expensive primary would lead to a damaged challenger facing Gardner, widely acknowledged as a skilled politician and fundraiser. Though he will have to fight for the nomination, Hickenlooper is widely viewed as the front-runner because of his high name identification in the state and good standing among its Democrats. / POLITICS, HEALTH: Planned Parenthood clinics in several states are charging new fees, tapping into financial reserves, intensifying fundraising and warning of more unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases in the wake of its decision to quit a \$260 million federal family planning program in a dispute with the Trump administration over abortion. The organization is concerned about the spread of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. Planned Parenthood and several other providers withdrew from the program earlier this week rather than comply with a newly implemented rule prohibiting participating clinics from referring women for abortions. Anti-abortion activists who form a key part of President Donald Trump's base have been campaigning to "defund Planned Parenthood" because — among its varied services — it is a major abortion provider, and they viewed the grants as an indirect subsidy. About 4 million women are served nationwide by the Title X program, which makes up a much bigger portion of Planned Parenthood's patients than abortion. But the organization said it could not abide by the abortion-referral rules because it says they would make it impossible for doctors to do their jobs. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, RECREATION: The remaining trail closures at Howard Buford Recreation Area (Mt. Pisgah) have been lifted, effective immediately (Thursday, August 23). Visitors once again have access to the Eastern Trailhead and parking area, as well as the full length of trails 6 and 46. Visitors are asked to remain on the trail and keep their pets on the trail with them, especially in the burn area, in order to minimize further impacts to the burn area. /</p> <p>VETERANS, HEALTH: The Department of Veterans Affairs Roseburg VA Health Care System is sponsoring a Eugene VA Mental Health Summit on Friday, August 30. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. and runs until 3:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Association building at 1626 Willamette Street in Eugene. The "Serving Those Who Served" VA Mental Health Summit brings together local Veterans Health Administration leaders and providers, community agencies that serve veterans, non-profits, Veterans Service Organizations, veteran and community advocacy groups, veterans and their family members. The purpose is to provide education, improve collaboration and enhance networking. Interested in attending? Reserve your spot with an RSVP online. /</p> <p>HEALTH: Alarmed by reports from other states, officials with the Oregon Health Authority and local public health departments are urging doctors, nurse practitioners, physicians' assistants and other clinicians to be on alert for signs of severe respiratory illness among individuals who vape or use e-cigarettes. The state health authority has reviewed reports regarding a cluster of respiratory illnesses in 16 other states, primarily among teenagers and young adults. The patients have been hospitalized after experiencing worsening symptoms, including shortness of breath, cough, and chest pain. No deaths have been reported. The Centers for Disease Control and health agencies in the affected states have not identified a cause, but the patients all have reported e-cigarette use or vaping. There are no known cases in Oregon. But if you vape or have recently vaped and are having difficulty breathing, seek medical attention immediately. State officials say they were concerned about the health risks vaping products long before they reviewed these cases from other states. A recent report by the Oregon Health Authority details the health risks for the products including nicotine addiction, exposure to toxic chemicals known to cause cancer, and increases in blood pressure. /</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION, GROWTH, YOUTH, COMMUNITY: It's been a busy month for the Lane Transit District. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the agency launched TouchPass, an app that allows users to pay their fares using their mobile devices. Today, LTD's</p>



new six-seat EmGo electric shuttles begin their free trips around downtown, with a chance to get a look and learn more during the festival in the Market District at 5<sup>th</sup> and High Streets today through Sunday. Early next month, Lane Transit and local districts begin providing free bus passes for students enrolled in the Eugene 4J, Bethel, Springfield districts and Lane ESD. And there are some long-term planning efforts underway to adapt the system and its service to meet the needs of Lane County's growing communities and population. Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on Community Forum, we'll get updates on those topics and more as we sit down with LTD's Aurora Jackson and Mark Johnson. That's Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on New Country 93.3 or stream us at [kknu-dot-fm](http://kknu-dot-fm). / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: The Oregon Health Authority has public health advisories posted on two beaches on the Central Coast for higher-than-normal levels of bacteria in the ocean waters. They are Seal Rock State Park Beach in Seal Rock and the "D" River Beach in Lincoln City. People should avoid direct contact with the water in this area until the advisory is lifted. Higher-than-normal levels of fecal bacteria can cause diarrhea, stomach cramps, skin rashes, upper respiratory infections and other illnesses. This applies especially to children and the elderly, who may be more vulnerable to illness from waterborne bacteria. Increased pathogen and fecal bacteria levels in ocean waters can come from both shore and inland sources such as stormwater runoff, sewer overflows, failing septic systems, and animal waste from livestock, pets and wildlife. While the advisories are in effect, visitors should avoid wading in nearby creeks, pools of water on the beach or discolored water, and stay clear of water runoff flowing into the ocean. Even if there is no advisory in effect, officials recommend avoiding swimming in the ocean within 48 hours after a rainstorm. Although state officials advise against water contact, they continue to encourage other recreational activities (flying kites, picnicking, playing on the beach, walking, etc.) on this beach because they pose no health risk even during an advisory. (Note: The advisories were lifted shortly after our morning program ended.) / RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT: The National Park Service celebrates 103rd birthday on Sunday, August 25. To commemorate, all 400 national parks will open their gates to visitors free of charge. There include Oregon's Crater Lake National Park, John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Lewis & Clark National Historical Park, and Oregon Caves National Monument. / RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE: For decades, there's been a push to create more public access along North-Central Oregon's John Day River. This week, the Bureau of Land Management announced it has completed the acquisition of more than 11,000 acres from the Western Rivers Conservancy. Planners say the acquisition opens up an additional 2,000 acres of public lands previously surrounded by private land and inaccessible to the public. It also creates another access point for boaters on the John Day River, which is part of the national Wild and Scenic River System. The property also offers augmented road access for hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, mountain biking, and horseback riding. It's been a long process: In December of 2014, Western Rivers Conservancy purchased the Rattray Ranch, a more than 14-thousand acre holding which included four miles of land along Thirtymile Creek and nearly two miles along the John Day River. The conservancy transferred the first four-thousand acres of the ranch to the BLM early last year. This second transfer, aided by an \$8 million allocation from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, completes the process. The newly acquired area and its boat launch will be

managed by the BLM's Prineville District. Now, work begins on restoration of four miles of wildlife and steelhead habitat along Thirtymile creek, and conservation of 10 miles of river frontage along the John Day River. Those who coordinated the acquisitions say the Rattray Ranch lies at the heart of the John Day's best habitat for California bighorn sheep, supporting an estimated 600 to 650 head, the largest herd in Oregon. The John Day is the second longest free-flowing river in the continental United States and hosts one of the few remaining wild fish runs in the Pacific Northwest. From its headwaters to Camas Creek, the North Fork is home to endangered bull trout and summer steelhead, Chinook salmon, redband trout, and westslope cutthroat trout. Wildlife found along the river's corridor include mule deer, elk, and black bears, along with peregrine falcons and bald eagles. ; The 2019 general archery seasons open Saturday, Aug. 24. Before you head to the field this season, be sure to go to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's website at [myodfw.com](http://myodfw.com) to check out the 2019 big game hunting forecast. You'll find updates on population trends, winter survival and early season hunting tips. You may also learn more about hunting and fire danger in Oregon. It's the hunter's responsibility to know about any fire-related closures or restriction. You'll find access to the latest information here. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife does not close hunting seasons due to fire danger. However, hunters may face restrictions and reduced access to private lands during fire season. Some roads and areas on public land also could be closed due to current fires or firefighting activity. Private landowners may close their properties to ALL access or have restrictions, such as bans on camping. Whether public or private lands, some of the most common fire restrictions might be on campfires, smoking, and off-road driving. It is each hunters' responsibility to know access conditions and restrictions before heading afield. Some of the more helpful websites are those for the Oregon Department of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, as well as sites operated by owners of private timberlands. You might also consider looking up the latest wildfires updates from Inciweb, a national intergovernmental fire agency. And remember, landowners in the ODFW's Access and Habitat program have the right to close their lands during fire seasons. These landowners typically pull even their own contractors and workers (e.g. loggers) off their property when fire danger reaches a certain level. Ultimately, their first obligation is to protect their property from the damage a devastating fire could cause. Hunters: You can help encourage landowners to remain in the program by taking good care of the private property when you use it to hunt. Respect gate closures and travel restrictions. Don't litter and leave no trace. ; How far will a deer walk on her migration? Try 242 miles, one-way. And now, the folks at the University of Oregon's InfoGraphic Lab have created a visualization that shows her route on a map of the Northwest. It comes after, in 2016, University of Wyoming biologists realized they had some unusual data from a collared doe indicating she migrated from southwest Wyoming to eastern Idaho. They lost track of her in the fall of 2016 due to a GPS collar malfunction, but then found her again in the winter of 2018. She completed two migrations last year, and this spring made the same journey again. It's on a route used by about 1,000 mule deer, but most of them stop after 150 miles. The doe, known as "Deer 255," is the only deer they know of that travels so far. Biologists say she's slightly larger than average, but what makes her amazing is her knowledge of such a vast migration route, from the deserts of Wyoming, to the forests of Idaho. Scientists

suspect she learned the route from her mother, who inherited it earlier past generations of deer that optimized their migrations to exploit the resources of the landscape — and survived because of it. The cartography team at the University of Oregon InfoGraphics Lab has created a 3D visualization to show the challenges of that Deer 255 faces in her migration, and how people have acted to conserve the Red Desert to Hoback migration corridor. I posted a link to the visualization earlier this week on my TracyKGNU Facebook page. / CRIME: Six men have been indicted on charges related to a brawl between members of right- and left-wing groups outside a Portland bar on May 1 that left a woman unconscious. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office said Thursday the men all face a single count of rioting. They were all arrested within a week of each other earlier this month in the run-up to dueling demonstrations in Portland between the same left- and right-wing groups. The May 1 fight happened after dueling protests in downtown Portland to mark May Day. A judge has granted the prosecutor's request that all documents in the cases be sealed, citing ongoing investigation by police. All but one of the men also faces a lawsuit from the owner of the bar. ; A man was arrested after the Marion County Sheriff says he witnessed the man make an obscene gesture toward a table of people outside a Salem coffee shop. The Statesman-Journal reports Sheriff Joe Kast was at IKE Box Tuesday when he saw part of the incident between a man riding his bicycle on the sidewalk and three people at a table. Documents say the victim told authorities the suspect used a derogatory term that targeted his Latino background and spit on the back of his shirt. A witness told police the suspect talked about Sweden and sovereign nations. Joshua Anderson-Justis faces intimidation and harassment charges. Officers tried to interview Anderson-Justis, but he told police he wouldn't speak to them without an attorney, although he denied riding through the area. Anderson-Justis is being held on \$20,000 bail. ; A 24-year-old Newberg man pleaded guilty Thursday in connection with a series of threatening emails aimed at several people at a small California college. Vasiliy Barbiyeru will be sentenced in November on one count of transmitting a threatening interstate communication. According to court documents, on October 7, 2017, Barbiyeru sent a threatening email to several individuals and groups at Deep Springs College in Big Pine, California where he had been denied admission. Barbiyeru had previously sent threatening emails to the college's president and other associated persons. On March 1, 2019, Barbiyeru was charged with first degree disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor, in Clackamas County Circuit Court after making similar threats of violence to Lake Oswego High School. Barbiyeru was arrested a short time later by the Lake Oswego Police Department. His state charges are still pending. Barbiyeru faces a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release. He will be sentenced on November 18, 2019 before U.S. District Court Chief Judge Michael W. Mosman. This case was investigated by the FBI and the Newberg and McMinnville Police Departments and is being prosecuted by Hannah Horsley, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon. ; U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams announced today that Karanjit Singh Khatkar, 23, and Jagroop Singh Khatkar, 24, of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, have been charged with wire fraud, money laundering and aggravated identity theft for a scheme to steal bitcoin from an Oregon resident. Together, Karanjit and Jagroop Khatkar face one count each of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering, five counts of wire fraud, three counts

of aggravated identity theft and multiple counts of money laundering. According to the indictment, beginning in October 2017 and continuing until August 2018, the defendants used a Twitter account with the name @HitBTCassist to trick victims into thinking they were communicating with a customer service representative from HitBTC, a Hong Kong-based online platform used to exchange virtual currency. HitBTC provides its customers with web-based "wallets" to store virtual currency and make transactions. Using the fraudulent Twitter account, the defendants responded to the Oregon victim's questions about withdrawing virtual currency from her HitBTC account. The defendants convinced the victim to send information they could use to log on and take over her email, HitBTC and Kraken accounts. Kraken is a U.S.-based online platform that offers services similar to HitBTC. The defendants initiated transfers of 23.2 bitcoins from the victim's HitBTC account to Karanjit Khatkar's Kraken account. Karanjit Khatkar in turn transferred approximately 11.6 in stolen bitcoins to Jagroop Khatkar's Kraken account. The stolen bitcoins have an estimated present value of approximately \$233,220. On July 18, 2019, Karanjit Khatkar was arrested upon arrival at the McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada. The following week, a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Las Vegas ordered Karanjit Khatkar detained pending transport by the U.S. Marshals to the District of Oregon. Karanjit Khatkar made his first appearance in the District of Oregon on August 12, 2019. At a hearing on August 20, 2019, he was ordered detained pending a four-day trial scheduled to begin on October 8, 2019 before U.S. District Court Judge Michael H. Simon. Jagroop Singh Khatkar remains at large and is believed to be in Canada. This case was investigated by FBI and is being prosecuted by Quinn P. Harrington, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon. An indictment is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. / SAFETY: Southeast of Portland in the city of Estacada, firefighters rescued a person who fell into a septic tank and was stuck there for days. A Facebook post by the Estacada Rural Fire District indicates crews responded Tuesday to a report of the person who had apparently fallen into the tank while working on it. While fire officials say the person had been in the tank for multiple days, they don't reveal the person's name, age or condition. A technical rescue team and a Clackamas Fire crew helped Estacada crews remove the person from the septic tank and they were flown to a hospital. Their injuries and condition are unknown. / EVENTS, COMMUNITY: Brett Young and Dustin Lynch are two of the headliners this month as the Oregon State Fair begins its 2019 run. Lynch opens the entertainment tonight at the state fair's amphitheater. Young performs on Wednesday, August 28. On Labor Day, country rock bands Pure Prairie League, Poco and Firefall share the stage. And good luck to our local exhibitors headed to Salem to show their livestock, crafts, food, beverages and more! / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Do you travel Highway 126 between Eugene and Florence? Expect up to 20-minute delays on Oregon Highway 126 west of Walton. The final portion of construction of a westbound passing lane is underway with the installation of a culvert and paving. Flaggers and a pilot car are currently directing traffic through the mile-long work zone between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Next week, August 26 – 29, flagging will be 24-hours a day. The project is part of a major safety upgrade on a stretch of Highway 126 that has seen more fatal and serious crashes than the statewide average for similar roadways. By constructing a westbound passing lane and adding

centerline and shoulder rumble strips, highway engineers say the safety enhancements should reduce the number of crashes and improve overall safety. The \$5 million project is scheduled to be completed by the end of September. ; The Northwest Art & Air Festival runs Friday, August 23, through Sunday, August 25, in Albany. If you're driving Interstate Five, don't be surprised—or too distracted—if you see hot-air balloons launching at 6:45 each morning from Albany's Timber-Linn Park. There is also a Friday night "balloon glow" at dusk. The balloons remain tethered to the ground, but the pilots hit the flames for a brief period to illuminate their balloon envelopes in a series of patterns. All hot-air balloon events are weather-dependent. But there are plenty of other activities during the three days, including the art festival, music, food booths, a microbrew beer garden, a family zone, car show and more. /

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**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** The National Weather Service in Portland has issued a Red Flag Warning for dry afternoon winds and low relative humidity in the Willamette Valley, which is in effect from 1 p.m. this afternoon to 8 p.m. this evening. A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions can contribute to extreme fire behavior. Use extra caution with potential ignition sources, especially in grassy areas. In areas where it might be allowed, outdoor burning is not recommended. This afternoon's forecast calls for high temperatures of close to 90 degrees with humidity dropping to 20-25 percent and afternoon winds gusting to 25 mph. ; The National Weather Service in Portland also has issued a Heat Advisory, which is in effect from 11 AM Tuesday to 8 PM Wednesday. Afternoon high temperatures of 93 to 99 degrees are expected Tuesday, with slightly less hot conditions on Wednesday. Temperatures will be very slow to cool, with overnight low temperatures only reaching the lower 60s for a few hours very early Wednesday morning before starting to warm up again. The warmest temperatures are expected Tuesday between 3 and 7 PM. Temperatures will be very slow to cool Tuesday night before starting to warm back up Wednesday. Hot temperatures and limited relief overnight will increase the chance for heat related illnesses, especially for those who are sensitive to heat. People most vulnerable include those who spend a lot of time outdoors, those without air conditioning, those without adequate hydration, young children, and the elderly. Hot temperatures will create a situation in which heat-related illnesses are possible. Drink plenty of water, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sunshine, and check up on relatives and neighbors. Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear light weight and loose-fitting clothing when possible and drink plenty of water. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air-conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency, call 911. / **ECONOMY, BUSINESS:** Grocery store workers in Oregon and Southwest Washington have voted to authorize a strike if their union fails to reach agreement with negotiators representing stores including Fred Meyer, Safeway and Albertsons. The Oregonian and OregonLive report members of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 voted on Saturday night to authorize a strike.

That does not mean a walkout is inevitable, but it does give union bargainers the power to start the countdown to a possible walkout. The two sides have been negotiating since June of 2018. The next bargaining session is set for Thursday in Portland. / SAFETY: Eugene Police are investigating after a body was found in an alley behind some businesses on the 1200 block of Willamette Street. The report came in around 6:30 this morning. No other details are being released at this time. But investigators are asking that if you have information or observed anything suspicious in the early morning hours in the area bounded by 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenues and Willamette to Oak Streets, to please contact Eugene Police at 541-682-5111. Meantime, Eugene-Springfield Fire and EMS responded to an early-morning fire in the alley behind 1230 Ferry Street after a dumpster fire spread and damaged the back wall of an apartment building. It was reported shortly before 2:30 this morning. Crews evacuated the apartment building's residents. No reported injuries. The American Red Cross assisted four people. / CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT: Deputies shot and killed a man they said came at him with a knife in Cottage Grove. The Lane County Sheriff's Office said it received a report of a dispute between a male and a female but that deputies were unable to locate them. They returned around 1 a.m. Saturday, located the female and learned that the male was in an outbuilding. The sheriff's office says deputies called on a loudspeaker for him to come out and that after several minutes he approached deputies with a large knife. The sheriff's office says they shot him, then performed CPR until medics arrived. They pronounced him dead. The shooting is being investigated by the Interagency Deadly Force Investigation Team, comprised of law enforcement officers from several agencies. ; Facing a total of \$20 million in two lawsuits, TriMet and the Portland Police Bureau say in court filings that they aren't at fault for the May 2017 MAX train stabbings that left two men dead. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the agencies claim in filings this week that the man charged in the killings, Jeremy Christian, is responsible. The agencies are asking a civil jury to blame Christian. The families of MAX train stabbing victims Taliesin Namkai-Meche and Ricky Best filed the suits in May 2019. The lawsuits say TriMet and police had two opportunities to intervene to prevent the deaths of Namkai-Meche and Best in the 24 hours before Christian is accused of attacking them. Christian is accused of spewing hate speech at black teens on the train, and then stabbing three men who intervened on May 26, 2017. He has pleaded not guilty. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Authorities in Oregon say a male hiker died after falling 100 feet at Smith Rock State Park. KOIN-TV reports the male fell while making his way down a climbers' path toward the northeast Lower Gorge Saturday. The Deschutes County Sheriff's office says hiker was pronounced dead at the scene. / WILDLIFE, SAFETY: Lewis & Clark College officials say there have been numerous cougar sightings on or near the Portland school. KOIN-TV reports a notice went out to the campus community alerting people of the sightings at the private college. According to the notice, there was a possible sighting at the undergraduate campus. A sign posted near the college also warns of the sightings. Surveillance cameras captured a cougar walking in the Dunthorpe neighborhood last month near the campus. /

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The fire started in overgrown blackberry bushes and trees on the site of an old driving range and eventually charred about four acres. The cause is being investigated. / SAFETY: Eugene Police are continuing to investigate the death of a person in a sleeping bag who authorities say was run over in an alley off the 1200 block of Willamette Street. The death is being called a "hit and run." Police used surveillance footage from nearby businesses to locate the involved vehicle and driver. Investigators told reporters they suspect the early-morning death in the dimly lit alley was accidental. Police have not released the name of the person who died nor the involved driver. The body was spotted around 6:30 yesterday morning. Investigators say if you were in the area bounded by 11th and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenues, Willamette and Oak Streets, during the early morning hours Monday and have information regarding the incident, Eugene Police would like to hear from you at 541-682-5111. / CRIME: Eugene-Springfield Fire and EMS responded yesterday to an early-morning fire in the alley behind 1230 Ferry Street after a dumpster fire spread and damaged the back wall of an apartment building. They believe it was deliberately set. As the arson investigation continues, officials would like to hear from you if you know anything about the incident or a suspect. Contact Eugene Police at 541-682-5111. The blaze was reported shortly before 2:30 Monday morning. Crews evacuated the apartment building's residents. There were no reported injuries. Heavy smoke and water damage affected two apartments on separate levels. The American Red Cross assisted four people. ; Investigators have released the name of the 34-year-old Cottage Grove man that sheriff's deputies say they fatally shot on Saturday after he advanced on them with a knife. Sheriff's officials say it came after a report of a dispute late Friday night and into early Saturday morning on the 37000 block of Row River Road between a male and a female. Deputies initially were unable to locate them but during a second round of calls located the woman and learned the man was in a nearby outbuilding. Sheriff's deputies said they used a loudspeaker to hail the suspect, identified as Larry Leonard Lowry, Junior, and urge him to come out. But when he did, they say he advanced on them carrying a large, fixed-blade knife. Investigators say deputies shot Lowry and performed CPR until medics arrived. He was pronounced dead a short time later. The Interagency Deadly Force Investigation Team is reviewing the case. ; Federal prosecutors have charged an Oregon man in what they call a murder-for-hire plot that targeted an associate who owed him \$75,000 for unpaid marijuana trafficking services. The U.S. Attorney for Oregon said Monday that 68-year-old John Tobe Larson, of Josephine County was illegally selling Oregon marijuana around the U.S. using a private plane and smuggling cash back into the state. Court papers say authorities began investigating Larson based on a tip from an Oregon State Police informant who said Larson was engaged in "bulk-cash smuggling" Oregon marijuana out-of-state. Documents allege Larson offered \$20,000 to kill the associate and dump his body at sea and then made a down payment using proceeds from a smuggling trip to Missouri. Larson's attorney, Clayton Lance, did not immediately return a call Monday. / IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT, YOUTH: Oregon, along with 18 other states and the District of Columbia, filed suit on Monday over the Trump administration's effort to alter a federal agreement that limits how long immigrant children can be kept in detention. The lawsuit is led by the states of California and Massachusetts. It focuses on a 1997 agreement known as the Flores settlement says immigrant children must be kept in the least

restrictive setting and generally shouldn't spend more than 20 days in detention. But officials with the Department of Homeland Security said last week they would create new regulations on how migrant children are treated. The Trump administration wants to remove court oversight and allow families in detention longer than 20 days. About 475,000 families have crossed the border so far this budget year, nearly three times the previous full-year record for families. A judge must approve the Trump administration's proposed changes in order to end the agreement, and a legal battle is expected from the case's original lawyers. Other states joining the lawsuit are Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, GROWTH: A fire official says a wildfire risk map being created by Deschutes County, the home of Bend, Oregon, underestimates fire danger because it doesn't take into account the danger when homes catch fire in densely built suburbs. The Bulletin reported Monday that Bend Deputy Fire Chief Bob Madden raised his concerns at a recent meeting about the risk map, which will be used to create building codes in wildfire-prone parts of Deschutes County. The regulations were adopted by the state in January and prohibit things such as flammable roofs and require features like fire-resistant siding and ventilation covers. Madden says the science the maps are based on is outdated because it doesn't take into account how unpredictable fire can be once it begins burning homes in dense neighborhoods. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, WILDLIFE: Traveling to Central Oregon over Labor Day Weekend? If you're on Highway 97 north of Gilchrist, you'll pass through the work zone where Oregon Department of Transportation crews and contractors are building new passing lanes to enhance safety for drivers and a new wildlife undercrossing to protect migrating mule deer, elk and other species. Get updates and view a quick video about the project here <https://www.oregondot.org/new-undercrossing-on-u-s-97-now-under-construction/> and learn more here <https://www.myowf.org/gilchristcrossing> And a big "thank you" to the Oregon Hunters Association, the Oregon Wildlife Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and others who provided close to \$500,000 to help make the project a success. / YOUTH, TRANSPORTATION: Great news for students and their families: Beginning Sunday, Sept. 1, all kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) students can ride an LTD bus for free by simply showing the bus operator their school identification card or telling the operator that they are a student. To introduce the pass to students and families, there's also a special promotion during the month of September: Parents or guardians of students in K-12 may also ride an LTD bus with their student during the entire month of September for free. Lane Transit officials say the student transit pass allows K-12 students to ride anywhere on the entire LTD transit system, whether to and from school, to after-school activities, even to after-school and weekend jobs. See where students can travel at [www.ltd.org](http://www.ltd.org) The pass is good for riding all Lane Transit buses but not for riding the Rhody Express in Florence and the Diamond Express to Oakridge, which are not part of the Student Transit Pass program. A student transit pass also can make it easier for families to get around town by reducing their transportation costs and the demands on parents to transport their children to school and activities. Backers of the project hope it also encourages young people to become familiar with local transit and make it a healthy, life-long habit.

