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QUARTERLY POSTING OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS, NEEDS AND INTERESTS

Third Quarter, 2019: July 1st through September 30th

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

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

ASCERTAINMENT METHODS

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

PROGRAMMING

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

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

McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING 3Q, 2019, ISSUES LIST:

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Qua	arter July 1 through September 30, 2019
	*Note: Major breaking news stories during the quarter that fall under these categories will be added
1	as is appropriate and reflected in daily news and public service postings
1	POLITICS, ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT: Legislative session; New school funding; Timber Unity,
	Senate GOP walkout, climate change bills; Other decisions by state officials and lawmakers, Trump
	administration, Congress, Oregon's Congressional delegation, Federal and state courts affecting
	Oregon; state funding and policy; Education funding; election funding; immigration and border, health
	care, women; offshore drilling, pipelines, oil trains, other environmental matters; partisan and budget
	battles; gun control, mass shootings, school violence; mental health treatment; marijuana and
	cannabis enforcement; the opioid epidemic; low-income and affordable housing; cybersecurity and
	data breaches; Proposed Lane County Courthouse, Eugene City Hall /
2	ECONOMY, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, UTILITIES, COLLEGE & PRO
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	SPORTS, EVENTS: Economy; Economic and downtown development, urban renewal and urban
	density; Affordable housing; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Unemployment, workforce
	training; Major road construction: I-105 at Washington-Jefferson Bridges, Franklin Blvd.; Local tech;
	Personal finance; Consumer prices; Legal cannabis; Immigration economics; Retirement concerns;
	UO-OSU Athletics teams and funding; Sports events; Hayward Field rebuild, Civic Park project;
2	Agriculture and farms; Technology; Energy prices, development; Cybersecurity and breaches.
3	CRIME, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ILLEGAL DRUGS: Community crime, policing, prevention;
	Drug & alcohol abuse, treatment; Mental health; Traffic safety, accident prevention; Human trafficking;
	Youth protection; School safety; Child abuse; Gangs; Cybersecurity; Police shootings, targeting of
	police; Demonstrations & riots; Racial profiling; Severe weather, storms, natural disasters; Terrorism.
4	HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH: Mental health; Opioid epidemic, drug abuse; Legal cannabis products;
	Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) and CCOs, ACA battles; Prescription drug prices; Obesity, diabetes &
	healthy eating; Food and product recalls; Legal battles over abortion and reproduction; Women's
	health; Flu, STDs; Measles, other outbreaks, debate over vaccines; Immunizations; Environmental
_	health, wildfire smoke, overall air quality; Safe water systems; Assisted suicide.
5	WOMEN, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, FAMILY, YOUTH, ELDERS, MINORITIES, RACISM,
	IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, COMMUNITY,
	<u>DISABILITIES, LEGAL:</u> Sexual violence and harassment; Immigration, DACA, LatinX community;
	Families and children; Domestic violence; Youth programs; Youth protection; Race, racism; LGBTQ;
	Fair housing; Civil rights; Civil liberties; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religion, churches; Community and
	charitable events; Older adults; Pets and animal rights.
6	HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME: Affordable housing; Homeless veterans, individuals, families,
	youth; Homeless "rest stops"; "The Working Poor"; Minimum wage and living wages; Community
1	agencies; Mental health; Older adults: Protection, health, housing, finances.
7	ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, DISASTERS, AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES: Local
	flooding; Record snowfall aftermath; Snowpack, drought; Wildfires; Earthquake & Disaster
	preparedness; Air quality; Climate change, "Climate Kids" lawsuit; Legislative "cap & trade" debate;
	Agriculture, Horticulture, Sustainable landscaping; Cannabis & hemp; Pollinators; Pesticides,
	herbicides; Cougar and wolves; Ocean health, Fisheries, fish migrations; Forest management, Wildlife
	habitat; Power generation; Alternate energy; Hazardous materials, transport, clean-ups.
8	EDUCATION: Local-state budgets for higher ed, community colleges, K-12 education; College
	affordability; Curriculum, academic standards, student test results; Student honors; Student activism;
	Teacher contracts and contract negotiations; New schools; Knight Science Complex.
9	TRANSPORTATION: Infrastructure needs and projects, I-105, Franklin Blvd., Local repaving; Road
7	and gas fees and taxes; Pedestrian, biker, rider safety; Hiking-biking trails; Airlines, Eugene's airport;
	Lane Transit District expansion and service; Hybrid, electric vehicles; Boeing 737 crashes and flight
	disruptions; Spring-summer travel; Rail safety.
10	MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM: Veterans, jobs, mental health (PTSD, suicide, etc.)
	and homelessness; Military families; Homeland and local security; Balancing terrorism with civil rights;
	National Guard deployments; Oregonians in the military; hacking and privacy.
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Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	07/07/19
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	COMMUNITY, EVENTS, EDUCATION
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	It takes shape for three days each summer just outside the city of Veneta. It's a temporary city that is the annual Oregon Country Fair. The festival attracts close to 50,000 visitors and has a multi-million dollar impact on the local economy. Visitors go for the music, the food, the shopping. Some love it. Some find it infuriating. But what started out as a counterculture festival in the late 1960s is now a major event that attracts a large number of people during its three-day, along with all of the vendors, volunteers and others who make it work. And this year, the Oregon Country Fair celebrates its 50th anniversary. We sit down with Crystalynn Autuchovich, the fair's operations manager, to get an overview and hear about how proceeds go toward a range of charitable efforts in the community, including educational and cultural programs. We also learn about the Culture Jam, the august event that connects kids and teens with art, music, dance and other cultural learning.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	07/14/19
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM
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issu e	LOW-INCOME, YOUTH, EDUCATION, HEALTH
Longth Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	At a busy kitchen at West Eugene's Churchill High school and several other sites, staff and volunteers are helping to prepare 1,400 daily meals that are served on weekdays to children age 18 and younger in Lane County. Kids eat free again this summer in lane County, enjoying free summer meals at close to four dozen locations in Eugene, Springfield, Veneta-Elmira, Oakridge, Cottage Grove-Creswell, Oakridge, Junction City and elsewhere. It's part of a federal program tat brings together schools, non-profit organizations and local food banks. We sit down with Rozlyn Fox from FOOD for Lane County to learn more about the effort. It offers free lunches at all sites, free breakfasts at some, and all children are welcome, regardless of income. The goal is to keep kids healthy so their brains and bodies are able to grow throughout the summer. It also takes some pressure off family budgets, particularly lower-income families who might have fewer meal options once the free summer meals offered to children during the school year ends with spring term classes. The Kids Summer Meals program hires staff each year to manage various sites and kitchens but also relies on volunteers and donations. Many of the sites are at schools, parks and community centers—places where kids hang out. Fox also talks about other FOOD for Lane County efforts, including the youth gardens and produce stand, food rescue programs at markets and restaurants, emergency food boxes and more.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	07/21/19 and 072819
Time of Pregram	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	COMMUNITY, FAMILIES, YOUTH, ELDERS, ENVIRONMENT
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	It has a rich history and sites across the Springfield area that are places to work out, to learn, to relax and to play. We're talking about Willamalane, which this year is celebrating its 75th anniversary. This morning, we sit down with Michael Wargo, the director of the parks and recreation district, and Kenny Weigandt, to learn more about Willamalane's offerings and the upcoming community anniversary celebration. Wargo says it was the state's first parks and recreation district. Among the activities this year was an Arbor Day effort to plant 75 trees throughout the park properties. Other activities focus on young children, teens, families, and elders. Willamalane also operates a large indooroutdoor sports complex that attrats people from throughout the area and across the state for various events.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	08/04/19 and 08/18/19
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
issue	FAMILY, YOUTH, SAFETY, LOW-INCOME, EDUCATION, HEALTH
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	For decades, it's made a big difference in Lane County, helping to prevent child abuse and giving children and their parents a better chance at life. We speak with Kelly Sutherland, the executive director of the Relief Nursery, about its therapeutic child-care programs, preschool and classes for parents. The relief Nursery targets families at-risk for child abuse and works to end the cycle. Courtney Stevens, the events coordinator, talks about upcoming charitable events and ways that people may contribute funds, goods, services and more.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	08/11/19 and 09/08/19
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	SAFETY, DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT, ECONOMY, CRIME, ENVIRONMENT
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	It's the peak of the summer construction and remodeling season and there are all sorts of contractors at work on homes, businesses and other projects. How do you know whether the contractor you're hiring is the right person for the job? How do you know whether they're licensed and bonded? And if you're a contractor, how do you learn what resources are available for you when you're working on contracts, payment schedules and other aspects of a job. We sit down with Stan Jessup, the enforcement program manager for the State of Oregon's Construction Contractors' Board. The CCB, as it's known, handles everything from licensing to inspection and enforcement. He gives us an overview, talks about key elements for a successful contract and project, both from the contractors' and consumers' points of view; tells us how to check a contractor's license and bonding status and any complaints; and provides tips on how to avoid unscrupulous contractors and scams.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	08/25/19 and 09/01/19
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
ISSUE	TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, YOUTH, ELDERS, ENVIRONMENT, GROWTH
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	Lane Transit District is Lane County's primary mass- transit system. And lots of changes and upgrades are underway. We speak with Aurora Jackson, LTD's general manager, and Mark Johnson, the system's assistant general manager, to hear updates. Lane Transit is shifting to its fall schedule now that students are back in schools, colleges and universities. LTD is also working to convert its fleet to more fuel-efficient vehicles and get rid of the older diesel buses. A new six-seat electric shuttle, EmGo, launches over Labor Day Weekend. There's a new LTD app for digital fares, schedule and routing information. New bus fare cards roll out in October. Student passes are back this fall, allowing school students to ride the system free. And there's a one-year pilot underway in the Cottage Grove area to provide a short-distance shuttle with an eye to crafting new or expanded routes.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	09/15/19 and 09/22/19
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	HEALTH, YOUTH, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	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 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 this month. 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. This morning, we sit down with Tim France from PeaceHealth, Jessica Garrett Miller and Andrew McNall from the Ronald McDonald House Charities to learn more.

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	09/29/19
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	SAFETY, BUSINESS, ECONOMY
Length Of Pregram	30 Minutes
TOPIC	The goal is healthy workers, healthy workplaces and savings for Oregon businesses. This morning, we learn more about Oregon OSHA, the state's occupational safety and health division. Aron Corvin from Oregon OSHA talks about the agency's core mission, including inspections and enforcement. He outlines how the Oregon OSHA website has expanded to include online safety resources and trainings, including video courses and bilingual offerings. Oregon OSHA also offers inperson consultations that are not the same as inspections and are available for businesses that want to avoid dangerous situations. Oregon's workplaces have grown safer this decade and that's meant reduced insurance rates for businesses, but we also discuss how workers are injured or killed. The risks include falls and vehicle accidents and more.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF BROADCAST

07/01/19

TIME OF BROADCAST

5:30AM-8:30AM / KKNU-FM

NAME OF PROGRAM

Morning News

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

30 Seconds

ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED COMMUNITY, EVENTS, SAFETY, CRIME: On Sunday, June 30, the public turned in 200 pounds of fireworks as part of a Eugene Illegal Fireworks Amnesty Day. The amount was double the results from last year. The Eugene Metro Explosives Disposal Unit collected the fireworks from private parties only, without penalty. Twenty-nine people took advantage of the opportunity. Illegal Fireworks Amnesty Turn-in Day approximate weights in recent years: 2019 - 200 pounds; 2018 - 100 pounds; 2017 - 150 pounds; 2016 - 50 pounds. Fireworks went on sale June 23. Consumer fireworks discharges within the Eugene city limits are restricted to July 3 and 4, and December 31 and January 1. Public (commercial displays are allowed July 3-5). Eugene Police will be staffing additional officers for the July 4 holiday, including officers detached for patrolling areas with high density of fireworks-related complaint calls and or visible displays of fireworks. Fire crews will patrol neighborhoods in their response areas on July 4, to note and report illegal fireworks activity. To report illegal fireworks within the Eugene city limits, call 541-682-5111. The base fine for illegal fireworks is \$250. The social host ordinance also applies to fireworks. The social host, or ordinance on unruly gatherings, holds individuals criminally responsible for hosting, organizing and allowing an unruly event or social gathering. Property owners where the event is hosted will also be penalized if there are multiple violations of this ordinance at the same property. The Eugene Municipal Court has assigned a base fine of \$375 for criminal violations of this ordinance. Both hosts and property owners could be civilly liable for police, fire and public works response to repeated illegal gatherings that fall under this ordinance. / EVENTS, COMMUNITY: A sold-out crowd field Autzen Stadium as entertainer Garth Brooks brought his show to Eugene on Saturday night. It was a well-received show that included a surprise appearance by n 800-member local gospel choir drawn from churches, community groups and music schools for a rendition of "Shout!" which will be included on an upcoming DVD. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: The Oregon Legislature has adjourned its 160-day legislative session after sending Gov. Kate Brown a new two-year state budget and dozens of policy priorities. A fuller picture of the two-year budget won't be made available until July. But the Legislature approved millions of dollars to increase funding for higher education, the foster care system and public safety. Lawmakers also rushed through major legislative priorities including an increased tobacco tax and a paid family and medical leave program. Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick called it a "productive session"

that saw passage of "holy grail items" Democrats have long been waiting to get to the governor's desk. / POLITICS, HEALTH: Oregon voters will decide next year whether the state should increase its tobacco tax. The Senate voted 18-8 Sunday to put the guestion to the voters for next year's general election. The measure will increase the cigarette tax by \$2 a pack and impose the state's first tax on ecigarettes and other vaping products. The move is central to the governor's plan to bridge a shortfall in the state's Medicaid program. The state is facing a \$346 million hole in its Medicaid budget for the next biennium because of decreases in federal funding. The cigarette tax would be raised from \$1.33 per pack to \$3.33. E-cigarettes and cigars will be taxed at 65% of wholesale price. / POLITICS, HOUSING: Oregon has approved a pioneering measure to increase the supply of affordable housing throughout the state. The Senate voted 17-9 Sunday to send the governor a plan to ease local zoning laws. Cities with more than 10,000 people must allow for the construction of less expensive housing options like duplexes, triplexes and townhomes. The measure doesn't require that these types of housing units actually be built. It rather lifts local bans on these denser housing options, paving the way for possible future development. The city of Minneapolis approved a similar measure last year. The move responds to a statewide affordable housing crisis that touches every part of the state. The governor earlier this year approved the first statewide rent control law in the nation. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS, LOW-INCOME: Oregon will pay for prepaid postage on mail-in ballots for next year's general election in an attempt to boost turnout. The House voted 37-18 Sunday to allocate nearly \$1.7 million to pay postage costs. The program could cost the state more depending on how many voters send in ballots. Oregon switched to a vote-by-mail system in 2000. Gov. Kate Brown made prepaid postage a priority this year. She said low-income and younger residents don't always have access to postage stamps. Opponents say the move won't noticeably increase voter turnout and that the money could be better used elsewhere. Washington state and California also covers postage costs for mail-in ballots. / FAMILY, HEALTH, BUSINESS, POLITICS: Oregon will become the 8th state in the nation to offer paid family and medical leave. Senators voted 21-6 Sunday to send the governor one of the most generous paid leave proposals in the nation. It offers all workers who make more than \$1,000 a year 12 weeks paid leave for family or medical reasons. It is the first paid leave plan to offer lowincome workers 100% wage replacement. Businesses and employees will be required to contribute to help fund the program. Small businesses are exempted from contributing. The measure now heads to the governor's desk. Gov. Kate Brown has said she will sign. Workers will start seeing benefits in 2023. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH: Oregon will work to clean up diesel emissions from heavy-duty trucks in its most urban areas. Senators voted 16-11 Sunday to send the controversial measure to the governor's desk. It requires medium-and heavy-duty diesel trucks and buses in the state's three most populated counties to phase-out older vehicle engines. Heavy-duty trucks titled in these counties must be model year 2007 or newer by 2025. Newer models release fewer emissions into the air. The measure also includes grant money to help some trucks transition to newer engines. Gov. Kate Brown is expected to sign. The bill proved controversial among rural communities. Loggers and truckers protested at the Capitol last week expressing concerns that the proposal would put them out of business. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Oregon is

one of five states that have no limits on campaign contributions. But voters may be able to change that at the ballot box next year. The House voted 43-11 Sunday to put the issue in front of the voters in the 2020 election. The state constitution prevents lawmakers from limiting the amount of money that flows through political campaigns. But the high-priced governor's race last year rekindled the debate over spending limits. Capping political donations requires a constitutional amendment and must be approved by the voters. The measure does not place limits on campaign donations. It instead asks voters' permission for lawmakers to place limits on campaign contributions sometime in the future. / EDUCATION, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, POLITICS: The promise of higher education and career training programs will be within reach for more Oregon families thanks to a new Education Savings Credit, under legislation that earned final legislative approval Friday and now heads to the governor's desk. House Bill 2164 authorizes the nation's first refundable tax credit to help low- and moderateincome Oregon families save for their educational futures, through the Oregon College Savings Plan. State Treasurer Tobias Read says young people from underrepresented communities, rural Oregon, and across the state will have better access to education and training after high school. The Education Savings Credit will go into effect in 2020. The new legislation allows families to receive an income tax credit of as much as \$300 for contributions to the Oregon College Savings Plan. The incentive will be available to all Oregon taxpayers, and will equal a percentage of the dollars they save in College Savings Plan accounts, on a sliding scale based on financial need. Research shows that just having an Oregon College Savings Plan account in place for a child makes them three times more likely to enroll in a job training or college program, and four times more likely to complete it. Accounts can be opened by just about anyone—parents, family, friends, even future students. Money saved in the Oregon College Savings Plan grows tax-free and can be used for qualified expenses at any accredited, postsecondary institution or trade school. Launched in 2001, the Oregon College Savings Plan just celebrated a key milestone, with \$2 billion saved. / TRANSPORTATION, POLITICS: Oregon will tighten safety standards for railroads transporting large amounts of crude oil. The Senate voted Saturday on a measure to require railroads to submit spill response plans to the Department of Environmental Quality. The move is a response a 2016 train derailment that spilled 42,000 gallons of oil and started a fire that took over 14 hours to put out. The Union Pacific Railroad estimates that 18,000 gallons of oil contaminated the surrounding soil. An additional 13,000 gallons flowed into a nearby wastewater treatment plant. Oregon for years has been the only state on the west coast not to pass meaningful legislation to prepare for derailment and spills. The updated response plan now heads to the governor. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: Republican lawmakers returned to the Oregon Senate on Saturday, ending an acrimonious nine-day walkout over a carbon emissions bill that would have been the second such legislation in the nation. The boycott had escalated when the Democratic governor ordered the state police to find and return the rogue Republicans to the Senate so the chamber could convene, and a counter-threat by one GOP senator to violently resist any such attempt. Senate Republicans fled the state to avoid being forcibly returned by the Oregon State Police, whose jurisdiction ends at the state line. Democrats have an 18 to 12 majority in the Senate but need at least 20 members — and therefore at

least two Republicans — present to vote on legislation. Nine minority Republicans returned to the Senate on Saturday after Senate President Peter Courtney said the majority Democrats lacked the necessary 16 votes to pass the legislation, a statewide cap on carbon that allows companies to trade pollution credits. Shortly after convening, senators quickly voted 17-10 to send the climate proposal back to committee, essentially killing it for the session. Sen. Sara Gelser, a Democrat from the college town of Corvallis, said the demise of the cap-and-trade bill has deeply upset many constituents. "That's a bill that's been many, many years in the making," Gelser told reporters Saturday. "I think there's a lot of heartbreak, but today is one day and we'll come back and address it. We have to. Our planet demands it." The House had previously passed the bill, one of the centerpieces of Oregon's 2019 legislative session, which is scheduled to end late Sunday. Republicans, who make up the minority in both chambers, uniformly opposed the proposal saying it would increase the cost of fuel and wreak financial havoc on the trucking and the logging industries. One of the Republicans absent Saturday was Sen. Brian Boquist, who had told state police to come heavily armed and to send bachelor officers if they were going to forcibly return him to the Senate during the walkout. Senate Republican leader Herman Baertschiger, Jr., on Friday refused to condemn Boquist's words, only saying the comments were unhelpful. Boquist faces a formal complaint that will be taken up at a special committee hearing in July. The walkout by the Republicans, which began June 20, inspired protests at the Capitol by their backers and led to the building being closed one day due to a possible militia threat. But Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick said that the walkout didn't change much, as the measure didn't have enough support to get to the governor's desk even before Republicans left the statehouse. "As the person who counts the votes, my personal sense is that the votes were not there," Burdick told reporters earlier this week. The Republicans, though, painted their boycott as a triumph. "Our mission in walking out was to kill cap and trade." Senate Minority Leader Herman Baertschiger told reporters Friday. "And that's what we did." Democrats had said the climate legislation was critical to make Oregon a leader in the fight against climate change and will ultimately create jobs and transform the economy. The bill, if passed, would have been the second in the nation, after California, to cap and trade pollution credits among companies. It aimed to dramatically reduce greenhouse gases by 2050 by capping carbon emissions and requiring businesses to buy or trade for an everdwindling pool of pollution "allowances." The Republicans wielded power disproportionate to their numbers this session. They walked out of the Senate last month to block a school funding tax package. They returned only after Gov. Kate Brown brokered a deal in which Democrats dropped legislation on gun control and children's vaccination requirements. "This is not how our democracy is supposed to work," said Tara Hurst, executive director of the lobbying group Renew Oregon, which helped craft the climate proposal. Rep. Rachel Prusak, a freshman Democrat from a Portland suburb, said she is "heartbroken over the state of our Legislature." Eleven Republicans participated in the walkout, with one Senate seat vacant due to the death of veteran lawmaker Jackie Winters in May, from cancer, Denyc Boles, who had been serving in the House, was sworn in Friday to take Winters' seat, restoring the GOP caucus to its full number of 12. / POLITICS, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT: Competing demonstrations spilled into the streets of downtown Portland on Saturday, with fights breaking out in