Additional information about the student transit pass with the TouchPass tap card and mobile app will be available later this fall. Free student transit fares are made available through a grant to LTD from the state of Oregon's Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund that was created by state lawmakers in 2017. / YOUTH, SAFETY, RECREATION: It's a three-part effort: Keep kids and teens safe when they swim or play on the water; help youngsters enjoy local park playgrounds; and ensure more youngsters from lower-income families are able to enjoy all Lane County summers have to offer. Officials with Willamalane Park and Recreation District and International Paper this week announced a \$50,000 grant from International Paper. The three-year grant will focus, in part, on water safety by purchasing lifejackets and placing them in storage containers at a number of popular Willamalane parks. The money will also support the Willamalane Summer Playground Program. And the grant will underwrite scholarships for the popular "1PASS" summer program for youth from lower-income families. Representatives from International Paper – Springfield Mill, including Communications Specialist Michelle Winetrout, along with Willamalane Superintendent Michael Wargo will be on hand for an event at Splash! at Lively Park on Wednesday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m. to detail the gift and its importance for hundreds of area children. / SAFETY: The Oregon State University Extension Service's food preservation and safety hotline remains open this summer to answer your questions about food safety, storage and preservation. The hotline is toll-free and may be reached by dialing 1-800-354-7319. The hotline is staffed by certified Master Food Preservers in both Lane and Douglas Counties who answer the phone Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through October 18th. If you are going to preserve foods and have never done it before or have questions about recipes and methods, the OSU Extension Service hotline can provide information to help you create a quality, safe product. The statewide hotline has operated for close to two decades and every year helps answer food preservation and safety questions for thousands of people. Learn more about food safety and other topics, as well as classes and publications offered by the OSU/Lane County Extension Food Preservation program at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mfp> / HEALTH, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT: The Justice Department is moving forward to expand the number of marijuana growers for federally-authorized cannabis research. The acting administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration says the move would give researchers a wider variety of cannabis to study. He adds that the DEA supports additional marijuana research. Researchers at federally-funded entities have faced legal barriers in recent years because marijuana remains illegal under federal law, even as a growing number of states have legalized medical and so-called recreational marijuana. The handful of strains authorized for use by the government are grown at a federally managed research farm in Mississippi and were developed decades ago. They bear little resemblance to today's high-potency, genetically engineered strains. DEA officials say the number of people registered to conduct research with marijuana and extracts has jumped more than 40 percent in the last two years. The agency is also planning to propose new regulations to govern the marijuana growers' program. / HEALTH, VETERANS, MILITARY: It's already the policy at many of America's hospitals, clinics and other health care facilities. Not only do they ban smoking inside their facilities—but across their outdoor grounds. Now, the Roseburg VA Health Care System—operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs—is updating its smoking

rules. Beginning October 1, smoking will no longer be permitted on any of the Roseburg VA Health Care System campuses and properties. This includes the grounds of the Eugene VA clinic. The policy will affect VA employees, patients, visitors, contractors, volunteers, and vendors. VA managers strongly encourage patrons to leave all smoking materials at home—something you might want to begin practicing now, ahead of when the added restrictions go into effect in a little more than one month. To reduce the risk of ignition near oxygen or other flammable gases used in our facility, some areas may require materials to be stored during your visit. The policy covers all smoking materials, such as Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes and any other combustion of tobacco; as well as electronic nicotine delivery systems such as electronic or e-cigarettes, vape pens, and e-cigars. Roseburg VA Health Care System officials also remind patrons and staff that they offer smoking cessation treatment services. Learn more from your VA Primary Care Team. / HEALTH: The United Network for Organ Sharing has approved Oregon Health & Science University's new primary physician for heart transplants, allowing the Portland hospital to resume its heart transplant program. The hospital said in a news release the decision by the network to approve the physician was unanimous and effective as of Monday. OHSU suspended the program last summer after four cardiologists left the team. The hospital says it has hired three advanced heart specialists so far. OHSU President Danny Jacobs said in the news release that the hospital is pleased to resume the full spectrum of care for Oregonians with advanced heart failure. /

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hydrogen balloons that Japan launched to drift across the Pacific. The interpretive panel on Main Street in Pendleton describes the unit known as the Triple Nickles and their work. The marker also acknowledges the discrimination that the 300 or so black soldiers experienced in Pendleton at the time. / HEALTH: U.S. health officials are again urging people to stop vaping until they figure out why some are coming down with serious breathing illnesses. Officials on Friday said they had identified 450 possible illnesses in 33 states and at least three deaths, including one in Oregon. Health officials say no single vaping device, liquid or ingredient has been tied to all the illnesses. Many of the sickened — but not all — were people who had been vaping THC, the chemical that gives marijuana its high. A week ago, U.S. officials pegged the number at 215 possible cases in 25 states. Health officials have only been counting certain lung illnesses in which the person had vaped within three months. Most are teens. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: Congress returns from its summer recess this evening and members face issues ranging from government spending and trade policy, to gun control and an expanded border wall. Congress faces a Sept. 30 deadline on government funding. The new fiscal year begins on Oct. 1. House Democrats say they are prepared to pass a stopgap spending measure that would likely keep the government funded until Nov. 22 or Dec. 6. But the Trump administration wants to include more funding for the southern border wall in the stopgap spending bill—a move that Democrats say is unacceptable. Though Congress has relied on short-term funding extensions frequently in recent years, some Republicans are hesitant to fund the military on a temporary basis. Members also are expected to debate President Trump's decision to finance construction of a wall at the southern U.S. border by redirecting funds from military construction projects. Also on the agenda: talk of the president's trade war with China, which escalated on Sept. 1 with the rollout of a 15% tariff on about \$270 billion of consumer goods from China. The tariffs could be passed through to shoppers, becoming a political issue, but also appeal to American workers who have lost their jobs to overseas rivals. The U.S. plans to raise tariffs on mostly non-consumer items to 30% on Oct. 1 from 25%. And members are fighting over a legislative response to last month's shootings in Texas and Ohio. Democrats want new ownership restrictions. The House Judiciary Committee votes this coming week on a trio of bills to tighten them and to criminalize the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines. But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said last week he wouldn't bring gun legislation to the floor unless it was supported by Trump and would pass. Meanwhile, Trump is campaigning for re-election next year on a tough stance on immigration, setting up new conflicts with Democrats, with the wall only one of many areas in which he is making it harder for immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees to live in the U.S. Congress also faces a Sept. 30 deadline to extend the nation's flood-insurance program and to authorize the Export-Import Bank, which facilitates export deals between U.S. manufacturers and overseas buyers. The House and the Senate also must iron out differences between alternative versions of a defense-authorization bill—another potential vehicle for controversial measures. McConnell has his own agenda: to confirm more conservative-leaning judges. For their part, House Democrats aim to continue their aggressive oversight of Mr. Trump, his family and his administration. A key moment will come on Sept. 17, when at least four current and former Trump administration officials, including former staff secretary Rob

Porter and acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan, have been asked to testify before the House Judiciary Committee. It isn't clear whether they will appear, although Trump officials have made a practice of avoiding the requests, even when subpoenaed. / BUSINESS: Officials with shipping giant UPS they expect to hire close to 100,000 seasonal workers and pay them more to handle the avalanche of packages shipped between Thanksgiving and Christmas. That's about the same number of people that UPS hired for last year's holiday season, despite a forecasted increase in parcels. The company is counting on automation to help keep up with the constant growth in online shopping. The volume of packages running through the UPS network roughly doubles during the holidays, compared with the rest of the year, and forecasting the right number of seasonal workers — and when to bring them on the job — can be critical. Analysts say with a national unemployment rate of just 3.7 percent, the tight job market will make it harder — and likely more expensive — for those companies to fill seasonal jobs. One analyst says UPS paid an average of \$10.10 per hour for seasonal workers last year. This year, under a new labor contract, pay rates in some tight labor markets will range from \$14 an hour for entry-level workers, with truck drivers earning up to \$30 an hour. Last year, UPS held job fairs at 170 locations around the country on a single day in October to recruit for seasonal workers including package handlers and drivers. The company is considering similar events this fall. Two years ago, UPS underestimated a surge in early shopping right around Thanksgiving, and many shipments were delayed. UPS wound up spending an extra \$125 million to catch up and reduce delays. Delivery rival FedEx and major retailers are expected to lay out their seasonal hiring plans in the next few weeks. FedEx hired about 50,000 seasonal workers last year. Big retailers including Amazon, Target and Walmart also looked for tens of thousands of extra workers during the holidays. ; Amazon is going on a hiring spree, separate from its holiday staffing-up. The online shopping giant is planning job fairs across the country next week, aiming to hire more than 30,000 people by early next year. Amazon is looking to fill a range of jobs, from software engineers, who can earn more than \$100,000 a year, to warehouse staff paid at least \$15 an hour to pack and ship online orders. All of the positions are full-time and come with benefits. Analysts say such job fairs might be a necessity for Amazon. With unemployment near a 50-year low, they say prospective workers have more options and employers need to work harder to fill empty positions. Earlier this summer, Amazon announced a program to get more of its employees into tech roles, pledging to retrain 100,000 workers with new skills. The hiring events, dubbed "Amazon Career Day" will take place Sept. 17 in six locations where it thinks it can find the strongest talent: It's hometown of Seattle; Nashville, Tennessee; Boston; Chicago; Dallas, Texas; and Arlington, Virginia — where it's building a second headquarters. Company officials say this is the highest number of job openings it's had at one time and shows how fast the company is growing. Amazon already has more than 650,000 employees worldwide, making it the second-biggest U.S.-based private employer behind Walmart Inc. That number will likely rise: Amazon's second headquarters in Arlington is expected to employ 25,000 people in the next 12 years. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>SPORTS, BUSINESS., EDUCATION: Four consecutive U.S. Olympic Trials, the 2016 World Indoor Championships, and the 2014 World Junior Championships. Numerous NCAA titles and the rebuilding of Hayward Field. Those are just a few of the accomplishments of 66-year-old Vince Lananna, the longtime University of Oregon track and field and cross-country administrator. And now, he's taking his expertise to Virginia. Lananna has resigned as the U-of-O associate athletic director to take the top coaching job Virginia's track and field and cross-country squads. Lananna had that job for seven years at Oregon before moving into athletic administration, helping to lure national and international meets to Eugene. Why leave Oregon? In remarks following at yesterday's news conference in Charlottesville, Virginia, Lananna said he realized he still had the itch to coach and missed his daily interactions with athletes. Lananna led the successful bid that landed the 2021 World Outdoor Championships for Eugene, although Lananna and the bid since have come under scrutiny by the U.S. Department of Justice as part of a global investigation. Lananna, who joined the Duck staff in 2005, is a 2012 inductee in the national Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches' Hall of Fame. Before coming to Oregon, Lananna spent 12 seasons at Stanford, where he won four NCAA cross country championships and the 2000 NCAA men's outdoor title. / BUSINESS, HEALTH: Close to 400 workers at Springfield's McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center have approved a new union contract. It averts a planned three-day walkout that was set to begin today. The new, two-year pact covers personnel ranging from nursing assistants and service coordinators, dietary workers and housekeepers. Union officials with SEIU Local 49 say the contract provides a big financial boost to those struggling with chronically low wages and brings them in line with pay rates for similar jobs at nearby PeaceHealth medical centers. / HEALTH, SAFETY: They are known as "little cigars" and "cigarillos." They are popular with young people because they come in fruit flavors such as "Tropical Fusion" and "Boozy Mango." That popularity is apparently triggering something else: Increased illegal sales of the little cigars to underage smokers. A new report from the Oregon Health Authority finds the number of illegal sales of the products by retailers to people younger than age 21 increased from 13 to 28 percent last year. State analysts called that an alarming change. Public Health experts say they know the products appeal to young people because they have a sweet flavor and are sold for pocket change. Given that more than one in four retailers sold little cigars illegally last year, they</p>



say it's clear they also are extremely easy for young people to get ahold of. Experts with the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon State Police say one of the challenges in the inspection process is that only a few counties require retailers have a license to sell tobacco — and there's no state-issued license. Officials say that means it is extremely difficult to enforce the minimum legal sales age by holding retailers accountable for illegal sales. They say a tobacco retail license would make it possible to track who is selling tobacco, educate retailers on how to comply with the law and have meaningful penalties for repeat offenders. If there is a bright spot in the new report, analysts say it's that illegal sales of other tobacco products to underage buyers dropped from 18 percent to 16 percent in the past year. The Oregon Health Authority conducts retail inspections in collaboration with Oregon State Police. In 2019 the state inspected 1,100 retailers out of about 3,200 retailers who sell tobacco and e-cigarette products statewide. If a retailer violates the law, a citation is issued to the store's clerk, manager on duty or owner. The annual inspection results report shows which stores passed inspection and which sold illegally to people younger than 21. / BUSINESS, SAFETY: Good news for Oregon employers: Under a new proposal, state workers' compensation insurance costs are dropping again next year. It will be the seventh straight year that businesses will experience an average decrease in their workers' comp costs. Officials with the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services say employers will pay an average \$1.02 per \$100 of payroll for workers' compensation insurance, down about nine cents per \$100 dollars of payroll, on average. The rate proposal covers workers' compensation claims costs, assessments, and insurer profit and expenses. Meantime, officials say the "pure premium rate" — the base rate insurers use to determine how much employers must pay for medical claims and lost wages — will drop by an average 8.4 percent, under the proposal. State officials say as a result, the pure premium — filed by a national rate-setting organization and approved by the Department of Consumer and Business Services — will have declined by 45 percent between 2013 to 2020 period. Officials say Oregon has done a good job managing its workers' compensation system, enforcing on-the-job safety rules, and identifying hazards that need correction. State experts say employers, as a whole, are doing a good job of keeping medical costs under control and helping injured workers return to work sooner to earn their pre-injury wages. Oregon's workers' compensation premium rates have ranked low nationally for many years. Oregon had the sixth least expensive rates in 2018, according to a nationally recognized biennial study. / TRANSPORTATION, BUSINESS: A critical shipping lock at the Columbia River's Bonneville Dam has shut down for repairs. The result: Barges that shuttle millions of tons of wheat, wood and other inland goods to the Pacific Ocean for transport to Asia cannot move past the lock by boat. It comes after a crack was discovered in the Bonneville Dam lock's concrete sill late last week. It's not clear when repairs will be complete. The timing is bad for farmers: The closure comes during wheat harvest and can be economically devastating for those with contracts to ship their grain to Asia if it drags on. The Bonneville Dam is the first in a series of eight dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, which together make up a liquid highway for goods flowing into and out of the region to nations along the Pacific Rim. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A 24-year-old Grants Pass man is dead and a 20-year-old woman injured after officials say they became lost at night in the Umpqua National Forest near Tokatee and fell from a

70-foot cliff. Douglas County Sheriff's deputies and outdoor rescue crews responded to a 911 call Sunday near the Umpqua Hot Springs about 60 miles east of Roseburg. They say the woman was hospitalized with serious injuries and that neither hiker had equipment for wilderness night travel. / SAFETY: One person died, a second was taken to the hospital after a single-vehicle lunch-hour crash on Coburg Road near Powerline Road yesterday. Not a lot of details available. But Lane County Sheriff's investigators say the vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree. The crash closed the roadway for several hours. / GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: Oregon's first public records advocate has announced her resignation, saying Gov. Kate Brown's office abused its authority, contrary to the transparency and accountability mission that she was hired to advance. Ginger McCall said in her Monday resignation letter that when she accepted the governor's appointment in January 2018, it was with the understanding that the Office of the Public Records Advocate was to operate independently and with a mandate to serve the public interest. Instead, McCall says Brown's top lawyer, Misha Isaak, pressured her to represent the governor's interests, while not telling anyone that she was doing so. McCall said she believes these actions constitute an abuse of authority. She is leaving on Oct. 11. Governor Brown released a statement calling the allegations a surprise and says had McCall contacted her sooner Brown and Isaak would have worked to avoid the resignation. Brown says she agrees that the Public Records Advocate should be truly independent and that there should be no perceived conflict between the goals of serving the Governor and promoting public records transparency. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>TERRORISM: Americans commemorated 9/11 with solemn ceremonies and vows this morning to "never forget" 18 years after the deadliest terror attacks on American soil. A crowd of victims' relatives assembled at ground zero, where the observance began with a moment of silence and tolling bells at 8:46 a.m., Eastern Time — the moment when a hijacked plane slammed into the World Trade Center's north tower. President Trump is joining an observance at the Pentagon. Vice President Mike Pence is speaking at the third attack site, near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Former President George W. Bush, the commander-in-chief at the time of the 2001 attacks, will attend an afternoon wreath-laying at the Pentagon. The nation is still grappling with the aftermath of 9/11 at ground zero, in Congress and beyond. The attacks' aftermath is visible from airport security checkpoints to Afghanistan. A rocket exploded at the U.S. embassy as the anniversary began in Afghanistan, where a post-9/11 invasion has become America's longest war. The anniversary ceremonies center on remembering the nearly 3,000 people killed when hijacked planes rammed into the trade center, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville on Sept. 11, 2001. All those victims' names are read aloud at the ground zero ceremony. But there has been growing awareness in recent years of the suffering of another group of people tied to the tragedy: firefighters, police and others who died or fell ill after exposure to the wreckage and the toxins unleashed in it. While research continues into whether those illnesses definitively are tied to 9/11 toxins, a victims compensation fund for people with potential Sept. 11-related health problems has awarded more than \$5.5 billion so far. More than 51,000 people have applied. After years of legislative gridlock and activism by ailing first responders and their advocates, Congress this summer made sure the fund won't run dry. Those who fell ill also gained new recognition this year at the memorial plaza at ground zero, where the new 9/11 Memorial Glade was dedicated this spring. Sept. 11 is known not only as a day for remembrance and patriotism, but also as a day of service. People around the country continue to volunteer at food banks, schools, home-building projects, park cleanups and other charitable endeavors on and near the anniversary. / HEALTH, FAMILY, LOW-INCOME, YOUTH: Imagine you have an infant, child, teen or adult family member who needs extended medical care at a hospital. Imagine that you live out of town and just the challenge of driving back and forth and getting through the day takes you away from being with the person you love and helping to coordinate their care. That's a driving force behind the creation of the 20-room Heartfelt House guest</p>

house for out-of-town families who need a place to stay while their family member gets specialized medical care at PeaceHealth RiverBend or University District Medical Centers. The 20-thousand square-foot facility hosted its first overnight guests last night. The 20-room facility includes one wing with ten rooms for families whose patients are infants, children or teens. The other wing is for families whose loved one is an adult patient. Both wings are outfitted with a communal kitchen and laundry facilities and share a "great room" common area, library and play area, as well as an outdoor area, where adults and children may relax and support one-another. It took many years and more than 600 donors—from individuals to businesses and foundations—to pay for construction of the \$8.4 million facility. Families, who are referred by hospital social workers, may use the facility at no cost for up to three months. PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center owns the house and is partnering with Ronald McDonald Charities of Oregon & Southwest Washington, which will run the day-to-day operations. Fundraising will continue to help cover the \$500,000 estimated annual operating costs. Volunteer, business and church groups are also donating their time and energy to assist with everything from preparing meals for families with pediatric patients to providing other assistance around the Heartfelt House.

**HEALTH, SAFETY:** State officials say a second Oregon resident has received medical treatment for severe lung disease linked to vaping. The Oregon Health Authority reports the person did not die from their illness but provided no other details about the patient or where they were treated. The case comes one week after state health officials announced that a middle-age Oregonian died from a respiratory illness tied to vaping a cannabis product. The outbreak of vaping-related lung disease has sickened roughly 450 people in at least 33 states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The federal agency said five people had died nationwide as of Friday; a sixth death was reported in Kansas on Tuesday. Oregon health investigators believe the person in the state's fatal case purchased cannabis oil from two marijuana retail shops. They are trying to find leftover quantities of the product to analyze. And just to the east of Oregon, public health officials confirmed Tuesday that two people in Idaho have developed a serious lung disease linked to vaping. The two patients are a young adult and a minor. They were each hospitalized for a time but are now recovering at their homes. Three more suspected cases are being investigated in Idaho and that state's health officials expect the number to increase. In Oregon and Idaho, officials are asking health care providers to watch for any signs of respiratory illness in patients who use vaping products, and to report any possible cases to public health officials. Symptoms can include shortness of breath, chest pain, fever, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. The use of vapes and other e-cigarette devices has grown in popularity in recent years, especially among younger users, including high school students.

**EDUCATION:** *Congratulations to Eugene School Superintendent Gustavo Balderas. Yesterday, he was named Oregon's "Superintendent of the Year" for 2020.* Balderas was selected from among the leadership of the state's 197 school districts for the top award, presented by the Oregon Association of School Executives and the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators. Balderas was recognized as a statewide leader in educational equity, working to increase diversity among administrators, teachers and staff. Those involved in the selection also credited him for his tireless work on behalf of students, his professionalism and his humility. Balderas

is a product of Oregon's public schools: The child of migrant farm workers in eastern Oregon, he attended schools in Nyssa, and earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Oregon universities. He has spent most of his nearly 30-year education career in Oregon and co-founded the Oregon Association of Latino Administrators. Balderas became superintendent of the Eugene School District in 2015. District officials say the news comes after a Churchill High School instructor, Keri Pilgrim Ricker, last year was named Oregon's 2019 "Teacher of the Year."

/ ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A search is underway in a remote area of Douglas County for a missing Eugene man who was last seen on Saturday. 37-year-old Roscoe Casita was reported missing to the Eugene Police Department by family members. On Monday, Casita's vehicle, a 2017 blue Subaru Outback, was located by family members at Timpanogas Lake where he has been known to camp in the past. Douglas County Search and Rescue members are searching the area around Timpanogas Lake for Casita. The lake is situated in the northeast corner of Douglas County about 90 miles from both Eugene and Roseburg. Casita is a white male, 5'10", 220 lbs with black hair and blue eyes. He was last seen wearing a white shirt and black shorts. If you're in the outdoors in that area and spot anyone matching his description or know anything about his whereabouts, contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at (541) 440-4471.

/ TRANSPORTATION: Nighttime travelers in Eugene will see work and closed lanes in several areas over the next few weeks:

Interstate 105 and the Washington-Jefferson Street Bridges: Expect single lane closures on weeknights from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. as crews are paving the stretch of the highway between 1st and 7th Avenues in both directions over the next several weeks. Work is scheduled through the weekend, on Friday and Saturday nights, and may continue until 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Beltline Highway (Oregon Highway 569): Expect single lane traffic overnight from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. between Roosevelt Boulevard and West 11th Avenue as work is done on the SCS Canal and Union Pacific Railroad Bridge on Beltline. Flaggers will control traffic over the bridge. Lane closures are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday nights this week, and then intermittently over the remainder of the project. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in November.

Oregon Highway 99-North: There should be minimal impact on traffic as the median is paved between Junction City and the Eugene Airport, mileposts 113 to 116. Crews are on site Sunday and Monday nights, September 15 and 16, next week. The work is in preparation for median barrier that will be installed over the winter. All paving project schedules may change due to weather.

/ WILDLIFE, COMMUNITY: The Lane County Audubon Society puts on its annual fall event outside Agate Hall, at 18th and Agate Streets in Eugene, on Friday September 13th at sunset. Tiny birds known as the Vaux's (SAY: VAUKS'-sis) Swifts use the chimney to roost for the night as they gather prior to migration. The tiny birds have feet that are like Nature's equivalent of Velcro and allow them to grip the inner vertical walls of the old chimney while they roost and sleep. In some years, observers see thousands of birds entering the chimney, looking like an avian tornado. But there are no guarantees. The numbers of overwintering swifts vary from day-to-day, year-to-year. This is a great opportunity to observe the swifts before they fly to Central and South America for the winter. Lane Audubon members will have handouts with information about the Vaux's (VAUKS-sis) Swifts. Look for the Lane County Audubon Society banner in the South parking lot

of Agate Hall, by the playground. Stop by to enjoy this annual natural phenomenon. The event is free and open to the public. More info about Vaux's Swifts can be found on the Audubon Society's website. / WILDLIFE: Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife officials say the agency plans to start tracking pronghorn antelope to learn more about the species and identify migration patterns in southeast Oregon. Toward the end of this month, wildlife biologists working with federal agencies will capture and attach radio collar tracking devices to 155 pronghorns. Wildlife biologists say state police aircraft will spot the groups of antelope, then a contractor will use helicopters to capture and deploy GPS radio collars. State Fish and Wildlife experts will track the antelope in connection with a U.S. Interior Department program that aims to improve habitat quality in western big game winter range and migration corridors. The project will commence after the archery deer and elk seasons but before the rifle deer season starts Sept. 28. / LOW-INCOME: Are you a low-income Oregonian? You might qualify through the Oregon Lifeline program for a discount on your monthly telephone or internet service. The Oregon Public Utility Commission is promoting National Lifeline Awareness Week and its Oregon Lifeline program. The program provides a discount of up to \$12.75 on monthly phone or high-speed internet service from select companies for qualifying low-income households. Oregon Lifeline helps eligible Oregonians stay connected and provides access to local emergency services, jobs, healthcare, education, and other vital resources. Supporters say that, for some, Lifeline can mean the difference between having a social connection and complete isolation. Oregonians receiving benefits from select public assistance programs such as Medicaid or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program may qualify for Oregon Lifeline. Want to learn more? Call 1-800-848-4442, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., or view details online at <https://www.oregon.gov/puc/Pages/Oregon-Lifeline.aspx> / BUSINESS: Oregon legal experts and their counterparts in other states are reviewing a federal appeals court decision out of Montana yesterday. The court ruled that the state of Montana cannot ban political robocalls based on their content alone, marking the latest in a string of court decisions against U.S. states that are attempting to restrict automated phone calls promoting political campaigns. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Montana's law prohibiting political robocalls — recorded phone messages that advocate for a candidate or seek information for a political campaign — is a violation of the First Amendment's free-speech protections. The court previously upheld some state laws that regulate robocalls, such as those that aim to protect consumers from scams, but the judges said that was because those laws were based on how robocalls are made and not on their content. Unless an appeal changes the outcome, the ruling to restrict political robocalls based on content alone applies across the nine Western states, including Oregon, that fall within the federal appeals court's jurisdiction. The ruling also falls in line with other court decisions across the nation, including an opinion by the 4th Circuit, which oversees four mid-Atlantic states and struck down a similar South Carolina law in 2015. / RECREATION: Do you enjoy camping during the autumn? The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is offering discounted rates for electrical and full-hookup RV campsites at selected state parks during October and November. Starting this week, go online at [oregonstateparks.reserveamerica.com](http://oregonstateparks.reserveamerica.com) to use the code FallFun19 and receive a \$7 discount off the nightly RV campsite rate. That brings

the rate down to \$17-27 per night. The discount is available at selected parks each month. October and November, you may use it for sites at: Bullards Beach State Park, Champoege State Heritage Area, Detroit Lake State Recreation Area, Emigrant Springs State Heritage Area, Farewell Bend State Recreation Area, Fort Stevens State Park, Humbug Mountain State Park, Joseph H. Stewart State Recreation Area, L.L. Stub Stewart Memorial State Park, Prineville Reservoir State Park, and South Beach State Park. Two other campgrounds, Milo McIver State Park along the Clackamas River southeast of Portland, and Viento State Park in the Columbia Gorge, offer the discounts in October only. The discount applies to online advanced reservations only and will not apply to reservations made by phone or to walk-in campers, nor can OPRD apply it to existing reservations. The discount is only for new reservations made on or after Sep. 9, 2019. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. The discount is for recreational vehicle campsites only. ADA-accessible campsites are eligible for the discount. To reserve an ADA-accessible site and apply the discount, call the state parks information center at 800-551-6949, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. /

HEALTH: The number of Americans without health insurance edged up in 2018 — the first evidence from the government that coverage gains from President Obama's health care plan might be eroding under President Trump. The Census Bureau also said in an annual report Tuesday that household income rose last year at its slowest pace in four years and finally matched its previous peak set in 1999. Median household income rose 0.9% in 2018 to an inflation-adjusted \$63,179. The data suggest that the economic expansion, now the longest on record at more than 10 years, is still struggling to provide widespread benefits to the U.S. population. Solid gains in household incomes in the past four years have returned the median only to where it was two decades ago. And despite strong growth last year in the number of Americans working full time and year-round, the number of people with private health insurance remained flat. One bright spot in the report was that the poverty rate fell for a fourth straight year to 11.8%, its lowest point since 2001. The proportion of households led by women that were poor fell to a record low. Though income inequality narrowed last year, it remains near record levels reached in 2017. Last year, the richest 5% of the U.S. population captured 23% of household income. An estimated 27.5 million people, 8.5% of the population, went without health insurance in 2018. That was an increase of 1.9 million uninsured people, or 0.5 percentage point. More people were covered by Medicare, reflecting the aging of the baby boomers. But Medicaid coverage declined. The number of uninsured children also rose, and there were more uninsured adults ages 35-64. This year, the number of uninsured could rise again because a previous Republican-led Congress repealed fines under the Affordable Care Act for people who remain uninsured if they can afford coverage. Yet ACA enrollment has held fairly steady, with about 20 million people covered by its mix of subsidized private plans and a Medicaid expansion for low-income individuals. The Census report found that Medicaid coverage declined by 0.7 percent from 2017. ; A woman with terminal cancer will tell her story today before a Minnesota House committee considering a bill that would allow adults with less than six months to live to obtain medication to end their lives on their own terms. The bill is patterned after an Oregon law that has been in effect for more than 20 years and has spread to seven other states plus the District of Columbia. A court ruling last month made New Jersey the latest state. Advocates

say New York might soon follow suit, although a bill there failed to pass this year. In Minnesota and those states, the idea faces tough opposition from the Catholic Church and allied groups that see the practice as a violation of the sanctity of life. The medical community is divided. The Minnesota woman, 61-year-old Marianne Turnbull, has been living with Stage IV ovarian cancer since 2015. After two major surgeries and 12 rounds of chemotherapy, she says she'll tell lawmakers that she wants to live as long as she can, but also wants the right to choose a peaceful death rather than prolonged suffering. Also testifying will be Barbara Coombs Lee, who helped draft Oregon's law in the 1990s. She said it has led to a major improvement in end-of-life care in Oregon, while fears about abuse and coercion have not come true. She says one-third of the patients who obtain the drugs die without choosing to use them. According to the Oregon Health Authority, 249 people obtained prescriptions under the state's "Death With Dignity" law in 2018. As of Jan. 22 of this year, 168 of them had died after taking the prescribed drugs, including 11 who had received them in previous years. Of those who were prescribed the drugs, 79% were aged 65 or older and 63% had cancer. The long-term trend has been upward. As of Jan. 22, 2,217 prescriptions had been written since the law took effect, and 1,459 people, or two-thirds of them, died from the drugs. The practice is often referred to as physician-assisted suicide, a term that Coombs Lee considers offensive. She said her group prefers "medical aid in dying" because the patient takes the drugs themselves and thus remains in control. She said they believe the word suicide implies an irrational choice. / BUSINESS: Oregon, along with six states and the District of Columbia, has sued the Securities and Exchange Commission, saying the regulatory agency is putting investors in jeopardy by relaxing rules for brokers. The lawsuit filed Monday in Manhattan federal court asks a judge to order the agency to scrap new rules that weaken protections for consumers. The states say they are harmed because bad investment advice leaves consumers with less money to spend, and thus they collect less in taxes. They claim the new rules let broker-dealers consider their own interests when recommending investments. She says that favors "Wall Street over Main Street." Other state plaintiffs include California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, New Mexico. /



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COMMUNITY, ANIMALS: The approach is known as T-N-R: Trap, Neuter, and Return. An organization that's used that approach to reduce feral cat populations in other parts of the country brought the effort to Veneta this month. The group is "Alley Cat Allies." The effort comes amid concerns about Veneta's growing feral cat population, concerns about the animals' health and an effort to reduce the numbers of feral kittens being born. Alley Cat Allies is partnering with the Greenhill Humane Society to organize experts who provide non-lethal medical care and support for the felines. The "Trap-Neuter-Return" effort involves humanely trapping the cats, who are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, eartipped, and returned them to their outdoor homes. Studies indicate the approach dramatically curtails the feral cats' breeding cycle, meaning there are few or no new kittens. But the adult cats are allowed to live out their lives. Supporters say that reduces the burden on shelters such as Greenhill's, eliminates the need to euthanize the animals, and saves taxpayer dollars. Alley Cat Allies is also creating outdoor shelters and feeding stations for the animals. The group also takes part in urgent care efforts for large numbers of cats across the nation after natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes and floods. / DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY: Have some thoughts on the look and feel of downtown Eugene's planned "Town Square"? This afternoon and evening, from 4:30 until 7:30, Eugene city planners and the design team from architectural firm Cameron McCarthy will hand at the Park Blocks at 8<sup>th</sup> and Oak Streets to share the latest design concepts and collect your thoughts. An online survey is available for those unable to attend. This will be the third and final public event before a concept design proposal is brought to City Council this Fall. The September Town Square event will be an opportunity to celebrate the progress of the concept design with family-friendly activities, dance performances and a participatory art project. The City will provide a free shaved ice treat for all participants and other food and beverage options will be available for purchase. Over the past six months, the Eugene Town Square design team, led by Cameron McCarthy and the City of Eugene, have been actively engaging with community members and stakeholders to envision and create a Town Square for everyone to gather and enjoy. In May & July two separate surveys were done to learn more about community member's vision for this central gathering space and to help refine the designs. Over 1000 community members responded each time. Since beginning the conversation, the project has held two unique and highly interactive large public events hosting

over 750 people and over 35 outreach events. The design team has had small group conversations with over 50 key stakeholders as well. For those unable to make the meeting, an online survey and detailed project updates will be available on the evening of September 12 at [www.eugenetownsquare.org](http://www.eugenetownsquare.org) / HEALTH, SAFETY: State authorities who regulate Oregon's legal marijuana retail market are asking store owners to voluntarily review the products on their shelves and pull any they feel might be unsafe. The request comes after reports of severe lung illnesses and six deaths that have been tied to electronic cigarettes, including one death in Oregon that was linked to a vaping device containing marijuana oil sold at a legal retail store. Steve Marks, executive director of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, told The Associated Press his agency also will ask cannabis stores to post signs warning about the potential dangers of vaping. Marks says his agency cannot ban vaping devices or any specific ingredients in them until more is known about what is causing the health problems in users. / BUSINESS, POLITICS: The federal government will act to ban thousands of flavors used in e-cigarettes, responding to a recent surge in underage vaping that has alarmed parents, politicians and health authorities nationwide. Wednesday's surprise announcement by President Trump could remake the multibillion-dollar vaping industry, which has been driven by sales of flavored nicotine formulas such as "grape slushie" and "strawberry cotton candy." Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar says the Food and Drug Administration will develop guidelines to remove from the market all e-cigarette flavors except tobacco. Trump, whose son Barron is 13 years old, says vaping has become such a problem that he wants parents to be aware of what's happening. He says, "We can't allow people to get sick and we can't have our youth be so affected." State and federal health authorities are investigating hundreds of breathing illnesses reported in people who have used e-cigarettes and other vaping devices. No single device, ingredient or additive has been identified. The FDA regulates e-cigarettes and has authority to ban vaping flavors but has resisted calls to take that step. Instead, the agency has said it is studying the role of flavors in vaping products, including whether they help adult smokers quit traditional cigarettes. ; Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley are among 19 Democratic senators who yesterday introduced legislation that would tax e-cigarettes the same level as other tobacco products. At least 15 states have their own e-cigarette taxes but the vaping devices currently are exempt from federal tobacco taxes. Backers of this proposal say increased taxes would raise e-cigarette prices and also discourage young people from picking up the habit. The revenues could also fund prevention efforts. Analysts with the Congressional Budget Office estimate that for every one percent increase in the price of traditional cigarettes the number of smokers declines by one-third of one percent and that found that teenagers are most likely to quit because of higher cigarette prices. Wyden says vaping products have created a new generation of nicotine users virtually overnight, and that the companies making money from the products are downplaying the health risks. The federal cigarette tax currently stands at \$1.01 per pack of 20 cigarettes. Wyden says the proposed tax on e-cigarettes would be calculated on a per-milligram of nicotine basis because the nicotine content and delivery method of alternative nicotine products vary significantly. / TRANSPORTATION, BUSINESS, ECONOMY: Officials say barges carrying wheat, wood and other goods will remain at a standstill for the rest of the month

while workers repair a critical navigation lock at the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. Officials with the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers say the locks will reopen Sept. 30. The navigation lock was closed one week ago after operators detected problems and further investigation revealed cracked concrete. The closure during a critical time for Eastern Oregon's wheat farmers, many of whom are shipping this month's harvest to Asia. Army Corps officials say repair teams will work around-the-clock until the fix is complete. The Bonneville Dam is the first in a series of eight dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, which together make up a watery highway for goods flowing into and out of the region from the Pacific Rim. ; Eight million tons of cargo move on the Columbia and Snake Rivers each year, valued at close to two billion dollars. The traffic includes barges hauling 53% of U.S. wheat exports as well as key crops such as corn, barley and wood products. That came to a halt last week, when an inspection revealed cracks to a sill at a critical navigation lock at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. Now, the two largest barge lines on the system report more than 100,000 tons of stranded product above Bonneville Dam, a potentially devastating blow for wheat farmers scrambling to find another way to get their crops to Asia and other markets. The Army Corps of Engineers has crews working around the clock to repair the damage but says the lock might not reopen to river traffic until the end of the month. In the meantime, barge and other marine traffic remains at a standstill. Think of a river lock as a giant concrete bathtub — where a boat enters and the water level is lowered or raised to match the level of the river on the other side of the dam. When the lock opens on the other side, the boat exits. The concrete sill that is cracked in the Bonneville Dam is similar to a rubber threshold on the bottom of a door. Just as that rubber strip creates a seal to keep cold air and moisture from leaking in under the door, the concrete sill meets up with the lock's gate and creates a seal to keep water in the lock. The crack in the concrete sill was discovered after the lock was drained of water over the weekend. On Monday, emergency repair crews were working to demolish the faulty concrete section so repairs could begin. Work on the lock also will include drilling holes for rebar, forming the new sill structure and allowing time for the concrete to cure. It's not known what caused the damage. There were no abnormalities observed in January of 2017, during the last inspection. /

**BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION:** Prosecutors in Idaho say they've reached a plea deal with an Oregon truck driver who faced felony charges for driving a truckload of hemp through the state. The Ada County Prosecutor's office said 36-year-old Denis Palamarchuk of Portland, Oregon has agreed to plead guilty to hauling an improperly permitted load, a misdemeanor. In exchange prosecutors are dropping felony trafficking charges and will ask that most of his jail time be suspended. Idaho State Police troopers stopped Palamarchuk along Interstate 84, and they arrested him after they found the semi-truck he was driving was carrying several thousand pounds of hemp for Montana-based Big Sky Scientific. Idaho's anti-marijuana laws are so broadly written that they include hemp, even though hemp is broadly used for industrial and manufacturing purposes and does not contain enough psychoactive THC to get a person high. / **BUSINESS:** Stocks are rising early on Wall Street today on further signs of easing tensions in the U.S.-China trade war. President Trump late Wednesday decided to delay by two weeks a planned Oct. 1 tariff hike on Chinese imports. ; President Trump says the United States has agreed to a two-week delay in a planned increase in tariffs on

some Chinese imports. Trump said on Twitter on Wednesday that the delay is "a gesture of good will." He says Chinese Vice Premier Liu (loo) requested the delay "due to the fact that the People's Republic of China will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary ... on October 1st." Trump has imposed or announced penalties on about \$550 billion of Chinese products, or almost everything the United States buys from China. Tariffs of 25% that were imposed previously on \$250 billion worth of Chinese goods were due to rise to 30% on October 1st. Instead, Trump says, that will be delayed until October 15th. ; The CEOs of more than 100 companies are stepping into the nation's gun debate, imploring Congress to expand background checks and enact a strong "red flag" law. In a letter sent to the Senate today, CEOs from businesses including Airbnb, Twitter and Uber asked Congress to pass a bill to require background checks on all gun sales and a strong red flag law that would allow courts to issue life-saving extreme risk protection orders. ; Consumer prices slowed in August, rising by a slight 0.1%, reflecting a big drop in the cost of gasoline and other energy products. The Labor Department says the tiny increase in its consumer price index followed a much bigger 0.3% rise in July which had been driven by a jump in energy prices. With energy costs falling in August for a third month out of the past four, the overall price increase slowed leaving consumer prices rising a modest 1.7% over the past year. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT: The House has approved legislation that would permanently prevent drilling off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and extend a moratorium on drilling off Florida's west coast. Lawmakers approved the bans in separate votes Wednesday. Coastal lawmakers from both parties say the bills will protect U.S. coasts from drilling that can pollute crucial waters — and lead to disasters such as the 2010 BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Opponents, mostly Republicans, say the bills undercut domestic energy security and limit thousands of job opportunities. The Trump administration is reevaluating a plan to sharply expand offshore drilling amid a series of court challenges. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: The top Democratic presidential contenders will finally be on a single shared debate stage today in Houston. Among the highlights for political analysts: Can Joe Biden tries to solidify his early lead over Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren? Kamala Harris and Pete Buttigieg will look to reclaim some lost momentum. The debate, carried live on ABC, features the top ten 10 candidates amid a post-Labor Day uptick in interest in the race. That could give candidates their largest audience yet as their campaigns head into the fall. / IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT: The U.S. Supreme Court is allowing nationwide enforcement of a new Trump administration rule that prevents most Central American immigrants from seeking asylum in the United States. The justices' order late Wednesday temporarily undoes a lower-court ruling that had blocked the new asylum policy in some states along the southern border. The policy is meant to deny asylum to anyone who passes through another country on the way to the U.S. without seeking protection there. Most people crossing the southern border are Central Americans fleeing violence and poverty. They are largely ineligible under the new rule. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented from the high court's order. Sotomayor says the rule upends "longstanding practices regarding refugees who seek shelter from persecution." / BUSINESS, HEALTH: OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma has a tentative settlement to thousands of lawsuits alleging it was partly responsible for a national opioid crisis. But that doesn't mean its court battles are over. More than 20 states and lawyers representing some

2,000 local governments have signed on, pending ironing out some details. But the majority of states have not agreed. And some are promising to continue their legal fights against the company and the Sackler family, which owns it, saying the settlement does not go far enough to hold the company accountable. They say they're prepared to object to the proposed deal in bankruptcy court, where it heads next. More than 20 states have also filed lawsuits against members of the Sackler family. Several have said they intend to continue those cases. ; Opioid addiction has contributed to the deaths of some 400,000 Americans over the past two decades, hitting many rural communities particularly hard. OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma has a tentative settlement to thousands of lawsuits alleging it was partly responsible for a national opioid crisis. More than 20 states and lawyers representing some 2,000 local governments have signed on, pending ironing out some details. But that doesn't mean Purdue Pharma's court battles are over: A majority of states have not agreed to the settlement and some are promising to continue their legal fights against the company and the Sackler family, which owns it—a battle that would likely play out in bankruptcy court. The holdout state attorneys general say yesterday's deal does not go far enough to hold the company accountable. Legal analysts say the tentative agreement and expected bankruptcy filing would almost certainly remove Purdue Pharma from the first federal trial over the opioid epidemic, scheduled to begin next month in Cleveland. There, a jury will consider claims from two Ohio counties against a group of drugmakers, distributors and one pharmacy chain, Walgreens. Yesterday's agreement could be worth up to \$12 billion over time. That amount includes future profits for the company, the value of overdose antidotes it's developing and cash payments of \$3 billion to \$4.5 billion from the Sacklers, the wealthy family that owns Purdue Pharma. The amount is contingent on the sale of the family's international drug company, Mundipharma, which, like Purdue, has been criticized for overselling the benefits of its powerful prescription opioid painkillers and understating the risks. /

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<b>DATE OF BROADCAST</b>	09/13/19
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<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>HEALTH, SAFETY, BUSINESS: Oregon marijuana retailers yesterday began removing vaping products from their shelves and offering returns on previously purchased vape pens amid a nationwide scare over severe lung illnesses and deaths tied to electronic cigarettes. The move came after the agency that regulates Oregon's cannabis industry told The Associated Press it will soon begin asking retailers to voluntarily review their vaping offerings and pull those that spark concern. The retailer with the largest inventory in the state is located in Eastern Oregon. Operators of Kind Leaf Pendleton say they have already pulled 68 vaping products from 15 brands amid uncertainty over what is causing the lung-related illnesses. U.S. health officials said Thursday that there are 380 confirmed and probable cases of vaping-related breathing illnesses in 36 states and one territory, including six deaths. Amid a rampant black market in illicit marijuana vapes, a death in Oregon in July is the only one that public health authorities have linked to a purchase at a legal cannabis retailer. Authorities have not released further details about that case. But most of the patients who survived said they vaped products containing THC, the compound in marijuana that causes a high. Some said they vaped only nicotine, while others said they used both THC and nicotine. After extensive testing, New York investigators have focused on an ingredient known as vitamin E acetate, which has been used as a thickener, particularly in black market vape cartridges. Suppliers say it dilutes vape oils without making them look watery. Vitamin E is safe as a vitamin pill or to use on the skin but inhaling oily vitamin E droplets can coat the inside of the lung passages, triggering pneumonia, collapsed lungs and death. Kind Leaf said it identified all products on its shelves that contained general ingredient listings for "non-cannabis derived terpenes and artificial and natural flavors" but did not specify the exact content of those additives. Terpenes are the building blocks that give a plant its aroma and flavor, such as lavender or tea tree oil. Some cannabis oil manufacturers add terpenes from other plants to their products for consistency and cost effectiveness. Oregon Liquor Control Commission executive director Steve Marks told the AP on Wednesday that his agency does not test marijuana vapes sold in state-licensed stores for additives. No marijuana oil manufacturer licensed by the state has listed vitamin E acetate as an ingredient, which would trigger a safety review, he said. Any company that has added an "undisclosed agent" to its vape cartridges should tell regulators immediately or face "legal complications and probably additional liabilities," he said. ; Earlier this week,</p>

Trump administration officials announced they will act to ban thousands of flavors used in e-cigarettes, responding to a recent surge in underage vaping that has alarmed parents, politicians and health authorities nationwide. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority are applauding the decision. They say the science is clear: Flavors are a key reason why young people begin using vaping products, leading to a new generation of nicotine addicts. State health experts say tobacco remains sweet, cheap, and easy to get in Oregon, and is the leading cause of preventable death and disease, killing nearly 8,000 Oregonians each year. E-cigarettes are the most popular tobacco products used among Oregon youth, with 21 percent of Oregon 11th graders reporting e-cigarette use in 2018. The products are available in thousands of flavors with kid-friendly names and candy-like packaging. If you or someone you know is ready to quit smoking or vaping, free help is available by phone and online. / IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT:

The Trump administration has begun enforcing tight new restrictions on who qualifies for asylum as tens of thousands of migrants wait on the Mexican border, seeking refuge. The new U.S. policy would effectively deny asylum to nearly all migrants arriving at the southern border who aren't from Mexico. It would disallow anyone who passes through another country without first seeking and failing to obtain asylum there. The rule will fall most heavily on Central Americans, mainly Hondurans and Guatemalans, because they account for most people arrested or stopped at the border. But it also represents an enormous setback for other asylum seekers, including large numbers of Africans, Haitians and Cubans who try to enter the United States by way of the Mexican border. / BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE: Pinot noir remains Oregon's most popular wine grape, according to a new report for the Oregon Wine Board, an industry organization that provides marketing, research and education tools for the state's growers, winemakers, distributors and retailers. The overview, authored by members of the University of Oregon's "Institute for Policy Research and Engagement," also noted increases in overall sales, revenue and production for Oregon wineries and vineyards. In 2018, the estimated value of the state's wine grape production topped \$200 million for the first time with 79,685 tons of grapes crushed. Wine sales came in at more than \$600 million. The number of Oregon vineyards stands at 1,165 with close to 36,000 acres planted. Some of the biggest vineyard growth last year was in the Umpqua and Rogue Valleys. But when it comes to wineries, the South Willamette Valley led the way, adding 16 last year, and the North Willamette Valley grew by 12. In all, let's just say there's no way you could visit all of Oregon's wineries in a single long wine weekend. There are now 793 of them.

And while Oregonians know great wines are being produced in this state, folks are discovering it across the country and around the world. The leading the export market for Oregon wine is Canada, which accounted for 45 percent of export sales. But notable growth was seen in Scandinavian markets, Mexico, Hong Kong-China and South Korea. / GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT: The Trump administration on Thursday revoked an Obama-era regulation that shielded many U.S. wetlands and streams from pollution but was opposed by developers and farmers who said it hurt economic development and infringed on property rights. The agencies plan to adopt a new rule by the end of the year that is expected to define protected waterways more narrowly than the Obama policy. The Clean Water Act requires landowners to obtain federal permits before developing or polluting navigable waterways such as rivers and lakes. But

disputes have long persisted over what other waters are subject to regulation — particularly wetlands that don't have a direct connection to those larger waters, plus small headwater streams and channels that flow only during and after rainfall. Environmentalists contend many of those smaller, seemingly isolated waters are tributaries of the larger waterways and can have a significant effect on their quality. Denying them federal protection would leave millions of Americans with less safe drinking water and allow damage of wetlands that prevent flooding, filter pollutants and provide habitat for a multitude of fish, waterfowl and other wildlife, they said. ; Leaders of the Oregon Farm Bureau are applauding the Trump administration action revoking the waters and wetlands rule. They say the state already has strong water quality and fill-and-removal regulations. Farm Bureau officials say the Obama-era rule would not add anything but would give environmental groups the ability to bring additional lawsuits against farmers. The Farm Bureau statement adds that enforcement is best left at the state level, adding that farmers and ranchers have already invested millions of dollars to help protect water quality on agricultural lands. / COMMUNITY, EDUCATION: Academy of Arts and Academics students are kicking off the school year with a downtown Springfield cleanup. Today, all A3 students are working in groups of about a dozen and have donned gloves and are bagging trash. The city of Springfield will be donating trash bags, tools to pick up garbage, reflective vests and a garbage truck to accept the filled bags. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH: Some good news for the environment in the Northwest: Workers at Washington state's Hanford Nuclear Reservation have removed the last of the highly radioactive sludge stored in underwater containers near The Columbia River. Energy Secretary Rick Perry discussed the details of the effort this week with a reporter from the Tri-City Herald. Perry says the project came in ahead of schedule and under budget after 10 years of work, a characterization he says is not usually associated with nuclear waste cleanup. Perry plans to visit Hanford Oct. 1 for a ceremony marking the milestone. Hanford was established as part of the Manhattan Project in World War II to process and refine plutonium, a key ingredient in the first nuclear bomb which was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. The Hanford site, located near Richland, Washington, went on to produce most of the plutonium for the nation's nuclear arsenal. But after decades of production, the site also holds 60 percent of the nation's most dangerous radioactive waste, stored in 177 aging underground tanks. Some of those tanks have leaks. Much was stored in water-filled cooling basins about 400 yards from the Columbia River. Cleanup efforts at Hanford began in the late 1980s, costing cost more than \$2 billion a year. The work is expected to continue for more than half a century, including treating the waste stored in the underground tanks. Batches of sludge were pumped from the underwater containers into new 10-foot-tall containers staged on flat-bed trucks backed into the annex. The highly radioactive sludge still needs to be prepared for disposal, although there's still no date for when that will happen. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS: Northern California's major utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, and a group of insurers announced this morning they reached an \$11 billion settlement to cover most of the claims from wildfires in California in 2017 and 2018. The agreement is being closely watched by utilities in other Western states. The utility said in a statement the tentative agreement covers 85% of the insurance claims from fires that included the one that decimated the town of Paradise and killed 86 people. A group of insurers said in a



separate statement the settlement is well below the \$20 billion the insurance companies had sought in bankruptcy court. The San Francisco-based company is under deadline pressure to emerge from bankruptcy by June 2020 to participate in a state wildfire fund to help California's major utilities pay out future claims as climate change makes wildfires across the U.S. West more frequent and more destructive. The utility sought bankruptcy protection in January because it said it could not afford an estimated \$30 billion in potential damages from lawsuits stemming from recent wildfires. PG&E this week also released a plan to offer nearly \$18 billion to wildfire victims, insurance companies and cities and public entities in California that battled wildfires sparked by its electrical equipment and a proposed \$8.4 billion trust to pay claims to uninsured victims. /

**TRANSPORTATION:** Lane Transit District's Fall Rider's Digest is available now in print and online, and in English and Spanish. The Fall Rider's Digest provides timetables and maps for all LTD bus routes from September 15, 2019, until February 1, 2020. This includes schedules and route information for regular LTD buses, EmX, EmGo, and the Cottage Grove Connector. The Digest also contains information about accessible services, TouchPass, Autzen Express, fares and passes, bike racks, Park & Ride locations, and other transportation options made available via LTD's Point2Point program. Print copies of the Fall Rider's Digest are available now at the LTD Customer Service Center and on all buses. The electronic version of the Fall 2019 Digest can be found at [www.ltd.org](http://www.ltd.org) on the bottom ribbon of the web page under "Riding LTD." LTD updates the Rider's Digest three times during the year. The next update to the Rider's Digest will be available in late January 2020. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT:**