places as marchers clashed. At least three groups had planned rallies or demonstrations at different sites in the city, including members of the so-called Proud Boys and anti-fascist groups that include "antifa," and the fights occurred when participants of the opposing groups met, according to The Oregonian/OregonLive. In a statement Saturday night, the Portland Police Bureau said three people were arrested on assault and harassment charges in connection with the protests. Police said medics treated eight people, including three police officers, at the scene. Three people were taken to hospitals after they were attacked, police said. Andy Ngo, who describes himself as an editor at the conservative website Quillette and says he is "hated by antifa," said on his Twitter feed that he was attacked by anti-fascist protesters and had to be taken to the hospital to treat injuries to his face and head. Ngo also said the attackers took his camera equipment. Protesters also clashed with police, throwing water bottles and eggs at officers. In separate social media posts later in the day, police declared the situation to be a civil disturbance and warned participants faced arrest. The Portland Police Bureau on Twitter asked for the public's help in investigating violent assaults. The bureau also said that it has received reports that some of the milkshakes thrown by protesters contained quick-drying cement. "Demonstration events are very fluid in nature and the management of these events is complex," Assistant Chief Chris Davis said in a statement. "There are hundreds of peaceful free speech events in the City in a given year that do not result in violence. Unfortunately, today some community members and officers were injured. We are actively investigating these incidents to hold those responsible accountable." / POLITICS, IMMIGRATION, TRANSPORTATION: Undocumented immigrants in Oregon will legally be able to obtain driver's licenses under a measure sent to the governor's desk. Senators voted 17-10 Saturday to expand driving privileges to all Oregon residents regardless of their immigration status. Gov. Kate Brown is expected to sign. The move will make Oregon the 14th state to allow undocumented immigrants to drive. New York approved a similar measure earlier this month. The bill has been a priority for proimmigration groups who say that undocumented immigrants often live in rural areas which requires having a car. Those without proof of residence say they live in fear that they could be deported over a traffic stop. Opponents say that the measure should be sent to the ballot considering voters shot down a similar proposal in 2016. / POLITICS, CRIME: Oregon will substantially narrow the use of the death penalty by limiting qualifying crimes. The Senate overwhelmingly voted Saturday to restrict capital punishment to apply to terrorist acts that kill two or more people. Killing police officers and kids younger than 14 also applies. Lawmakers cannot introduce an outright ban on capital punishment without sending the measure to the ballot box. Voters approved adding the death penalty to the Oregon Constitution in 1984. The measure now heads to the Gov. Kate Brown who extended a 2011 moratorium on using the death penalty. The state Department of Corrections says there were 30 people on death row as of Jan. 1, 2019. The last execution was in 1997. / POLITICS, BUSINESS: Shoppers from Oregon and other states that don't have a sales tax are losing their automatic tax break at businesses in Washington state starting Monday. Washington lawmakers amended the sales tax exemption — which was first enacted in 1965 — as part of a tax package passed earlier this year alongside the state's new two-year budget. Under the new law, non-residents will now pay state and local sales taxes at the

time of purchase. Starting in January, out-of-state residents from eligible states will be able to request a remittance from the state if they have receipts that show they paid at least \$25 in state sales taxes in the previous year. They will be limited to one refund per year, and local sales taxes paid will not be factored into the reimbursement. The state sales tax is currently 6.5 percent and the state estimates that the change will bring in about \$175 million through mid-2025. In addition to Oregon, four other states don't have a sales tax: Alaska, Delaware, Montana and New Hampshire. / CRIME: A man who has spent nearly three decades in prison for the 1989 killing of Oregon's prisons director was freed Friday while the state appeals the ruling that led to his release. Frank Gable left prison after a U.S. magistrate found in April that the trial court made an error in excluding evidence of third-party guilt, The Oregonian/OregonLive reports. U.S. Magistrate Judge John V. Acosta also found that Gable's attorneys provided him with "ineffective assistance in failing to assert Gable's federal due process rights in the face of the trial court's error." Gable, now 59, left the prison in Lansing, Kansas, and had to report directly to a federal probation officer in Kansas City. He'll be allowed to live with his wife in Kansas. "We don't really want to talk about the case or nothing, just glad to be out," Gable told Fox 4 News. "He thanks those who believed in his innocence all these years," said Nell Brown, one of two assistant federal public defenders who represented Gable in challenging the murder conviction. Francke's brothers, Pat and Kevin Francke, have been staunch defenders of Gable and believe he was wrongly convicted. Gable was convicted in the stabbing death in Salem of prisons chief Michael Francke, 42, and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. He must participate in drug and mental health assessments and counseling as directed by the U.S. Pretrial Services Office. Gable was not placed on electronic monitoring, although the state urged it. The April ruling came after multiple witnesses recanted their testimony and defense lawyers cited a record of improper interrogation and flawed polygraphs used to question witnesses and shape their statements to police. Acosta then ordered Gable to be released or retried within 90 days of his order. The state's appeal contends another man's confession was unreliable because he had changed his account multiple times. Acosta agreed to put his order to retry Gable on hold while the state's appeal is pending before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. / WILDLIFE, AGRICULTURE, SAFETY: A Southern Oregon animal advocacy group has launched an online fundraising drive to help safely separate wolves and livestock. The Herald and News reports that KS Wild set up a GoFundMe account to raise money for an electric fence to keep wolves off private property in Prospect. The crowdsourcing drive by the Ashland-based group has collected \$1,500 of its \$6,000 goal for the fencing that will stand 6 feet high. The fence is expected to cost about \$45,000 with additional funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Property owner Ted Birdseye says he has lost cows to an area wolf pack. The rancher has cared for wolf pups in the past, but he wants to keep his family and livestock safe. / ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE: Three environmental groups have rejected a government offer to further limit but allow some grazing by Oregon ranchers who were convicted of intentionally setting fires on public land. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the Western Watersheds Project, the Center for Biological Diversity and Wildearth Guardians rejected the offer Friday. They then requested that a judge ban Hammond Ranches Inc. from

grazing cattle on two government allotments while they contest the ranchers' 10year grazing permit. Wildlife, ecology and rangeland experts for both sides gave testimony about whether grazing would harm sage grouse and redband trout in the Steens Mountain area. Harney County rancher Dwight Hammond Jr. and son Steven Hammond listened to the federal hearing in Portland but didn't participate. U.S. District Judge Michael H. Simon said he'll rule by July 17 whether to grant a preliminary injunction and further halt Hammond livestock from grazing on the two allotments. / CRIME: Trial has been pushed back to March 2020 for a woman accused of intentionally driving into pedestrians on a Las Vegas sidewalk in December 2015, killing one person and injuring at least 34 others. Lakeisha Holloway has pleaded not guilty to murder and 70 other felony charges. Her trial had been set to begin next month. Her public defender, Joseph Abood, said Friday he sought the delay due to the complexity of the case, the number of victims and witnesses, and concern about Holloway's mental health. She's 28 and is held at the Clark County jail in Las Vegas after being found competent for trial in February 2017. Holloway was from Portland, Oregon. Jessica Valenzuela of Buckeye, Arizona, died in the crash a week before Christmas near the Paris Las Vegas and Planet Hollywood resorts. / SAFETY, COMMUNITY, DISASTERS, POLITICS: The state agency in charge of earthquake study and preparation, as well as monitoring mining efforts in Oregon, could be shut down after going over budget for the second time in four years. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, widely known as DOGAMI, will lose three staff members and the Governor's office is considering whether the agency should continue to exist in its current form given its financial issues. For the 2013-2015 budget cycle, the agency needed an extra \$800,000 from the general fund. For 2017-2019 cycle, it needed \$650,000. Brad Avy, director of the agency, said there were a number of factors that led to the financial problems "including the need for an improved accounting architecture and written financial policies and procedures." The funding model has shifted over time, Avy added, to more reliance on grants. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said Monday said she wants to move forward through the executive branch if lawmakers can't approve meaningful climate legislation. But first, she's directed her staff to go back to rural communities and industries over the next few months to find points of compromise on what would be the nation's second statewide cap and trade program. The Democratic governor told a news conference she's ready to use her executive power to lower carbon emissions following a nine-day Republican walkout that derailed landmark climate legislation and embroiled the state in a political crisis pitting liberal cities against rural residents. Brown says working through the Legislature is her preferred approach and she wants to present lawmakers with proposed "modifications" to the plan. But given what she called the uncertainty that now permeates the state's political system, she said if she still can't find a path forward in the statehouse she's prepared to take the matter into her own hands. Two representatives for the Senate's Republican caucus didn't immediately respond to emails seeking comment on the governor's plans. The proposal that died in the state senate last week caps climate-changing emissions and requires businesses to buy or trade an ever-dwindling pool of pollution credits or "allowances." California has a similar program. Senate Republicans walked out to block a vote on the measure and only came back after getting reassurances it was dead. They said the legislation would kill jobs, raise the cost of fuel and gut small businesses in rural areas. Loggers, truckers and others flooded the Capitol to support the Republicans who walked out. Democrats say the legislation is critical to make Oregon a leader in the fight against climate change and will ultimately create jobs and transform the economy. They said the program would raise tens of millions of dollars that would go toward further emissions-cutting projects and wildfire prevention efforts. They add that much of the funding also would flow directly to rural communities and Native American tribes to prepare for the worst effects of climate change, supporters say. Brown has a tough path forward if she wants to craft legislation that both responds to industry concerns and still puts Oregon on a path toward meeting its ambitious goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The original cap and trade proposal would have begun in 2021 and put the state on track to lower emissions to 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2035 and 80 percent below by 2050. Delaying the program could mean lawmakers will need to craft a more ambitious and aggressive program to meet the state's emission goals. / LOW-

INCOME, BUSINESS: Minimum wage workers in Oregon have received a 50cent per hour raise as part of a phased-in series of annual increases. The bump in pay Monday affected about one in ten workers in the state. Two years ago, lawmakers created a three-tier minimum wage system to take into account differences in the cost of living in the state's urban and rural areas. Around Portland, where housing and other costs are higher, the minimum wage increased vesterday from \$12 to \$12.50 per hour. Here in Lane County and more than one dozen other counties, the minimum wage is now \$11.25 an hour. In more rural counties, the pay was bumped to \$11. The hikes came two years after state lawmakers approved the series of minimum wage increases through the year 2022, after which the wage will be tied to inflation.; Oregon's weekly unemployment benefit payments are also increasing, for those making new filings beginning this month. The maximum weekly benefit amount someone can receive will increase from \$624 to \$648, while the minimum amount will increase from \$146 to \$151. It's worth noting the change only affects new unemployment insurance claims filed on or after June 30, 2019. Those with existing unemployment insurance claims will continue to receive the same weekly amount they have been receiving. Oregon's Unemployment Insurance program provides temporary, partial wage replacement for workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own. By law, the Oregon Employment Department each year recalculates the maximum and minimum amounts of unemployment insurance benefits people can receive. The amounts are set percentages of the average weekly wage earned by Oregonians. The minimum benefit amount is 15 percent of average weekly wage, and the maximum amount is 64 percent. Both dollar amounts are rounded down to the nearest dollar, as required by law. Officials say higher wage growth in 2018 resulted in a 3.4 percent increase to the minimum weekly benefit and a 3.8 percent increase in the maximum weekly benefit compared to a year ago. The income provided to unemployed workers partially stabilizes the economy in local communities experiencing high unemployment during economic downturns. The Unemployment Insurance program also promotes reemployment and the preservation of a trained, local workforce for businesses during economic downturns. The Unemployment Insurance program also administers unemployment insurance benefits, such as federal extensions when they are available, and other specialized programs with partners that include the United States Department of Labor and other state agencies. SAFETY, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, CRIME: It was a national enforcement action targeting unlicensed contractors. In our state, inspectors with the Oregon Construction Contractor Board uncovered one dozen alleged violations of contracting regulations during unannounced visits to 115 job sites earlier in the month. The CCB says violators face civil penalties and that it's a reminder that nearly everyone who repairs, remodels or builds a home needs a state CCB license. Tiose licenses mean contractors are bonded and insured and can pull required building permits. The Construction Contractor Board also provides mediation services to help iron out disputes that arise between homeowners and licensed contractors. People who use unlicensed contractors do not have access to that service. Want to verify a contractor's licenses: You may do it online at www.oregon.gov/ccb All you need to do is enter the contractor's CCB license number or name to search their history and verify that the license is "active"; that the contractor carries the endorsement for residential work; and that the name

and other information on the license matches the contractor you are considering. You may also call the Construction Contractors Board at 503-378-4621 for help searching or understanding the results. Contractors and consumers also may report unlicensed contractors and other illegal activity on the CCB's website or by calling 503-934-2246. In looking for contractors, the CCB advises consumers to get references from friends and neighbors, or others in the construction industry, such as supply stores. Contractors seeking work through online lists must include their CCB number in all advertising. However, the CCB advises consumers against relying on online references alone. The CCB has a variety of consumer tools on its website, including the downloadable guide, Selecting and Working With A Contractor. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police have released the names of the two men involved in a Sunday afternoon crash on Highway 36 near Milepost 36 in the Coast Range. They say both drivers were taken by air ambulance to the hospital with life-threatening injuries and one later died. Investigators say it appears a Dodge pickup, operated by 36-year-old Josh Berlanga of Junction City, was traveling west on Highway 36 when for an unknown reason it crossed into the eastbound lane and collided with an eastbound white Ford pickup operated by 73-year-old Patrick Gulick of Blachly. Gulick died at the hospital. The Highway was closed for about 4-1/2 hours. State Police were assisted in their investigation by the Junction City Fire Department, Lane County Fire Department, and Oregon Department of Transportation. / POLITICS, CRIME, SAFETY: Police in Portland on Monday made public an anonymous email they received purporting to contain the recipe for "milkshakes" containing quick-drying cement that were thrown by at least some protesters during dueling rallies over the weekend. The email was released at the same time that police sought the public's help in identifying three protesters who are wanted on suspicion of assault and robbery for actions during the June 29 rallies. Police have already made three arrests, and medics treated eight people at the scene, including three police officers. Members of the so-called Proud Boys, a far right-wing organization, and an anti-fascist group called Rose City Antifa held dueling protests at several locations in downtown Portland. Fights broke out when the groups crossed paths. Andy Ngo, a writer and photographer for the conservative website Quillette.com, posted on Twitter that he was attacked by anti-fascists and had his camera gear stolen. An article posted Sunday on Quillette.com about the incident said Ngo was hospitalized overnight with a brain hemorrhage after going to the emergency room with bruises and bleeding on his face. Police tweeted a warning during the rallies that "some of the milkshakes" thrown on Saturday contained quick-drying cement. A lieutenant in the field observed "a material with a texture and smell that was consistent with concrete," the Portland Police Bureau elaborated on Monday. The fallout from the protests promised to further erode a rocky relationship between rank-and-file police officers and Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler. The police union called on Wheeler to crack down on violence in the city by right-wing groups and anti-fascist counter-protesters alike, adding that officers feel their hands are tied. "It's time for our Mayor to do two things: tell both ANTIFA and Proud Boys that our City will not accept violence in our City and remove the handcuffs from our officers and let them stop the violence through strong and swift enforcement action," said Daryl Turner, the president of the Portland Police Association. "Enough is enough." Wheeler was out of the country. He tweeted Monday that Portland "has always been a beacon of free speech" but that those

who broke the law would be held accountable. "We stand against all forms of violence — regardless of someone's political leanings," Wheeler tweeted. "Portland police officers have the unenviable task of keeping the peace. It's a difficult job and hard decisions are made in real-time." Liberal-leaning Portland is the site of frequent clashes between right-wing groups who come to the city from outside the state to march and the counter-protesters who show up to try to stop them. The mayor and police have struggled to find a balance between allowing free speech and preventing the violence that often breaks out among demonstrators. At previous rallies, officers have also encountered unusual projectiles, including horse lubricant mixed with gold glitter. / ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS, SAFETY, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: The state agency in charge of earthquake study and preparation, as well as monitoring mining efforts in Oregon, could be shut down after going over budget for the second time in four years. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, widely known as DOGAMI, will lose three staff members and the Governor's office is considering whether the agency should continue to exist in its current form given its financial issues. For the 2013-2015 budget cycle, the agency needed an extra \$800,000 from the general fund. For 2017-2019 cycle, it needed \$650,000. Brad Avv. director of the agency, said there were a number of factors that led to the financial problems "including the need for an improved accounting architecture and written financial policies and procedures." The funding model has shifted over time, Avy added, to more reliance on grants. / AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENT: The Capital Press is reporting that a proposal to turn cow manure into natural gas at Oregon's largest dairy is moving forward after state regulators last week approved a key permit for the project. Reporter George Plaven writes that Threemile Canyon Farms, near Boardman, already operates the largest manure digester in the western U.S. It captures methane from the dairy's 65,000 cows and uses the biogas to generate 4.8 megawatts of electricity. Now the dairy wants to expand its digester facility and install new equipment to convert the methane into "pipeline quality" natural gas. That process entails removing carbon dioxide and other impurities from the gas stream so it can be injected into a pipeline and transported to consumers. The Capital Press reports the approval of a modified air quality permit from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality came despite objections from environmental groups that claim pollution from the dairy and manure digester pose a public health and safety risk. Supports of biogas projects argue they not only produce renewable energy, but are a "net positive" for the environment because they reduce methane emissions, kill pathogens, reduce odor and create a safe soil amendment for cropland. The DEQ analysis noted emissions limits will not change under the modified permit and that Threemile Canyon has not come close to exceeding that limit. Dairy officials anticipate finishing the project later this year. According to the American Biogas Council, Oregon has seven biogas production systems on farms, handling 8 million gallons of manure per day. / LOW-INCOME, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS, RELIGION: Do you shop at the Grocery Outlet in Springfield? Here's a great chance to support the programs offered in our community by Catholic Community Services. If you donate \$5 or more at checkout during the month of July, you'll get a coupon for \$5 off your next Grocery Outlet purchase of \$25 or more. The donations will pay for groceries for the Catholic Community Services Springfield food pantry. Last year, the food pantry

served more than 10,000 people in our local community. Last year's fundraiser received over \$12,000 in food items from the Springfield Grocery Outlet. Catholic Community Services is grateful for the support of Grocery Outlet shoppers as well as owners Tracy and Tom Hogan, who've sponsored the fundraiser since 2015. / EVENTS, COMMUNITY, HEALTH: The Eugene Family YMCA hosts 28 Texas bicyclists on Saturday, July 6. The riders from the university of Texas at Austin are on a 70-day, 4,000-mile journey to Alaska to raise money for cancer research—the longest annual charity bike ride in the world. The riders on the "Texas 4000" travel one of three routes north from Austin. One travels across the Midwest, another through the Rocky Mountain States, and this third group travels along the West Coast. The bicyclists will overnight at the Y and have access to showers, the basketball court and swimming pool, as well as a yoga class. Eugene Family YMCA staff and volunteers are serving snacks upon the riders' arrival, dinner and breakfast. Hole-in-the-Wall Barbecue has donated dinners for each of the riders for Saturday night. Positive Community Kitchen is providing snacks for the following day's ride and Pacific Integrative Oncology is providing breakfast in Eugene for the riders. Want to meet the bicyclists? On Saturday, July 6, at 6:30 p.m., stop by the Eugene Family YMCA's Beck Center to hear them speak about the ride and early cancer prevention and detection. Among those planning to attend: Local alumni of the Y's "LIVESTRONG at the YMCA" program, which helps adult cancer survivors reclaim their health and wellbeing following a cancer diagnosis. / COMMUNITY, EVENTS, SAFETY: The Eugene Water & Electric Board will continue the ban on all fireworks at its College Hill Reservoir to prevent damage to the facility and will restrict all access to the reservoir until after July 4. The prohibition includes the entire surface of the reservoir, located at Lawrence Street and West 25th Avenue. However, legal fireworks may be used on the blacktop surface of the old reservoir to the north of the College Hill structure. Fireworks set off atop the newer reservoir in past years caused damage to the rubberized coating on the surface of the reservoir, which was installed to keep contaminants from seeping into the drinking water below. To ensure people do not set off fireworks on the reservoir this year, EWEB has locked the reservoir gates and they will remain locked until 8 a.m. on Friday, July 5. The utility is requesting that people stay off the top of the reservoir for the duration of the closure. Since the reservoir started operating in 1939, Eugene residents have used it and the surrounding open space as an unofficial park for picnics, star-gazing and bicycle riding. EWEB considered fencing off the reservoir over the past decade because of security and contamination concerns. To maintain public access, the utility spent more than \$1 million on improvements that include joint hardening, slab sealing, head house fencing, installation of electronic surveillance and landscape security improvements. In 2012, EWEB determined that despite the improvements, the roof of the reservoir was still prone to leakage Concerned over possible contamination of the water supply from dog feces left atop the facility, EWEB again approached nearby residents to find a solution. Working with neighbors over the past several years, EWEB installed access gates and larger signs asking people to keep dogs off the reservoir to protect against potential contamination. The partnership with neighbors has led to a largely successful effort to keep dogs and dog waste off the reservoir. EWEB staff and neighbors will continue monitoring the reservoir to make sure people are respecting the temporary closure, as well as the prohibition of dogs and the

fireworks ban. / ENVIRONMENT, EVENTS: Each year thousands of Oregonians head for the coast to celebrate the 4th of July. Celebrations often include disposable cups and cutlery and the tiny pieces of plastic incorporated in fireworks. Unfortunately, many of these items are left behind and become litter once the 4th of July celebrations are over. Volunteers are needed to pick up litter that is left behind to minimize the damage it causes to the environment and ocean. What: SOLVE, partners and volunteers will work together to clean up after 4th of July celebrations at several locations along the coast. Cleanups will begin on Friday morning, July 5, where volunteers will walk the beach and pick up any litter they find before it enters the ocean. Cleanup beach locations include, Sunset Bay, Seaside, Manzanita, Lincoln City at NW 14th St., and Roads End. Visit the SOLVE website for additional location information. When: Cleanup events will begin on the morning of July 5 at several beach access points. See the SOLVE website for specific times and locations. Who: Any Oregonian who is passionate about clean seas and litter free beaches is encouraged to attend. How: Register online or check-in on the morning of the cleanup at the registration station. For more information visit www.solveoregon.org/5th-of-july-cleanups or call 503-844-9571. Why: Every July, tens of thousands of pounds of trash is left on Oregon's coastal beaches. This debris is not only unsightly, it's harmful to people and wildlife. The Ocean Conservancy estimates that approximately 70% of marine debris originates from land-based sources. Prevention is essential to reducing the amount of garbage that accumulates in our oceans. Beach cleanups on the morning of July 5 are one of the few effective ways to reduce the number of fireworks related debris. Some fireworks, when fired off, release hundreds of small plastic tubes into the environment. Oregonians love their coast and July 5 cleanups are a way to turn that love into action. Come Prepared: To make this event more sustainable, volunteers are encouraged to bring a bucket or reusable bag to collect litter in, as well as a pair of reusable gloves. Supplies will be provided for those who do not have their own. The most common litter found is cigarette butts and tiny pieces of plastic, so bringing a colander to sift through sand is often useful. Come wearing closed toed shoes and be ready for the coast's unpredictable weather. Bring a filled reusable water bottle and snacks. / TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Drivers on rural Countymaintained roads will see mowers clearing the road rights-of-way of grass and brush beginning as early as 4:00 a.m. in order to reduce potential fire danger. In the rural areas, the road right-of-way is typically from the pavement to the fence or private property line (anywhere the maintenance vehicles would drive). In the unincorporated parts of Eugene or Springfield, the right-of-way is the planting area between the sidewalk and curb. Property owners can help prepare by ensuring they have not placed anything in the mowers' path in the road right-ofway. These include: No political signs, business signs or other types of signs belong in the road right-of-way. Signs will be removed. Signs placed near a rural road should be placed on private property behind any utility facilities (poles, closures, etc.) or sidewalks. Rocks over 3 inches in diameter and other fixed objects must be removed from the right-of-way. Derelict fencing can be both a hazard and a high-cost obstacle for mowers. Fencing that has fallen into the road right-of-way can become entangled in the equipment or can make it impossible to clear the affected area of grass and brush. Plants in the right-of-way, especially those that grow large and aggressively, will be removed. Plants in the right-of-way will be mown to the lowest level practical in order to provide the longest-lasting effect. Supervisors say mowing alongside the roads allows crews to improve the safety of everyone on or near the roadway. Managing the vegetation reduces the risk of fire, helps keep important road signs visible, helps provide a clear line-ofsight for drivers, and even plays a part in managing invasive plant species. By keeping items out of the right-of-way, residents can avoid unnecessary expense and hassle, save taxpayer money by saving Public Works personnel from having to remove signs and other items, and help protect your neighbors and visitors from accidents. Drivers are allowed to pass the mowers on the left when it is safe to do so but must remember that oncoming traffic takes precedence. / COMMUNITY, RECREATION, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: It was upgraded with improved safety features in January of 2017. Now, the organizations behind the effort to improve Springfield's popular Mill Race Path are being honored to their project and its impact on local transportation. The Willamalane Park and Recreation District, Springfield Utility Board, City of Springfield and Springfield School District were honored at the inaugural Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation Awards in May. The local nonprofit organization recognizes projects that provide better transportation options, safer streets and more walkable neighborhoods. The Mill Race Path stretches from downtown Springfield to the Middle Fork Willamette and runs along the restored historic waterway. The project was recognized for better protecting pedestrians and bicyclists and giving them an alternative to city streets. The community gets a lot of credit, as well, since the bulk of the funding was provided through passage of a 2012 bond measure. /

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TRANSPORTATION, EVENTS, SAFETY, ECONOMY: AAA projects a recordbreaking 48.9 million Americans, about 14.8 percent of the population, will travel this Independence Day holiday. That will be the highest travel volume for the holiday since AAA started tracking in 2000. This is a 4.1 percent increase over last year, with an additional 1.9 million people taking vacations to celebrate America's birthday. The Independence Day holiday travel period is defined as today (Wednesday, July 3) to Sunday, July 7. In Oregon alone, roughly 583,000 people are expected to take an Independence Day getaway. The vast majority of Independence Day travelers will drive to their holiday destinations, although many will fly, some will take trains or buses. Seattle is the top destination this holiday weekend, followed by Los Angeles and Anaheim, Las Vegas, and San Diego. Other top regional destinations for Independence Day include central Oregon, the Oregon coast, Crater Lake, and the San Francisco Bay area. Gas prices have been decreasing since Memorial Day weekend and are now less expensive than a year ago. They're expected to keep moving lower over the next few weeks. This is motivating record numbers of travelers to take holiday road trips. The current national average for regular unleaded is \$2.68, and Oregon's average is \$3.22. It's even lower-- \$3.12-in Lane County. But some of the savings travelers are enjoying from lower gas prices will go toward other travel costs which are trending higher, including average hotel and rental car rates. Planning to travel this holiday weekend? The best times to leave are the early mornings. And travel on the morning of the actual holiday on the 4th of July is usually quieter than other times. The busiest time on the roadways will be this (Wednesday) afternoon, as commuters mix with holiday travelers. Peak congestion is expected between about 2 and 6:30 p.m. With a record number of road trippers, pack your patience and give yourself plenty of extra time to get to your destination. AAA also recommends you carry an emergency kit in your car, just in case. Your emergency kit should include jumper cables, flashlight and extra batteries, mobile phone and charger, first aid kit, basic toolkit, and drinking water and nonperishable snacks for all passengers and pets.; Drive safe and sober this holiday weekend. Over the past five years in Oregon, 38 people have died in crashes over the 4th of July holiday - and 23 of those deaths were from crashes involving alcohol. It's a tragic way to mark the country's independence, and perhaps the saddest part is that it doesn't have to happen. If you get behind the wheel of a car when you are impaired - whether by alcohol, marijuana, prescriptions or illegal

drugs - you are making a choice that could end someone's life, including your own. Don't do it. Instead, consider these tips from safety advocates: Get a ride. With all kinds of ride-sharing options, get one or more apps on your phone or program in some alternatives so you can easily get a ride. Going to an event? Check out the Oregon Department of Transportation's new, online ride-sharing service, Get There, to arrange safe, sober travels. Hosting a party? Offer plenty of non-alcoholic beverages and lots of snacks. Remove the alcoholic beverages several hours before the gathering end-time. If someone has been drinking and is about to drive, take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely. A crash is no accident. Make a smart choice and celebrate safely. / ENVIRONMENT, EVENTS, SAFETY: As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, Forest Service officials are reminding the public that all fireworks - sparklers included - are prohibited on all lands managed by the USDA Forest Service, including the Siuslaw and Willamette national forests. With increasingly dry conditions, visitors are also reminded to be careful with campfires. Fireworks pose a serious fire threat. People often assume the restrictions apply just to forested areas, but they also include campgrounds and sparsely vegetated areas you can find along the coast. Under dry conditions, even these places are susceptible. The penalty for possessing fireworks can be as high as \$5,000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both. No other fire restrictions are currently in place on the Willamette or Siuslaw national forests, but visitors are asked to be mindful of Oregon's increasingly dry conditions when visiting public lands this summer. Keep campfires small and in an area cleared down to mineral soil. A campfire is less likely to escape control if it is kept small. A large fire may cast hot embers long distances. Add firewood in small amounts as existing material is consumed. Select the right spot for your campfire. Where campfires are allowed, choose a site with an existing ring. Fire pits in established campgrounds are the best spots. When building a campfire, avoid building it near your tent, structures, vehicles, shrubs or trees, or low-hanging branches overhead. Clear the site down to bare soil, at least five feet on all sides, and circle it with rocks. Store unused firewood a good distance from the fire. Extinguish all campfires before leaving even if gone for a short period of time. Bring a shovel and a bucket of water to extinguish escaped embers. When you are ready to leave, drown all embers with water, stir the coals, and drown again. Repeat until the fire is DEAD out. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave. Attend your campfire at all times. A campfire left unattended for even a few minutes can grow into a costly, damaging wildfire. Stay with your campfire from start to finish until it is dead out, as required by law. That ensures any escaped sparks or embers can be extinguished quickly.; Fire season is now officially in effect on all Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) protected lands. The announcement comes after the ODF Northwest Oregon and North Cascade protection districts declared fire season July 1, 2019. ODF's Southwest Oregon District was the first to declare fire season June 1. ODF protects over 16 million acres of private, county, state and federal land. Fire season is declared at the local district level, with restrictions intended to help prevent human-caused wildfires. Declarations are based on the National Fire Danger Rating System as well as other local factors, such as weather and conditions on the ground. Fire season generally runs through October and ends based on local conditions. For residents within ODF's 12 fire protection districts, the arrival of fire season means the end of unregulated outdoor debris burning, a

leading cause of wildfire. While permits to burn may be issued in some areas, debris burning is generally prohibited throughout the summer due to increased wildfire risk. Violators burning without a permit will be cited and held liable for fire suppression costs. Other public use fire restrictions are also in effect in several areas. The use of fireworks, tracer ammunition and exploding targets are illegal within ODF protection boundaries, as well as other state and federal lands. Campfires, the mowing of dry, cured grass, cutting and welding, power saw use and other spark-emitting activities are regulated at the local level, depending upon the conditions and fire danger. For example, during low fire danger, mowing may be allowed all day. However, during moderate, high and extreme fire danger mowing may be restricted to early morning or prohibited until conditions improve. ODF encourages the public to stay informed of current fire restrictions by visiting the agency's Fire Restrictions & Closures website or calling their local ODF or protective association office. Forest operators are required to follow fire season requirements, including providing a water supply, fire tools, spark arresters on equipment, and fire watch. Similar to fire danger restrictions for the public, operators must follow rules under the four-tiered Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) system. / COMMUNITY, EVENTS, SAFETY: The Oregon State Fire Marshal encourages you to think safety when lighting fireworks this Fourth of July. Practice "The Four B's" of fireworks use: Be prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket. Be safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks. Be responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal. Be aware: use only legal fireworks and use them only in legal places. Oregon law prohibits the possession, use, or sale of any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground, without a permit issued by the state fire marshal. Fireworks such as bottle rockets, Roman candles, and firecrackers are illegal in Oregon without a permit. For the last reported five years through 2018, there were 1,264 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon recorded by the state's structural fire agencies, resulting in more than \$3.5 million in property damage. During that same period, fires resulting from fireworks resulted in one death and 26 injuries. The data from structural fire agencies do not include incidents that occurred on federal and other state lands. Officials may seize illegal fireworks and charge offenders with a class B misdemeanor, which could result in a fine of up to \$2,500 per violation and a civil penalty of up to \$500. Those who misuse fireworks or allow fireworks to cause damage are liable and may be required to pay fire suppression costs or other damage. Parents are also liable for fireworks damage caused by their children.; Eugene Law and Fireworks: Keep it safe, keep it legal. Fireworks are a traditional way to celebrate some holidays, but they can be noisy and an extreme fire hazard. Please be mindful of people in your neighborhood who may be sensitive to loud noises, due to PTSD or other conditions. Especially combat veterans, who deserve our every comfort after their service, can be impacted by the sounds and sights of illegal fireworks. Also, many pets are lost each year due to reactions to fireworks. Fireworks go on sale June 23 and can be sold through July 6. Consumer fireworks discharges within the Eugene city limits are restricted to July 3 and 4, and December 31 and January 1. Public (commercial displays are allowed July 3-5). Eugene Police will be staffing additional officers for the July 4 holiday, including officers detached for patrolling areas with high density of

fireworks-related complaint calls and or visible displays of fireworks. Fire crews will patrol neighborhoods in their response areas on July 4, to note and report illegal fireworks activity. EPD crime prevention specialists will make contact at locations of reported illegal use from last year. They will further canvas in areas where an exact address was not known or provided. To report illegal fireworks within the Eugene city limits, call 541.682.5111. The base fine for illegal fireworks is \$250. The social host ordinance also applies to fireworks. The social host, or ordinance on unruly gatherings, holds individuals criminally responsible for hosting, organizing and allowing an unruly event or social gathering. Property owners where the event is hosted will also be penalized if there are multiple violations of this ordinance at the same property. The Eugene Municipal Court has assigned a base fine of \$375 for criminal violations of this ordinance. Both hosts and property owners could be civilly liable for police, fire and public works response to repeated illegal gatherings that fall under this ordinance. / ANIMALS, EVENTS, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: Protect your pets from fireworks. Fireworks can be sold through July 6. Consumer fireworks discharges within the Eugene city limits are restricted to July 3 and 4, and December 31 and January 1. Public (commercial displays are allowed July 3-5). For many pets, this time of year is scary and potentially dangerous. Fireworks, loud noises and large gatherings of family and friends can all serve as catalysts for pet incidents including lost or injured pets, as well as bites. Plan for your pet's safety. Make sure pets are secured in a safe and place during times when fireworks will be going off. Leave a television, radio or other subtle audio running to help create a calming cover of "white noise". If a pet is extremely sensitive, call your veterinarian ahead of time to check if medication may help keep them calm. Carefully monitor any pet on medications. Secure animals away from any area where you will be setting off fireworks. If your pet is sensitive, or if you don't know how they will react to the noise of fireworks, secure them in a safe, peaceful location. Don't let any pet chase fireworks. Parties - Be aware that children with food in their hands are at risk of bites by dogs reaching for the food and ensure the children are protected. Outside your home - Keep dogs on a leash at all times. Be aware of and anticipate your pet's reactions to unusual activities and people at parties. If your pet is not used to crowds and/or does not know visitors, introduce them carefully and monitor their activity and comfort level. If there is a potential problem, address it by securing them in a safe place away from activities. Dogs can misread horseplay between people as an attack and become protective of their loves ones or get excited, leading to bites. Be aware of and anticipate your pet's reactions to unusual activities and people. Ensure your dog is safe from other dogs that are loose, and keep them at a distance. Be aware that breaking up a dog fight is risky and that owners are frequently bitten when intervening. Make sure your animals are microchipped or wearing an ID tag so you can be called if they around found and returned to you. Lost and found animals, animals at large, or abuse call 541-687-4060. To contact Greenhill Humane Society at 88530 Green Hill Road call 541-689-1503. To see animals in the care of the shelter visit green-hill.org and click on Lost & Found. In Eugene, the average cost of a one year dog license is \$18. Licenses can be obtained in person at most local veterinary offices and at Greenhill Humane Society; or online and by phone through PetData at 855-328-1400 or petdata.com/eugene / CRIME, RECREATION: Lane County Park rangers discovered a vandalized fee tube and

missing cash at Perkins Peninsula alongside Fern Ridge Reservoir west of Eugene on Monday morning. An unknown amount of cash was taken. "We know Fern Ridge is a popular Fourth of July destination for a lot of families," said Parks Analyst Charlie Conrad. "The damage is unfortunate but we have other options, including a mobile app, available for day passes until the fee tube can be repaired after the holiday." People intending to enjoy the Fourth of July at Fern Ridge are encouraged to use the parking app, Passport. The only cost for those planning to attend the annual fireworks show co-sponsored by Lane County Parks and the Eugene Yacht Club is the \$5 parking fee at Richardson and Orchard Point parks. Lane County Parks introduced Passport, a mobile parking app, earlier this year. Passport allows park visitors to quickly purchase a day pass to any of Lane County's parks. Once purchased, a day pass is valid across all Lane County parks for that day. "The mobile app is being used more and more by our park visitors," said Conrad. "It has a lot of benefits, including convenience, and for us it also helps reduce theft and vandalism." Visitors can also purchase daily or annual parks passes online at www.lanecounty.org/parks Local retailers, including REI, Cabela's and Bi-Mart, sell annual passes. Lane County parks receive no support from property taxes. The day use and camping fees collected from park visitors make up the majority of the funding available to maintain and improve Lane County's parks and open spaces. / COMMUNITY, YOUTH, FAMILIES, EDUCATION: Good news for kids, families and adults living and working on the east side of Springfield. The Springfield Public Library is officially opening two satellite return sites for community members to conveniently return library materials. The new return sites are located at Splash! and at the Bob Keefer Center for Sports and Recreation. Over the years the Springfield Public Library has had many requests to extend services into east Springfield. With a generous donation from the Springfield Library Foundation, the Library was able to purchase two remote "book drop" boxes. This project has only been made possible through partnerships with Willamalane Park & Recreation District, which allowed the City to install the book drops at two of their facilities; with the Development & Public Works Department, which installed the book drops; and with Eugene-Springfield Fire, which will loan their courier service for a three month trial of book retrieval and delivery. / GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: They brought in three finalists last week, but it sounds like none will become Springfield's new city manager. City officials put out a brief news release yesterday, indicating the search for the city's top administrator will continue. Springfield City Manager Gino Grimaldi retired at the end of last month. The City of Springfield began its search for a new City Manager in February 2019 using an outside firm to conduct the national recruitment effort. Forty-two candidates applied for the position and three were selected as finalists. In addition to a community engagement event held last week, finalists conducted interviews with City leadership and toured the City. Once they settle on a top prospect, the City Manager position is appointed by the Mayor and City Council. / LAW ENFORCEMENT, POLITIC, GOVERNMENT: Portland's mayor and the city's police chief have sent separate memos to the Portland police force, reassuring officers of their support in the wake of criticism after violence broke out at the most recent downtown protest. Portland has become the site of regular summer weekend clashes between right-wing groups who come to the city to march and the counter-protesters who show up to try to stop them. The

Oregonian/OregonLive reports Mayor Ted Wheeler on Tuesday also responded to a rebuke from the police union president that Wheeler has prevented officers from taking swift action against brawling demonstrators. Wheeler characterized those remarks as as "misinformation" and "false." The memos came after the city made national news Saturday with video images of a conservative writer and two others being attacked by counter-protesters. In her first detailed comments since Saturday's protests and police response, Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw wrote "these events are challenging and take a toll on us." / DEVELOPMENT. TRANSPORTATION, SAEFTY, TERRORISM, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio announced yesterday that he's secured \$120,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration in Airport Improvement Grants for Cottage Grove Airport. DeFazio is Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The funds will go towards installation of Cottage Grove Airport's perimeter fencing. DeFazio says that's a critical safety update that will provide enhanced protections for the facility. He says it's part of a continuing effort to invest in Oregon's rural airports and ensure they remain up on safety and other initiatives. / TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Eugene School District 4J have replaced the district's last few "dirty diesel" school buses with newer models. The 13 new clean diesel buses have lower emissions, better fuel efficiency and enhanced safety features. As of July 1, 4J's fleet of school buses is now free of the older, dirtier version of diesel buses. All 122 school buses are now equipped with exhaust control technology, and all but 12 of the vehicles include controls for both nitrogen oxides and particulate matter emissions. This brings the school district in compliance with the Oregon statutory requirement for clean diesel engines far ahead of the 2025 deadline. / POLITICS, CRIME: Despite broad support, a measure that would put Oregon's controversial jury system before voters died in the Oregon Senate during the final days of the 2019 legislative session. Oregon is the only state in the country that allows for convictions via non-unanimous juries in criminal felony cases. House Joint Resolution 10 would have put before voters on the November 2020 ballot a proposed change to the Oregon Constitution. If passed, it would have mandated that criminal jury verdicts be unanimous, as is the case with the federal government and all other 49 states. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that with the measure dead, the state's legal community turns to the U.S. Supreme Court, who will take up non-unanimous juries during its next term. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The National Weather Service says a small tornado touched down in Portland, Oregon during a severe storm. The weather agency estimates the tornado's wind speeds were about 80 mph, which makes the storm a Category EF0. KGW-TV reported Tuesday that the tornado was on the ground for about a mile and tore up a few trees, knocked down a power pole and ripped shingles off the roof of a home. Several local residents captured video of a funnel cloud developing as the storm approached. No one was injured. / CRIME, ENVIRONMENT: A man and his father have pleaded guilty to illegal hunting in Eastern Oregon. Oregon State Police say Kyle Bowen pleaded guilty in June to hunting in violation of wildlife laws. He was sentenced to a three-year hunting license suspension, 10 days of jail and 18 months of probation including writing an apology letter to a private landowner. Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division in La Grande found that during the 2018 archery elk season Bowen with

his father's help harvested a trophy class bull elk in the Mount Emily wildlife unit without a proper tag. Richard Bowen pleaded guilty to a charge of aiding in the proceeds of a wildlife violation and was sentenced to a three-year hunting license suspension, 18 months of probation including the apology letter and 8 days of jail. Both must pay restitution and forfeit equipment used in the illegal take. / BUSINESS, POLITICS, MINORITIES, SPORTS: Nike is pulling a flag-themed tennis shoe after former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick complained to the shoemaker, according to the Wall Street Journal. The shoe's heel has a U.S. flag with 13 white stars in a circle on it, known as the Betsy Ross flag. Citing unnamed sources familiar with the matter, the Journal said that Kaepernick, a Nike endorser, told the company he and others found the flag symbol offensive because of its connection to slavery. The Air Max 1 USA shoe had already been sent to retailers to go on sale this week for the July Fourth holiday, the Journal reports. Arizona Governor Doug Ducey lashed out at Nike over Twitter, saying that he is asking the state's Commerce Authority to withdraw all financial incentives for the company to locate there. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED DISASTERS, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: Thursday's earthquake in southern California is another reminder of the importance of preparedness on the West Coast. Four years ago on July 4, a moderate quake struck an area east of Springfield. Scientists continue to warn of a potential major quake off the Oregon Coast. Take steps to protect yourself, your home, your business and your community. Take part in The Great Oregon ShakeOut, a national preparedness event each October. It takes place on October 17 at 10:17 a.m., although if you have a meeting or other activity scheduled at that time you may take part in the drill earlier or later in the day or even on another day that week. The ShakeOut includes a chance to practice the three steps for safety when an earthquake hits: Drop. Cover. Hold On! You don't just talk about it, you do it so you start building those skills and instincts and learn how simple it can be. More than 410,000 Oregonians took part in last year's ShakeOut, close to 42-thousand here in Lane County. Our local participants included elementary, secondary, college and university students, people affiliated with government and non-profit groups, healthcare organizations, businesses and residents. And the ShakeOut is more than just a 'drop, cover and hold on" drill. It's a chance to talk about other forms of disaster preparedness, from how to reach friends and family members in an emergency, which supplies to store where, even how to keep your business running after a major event. Learn more at https://www.shakeout.org/oregon// SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: The Oregon State Marine Board, law enforcement from 17 county sheriff's offices, and seven Oregon US Coast Guard Stations will be participating in Operation Dry Water during the weekend of July 5-7, as part of a nationally coordinated effort to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities related to Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants (BUII). It comes after multiple boating fatalities in recent years where alcohol, marijuana or other drugs may have played a factor. Oregon officials say such deaths are tragic but preventable. The effects of drugs and alcohol are amplified on the water with the combination of sun glare, wind, waves, and other environmental stressors. Alcohol also dehydrates the body making sudden immersion into cold water at an even greater risk for drowning. So far this year, the common denominators for accidents include impairment, distracted operation, and no life jacket. Many marine officers have completed specialized training to recognize alcohol and drug impairment. This includes prescription drugs, alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, or any other substance that impairs a person's ability to make sound judgments and

have the ability to safely operate a boat. Impaired boaters can expect to be arrested or face serious penalties. In Oregon, the consequences of being convicted of BUII include the possibility of jail time, \$6,250 in fines and loss of boating privileges. Marine officers can arrest boaters on observed impairment and can legally obtain blood, breath or urine if a boater fails field sobriety testing. So far this year, seven people have been arrested for BUII and at least two fatalities appear to have involved alcohol or drugs. Officials say recreational boating is very safe if boaters wear life jackets, boat sober, and keep a sharp lookout. Waterways are becoming more crowded with a variety of mixed boating and other activities, so it's important to pay attention to what's going on around you and to follow the navigation rules of the road. / VETERANS, HOUSING, GOVERNMENT: Good news for veterans: The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs this week announced across-the-board interest rate decreases on all new loan applications for its home loan products. The Oregon Veteran Home Loan Program, which provides the state's veterans with a popular veteran benefit, has been one of ODVA's core veteran services since the agency's creation nearly 75 years ago. ODVA is a lender and servicer of home loans exclusively for veterans in Oregon and has helped nearly 340,000 veterans secure more than \$8 billion in home loans since 1945. A recent lending limit increase allows veterans to borrow up to \$484,350 for a single family, owner-occupied residence in Oregon. To be eligible for the Oregon benefit, a veteran must have served on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces, as documented on discharge documents (DD-214), and must meet one of the service criteria outlined on ODVA's website. For more information about the Oregon Veteran Home Loan and other eligibility requirements, please visit orvethomeloans.com or call the ODVA Home Loan department at 1-888-673-8387. The Oregon Veteran Home Loan is a separate and distinct loan product from the federal VA Home Loan Guarantee benefit. If you have a federal VA guaranteed mortgage and have any questions regarding potential refunds, please contact your loan servicer or the Regional VA Loan Center at 1-877-827-3702. / CRIME: A southern Oregon man is suing a bar for allegedly serving too much alcohol to his neighbor — who then went home, used an AK-47 in a wild spree that left the man wounded, his dog dead and a camel in a nearby wildlife preserve suffering from a stray bullet. The Oregonian/OreganLive reports John LaRue claims in the lawsuit that his neighbor, Joseph Sallman, was known to "become violent and use firearms when he is intoxicated." The lawsuit claims Sallman drank "excessive amounts" at Art's Red Garter Steakhouse & Saloon and went on to make threatening statements and shoot his AK-47. The Oregon State Police says the shooting occurred outside Sallman's home as LaRue drove by and a bullet "grazed" LaRue. But LaRue says he was shot three times and suffered grief over the death of his service dog. / SAFETY: Authorities say a man who was sleeping in the grass on the side of an Oregon highway died after he was hit by a mower. The Statesman Journal reports a state Department of Transportation employee was mowing along the shoulder of state Highway 42 near the rural community of Tenmile on Tuesday morning. Tenmile is about 90 miles south of Eugene. Oregon State Police say the mower struck 49-year-old Keith Ericson. Emergency personnel tried to give first aid to Ericson, but he did not survive. Ericson's last known addresses were in Rapid City, South Dakota and Santa Monica, California. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, COMMUNITY, RECREATION, POLITICS: For the second consecutive year, The Register-Guard reports the