It's been rainy the past couple of weeks. That's slowed work by crews repaving a stretch of U.S. 20 over the Santiam Pass and means that rather than taking this evening (Fri., Sept. 13) off, as they have on previous weekends, crews will be on the job starting at 10 p.m. Friday until six a.m. Saturday. The project covers almost 14 miles from Santiam Junction in Linn County (Milepost 74.5) to Jack Lake Road in Jefferson County (Milepost 88.2). Watch for construction vehicles, workers, flaggers and pilot cars and expect up to 20-minute delays. Crews are grinding old pavement and adding a new, two-inch thick asphalt inlay. They're also installing centerline and shoulder "rumble strips," fresh roadway stripes, new guardrail terminals and bridge deck joints, and replacing damaged signs. Next week, construction returns to its regular continues Sunday through Thursday nights schedule. The project will be completed by October 31. / **SAFETY,** **TRANSPORTATION:** This year marks the 54th year of the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest. The festival kicks off September 12th and runs through the 15th. Organizers say people come from all over the U.S. and enjoy the authenticity of the German Festival. The Marion County Sheriff's Office encourages everyone to be safe and do not drink and drive. Deputies will be out on the roadways promoting traffic safety. As part of this effort, more deputies will be in the area looking for drunk and impaired drivers during this 4-day event. The additional patrols during this and many other summer events are funded by grants obtained from our partner agencies at the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and the Oregon Department of Transportation. Remember, as you make plans for Oktoberfest this year, don't forget the designated driver. / **ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY:** With the return of cooler autumn weather and rain, the City of Eugene's "ecological burn program" is getting underway. The effort involves controlled burns in the West Eugene

Wetlands and other areas. The city and organizations in the "Rivers to Ridges Partnership" coordinate the controlled burns each year on lands throughout the southern Willamette Valley. The goal is to get rid of invasive plants, restore native ones and preserve the valley's prairie and savanna ecosystems. The controlled burns also reduce dead vegetation—dry fuels that might otherwise contribute to uncontrolled brush fires and wildfires. Among the partners in the annual project: the Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Buford Park, Lane County and The Nature Conservancy, as well as Oregon Department of Forestry, Eugene Springfield Fire and other local fire districts. Experienced fire crews manage the burns using detailed plans, which are approved by the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency. Coordinators consider weather conditions and only burn on days when the winds are forecasted to blow smoke up and away from nearby residential areas and roadways. Last year, the crews burned 700 acres. This year, burning is planned for roughly 900 acres between now and the end of October. Some burn units are quite small: less than one acre. Others might be up to 130 acres. /

GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: The resignation of Oregon's first public records advocate has raised doubts about whether Democratic Gov. Kate Brown is serious about fostering open government, given ammunition to Republicans and led to demands that Brown rescind her appointment of her general counsel to the Oregon Court of Appeals. The Public Records Advisory Council meets today to consider the circumstances of Ginger McCall's resignation and proposals to ensure independence of her office, free from interference by the governor's office. McCall said in an interview that she lacked direct access to Brown, who appointed her, and was stymied by Brown's general counsel. /

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<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	Morning News
<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT: Significant rainfall affected northwest Oregon Sunday, as the first in a series of early season moved across the region. Most locations received one-half to three-quarters of an inch of rain, while coastal and higher terrain locations locally received an inch or more. After post-frontal showers and isolated thunderstorms today, the next frontal system will be quick on its heels, spreading rain onshore into southern Washington by sunrise Tuesday. This system is expected to bring another round of significant rainfall to the region Tuesday. Expected rainfall totals from the system Tuesday appear to be similar, if not slightly higher than Sunday's front. Gusty south winds can be expected Tuesday, both along the coast and inland. Gusts along the coast may approach 50 mph along the beaches and headlands, making this the first significantly windy cold front of the season. Inland areas, including the Willamette Valley, may experience gusts as high as 35 mph Tuesday. Those planning to spend time in the Cascades should be prepared for an extended period of autumn-like weather that will last through at least Wednesday. Snow levels are expected to lower to 6,000 to 7,000 feet with the passage of the cold front Tuesday and Tuesday night. Even if it is not cold enough to snow, those in the Cascades should be prepared for more cold, raw, wet weather through at least Wednesday. / SPORTS: A weekend filled with blowouts left the top half of the Associated Press college football poll mostly unchanged. Clemson remains No. 1. Alabama was No. 2, followed by Georgia, LSU, Oklahoma, Ohio State, Notre Dame, Auburn and Florida. Utah is at No. 10. Oregon beat Montana but dropped a notch in the poll to No. 16. Other Pac-12 teams that made the Top 25 are Washington State at No. 19, and Washington at No. 22. California and Arizona State have moved into the AP Top 25 college football poll to give the Pac-12 six ranked teams, the most for the conference in almost four years. The Bears and Sun Devils are ranked No. 23 and No. 24, respectively. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Will you see a change in fuel prices at the pump in the wake of the drone attack on Saudi oil facilities? Perhaps short-term, according to analysts. But it comes after Eugene-Springfield gas prices dropped three cents per gallon during the past month as summer demand eased. Demand rebounded a bit last week across the U.S. but crude prices were down a bit in the days before the drone attacks on Saudi oil production. The average price this morning in the metro area is \$2.97 per gallon for regular-grade fuel and \$3.03 for diesel. The highest historic average price for Eugene-Springfield was back during the summer of 2008, when it cost \$4.33 per gallon for</p>

regular gasoline and \$4.90 for diesel. ; The loss of 5% of world crude oil output from an attack on Saudi Arabia's largest oil processing plant pushed crude prices sharply higher today. U.S. crude oil was trading 9% higher while Brent crude added more than 10%. The attack on the Saudi Aramco facility halted output of more than half of Saudi Arabia's daily exports. That's especially worrying for oil thirsty Asia: China, Japan, South Korea and India are major customers for Saudi oil. Oil prices spiked shortly after trading began today, with U.S. crude jumping more than 15% and Brent leaping nearly 20%. But the initial surge moderated on talk of tapping strategic reserves to weather any shortfalls from the loss of 5.7 million barrels of crude processing capacity a day. ; Global energy prices spiked today after a weekend attack on key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia caused the worst disruption to world supplies on record, an assault for which President Trump warned that the U.S. was "locked and loaded" to respond. U.S. officials offered satellite images of the damage at the heart of the kingdom's crucial Abqaiq oil processing plant and a key oil field, alleging the pattern of destruction suggested the attack on Saturday came from either Iraq or Iran — rather than Yemen, as claimed by Iranian-backed Houthi rebels there. Iran for its part called the U.S. allegations "maximum lies." But actions on any side could break into the open a twilight war that's been raging just below the surface of the wider Persian Gulf in recent months. Already, there have been mysterious attacks on oil tankers that America blames on Tehran, at least one suspected Israeli strike on Shiite forces in Iraq, and Iran has shot down a U.S. military surveillance drone. / HEALTH, BUSINESS: The company that made billions selling the prescription painkiller OxyContin has filed for bankruptcy days after reaching a tentative settlement with many of the state and local governments suing it over the toll of opioids. The filing Sunday night in White Plains, New York, was anticipated before and after the tentative deal, which could be worth up to \$12 billion over time, was struck. But legal battles still lie ahead for Purdue. About half the states have not signed onto the proposal. Several of them plan to object to the settlement in bankruptcy court and to continue litigation in other courts against members of the Sackler family, which owns the company. The bankruptcy means that Purdue will likely be removed from the first federal opioid trial, scheduled to start in Cleveland on Oct. 21. But that doesn't mean the company or the family that owns it is off the legal hook. States are divided on whether to accept a tentative settlement with the company as part of the bankruptcy. Several of those who have declined it have made it clear that they plan to object to the bankruptcy and push forward with their claims against members of the Sackler family in state court. It will be up to a bankruptcy judge to decide if those suits can move ahead. And even if he stops them, he could consider their claims in his court. The bankruptcy filing Sunday will likely get Purdue out of a trial over the toll of opioids scheduled for October in Cleveland. ; The largest player in the e-cigarette market says it's reviewing an announcement from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo that would ban the sale of flavored e-cigarettes, but agrees there's a need for "aggressive category-wide action." Juul Labs Inc. spokesman Austin Finan says in a statement Sunday the company would "fully comply" with local laws and any federal policy when they're effective. Cuomo, a Democrat, announced Sunday the state health commissioner would be making a recommendation this week to the state Public Health and Health Planning Council. The council can issue emergency regulations banning the flavored vaped products. Cuomo referenced young people getting addicted

to nicotine in introducing the ban. Juul says it has stopped selling flavored products in traditional retail stores since November of last year. ; An Associated Press investigation shows a dark side to booming sales of the cannabis extract CBD. Some people are substituting cheap and dangerous street drugs for the real thing. As a result, vapes and other products marketed as helping a range of ailments instead have sent dozens of people to emergency rooms because they were spiked with synthetic marijuana. Lab testing commissioned by AP shows some CBD vape products available at stores or online contain synthetic marijuana commonly known as K2 or spice. Unlike real CBD, which doesn't have psychoactive qualities, synthetic marijuana gives an intense high. Industry representatives acknowledge spiking is an issue, but say many companies are reputable. But with drug enforcement authorities busy fighting the opioid epidemic, manufacturers of spiked products operate with impunity. People experiencing problems with a product labeled as CBD can reach a local poison control center by calling 1-800-222-1222. / DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT: Beginning Monday, Sept. 16, a section of Eugene's South Willamette Riverbank Path will close for about six weeks to allow for an environmental clean-up project. The closure will run from the East Eighth Avenue-Hilyard Street path access point east to the Dave and Lynn Frohnmayer Bridge (formerly the Autzen Bridge). The City of Eugene in July closed a portion of the South Bank Path from the Peter DeFazio Bridge to the Eighth Avenue-Hilyard Street access point to allow for construction of the Downtown Riverfront project. That closure is expected to continue until spring 2021. Both bridges will remain open during the projects. The best detour might be on the north side of the river, along the Bike Path through Alton Baker Park. The new path section closure comes as a Eugene Water & Electric Board contractor begins environmental clean-up at the site of a former manufactured gas plant near the old EWEB steam plant building. The contractor will excavate contaminated soil, dispose of it at the hazardous waste landfill in Arlington, Ore., then backfill the excavated areas before placing an asphalt cap on top. Although the waste is not considered harmful as it's being excavated, it does emit an unpleasant odor and those passing close by might catch a whiff. EWEB will monitor nearby air quality to ensure the worksite and neighboring areas are safe. Once the project is complete, a riverbank restoration contractor will plant native vegetation along that section of the Willamette River and add river rock to stabilize areas where erosion is a concern. / ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT: The Willamette National Forest typically accepts applications for seasonal spring and summer jobs in the fall. Positions are available in fields ranging from firefighting to recreation, natural resources and timber management to engineering, visitor services, and archaeology. Applications must be submitted online at [www.USAJOBS.gov](http://www.USAJOBS.gov) But if you're interested in learning about a specific position or wishing to express your interest in a position, mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 24. The Willamette National Forest is holding its second annual Public Lands Job Fair in Eugene. Meet with hiring managers who can review your resume and answer questions. The session takes place Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eugene Library's downtown branch at 10th and Olive Streets. Seasonal jobs in firefighting on the Willamette National Forest include working on a local unit handcrew, on an engine crew, in fire prevention, or as a lookout. These are tough jobs usually performed in primitive, backcountry conditions. Firefighters must be in top physical condition for this demanding work.

More information about temporary employment in the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region website. ; The U.S. Forest Service this month begins accepting applications for more than 1,000 seasonal jobs for the spring and summer of 2020 in Oregon and Washington. The application window runs from September 16 through September 30. In the Siuslaw National Forest, for example, 47 positions are available out of the Reedsport, Waldport and Hebo offices that deal with recreation, biological sciences, visitor services, wildland fire, and timber. These entry-level positions require varying degrees of experience and are great opportunities for college students or those looking for a new, challenging career. It's also a chance for students and others to contribute to world-class recreation opportunities on the Oregon Coast, receive experience in an internationally recognized watershed restoration program, welcome visitors from around the world to awe-inspiring locations, or be a part of the active community of wildland firefighters in the Pacific Northwest. Applications for the Siuslaw and other National Forests must be submitted at [www.USAJOBS.gov](http://www.USAJOBS.gov) between Sept. 16 - 30. Interested applicants are encouraged to create a profile on USAJOBS in advance to save time once the application window opens. / ENVIRONMENT: With the return of cooler weather and rain, the autumn "ecological burn program" is getting underway in the City of Eugene. The effort involves controlled burns in the West Eugene Wetlands and other local areas. The City of Eugene along with the "Rivers to Ridges Partnership" coordinate these controlled burns each year on lands throughout the southern Willamette Valley. The goal is to get rid of invasive plants, restore native plants and preserve the valley's prairie and savanna ecosystems. The controlled burns also reduce dead vegetation—fuels that might otherwise contribute to uncontrolled brush fires and wildfires. Partner agencies include: the Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Buford Park, Lane County and The Nature Conservancy, as well as Oregon Department of Forestry, Eugene Springfield Fire and other local fire districts. Experienced and highly-trained fire crews manage these controlled burns using detailed burn plans, which include extensive prescriptions for conducting the burns to provide maximum protection for the community. The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency reviews and approves the plans, specifying conditions under which the burns may proceed. Approximately 700 acres were successfully burned in this way in 2018. Burning is planned on roughly 900 acres between now and the end of October. Individual burn units range from less than an acre to up to 130 acres. Coordinators consider weather conditions and only burn on days when the winds are forecasted to blow smoke up and away from nearby residential areas and roadways. For this reason, managers often cannot provide notice of the planned burning more than 24 hours in advance. But they will post updates online and on social media. ; The Willamette National Forest is preparing for its fall prescribed burns which are getting underway this week and may continue until late November. Prescribed burning is dependent upon weather conditions, so public notice might only come 24 hours before a burn or even the morning of. This fall, 62 acres of meadow restoration, 470 acres of underburning, and approximately 1800 acres of pile burning are planned across the Willamette National Forest. Planners ask drivers to be cautious when traveling on forest roads as the amount of traffic will increase as fire personnel move into planned burn areas. Prescribed burning reduces hazardous fuels which protects human communities from extreme fires;

minimizes the spread of pest insects and disease; removes unwanted species that threaten species native to an ecosystem; provides forage for game; improves habitat for threatened and endangered species; recycles nutrients back to the soil; and promotes the growth of trees, wildflowers, and other plants. In preparation for the burns, crews are building and clearing fire lines, laying fire hose around the units and checking fuel moistures and weather forecasts regularly for a window of opportunity. One group of firefighters will light the fire while another group patrols the fire line on foot and sprays fuels outside the unit with water to ensure the fire stays contained within the burn area. Crews will spend up to a week ensuring no hot spots remain after the smoke clears. Pile burning will be scattered throughout the Willamette National Forest while meadow burning and underburning will be conducted in several locations. /

**TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Three people who sued over 2017's deadly Amtrak derailment in Washington state have been awarded nearly \$17 million by a jury for their pain and suffering. Amtrak had previously admitted negligence when its first paid passenger run on a new route from Tacoma to Portland plunged onto Interstate 5, killing three people and injuring more than 60 others. A federal court jury in Tacoma decided Friday to award \$7 million to Blaine Wilmotte, \$2 million to his wife, Madison Wilmotte, and \$7.75 million to Dale Skillingstad. U.S. District Court Judge Benjamin Settle said a new trial date should be set for fourth plaintiff Adam Harris' claims because a doctor testified about an examination of Harris that was not disclosed to Amtrak before trial. In June, the National Transportation Safety Board published its final report on the crash, with the agency's vice chairman blasting what he described as a "Titanic-like complacency" among those charged with ensuring safe train operations. /

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EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Bargainers for Oregon's public universities and the union representing its thousands of classified, non-teaching staff, head for mediation early next week. It comes as union leaders say members begin voting tomorrow on whether to authorize a strike should talks stall. The bargaining unit includes campus office workers, library technicians, custodial and maintenance staff, food service workers and others. Negotiators for the universities say they made their latest offer during a three-day session late last week and representatives of the Service Employees International Union—or SEIU Local 503—said the financial aspects fell short of what their members need. The union bargaining team declared an impasse last month, and the two sides entered a 30-day cooling-off period during which negotiations continued. Members of the union bargaining team say their members want higher cost-of-living increases and more personal leave time than the university system is offering. A spokesperson for the Oregon Public Universities says the most recent offer provides pay hikes and a package she describes as “generous and fair,” but adds that the universities also must consider the financial impacts any new contract will have on budgets for classes and students. SEIU 503 members last went on strike in the mid-1990s. / ECONOMY, BUSINESS: Roughly 80-thousand employees with Kaiser-Permanente plan to walk off their jobs as part of a seven-day strike in mid-October in Oregon, Washington, California, three other states and the District of Columbia. The Sacramento Bee quotes leaders of The Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions who say patients will see picket lines at Kaiser Permanente hospitals, medical office buildings and other facilities. The three-union coalition includes SEIU Local 49 here in Oregon. Members include optometrists and clinical laboratory scientists, respiratory and x-ray technicians, licensed vocational nurses, certified nursing assistants, surgical and pharmacy techs, phlebotomists, medical assistants, housekeepers and others. Their contract expired in September of 2018. A group of nine other Kaiser Permanente unions reached a labor contract in October of last year covering 49,000 workers. / GOVERNMENT: Lane County property owners now have the option to receive electronic property tax statements via email rather than paper copies. Officials say taxpayers have been requesting electronic statements. Providing the helps Lane County be more efficient and will save on the cost to print and mail statements each year. You may opt into the electronic statement system at the Lane County Assessment & Taxation website. The deadline to opt into electronic statements for the current



tax year is September 30. If property owners opt in after that date, they may receive both paper and electronic copies this fall before receiving only electronic statements next year. The 2019-20 property tax statements are planned to be online on October 14 and statements are anticipated to be mailed on October 18. Opting into electronic property tax statements will not affect the process through which mortgage companies pay property tax on behalf of a property owner. /

**SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT:** Winter is coming and that means an increased likelihood of storm-related power outages. During September's National Preparedness Month, Eugene Water & Electric Board encourages customers to be "prepared, not scared" in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency. There's always the possibility that a severe storm or other natural disaster could affect us here in the Pacific Northwest. Should a major event occur, like a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, experts predict it could take months to get public services fully up and running. Since electricity and water could be unavailable for an extended period, EWEB encourages its customers to be prepared to be on their own for a minimum of two weeks. That means storing 14 days of water, food, medicine and other supplies. For a family of four, that's 56 gallons of water. To help customers, EWEB earlier this year launched its Pledge to Prepare program—a 12-month guide to getting two-weeks ready. Since January, nearly 1,700 people have joined the program. Each month, EWEB sends participants a new set of tasks aimed at incrementally building a two-week emergency supply kit. The idea is to start small with a basic three-day kit, and then build it slowly over time. EWEB has received dozens of photos from participants eager to share their progress on planning and preparing for an emergency. Some who joined at the beginning of the year have accomplished all the recommended steps and are now nearly finished with their two-week kits.

EWEB experts say studies of natural disaster responses indicate our ability to be self-sufficient at the household level affects not just personal safety and resiliency, but also how quickly and successfully we can recover as a whole community. To join the Pledge to Prepare and get started on your two-week emergency kit, visit EWEB's website. / **WILDLIFE, GOVERNMENT:** Oregon has banned the trapping of a coastal subspecies of the Humboldt marten, an extremely rare cat-like creature whose habitat is critical to its survival. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted 4-3 for a trapping ban west of Interstate 5 to protect the fewer than 200 Humboldt martens left in the state. Conservation groups had sued Oregon when it didn't act to ban trapping last fall. The coalition of environmental groups said the delay had the potential to wipe out the population. The rules also ban all commercial and recreational trapping in Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and all traps and snares suspended in trees in the Siskiyou and Siuslaw national forests — the two forests where the coastal martens are found. The meat-eating Humboldt marten is about the size of a kitten and is related to minks. It has sleek brown fur, pointy ears and a sharp nose and can be aggressive, despite its cuddly appearance. The subspecies in question lives in southern Oregon and northern California and is so rare it was thought to be extinct until a remote camera snapped a picture in the redwoods in 1996. The animals are under consideration for listing as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act, with a ruling expected this fall. Coastal Humboldt martens are threatened by cars that speed along Interstate 5, by logging and increasingly by wildfires and rodent poison that's used in southern

Oregon marijuana grows. Two other subspecies of the Humboldt marten — in Oregon's Cascade Mountains and Blue Mountains — are not included in the ban and are not imperiled. There are about 2,000 so-called fur takers licensed by the state of Oregon who, until now, had the right to kill the coastal martens for their soft pelts. Only about a dozen of those individuals harvest martens, and those trappers prefer the subspecies in the mountains, where the cold makes the martens' fur grow thicker, said Derek Broman, a carnivore biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. No one has legally trapped a Humboldt marten in western Oregon since 2014, he said. The bans on trapping and hunting could hurt the state's effort to better understand the coastal marten's range and habits because fur takers are required to report to the state not only what they kill but also details on where it was found and what hunting methods worked. /

**WILDLIFE, TRANSPORTATION:** Central Oregon drivers: Watch Out! There are deer on the road. This is the time of year when migrating deer wander across busy Oregon highways and secondary roads. Mule deer are moving from the highlands to lower elevations for winter. In many cases, they must cross our regional highways, including the eastern stretch of Oregon Highway 58, as well as Central Oregon's U.S. 97 and Oregon Highway 31. Wildlife biologists urge you be especially vigilant in the early morning and late evening hours. Many deer cross U.S. 97 at a "hot spot" just south of Bend where the Oregon Department of Transportation has built two wildlife undercrossings. Another undercrossing is being constructed just north of Gilchrist. That project has received \$500,000 in funding from partners that include the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Oregon Hunters Association and others. /

**SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY:** The mother of a Corvallis teen who died on a camping trip has sued Boy Scouts of America for \$10 million. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the wrongful death lawsuit was filed earlier this month in Lane County Circuit Court. Nolan Henderson died in October while on a Boy Scouts camping trip at Rosary Lakes in Klamath County with 10 other boys and six adult volunteers. The lawsuit says the 17-year-old was among a group of boys and adult scoutmaster who decided to try to summit Pulpit Rock, which is described as a steep rock face. The suit says the scoutmaster decided to return to camp after making it nearly to Pulpit Rock's face and yelled for Henderson and another scout to come down. While descending, the suit says Henderson grabbed a rock which became dislodged and Henderson fell backward off the cliff face. The lawsuit claims Henderson's death was "primarily caused by the acts and omissions" of the defendants. An email has been sent to the Boy Scouts of America seeking comment. /