Leaburg Hatchery along the McKenzie River escaped closure on the legislative session's final day. Lawmakers approved \$1.4 million within the so-called 'Christmas tree' bill to operate the hatchery for the next two years shortly before adjourning the session Sunday. They had approved 12 months of funding during last year's short session. 'We are happy to be continuing our work raising trout, spring chinook and summer steelhead and providing fishing opportunity in the south Willamette Valley,' said Michelle Dennehy, spokeswoman for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife. Prospects were dim for continuing the hatchery's operation toward the end of the legislative session, but local lawmakers were able to pull together some funding. Upriver residents had been lobbying to keep the hatchery open, saying it's an important visitor attraction and an integral part of the communities along the waterway. The funding will give lawmakers more time to find a long-term funding for the hatchery's future operation. / ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, DEVELOPMENT: The Register Guard is reporting the Oregon State Marine Board approved 15 grant requests, including one in Lane County, for the Cycle One Boating Facility Grants program for the 2019-2021 biennium. Twenty-one applications were received from public boating facility managers from around the state, requesting nearly \$8 million in recreational boating dollars, although there was only \$1.9 million available, the board announced in a news release. In Lane County, the Marine Board approved \$197,500 in state boater funds to replace the boat ramp at Hendricks Bridge and to expand the parking area. That grant will be combined with \$660,598 of applicant matching funds for a total project cost of \$858,098. The current Hendricks Bridge ramp is an old asphalt ramp that is deteriorating. There's steep drop-off at the end of the ramp that can damage boat trailers and a strong current crossing the ramp, making it difficult to launch or retrieve. Additionally, there are only 11 boat trailer parking stalls and the existing demand exceeds the capacity. The maneuver area and traffic flow pattern contribute to the conflict and congestion during peak use. This is the final phase of improvements at this location over the last few years. Also in the area, the city of North Bend was approved for \$258,750 in state boater funds to replace and extend the boarding docks, add piles and a debris deflection boom at the California Street boat ramp, which is nearly 20 years old. The state boater funds will be combined with \$464,787 of applicant matching for a total project cost of \$723,537. / DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING: In a narrow vote, Springfield Planning Commissioners have recommended that city councilors deny a prominent hotelier's request to rezone a mobile home park for senior citizens in an effort to redevelop it into a hotel and conference center. The Eugene Register Guard reports the votes on the proposed changes were 4-3. Commissioners Andrew Landen, Sophie McGinley and Tim Vohs voted against the recommendation to deny the request. In essence, the majority of the commission concluded that preserving the mobile home park as affordable housing is more in line with the city's and Gateway area's land-use goals than the economic boost a hotel-conference center complex could provide. Richard Boyles, chief executive of Mereté Hotel Management, is the sole member of Urban Transitions LLC, the park's owner. He didn't return a phone message seeking comment. / CRIME, POLITICS: An Oregon man has pleaded guilty to making threats on social media to burn down the Portland mayor's house. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Wednesday that 40-year-old man Kermit Tyler Poulson entered the plea Wednesday in U.S. district court in Portland. Poulson

pleaded to one count of transmitting threatening communications with intent to extort. Poulson says he was drunk and not on his medication while making multiple posts to his Instagram account in October 2018. A prosecutor says Poulson threatened to burn down the home if the mayor did not fire an officer involved in the fatal police shooting of Patrick Kimmons in September. The charge carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison. Poulson's lawyer says he will argue for probation during a sentencing hearing scheduled for Oct. 2. / CRIME: An Oregon woman who police say was high on methamphetamine when she caused a fatal crash has been sentenced to five years in prison. The Bulletin reported Tuesday that 26-year-old Samantha Lou Toews was sentenced Monday for the March 2018 accident that killed her boyfriend and injured her daughter. Toews pleaded guilty to criminally negligent homicide, fourth-degree assault and driving under the influence of intoxicants. Police say Toews crossed into the opposite lane of an intersection in Powell Butte and her SUV rolled several times. The accident killed 36-year-old Jason Lee House, a Bend resident who was thrown from the vehicle. Toews' 9-year-old daughter remained buckled in the back seat. Toews' driving privileges were revoked for life and she was ordered to pay \$10,000 to House's family. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Firefighters from Oregon and Alaska continue to work a wildfire that sent a large plume of smoke over Alaska's largest city. The fire was at 30 percent contained Wednesday. Officials had initially said Tuesday the fire was 80 percent contained, but then revised that. The brush fire in a heavily wooded area of east Anchorage prompted temporary evacuations. Fire officials said there were no injuries or reports of lost structures from the fire, which was being held at less than a square mile. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Anchorage remains under a total burn ban, which includes no fireworks. Alaska Division of Forestry spokeswoman Stephanie Bishop described Alaska as a "dry and hot area." She urged people to create defensible spaces around their homes. / GOEVRNMENT, WOMEN, HEALTH: Trump administration rules that impose additional hurdles for lowincome women seeking abortions are on hold once again. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday vacated a unanimous ruling from a three-judge panel and said a slate of 11 judges will reconsider lawsuits brought by more than 20 states challenging the rules. The rules ban taxpayer-funded clinics from making abortion referrals and prohibit clinics that receive federal money from sharing office space with abortion providers. Critics say the rule would force many clinics to find new locations, undergo expensive remodels or shut down. Judges in Oregon, Washington, and California blocked the rules from taking effect, but a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit overruled them last month. That decision is no longer in effect. It's not clear when new arguments will be held. /

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TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT: Overnight closures on Franklin Boulevard between Onyx and Agate streets are slated to begin tonight while crews complete work on a skybridge that connects the main campus to the new Knight Science Campus that's under construction on the north side of Franklin Boulevard. The 190-foot bridge will have a 14-foot-wide walking area and weigh roughly 500 tons. Three-hundred tons of that is the bridge, the other 200 tons the concrete footings. Starting tonight at 9 p.m. each evening and running until Labor Day, traffic will be reduced to one lane. At 10 p.m. all vehicular lanes will be closed in both directions, reopening to two lanes in each direction at 5 a.m. Clearly marked detours will guide traffic along Agate Street, East 18th Avenue, and Patterson and Hilyard streets. The EmX bus and emergency vehicles are expected pass through the job site without being re-routed day and night. Work on the bridge is slated to be complete by Labor Day. Closures are needed for crews to safely complete elements of the bridge that span the roadway. Signs will be posted on Interstate 5 to re-direct truck traffic bound for downtown Eugene to help minimize truck traffic in neighborhoods adjacent to campus. Other signs will be posted along Franklin Boulevard to address local traffic. The bridge is being constructed with a structural steel frame that uses two butterfly arches and suspension cables. Crews are building the structure one half at a time, gradually increasing the load of the bridge until it is 100 percent self-supporting. By gradually increasing the loading, crews are able to frequently test and retest structural integrity as work progresses. A third-party special inspector will provide an independent inspection of all bolted and welded connections. At the end of every night of work, the structure will be secure and safe for vehicles to travel under during the following day. Once the structure is erected, it will receive finish paint, architectural sheet metal panels, curtain wall glazing and interior finishes, including doors and flooring. The bridge is expected to be structurally complete by Labor Day, but will not open until the Knight Campus does, in the late spring of 2020. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A reminder about water safety after Friday's sinking of a fishing boat off the Umpqua Jetty. Here's the background on the incident: The Coast Guard and good Samaritans rescued six people from a boat which sank at the jetty point of the Umpqua River Bar on Friday morning. Coast Guard Station Umpqua River crewmembers aboard a 47-foot Motor Life Boat rescued four survivors, two separate good Samaritan vessels each pulled one person aboard, and all survivors were transported to the pier for evaluation by

awaiting emergency medical services. It happened at 5:40 a.m. Friday, when Coast Guard watchstanders received a radio distress call from a 24-foot aluminum pleasure craft taking on water while trying to cross the river bar. The vessel reportedly took a hard wave across the bow which broke the windshield and flooded the boat, leading to its sinking. Five of the six survivors were able to don lifejackets, while one clung to a type-1 throw-able floatation device. Two pleasure vessels which were also crossing the bar, turned back to render assistance. They each acted to rescue a person from the 60-degree water. Coast Guard crewmembers aboard the 47-foot MLB had just completed a morning bar report and were refueling at the pier when they were diverted to assist. They arrived on scene 7-minutes later and found three survivors still clinging to the good Samaritan vessel, unable to get aboard. The survivor clinging to the type-1 flotation device, was drifting away, being unable to swim effectively while holding the device at the same time. Crews were most worried about recovering that survivor in time. When hypothermia takes over and a person loses consciousness, at least with a life jacket, their head would still be held above the water. The four survivors in the water were rescued by the Coast Guard crewmembers and were estimated to be in the water 10-minutes with no injuries reported. "It was an ebbing tide and the waves were very choppy," said Hadden "It can get really dangerous out there and every boater should be wearing a lifejacket when crossing the bar." The vessel sank at the tip of the Umpqua River Jetty and is deemed unrecoverable at this time. ; More than 100 people gathered in western Colorado to honor 14 firefighters killed 25 years ago on Storm King Mountain. The Glenwood Springs Post Independent reported that family members, friends of the victims and survivors of the fire hiked the Storm King Memorial Trail Saturday and reflected on the lessons and losses of the July 6, 1994, disaster. Nine of the dead were members of the Prineville Hotshots firefighting team from Oregon. The lightning-caused fired raced up a steep hillside, trapping 12 firefighters on a fire line. Two others were found dead on top of a ridge. The investigation into the incident spurred changes in how crews battle wildfires, especially in areas where no major structures are under immediate threat. Former Prineville Hotshots member Alex Robertson survived the tragedy and is now is the fire and aviation staff officer for an interagency fire office in Oregon. He said over the years he has brought more than 1,000 firefighters to Storm King Memorial Trail to learn the lessons of the fire. Robertson say the challenge is that agencies cannot just not fight fire and cannot avoid putting people in harm's way. He says the challenge is deciding when it's necessary to put firefighters in danger, and how. / SAFETY, COMMUNITY, CRIME: Reports of illegal fireworks within the Eugene city limtiws wer3e much slower than previous years. Eugene Police reported Friday that fireworks confiscation was lower this year compared to previous years. It came as the city's Illegal Fireworks Amnesty Day, held the previous weekend, collected 200 pounds of fireworks, twice the previous year. Eugene Police statistics for July 4: Calls For Service - 40; Selfinitiated Calls - 6; Fireworks Confiscated - Approximately 20 pounds. The Metro Explosives Disposal Team, on duty for the night, responded to many of these calls. Even though there were fewer illegal fireworks calls, Central Lane 911 calltakers were still busy with more than 200 calls for service between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. 2000-0200. Years - Calls regarding illegal fireworks: July 4, 2019 - 40 calls for service; July 4, 2018 - 114 calls for service; July 4 2017 - 77 Calls for

Service; July 4, 2016 - 82 calls for service. / COMMUNITY, RECREATION, DEVELOPMENT: Eugene officials have proposed the renaming of Washington-Jefferson Park for Ed Smith, the man who helped create tt. Following the death of Edwin R. Smith in 2014, friends, family members, and former colleagues asked the City of Eugene Mayor and Council to consider renaming the Washington-Jefferson Park in honor of Mr. Smith due the role he played in securing the land underneath the I-105 bridge back when it was being constructed. On January 14, 2019, the City Council passed a motion to "request that the Mayor create an ad hoc committee in accordance with council policy on naming of public facilities, to consider the request to rename Washington-Jefferson Park in honor of Edwin Smith." The committee met over the month of June 2019 and was comprised of former colleagues of Ed Smith, members of the skateboard community, and a representative of the Whiteaker Community Council.

The committee is recommending the park name be changed to Edwin R. Smith Park but that the WJ Skatepark retain its name. Items considered as part of this recommendation included: Without Mr. Smith's work, the area would have been filled in, with an embankment up to the bridge, bisecting the neighborhood and offering no public space for recreation. The costs associated with the name change amount to approximately \$400 for the replacement of one entry sign. The proposal received support from the Whiteaker Community Council and the Eugene Parks Foundation. The change may help reduce the confusion between Washington-Jefferson Park located between 7th and 1st Avenues and Washington Park located at 19th and Washington. In addition, there was agreement that the WJ Skatepark should retain its name due to the tremendous amount of community effort that created it as well as the fact that it is nationally known by its name. The committee proposed that the new park entry sign read Edwin R. Smith Park and WJ Skatepark. Comments may be sent to Eugene Mayor and City Council at 125 East 8th Avenue, 2nd floor, Eugene Oregon 97401 or Mayorcouncilandcitymanager@eugene-or.gov The deadline for submitting comments is July 22, 2019 (City Council action date). There is also a regularly scheduled Public Forum at July 8, 2019 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401. The public hearing dedicated to this topic will take place on July 15, 2019, 7:30 p.m.; Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Ed Smith served the City of Eugene in many capacities from 1962 until his retirement in 1991. He was Director of Parks and Recreation from 1964 through 1980, and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services from 1988 to 1991. He managed the Eugene Conference Center and Hult Center construction and became Director of the new Facilities Management Department, then Director of Hult Center Operations. He passed away on November 13, 2014. / RECREATION, HEALTH, DISABILITIES, POLITICS: State legislators awarded \$15 million in state lottery-backed bonds to the Eugene Family YMCA to build a fully ADA-accessible, flexible facility to expand youth development, disease-prevention and wellness programming for generations to come. The \$15 million in funding, designated in House Bill 5030, will help meet the Eugene Family YMCA's capital campaign goal of \$34 million. The state's legislative body passed the bill and it is expected to be signed by Gov. Kate Brown by the end of the month. "This award is a catalyst for our capital campaign project," said Eugene Family YMCA CEO Brian Steffen. "It also affirms the legislators' confidence in our impact--as the largest afterschool childcare

provider, at the forefront of disease-prevention programs and as a support network for struggling families, aging adults and disconnected teenagers." The new state-of-the-art 70,000-square-foot facility will be built at the corner of 24th Avenue and Hilyard Street. "This funding is an investment in our future," said State Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene. "By advancing the health and well-being of children, families, seniors and other individuals in Lane County and beyond, the Y is poised to launch an era of high-impact solutions to society's most pressing problems." The current Y building was designed to serve a 1950s population of 70,000 people. It has served the community well for 55 years but it is now in a state of costly structural decline. "We've visibly reached the point where our walls can no longer accommodate our consistent growth and the demand for our services, particularly in light of the healthcare and education crises that exist here today." said Chip Radebaugh, Board President of the Eugene Family YMCA. "As a result of our legislators' tireless work and their commitment to this vision for our communities, this grant represents the Y's largest gift ever." The Eugene Family YMCA is in the process of purchasing land--the former location of Roosevelt Middle School--from the 4J School District for \$2.85 million. Other significant donations and pledges have already been secured to help meet the capital campaign goal. Local leaders such as Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis, 4J Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Balderas, PeaceHealth Oregon Network Chief Executive Mary Kingston, United Way of Lane County President and CEO Noreen Dunnells, and Lane County Medical Society Executive Director Marty Wilde have also thrown their support behind the Eugene Family YMCA's vision. "Our Y plays a critical role in helping schools close the academic achievement gap, and helping families focus on the cognitive, physical, social and emotional development of our youth," said Dr. Gus Balderas, Superintendent of 4J Schools. "Given that Lane County is the second most impoverished county in our state, we need the Y to take on an even bigger role to help kids succeed. This funding and the resulting flagship facility mean that the Y has the capability to more fully meet our children's needs." The Y's plan for the future includes growing afterschool programs beyond Eugene-proper--working with the leaders of the Cottage Grove and Bethel school districts in order to expand services in these under-served districts where large numbers of students qualify for free and reduced lunch; growing disease-fighting and disease prevention programming in areas associated with diabetes prevention, maintaining physical health through a cancer diagnosis, helping seniors remain independent, and implementing sought-after programs associated with devastating illnesses such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's; expanding the aquatic center to teach more youth water safety skills, support rehabilitation care and preventative fitness and offer recreational and competitive swimming; and operating a teaching kitchen to help families and individuals gain the nutritional knowledge vital for good health; offering academic tutoring, wellness classes and community events in the multi-generational activity center. The state funding means that in 2020 the Eugene Family YMCA will transition to the public phase of the "This is Y" campaign. HB 5030 authorizes \$273.2 million in lottery revenue bonds for 37 projects around the state. The Eugene Family YMCA is one of three YMCAs slated to receive funding in this bill, designed to enhance the economic viability of the region, create jobs and improve the quality of life for the community. "Eugene's legislative delegation was essential to successfully securing the funding, which supports the Y's dream of

building a more robust and healthy community," said CEO Steffen. "We are grateful for their steadfast support of our mission and the recognition that this major work will serve more individuals and families throughout Lane County." / RECREATION, DEVELOPMENT: Lane County Parks is evaluating three options for increasing the number of campsites at its popular Armitage Park, north of Eugene. "Armitage is one of our most popular campgrounds and is busy with RV camping year-round," said Parks Manager Brett Henry. "Increasing the number of RV campsites will help enhance recreation opportunities close to the metro area." There are three levels of expansion under consideration. The first, and smallest, would add up to 9 new RV sites. The second option would add up to 19 new RV sites. The third option would add up to 46 possible RV sites. The expansion would occur in the northwest area of the park. An online survey is available at www.lanecounty.org/parks Community members are encouraged to fill out the survey so their input can help guide the future of the park. Expansion of campsites includes increasing the capacity of the park's water, sewer and electrical systems to accommodate the additional spaces. Some expansion of the park's sewer system will occur later this year in order to ensure the park can continue to handle the current level of use. Preliminary cost estimates place the expansion options between \$295,000 and \$1,500,000. Lane County Parks is funded primarily through user fees; the division does not receive property tax funding. / TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY: Want to reduce the cost of your drive? It's easier than ever to share the ride with ODOT's new carpooling tool, Get There. A web-based tool, Get There helps Oregonians plan trips, share rides with single trips or on a regular basis, and more. Get There replaces Drive Less Connect, the state's former carpool matching tool. Go to the website at GetThereOregon.org By typing in a starting point and a destination, users can see options for both passengers and drivers looking to share rides. Using the tool helps travelers share the cost and reduces greenhouse gas emissions that harm the environment. "Our goal is to help people have more choices for the way they travel," said ODOT Highway Division Administrator Kris Strickler. "With more options, we usually see fewer vehicles on the road - and that means less congestion and frustration for everyone." Get There also provides users with information about vanpools for popular commutes, like between Portland and Salem. The website also offers transit, bike and walking directions. Organizations working to reduce drive alone trips across Oregon in places like Lane County, the Rogue Valley, and Deschutes County run programs that give their participants prizes to reduce their drive-alone trips. These programs will use Get There to help users track their trips and see how much fuel and money they are saving, as well as their reduced carbon footprint. In October, Get There will host the annual Get There Challenge, formerly the Oregon Drive Less Challenge. This year's challenge will feature a range of prizes for Oregonians who log trips made without driving alone. Sponsors include Providence Health & Services and Bike Friday. More details will be announced later this summer. / SPORTS, WOMEN: The United States has won its record fourth Women's World Cup title and second in a row. Goals by Megan Rapinoe and Rose Lavelle carried the Americans to a 2-0 win over the Netherlands in Sunday's final at Lyon, France. The game was scoreless until Rapinoe converted a penalty kick in the 61st minute, eight minutes before Lavelle doubled the lead. Rapinoe's tally came after a video review showed that Alex Morgan had been fouled with a kick to the shoulder in the

penalty area. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio has announced a parade in the team's honor that is set for Wednesday. The procession will travel a stretch of Broadway that's hosted many celebratory parades known as the "Canyon of Heroes." / POLITICS, SAFETY: An Oregon state senator and one of the leaders of a nine-day Republican revolt over legislation aimed at curtailing greenhouse gas emissions is facing a hearing by colleagues over threats to state police and the Senate president. Sen. Brian Boguist, who served in Irag and is a former military contractor, warned Senate President Peter Courtney that if he sent the State Police to force him to return during the walkout by the minority Republicans, "hell is coming to visit you personally." Courtney had asked Gov. Kate Brown, a fellow Democrat, to order the state police to bring the Republicans back so the Senate could reach a quorum. A Senate special committee on conduct will hold a hearing Monday over Boquist's behavior. / AGRICULTURE, POLITICS, YOUTH: The Oregon FFA, an agricultural education and leadership organization, will receive funding from the state this biennium for the first time in eight years. The East Oregonian reports that a measure approved by the Legislature appropriates \$1.43 million to the Oregon Department of Education for FFA to provide financing for enrollment, leadership development and the coordination of 24 state-level competitions. The funding will help make fees for joining the FFA obsolete. JD Cant, co-chair for Advocacy with the Oregon Agriculture Teacher's Association. said the fees have imposed a barrier for students taking agriculture classes who can't afford the \$20 to join the FFA. There are almost 7,000 students already enrolled in the Oregon FFA. Cant said the funding could help as many as 5,000 additional students. / BUSINESS, HEALTH, ECONOMY, ELDERS: Nearly onequarter of Americans say they never plan to retire, according to a poll that suggests a disconnection between individuals' retirement plans and the realities of aging in the workforce. Experts say illness, injury, layoffs and caregiving responsibilities often force older workers to leave their jobs sooner than they'd like. The poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows 23% of workers don't expect to stop working. Roughly another quarter in the survey say they'll work beyond their 65th birthday. Asked how financially comfortable they feel about retirement, 14% of Americans under the age of 50 and 29% over 50 --- say they feel extremely or very prepared, according to the poll. About one-third of older adults feel unprepared, compared with 56% of younger adults. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED POLITICS, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: Two representatives of the #TimberUnity movement were at the White House yesterday to hear President Trump deliver remarks on America's environmental leadership. Todd Stoffel, of GT Stoffel Trucking, represented Oregon's trucking and logging industries. Marie Bowers, a fifth-generation grass seed farmer, represented Oregon's farming and agricultural industries. The president's invitation came after the 2019 Oregon Legislative session, which brought a wave of rural Oregonians to the Capitol, where they protested controversial climate bills. In the final weeks of the session, truckers, loggers, farmers and people representing other rural industries railied outside the Capitol against a bill to limit carbon emissions. Thousands of trucks and other vehicles filled the streets. The protests — and the controversial walk-out of Senate Republicans to avoid a vote on the issue— made national news. The #TimberUnity group formed one month ago and registered as a political action committee on June 20, according to the Oregon Secretary of State's website. President Trump declared himself a champion of the environment Monday, working to boost his standing on climate change and pollution issues in advance of the 2020 election. Trump told the gathering that a strong economy is vital to maintaining a healthy environment and said he was balancing business-friendly oversight with public health and conservation protections. Critics say the president has launched some of the most sweeping rollbacks in air, water and other protections in decades, including calling to all but eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency and tweets that mocked climate change science. The administration has focused on propping up the U.S. coal industry and expanding a boom in U.S. natural gas and oil. The administration has initiated dozens of regulatory changes, at times proposing cutting rules even more than regulated industries requested, as in the case of mileage standards. The biggest changes include easing federal Clean Water Act protections for millions of miles of waterways and wetlands, a cut welcomed by developers and many farmers. Other changes would ease regulation and support the coal industry and oil and gas companies, sources of heat-trapping fossil fuel emissions and air pollutants. Trump has pulled the United States out of the Paris climate accord and dismissed federal scientists' warnings on climate change. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT, SAFETY, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE: A special committee of the Oregon state Senate decided unanimously on Monday that a Republican senator who threatened the Senate president and Oregon State