**WOMEN, YOUTH, HEALTH, SAFETY, CRIME:** A new study finds that for one in six U.S. women, their first sexual experience was in their teens and they were forced or coerced into intercourse. That's research concludes that those encounters might have had lasting health consequences. The authors say the experiences amount to rape, but they relied on a national survey that didn't use that word when asking about forced sex. Almost seven percent of the women surveyed said they were targets of forced or coerced sex, with their average age 15 and the man often several years older. The women who said that was their first sexual experience said they later had more sexual partners, more instances of unwanted pregnancies and abortions, and more reproductive health problems than other women. Almost 16 percent of those surveyed reported fair or poor health, double the rate of other women. Other data

show nearly 1 in 5 U.S. women have been raped in their lifetimes. / BUSINESS, HEALTH: Purdue Pharma gets its day in court today after the OxyContin maker filed for bankruptcy protection and negotiated a potential multi-billion-dollar settlement to resolve thousands of lawsuits. An initial hearing will be held in federal court in White Plains, New York, for the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case. Purdue filed for bankruptcy protection late Sunday, the first step in a plan it says would provide \$10 billion to \$12 billion to help reimburse state and local governments and clean up the damage done by powerful prescription painkillers and illegal opioids, including heroin. These drugs have been blamed for more than 400,000 deaths in the U.S. in the past two decades. Two dozen states have signed on to the settlement plan along with key lawyers who represent many of the 2,000-plus local governments suing Stamford, Connecticut-based Purdue Pharma. But other states, including Oregon, have come out strongly against it. ; A judge will need to decide whether lawsuits against members of the Sackler family that owns Purdue Pharma can go ahead with the company seeking bankruptcy protection. But at a hearing today in White Plains, New York, Judge Robert Drain is scheduled to consider routine matters such as whether the company can keep paying its taxes and utilities. Several states, including Oregon, are preparing to fight the company's bankruptcy plan, which includes a settlement deal that could be worth up to \$12 billion. States that oppose it say that members of the Sackler family need to be made to pay more than the \$3 billion to \$4.5 billion called for in the settlement. The bankruptcy filing will at least pause more than 2,000 suits aiming to hold the company accountable for its role in the opioid crisis. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: A new study suggests when a pregnant woman breathes in air pollution, it can travel beyond her lungs to the placenta that guards her fetus. Pollution composed of tiny particles from car exhaust, factory smokestacks and other sources is dangerous to everyone's health, and during pregnancy it's been linked to premature births and low birth weight. But scientists don't understand why, something that could affect care for women in highly polluted areas. One theory is that the particles lodge in mom's lungs and trigger potentially harmful inflammation. On Tuesday, Belgian researchers reported another possibility, that any risk might be more direct. Their scanning technique spotted a type of particle pollution — sootlike black carbon — on placentas donated by 28 new mothers, they reported in Nature Communications. The placenta nourishes a developing fetus and tries to block damaging substances in the mother's bloodstream. The Hasselt University team found the particles accumulated on the side of the placenta closest to the fetus, near where the umbilical cord emerges. That's not proof the soot actually crossed the placenta to reach the fetus — or that it's responsible for any ill effects, cautioned Dr. Yoel Sadovsky of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, a leading placenta expert who wasn't involved with the new research. And it's a small study. Scientists already had some clues from animal studies that particles could reach the placenta, but Tuesday's study is a first with human placentas. The Belgian researchers developed a way to scan placenta samples using ultra-short pulses from a laser that made the black carbon particles flash a bright white light, so they could be measured. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Lots and lots of rain again yesterday. The rain gauge at Eugene's airport registered three-quarters of an inch. In a two-hour period this morning, we received another one-third of an inch. Yesterday's peak wind gust came late yesterday morning: 33 mph. On the coast, winds brought down several large trees, blocking Oregon Highway 34 near the town of Tidewater. Crews needed a couple of hours to clear the mess. / SAFETY: A fire early this morning at a business in the 4300 block of Springfield's Main Street. Not a lot of details, but the first calls to 9-1-1 came shortly before 3:00 a.m. with reports of visible flames and some explosions. No word on the cause of the fire or damage estimates. / WILDLIFE, SAFETY: There was a cougar sighting Tuesday at Dorris Ranch in Springfield. Officials with the Willamalane Parks and Recreation District, which manages the property, say they've worked with the local office of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to post signs at the park. Dorris Ranch visitors are encouraged to use caution in the area, especially around dawn and dusk. Keep an eye on everyone in your party, especially children. Keep dogs on a leash. If you think you see a cougar, report the sighting to your local Oregon Department of Fish &amp; Wildlife or Oregon State Police office. Oregon is home to more than 6,000 cougars, or mountain lions. While cougar sightings and encounters are rare but have increased in recent years as cities have expanded and more homes and businesses have moved into rural areas. Why they generally avoid people, some of the big cats have grown more accustomed to human presence and even ventured into communities when food grows scarce in the wild. In Springfield, there have been a number of cougar sightings in recent years, mostly in areas that border wooded areas and fields near the river and are considered wildlife corridors. But one big cat was euthanized in July of last year after it was spotted watching children at play in a Springfield neighborhood. Last October, residents in the Mt. Vernon-Jasper Road area were warned to be alert a flurry of cougar sightings, including one near a school, and evidence of several predatory animal kills. / SAFETY, CRIME, HEALTH: PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center University District went into modified lockdown Tuesday morning after a man threatened staff there. Eugene Police were called around 10:30 a.m. after investigators said a patient threatened a healthcare provider and security staff and threatened to return and harm people. No weapons were displayed during the incident at the facility, located at 13<sup>th</sup> and Hilyard Streets in Eugene. The man is described as being in his late 30s, 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds with short</p>

brown hair. He was last seen wearing black pants and a gray jacket with black sleeves. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Leaders of the union representing close to 4,500 classified or non-teaching employees at Oregon's seven public universities say the workers have authorized a strike if talks fail to produce a deal. The votes were cast the past two days and bargainers with SEIU Local 503 say the strike authorization gained the support of 95% of those who voted. The classified workers provide services that include food preparation, building and grounds maintenance, custodial services, student registration and financial aid assistance, tech support, library technicians and others. A spokesperson for the Oregon Public Universities says management's most recent offer provides pay hikes and a package she describes as "generous and fair," but that universities must consider the financial impacts that any new contract will have on budgets for classes and students. The union's leadership disputes that, saying management has shown that it values donors and athletics over student services. The two sides are continuing to bargain and have mediation sessions set for early next week. If they cannot reach a contract deal, a walkout could happen on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. SEIU 503 members last went on strike in the mid-1990s. The union claims about half of the workers who are set to strike earn less than \$40,000 per year, hundreds make less than \$25,000 per year, and 1 in 6 qualify for SNAP (food stamps) for a family of four. / ECONOMY, BUSINESS: Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in August, the same as in June and July. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.7 percent during each of the most recent three months of June, July, and August. Oregon's unemployment rate has been between 4.0 percent and 4.4 percent for 34 consecutive months dating back to November 2016. This sustained stretch of low unemployment is unprecedented in comparable records dating back to 1976. In the 40 years prior to 2016, Oregon's unemployment rate was never below 4.7 percent. In August, Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment added 900 jobs, following a gain of 2,400 jobs in July. Monthly gains for August were strongest in leisure and hospitality (+1,600 jobs) and professional and business services (+1,100). These gains were offset by job losses in several industries: wholesale trade (-900 jobs); other services (-900); retail trade (-700); and health care and social assistance (-600). Recent employment growth has slowed from the rapid expansion over the prior several years. / HEALTH: State officials say two additional cases of respiratory illnesses linked to vaping have been reported in recent weeks, bringing the total number of cases in Oregon to four. Experts with the Oregon Health Authority say the new diagnoses came after the first patient died in July from a respiratory illness tied to vaping. Oregon health investigators believe that person purchased a cannabis oil product from a marijuana retail shop. No details yet on the factors that might have contributed to the other three reported illnesses or where the patients were treated. Hundreds of people across the U.S. have been sickened, mainly by vaping cannabis oil containing other ingredients. Nationwide, seven deaths have been reported, the latest on Monday in California. / WILDLIFE, TRANSPORTATION: Oregon vehicle owners would have the option of a new license plate design if one being backed by the Oregon Wildlife Foundation is approved. It features an image of a mule deer with Mount Hood in the background. State officials say the foundation must sell 3,000 vouchers to verify there's enough interest before the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicles division will approve the new design. That's how the process worked ahead of production of

earlier designs such as the Oregon Duck and Gray Whale plates backed by other groups. The foundation is selling the vouchers for \$40 on its website. Officials say the \$40 surcharge is redeemed due when vehicle owners order the license plate and at each new registration renewal. The wildlife foundation says it chose the mule deer for the plate design because the species is declining and also vulnerable to collisions with vehicles on Oregon's Highway 97 during seasonal migrations. Backers hope the proposed license plate helps increase awareness. I've posted the link and details at my TracyKKNU Facebook page. / MILITARY, SAFETY, CRIME: On Monday at approximately 7:00 AM, Oregon State Police and emergency personnel responded to a non-injury bus crash on US Hwy 101 in Manzanita. The bus was carrying by 46 Army National Guard members from the 1-186 Infantry from Medford who were headed from Camp Rilea north of Seaside to Portland. The driver was transported to local hospital for evaluation. No other injuries were reported. But now, the Tillamook County District Attorney's Office is review the case against the bus driver, considering charges of Driving Under the Influence and 46 counts of Reckless Endangering. The preliminary investigation revealed the bus had departed Camp Rilea a few minutes earlier when the driver, 44-year-old Kenneth Alexander, from Vancouver, Washington, missed the turn onto US Hwy 26 south of Seaside. The driver assured the passengers he knew the route to Portland and continued southbound on US Hwy 101. The passengers told investigators they became concerned because the driver using his cell phone and showing signs of impairment. Right about then, the driver lost control of the bus and crashed into the sidewalk. The City of Manzanita opened City Hall to the members of the National Guard until another bus arrived. Oregon State Police investigators were was assisted by the Manzanita Police Department, and the Tillamook County District Attorney's Office. / EVENTS, MINORITIES: Last weekend's Pendleton Round-Up marked the unofficial end of Oregon's summer rodeo season. There are plenty of big rodeo gatherings, but also smaller circuits for competitors who historically had tougher times gaining access to the larger events. These included black rodeo circuits, as well as rodeos featuring Native Americans, Mexican Americans, and female competitors. There's also a gay rodeo circuit, which started in 1976. This month, the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History @oregonnaturalhistory is hosting an exhibition of Blake Little's photographs of the competitors and events. The black-and-white images capture the athleticism and camaraderie of the cowboys taking part in the rodeos. The exhibit is on view through Jan. 19, 2020. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A congressional committee investigating the grounded 737 Max has asked Boeing's Chairman and CEO to testify at a hearing next month. Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio, who heads the House Transportation Committee, has scheduled the hearing for Oct. 30. The committee also wants to hear from the chief engineer of Boeing's commercial airplanes division. A Boeing spokesman said the company is reviewing the committee's invitation and will continue to cooperate with Congress and regulatory agencies. Last week, DeFazio and another lawmaker asked Boeing's CEO to allow committee staffers interview several Boeing employees. DeFazio's committee has held three hearings since May focusing on the Boeing 737 Max jets, but no one from the aircraft manufacturer has testified. The plane has been grounded since shortly after the second of two crashes that together killed 346 people. Congress, the Justice Department and the Transportation Department's inspector general

are investigating the 737 Max and how it was certified for flight by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lawyers have filed dozens of lawsuits against the company on behalf of passengers' families. / SAFETY: The Oregonian and OregonLive report a lawyer who police say was shooting what looked like an assault rifle while on the balcony of his luxury apartment near Portland's busy convention center was arrested Saturday after officers stormed his apartment complex fearing they had a mass shooter on their hands. 37-year-old Michael Gorman told police it was a BB gun. Gorman said he had been using his BB gun to shoot beer cans on his balcony at the Yard apartments on the east side of the Burnside Bridge, according to a probable cause affidavit. A police officer with military training noted that from 10 feet away he couldn't tell the difference between Gorman's BB gun and an AR-15 or an M-4 rifle. Gorman told police he'd taken his BB gun out to show his girlfriend because they were preparing to go shooting on Sunday with shotguns. When police asked him if he'd leaned over the edge of his balcony with his BB gun, Gorman said he had, with the intention of shooting some rats or birds, according to the affidavit. Gorman appeared Monday in Multnomah County Circuit Court and pleaded not guilty to two misdemeanor charges of second-degree disorderly conduct and discharging a firearm in the city. A woman walking below Gorman's unit called police about 1:15 p.m. Saturday to report that she heard several popping sounds. She looked up and was alarmed to see a shirtless man, later identified as Gorman, pointing a rifle over the edge of a 15th floor balcony at 22 N.E. Second Avenue. She took some pictures, which she gave to police. Portland police deployed a "quick-reaction team" to the lobby. Other officers with "long guns" also were called to the scene to provide cover while police tried to find contact information for Gorman so they could communicate with him, according to the affidavit. Before officers could talk to him, Gorman stepped out of his unit and police immediately arrested him. He was booked into jail and released later that day. According to the affidavit, police stressed "the seriousness of the situation given the history of mass shooters and his proximity to the (Oregon) Convention Center that was packed with people here for the Comic Con event." The convention center is less than half a mile from the apartment complex. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>YOUTH, HEALTH: A greater share of U.S. teens are vaping nicotine e-cigarettes. About 25% of high school seniors surveyed this year said they vaped nicotine in the previous month, up from about 21% the year before. The University of Michigan study was published online Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine. Researchers surveyed more than 42,000 students across the country in grades 8, 10 and 12. The study also found cigarette smoking declined in high school seniors, from about 8% to 6%. The researchers have not reported how many students said they vaped marijuana. A government survey released last week showed similar trends. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Crews are searching up the McKenzie for a missing hunter and the Lane County Sheriff's Office is seeking information from anyone who might have seen 62-year-old James Broom or his black 2005 Chevy Tahoe. It comes after Broom's family contacted the Sheriff's Office early yesterday morning to report he had not returned from a planned Tuesday hunting trip, possibly in the Scott Creek area off the McKenzie Highway. James Broom is a white male, 6'2" and approximately 315 pounds. He is bald and was wearing a camouflage shirt and pants when he left to go hunting. Family members describe him as an experienced hunter but say he has medical issues that may require attention. James Broom was last seen driving a black 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe with Oregon license plate 904 LHE. Crews searched the Scott Creek area yesterday but turned up no sign of him or his vehicle. I've shared details of the "missing persons" report on my TracyKGNU Facebook page. The Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone who has seen James Broom or his vehicle to contact investigators at 541-682-4141. ; With the start of the rifle deer season this weekend, here are some safety tips for those heading outdoors. Hunters: Check weather reports. Tell someone where you will be when you will return. Leave a written plan at home and in your vehicle. Be familiar with the area. Consider using electronic technology such as a handheld GPS or an app on your cellphone that uses the GPS built into your phone. Personal locating beacons or satellite messengers can assist if you are lost or injured. Dress for the conditions. Avoid wearing white or tan during hunting seasons. Wearing hunter orange, viewable from all directions is recommended. Carry a spare set of dry clothing. Use layering techniques to prevent moisture while retaining body warmth. Always bring rain gear. If accompanied by a dog, the dog should also wear hunter orange or a very visible color on a vest, leash, coat or bandana. Check hunting equipment before and after each outing and maintain it properly. Familiarize</p>



yourself with its operation before using it in the field. Clearly identify your target before shooting. Prevent accidents and fatalities. Be alert when hunting near developed areas and trails. Other recreationists are in the forest as well. Carry a first aid kit and know how to use its contents. Check out the hunter safety courses available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website. If you're an outdoor enthusiast: Wear bright clothing. Make yourself more visible. Choose colors that stand out, like red, orange or green, and avoid white, blacks, browns, earth-toned greens and animal-colored clothing. Orange vests and hats are advisable. Don't forget to protect Fido. Get an orange vest for your dog if he/she accompanies you. Be courteous. Once a hunter is aware of your presence, don't make unnecessary noise to disturb wildlife. Avoid confrontations. Make yourself known. If you do hear shooting, raise your voice and let hunters know that you are in the vicinity. Know when hunting seasons are occurring. Continue to hike but learn about where and when hunting is taking place. Consider hiking midday when wild game and hunting activity is at its lowest. Know your own comfort level. If hunting makes you uneasy, choose a hiking location where hunting is not allowed, such as a national or state park. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Supporters of an Oregon ballot measure that would create the most comprehensive law in America requiring the safe storage of weapons delivered a box to Oregon's elections office yesterday. They say contains 2,000 signatures. If the signatures are certified, backers hope to launch an effort to collect more than 112-thousand valid petition signatures to land a measure on next year's statewide ballot. Three state lawmakers, also appearing at the news conference, vowed to push a bill in next year's legislative session that would enact the same storage requirements. If it passes, it would render any ballot initiative moot. But if the bill fails, the measure would have a second chance by going directly to voters in November. The initiative would require guns to be secured with a trigger or cable lock, or in a locked container. It also mandates that a lost or stolen firearm be reported within 24 hours and makes violators of the measure liable for any injury from an unsecured weapon, except in matters of self-defense or defense of another person. Massachusetts is the only state in the country that requires all people to keep their firearms safely stored when not under their immediate control, said Allison Anderman, managing attorney at Giffords, a gun-control advocacy group. The Oregon initiative goes further because it makes gun owners strictly liable to lawsuits if their unsecured weapons cause injuries or damage. Each violation of the proposed law carries fines up to \$2,000. A firearms storage bill was packaged with other gun-control measures during Oregon's 2019 legislative session that ended in June. There were some vocal opponents, including those who say they need their firearms unlocked to be able to defend their families. Others spoke of infringement on gun rights. Ultimately, the Legislature's gun-control effort was scrapped by Democrats in order to lure back Republican senators who had staged a walkout over a school funding tax. Among those backing the gun-storage ballot measure: Carol Manstrom, who lost her 18-year-old son when he grabbed his father's unsecured pistol and shot himself. Another person working on the effort is Paul Kemp, who lost his brother-in-law in 2012 when a man opened fire with a stolen AR-15 style rifle at the Clackamas Town Center shopping mall. Manstrom and Kemp believe their loved ones would be alive today if such a law had been enacted earlier. Advocates say such a measure might also help lower Oregon's suicide rate. They say suicides account for 85 percent of gun

deaths in Oregon, compared to a national rate of 66 percent. / **POLITICS, CRIME:** Oregon Gov. Kate Brown says she will not call a special session of the Legislature. She says there's not enough support right now to deal with questions raised about whether a new law which narrows death penalty cases is retroactive. Brown says that while it's clear there's a misunderstanding regarding the intent of the words in Senate Bill 1013, the session was conditional on widespread support among lawmakers and those who have involvement in the issue. Brown says "that has not been achieved" and she cannot justify the additional cost and time a special session requires without that support. Prosecutors, some lawmakers and crime victims had urged Brown to call a special session to ensure the law would not impact old death penalty cases. The new law narrows the state's use of the death penalty by substantially limiting the definition of aggravated murder. After Brown signed it Aug. 1, lawyers for Martin Allen Johnson, whom authorities say raped and murdered a teenage girl in 1998 before throwing her body off a bridge, raised the issue of whether the new law applies to him. A judge determined the crime no longer qualifies as aggravated murder under the new law. Other old cases could be affected. / **EDUCATION, ECONOMY:** Workers at seven public universities in Oregon have voted to authorize a strike if a new contract deal isn't reached, their union said Wednesday. The workers' union, SEIU 503, said 95% of its members voted to strike on Sept. 30 if a deal can't be reached during a negotiating session on Sept. 23 at Portland State University. The union represents 4,500 public university employees who work in maintenance, food preparation, tech support, grounds, custodial services and financial aid assistance at Oregon's seven publicly funded institutions. Those are the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, the Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University, Western Oregon University and Eastern Oregon University. A strike would come as classes begin at some of those institutions, including the University of Oregon. Sticking points in the negotiations include demands for higher cost of living increases and additional pay step increases for workers who are "topped out" at the top of their scale. Workers also are asking for an additional pay step at the top for longtime workers and to eliminate the lowest pay step of each salary range in 2020. Oregon Public Universities says negotiators are optimistic an agreement can be reached. In a statement, Oregon Public Universities said the schools were disappointed in the strike authorization vote despite a generous wage increase offer for the next two-year contract. / **SAFETY:** The Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial will be held Thursday, September 19, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy (4190 Aumsville Highway SE, Salem). The ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. and the public is welcome. The Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial is a tribute to the ultimate sacrifice made by fire service professionals, career and volunteer, across our state. Over the decades, five members of Eugene Springfield Fire died protecting our community. Firefighter Rex Reed died as the result of a collision between the fire engine he was driving and a train while en route to a fire on November 28, 1928. (Eugene Fire & EMS). Capt. Donovan Hodgson died on October 28, 1957 of a heart attack while reporting in at the fire station for a general alarm blaze. (Springfield Fire & Life Safety). Firefighter Leland Christensen died on October 11, 1966 of a heart attack while fighting a general alarm blaze at the Kendall Ford dealership. (Eugene Fire & EMS). Firefighter Harold "Bucky" Stinson died October 11, 1966 when a concrete wall collapsed and crushed him while he was fighting

the blaze at the Kendall Ford dealership. (Eugene Fire & EMS). Capt. Horst Rech died September 21, 1978 when the ceiling collapsed on him during his second entry into the fire at DJ's Market. (Springfield Fire & Life Safety). Eugene Springfield Fire has three members and a fire dog serving this year as part of the Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard. The team made of fire service members from around the state come together each year to honor the fallen and provide assistance to their families. / ENVIRONMENT: Federal protections for orcas might soon extend along a large stretch of the West Coast, from the Canadian border south off Washington and Oregon and all the way to the waters off Central California. Leaders of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued a proposal Wednesday to increase the critical habitat designation for southern resident killer whales by more than sevenfold under the Endangered Species Act. Current protections are limited to Puget Sound for the orcas, who are also known as "killer whales." But scientists say just 73 orcas remain in the Pacific Northwest population, the lowest number in more than three decades. They say the marine mammals are struggling from a lack of Chinook salmon, their preferred prey, as well as toxic contamination of some western waters and noise from ocean vessels. The orcas that return to the inland waters of Washington state every summer are genetically distinct from other killer whale populations around the world and differ from some of the others in eating primarily salmon, rather than seals or other marine mammals. The survival of the three orca pods that make up the so-called southern resident population have been under intense scrutiny recently. One orca, known as J35, drew international attention last year as she carried her dead newborn on her head for more than two weeks. The NOAA proposal, if enacted, would mean that federal agencies must ensure that activities they pay for, permit or carry out do not harm the orca habitat. Such a designation does not generally affect approved recreational or commercial activity such as whale watching and shipping. The whales were listed as endangered in 2005 after the Center for Biological Diversity sued for the status. The following year, NOAA Fisheries designated Puget Sound as critical habitat. The environmental group sued again last year to force the agency to act on its 2014 petition to expand protections to where the orcas look for food and migrate off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: There's been a small outbreak of West Nile virus infections in Eastern Oregon this year. West Nile is a virus carried by mosquitos. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that this year there were five cases in humans, in Harney, Deschutes and Malheur counties. There were also four cases in horses and about 80 mosquitos found carrying the disease. Most people infected with West Nile don't feel ill. But one in five develop a fever and one in every 150 suffer a serious, sometimes fatal, illness. People can reduce their risk of catching the virus by using insect repellent and wearing long sleeved shirts and pants. / COMMUNITY, AGRICULTURE: Today, the Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club will hold its 27<sup>th</sup> annual Frozen Berries & Pies Distribution Day in a parking lot at the rear of Valley River Center in Eugene. The distribution begins Thursday at 3:30 p.m. but "early bird" drivers may begin lining up earlier in the afternoon in the coned-off parking lot behind Valley River Center. Kiwanis, Key Club and Boy Scout Volunteers will unload the orders from a refrigerated truck and load them into the waiting cars as they file by. Hundreds of people supported the Kiwanis' efforts this year, so two lanes are set up to handle the expected 550 cars that will pass through the lines between 3:30

p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you placed an order and are not able to pick it up on distribution day, a 'late pick-up day' is held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Food for Lane County Warehouse in Eugene. All berries not picked up are donated to Food for Lane County. The annual frozen pies and berry sales raise money for Emerald Empire Kiwanis programs throughout the year. These include the Metropolitan Choral Festival, the Student Recognition Dinner, support for Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Food for Lane County, support for Mt Pisgah, and more. The Kiwanis want to thank everyone who placed an order for making these programs and donations a reality. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT, YOUTH, POLITICS, EDUCATION: They say they want politicians to act as if the world's on fire and begin curbing carbon emissions and taking the fight against global warming seriously. Tens of thousands of high school students in cities nationwide, including here in Eugene-Springfield, plan to leave classes today to attend Global Climate Strike marches calling for immediate action to end climate change. They are part of a global joint protest aimed directly at the adults they say are ignoring the destruction of the planet. Students in more than 800 locations around the United States plan to go on strike from school for the day to attend protests. The protests are timed to begin a week of activism at the United Nations, including a Youth Climate Summit on Saturday and a UN Climate Action Summit on Monday. A second strike is planned for Friday, Sept. 27. The movement is led by a broad group of young people who say they are frightened for their futures and angry that adults have done so little. Unlike the Vietnam War protests, which were mostly college students, the organizers of these events are mostly high school and even some middle school students. Some teens say as they become adults, they are refusing to have kids of their own until there's action on climate change. The local events begin at 11 a.m. when the "Bike Brigade," a series of bike and human-powered vehicle rides, gathers at two locations, Monroe Park and Amazon Pool, then travels to the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza at 8<sup>th</sup> and Oak Streets in Eugene, the site of the local Global Climate Strike rally at 12:00 noon. There will be student assemblies, a 1 p.m. rally and presentations, followed by student meetings inside Harris Hall in the Lane County Public Service Building. If you are driving downtown or near the route of the Bike Brigade, prepare for brief delays and congestion. Other events are planned later in the week. / EDUCATION: Oregon schools have recorded their poorest performance in the five-year history of Oregon's current reading, writing and math tests this spring, registering year-over-year declines in every grade level and among nearly every demographic group. The scores were released Thursday. They indicate only 40 percent of students across grades three through eight have mastered math and only a bit more than half can read and write proficiently, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported. But some education experts say so many high school students sat out the nationally benchmarked tests, known as Smarter Balanced exams, that their results, which were down sharply in reading and writing, are not reliable. Nearly 20 percent of juniors declined to take the English or math exam or both, state figures show. The</p>

performance decline and the continued disparities between white and Asian students and historically poorer performing students of color were a disappointment, given the frequent calls by state schools chief Colt Gill and other leaders in Oregon's education establishment to raise the bar and close achievement gaps. The state has multimillion-dollar initiatives underway to raise achievement among black and Native American students. But Asian American students, already the top scorers in Oregon, were the only racial or ethnic group that registered consistent improvement on the tests this year. The tests are designed to measure whether students have the skills they need to be on track for college and careers. Gill and others say they are optimistic that a massive infusion of a half a billion dollars in funding for public schools and early childhood education starting in the fall of 2020 will pay off in measurable ways. The money will help provide things including smaller classes, additional mental health and behavioral supports and improved attention to students of color. Gill encouraged parents and taxpayers to reach out to school district leaders now to offer input on how they think the district could best spend the new money. He also cautioned against reading too much into the test results, noting that an in-depth end-of-year test over reading, writing and math does not capture the breadth of subjects that students should learn in a well-rounded curriculum. ; The register-Guard notes that school districts across Lane County saw students struggle to meet English and math proficiency this year, according to state data released Thursday. Nearly every grade level tested in the state saw a decline in proficiency. Only three of Lane County's 16 school districts — Fern Ridge, Marcola and McKenzie — had more students perform at proficiency in one or both of the categories in the 2018-2019 Oregon statewide assessments, or Smarter Balanced tests. Other county districts showed a decline, some just slightly, in proficiency. Of the three districts in Eugene and Springfield, Eugene School District overall saw the largest dip in English language arts proficiency at 59%, falling from 62% the previous school year. Its math scores also dropped about 2% from the year before, with only 46.4% of students testing proficient. Bethel School District saw a similar loss with 3% fewer students proficient in math, and 48.2% of students proficient in English, falling from the nearly 50% the year before. Springfield School District's changes were slight, but still showed a decline in both categories with English down to 47.5% from 48.4% and math proficiency down to 32.1% from 33.7%. / YOUTH, HEALTH, EDUCATION: Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley are co-sponsoring legislation that they say would help schools better provide the mental health counseling needed by many students. They say mental illness affects one in five American youth, that about half of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14, and that more than one-third of students age 14 and older with mental illness drop out of school. The bill would call for better counselor-to-student ratios in schools to improve access to the mental health services. It would pay for it through a series of federal grants to states based on their student enrollment numbers. There would also be competitive grants for state agencies able to provide matching funds. Backers say the recommended student-to-counselor ratio is 250 students per counselor, but amid tight school funding the national average is 455 students per counselor and the Oregon average is 511 students per counselor. There are similar challenges in providing enough school psychologists. The bill has the backing of six other democratic senators and one Independent but it's unknown how it would fare in the GOP-

controlled U.S. Senate. Fully 90 percent of youth who die by suicide had a mental illness. Youth with access to mental health service providers in their school are 10 times more likely to seek care than youth without access, but school districts across America lack the resources to provide students with the in-school treatment and care they need. Young people often find themselves waiting months for mental health treatment—an unacceptable delay, particularly at a vulnerable stage of life. The proposal is endorsed by the National Education Association, the National PTA, the National Association of School Psychologists, the School Social Work Association of America, the American School Counselor Association, and the American Psychological Association. / YOUTH, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION: To kick off a new 4-H school year, Lane County 4-H is hosting an Open House for the community to learn all about what the program has to offer. The Lane County 4-H Open house will be held on Sunday, September 22nd, at the OSU Extension Office at 996 Jefferson Street from Noon until 4 PM, in conjunction with the Eugene Sunday Streets event. Families are encouraged to drop in to play games, connect with current 4-H members and club leaders, meet staff, and get enrollment information. In addition to the 4-H Open House, OSU Extension Services staff and volunteers will be on-hand to show off the Extension Office garden, offer fun activities and share information on other programs offered through OSU Extension in Lane County.

The Lane County 4-H program welcomes youth as young as age 5 up to age 19. The core program begins when young people are in the 4th Grade. Lane County 4-H has 12 Community Clubs spread throughout Lane County with a wide number of project areas for youth. Club projects give young people a chance to explore science, robotics, gardening, sewing, cooking, healthy living, photography, environmental stewardship, dogs, small animals, livestock, horses, and many more topics. / VETERANS, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH: It has a long history in Linn and Lane Counties. On Saturday, a fire truck that spent 20 years in Springfield and the last 20 in Harrisburg is heading for the Coast Range to help in fire protection and to assist homeless and at-risk veterans in their recovery programs at Veterans Legacy. Veterans Legacy at Camp Alma in the Coast Range is a therapeutic program dedicated to healing Veterans who suffer from the wounds of war, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, mental health issues, alcohol and drug addictions. The donated fire truck will become the foundation for the non-profit's fire-new fighting program. Veterans who will be residing at Camp Alma will be trained as certified fire fighters, learn vital work skills that will help them reintegrate into their community, and build comradery among their fellow resident Veterans – a literal lifeline so to speak. Organizers hope to develop the group's skills to the point where members of the crew would be 'on call' in case of a fire emergency, either at Camp Alma or after they return to their communities. The 105-acre Veterans Legacy site was transferred to the non-profit last year by Lane County, which originally ran it as an inmate forest work camp but shuttered it years ago. Backers of Veterans Legacy converted it into a residential-style treatment facility that uses what's known as "therapeutic agriculture." That's where the veterans grow much of their own produce while engaging in mental health and substance abuse treatment and counseling in the multi-month program. In recent months and years, supporters of Veterans Legacy have held work parties to get the site in shape and begin accepting the first veterans. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Some good news last night: That missing

hunter has been located and is safe and unharmed. He's back with his family. The Lane County Sheriff's Office thanks everyone who kept an eye out for the missing 62-year-old. / ENVIRONMENT: North America's skies are lonelier and quieter as nearly 3 billion fewer wild birds soared in the air this year than in 1970, a comprehensive study shows. The new study focuses on the drop in sheer numbers of birds, not extinctions. The bird population in the United States and Canada was probably around 10.1 billion nearly half a century ago and has fallen 29% to about 7.2 billion birds, according to a study in Thursday's journal Science. Scientists projected population data using weather radar, 13 different bird surveys going back to 1970 and computer modeling to come up with trends for 529 species of North American birds. That's not all species, but more than three-quarters of them and most of the missed species are quite rare. Using weather radar data, which captures flocks of migrating birds, is a new method. Some of the most common and recognizable birds are taking the biggest hits, even though they are not near disappearing yet. The common house sparrow was at the top of the list for losses, as were many other sparrows. The population of eastern meadowlarks has shriveled by more than three-quarters with the western meadowlark nearly as hard hit. Bobwhite quail numbers are down 80%. Grassland birds in general are less than half what they used to be. Not all bird populations are shrinking. For example, bluebirds are increasing, mostly because people have worked hard to get their numbers up. The research only covered wild birds, not domesticated ones such as chickens. Scientists didn't go into what's making wild birds dwindle away, but pointed to past studies that blame habitat loss, cats and windows. Experts say habitat loss was the No. 1 reason for bird loss. / DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS: Nike is returning to the downtown market district as the anchor tenant of the new retail development accompanying the Gordon Hotel. The complex, a \$75-million hotel, retail, office and residential expansion to the 5th Street Public Market, is set to open in a year on a half-block site west of the existing market. The new Nike store will occupy 6,500 square feet on the ground floor. Last month, market officials announced that Handel's Homemade Ice Cream would occupy a corner space. The news release from the Fifth Street Public Market indicates the Nike space will feature a two-story glass atrium. It comes 11 years after the Nike store moved out of the market to its current location at Oakway Center. Yesterday's announcement was unclear on what will happen with Nike's Oakway retail space. / ELECTIONS: A key Senate panel on Thursday approved \$250 million to help states beef up their election systems, freeing up the money after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell came under criticism from Democrats for impeding separate election security legislation. The Kentucky Republican announced in a floor speech in advance of the Appropriations Committee vote that he would support the funding, which had bipartisan support on the funding panel. McConnell still isn't yielding in his opposition to more ambitious Democratic steps such as requiring backup paper ballots as a backstop against potential hacks of election systems. He said the Trump administration has "made enormous strides" in protecting the nation's voting infrastructure. Democratic senators who back the funding say it would help states invest in updated voting systems and combat cyberattacks from foreign actors such as Russia, whose widespread efforts on behalf of President Trump's campaign were documented by special counsel Robert Mueller. The House has passed significantly broader election security legislation, but McConnell opposes



the measure and has discouraged the Senate Rules Committee from acting on a companion bill. Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon, who has been outspoken about the need for improved election security, complains that the Senate amendment doesn't even require the funding be spent on election security — it can go for anything related to elections. / **POLITICS, CRIME, SAFETY:** Republican state lawmakers were left fuming and justice reform advocates elated after Oregon's governor decided this week against calling a special session of the Legislature to have lawmakers review a new law narrowing death penalty cases. Despite assurances by Democratic lawmakers during the 2019 legislative session that the measure, which takes effect on Sept. 29, does not apply to crimes committed before that date, a top Department of Justice lawyer subsequently said it applies to cases sent back for retrial or new sentencing hearings and current cases awaiting trial. Gov. Kate Brown said late Wednesday that as much as she wanted a special session there would be none because stakeholders and legislators had failed to craft language to fix bill and line up enough votes to pass the redo. Sen. Floyd Prozanski, a Democrat from Eugene who helped get the bill passed, had urged a special session of the Legislature to clarify the scope of the new law. Prozanski said Thursday there were enough votes in the Senate but not in the House. The new state law narrows the definition of aggravated murder, the only crime eligible for a death sentence, to killing two or more people as an act of organized terrorism; killing a child younger than 14 intentionally and with premeditation; killing another person while locked incarcerated for a previous murder; or killing a police, correctional or probation officer. After Solicitor General Benjamin Gutman wrote in August that the new law was retroactive in some cases, Prozanski said a few lawmakers felt it would be problematic to reword the bill, Prozanski said. The ACLU of Oregon said it's pleased at the outcome, releasing a statement that the new law that limits the application of the death penalty in Oregon will not be watered down. The last time a person was executed involuntarily in Oregon was in 1962. There were two executions in the 1990s of inmates who waived their appeals and asked that their executions be carried out. In November 2011, then Gov. John Kitzhaber announced a moratorium on executions in Oregon, a stance that Brown has maintained. / **ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, EVENTS:** Thousands of Oregonians will unite to take care of their neighborhoods, local natural areas and public beaches against unwanted litter, debris, and invasive plant species. Join SOLVE for the annual Beach & Riverside Cleanup, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery. Since 1986, over 130,000 Beach & Riverside Cleanup volunteers have removed an astounding 1.7 million pounds of litter and marine debris from projects sites across Oregon. This annual event is proudly a part of the International Coastal Cleanup and National Public Lands Day. It takes place on Saturday, from 10 AM to 1 PM (times and dates may vary by project). There are more than 140 hands-on volunteer litter cleanup and restoration projects across the state, including more than 40 beach cleanups along the entire 363 miles of the Oregon coast. Without this volunteer effort, coordinators say cigarette butts, plastic, and other trash get washed into storm drains, leading directly to our rivers and streams where they pollute our water and can be mistaken for food by fish and other wildlife. In addition, non-native invasive plants like English ivy crowd out native plants, reducing habitat for many animals. / **HEALTH:** More than 500 people have been diagnosed with vaping-related breathing illnesses, but the cause remains unknown, U.S. health officials said

Thursday. An eighth death was also reported. Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration revealed that its criminal investigations unit started tracking leads early on, as cases pointed to black market vaping products. The agency's tobacco director, Mitch Zeller, stressed that it is not interested in prosecuting individuals who use illegal products but is lending a hand because of the unit's "special skills." The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 530 confirmed and probable cases have been reported in 38 states and one U.S. territory, up from 380 one week ago. Missouri joined the list later Thursday, announcing the death this week of a man in his mid-40s at a St. Louis hospital. Canada reported its first case Wednesday, a high school student who was on life support and has since recovered. All patients had used an electronic cigarette or other vaping device. Two-thirds of the cases involved 18- to 34-year-olds. Three-quarters are men. Some of the first cases appeared in April. CDC hasn't said when most people got sick. A congressional subcommittee will hold a hearing on the outbreaks on Tuesday. Doctors have said the illnesses resemble an inhalation injury, with the lungs apparently reacting to a caustic substance. So far, no single vaping product or ingredient has been linked to the illnesses, though most patients reported vaping THC, the high-producing ingredient in marijuana. The man who died in Missouri told his family he started vaping in May for chronic pain, but investigators have not yet determined if he was vaping THC, according to a spokeswoman at Mercy Hospital St. Louis. /

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<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT: This is the first day of fall. The autumnal equinox arrived at 12:50 a.m. From here on out, the days grow shorter and nights grow longer. In Oregon, we'll lose about two-and-a-half minutes of daylight each day until we reach the winter solstice in December. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: Tens of thousands of high school students in cities nationwide skipped classes Friday to attend Global Climate Strike marches calling for immediate action to end climate change. They are part of a global joint protest aimed directly at the adults who they say are ignoring the destruction of the planet. The effort continues with events this week, culminating in another series of demonstrations and rallies on Friday. Today, local youth and others take part in another Bike Brigade from Amazon pool and Monroe Park to the Lane County Public Service Building at 8<sup>th</sup> and Oak Streets in Eugene. They'll attend the evening session of the Eugene City council and deliver copies of their Declaration of Climate Emergency and Non-Violent Direct-Action petition. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Bargainers for Oregon's public universities and the union representing 4,500 of its classified, non-teaching workers have a mediation session set today in Portland. Last week, union members voted to authorize a strike as early as Monday, Sept. 30, if talks fail to produce significant results. The bargaining unit includes campus office workers, library technicians, custodial and maintenance staff, food service workers and others. / EDUCATION, FAMILIES: Fall term classes begin on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the University of Oregon. This week is the "Week of Welcome" on campus. Friday is the official Move-In Day for the campus residence halls, an event known as "Unpack the Quack." Friday evening, there are residence hall orientation meetings and even a session for students living off-campus. Then the incoming Class of 2023 heads to Autzen Stadium to take a class photo with everyone standing on midfield to form the shape of the Oregon "O." The formal convocation and the official campus kick-off party is Saturday, followed by the Flock Party, where students have a chance to meet and mingle on the green area behind the Erb Memorial Union and learn more about on-campus organizations and activities. Sunday, at the morning's "We Are Oregon" pep rally, students learn how to take part in activities in the student sections at athletic events. Other events heading into fall term include individual tours to help new students figure out where their classes are held and practical advice on responsible partying and avoiding a hangover. ; The University of Oregon also has plenty of events planned for parents who accompanied their students to</p>

campus to help them with the move-in and orientation. The main Saturday events, part of what's dubbed "Parents' Day Off," begins with a breakfast at MacArthur Court, followed by the convocation ceremony, then an opportunity to join one of several tours. They include hiking and whitewater rafting trips, craft classes and museum tours, or visits to local wineries and breweries. ; Classes begin Monday, Sept. 30, at Lane Community College's campuses. The early bird in town? Northwest Christian University, which started Fall Term back on August 28. ; While the University of Oregon is waiting until next week to start classes, Wednesday of this week is the beginning of fall term at Oregon State University. All sorts of activities today in Corvallis, including the start of Welcome Week with tours, launch parties and events, and more. Many of the OSU colleges hold special welcome and orientation events tomorrow. Tuesday is also Oregon State's "New Student Walk and Convocation" from the Memorial Union Quad to Gill Coliseum. Tomorrow afternoon, it's the "Orange and Black Rally" at Reser Stadium with the official OSU Class photo on the field and a catered dinner. ; After a decade of booming enrollment by students from China, American universities are starting to see steep declines as political tensions between the two countries cut into a major source of tuition revenue. Several universities have reported drops of one-fifth or more this fall in the number of new students from China. To adapt, some schools are stepping up recruiting in other parts of the world and working to hold on to their share of students from China. University administrators and observers say trade conflicts and U.S. concerns about the security risks posed by visiting Chinese students appear to be accelerating a trend driven also by growing international competition, visa complications and the development of China's own higher education system. China sends more students to study in the U.S. than any other country. Its 363,000 students represent one-third of all international students. But the numbers have leveled off in recent years, reflecting a trend among international students overall. Prospective students and parents in China share concerns with those in other countries about American gun violence and tougher immigration enforcement. A report in May by the Association of International Educators found that the top two factors behind declining numbers of foreign students were the vagaries of the visa process and the social and political environment in the United States. But there are also unique pressures on Chinese students. The Trump administration has sounded the alarm about Chinese students stealing U.S. intellectual property, and it is more closely scrutinizing Chinese applications for visas to study in fields like robotics, aviation and high-tech manufacturing. In June, China warned students and other visitors to the U.S. about potential difficulties in getting visas. International students contribute an estimated \$39 billion to the U.S. economy. They are often sought after by universities, in part because many of them have the means to pay full sticker price for their education. Many Americans rely on financial aid. / SPORTS: Coming off its third consecutive win and first victory in its Pac-12 opener since 2014, Oregon moved up three spots to No. 13 in the Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday morning. The Ducks also landed at No. 13 in the Amway Coaches Poll, moving up four spots from last week's No. 17 ranking. Oregon will enjoy a bye week before returning to action against No. 15 California on Saturday, October 5, in Autzen Stadium. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A Coast Guard aircrew hoisted two persons, one male and one female, from a jetty near the Coos River entrance Sunday morning after their 54-foot commercial fishing

vessel became disabled and drifted onto the rocks. An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter aircrew from Sector North Bend hoisted the two persons and transported them to awaiting emergency medical services at the air station. At 12:52 a.m., watchstanders at Sector North Bend received a distress call over VHF-FM radio channel 16 from the fishing vessel Fearless II. The vessel reportedly became disabled after striking a submerged object and was in danger of drifting onto the jetty at the Coos River entrance. Sector North Bend watchstanders directed the launch of both the aircrew and a 47-foot Motor Lifeboat crew from Coast Guard Station Coos Bay. The boatcrew arrived on scene at 1:17 a.m., followed by the aircrew arriving at 1:30 a.m. The two persons aboard the vessel had reportedly jumped into the water and climbed onto the jetty. One person reportedly sustained abrasions and a laceration, while the other was uninjured. The Coast Guard reminds mariners to routinely inspect vessels and survival equipment for functional and structural integrity before getting underway. Always have a reliable means of communication on hand for use in emergency situations.

Debris cleanup from the fishing vessel Fearless II is ongoing as salvage of the vessel isn't possible at its current position. ; The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Dam Safety team began conducting a geotechnical investigation at Cougar Dam on Friday. Cougar Dam is located on the South Fork of the McKenzie River, off the Aufderheide Drive. Geotechnical investigations sample the constructed material of the dam. The investigation involves boring into the dam material to test soil grain size and related strength properties. The goal is to better understand the dam's material properties and to provide long-term monitoring of the dam. The work includes drilling 11 holes along the dam crest. Crews will add two new piezometers to monitor the internal pressures over time and at various reservoir levels. This work is part of a larger risk assessment in which data from the borings will inform future analysis of how the dam will perform under various conditions, such as flooding or earthquakes. The Corps' dam safety program works to minimize risks to the public for the dams it owns and operates. The issue evaluation study and the drilling investigation are part of the Corps' dam safety program which includes training, routine inspections, monitoring, Emergency Action Plan exercises, and risk assessments. The drilling will occur through Oct. 1. During this time, one lane will be closed on National Forest Road 1993. This road runs along the face of the dam to the east side of the reservoir. ; The federal government has awarded a \$140 million contract for repair of a jetty that protects the mouth of the Columbia River. The Astorian reports heavy marine contractor J.E. McAmis was awarded the contract to repair the South Jetty over five years. The company will oversee the placement of 400,000 tons of rock along the six-mile jetty. The work will be the final piece of a three-phase rehabilitation of jetties protecting the mouth. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains the river's jetties, pile dikes and shipping channel. McAmis is based in Chico, California, and maintains a large yard in Longview, Washington. Company vice president Scott Vandegrift says the company will commence work in the next couple of weeks and start placing rocks in March. / ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, EVENTS: From Astoria to Brookings, Baker City to Medford, over 5,500 dedicated volunteers came out in full swing on Saturday, September 21 to take care of Oregon as part of the annual SOLVE Beach & Riverside Cleanup, presented by the Oregon Lottery. This year, an estimated 28,261 pounds of trash and marine debris were collected from more than 140 project sites including beaches, parks,

waterways, urban spaces and natural areas across the state. Beach cleanups took place along the entire Oregon Coast, from Astoria to Brookings, attracting thousands of visitors and locals alike to aid in the fight against marine debris. The most common items found during the event were tiny plastic pieces, cigarette butts, discarded fishing rope, glass, and plastic bottles. Portland's Central Eastside's Cleanup gave a new definition to "deep clean", with 10 divers from Adventures with a Purpose diving into the Willamette River and retrieving bikes, scooters, and countless skateboards. The recovered items were then loaded onto a barge and brought back to shore, where volunteers lined up, ready to help unload. Other volunteers did litter cleanup throughout the Central Eastside neighborhood and installed placards on storm drains, reminding citizens that these drains flow directly into the river. An astounding 3,000 pounds of litter was collected by 174 volunteers during this project. Volunteers also came out in Salem, joining the Oregon Lottery at Wallace Marine Park for a litter cleanup. In total, more than 70 volunteers picked up over 500 pounds of litter before it could pollute the nearby Willamette River. Cleaning up near inland waterways, especially near developed areas, is an important, but often overlooked step, at combatting the marine debris crisis. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: If you're a driver, bicyclist or pedestrian: You have a choice where you travel. Trains only have one: They have to follow the track. And in an emergency, it can take time to stop a train. According to federal and rail safety statistics, every three hours in the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by a train. In many cases, the person survives and there is only minor injury or damage. But often, a motorist's, cyclist's or pedestrian's moment of inattention has tragic results. We've had a number of such incidents in our area in recent years. That's one reason members of Eugene Police, Operation Lifesaver—a rail safety organization, Amtrak and others are taking part in today's "Operation Clear Track," the largest railroad safety effort in the country. More than 600 law enforcement agencies in 48 states are taking part. Locally, the Eugene Police Street Crimes Unit will be stationed at two busy railroad crossings: at 5th and Pearl Streets, and at West 2nd and Madison. They'll be looking for people who try to sneak around rail crossing safety arms, stop on the tracks or do other things that might put them in danger. Police will issue citations or warnings to violators and they'll share railroad safety cards with motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Again, today's safety effort is taking place at 5th and Pearl Streets, and at West 2nd and Madison. But we have a lot of rail crossings in Eugene-Springfield. Practice safety at all of them. / ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT: The Willamette National Forest typically accepts applications for seasonal spring and summer jobs in the fall. Positions are available in fields ranging from firefighting to recreation, natural resources and timber management to engineering, visitor services, and archaeology. Applications must be submitted online at <a href="http://www.USAJOBBS.gov">www.USAJOBBS.gov</a> But if you're interested in learning about a specific position or wishing to express your interest in a position, set aside some time today. The Willamette National Forest is holding its second annual Public Lands Job Fair in Eugene. Meet with hiring managers who can review your resume and answer questions. The session takes place from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eugene Library's downtown branch at 10th and Olive Streets. Seasonal jobs in firefighting on the Willamette National Forest include working on a local unit handcrew, on an engine crew, in fire prevention, or as a lookout. These are tough jobs usually performed in primitive, backcountry conditions. Firefighters must be in top physical condition for this demanding work. / ECONOMY, BUSINESS: A local union representing grocery workers from across Oregon and southwest Washington has called for a boycott of Fred Meyer stores and departments in the</p>

region. Union officials say the move comes after recent alleged harassment of unionized employees. The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 is in contract negotiations with some of the region's biggest supermarkets, including Fred Meyer, Albertsons and Safeway. The contract termination freed up the union to call for a boycott starting Sunday. Kelley McAllister, with UFCW Local 555, said the union was targeting Fred Meyer due to recent allegations that managers at the stores had called unionized employees into their offices and berated them. In a statement, Fred Meyer said recent allegations that painted the company as "an unfair or uncaring employer" were an "unfortunate misrepresentation of the reality for our great associates." / HEALTH, POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: A federal appeals court is considering whether to block a Trump administration rule that bans taxpayer-funded health clinics from referring patients for an abortion — a rule that has already prompted many providers, including Planned Parenthood, to leave a longstanding federal family planning program. Eleven judges from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco heard arguments Monday in challenges brought by 22 states, including Oregon, as well as Planned Parenthood and other organizations. In June, a three-judge panel from the same court allowed the rule to take effect, undoing decisions by judges in Oregon, Washington, and California that had put the administration's action on hold. That prompted Planned Parenthood and other providers, including the Oregon Health Authority, to leave the Title X (say: ten) program, which distributes \$260 million in grants to clinics that provide low-income women with subsidized family planning services, including contraception and cancer screening. Some of those providers are keeping the doors open by charging fees for appointments that used to be free, dipping into their savings or doing additional fundraising. The rule adopted by U.S. Health and Human Services allows taxpayer-funded clinics to discuss abortion with their patients but bans them from making abortion referrals unless the woman's life is in danger. It also requires providers to refer patients for prenatal counseling, and it prohibits clinics that receive federal money from sharing office space with abortion providers — a requirement that would force some of the clinics to undergo expensive remodels, hire additional staff and install separate record-keeping systems. The states and health organizations have raised several issues. They say the ban on abortion referrals violates requirements that federally funded pregnancy counseling be "nondirective" — that it provide neutral facts about pregnancy options. Further, they say that Health and Human Services offered no real rationale for its decision, and thus violated the law about decision-making by federal agencies. Abortion opponents have long criticized Title X (say: ten), saying it subsidizes abortion providers even if the federal money does not go directly to abortion providers, and they've celebrated the new requirements. ; In late August, the Oregon Health Authority also decided to end its close to 50-year participation in the Title X (ten) health care funding program because of the new restrictions. It came after the federal Department of Health and Human Services directed Oregon to give up its Title X grant or face grant termination. In response, Oregon has no choice but to relinquish funding and end its Title X grant. State officials say their health clinics that received Title X funding provide comprehensive reproductive health care that helps their patients plan the timing and size of their families, prevent unwanted pregnancies, diagnose and treat sexually transmitted infections and detect cancer. Last year, they say Title X-funded clinics served 44,241 Oregonians. Oregon Health