Police troopers must give at least 12-hours' notice in writing if he intends to come to the Capitol and that state troopers should beef up their presence while he is in the building. In addition, Sen. Brian Boquist, a Republican from Dallas, will be advised that he must not retaliate against anyone who reports concerns about their safety. The committee of two Democrats and two Republicans passed the motion at the close of a hearing into the senator's conduct. The hearing was held after Boquist made threats before Republican senators fled the Capitol to protest climate legislation. Among other things, he said that if state police tried to make him return to Salem to vote on the issue they should send bachelors and come heavily armed. / GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, POLITICS: Citing climate-damaging tailpipe emissions, 23 U.S. governors, including Oregon's Kate Brown, have signed a pledge backing California leaders in their showdown with the Trump administration over its plans to relax vehicle mileage standards. The stance by the state leaders, nearly all Democrats, comes as the Trump administration moves to freeze tougher mileage standards laid out by former President Obama, in one of the previous administration's key efforts against climate change. The Trump administration says American consumers increasingly want bigger, gas-guzzling SUVs and pickup trucks. It also argues that demanding ever-more fuel-efficient vehicles will drive up automobile costs and keep less-safe, older vehicles on the road longer. Many engineers have challenged that claim. The governors' pledge on Tuesday commits to sticking to the pre-Trump mileage goals, a program of annual tightening in mileage standards that reduce climate-changing carbon emissions. The commitment underscores prospects for years of legal challenges and regulatory uncertainty for automakers if the Trump administration moves ahead on the mileage freeze over objections from California and other states. President Trump has pushed automakers to support him in his bid to relax mileage standards. Last month, major automakers instead appealed for the administration to return to talks with California, after breaking off negotiations. Congress for decades has granted California authority to set its own, tougher mileage standards as a way of fighting the state's chronic smog. About a dozen states follow California's mileage standards, although under Obama the federal and state mileage standards were the same. / SAFETY, GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: A new report warns that a huge facility on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington state is at risk of releasing radioactive contamination into the environment the longer it remains standing. Hanford is located near Richland, Washington. The Plutonium Uranium Extraction Plant was built in 1956 and is considered heavily contaminated after being used to help produce plutonium for the nation's nuclear weapons program. The Tri-City Herald reports that a final decision on how to clean up and tear down the plant is not expected until about 2032. Officials with the U.S. Department of Energy conducted a new evaluation of what to do in the meantime. They concluded the best option is to spend about \$218 million to remove hazards, prepare the main processing building for demolition and demolish two attached annexes. / BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT: Beginning in July 2019 members of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and staff will embark on a series of listening sessions around the state, with the objective of providing Commissioners with a better understanding of the issues and concerns facing the marijuana and wine industries. The Commission wants to hear from the marijuana industry on the Producer License moratorium (Senate Bill 218), exporting, social consumption, and changes to the Marijuana Program. Commission members want to hear from the wine industry on: Tonnage Tax, Labeling Standards and Content, and appointing a Rules Advisory Committee. "The goal of these listening sessions is to give those in the marijuana and wine industries the opportunity to meet face to face with Commissioners, some of who are newly appointed," said Paul Rosenbaum, OLCC Commission Chair. "The OLCC is committed to making these industries successful while still meeting our regulatory obligations." The OLCC will hold five listening sessions for the marijuana industry, including one in Eugene on Tuesday, July 30. The wine industry listening sessions will be held in four cities, including in Roseburg on Monday, July 29. In 2017 the Oregon Legislature expanded the Commission from five to seven members but only recently has the Commission had full membership. The listening tours provide an opportunity for the Commissioners to interact with licensees and stakeholders. Marijuana Industry Listening Session: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 - 6 to 9 p.m. Lane Community College - Center for Meeting and Learning, 4000 E. 30th Avenue, Eugene 97405. Wine Industry Listening Session: Tuesday, July 29, 2019 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds - Cascade Hall West, 2110 Frear St., Roseburg 97471. / IMMIGRATION, POLITICS: A book by Sen. Jeff Merkley on the treatment of refugees at the Texas border is coming next month. Merkley, an Oregon Democrat, made headlines when he traveled to Texas in 2018 and streamed his efforts to gain entry to a migrant facility. He has become a prominent critic of the Trump administration's immigration policies, and has introduced the Shut Down Child Prison Camps Act. In a statement Tuesday, Merkley said the country was at a moment when it might abandon its dream of "opportunity for everyone" or renew its commitment for "a better nation and better world." The book, entitled, "America Is Better Than This" will be published Aug. 20 by Twelve, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing. / CRIME: Eugene Police say a man who attacked a stranger outside a downtown coffee shop faces multiple charges in connection with the assault. It happened Saturday morning shortly after seven a.m. outside the Starbucks at Willamette and Broadway. Witnesses told investigators the suspect, identified as 40-year-old Gabriel Hayes Pemble of Eugene, had been inside the café but went outside and stabbed another man who was sitting at a table. Police say it does not appear that the two knew each other. Investigators say bystanders rendered emergency aid to the victim in the moments before police and EMS arrived. The victim, a Eugene man in his early 70s, was hospitalized for what were described as life-threatening injuries. Investigators say during the incident, two bystanders intervened, preventing the suspect from leaving and getting the knife away from him. One of the bystanders was treated a hospital for non-lifethreatening injuries. Pemble was charged with Assault in the First Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.; Eugene Police say a 40-year-old man suspected of using illegal drugs faces additional charges for assaulting an officer who confronted him. It came late Sunday morning when officials say the officer was conducting a routine patrol check at Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Coburg Road. A news release says the officer observed a man heated up a spoon and, after contacting the man, also noted a pile of marijuana on a concrete bench. That's when police say the suspect, identified as Forrest Wayne Simms, turned his back on the officer in an attempt to leave. Investigators say the officer attempted to detain Sims, but Sims spun around and

assaulted the officer, eventually knocking him to his back and trying to remove the officer's firearm from its holster. The officer eventually managed to get Sims in a hold to prevent him from rising and deployed a Taser, which was ineffective, but police say the officer was able to maintain the hold until other officers arrived. Investigators say Sims appeared extremely high when backups arrived and was hostile. He was taken into custody on charges of Assault Public Safety Officer, Interfering, Menacing, Disorderly Conduct, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine, False Information to Police Officer, Parole Violation. / SAFETY, POLITICS, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS: Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler says he'll meet with representatives of the Portland Police, business, community and civil rights leaders to discuss ways to better control future protests by left- and right-wing groups. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that Wheeler on Monday offered no policy proposals, however, and would not take a position on two options given by the police chief, Danielle Outlaw. She called for new city rules barring people from wearing masks during protest and empowering officers to videotape demonstrations. Police are investigating the events that occurred during rallies on June 29 where several arrests were made and medics treated people for injuries on the scene. Members of the so-called Proud Boys, a far rightwing organization, and an anti-fascist group called Rose City Antifa held dueling protests at several locations in downtown Portland. Fights broke out when the groups crossed paths. The mayor said the Portland violence is "alarming," pledging to explore "ways to reduce these acts of violence in our community." But at the same time, he maintained that Portland is neither unsafe nor lawless, despite injuries to eight people, including bloody head wounds, during the most recent dueling protests. Wheeler did say he was considering having other city bureaus - such as the city transportation and fire bureaus - step in and play a role in preparing for such unpermitted protests to help police keep separate dueling demonstrators. He also said the city may have to reconsider its historic lax enforcement of unpermitted protests. The mayor said he met Monday morning with U.S Attorney Billy J. Williams, Oregon's top federal law enforcement official, to brainstorm legal and tactical strategies in the wake of the violent brawls. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Authorities say searchers have recovered the body of a 29-year-old Bend man who drowned after the canoe in which he was riding capsized on Wickiup Reservoir nearly one month ago. KTVZ-TV reports searchers on located Michael Mead's body Monday afternoon. Mead had been out on the reservoir's Davis Arm with another man and a dog around 2 a.m. on June 13 when their canoe capsized, spilling its occupants into the lake. The other man and the dog made it to shore. Investigators believe alcohol was a factor and say neither man was wearing a lifejacket or floatation device. Meanwhile, crews continue searching Lake Billy Chinook for the body of an Oregon City man. Deputies say he was diving off a pontoon boat June 14 when he hit his head on a railing and disappeared into the water. / CRIME: A former Oregon "Scientist of the Year" has been sentenced to more than two years in prison for possessing child pornography. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Monday that Portland State University professor Niles Edward Lehman was sentenced after pleading no contest Monday to two counts of first-degree encouraging child sexual abuse. The 57-year-old Lehman was charged with viewing and sharing 35 illicit images of children from fail 2017 to fall 2018. Authorities say the PSU chemistry professor uploaded videos and photos of child pornography to his blog on the social

networking website Tumblr, which alerted the FBI to the images. A 17-year employee of the university at the time of his arrest, Lehman received the year's best scientist award from the Oregon Academy of Science in 2018. / SAFETY: Police say a pilot and two passengers suffered minor injuries when their small plane crashed on an Oregon coast beach. Oregon State Police say the plane crashed at about 5:10 p.m. Monday south of Newport near South Beach State Park. The pilot and passengers were taken to a local hospital. Police are investigating. No further information was immediately released. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: More than 100 people gathered in western Colorado to honor 14 firefighters killed 25 years ago on Storm King Mountain. Family members, friends of the victims and survivors of the fire hiked up the Storm King Memorial Trail Saturday and reflected on the lessons and losses of the July 6, 1994, disaster, The Glenwood Springs Post Independent reported. The lightningcaused fired raced up a steep hillside, trapping 12 firefighters on a fire line. Two others were found dead on top of a ridge. Nine of the dead were members of the Prineville Hotshots firefighting team from Oregon. Jim Roth's younger brother Roger was a smokejumper who died in the fire. He said it's important to remember what happened to help prevent it from happening again. Roth, an engineer who has worked on firefighter safety, said he tries to visit the site every year. "I reflect on my life, on why I'm still here, and what work I need to do to make firefighters safer," he said. "I come off the mountain more energized because I've had a chance to be close to my brother." Former Prineville Hotshots member Alex Robertson survived the tragedy and is now is the fire and aviation staff officer for an interagency fire office in Oregon. He said he has brought more than 1,000 firefighters to Storm King Memorial Trail to learn the lessons of the fire. "The challenge we have is that we cannot just not fight fire, we can't not put people in harm's way," Robertson said. "If we didn't fight fires, they would burn up towns, and people would lose lives. The challenge is deciding when it's necessary to put firefighters in danger, and how. "That balance of when do we put people in harm's way, that's the big question. Our fire managers make those decisions every day," Robertson said. Rob Burger, a western Colorado fire management officer, says firefighters promised never to forget the losses that day. "This event 25 years ago shaped what we do in wildland fire, and it changed it forever," he said. "The promise we made 25 years ago is to never forget those that we lost. We're going to continue to honor their memory; we're going to support the survivors and their families," Burger said. / HEALTH, EVENTS, COMMUNITY: A busy schedule on Friday evening, July 12, for the annual "Relay for Life," which supports the American Cancer Society. Here are some of the highlights: Opening Ceremony: This 6:00 p.m. event opens by honoring everyone who's been affected by cancer and everyone who has contributed to the success of this year's Relay season. Survivor/Caregiver Walk: Immediately following the Opening Ceremony is the Survivors and Caregivers Walk. Survivors and Caregivers are the heart and soul of Relay For Life events. The walk honors their strength and courage with every step they take. It doesn't matter if you were diagnosed 10 days ago or 10 years ago, you can walk while everyone gathers together to cheer you on. Cupcake 5k: Feel like walking and running to raise money? Join the Cupcake 5k Event. There's a \$25 Registration Fee. This is an untimed 5k Event that takes place from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PK Park. Register at cupcake5k.ESRFL.org Luminaria Ceremony: During this ceremony, which begins at 9:30 p.m.,

participants honor those touched by cancer by lighting Luminaria. Each light represents a life—a life taken by cancer, a survivor of cancer, or a support for a person still fighting the disease. It's a powerful demonstration that gives people the opportunity to grieve but also offers comfort and hope. Closing Ceremony: This takes place at 11:30 p.m. The closing ceremony is the time to commit to take action and help lead the fight for a world free from cancer. It's a time to celebrate what we've accomplished together and a time to unify for the work that needs to be done moving forward. / COMMUNITY, EVENTS: It started as a small counterculture fair but is now a multi-day event that hosts close to 50,000 people over the weekend and has a multimillion-dollar economic impact in Lane County. The 50th annual Oregon Country Fair takes place this weekend, Friday through Sunday, July 12 – 14. Gates open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. each day. Nestled on the banks of the Long Tom River, the Oregon Country Fair features vaudeville, circus acts, spoken word, wandering musicians, face painting, parades, and other perennial favorites. There are 18 stages of entertainment, more than 80 food booths, and close to 350 craft booths featuring more than 700 vendors. This spring, the fair was designed an Oregon Heritage Event. Full entertainment schedules for all the stages are posted on the OCF website at www.oregoncountryfair.org_The event takes place at the Oregon Country Fair site, off Highway 126, west of Veneta. Tickets are available at any TicketsWest outlet or online at www.ticketswest.com Advance tickets may be purchased for \$29 for Friday, \$32 for Saturday, and \$25 for Sunday, July 15. Tickets cost a few dollars more if you purchase them at the gate: \$32 for Friday, \$36 for Saturday, and \$28 for Sunday. There's also a three-day pass available for \$70. There are discounts for seniors and people with disabilities. Children under age 10 are admitted free if accompanied by a paying adult. Take the bus, don't drive: Your advance ticket gets you a free ride on any Lane Transit District bus on Oregon Country Fair weekend, including the free shuttles from the LTD Downtown Station and the northwest parking lot behind Valley River Center. If you drive, parking is \$15 per vehicle, per day.; The 7th Annual "Truck Function in Junction" takes place on Saturday, July 13, in Junction City at the lot off W. 18th Avenue, North of Eagle Veneer. This is a new location. The street address is 220 W. 16th Ave., Junction City. The Show 'n Shine is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Cruise runs from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Truck Function in Junction got its start when founders Dan Alley and Bryan Welsh created the event where people could show and cruise their semi-trucks, trailers and haulers. Now that Dan has passed his wife, Cindy Alley, is bringing the Truck Function in Junction back for its 7th year. Come out and see some amazing big rigs. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED WILDLIFE, RECREATION, SAFETY: Officials with the Willamalane Park & Recreation District say they received a report yesterday morning of a cougar sighting near the Mill Race Path's Jasper Road trailhead. That's near the curve where 32nd Street turns into Jasper Road in Springfield. Willamalane officials say they've contacted the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and are be posting signs at the trailhead. Officials remind you to be alert and cautious if you're in the area, especially around dawn and dusk. Hikers, keep your dog on a leash. On Monday night. Springfield Police say they took a report of a cougar sighting in the 6700 block of Jacob Lane in the Thurston area. / GOVERNMENT: Public employee unions representing Oregon state workers have negotiated new contracts that would provide pay increases of up to 15% over the next two-year budget period. The proposed contracts include both cost-of-living and "step" increases in each of the next two years. Union officials with SEIU 503, the state's largest public employee union, say the pay hikes will help state workers catch up with wage growth in the private sector during the last several years. Gov. Kate Brown's office echoed the unions' sentiments, saying the tentative agreement makes the State of Oregon a competitive employer, particularly for those who work in foster care, transportation, public safety, and health service professions. However, the Oregonian/OregonLive reports most recent state salary survey suggests that state employees' total compensation, which includes benefits, is already competitive. The contracts still must be voted upon by union members and receive final approval by state lawmakers. The contracts' step increases in each of the next two years would average 4.7%. Steps are automatic pay increases that come with longevity in a job. It also includes the addition of a new top step, which would give employees who topped out at their job classification a 4.7% pay increase. Those increases would mostly go to older Tier 1 and Tier 2 employees. The contracts also include cost-of-living increases of 2.15% in 2019 and 3% in 2020. Those are bigger increases than in the workers' previous twoyear contract -- and higher than the average annual increase of 1.4% over the last decade. The cost-of-living increases compare to an inflation rate of 2.7% in the 13-state West Region over the last year, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. State economists predict it will remain near that level during the next two years. Overall, the state workers' wage increases would average up to 7.2% annually. Meanwhile, Oregon's Office of Economic Analysis forecasts average annual statewide wage growth, including inflation, of 3.7% in 2019 and 4.2% in

2020. Economist Josh Lehner said wage growth has been running between 3% and 4% during the last four years. There was no increase in healthcare premiums for employees. / BUSINESS, POLITICS: An Oregon business group says it will no longer try to overturn an education tax package meant to provide a \$1 billion funding increase to the state's public-school system. Leaders of Oregon Manufacturers & Commerce said in a statement Tuesday the group has abandoned efforts to send the school funding package to the voters to potentially overturn during a special election. The law was signed by Gov. Kate Brown earlier this year and is expected to bring in billions of dollars of new revenue for schools through a half a percent tax on the state's wealthiest businesses. The group says lawmakers made it difficult to put the issue to the ballot by changing the date of a potential special election from next November to this coming January. Jim Green, the executive director of the Oregon School Boards Association, says the announcement is a relief for education officials in the state and moves things one step closer to ensuring the investment in Oregon students becomes reality. / HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT, FAMILIES, VETERANS. HOMELESSNESS: Oregon Housing and Community Services this week announced funding awards of more than \$45 million dollars to build or rehabilitate 636 homes and apartment units. The program uses federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, National Housing Trust Fund and other resources to leverage additional local, state, and private investments. Eleven developments were approved by the Oregon Housing Stability Council to receive funding. Here in the southern and mid-Willamette Valley, the developments include 60 homes in a River Road Affordable housing Project in Eugene and 36 homes in the Applegate Landing development in Lebanon. This latest round of awards means Oregon Housing and Community Services has a record number of homes in the development pipeline, with more than 9,800 affordable units in progress. Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan set a five-year goal to triple the development of affordable rental housing up to 25,000 homes to reduce the tight availability and the high costs facing many lower income individuals and families. / ECONOMY, BUSINESS: Oregon's unemployment rate stayed low and essentially unchanged last month at 4.1 percent. The June figure is little different from 4.2 percent in May. Oregon's unemployment rate has been between 4.0 percent and 4.4 percent for 32 months, dating back to November 2016. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in June. Analysts say Oregon's unemployment rate has been at or near record low levels for nearly three years. Of those listed as unemployed in June, nearly half were either new or returning to the labor force, which experts say indicates confidence in the health of the job market. At 46.9 percent, the share of unemployed who were entrants was the highest since May 1999. Another 38.5 percent were unemployed due to a job loss. The remaining 14.7 percent had voluntarily left their previous job and were looking for work. In June, Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 900 jobs. Monthly gains for June were strongest in professional and business services, which added 1,200 jobs, and in manufacturing, which added 900 jobs. Two industries with large losses in June were leisure and hospitality (-1,000 jobs) and retail trade (-900 jobs). Other sectors were close to their usual seasonal pattern of job gains or losses for June. Looking at longer-term trends, Oregon's economy continued to grow rapidly. Since June 2018, total nonfarm payroll employment was up 46,100 jobs, or 2.4 percent. Oregon's job growth rate over the past 12 months was faster

than the U.S. job growth rate of 1.5 percent. The most rapid gains over the past year were in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+4,500 jobs, or 6.9%) and construction (+7,100 jobs, or 6.8%). Job gains were widespread, with three other major industries each adding between 2.6 percent and 3.7 percent to their jobs base in the past 12 months. These industries were manufacturing (+7,100 jobs, or 3.7%), professional and business services (+8,800 jobs, or 3.5%), and health care and social assistance (+6,800 jobs, or 2.6%). During that time, none of the major industries cut a substantial number of jobs, although three industries showed little change: retail trade; financial activities; and mining and logging. / CRIME: Prosecutors say he tried to disguise his identity by wearing sunglasses and some type of baseball cap or ski cap. But a career criminal was sentenced yesterday in Eugene federal court to 110 months in federal prison and three years' supervised release for robbing four Oregon and Southwest Washington banks in a four-week period beginning in August 2017. Prosecutors say 67-yearold Dannie Kay Alston pleaded guilty in the case. Alston has no known permanent residence, but was tied to hold-ups in Roseburg, Medford, Salem and Vancouver, Washington. He was arrested after a September 2017, robbery of a First Interstate Bank branch in Roseburg, after witnesses were able to provide a description of Alston's getaway vehicle. Oregon State Police recovered the note used in the Roseburg robbery, a starter's pistol with loaded caps, a Taser, sunglasses, wig and more than \$3,400 cash from Alston and his vehicle. Prosecutors say Alston's rap sheet spans five decades and four states, with previous robbery convictions in Oregon, California, and Florida, as well as burglary convictions in California and Texas, and additional assault, theft and narcotics convictions. During sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Michael McShane ordered Alston to pay \$11,748 in restitution.; Experts with the FBI are warning again this week about what's known as the "one-ring scam." When you think about all those annoying calls from telemarketers and scammers, you think of how the phone rings and rings. If you answer, you might hear a live or recorded voice telling you that you "missed an important payment" or filing your taxes or missed jury duty and risk arrest. Or perhaps you're told you've won a free vacation or other gift-of you pay a shipping fee. While these kinds of telephone scams are not new, experts at the Federal Trade Commission say a newer variation continues to pop up across the nation. In the "one-ring" scam, you receive a phone call from a number you do not recognize, and the call drops after only one or two rings. Maybe they even call back once or twice. The fraudster is counting on your curiosity about possibly missing a call that might be important. But if you call the number back, your call will be forwarded to an international number and your phone will be billed big bucks for the call-and the scammer is the one who pockets your money. Want to avoid being a victim of the "one ring" scam? Do NOT call back numbers that you do not recognize, even if they appear to be from this area code and especially those that appear to come from overseas. If you have received these calls, report the number to the FTC at www.donotcall.gov Frequently check your phone bill for unusual or suspicious charges. If you have been a victim of an online scam, report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov or call your local FBI office.; An Oregon man has been placed on three years' probation for aiming a laser pointer at a police plane. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Tuesday that 44-year-old Nikolay Bocharnikov was sentenced Tuesday. Authorities say Bocharnikov aimed

the green pointer at a Portland Police Bureau aircraft in July 2017. The plane was approaching a Portland International Airport runaway and the laser briefly blinded the pilot. Ironically, prosecutors say Bocharnikov got the laser pointer through the police. Officials say the locksmith was hired in 2016 to unlock a stolen car. Police told him he could keep some items left in the vehicle. Bocharnikov took the pointer, which remained untouched for a year until he decided to test its range on various objects. He says he did not believe it would reach the passing airplane. / SAFETY: They say any landing you can walk away from is a good one. In Marion County, authorities say a pilot was able to escape the single-engine plane he was flying after it caught fire mid-flight and he was forced to make an emergency landing southeast of Salem. The crash occurred yesterday afternoon. When emergency crews arrived, the plane was fully engulfed. The Portland pilot, 73year-old Eugene Mitchell, had been flying from the Albany area north to Aurora. He was treated for his injuries at a hospital and released. Officials say Mitchell is a military veteran whose flying experience dates to the Vietnam War. He told deputies make the aircraft experienced mechanical issues shortly before the fire broke out. The Federal Aviation Administration and National Traffic Safety Board are investigating.; Authorities have identified the man killed in a paraglider crash on Monday as the co-owner of the flight park where the crash occurred. Boise County Sheriff Jim Kaczmarek says 38-year-old Justin Boer, one of the owners of the Horseshoe Bend Flight Park and an experienced paraglider and instructor, was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause of the crash has not yet been determined but investigators believe the paraglider malfunctioned in some way. Boer, originally from Bend, Oregon, was partially paralyzed in a paragliding crash in 2013 but returned to the sport. He opened the flight park with partner Scott Edwards in 2017, offering equipment rentals, tandem flights and lessons to those interested in paragliding, hang gliding and speedflying. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Our relatively mild mid-July weather means Oregon's wildfire season is off to a late start. While crews don't have much to deal with here, the Oregon Department of Forestry last week sent personnel to Alaska to assist with wildfire suppression there. There are 28 personnel currently engaged in Alaska on the 14-day assignment. It's the latest use of the Northwest Compact — an agreement allowing rapid sharing of resources sharing across state and international lines. Oregon is one of five U.S. states and 5 Canadian provinces and territories that are members of the compact. Oregon and Alaska have provided mutual assistance in years past. Most recently, crews from Alaska worked both the Klondike and Taylor fires during last summer's fire season. Oregon Department of Forestry experts say this summer's Alaska deployment offers unique firefighting challenges and training opportunities, including working on permafrost, avoiding conflicts with wildlife, and using helicopters to shuttle personnel to remote fire camps. / YOUTH, COMMUNITY: The Girl Scouts sure have changed over the generations. This week, Girl Scouts of the USA announced the creation of 42 new badges for girls in the kindergarten through 12th grade. The new programming includes 12 Outdoor High Adventure badges, with activities ranging from backpacking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing, to rock climbing, and tree climbing. There are also 18 different "Coding for Good" badges, with programs that teach girls the basics of coding and provide opportunities to use their skills to educate people about issues or promote healthy habits. The advanced badges, for girls in the 6th through 12th grades, include nine different Cybersecurity

badges, three Space Science badges, and the "Think Like a Citizen Scientist" leadership program. / ANIMALS, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The Oregon Humane Society says a dog that had been stranded on a steep hillside south of Portland for about a week has been rescued. The Human Society says neighbors in the Canby area called them Monday with reports of hearing an animal in distress. The Humane Society Technical Animal Rescue Team first used a drone to find the animal on a hillside thick with blackberries and poison oak. Team Training Coordinator Virginia Krakowiak then descended approximately 75 feet to rescue the dog described as an older Australian Shepherd mix. She says the dog appeared uninjured but thirsty and hungry and ready to be back with people. The dog is currently at Clackamas County Dog Services. He was not microchipped or wearing identification. If an owner is not identified, the dog will be made available for adoption. / ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: The city of Portland is being sued over its plan to use up to \$12 million from a surcharge on customers' sewer bills to help pay to plan the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports it's the second lawsuit challenging the use of funds collected by the city's sewer utility, the Bureau of Environmental Services, to pay for the city's share of the Superfund work. Attorney John DiLorenzo and his clients contend that despite rulings in a previous lawsuit, the city has continued to use restricted sewer money as a piggybank for projects that should be paid for by unrestricted tax dollars in the city's general funds. City leaders and environmentalists say the sewer utility's spending on the Portland Harbor project was clearly upheld by a judge in 2017 - and the new lawsuit is the latest in a series of tactics to delay the federally mandated clean-up of the river. / HEALTH, SAFETY, MILITARY: A compensation program for those exposed to radiation from years of nuclear weapons testing and uranium mining would be expanded under legislation that seeks to address fallout across the western United States, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico is rolling out the measure Tuesday on the 74th anniversary of the Trinity Test. As part of the top-secret Manhattan Project, government scientists and the U.S. military dropped the first atomic bomb in the New Mexico desert in 1945. Nearly 200 atmospheric tests followed. Uranium mining persisted even after the tests ceased. Citing affected downwinders and Native American tribes, Lujan says coverage must be expanded. Among other things, the measure would require Congress to issue a formal apology to people in a dozen U.S. states. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED COMMUNITY. EVENTS: Bohemia Mining Days: Thursday evening, July 18, through Sunday morning, July 21. The city of Cottage Grove welcomes you to the 2019 Bohemia Mining Days celebration. This year is the 60th anniversary the Cottage Grove community's summertime tradition. The 2019 theme, "Diamonds in the Rough", honors all the early residents whose contributions made Cottage Grove the town it is today. The focus this year is on historic early resident and author Opal Whiteley. The hub of activity is Coiner Park, which transforms into "Bohemia City" at 4 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. Adjacent Bohemia Park hosts carnival rides beginning Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Both parks host activities through Saturday. On Friday and Saturday, visit museums, businesses and local landmarks in historic downtown Cottage Grove and compete for cash prizes in the 4th Annual Historical Treasure Hunt. The festival highlight is the Grand Miners Parade on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Visit Civil War soldiers encamped in Trailhead Park. On Sunday, the activity shifts to the 55th Annual "Miners' Breakfast on the Mountain" from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Making the drive? Pay close attention to the steep, narrow gravel roads and consider how challenging it was in the 1800's for miners to get the supplies they needed up there and to get their gold back down into town. At 1:30 p.m. Sunday, buy a ticket for the "Cabaret of Bohemia City" at the Axe & Fiddle. Need more information? Go to bohemiaminingdays.org or visit the Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Center in the Cottage Grove Community Center on Gibbs Avenue. Visitor information is also available at the Bohemia City information booth (aka Bohemia City Hall) in Coiner Park. / DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: They're already home to the Saturday Market and regular Farmer's Markets. Now, Eugene officials are share three design concepts for improvements to the Park Blocks off Eighth and Oak Streets. The intent is to create a new "town square" that would be adjacent to the proposed City Hall on the site of the county's longtime "butterfly" parking lot. This evening from five 'til nine p.m., city leaders are hosting a Town Square Block Party at the Park Blocks to share their three design concepts, answer questions and get your input. It comes after city planners surveyed community members in the spring, both in-person and online, and heard from more than 1,000 people. And while the design concepts will be at the core of this evening's Town Square Block Party, there will also be family-friendly activities, including outdoor yoga and dance performances. The City also will provide free shaved ice for all participants with other food and beverage options available for purchase. Can't make the

event? No worries. The city is posting an online survey and project updates online at www.eugenetownsquare.org Town Square Block Party: 5 to 9 p.m. The Park Blocks at 8th Ave and Oak Street. / HOMELESSNESS, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, HOUSING: The Eugene City Council is going ahead with plans to create a homeless shelter at a site whose location still needs to be determined. At yesterday's work session, council members endorsed the \$1.9 million effort on a 6-2 vote. The project includes creating the emergency homeless shelter and dovetailing its operations with efforts to get people off the street into more permanent housing and better connected with local social services and employment efforts. Among the plan elements: Purchase and erect a structure to function as a low-barrier emergency shelter (\$836,000); Hire a Strategic Initiatives Manager to lead a collective impact process toward emergency shelter development, permanent supportive housing (\$525,000) development, and supportive services resourcing and coordination Pilot a mobile street team that consolidates outreach, diversion case management, and navigation services (\$200,000); Pilot a landlord engagement program that incentivizes private sector landlords to contribute to the supportive housing inventory (\$60,000); Establish a reserve (contingency) fund to respond nimbly to emerging opportunities related to system transformation (\$279,000).; More affordable housing is going up in downtown Eugene. "Homes for Good," Lane County's low-income housing agency, held a groundbreaking ceremony yesterday for the Market District Commons. The mixed-use project is going up on the block off Sixth Avenue between Pearl and Oak where a new hotel and commercial space is taking shape. The 50 units in what's being described as an "urban village" will serve renters including Lane County's Veterans and employees in the local workforce. Designers say the apartments in the Market District Commons will built to the latest green standards. Chambers Construction is taking the lead on the project with architecture services by Bergsund and DeLaney. Affordable housing projects require a variety of public- and private-sector partners and financing. This project has received funding from City of Eugene through SDC waivers and the city's HOME program; the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing; federal HUD participation; Wells Fargo, Oregon Housing and Community Services, and the Obie Companies. / GOVERNMENT: It means being able to borrow money at lower interest rates and be treated as an even better lending risk. Lane County officials say Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the county's credit rating to the second-highest level, Aa1. County officials say it's the result of several years of the county developing balanced budgets, lowering its overall debt, increasing its reserves and managing its benefit costs. Lane County has also stabilized and increased service levels in several critical areas, including public health, safety and infrastructure. Moody's analysts took a look at Lane County's five-year operating history as it made it assessment. They noted that Lane County's fiscal 2020 budget marks the third consecutive budget without the county drawing on reserves to support operations and did not include layoffs or service reductions. The analysis also noted that the county's employee healthcare benefit costs remain in-check for a fourth consecutive year. The county's improved credit rating is the latest in a series of good financial indicators. Independent financial auditor Moss Adams, LLP has rated Lane County as a low-risk auditee for several years in a row. In 2016, the Oregon Secretary of State's Office removed Lane County from a list of high-risk counties in regard to its financial health due to the County's efforts to create long-term financial stability. / BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: You can buy liter bottles of soft drinks in Oregon and, soon, liter-sized bottles of selected liquor brands. This month, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission is beginning a pilot project to sell the new bottle sizes in all 280 of its statecontrolled liquor stores. Initially, 33 products ranging from tequilas to whiskeys will be for sale in the liter size. Sounds like a simple shift, right? But over the next year, OLCC store operators will need to adjust their shelf space and store layouts to accommodate the new bottles sizes and make sure the new bottle prices are in line with current per-ounce prices. Most other states already offer the liter bottles. Since Oregon is one of two liquor-controlled states that has never offered acrossthe-board liter options, there's also a phase-in as distributors provide the new sizes. At the same time that the new bottle sizes are arriving in OLCC stores, the agency is reviewing the products it carries to determine which liquors people are buying and whether to discontinue others because of slow sales. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, TRANSPORTATION: Feel like I owe nature an apology. If, like me, you drove Santiam Pass on Sunday, you couldn't avoid splatting hundreds of butterflies swarming a 50-mile stretch of Oregon Highway 126 and U.S. 20. It made the drive from McKenzie Bridge to Sisters more than a bit unnerving as drivers unexpectedly encountered the California tortoiseshell butterfly. Experts say the butterflies have a wingspan of between one and two inches and are distinctive for their orange wings with black spots. They look a bit like but are smaller than Monarchs. Biologists say California tortoiseshells have population booms every few summers in the Cascades as they spread into new breeding areas. You might have seen tens of thousands. The numbers this summer probably total in the millions. They had a similar population boom around the same time last year. Like all butterflies, California tortoiseshells start out as caterpillars. Their larvae feed on various species of snowbrush, (Latin name: Ceanothus), as well as mazanita and willow. The caterpillars later form a chrysalis to complete their metamorphosis into butterflies. Sadly, many quickly wind up smashed on the windshields, bumpers and grills of passing vehicles. If your car has butterfly guts on it, it's best to wash it off sooner rather than later. The acidic yellow smears can, over time, damage the paint. / CRIME, RACISM, RELIGION. MINORITIES, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: Oregon is substantially overhauling its hate crime laws for the first time since the early 1980s. Gov. Kate Brown signed a measure this week strengthening the definition of bias crimes and adding "gender identity" as a protected class. The move responds to an uptick in reported hate crimes in the past few years. FBI data shows that hate crimes have increased in Oregon by 40% from 2016 to 2017 while arrests and convictions for those crimes have gone down. But that data likely underestimates the true number of hate crimes. Many local law enforcement agencies don't report bias crimes to the FBI or say that none have occurred. The new law encourages victim-focused responses to allegation of hate crimes and more accurate data collection. / GOVERNMENT: Public employee unions representing state workers have negotiated new contracts that would provide pay increases of up to 15% over the next two-year budget period. The proposed contracts include both cost-of-living and "step" increases in each of the next two years. Union officials say the wage increases are necessary to maintain Oregon's competitiveness in attracting employees after recent wage growth in the private sector. However, the Oregonian/OregonLive reports most recent state salary survey suggests that

state employees' total compensation, which includes benefits, is already competitive. The contracts still must be voted upon by union members and receive final approval by state lawmakers. / GOVERNMENT, SAFETY: Oregon is home to more than 13,000 career and volunteer firefighters. They are members of more than 300 fire departments and fire protection districts and about 80% are volunteers. How do you ensure they're all staying current on their training and receiving the latest information on how best to fight fires? A new project involving the "Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training" aims to meet the need. The 53-foot Mobile Fire Training unit is designed to simulate conditions inside homes, offices and commercial buildings. And because it's portable, it can travel to all corners of the state to provide training in many communities and rural areas. The unit's movable interior wall panels and doors enable instructors to change the interior layout for different scenarios. There's a smoke generator that simulates the challenges of navigating in areas where visibility is low or nonexistent. And, since these are fire scenarios we're talking about, there are propane-fired props to simulate heat and flames. That said, the trailer contains numerous safety features to minimize risk. For example, the propane fires won't light unless one operator steps on a control pedal while another instructor activates a separate safety control. Turn off either and the whole thing shuts down. There are also on-board temperature and propane sensors and ventilation fans. The trailer also has a framework that may be raised to simulate a second story, allowing firefighters to practice using working on multistory blazes, and skills including using various types of ladders and ventilating roofs. Mobile Fire Training Unit cost \$500,000 and was paid for by an "Assistance to Firefighters Grant' from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. / GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE: A federal judge will allow Oregon ranchers who were convicted of intentionally setting fires on public land to graze cattle on parts of a federal allotment this season on a limited basis. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports U.S. District Judge Michael Simon issued the ruling Tuesday, granting a partial preliminary injunction as environmental advocacy groups continue to challenge the Hammond Ranches Inc.'s federal grazing permit. The judge approved a U.S. Bureau of Land Management alternative grazing plan proposed last month which the Western Watersheds Project, the Center for Biological Diversity and Wildearth Guardians had rejected. Simon ordered no grazing on the federal Mud Creek allotment but allowed for cattle to "trail through" that parcel to get to the federal Hardie Summer allotment, where cattle can graze at a 30% utilization standard, lower than the standard allowed in the ranchers' permit, on four of five pastures. / CRIME, ANIMALS: The Lane County Sheriff's Office's newest K-9, Hektor, recently located and captured a well-hidden suspect, showing that his hours of training and hard work with his handler, Deputy Ray May, are paying off. On Sunday, July 7, Hektor and Deputy May responded to assist in tracking a suspect who reportedly fired a weapon at someone then fled into a wooded area near Cottage Grove. The tracking began in darkness through thick brush and trees. But Hektor followed the suspect's scent through the challenging terrain and located the 53-year-old man hidden in a small space underneath a root wad. A two-year-old Belgian Malinois Hektor joined the Sheriff's Office in 2018. He's the son of "Frits," a retired LCSO K9. The K9 Program is funded by community donations that cover the cost of food, veterinary services, equipment (including a K9 bullet proof vest), and training. Want to

donate? Go to the Lane County Sheriff's Office K9 page to contribute. / CRIME, YOUTH: Federal prosecutors say they've charged a professional photographer with six counts of production of child pornography. Investigators say 52-year-old Robert Koester drugged and sexually assaulted young models or aspiring models he worked with in Oregon and California. Koester, who was known professionally under several names, including Bert Kay, Rhake Winter and Qitooly, is accused of bringing young women and girls to his remote farm property in the Yamhill County town of Carlton, outside McMinnville, taking nude photos of them and sexually assaulting them. Investigators say they seized large numbers of digital photos and videos as evidence at the farm, including many which images suggest there are other victims. Authorities asked anyone who was at the property for a modeling shoot — or anyone who knows of female models who went to Koester's property — to contact authorities. Prosecutors say Koester bought the Oregon property in 2012 or 2013. Koester worked primarily photographing models in the U.S. West, but authorities said they have identified potential victims in cities across the country. They add that he received referrals for modeling shoots from several professional modeling agencies and was fairly well-known within the industry. If you have information about this ongoing investigation or believe you or someone you know may have been victimized by Koester, the FBI requests that you complete a secure, confidential online questionnaire at fbi.gov/modelcase Information and tips from the public may also be submitted confidentially via email to modelcase@fbi.gov / HEALTH, SAFETY: U.S. overdose deaths last year likely fell for the first time in nearly three decades, preliminary numbers suggest. But the overdose death rate is still about seven times higher than it was a generation ago. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday posted data showing nearly 68,000 drug overdose deaths were reported last year. The number may go up as more investigations are completed, but the agency expects the tally will end up below 69,000. Overdose deaths had been climbing each year since 1990, topping 70,000 in 2017. Researchers do not believe this is the start of a dramatic decline. Data from the first months of this year likely will show that the decrease is not gaining steam, said Farida Ahmad of the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. The improvement was driven by a drop in deaths from heroin and prescription painkillers. Those falls were offset somewhat by continuing growth in deaths involving a different opioid, fentanyl, as well as other drugs such cocaine and methamphetamines. Overdose deaths often involve more than one drug. The improvement is not uniform: Some states seem to be making dramatic progress, while deaths continue to rise in others. The preliminary CDC data suggested deaths last year were down by as many as 1,000 or more in Ohio and Pennsylvania — each seeing declines of about 20%. Meanwhile, deaths increased by about 17% in Missouri, which had more than 200 additional deaths. It can take months for authorities to complete toxicology tests and other elements of a death investigation involving drugs. And some states report faster than others. The CDC is expected to report more complete data later this year. The current overdose epidemic has killed more people than any other in U.S. history, and it had been on a soaring trajectory. From 2014 to 2017, overdose deaths jumped by 5,000 or more each year. Experts trace the epidemic's origins to 1995 and the marketing of the prescription painkiller OxyContin. It was meant be safer and more effective than other prescription opioids, but some patients got hooked and found they could crush the tablets and snort or inject them to get high.

Gradually, many turned to cheaper street drugs such as heroin and fentanyl. In 2015, heroin began causing more deaths than prescription painkillers or other drugs. In 2016, fentanyl and its close cousins became the biggest drug killer, and in 2018 they were involved in about 46% of the reported overdose deaths, according to the preliminary CDC data. Strategies to reduce drug overdose deaths have included tougher policing, treatment program expansions, policies to limit opioid painkiller prescriptions and wider distribution of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone. Haffajee and other researchers are trying to figure out what measures are most responsible for the slight improvement. "It's complicated because there are so many policies going on, and as an evaluator it's very hard to separate them out and determine which is working," she said. Valerie Hardcastle, a Northern Kentucky University administrator who oversees research and other work on local health issues, has seen the overdose epidemic play out in her region, near Cincinnati. She believes a major factor is Narcan, a nasal spray version of naloxone, that has been widely distributed through the efforts of philanthropists and local, state, and federal officials.; The maker of OxyContin has been cast as the chief villain in the nation's opioid crisis. But newly released government figures suggest Purdue Pharma had plenty of help in flooding the U.S. with billions of pills even as overdose deaths were accelerating. Records kept by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration show that 76 billion oxycodone and hydrocodone pills — the vast majority of them generics, not brand names — were shipped to U.S. pharmacies from 2006 to 2012. The annual number swelled by more than 50 percent during that period of time even as the body count climbed. The powerful painkillers flowed faster even after Purdue Pharma was fined \$635 million for falsely marketing OxyContin as less addictive than other opioids. "I think the scale of this is stunning," Keith Humphreys, a Stanford University professor who researches opioids, said in an interview. He also noted that the data shows that the places that received the most drugs per capita are the ones with the most overdoses per capita: "It really looks like wherever you spread the most gas, you get the most fires." At the same time, the data illustrates how complicated it could be for the courts to figure out who should be held accountable for the public health disaster. More than 2,000 state, local and tribal governments have sued members of the drug industry in the biggest and possibly most complicated litigation of its kind ever in the U.S. A federal judge who is overseeing most of the cases and pushing for a settlement ruled this week that detailed drug-shipment data compiled by the DEA should be made public over the industry's objections. The judge has not allowed the release of information from 2013 and 2014. But the material unsealed constitutes the most comprehensive picture yet of how the crisis unfolded. The Washington Post, which along with HD Media, the owner of newspapers in West Virginia, went to court to seek the information, was first to publish the data. Prescription and illegal opioids such as heroin and fentanyl have been factors in more than 430,000 deaths in the U.S. since 2000, according to the CDC. From 2006 to 2012, annual opioid deaths rose from under 18,000 a year to more than 23,000. During that time, prescription drugs were cited as factors in just under half the deaths. Since then, overall opioid deaths in the U.S. have doubled, though on Wednesday the CDC reported that drug overdose deaths of all kinds probably fell last year for the first time in nearly three decades. The newly released information shows in detail the flow of drugs from manufacturers to communities. West Virginia, Kentucky,