Authority officials say the new federal rule reduces access to birth control, cancer screenings and reproductive choices. They say the state has funds available to continue offering comprehensive reproductive health care services. And they add that state-supported clinics will continue to offer their full range of reproductive health services. / BUSINESS, ECONOMY: Portland, Oregon, is getting plenty of attention from movie and television producers this year. Tomorrow night, ABC premieres its new series, "Stumptown," based on the series of graphic novels about a female private investigator created by Portlander Greg Rucka. The series is set in Portland. You'll see various images of the Rose City. But the bulk of production is taking place in Los Angeles. Still, it's the latest series with a Portland feel, following in the footsteps of shows such as "Grimm," "Leverage" and "Portlandia." Speaking of "Portlandia," The Oregonian and OregonLive reports one of its stars, Fred Armisen, is one of the lead actors in the movie, "Sorta Like a Rock Star," a Netflix project that is filming this fall in the Portland area. The film is based on a young adult novel by Matthew Quick. It stars Auli'i Cravalho and legendary comedienne Carol Burnett. And Academy Award-winning actor Nicholas Cage was spotted in Portland last week, learning a bit about gourmet restaurants and truffle hunting. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports he was in the Rose City to research his upcoming role in a new film called "Pig." Production started Monday in Oregon. According to industry publication Variety, "Cage... plays a truffle hunter living alone in the wilderness in Oregon. When his beloved foraging pig is kidnapped, he must journey into Portland – and his long-abandoned past – to recover her." ; A woman in London who merges her love of fine art and textile design to create whimsical, magnetic wallpaper, is the grand prize winner of the first Etsy Design Awards. Sian Zeng creates handmade, sometimes fairytale-inspired illustrations on wallpaper with magnetic linings and sells it with three magnets of a customer's choosing for interactive fun. A dinosaur motif is her best-seller among a dozen designs that also include an enchanted forest and tropical blooms. She was awarded \$15,000, which she said she'll put back into her Etsy shop. Etsy, the online marketplace for handcrafted goods, opened the competition to sellers around the world. The competition drew thousands of contenders. Other winners include a self-taught woodworker, Justin Nelson of Bend, who received \$1,000. He was recognized for inventive decor driven by his Sling Chair. It has a frame of hand-shaped American walnut and a hand-stitched leather seat and back. It was the first chair that Nelson, a former Marine, ever created. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Researchers with Oregon State University's-Cascades say a Pacific Northwest bat that that migrates south for the winter faces a serious threat from wind turbines (tuhr'-byghn) and the wind farms springing up across parts of Oregon and the West. The study by the experts with Oregon State University's Cascades campus focuses on a creature known as the hoary bat, that's h-o-a-r-y, whose brown coat hairs are tipped with white, giving it an aged appearance. The bat spends the summer in the U.S. and Canada but migrates to Central America each winter—along a route that often crosses commercial wind farms. The species' numbers have declined by two percent per year in recent years. One of the study's authors, Tom Rodhouse, says bats can be killed by collisions with the wind turbine propellers and by the low-pressure zones created by turbine's spinning blades. That sudden change in pressure causes bats' lungs to expand faster than the bats can exhale, resulting in burst vessels that fill their lungs with blood. Rodhouse says hoary bats often fly

into danger zones because their sophisticated sonar capabilities cannot detect pressure drops. / CRIME: No, country star Kenny Chesney does not need you to mail him cash and cell phones. But scammers will, try just about any pitch to get you to part with your money. And earlier this month in Forest Grove, sadly, they succeeded. The Oregonian and OregonLive report a Forest Grove woman purchased and shipped five new phones (valued at more than \$1,000 apiece), along with several thousand dollars, to a person she believed was country singer-songwriter Kenny Chesney. Her spouse called police, concerned it was a scam, which investigators say it is. They say the cash and phones did not get to Chesney, but to an address provided by the criminals. But even after the officers explained to the woman that she was a victim of a scam, she was undeterred. She said she had photos from Chesney and only he, live and in person, could change her mind. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>HEALTH, SAFETY, YOUTH, BUSINESS: State health officials say a fifth Oregonian has been struck by a vaping-related severe lung illness. One of the earlier patients died and another was in critical condition for a time as a result of their lung injury. The Oregon Health Authority announced the most recent case yesterday but provided no additional information, including what products the person used, when they fell ill or whether they're currently hospitalized. Nationwide, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday that nine people have died nationwide and there are 530 reported cases. But yesterday, one of the CDC's top doctors told a Congressional committee they're learning of more cases across the country and that the tally could grow by "hundreds more" this week. It's been a struggle for officials to isolate a specific ingredient or ingredients causing the illnesses. Oregon Health Authority officials said earlier that the Oregon patient who died reportedly used e-cigarettes or vaping pens with products containing THC, the psychoactive chemical in marijuana. But another Oregon victim reported only vaping nicotine e-cigarette Juul. Some health experts are wondering whether the act of vaping—which involves inhaling the product much more deeply into the lungs—might also contribute to the severe lung injuries. ; Officials with E-cigarette maker Juul today announced they are shutting down broadcast, print and digital advertising and ending lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C., amid safety concerns over vaping. Juul has long pushed its e-cigarettes as an alternative for adults looking to wean themselves off tobacco products. But as e-cigarettes have become popular among teenagers, and illnesses potentially linked to the product are on the rise, Juul has caught much of the public relations blowback. The company's CEO also is stepping down and will be replaced by a senior executive from Altria, the maker of Marlboro, which took a 35% stake in Juul in December at a cost of \$13 billion. And one month after announcing that they were in merger talks, officials with Altria and Philip Morris International, both tobacco giants, said today they are calling off those discussions. ; The governor of Massachusetts yesterday declared a public health emergency and ordered a four-month ban on the sale of vaping products in that state, apparently the first action of its kind in the nation. It came after Massachusetts health officials said they've tallied 61 cases of potential cases of lung disease related to the use of electronic cigarettes and vaping in recent weeks. In California, health officials sent a strong message to e-cig users, saying, "Just don't vape." Meantime, a top official with the Centers for Disease</p>

Control and Prevention yesterday told a congressional subcommittee she believes "hundreds more" lung illnesses have been reported to health authorities since last Thursday, when the CDC put the tally at 530 confirmed and probable cases. Earlier this month President Trump said that the federal government will act to ban thousands of flavors used in nicotine vaping products in response to a recent surge in underage e-cigarette use that has alarmed parents, politicians and health authorities nationwide. Federal law prohibits e-cigarette and all other tobacco sales to those under 18. The Food and Drug Administration will develop guidelines to remove from the market all e-cigarette flavors except tobacco. ; Public health officials have labeled underage vaping an epidemic and new survey data shows the problem worsening. Nearly 28 percent of high school students reported vaping in the last month, according to preliminary CDC figures for 2019. That number is up from 21 percent last year and 12 percent the year before. The CDC and state health departments are rushing to identify a common electronic cigarette or ingredient in the cases but say while many patients reported vaping THC from marijuana, some said they only vaped nicotine. One theory is that counterfeiters started adding something new to knock-off vaping products this year. Lab tests of some of the suspect products found vitamin E acetate, which might be used by counterfeiters are using to "cut" the THC oil in their products but has the ability to coat the inside of the lung passages, leading to severe inhalation injuries. Lawmakers also heard yesterday from the mother of an 18-year-old woman who was rushed to the emergency room in mid-August with chest pain, difficulty breathing, coughing and nausea. The mother said the problems developed while driving her daughter to start her freshman year of college in Colorado, a rite of passage that turned into a terrifying near-death experience that involved a weeklong hospital stay. The mother said her daughter had vaped THC but was mainly using nicotine e-cigarettes such as Juul in the weeks before she became sick. / BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: An investigation in Oregon is receiving federal praise and triggering a closer look at a nationwide wireless phone carrier that accepted tens of millions of dollars through a program intended to provide essential service to low-income Americans—but never provided service. It comes after the Oregon Public Utility Commission determined that Sprint received the subsidies in the federal Lifeline program, which is supposed to provide discounted voice and broadband service to qualifying low-income residents through a mix of federal and state funding. The Oregon PUC manages the Lifeline program to ensure Oregonians stay connected and have access to local emergency services, jobs, healthcare, education and other vital resources. But PUC staff launched an investigation after receiving multiple complaints by active Lifeline customers that their phone was defective and unusable. As part of the investigation, state officials took one of those phones, secured and did not use it for 45 days, then asked Sprint for usage reports on that phone, which showed non-existent usage for which Sprint was claiming reimbursement. According to the FCC's press release, "Sprint Corp. claimed monthly subsidies for serving approximately 885,000 Lifeline subscribers, even though those subscribers were not using the service. This represents nearly 30 percent of Sprint's Lifeline subscriber base and nearly 10 percent of the entire Lifeline program's subscriber base." / COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME, EDUCATION: It's a busy world. That's one reason staff with the Springfield Public Library are working to make renewals of their items a lot easier. Last week, the

Springfield Public Library began offering "automatic renewals," where—instead of traveling to the library to extend the checkout date on a book, CD, or other item, patrons will receive an automatic extension. Backers hope auto-renewals will allow people more time to return materials without accumulating fines and make it more likely they'll use the library. The move came after library staff reviewed the accounts database from the last 10 years and found more than 16,500 expired accounts, nearly one-third of which (5,800) had "blocked" status, meaning they had outstanding fines of \$10 or more. Now, patrons will receive an email three days before the items are originally due, letting them know the status of their checkouts. If they don't receive emails, patrons can check their account online at [wheremindsgrow.org](http://wheremindsgrow.org) or by calling the library during open hours and provide their library card number. The only items that will not auto-renew are those that are on hold for another library patron, already have been renewed the maximum number of three times, or if the user's account is blocked. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Bargainers for Oregon's public universities and the union representing 4,500 of its classified, non-teaching workers are still unable to agree on some key issues as a possible walkout looms for Monday morning. Yesterday, both sides issued statements after a mediation session two days ago brought only modest progress in the talks. The bargaining unit includes campus office workers, library technicians, custodial and maintenance staff, food service workers and others. A statement from the Oregon University System notes its negotiators are prepared to meet as early as tomorrow for more bargaining and expressed disappointment the union team did not return to the table Tuesday. A statement from the union, SEIU Local 503, indicates mediations might not resume until this weekend after its bargainers say the university system offered a only a small cost-of-living increase to the previous proposal. Oregon University System bargainers say they're offering fair and generous raises, given the limits of higher education system funding. Should there be a strike, university system officials say they have contingency plans to reduce disruption to students. The statement indicates that would include redeployment of some classified and unclassified employees as well as using temporary staff and outsourcing. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police say an 18-year-old Eugene man died yesterday evening in a crash involving a passenger vehicle and a semi-truck and trailer that snarled afternoon and rush-hour traffic at the junction of Highway 58 and Interstate five. It happened around quarter to four, when troopers and emergency personnel responded to the interchange in Goshen. Preliminary investigation indicates a gray 1988 Jeep Cherokee, operated by a 17-year-old Creswell boy, was traveling eastbound on Hwy 58 when it turned in front of the commercial truck to access the on-ramp to northbound I-5. The Jeep was struck on the passenger side, killing 18-year-old Aidan O'Grady. The Jeep's driver was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The 34-year-driver of the semi, an Illinois man, was not injured in the crash. ; Eugene Police yesterday released a few more details about Monday night's vehicle versus wheelchair crash on the 1900 block of River Road. It closed River Road just south of Beltline for several hours Monday evening for the investigation. The crash happened shortly after 8:15 Monday evening, when emergency dispatchers received reports that a 1996 Buick Century had struck a 46-year-old man in a wheelchair. When officers arrived, the man in the wheelchair had already been transported to a local hospital with injuries, He was still being treated for them Tuesday. Investigators say the 36-year-old driver of the vehicle

reported she was driving north on River Road with her passenger, with the flow of traffic, when she struck the man in his wheelchair. She said he was in the middle of the road, not in a crosswalk. Police say the driver stopped at the scene and cooperated with investigators and that there was no sign of driver intoxication or impairment. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: After two wildfire-filled seasons, Oregonians got a break this summer. Oregon's fire season was the mildest since 2004 and the least expensive since 2010, according to statistics from the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center. The Statesman Journal reports that statewide, wildfires burned just 67,795 acres this year compared to 883,405 acres a year ago. Cost also plummeted, dropping to \$58 million this year compared to a record-high \$530 million in 2018. One reason for the lack of wildfires was that Oregon's forests never dried out to the level of the past two years, thanks to cooler temperatures and greater humidity, especially in the mountains. And even on those days when major lightning storms formed and swept across parts of the state, the systems came with rain. Fire danger is measured based on the "energy release component" in forests — how hot a forest is likely to burn. Officials say in three of the past five years, Oregon has been at the highest level of danger, while this year, the level was average or even below average most of the year. The lower danger levels meant some blazes in Eastern Oregon were allowed to burn, but in a controlled way to help reduce invasive vegetation and minimize damage to forests. The Granite Gulch Fire, for example, was allowed to burn 5,555 acres, in a monitored and controlled manner, in northeast Oregon's Eagle Cap Wilderness. Fire managers say they used water drops to ensure the flames stayed where they wanted them and did not cross into sensitive areas. Forest managers said that after decades of suppression, the fire, and others like it, helped restore more natural conditions that could help limit the number of catastrophic fires in the future. ; Cool, rainy weather across much of the state has allowed the first controlled burns to be lit in parts of Oregon. New rules governing smoke may allow more of these burns than in the past. Oregon Department of Forestry officials believe increasing the amount of burning now will help landowners reduce the public safety risk from the buildup of fuels in forests and improve forest health. Known as prescribed fires, these regulated burns are lit when weather conditions will minimize smoke drifting into smoke-sensitive areas and Class I wilderness areas. These include scenic spots such as Crater Lake National Park. According to Oregon department of Forestry records, out of 2,964 units burned in 2018 only 18 – about half of one percent – resulted in smoke entering such areas. The weeks just before the onset of heavy autumn rains are considered ideal for burning, since those rains and colder temperatures reduce the chance a burn will reignite and start a wildfire. The Oregon Department of Forestry maintains a page on its website that lists planned daily burns and will let you know whether to expect any smoke in your area or where you're traveling. Last year, controlled fires were set on 185,702 acres out of Oregon's more than 30 million forested acres. That was about 16,000 acres above the 10-year annual average of 169,779 acres burned. Estimates are that those fires burned almost 1.3 million tons of woody debris. One technique being championed by the Oregon Department of Forestry is for forest landowners to consider about the benefits of covering debris piles with polyethylene sheets during burning, which managers say produces far less smoke than uncovered wet piles, which tend to smolder. They say covered piles also allow landowners to burn later into the rainy season,

since the debris stays dry enough to burn compared to uncovered piles soaked by rain. Although forest landowners with permits may be burning in certain areas, be aware that fire season might still be in effect where you live or camp, so always check first before lighting backyard debris piles or making a campfire. /

**ENVIRONMENT:** There were fresh headlines last week about the massive patch of warmer ocean water—"The Blob," as it's been dubbed—that is taking shape again in the Pacific off Oregon and much of the West Coast. At the same time, scientists have warned about continuing issues with ocean acidification and hypoxia—two climate change-induced problems that have widespread implications for Oregon's ocean ecosystem and the state's economy. Scientists say oceans that are increasingly acidic and low on oxygen threaten fish, crabs, oysters and other marine creatures—and by extension Oregon tourism, its seafood industries, and the coastal communities and businesses that rely upon them. But a new state plan outlines how Oregon leaders hope to adapt to the changes and minimize some of the impacts. Jack Barth, an Oregon State University oceanographer is the co-chair of the statewide council that developed the plan. It calls for improving scientific understanding of the issues and developing strategies to reduce carbon dioxide and other harmful ocean factors. For example, the plan calls for establishing monitoring programs in Coos Bay, Yaquina Bay and Tillamook Bay, major estuaries where no routine monitoring of carbon dioxide and pH is currently underway. Coastal businesses began seeing such impacts more than a decade ago when, in 2007 for example, the Whiskey Creek Shellfish Hatchery on Netarts Bay experienced massive die-offs of larval oysters, which threatened to destroy the hatchery's entire operation. The culprit was highly acidified water. The plan also calls for state funding to help restore and protect seaweed and seagrass, which help pull carbon dioxide out of the water, meaning a less acidic environment for shellfish. There are also calls to improve things nearby on land: planting and maintaining trees and restoring coastal habitats. The plan also calls for increased education about maintaining ocean health, both in schools and for members of the public. By outlining the issues and possible responses, supporters say the plan can help guide state agencies and provide a roadmap for lawmakers who would be asked to fund some of the efforts. ; A grim new international science assessment concludes that climate change is making the world's oceans warm, rise, lose oxygen and get more acidic at an ever-faster pace, while melting even more ice and snow. But that's nothing compared to what today's special U.N.-affiliated oceans and ice report says is coming if global warming doesn't slow down. It projects three feet of rising seas by the end of the century, much fewer fish, weakening ocean currents, even less snow and ice and nastier hurricanes. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says warming of oceans and ice will harm people, plants, animals, food and the world economy. Report co-author Hans-Otto Portner says with sea level rise and all these changes, Earth is looking at a future completely different than it is now. / **POLITICS:** The nation's capital plunged into an impeachment crisis this morning, as House Democrats opened an investigation into President Trump's campaign season dealings with Ukraine. Trump repeatedly prodded Ukraine's president to look into Democratic rival Joe Biden, according to a rough transcript released this morning by the White House. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi launched the formal impeachment inquiry on Tuesday, yielding to mounting pressure from fellow Democrats and plunging a deeply divided nation into an

election year clash between Congress and the commander in chief. Trump, who thrives on combat, has all but dared Democrats to take this step, confident that the specter of impeachment led by the opposition party will bolster rather than diminish his political support. While Pelosi's announcement adds weight to the work being done on the oversight committees, the next steps are likely to resemble the past several months of hearings and legal battles — except with the possibility of actual impeachment votes. ; Yesterday's announcement divided members of Congress along party lines. Fourth District Congressman Peter DeFazio issued a statement that said he fully supports Speaker Pelosi's announcement. ; Oregon's secretary of state is preparing an effort to make her office, the state's top elections watchdog, a nonpartisan post. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports that deputy to Secretary of State Bev Clarno, Richard Vial, said they are considering it and may ask the Legislature to adopt the change that would make that happen. Of the 35 states that elect their secretaries of state, all but one is held by a politician affiliated with a specific party. In places where the secretary of state oversees elections, though, that role is increasingly contentious. Candidates frequently complain that partisan elections officials favor candidates from their own party. The secretary of state's job is the only statewide office Republicans have held in the past 19 years. Dennis Richardson beat Democrat Brad Avakian in 2016 and Gov. Kate Brown appointed Clarno, a Republican, to fill the seat after Richardson died in February. State law requires governors to fill such openings with appointees from the same party as those who vacate the post. / ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY: Saturday, September 28, is National Public Lands Day. The observance brings together volunteers, agencies, and partner organizations to encourage the use of public lands for recreation and education, and to inspire environmental stewardship. As part of the observance, fees will be waived at Forest Service day-use recreation sites in Oregon and Washington on September 28, for National Public Lands Day. This fee waiver includes many picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads and visitor centers. Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, or other permits still apply. Fees will continue to be charged at recreation sites operated by concessionaires unless the individual manager chooses to participate. Last year, more than 113,000 National Public Lands Day participants volunteered at over 1,100 sites across the country, contributing a value of \$11 million in public land improvements. Many National Public Lands Day volunteer projects are being held across Oregon and Washington. Projects include planting trees, building and repairing trails and bridges, removing trash and invasive plants, refurbishing historic structures, monitoring wildlife, and restoring natural habitats. / COMMUNITY, EVENTS, RECREATION: Willamalane Park and Recreation District is celebrating its 75th anniversary with a free event, the 75th Anniversary Community Celebration, on Sunday, September 29. The event will take place at Willamalane Park at 1276 G St. in Springfield from noon to 6 p.m. Starting at noon, visitors can enter the park and enjoy free face painting, a full-size Ferris wheel, and other carnival rides and entertainment. A beer garden and several lunch options will be available, including a Broiler Fest-style chicken lunch supplied by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Blue Skies Big Band will take the stage at noon, followed by Inner Limits at 2:30 p.m. and Dancehall Days at 3:45 p.m. Seattle Storm player Mercedes Russell, who graduated from Springfield High School, will be present for a meet-and-greet starting at noon. Between musical acts, Willamalane will unveil a new



mural on the north side of Willamalane Park Swim Center. Painted by local artist Bayne Gardner, the mural "celebrates the spirit of community and togetherness that Willamalane has shared with the residents of Springfield for 75 years," said Michael Wargo, Superintendent of Willamalane. Participants will be invited to leave their mark on the mural by adding their signature or an illustration to the bottom of the wall. The mural was paid for through sponsorships from PacificSource Health Plans and the Springfield Arts Commission. Willamalane will also debut a new Hall of Fame, recognizing community members who have had an outstanding impact on the growth and success of the district. Three individuals or groups will be recognized in the inaugural class of inductees. /

**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** The state of Washington has authorized the killing of some wolves in a pack located in the southeastern part of the state, in an effort to stop its members from preying on cattle. The director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife said the authorization came after the Grouse Flats pack was been involved in two cattle depredations in the past 30 days, and four in the past 10 months. Washington state wildlife official say livestock producers took non-lethal steps to stop the depredations, but without success. That led to this week's authorization of what are known as "incremental killings" of members of the pack. Under the incremental system, there is a period when some members of the pack are killed, followed by an evaluation period to see if the killings change the pack's behavior. /

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<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	Morning News
<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT: State economists announced Wednesday that rent increases will be capped at 9.9 percent through 2020. It is part of the nation's first statewide rent control policy, which Oregon lawmakers approved earlier this year. The law uses a formula that caps rent increases at 7 percent plus the rate of inflation for the urban West. That led to the calculation of the 9.9 percent rent cap for 2020. Not all rentals are subject to the policy: The cap does not apply to buildings that are less than 15 years old—which backers said would avoid putting a damper on housing construction. Not does it apply to government-subsidized rents. Landlords also may raise rent without any cap if tenants leave of their own accord. Housing analysts say typical rents across the state are rising at a far slower rate than what's allowed under the cap. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: Bargainers have averted a possible mid-October strike for 85,000 Kaiser Permanente health system workers in seven states. The three-union coalition includes SEIU Local 49 here in Oregon. If ratified, the four-year tentative agreement would go into effect October 1<sup>st</sup> and provide updated pay increases and health benefits through the year 2023. The Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions represents employees at the company's hospitals, medical office buildings and other facilities. Bargaining unit members include optometrists and clinical laboratory scientists, respiratory and x-ray technicians, licensed vocational nurses, certified nursing assistants, surgical and pharmacy techs, phlebotomists, medical assistants, housekeepers and others. One of the more interesting elements of the deal is a new program to address the national shortage of health care workers. It provides Kaiser Permanente employees with the opportunity to move into new roles in a training capacity after pursuing the education needed for the job, and to do so at an adjusted pay scale: They would not make less than they did in their former position. Once experience requirements are met, they would continue in the normal pay steps for the new position at the full pay rate. A group of nine other Kaiser Permanente unions reached a labor contract in October of last year covering 49,000 workers. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Vaping products, one of the fastest-growing segments of the legal marijuana and cannabis industries, have taken a huge sales hit across the U.S. as public health experts scramble to determine what's causing the sometimes fatal lung disease reported among hundreds of people who use e-cigarettes. New numbers indicate revenue from vape products has dropped by 15 percent nationwide, with some</p>

states, including Oregon, seeing sales drops of more than 60 percent. The analysis comes from New Frontier Data, an economic analysis firm that tracks the industry. New Frontier found a 15% decline in the market share for vape sales nationwide during the first week of September and saw no rebound in data collected through Sept. 18. That's bad news for the legal cannabis market, which in two years saw vaping products explode in popularity, with business growing in two years from a small fraction of overall sales to about one-third of all business. According to the New Frontier analysis, about one-fifth of U.S. cannabis consumers report using vaping products, accounting for \$9.6 billion in sales between 2017 and 2019. Vaping THC is popular for those who want a quick high but don't want the smoke that comes from lighting up a joint. Marijuana companies are trying to boost the public's confidence by promoting that their vaping products are tested by the government, demanding ingredient lists from their vendors and—in some cases—pulling items from shelves. Some also are scrambling to get liability insurance. Experts with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said last week that the ailment has sickened at least 530 people and killed nine, including one person in Oregon. But earlier this week, a top doctor with the CDC warned the total number of cases might jump by hundreds in the coming days, based on reports they are receiving from state health departments. Some patients vaped nicotine, but many reported using oil containing THC, marijuana's "high"-inducing ingredient, and said they purchased the products from pop-up shops and other illegal sellers. The only death linked to THC vapes bought at legal shops occurred in Oregon. Health officials in California, home to the world's largest legal marijuana marketplace, this week issued an advisory urging people to stop all forms of vaping until a cause is determined. Massachusetts, which like California allows so-called recreational use of marijuana by people 21 and older, went further than any other state, issuing a four-month ban on vape sales. Doctors have said the illnesses resemble an inhalation injury, with the lungs apparently reacting to a caustic substance. So far, no single vaping product or ingredient has been linked to the illnesses. Some patients who have vaped only nicotine also have gotten ill. Health officials in New York are focusing on vitamin E acetate, a viscous solution that's sometimes added to marijuana oils. Retailers in some markets are pulling products from their shelves that contain that and other additives. Other companies have proactively released public statements saying their vape oils contain only pure THC. State regulators track the cannabis sold to consumers but don't monitor what additives, if any, are in marijuana oil vapes. That's led states to begin discussions of how to tighten restrictions on vaping products even as retailers themselves try to determine which of the products on their shelves contain so-called cutting agents.

/ BUSINESS, SAFETY: The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill Wednesday that would grant legal marijuana businesses access to banking. It's intended to clear up a longstanding headache for the industry. The bill, called the SAFE Banking Act, passed 321-103 on the strength of near-unanimous support from Democrats and nearly half of Republicans. Its prospects in the Senate are uncertain, but supporters said the amount of Republican support in the House was a good sign. Thirty-three states have legalized cannabis for medical and/or recreational use. But the federal prohibition on the drug has made it difficult for businesses in the multibillion-dollar industry to get bank accounts, loans and other financial services. Many cannabis businesses have had to conduct sales and pay

vendors or taxes in cash, making them potential robbery targets — and making it harder to detect theft, tax evasion and money laundering. But opponents said the bill would facilitate the spread of marijuana and potentially unsafe products. The House bill would allow businesses legitimately operating under state laws to access loans, lines of credit and other banking services, while sheltering financial institutions from prosecution for handling marijuana-linked money. Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer has been one of the longtime advocates for the move, saying it increases safety and accountability for the growing cannabis sector. More financial institutions began banking with the industry as legalization spread and as the Obama administration instituted policies that allowed them to do so, with some important caveats. But the Trump administration rescinded those guidelines under former Attorney General Jeff Sessions. /

TRANSPORTATION, GROWTH, GOVERNMENT: Are they really, finally going to build it? Federal highway officials have endorsed an accelerated timeline proposed by transportation officials in Oregon and Washington. It creates a "fast track" toward construction of a new Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia River at Jantzen Beach beginning in the year 2025. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports it came after the two states last month requested a 10-year extension to show progress on the Columbia River Crossing Project or face repaying nearly \$140 million in planning costs. The Federal Highway Administration declined the 10-year extension request but endorsed the aggressive new timeline. Under the plan, the states must buy up the necessary right of way by the end of September 2024. If the states don't meet that goal, they could be on the hook to repay the original \$140 million in federal planning funds. The Columbia Crossing project was moving forward until the state of Washington backed away a few years ago. Feeling burned after putting in substantial time, funding and effort. Oregon officials said they would not try to restart the bridge project until there was consensus from Washington state's politicians and planners. That emerged during the past year. / ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: Seventeen states, including Oregon, are suing to block Trump administration rules weakening the Endangered Species Act. The new rules begin taking effect today. For the first time, they allow officials to consider how much it would cost to save a species. They also remove blanket protections for animals newly listed as threatened and make it easier for creatures to be removed from the protected list. Administration officials and congressional Republicans have said the changes improve the law. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said they ease the regulatory burden without sacrificing conservation goals. Critics have long complained that the environmentalists have weaponized the law to block economic activity such as logging and mining, infringing on property rights. The Trump administration and congressional Republicans have said the new rules will improve the law's enforcement. But opponents call the law a "death by a thousand cuts." They argue that the rules changes contradict the goals of the Endangered Species Act and that the administration failed to provide a reasoned basis for the changes or analyze their environmental impacts as required by federal law. The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in federal court in San Francisco, follows a similar challenge filed last month by several environmental groups, including the Humane Society and the Sierra Club. The Endangered Species Act, signed by President Richard Nixon in 1973, has been credited with helping prevent the extinction of more than 220 species, including bald eagles, grizzly bears and humpback whales. It requires

the government to list species that are endangered or threatened. The law also protects about 1,600 plant and animal species, designates habitat protections for them, and assesses whether federal activities will hurt them. The lawsuit cites challenges faced by creatures that include orcas in Washington state and desert tortoises in Nevada's Mojave Desert. / ENVIRONMENT: The first frost of the season is possible this weekend. A low-pressure system will usher in a much cooler fall-like air mass into the Pacific Northwest over the weekend.