Tennessee and Nevada all received more than 50 pills for every man, woman and child each year. Several areas in the Appalachian region were shipped an average of well over 100 pills per person per year. Nearly every state has filed a lawsuit, and most of them have focused on Purdue and members of the Sackler family, who own the Stamford, Connecticut-based company and are major philanthropists whose donations to museums and universities have now come under scrutiny. Many local governments have also sued other drugmakers, distribution companies and pharmacies. The lawsuits say that with the introduction of OxyContin, a time-released opioid, in 1995, Purdue created a new playbook to push the use of opioids for more patients and in higher doses. But Purdue points out, accurately, that the company produced only a small fraction of the nation's opioids — about 3% between 2006 and 2012, according to the data. Three companies — SpecGX, Par Pharmaceutical and Activis Pharma — that sold lower-priced generic drugs, including versions of OxyContin, combined to make 90% of the pills. The three companies say that they didn't market the drugs and were just meeting the demand of prescriptions filled out by doctors — and that they didn't produce more than the DEA allowed. As for the distributors, they contend they functioned as a delivery service and keep federal authorities apprised of the quantities of drugs being shipped. Four companies — McKesson Corp., Walgreens, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen — each distributed more than 10% of the opioids sent to pharmacies. McKesson distributed more than 18% of the nation's opioids from 2006 to 2012 — the most of any company — but said it didn't push sales. DEA officials declined to comment on the litigation but said the agency is working to ensure patients have access to the medications they need, while also policing excessive drug shipments. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED CRIME, SAFETY: The Corvallis-Gazette Times is reporting an Albany man was taken into custody following what was described as an "active-shooter situation" Thursday morning at a Foster Farms corn dog processing plant in Corvallis. The suspect was taken into custody after reportedly firing a single shot in a restroom. The incident at the facility on Corvallis' NW Eighth Street prompted lockdowns at nearby businesses and at Linn-Benton Community College's Benton Center, but officials said no one was wounded and there were no injuries. Corvallis Police identified the man as 22-year-old Adrian Nickerson. Investigators told Gazette-Times reporters that prior to the incident, Nickerson was in a traffic crash one street away and while exchanging information with the other driver ran off to the Foster Farms facility, where he was a temporary contract worker. Police do not think the suspect had a grievance toward Foster Farms or any employee. The incident was first reported around quarter-past-eight yesterday morning and officials say the threat was contained about 90 minutes later later. About 20 people inside the processing plant were evacuated and Oregon State Police's SWAT team taking positions outside when Nickerson emerged in a brown smock and hairnet typically worn by workers in the plant and surrendered. As a precaution afterward, police and members of the Oregon State Police explosives unit, swept the facility. Investigators said Nickerson is facing charges of failure to perform the duties of a driver, discharging a firearm, criminal mischief and menacing. He'll be arraigned this afternoon. / CRIME, COMMUNITY: It was planted in the late 1990s and provided shade and a place under which to relax and play for a generation of children, their families and others. But that's over now, after someone or a couple of someones intentionally vandalized a tree at Bethel Community Park. The tree, near the park's Skate Bowl, was removed vesterday morning after Eugene Parks and Open Space officials explained how the vandals systematically tore the bark off the tree's trunk. In some places, the vandals removed bark strips up to five feet high. And because they tore off the bark around the trunk's circumference, a process known as "girdling," they condemned the longtime tree. Staff noticed the vandalism earlier this month at Bethel Community Park. They say deliberately stripping a tree of its bark is a bit like stripping a person of their skin: You've deprived the tree of its way of transporting water and nutrients from the roots to the limbs and leaves. Arborists say there was no way the tree could survive. Police say they investigated last month after reports disorderly juveniles were hitting the tree with their

skateboards. What the heck? These trees are for the enjoyment of everyone. And, frankly, taxpayers pay for them so vandalism like this costs us all money. If you see someone vandalizing park trees, contact police and your local parks department. / BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that a business coalition seeking to tackle Oregon's pension crisis took another step toward putting two reform proposals on the ballot in November of next year. The group, named "PERS Solutions for Public Services," submitted 1,000 signatures to begin the process of drafting ballot titles for their initiative petitions. Former Gov. Ted Kulongoski, a Democrat, and Chris Telfer, a former Republican lawmaker from Bend, are listed as the initiatives' chief petitioners. Reporter Ted Sickinger writes that one proposal would give newlyhired public employees the option of choosing a 401(k)-style retirement plan financed by matching contributions of 6% of salary each by employees and their employers. New hires instead could choose to stick with the state's pension plan, but it would be without the supplementary individual account they get today. They also would be required to contribute 6% of their salary toward the cost of future pension benefits, starting July 1, 2021. The other potential ballot measure would require the Oregon Legislature to study a new 401(k)-style plan for new hires and submit recommendations by 2022. It would require existing and new employees to pay one-third the cost of their pension benefits moving forward, which would range between 2.8% and 6% of pay depending on their job classification and membership tier. Lawmakers this year approved a new law that instituted employee contributions to the pension fund, but at a more modest level than contemplated in the ballot measures. State public employee unions have discussed a court challenge to the employee contributions mandated by the law. John Larson, leader of the state's teachers' union, complains the proposed initiatives would "slash retirement benefits for educators, firefighters and other public employees. The new law requires public employees hired before Aug. 28, 2003 to contribute 2.5 percent of their pay to the pension. Those hired after that date must contribute 0.75 percent of their pay. The group would need to collect 112,020 signatures for each measure by July of next year in order to qualify for the November 2020. / RECREATION, COMMUNITY: Oregon's oldest park and recreation district is celebrating its diamond anniversary later this year. 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 75th anniversary, there's a community "thank you" event planned at Willamalane Park, which was the first property in the parks system. And Sunday morning on Community Forum, we'll fearn more about Willamalane and its 75th anniversary. That's Sunday at 6:30 a.m., right here on New Country 93.3. Or stream us at kknu.fm / CRIME. RECREATION: If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Experts with the Northwest chapter of the Better Business Bureau are warning that a network of scammers pretending to be part of Expedia are using the travel outlet's name to

take consumers for thousands of dollars. In just the past several days, Better Business Bureau experts say they received reports from a number of consumers who've lost up to \$3,700. Consumers are reporting this scam in 17 different states and Canada. The scam begins when consumers search online, then call customer service numbers purporting to be affiliated with Expedia. Customers call, asking the person who answers to confirm or change existing reservations they've made through the Expedia travel site. But because these are scam listings, the impostors begin the scam, saying the Expedia refund site isn't working properly and the consumer needs to purchase gift cards in order to receive a refund or change bookings. Several customers say the fake customer service rep stayed on the line as they purchased the gift cards. Is this ringing any alarm bells yet? Expedia is taking steps to counteract the impostors, including working with popular search engines to reduce the occurrence of fake ads, making its customer service contact number more visible, and adding information about these scams to its customer service portal. Meantime, protect yourself by remembering these commonsense tips: Most trustworthy companies will never demand a gift card as any form of payment and consumers should never have to pay to get money back. Keep in mind that using a search engine does not quarantee you'll get the correct number. Always go directly to Expedia or another merchant's website to find contact information. Large companies often have a 'Contact Us' button or a help hotline number directly on their webpage. And protect your personal information. Also, when traveling and even in your hometown, be cautious when connecting to public Wi-Fi and never use it for online banking or entering personal or financial information. / CRIME: The Lane County Sheriff's Office's newest K-9, Hektor, recently located and captured a well-hidden suspect, showing that his hours of training and hard work with his handler, Deputy Ray May, are paying off. On Sunday, July 7, Hektor and Deputy May responded to assist in tracking a suspect who reportedly fired a weapon at someone then fled into a wooded area near Cottage Grove. The tracking began in darkness through thick brush and trees. But Hektor followed the suspect's scent through the challenging terrain and located the 53-year-old man hidden in a small space underneath a root wad. A two-year-old Belgian Malinois Hektor joined the Sheriff's Office in 2018. He's the son of "Frits," a retired LCSO K9. The K9 Program is funded by community donations that cover the cost of food, veterinary services, equipment (including a K9 bullet proof vest), and training. Want to donate? Go to the Lane County Sheriff's Office K9 page to contribute. / VETERANS, FAMILIES, HOUSING: The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs has announced lower interest rates for its home loan products, effective this week. The Oregon Veteran Home Loan Program, which provides the state's veterans with one of the most unique veteran benefits, has been one of ODVA's core veteran services since the agency's inception nearly 75 years ago. ODVA is a lender and servicer of home loans exclusively for veterans in Oregon and has helped nearly 340,000 veterans secure more than \$8 billion in home loans since 1945. A recent lending limit increase allows veterans to borrow up to \$484,350 for a single family, owner-occupied residence in Oregon. The Oregon Veteran Home Loan is a separate and distinct loan product from the federal VA Home Loan Guarantee benefit. If you have a federal VA guaranteed mortgage and have any questions regarding potential refunds, please contact your loan servicer or the Regional VA Loan Center at 1-877-827-3702. To be eligible for this Oregon

benefit, a veteran must have served on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces. as documented on discharge documents (DD-214), and must meet one of the service criteria outlined on ODVA's website. The rates for Qualified Veterans Mortgage Bond loan products were lowered by 0.125 percent, while the rates for Unrestricted loan products dropped 0.250 percent. Please see the attached rate sheet for a complete list of pricing options. The rates took effect July 17. For more information about the Oregon Veteran Home Loan and other eligibility requirements, please visit orvethomeloans.com or call the ODVA Home Loan department at 1-888-673-8387. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE: For the second year in a row, fishing for wild fall Chinook salmon will be restricted in coastal rivers, due to poor out-migrations last year and poor forecasted returns this year. Biologists say the 2018 drought conditions in the salmon's native streams and the lingering effects of the large mass of warm water in the Pacific Ocean, known as "the blob," contributed to poor survival. Most of these temporary regulations will be in effect from Aug. 1-Dec. 31, though a few do not start until Sept. 16 or Oct. 1. Bag limits vary by basin, and a few rivers and creeks will be closed entirely, due to expected low water conditions. But forecasted Chinook salmon returns to the Rogue and Umpqua rivers are good this year, so permanent regulations will be in effect this fall. Fishing managers say longtime anglers are familiar with the ups and downs of salmon and steelhead abundance due to the cyclical nature of their run. Biologists believe salmon runs will improve but say implementing additional conservation measures now further protects Oregon's wild fall Chinook salmon in the future. It's worth noting that the restrictions on adult wild Chinook daily and season bag limits do not apply to fin-clipped hatchery fish, which will add additional angling opportunity to several coastal basins. In these areas, anglers may harvest adult hatchery Chinook salmon until the daily bag limit of 2 has been met. In areas open for adult wild Chinook salmon harvest with the temporary bag limit, no more than 1 wild adult Chinook salmon may be harvested per day as part of the daily bag limit. The daily limit for jack Chinook salmon (hatchery or wild) remains 5 fish per day and does not count towards the adult daily limit. However, once the adult daily limit is harvested, anglers cannot continue to fish for jack salmon. It's worth mentioning that hatchery Coho salmon fishing in the ocean has also been excellent this year, a fishery which is mainly driven by abundant Columbia River stocks. However, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has not proposed any coastal in-river fisheries for wild Coho salmon this year, due to low forecasted returns. / BUSINESS, CRIME: A suburban Portland business owner who sold counterfeit rifle scopes from China has received five years' federal probation. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports 58-year-old Mark Culp was sentenced Thursday. Prosecutors say he sold 13 Chinese-made Leupold scopes far below the market price. Prosecutors say Culp made about \$3,700 online. Officials say Leupold & Stevens Inc. personnel purchased the online products. confirmed the forgeries and notified authorities. Culp says it is "a hard lesson learned" and he intends to move forward with his life and business. Culp retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2010 and has no prior criminal record. Leupold also makes range finders, binoculars and thermal sensors for sporting, shooting and military applications. / WILDLIFE, COMMUNITY: Four scorpions were brought to the Keizer Fire District after a woman found the abandoned arachnids at an area park. The Statesman Journal reports the scorpions were found near a playground inside of a Red Vines licorice container Wednesday. The critters were confirmed

to be Pacific Northwest Forest Scorpions, a species native to the Willamette Valley. The species is not aggressive. They can sting but prefer to play dead when disturbed. The scorpions were then given to the Oregon Department of Agriculture, which maintains a staff of professional entomologists. Under the entomologists' care, the scorpions will be used for education, traveling to events such as the Oregon State Fair. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Authorities say a California man drowned in the North Fork of the Santiam River as he tried to help his 12-year-old daughter who appeared to be in distress. The Marion County Sheriff's Office says emergency crews responded to a report of a swimmer who had gone underwater Thursday afternoon. Authorities say people nearby had gotten 29-year-old Baltazar Tellovelasco of Oxnard, California, out of the water by the time emergency responders arrived. Authorities say efforts to resuscitate Tellovelasco were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead at the scene. Deputies say Tellovelasco had gone into the water to assist his daughter. She was able to make it out safely. / GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, LOW-INCOME, BUSINESS: House Democrats approved legislation Thursday to raise the federal minimum wage for the first time in a decade, to \$15 an hour, transforming an issue that once splintered the party into a benchmark for the 2020 election. Even though the bill has little chance of passing the Republican-led Senate, or being signed into law by President Trump, the outcome pushes the phased-in rate to the forefront as the new standard, one already in place at some leading U.S. corporations. While the increase would boost pay for some 30 million low-wage workers, intended as one answer to income inequality, passage was assured only after centrist Democrats won adjustments to the bill. Reluctant to embrace the party's left flank, they pushed for changes, including a slower six-year phase-in of the wage. It's a reminder of moderates' influence on policy, but also the limits. A hike in the \$7.25 hourly wage has been a top Democratic campaign promise, and what Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland called Thursday the "right thing to do." The last increase in the federal minimum occurred 10 years ago, the longest stretch without an adjustment since the wage floor was first enacted during the 1930s. The wage protection covers millions of low-wage workers in all types of jobs. Under the House bill, for the first time, tipped workers would be required to be paid the same as others earning the minimum, boosting their pay to \$15 an hour, too. It's now \$2.13, in what labor scholars call a jarring remnant from the legacy of slavery, when newly freed workers received only tips. Republicans have long maintained that states and municipalities are already able to raise the wage beyond the federal minimum, and many have done so. They warn higher wages will cost jobs, especially among smaller business owners. While opponents have long said higher minimum wages lead to job losses, economists say new studies are casting doubt on those long-held theories. A report from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office sent mixed messages. It said more than 30 million workers would see bigger paychecks with a higher wage, lifting more than 1 million workers from poverty. It also said between 1 million and 3 million jobs could be lost. /

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TRANSPORTATION. SAFETY: The 6th Avenue off-ramp from westbound I-105 (the Jefferson Street Bridge) opened on schedule, Friday, July 19. Work on the ramp included bridge rail replacement, deck resurfacing and seismic reinforcement. Lanes and ramps will be open in each direction on I-105 during the Lane County Fair. But there will be work on the shoulders, so travelers should watch for crews and slow down in the work zone. Expect nighttime lane closures over the next several months. Daytime lane closures are finished. Work continues on both directions of the I-105 viaducts until the end of August. There will be lane closures as needed while crews continue replacing bridge rails. The bumps from bridge joint replacement will be there until they are paved over. Expect paving on the ramps in September. The next phase of work in the \$18 million bridge preservation project will be the Willamette River Bridge, including the southbound Delta Highway on-ramp to I-105. That work begins after the first of the year. The Interstate 105 (Washington/Jefferson Street Bridge) Bridge Preservation Project is bringing bridges and ramps between Delta Highway and downtown Eugene up to current standards. The bridges were built in the late 1960s and early 1970s. / DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION: Starting today, July 22nd, construction crews will close portions of the South Bank Path for two years, between the bicycle and pedestrian bridges at Alton Baker Park and just south of Autzen Stadium. Crews will remove and replace the path as part of the Downtown Riverfront project, including a new park and other infrastructure improvements. Once that work is complete, people will be able to enjoy a new path through the park. Closing the path will give crews space to safely work, as large construction equipment will be moving through the area. Access to the path from Eighth and Hilyard Streets will also be closed during parts of 2019 and 2020. Crews will be preparing for and building a roundabout near the path. People on the south side of the river are encouraged to use bicycle and pedestrian bridges to detour north through Alton Baker Park around the closure. There will also be a detour through downtown Eugene, which will be signed, however the route is still being finalized. / CRIME: Eugene Police Property Crimes detectives have noted an increase in garage door burglaries where the suspect(s) used the victims' own garage door remotes to gain entry. In some cases, the remote was stolen from the victim's vehicle while parked in front of the residence in a gated community. Once in the garage, burglars have access to property such as tools, bicycles and other valuables. Furthermore, burglars can then use those tools to help them force

access into the interior of your home, stealing electronics, jewelry and much more. Regardless of where you live, it is important to be aware of potential security risks and take the following steps to protect your home and property: Keep your garage door remote on your person, not in the car. Invest in a keychain remote to make this easier. Make sure the door from your garage into your home is as secure as your front door. Keep your garage door closed at all times when not working directly inside. Thieves know that if your car is parked somewhere other than your home, they may have time and opportunity to enter your garage while you are still away. For this reason, ensure that any paperwork inside your vehicle does not return to your home address. Oregon law allows the registered owner to "black out or otherwise obscure the residence address, business address, mailing address and vehicle address shown on the registration card. No other information on the registration card may be blacked out or otherwise obscured" in certain circumstances. Remove your address from other paperwork you might routinely keep in your glovebox and other items that might reveal your address and identity. If you are uncertain about the security of your home, please contact your crime prevention specialist to schedule a free home security inspection. Visit our website at www.eugenepolice.com for more details and for more prevention tips and information, including home security video tutorials. If you're a neighbor, be alert and call police if you see anything that appears suspicious. For emergencies and crimes in progress call 9-1-1. To report suspicious activity or crimes that have already occurred that are not emergencies, please call the non-emergency line at 541.682.5111. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: A new law in Oregon allows students to take "mental health days" just as they would sick days. The teens who lobbied for the bill say it's meant to respond to a mental health crisis in schools. Gov. Kate Brown signed the measure into law last month. The Oregon Health Authority reports suicide is the second-leading cause of death among those in the state age 10 to 34. Nearly 17 percent of eighth graders say they've considered taking their own life within the last 12 months. One 18-year-old from suburban Sherwood who introduced the bill along with other student leaders says it changes the stigma around mental health and encourages kids to be honest with their parents if they're struggling. Utah passed a similar law last year. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Republicans frustrated by losing their grip on political power in some Western states have begun deploying a new weapon: the recall. Once reserved for targeting corrupt or inept elected officials, the recall has become part of the toolkit for Republicans seeking a do-over of election results. One GOP strategist in Colorado has put a name to it — "recall season." To be sure, Democrats also have used recalls, most notably in Wisconsin, where they tried unsuccessfully to oust then-Republican Gov. Scott Walker in 2012 after he weakened public sector unions. But Republicans have been mounting recall efforts against Democratic state lawmakers and governors at an unprecedented rate over the past two years in a handful of Western states, at the same time their political fortunes there have been declining.; Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney says he has no plans to step aside, despite a bruising legislative session that saw two walkouts by Republicans and criticism from some of his fellow majority Democrats about the Legislature's failure to pass a climate change bill and other measures. Courtney told The Oregonian / OregonLive that "I'm not going anywhere." The 76-year-old lawmaker says he's already conferring with House Speaker Tina Kotek about how to pass a cap-and-

tread measure to curb greenhouse gas emissions next year. That bill sparked the GOP's second Senate walkout of the 2019 Legislature. They returned after more than a week away from the Capitol after it became clear the environmental bill wouldn't pass this session. / SAFETY: A Junction City-area woman died Sunday morning in northeastern Oregon in a freak motorcycle accident. It happened on U.S. Highway 97, about two miles north of the town of Moro in Sherman County, shortly after 11:30 a.m. Oregon State Police say a wild turkey flew into a northbound commercial truck, then struck the cyclist, 55-year-old Vanessa Gunther. The impact sent her across the oncoming lane and into a guardrail. She died at the scene.; Authorities say a 7-year-old was killed after being run over by a boat trailer at a park in Portland. KOIN reports the accident at Willamette Park happened about 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Portland Police Bureau said officers responded to a call that the boy had been run over by a boat but investigators said it appeared he was run over by a boat trailer, not a boat, at the boat ramp. He was rushed to a hospital with life-threatening injuries but died a short while later. The area was closed for several hours while an investigation was completed. / BUSINESS, RECREATION: There are plenty of great places in Oregon to celebrate ice cream. Sunday was National Ice Cream Day. To celebrate, the state of Oregon, agriculture leaders and others unveiled the first ten suggested stops on the new Oregon Ice Cream Trail. The list was curated by the Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council, and it includes: Salt & Straw (2035 NE Alberta St., Portland) - Characterized by inventive flavors, this small batch shop began in 2011 as a food cart not far from this first brick and mortar location. Ruby Jewel (3713 N Mississippi Ave., Portland) - Known for distinctly original, artisanal ice cream sandwiches, since 2004. This location was their first shop, which opened in 2010. Fifty Licks (2021 SE Clinton St #101, Portland) - You may have seen the truck around town. The owner loves food science and making ice cream from scratch with local ingredients. Cloud City Ice Cream (4525 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland) - Flavors based on family recipes, made on the premise that ice cream makes an ordinary day into something special. Tillamook Cheese Factory Visitors Center (4165 Highway 101 North, Tillamook) - With more than 1.3 million guests annually, this is consistently one of Oregon's top tourist attractions, and many go straight for the ice cream. Serendipity (502 NE Third Street, McMinnville) This shop gives job experience and training for adults with developmental disabilities, in addition to great ice cream and a player piano. Prince Pückler's (1605 E 19th Ave, Eugene) - With more than 40 flavors, this gourmet ice cream has been made with quality local ingredients since 1975. K & R Drive Inn. (201 John Long Rd, Oakland) - Located just off of i-5 at Rice Hill, and a favorite pit stop for Umpqua ice cream on road trips since 1970. Goody's (57100 Beaver Dr., Sunriver) - The ice cream counter at this store continues to be a visitors' favorite during busy vacation times and a "local's" tradition year-round. Sno Cap (1053 NW 6th St., Redmond) - Originally Peden's Ice Cream back in the 60s, Sno Cap is an institution and a locals favorite serving Eberhard's Ice Cream. Knowing everybody has their own favorite shops, brands and flavors, the trail is being crowdsourced to include additional stops. For the rest of the month, you can vote and comment on odncouncil.org and social media accounts with the hashtag #OregoniceCreamTrail. / DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS: Deschutes County has decided to block a proposed marijuana growing and processing facility after learning that two of the people involved in the plans were recently arrested. The