Temperatures are expected to be running 10 to 15 degrees below normal from Friday through the weekend, and potentially into early next week. In Eugene-Springfield, overnight lows are currently expected to be 40 degrees on Saturday night, 37 on Sunday night, and 36 degrees on Monday night. Temperatures might be a few degrees lower in rural areas. People with sensitive plants may want to prepare to protect them or bring them indoors over the weekend. ; The first snowfall of the season expected on the Cascade passes Friday night through Sunday. A low-pressure system will usher in a much cooler fall-like air mass over the weekend. Showery weather on Friday and Saturday will likely result in the first accumulating snowfall of the season at the higher Cascades passes. Snow levels are expected to fall to near the higher Cascades passes Friday evening, then hover around 4,000 to 5,000 feet over the weekend. Snowfall amounts are expected to be light, generally only an inch or two, and road surfaces should remain warm enough to prevent significant travel impacts. However, those planning outdoor recreation in the higher Cascades over the weekend should be prepared for winter-like conditions. Saturday is the opening of the Western Oregon rifle deer season. Some Oregon hunters have already filled their tags. The bow deer, elk and controlled pronghorn seasons opened in August. But most hunters begin heading out this weekend. /

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**ISSUE OR  
SUBJECT  
DISCUSSED** HEALTH, SAFETY, BUSINESS: A second Oregonian has died from a lung illness after vaping cannabis products, and state health authorities on Thursday urged people to immediately stop using all vaping products. Oregon's governor is asking experts with the the Oregon Department of Justice to advise her what legal options are available to the state, including the temporary ban of all vaping products. The Oregon Health Authority statement notes the most recent death was an individual who had been hospitalized with respiratory symptoms after vaping cannabis products. The other Oregon fatality, whose death was announced on Sept. 3, had used e-cigarettes, or vape pens, containing THC, the psychoactive chemical in marijuana. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 805 confirmed and probable cases of vaping-related breathing illness have been reported nationally, up 52 percent from the 530 reported one week ago. At this point, illnesses have occurred in almost every state. Those who have fallen ill in Oregon have been hospitalized after experiencing worsening symptoms, including shortness of breath, cough or chest pain. All cases have reported e-cigarette use or vaping. People who have recently vaped and are having difficulty breathing should seek medical attention immediately, Oregon's health authority said. Oregon marijuana retailers on Sept. 12 began removing vaping products from their shelves and offering returns on previously purchased vape pens. Nationwide, many patients being treated for lung illness are teens or young adults. Health officials nationwide and in Oregon have labeled vaping an underage epidemic as a survey found nearly 28 percent of high school students reported vaping in the past month. Investigators are rushing to identify a common electronic cigarette or ingredient in the cases, but while many patients reported vaping THC, some said they vaped only nicotine. One theory is that counterfeiters started adding something new to knock-off vaping products this year. Lab tests of some suspect products found Vitamin E acetate, which is used in nutritional capsules and some skin creams. But when aerosolized, it can coat the inner passages of the lungs, leading to severe inhalation injuries. Currently, health officials are advising people not to use any vaping product until the cause is better understood. It's not clear how many of the 275 added cases occurred in the last week, and how many are being logged long after they happened. The CDC has not released details on when symptoms began in each case. The agency's count includes only illnesses that have met certain criteria. But other possibly related cases are being investigated and might be added to the tally. ; In the booming

legal U.S. cannabis market, vaping products had been exploding in popularity. In roughly two years, they grew from a small fraction of overall sales to about one-third, with \$9.6 billion in sales between 2017 and 2019, according to New Frontier Data, an economic analysis firm that tracks the industry. About one-fifth of U.S. cannabis consumers report using them. New Frontier found a 15% decline in the market share for vape sales nationwide during the first week of September and saw no rebound in data collected through Sept. 18. At the state level, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Nevada and Montana all saw drops of one-third or more, while California fell by 6%. Oregon, among the earliest of the 11 states that legalized recreational marijuana, has seen a 62 percent drop in market share for vapes, said John Kagia, the firm's chief knowledge officer. The big decline occurred after the state's first death was announced and officials said the victim had used vapes purchased at legal retailers. Yet as vape sales sink, some retailers report sales of other cannabis products going up. Bridge City Collective, for example, saw its usually lackluster edible sales increase about 40% the same week vaping sales plummeted. Consumers also are showing more interest in the dried flower used in joints. Analysts are watching to see if vape sales erode further after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Thursday that the number of suspected vaping-related illnesses had grown by 52% in the past week. State regulators track the cannabis sold to consumers but don't monitor what additives are in marijuana oil vapes. That's led states to begin discussions of how to tighten restrictions on vaping products even as retailers themselves try to determine which of the products on their shelves contain so-called cutting agents. / EDUCATION, SPORTS: North Eugene hosts Willamette this evening in Class 5A high school football. There will be a brief ceremony and a moment of silence ahead of the game, honoring 18-year-old Aiden O'Grady, who died in a traffic accident earlier this week. O'Grady played football for North while he attended Willamette Leadership Academy. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. and the recognition is expected to be around 6:45. The student body at North Eugene decided on a "Army/Camo Green" theme for the game. Any Willamette Leadership Academy cadets or staff who show up in uniform will be admitted to the game free of charge. Bring student ID from last year if you have it. Aiden's family has not decided on a memorial service yet, but they are asking that donations be made to North Eugene Football, Kidsports, or the Willamette Leadership Academy in Aiden's name. / CRIME: A local paramedic is facing charges of drugging and sexually assaulting a 30-year-old woman in Springfield earlier this month. Springfield Police say 43-year-old Edward Augustus Blake of Cheshire was arrested yesterday in connection with the alleged incident. Investigators took the report on September 11<sup>th</sup> from the woman and later in the month served a search warrant on Blake's residence. Springfield Police have been working closely with Eugene-Springfield Fire in the investigation. Additional charges may be forthcoming. The investigation is ongoing. SPD encourages anyone with information on this case to contact Detectives at (541) 726-3721. ; One person was wounded in a police shooting early this morning at Portland International Airport. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the person, who hasn't been publicly identified, was taken to a hospital and is expected to survive. No officers were hurt. Airport officials say the shooting happened on the airport's lower roadway outside its baggage claim area. No details yet on what led to the shooting. No flights are affected, but Portland Airport's lower roadway outside the

“arrivals” area, where the shooting occurred, is closed to most drivers. Ride-shares, taxis and shuttles can still access the lower level. Other traffic is being diverted to the upper “departures” roadway. If you’re driving to Portland Airport this morning, allow a little extra time for traffic backup. More information about the incident is expected later today. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Bargainers for Oregon’s public universities and the union representing 4,500 of its classified, non-teaching workers meet for mediations this weekend in an effort to avert a planned strike Monday morning. Earlier this week, both sides issued statements after a negotiating session brought only modest progress in the talks. The bargaining unit includes campus office workers, library technicians, custodial and maintenance staff, food service workers and others. If there’s no tentative pact, picket lines would go up at 7:00 a.m. Monday at Oregon’s seven public universities. Classes do not begin until Tuesday at the University of Oregon but students are in Eugene and finalizing schedules, financial aid, housing and other arrangements. Classes started earlier this week at Oregon State. Should there be a strike, university system officials say they have contingency plans to reduce disruption to students. The statement indicates that would include redeployment of some classified and unclassified employees as well as using temporary staff and outsourcing. / MILITARY: The Oregon Army National Guard holds a mobilization ceremony in Portland for more than 450 soldiers who are headed to the Middle East nation of Qatar. They are members of the 2nd Battalion, 218th Field Artillery based in Forest Grove and Company A of the 141st Brigade Support Battalion based in Clackamas. Known as Task Force Arrow, the group is one of several units that the Oregon Army National Guard’s 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team that is scheduled to deploy this fall and winter. Earlier this month, members of the 2nd Battalion 162 Infantry based in Springfield mobilized for a nine-month deployment to the country of Jordan to help train members of the Jordanian military. In all, the 41st is scheduled to deploy more than 1,400 service members to five different countries: Djibouti, Jordan, Kosovo, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. This weekend’s mobilization ceremony takes place Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. / VETERANS, MILITARY: The annual Lane County Stand Down takes place today at the Lane County fairgrounds in Eugene. The event runs until 3:00 p.m. ALL veterans, reservists, active-duty personnel and their families are welcome. One of the biggest objectives of the annual Lane County Stand Down is to reach veterans who do not know that they are eligible for VA programs, and could very easily claim these benefits. Stand Down services are sometimes referred to as “Veterans helping Veterans” and “Giving a hand up, not a hand-out.” Organizers say it’s a chance to let veterans know people are proud of them, their sacrifice, dedication and service. Stand Down recognizes our debt to our heroes. The term “Stand Down” was first used to describe the relief of a military unit on the front lines. By moving the unit to the comparative safety of the rear, it could rest, eat hot food, train, and re-equip before going back into action. Today, Stand Down is the annual event where local veterans can connect with programs, resources, information and other veterans. These include: Limited medical services; eye exams & screenings; hearing tests; dental & denture services; massage; two hot meals; haircuts; toiletries & civilian clothing; women’s area; bike repair; pet food & pet grooming; legal advice & aid; family services; veteran benefits; job fair & housing programs; DOD gear, and more. For Veterans and their families, it’s a



chance to learn more about a variety of programs from the VA, local support organizations, and fraternal organizations. For homeless veterans, it's the opportunity to receive basic services, such as haircuts, clothes, and a hot meal. Housing and medical programs are offered, as well. And homeless vets may learn whether they qualify for additional VA benefits and services or other community resources. The 2019 Lane County Stand Down is dedicated to the memory of Bevely M. "Tex" Estes, WWII Navy Veteran and Pearl Harbor Survivor, who passed away at his home in Springfield, on May 9, 2019. Tex was a huge supporter of the Stand Down and served on the food line for many years. Learn more about the event at <http://www.lanecountystanddown.org/> ; Veterans: The Eugene VA Health Care Center is holding a flu shot clinic Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be another Eugene VA flu shot clinic Monday, Sept. 30, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Veterans, stop by the Eugene VA Clinic's Primary Care front desk and ask for your flu shot and they'll take care of you. / BUSINESS, ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: Officials say a critical navigation lock at the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River will reopen to barge traffic sometime overnight, after tests are completed on its integrity. Officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Portland said Thursday that engineers are inspecting and testing the lock and newly repaired concrete sill. The navigation lock was closed Sept. 5 after operators detected problems and further investigation revealed cracked concrete. Barges carrying wheat, wood and other goods have been at a standstill ever since. The lock is reopening a few days earlier than expected because of good weather and round-the-clock construction. The Bonneville Dam is the first in a series of eight dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, which together make up a marine highway for goods flowing into and out of the region from the Pacific Rim. ; Some analysts say the nation's trade war with China is affecting Oregon's agricultural exports more than most states because 40 percent of the state's agriculture production is sent abroad, compared to 20 percent for the rest of the U.S. The heads of the associations representing Oregon's wheat and hazelnut farmers and cattle ranchers recently joined the director of the state agriculture department to describe the toll to lawmakers. They say sales of beef and wheat exports to China have halted. Sales of Oregon beef to Japan have also been hit by sharp tariff increases but relief came on Wednesday when U.S. and Japanese officials signed a limited trade deal to lower or eliminate those tariffs and expand market access to agricultural products. Oregon Republican Congressman Greg Walden called it welcome news for Oregon's farmers and ranchers. / YOUTH, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT: Oregon has a new director of child welfare. Rebecca Jones Gaston takes over Oregon's programs Nov. 4. Jones Gaston is currently is executive director of the Social Services Administration at the Maryland Department of Human Services, a role that includes oversight of programs for children and vulnerable adults. In that job, she led efforts to reduce out-of-state placements of children in foster care over the past three and a half years. She'll be in charge of implementing reforms at Oregon child welfare agency, which has been in the news amid of out-of-state placement of foster children, some child deaths, and increased scrutiny from political leaders and lawmakers. Jones Gaston replaces Child Welfare Director Marilyn Jones, who left her job in June after the governor established an oversight board and hired a team of consultants to review the agency. Oregon has about 7,000 children in foster care at any given

time. / **COMMUNITY, RECREATION, EVENTS:** Oregon's oldest park and recreation district is celebrating its diamond anniversary on Sunday. It's Willamalane in Springfield, which was created as a special tax district by voters in 1944. And 75 years later, my, how it's grown: Willamalane Park and Recreation District maintains and operates five recreation facilities and 46 parks and natural areas totaling nearly 1,500 acres. Highlights include 10 waterfront areas, 29 miles of hiking and biking trails, 9 turf and 4 synthetic sports fields and 27 playgrounds. There's fun and history, mountain bike trails, miniature golf, a wave pool and a working filbert orchard. And there are regular events, including concerts and movies and more. Willamalane offers recreation programs to people of all ages and abilities. On Sunday, September 29, Willamalane's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there's a community "thank you" event planned at Willamalane Park, which was the first property in the parks system. / **COMMUNITY:** Just another day on the job for local Animal Welfare Officer Ted Carlson. On Wednesday, he was dispatched to help assist with a tortoise on the loose near the 700 block of Elizabeth Drive in the Bethel-Danebo area. This was no small tortoise. The photo of the Eugene Police post I shared on my TracyKGNU Facebook page shows a critter with a shell that looks like it's close to a foot-and-a-half across. With the help of some neighbors, they all lifted the large guy—or maybe it's a gal—into Carlson's vehicle and the tortoise got a ride to Greenhill Humane Society. Talk about a lost pet! Officials say the owner later contacted Greenhill to report the lost tortoise and they were reunited. / **ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION:** The first snowfall of the season expected on the Cascade passes Friday night through Sunday. A low-pressure system will usher in a much cooler fall-like air mass over the weekend. Showery weather on Friday and Saturday will likely result in the first accumulating snowfall of the season at the higher Cascades passes. Snow levels are expected to fall to near the higher Cascades passes Friday evening, then hover around 4,000 to 5,000 feet over the weekend. Snowfall amounts are expected to be light, generally only an inch or two, and road surfaces should remain warm enough to prevent significant travel impacts. However, those planning outdoor recreation in the higher Cascades over the weekend should be prepared for winter-like conditions. Saturday is the opening of the Western Oregon rifle deer season. Some Oregon hunters have already filled their tags. The bow deer, elk and controlled pronghorn seasons opened in August. But most hunters begin heading out this weekend. / **ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION:** The Bureau of Land Management will celebrate the 26th annual National Public Lands Day on Sept. 28 with a wide range of volunteer opportunities as well as designation of a fee-free day at public lands sites around the country. In addition to waiving entrance fees at its recreation and visitor sites, the BLM, along with other participating federal land management agencies including the National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Department of Defense, will present coupons for an additional fee-free day to volunteers participating in National Public Lands Day projects. On fee-free days, site-specific standard amenity and day-use fees are waived. Other fees, such as overnight camping, cabin rentals, group day use, and use of special areas, remain in effect. National Public Lands Day is also a time for volunteer projects. This year, more than 10,000 volunteers are taking part at 388 BLM cleanup, maintenance, and beautification projects. Groups and individuals interested in volunteering can visit the BLM's National Public Lands Day web page or contact

their local BLM office for more details. /

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<b>DATE OF BROADCAST</b>	09/30/19
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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Bargaining teams from Oregon's seven public universities and the union representing about 4,500 classified employees reached a tentative agreement on a labor contract early Saturday morning. The walkout had been set to begin at 7:00 this morning. The bargaining unit represented by SEIU Local 503 includes campus office and financial aid workers, library technicians, custodial and maintenance staff, food service workers and others. Sticking points in the negotiations had included annual cost of living increases and the "step" pay scale. The settlement came the weekend after classes started at Oregon State University. Fall term commences tomorrow at the University of Oregon but today is a busy day on campus as students finalize their schedules, financial aid, housing and other arrangements. / EDUCATION,</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION: This is the first day of Fall Term classes at Lane Community College and its Eugene, Cottage Grove and Florence campuses. Just a quick reminder that traffic will pick up on Interstate Five near the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit and on 30<sup>th</sup> feeding into the main campus. The parking lots there often fill quickly so if you're a student and driving to school, allow some extra time this week to walk from your vehicle. Lane Community College also runs buses LCC's main campus and the downtown campus is just across the intersection of the 10<sup>th</sup> and Olive from the downtown bus station. / SPORTS, EDUCATION, BUSINESS:</p> <p>Fresh from their weekend off, the Oregon football squad returns to action Saturday evening at Autzen Stadium. The Ducks, who remained at Number 13 in the Associated Press rankings, host Cal at 5 p.m. A good crowd is expected for the Pac-12 game, which is also being broadcast on FOX. Three other conference teams are in the Top 25 this week: Washington is ranked Number 15; Utah is Number 17; and Arizona State is Number 20. Cal did receive some votes and would have come in at Number 26 if the Top 25 were actually the Top 30. ; California will let college athletes hire agents and make money from endorsements, defying the NCAA and setting up a likely legal challenge that could reshape U.S. amateur sports. California's governor, Gavin Newsom, signed the law this morning that allows athletes at California universities to make money from their images, names or likenesses. The law also bans schools from kicking athletes off the team if they get paid. California is the first state to pass such a law. The law takes effect on Jan. 1, 2023. It does not apply to community colleges and bans athletes from accepting endorsement deals conflicting with their schools' existing contracts. The NCAA Board of Governors had asked Newsom to</p>

veto the bill, saying it "would erase the critical distinction between college and professional athletes." But Newsom says California's first-in-the-nation law will prompt dozens of other states to introduce similar legislation and will change college sports for the better by putting athletes on par with the interests of institutions. / BUSINESS, ECONOMY: The union representing thousands of Fred Meyer workers has reached a tentative labor agreement with representatives for most major local grocery chains, the union announced Saturday. The Oregonian and OregonLive noted the union previously had called for a boycott of more than 50 of the chain's stores in Oregon and southwest Washington. A spokesperson with United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 said the agreement means the end of the Fred Meyer boycott. The two sides had been negotiating since June of 2018. / HEALTH, YOUTH, BUSINESS: Washington state is joining several other states in banning the sale of flavored vaping products amid concern over the mysterious lung illness that has sickened hundreds of people and killed more than a dozen across the country. Oregon health officials late last week urged people to stop vaping immediately after a second vaping-related death was announced in our state. Washington's governor issued an executive order Friday asking the Department of Health to issue the emergency rule at its next meeting that applies to products containing nicotine as well as the cannabis extract THC. It comes amid concerns about how the flavored products appeal to youth. The Trump administration has announced plans to ban flavored vaping products nationally, and New York, Michigan and Rhode Island are among the states instituting at least temporary bans. Massachusetts has gone the farthest, issuing a four-month ban on all vaping products. ; State health officials on Friday told Gov. Kate Brown that banning vape sales for half a year could help stem the vaping-related illness crisis that has killed two Oregonians and sickened at least two. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the "moratorium" would bar sales of nicotine, tobacco and cannabis vape products, both in brick-and-mortar stores and online. The proposal was one of six the Oregon Health Authority submitted to Brown after she requested a list of ideas from the agency. Oregon Health Authority experts also said that officials could also make it easier to get help quitting nicotine and launching an education campaign aimed at getting people to not vape. The agency also proposed asking the federal government to regulate vaping products, asking doctors to keep reporting potential cases and getting experts together to come up with more ideas. ; U.S. health officials said Friday that their investigation into an outbreak of severe vaping-related illnesses is increasingly focused on products that contain the marijuana compound THC. Most of the 800 people who got sick vaped THC, the ingredient in marijuana that causes a high, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But officials said they didn't know if the THC is the problem or some other substance added to the vaping liquid, such as thickeners. So far, investigators have not identified a particular electronic cigarette, vaping device, liquid or ingredient behind the outbreak. But officials say patients have mentioned the name Dank Vapes most frequently. Health officials in Illinois and Wisconsin said many who fell ill in their states said they used prefilled THC cartridges sold in Dank Vapes packaging. But they added that's something of a generic name that does not really tie back to a single store or distributor. Until a cause is pinned down, the CDC continues to advise Americans to consider avoiding all vaping products, though the agency on Friday added the phrase "particularly those containing

THC." On Thursday, the CDC reported 805 confirmed and probable cases of the lung illness. Thirteen people have died, including two in Oregon. Only the U.S. has reported such an outbreak, although Canadian officials this week confirmed that country's first case. The first case in the U.S. began in late March. Cases ramped up in late June and rose dramatically in late July. The median age for the illnesses is 23. But the median age of those who died is much older — age 50. Nationally, 9 in 10 cases required hospitalization. Many young and previously healthy adolescents and young adults needed machines to help them breathe. Doctors say the illnesses resemble an inhalation injury. Symptoms have included shortness of breath, fatigue, chest pain, diarrhea and vomiting. Officials continue to find a substantial numbers of U.S. patients — the new report says 16% — who said they vaped only nicotine, and not THC. But the report noted that in Wisconsin, five patients who initially denied using products with THC turned out to have used them. / **MILITARY:** The Oregon Army National Guard held a Saturday mobilization ceremony in Portland for more than 450 soldiers who are headed to the Middle East nation of Qatar. They're members of the 2nd Battalion, 218th Field Artillery based in Forest Grove and Company A of the 141st Brigade Support Battalion based in Clackamas. Known as Task Force Arrow, the group is one of several units that the Oregon Army National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team that is deploying this fall and winter. Earlier this month, members of the 2nd Battalion 162 Infantry based in Springfield mobilized for a nine-month deployment to the country of Jordan to help train members of the Jordanian military. In all, the 41st is scheduled to deploy more than 1,400 service members to five different countries: Djibouti, Jordan, Kosovo, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. / **VETERANS, HEALTH:** Veterans: The Eugene VA Health Care Center is holding a flu shot clinic again today from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Veterans, stop by the Eugene VA Clinic's Primary Care front desk and ask for your flu shot and they'll take care of you. Experts with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urge you to get your flu vaccine by the end of October so your body will build full immunity before the virus begins circulating in your community. Typically, flu season really gets going in November or December and peaks by February. People who get vaccinated might still catch the flu, but health experts say their illnesses are milder with a lower risk of pneumonia, hospitalization or death. Who needs the vaccine? Health officials recommend it for everyone, starting at six months of age. Flu is most dangerous for young children, pregnant women, people over age 65, and people with certain health conditions such as heart disease, asthma or other lung disorders, even diabetes. But the virus can kill even the young and otherwise healthy. On average, the CDC says flu kills about 24,000 Americans each year. And health experts also talk about the importance of what's known as "herd immunity": Getting enough people vaccinated to protect those who are unable to receive the vaccine. Those include very young infants and people with weakened immune systems, including people with certain autoimmune diseases, those receiving treatments such as chemotherapy, and those who've received organ transplants. / **ENVIRONMENT:** Contentious proposals to reintroduce grizzly bears to the North Cascades ecosystem in Washington state are once again open for public comment. The plan, drafted by the National Park Service and U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, drew mixed responses from locals in 2017. It includes four options for grizzly bear recovery. Three would bring bears in from Montana or British

Columbia to bolster the local population. The goal would be to reach 200 bears. A fourth proposal calls for continuing current efforts to keep habitat healthy. Work on the proposals was halted by the Trump administration in December of 2017 and then restarted in 2018. Grizzlies were listed as a threatened species in the U.S. in 1975 and as endangered in Washington in 1980. Now, scientists don't have enough evidence to say there is any population in the North Cascades. /

**CRIME, SAFETY:** Authorities say a man shot and wounded himself during a struggle with a police officer early Friday morning at the baggage claim area at Portland International Airport. Port of Portland officials say the man suffered a non-life-threatening injury and was hospitalized. It came after an officer contacted the suspect about 5 a.m. Friday and the man pulled a firearm. The suspect shot himself during a struggle. The officer did not fire his weapon. The officer received a minor injury, but officials say it was not due to a gunshot. No flights were impacted by the shooting. The investigation continues. /

**TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY:** The average price of regular-grade gasoline has spiked 10 cents per gallon over the past two weeks to \$2.73. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey says that the jump is mostly from a drone attack this month on Saudi Arabia's key oil processing facility. But, the price at the pump is still 18 cents lower than it was a year ago. The highest average price in the nation is \$3.94 a gallon in San Francisco. The lowest average is \$2.24 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The average price of diesel is up 7 cents, to \$3.07 per gallon. /

**ENVIRONMENT:** Another weekend of unstable weather. We received close to an inch of rain, total, from Saturday and Sunday combined. For the month of September, we're at a bit more than five-and-a-quarter inches of precipitation. That's more than four inches ahead of what's normal for the month. We're still more than six inches below average for the 'rain year,' which began on October 1<sup>st</sup>, but we're a bit ahead of normal for the calendar year, which started January 1. For the first time in history, an Oregon State football game in Corvallis was delayed by weather. Kickoff occurred about 15 minutes late because there was lightning in the area. ; Snow was in the forecast for a lot of higher elevations and areas to the east of us over the weekend. Mount Hood received close to a foot of snow. So did some upper elevations in the Cascades. And there was snow across parts of Eastern Oregon, making this a chilling opening weekend for some deer hunters. Farther east, Montana's governor declared an emergency Sunday for areas hit by an early-season snowstorm that brought heavy, wet snow and high winds that closed roads, downed trees and caused scattered power outages across his state. Parts of Montana received close to two feet of snow. Winter storm warnings were posted for parts of six other Western states. But the storm was expected to wind down today. /

**EVENTS, ENVIRONMENT:** Saturday was the opening of buck deer season—the biggest day of the hunting year with more than 100,000 hunters expected to participate over the course of the season. Elk, duck and pheasant hunting seasons open in the coming weeks too. Anglers have been fishing throughout the year and 2019 marked a record year for tuna, with recreational anglers catching more than 100,000 fish. Oregon's estimated 703,000 hunters and anglers support the state's economy by spending more than \$929 million engaged in hunting and fishing, supporting an estimated 14,700 Oregon jobs. They also support the conservation of fish and wildlife through a "user pays-public benefits" approach. Their purchase of hunting and fishing licenses, and payment of excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, make up

the majority of ODFW's budget and work to conserve fish and wildlife. /