Bulletin newspaper of Bend reports that a neighbor of the facility in Alfalfa, east of Bend, challenged it over concerns with the credibility of those involved with the company that proposed it, High Desert Agriculture. One member of the company. 51-year-old Sam Onat, was arrested in February in connection with what police described as an illegal marijuana operation in La Pine. He faces charges that include pot growing and money laundering. County commissioners were prepared to wait and see how his case played out, but then they learned that Onat's son, Jacob Onat, was arrested in May. KTVZ-TV says he has not been charged. Commissioners voted to deny permission for the facility last week. / GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: Hundreds of state home care workers in Oregon reported receiving late paychecks from the Department of Human Services, sometimes leaving employees in a state of financial uncertainty. Nearly 50 home care workers rallied outside DHS headquarters in Salem last week to demand the agency address what they say is a systemic flaw in the state's payroll system, the Statesman Journal reported. Rebecca Sandoval, a home care worker from Medford and vice president of the union that represents home care workers. says the current system is creating a financial crisis for too many home care and personal support workers. A survey from Service Employees International Union Local 503, the state's largest public employee union, found that over 40% of the nearly 2,000 home care workers surveyed reported not receiving a paycheck on time. There's approximately 30,000 home care and personal support workers in the state, who care for the elderly and those with intellectual disabilities through two state-managed programs. Home care and personal support workers are paid differently, and home care workers have to submit more information to the state, a bureaucratic step that sometimes rife with human error. Late payments are often the result of paperwork errors like a missing signature, agency officials said. Department of Human Services officials said in a statement the agency is "committed to ensuring that personal support and home care workers, who are so crucial to the people we serve, are paid on time and compensated for all of their work." The statement added that although the "vast majority of payments" are made on time, some paychecks can be delayed because of errors made by the state. Nearly 500 payments to personal support workers, who help those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, weren't received on time in 2018. Over 9,000 paychecks to home care workers, who work with the aging and disabled, were delayed. Late payments are not common, said Johnson Hoar, and state data shows that over 99.9% of payments to personal support workers and 97.8% of payments to home care workers were on time. For those living paycheck to paycheck, a late payment can be devastating. One home care worker in Gresham, said that she had trouble supporting her two daughters and her grandson after not getting her June paycheck on time and almost lost her home. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A failed bearing in a baler sparked a two-alarm grass fire outside of Lebanon on Saturday evening. It happened near Highway 34 and Red Bridge Road, deep in a farmer's field. Lebanon Fire crews found a large tractor and baler surrounded by fire in a wind rowed field. The fire was approximately half an acre in size, but gusty winds and a large amount of unburned fuel around the fire led to the Incident Commander to call for a second alarm to bring additional resources from neighboring departments. Firefighters from Tangent, Albany, and Scio responded to the scene while mutual aid crews from Scio, Brownsville, and Sweet Home responded to Lebanon to cover the

district. Crews quickly worked to attack the flanks of the fire as it moved south toward Highway 20, pushed by 10-15 mph winds. Once the fire was flanked, the head of the fire was extinguished and an extensive mop-up and overhaul operation began. Fire crews limited the damage to just 1.2 acres of burn and were able to protect the tractor from any major damage. The baler received more fire damage and will likely need to be rebuilt. The property is owned by Mike Hayes and Chris Horton was farming it with his crews and equipment. Horton estimated the combined value of the tractor and baler at \$270,000. Crews were on scene for close to three hours mopping up hot spots and ensuring that the baler fire was completely extinguished. One firefighter suffered mild heat exhaustion but was treated on scene and returned to duty. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT: The Trump administration is proposing an ambitious plan to slow Western wildfires by bulldozing, mowing or revegetating large swaths of land along 11,000 miles of terrain in the West. The plan announced this summer would create strips of land known as "fuel breaks" on about 1,000 square miles of land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in an area known as the Great Basin in parts of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada and Utah. The estimated cost range for the project is about \$55 million to \$192 million up front and up to \$107 million annually to maintain them. Wildfire experts say the program could help slow fires, but it won't help with the most extreme fires that can jump these strips of land. The breaks could fragment wildlife habitat. / CRIME: An Albany man has pleaded not guilty to charges related to a Thursday incident in which a shot was fired at Foster Farms in Corvallis. The Gazette-Times reports 22-year-old Adrian Nickerson faces charges including failure to perform the duties of a driver, criminal mischief, theft, unlawful possession of a firearm and burglary, among others. Nickerson's attorney, John Rich, entered the not guilty pleas Friday in Benton County Circuit Court. Benton County senior assistant district attorney Amie Matusko says Nickerson was involved in a traffic crash Thursday and realizing he didn't have his license with him, grabbed his backpack which contained a handgun and ran to his job at Foster Farms. She says Nickerson went into a women's restroom to change into his uniform and fired a shot into the ceiling when a woman entered. No one was injured. His bail was set at \$1 million, / CRIME: Con artists don't take vacations. The Oregon Department of Justice, Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services, and AARP Oregon are holding a fraud prevention workshop in Florence on Tuesday, July 23. The workshop is free and open to the public. The "Scam Jam" runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Florence Event Center. / BUSINESS, CRIME: Equifax will pay up to \$700 million to settle with the U.S. and states over a 2017 data breach that exposed Social Security numbers and other private information of nearly 150 million people. The settlement with the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission, as well as 48 states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, would provide up to \$425 million in monetary relief to consumers, a \$100 million civil money penalty, and other relief. The breach was one of the largest ever to threaten the private information. The consumer reporting agency, based in Atlanta, did not detect the attack for more than six weeks. The compromised data included Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses, driver license numbers, credit card numbers and in some cases, data from passports. Affected consumers may be eligible to receive money by filing one or more claims for conditions including money spent purchasing

credit monitoring or identity theft protection after the breach and the cost of freezing or unfreezing credit reports at any consumer reporting agency. All impacted consumers would be eligible to receive at least 10 years of free creditmonitoring, at least seven years of free identity-restoration services, and, starting on Dec. 31 and extending seven years, all U.S. consumers may request up to six free copies of their Equifax credit report during any 12-month period. If consumers choose not to enroll in the free credit monitoring product available through the settlement, they may seek up to \$125 as a reimbursement for the cost of a creditmonitoring product of their choice. Consumers must submit a claim in order to receive free credit monitoring or cash reimbursements. "Companies that profit from personal information have an extra responsibility to protect and secure that data," said FTC Chairman Joe Simons. "Equifax failed to take basic steps that may have prevented the breach that affected approximately 147 million consumers. This settlement requires that the company take steps to improve its data security going forward and will ensure that consumers harmed by this breach can receive help protecting themselves from identity theft and fraud." The settlement must still be approved by the federal district court in the Northern District of Georgia. Shares of Equifax Inc. dipped slightly before the opening bell. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, YOUTH, CRIME: Gov. Kate Brown yesterday signed into law a series of reforms for Oregon's juvenile justice system. Among other key changes, youth accused of serious crimes will no longer automatically be sent to adult court. Instead, prosecutors will have to request a hearing to determine whether those juveniles facing Measure 11 charges should tried as adults. It's part of an effort to shift the focus on youth offenders by enhancing education and rehabilitation, in hopes they won't commit any more crimes once they're eventually released back to their communities. Supporters of the new law say most youth who commit crimes can grow out of their criminal behavior and no longer pose a threat to society in their adult years. The law has broad support from Oregon corrections officials, Youth Authority leaders, judges, prosecutors and others. It goes into effect Jan. 1, 2020. The reforms come a quarter-century after voters approved Measure 11, the mandatory minimum sentencing law. Crimes covered by the law include sex offenses, murder, robbery and assault. Measure 11 requires that anyone 15 to 17 who is arrested for certain crimes be charged as an adult and comes with mandatory high bail levels and lengthy prison sentences. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Flare-ups continue in the footprint of last year's Terwilliger Fire along Cougar Reservoir in the Willamette National Forest. The Register-Guard reports firefighters have snuffed out four reburns, as firefighting officials call them. Northwest Oregon Interagency Fire Organization fire staff officer Edward Hiatt says the latest fire was spotted Friday and firefighters kept the blaze to less than an acre. Hiatt says even with rain and snow since last summer, smoldering deep within large logs and trees has led to the recent fires. The Terwilliger Fire began Aug. 19 of last year near popular Terwilliger Hot Springs east of Springfield. The human-caused blaze spread over more than 11,500 acres and prompted the closure of the hot springs, whose paths and structures were heavily damaged. Public access to the hot springs reopened earlier this month. Willamette National Forest officials ask anyone who sees smoke in the area to call 911 or the McKenzie River Ranger District at 541-822-3381. / ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION: The head of Oregon State University's College of Forestry has ordered a temporary stop to the cutting of older trees on the college's research forests. The Gazette-Times reports the move came after questions were raised about a logging operation near Corvallis that took down multiple trees more than 200 years old, including one Douglas fir that may date back to 1599. Interim Dean Anthony Davis announced

the moratorium in a college memo July 12, about a month after a logging operation was conducted near Sulphur Springs in the McDonald-Dunn Research Forest. Davis says they made a mistake in carrying out the harvest by not considering the future research and ecological benefit of the older trees. The memo says no trees more than 160 years old will be cut down until work is finished on a new comprehensive management plan for the college research forests. / ENVIRONMENT: Some of Oregon's iconic Douglas firs are dving as the state's summers have grown hotter and drier. The Statesman Journal reports that drought also is killing grand fir and might be contributing to declines in Western red cedar and bigleaf maple. Oregon has experienced drought each summer since 2012, peaking in 2015. While rainfall and snowpack have been close to average the past two years, temperatures in many areas still were above normal. Oregon Department of Forestry scientists conduct statewide aerial and ground tree surveys across 30 million acres each year, recording the number of dead and dying trees. In 2018, about 680,000 acres contained damaged or dead trees attributed to all causes. That's fewer than at the peak of the drought but still higher than historic levels. Christine Buhl, an entomologist for the Oregon Department of Forestry, said Douglas firs have been declining since Oregon's drought began in 2012. "Now, we're seeing Doug fir dying in other areas where maybe they could have lived before," Buhl said. That includes throughout the Willamette Valley. Grand fir has been declining for years, especially in the Willamette Valley, as precipitation becomes less consistent. "We might get a dump of water one day, and nothing for a week," Buhl said. "At a certain point in size these grand firs reach, they can't withstand that any longer." / GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Three members of Oregon's Congressional delegation say it's a longtime practice: Federal land management agencies sign annual partnership agreements with local fire departments and fire authorities to beef up the response to wildland blazes. But Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, along with Congressman Greg Walden say they've heard concerns from a number of local agencies that the feds might not renew some of those partnerships, exposing rural lands to a greater risk. Under the arrangement, the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service may call up qualified local fire professionals to assist on incident management teams and the local agencies receive funds to pay for short-term fill-ins. But the letter sent to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Interior Secretary David Bernhardt notes that the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service are allowing some existing cooperative agreements to lapse. Other local agencies with agreements in effect this year are concerned their deals might not be renewed. Wyden, Merkeley and Walden write that without such agreements, federal agencies could use a "workaround" to try to hire the seasoned fire professionals at very low wages. But they note that since there would be no money to hire fill-ins at the local level and cover the costs of things like training, equipment and insurance, it's unlikely most local fire agencies would approve such an arrangement. / HEALTH, BUSINESS, SAFETY: They worked for years in the nuclear industry. Years later, they were diagnosed with illnesses related exposure to radioactive materials and toxic substances. Today, representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor are in Albany to provide information about the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program and help current and former nuclear weapons workers file claims. They'll be at the United Steel Workers Union offices

in Albany (1400 SE Salem Avenue) beginning at 8:30 this morning until 4:30 this afternoon, with a break during the lunch hour. The event is open to the public and does not require pre-registration. The federal program provides lump-sum compensation and medical benefits to current and former workers whose illness results from working at a facility involved in nuclear weapons production. Covered illnesses include radiation-induced cancer, chronic beryllium disease, beryllium sensitivity, chronic silicosis, illness due to toxic substance exposure, and others. Some survivors of eligible employees also might be entitled to compensation. To date, eligible claimants around the country have received more than \$16.5 billion in compensation and medical benefits. Former and current workers also may file claims over the phone. Contact the Department's Hanford Resource Center tollfree at 888-654-0014. / SAFETY: A crash early Sunday morning six miles north of Marcola killed one Springfield man and badly injured a second. It happened shortly after two a.m. Sunday on Brush Creek Road near the intersection with Childers Road in southeastern Linn County. Officials say a passerby called in the accident after spotting the damaged vehicle. Investigators say it appears the driver of a 2007 Honda Civic, 27-year-old Jackie Saari, was traveling northbound on Brush Creek Road when he missed a curve, drove onto the gravel shoulder, and over corrected, causing the vehicle to roll multiple times before coming to rest on its wheels. Saari died at the scene. His passenger, 35-year-old James Randall Wilson, had to be extricated from the vehicle before being rushed to the hospital with significant injuries. Linn County Sheriff's officials say both men were wearing seatbelts. Investigators are working to determine whether alcohol use and excessive speed were factors in the crash. / BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE: An Oregon producer of plant-based foods has filed a lawsuit in federal court claiming an Arkansas law that bans the use of "meat" in the labeling of its products violates free speech rights. The Tofurky Co. filed the lawsuit Monday against Arkansas' Bureau of Standards. Oregon-based Tofurky produces tofu, quinoa and other plant-based "sausages," deli slices and burgers. The stated goal of the Arkansas law is to "require truth in labeling." It also bans companies from labeling other vegetables, such as cauliflower, as "rice." Arkansas is the nation's top rice producer. Tofurky filed a lawsuit in 2018 against a Missouri meat-labeling law. This month, Illinois-based Upton's Naturals Co. challenged a Mississippi law. Arkansas' law is set to take effect Wednesday. It would fine companies up to \$1,000 for each violation. / GOVERNMENT: Officials say computer systems at the Oregon State Capitol were down over the weekend after a generator malfunction during equipment testing. The Statesman Journal reports it happened when workers at the capitol were switching from a temporary power source used during construction work to a permanent power source and testing equipment including the generator, according to Capitol Accessibility, Maintenance and Safety project director Jodie Jones. When the generator malfunctioned, the computer server room also shut down. The Oregon State Legislature site was down. Capitol employees could still access their emails but could not access files on the server. Jones says there was no breach of public data during the process. The power outage lasted from 4 p.m. Friday until 10 a.m. Sunday. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, SAFETY, AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS: Oregon wildlife officials have proposed new regulations to avoid entangling whales in commercial fishing gear used by the state's Dungeness crab industry. The Daily Astorian reports state fishery officials presented recommendations to avoid

unwanted whale interactions to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission during a June meeting. Officials say there were 12 cases of entangled whales as of July 16, half associated with commercial fishing and a third with commercial crabbing. Fisheries say recommendations include new gear identification tags and equipment cleanup requirements before the season's end, eliminating a twoweek, postseason grace period. Commercial fishermen say they can clean up earlier, but other changes could be contentious. Officials say Oregon has also applied for a federal permit allowing fishermen to take a small number of whales each year while fishing. / SAFETY. ENVIRONMENT: A man died Monday while boating in the Rogue River in Shady Cove. Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) marine patrol deputies are investigating the incident. On July 22, 2019, at 11:47 a.m., a man called 911 to report his father was drowning. The caller told dispatch that that victim had gone underwater with his hand caught on the boat's anchor rope. He was reportedly not wearing a life jacket. Personnel from JCSO. Fire District #4, and Mercy Flights responded to the location, approximately onequarter mile downstream from the Upper Rogue River Park boat ramp. Rescue personnel retrieved the unresponsive victim from the water and attempted resuscitation. The victim was transported by ambulance from the boat ramp to Providence Medford Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. An investigator with the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the hospital. JCSO marine patrol deputies continue to investigate the boating accident. / GOVERNMENT, LOW-INCOME: The Trump administration today proposed tightening automatic eligibility requirements for the food stamp program. a change that could affect about 3.1 million people. The Agriculture Department said the rule would close what officials termed "a loophole" that enables people receiving only minimal benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, or TANF, to be eligible automatically for food stamps. Under current law, states may confer eligibility for food stamps, officially called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP, if they meet income and other requirements for TANF. USDA says 43 states, including Oregon, have expanded that to include households that the agency claims "barely participate" in TANF. USDA said this has resulted in people receiving food stamps who don't need it and who would not qualify under regular program rules. It estimates that in 2020, 3.1 million food stamp recipients, or 8% of the total could be affected. Under the proposal, to qualify for automatic eligibility, people would have to get at least \$50 a month in benefits from TANF for a minimum of six months. The rule is open for public comment for 60 days. /

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CRIME, YOUTH, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: Close to a year after a baby was found unconscious and not breathing at a now-shuttered west Eugene day care. its 27-year-old former operator, Nicole Sumpter, has been arrested on charges of manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, criminal mistreatment and evidence tampering. It is unclear how investigators and prosecutors believe Sumpter's actions led to the infant's death. A lawyer representing the infant's family says that doctors believe the baby's heart stopped and his brain lacked oxygen but offered no explanation as to what caused what they describe as a brain injury. The baby, nine-month-old William Cannon, was found unconscious at the Little Big Blessings day care on Aug. 22 of last year and died two days later at a hospital. In April of 2018, state regulators cited Little Big Blessings for unsafe sleep practices after inspectors saw a three-month-old baby propped on a pillow inside a bassinet. State rules call for day cares to put infants to sleep on a flat surface. In June of last year, officials said the day care's operator and an employee let their background checks expire, a violation of state regulations. The infant was discovered unconscious two months later. Federal regulations require states to disclose any death of a child at a licensed child-care. In recent years, Oregon officials routinely did so within days or weeks. But the state did not disclose the baby's death until March, following inquiries from The Oregonian and OregonLive. The news outlets reported that the state medical examiner's office did not conduct a forensic autopsy at the time, which later led to the then-chief medical examiner stepping down from her post. There was also controversy over the case because it came amid calls to shore up Oregon's child welfare system amid a heated gubernatorial race. Later, it was revealed that the state Office of Child Care did not acknowledge the infant's death sooner because officials claimed, quote. "partner agencies," end quote, did not give it permission to release the information. / CRIM, FAMILIES, SAFETY, POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: Oregon will close a loophole in state law that allowed domestic abusers to illegally hold on to their firearms. Gov. Kate Brown signed a measure Tuesday that threatens further penalties to domestic abusers who refuse to turn over their firearms following a court order. It strengthens a 2015 law meant to keep guns from those with convictions for domestic violence or stalking. Legislators had heard complaints that abusers were still holding onto their weapons by skipping court hearings. Democrats were only able to push through modest gun law changes this year despite a supermajority in the Legislature. A more sweeping our reform

package was cast aside as part of a deal to convince Senate Republicans to return from a walkout over education funding. Brown and other high-ranking Democrats say they plan to work on more expansive gun control measures in the future. / SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT: A former Lane County Sheriff's deputy died this week in an Eastern Oregon motorcycle crash. Oregon State Police say 48-year-old Christopher Jones, who has worked for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office since 2007, was traveling on Highway 207 in Wheeler County when, for an unknown reason, his motorcycle left the road and crashed. Jones died at the scene. / HEALTH, POLITICS, ELDERS: Two senior U.S. senators an Oregon Democrat and an Iowa Republican— are unveiling compromise legislation to reduce prescription drug costs for millions of Medicare recipients, while saving money for federal and state health care programs. Staffers for Oregon Democrat Ron Wyden and Iowa Republican Charles Grassley say the bill would for the first-time limit drug copays for people with Medicare's prescription plan, capping patients' total out-of-pocket costs at \$3,100 a year starting in 2022. It would also require drugmakers to pay a "price hike penalty" to Medicare if the cost of their medications goes up faster than inflation. The White House supported the Senate negotiations. Wyden and Grassley are hoping for a committee vote Thursday. Democrats controlling the House want to go farther by granting Medicare legal authority to negotiate prices. / LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, GOVERNMENT: The Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative is re-opening a mortgage payment assistance program for Oregon homeowners who are receiving unemployment benefits. The Mortgage Payment Assistance Unemployment program helps unemployed homeowners avoid foreclosure while they seek new employment. Eligible homeowners may receive assistance to cover up to 12 months of mortgage payments, up to a maximum of \$20,000. Wondering if you might qualify? Basic eligibility requirements of the MPAU program require that you are receiving unemployment insurance at the time of application; do not own other residential property; and are not in active bankruptcy. Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2019. Interested homeowners should visit www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org for information on the application process including an eligibility checklist, application document checklist, and a list of "Frequently Asked Questions." To date, Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative programs have provided more than \$265 million to help more than 15,000 Oregon homeowners stay in their homes. The program offers several other ways of helping struggling homeowners including help for those on a fixed income struggling to pay their mortgage; help with property tax payments, including those with a reverse mortgage; and help with past due mortgage payments for those who can demonstrate they can pay their mortgage post-assistance. Want to know more? I've placed a link to the program details and application form on my TracyKKNU Facebook page. / BUSINESS: An Oregon newspaper company hopes to outbid two others for The Bulletin and Redmond Spokesman. The Bulletin reports that EO Media Group, publisher of 11 newspapers from the Wallowas to the Oregon Coast, is offering \$2.5 million for Bend's daily newspaper and its weekly sister publication in Redmond. That's according to a notice filed Monday in U.S. District Court of Oregon. The Bulletin's parent company. Western Communications, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January and is in the process of selling all of its assets. An auction will be held July 29 in the Portland office of Tonkon Torp LLP, which represents

Western Communications. A hearing is scheduled later that day in U.S. District Court. One other company, Adams Publishing Group, also bid on the Central Oregon newspapers. Adams owns 27 daily and 100 nondaily newspapers across the country. EO Media Group has been publishing newspapers since 1905. The company recently bought two other Western Communications newspapers, the Baker City Herald and The Observer in La Grande, out of bankruptcy. / BUSINESS, RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, EVENTS: Ideas include a retractable roof and a redesign of the seating to create a "theatre in the round," putting theater-goers closer to the actors. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival, a major tourist draw in southern Oregon, is exploring changes to its famous outdoor theater after losing millions because of smoky wildfire conditions in 2017 and 2018. The annual summer theater festival uses Ashland High School's indoor theater when smoke shuts down its outdoor 1,190-seat Elizabethan Theatre, and the festival has added matinee performances, as well, to try to get audiences in and out before smoke thickens in the evening hours. But the festival is looking for a permanent solution to volatile air quality issues. The Ashland Tidings reports the festival has hired a prominent professional in theater construction to explore ideas for modifications. The past two seasons, the festival suffered a combined loss of \$5.4 million, according to its annual reports. Managers say about \$2 million of that can be attributed to smoke-related cancellations and declining ticket sales during periods when wildfires are common. Last year, the Shakespeare Festival had to cancel nine performances and move 17 performances from its outdoor theatre to the smaller indoor auditorium at Ashland High School. / CRIME, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT: A federal judge has dismissed a class action lawsuit by current and former inmates claiming the Oregon prison system served them spoiled food. The Oregonian/Oregon Live reported Tuesday that the 2017 lawsuit was thrown out by a U.S. district judge who found there was no evidence of sustained "adverse health impacts." The lawsuit says state prison inmates were served fish and chicken intended as "bait food," spoiled milk and other food marked "not for human consumption." The lawsuit says the conditions violated the inmates' Eighth Amendment rights against cruel and unusual punishment. The judge found there was occasional illness but no evidence food was "constitutionally inadequate." The prisons cited in the lawsuit were the Oregon State Penitentiary, Two Rivers Correctional Institution, Columbia River Correctional Institution, and Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. / CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT: The Portland Police Department has developed an online system to provide updates to people who have been tested for evidence of sexual assault. The Oregonian/Oregon Live reported Tuesday that the online system has been used in Portland since May and the state police plan to adopt it statewide by the end of July 2020. Police say people can track sexual assault kits anonymously to determine if evidence obtained during a hospital visit was submitted to a crime lab for testing. Authorities say the online system will not reveal the crime lab results, but only whether the results were given to police. The newspaper says the online system is a result of new state legislation that holds authorities accountable in response to cases of police holding untested kits. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A man who drowned Monday has been identified as 54-year-old Jon Van Valkenburg of Medford. The Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office determined he died due to accidental drowning. The Mail Tribune reports Van Valkenburg had been fishing with his son in a raft on the Rogue River, according to marine patrol

deputies. Deputies say he pulled on a rope to retrieve an anchor, became tangled in the rope and was pulled overboard. Investigators say the rope was wrapped around his hand and the current held him underwater. Fire personnel found Van Valkenburg submerged and unresponsive. He died at a hospital. Van Valkenburg was a primary care physician who also served as the medical director of the urgent care clinic at the Providence Medical Group Medford Medical Clinic, Providence confirmed Tuesday. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for wind and low relative humidity, which is in effect from 1:00 p.m. this afternoon to 7 p.m. this evening. Affected Area, in Oregon, Southern Portion of Fire Weather Zone 604 Willamette Valley. Winds: North 10 to 15 MPH with Gusts Up to 25 mph. Relative Humidity: 20 to 25 Percent. Conditions may be favorable for rapid fire spread which may threaten life and property. Use extra caution with potential ignition sources, especially in grassy areas. Outdoor burning is not recommended. A Red Flag Warning Means That critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. A combination of these conditions can contribute to extreme fire behavior. This warning expires this evening at 8:00 p.m. unless extended later today.; Spending time today on or along the Willamette? The Lane County Sheriff's Office is sharing a report of an overdue paddler who set out on a canoe trip Tuesday morning. He was reported overdue that night by concerned friends. Kenneth Swanson was last seen at Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Pengra Boat Launch near Lowell. Swanson planned to canoe the Willamette River to an unknown takeout, where he would contact friends and advise them of his location. Kenneth Swanson did not contact his friends and his location is unknown. Kenneth Swanson is 62 years old, 6' 0", 240 pounds with brown hear and a full beard. He was last seen wearing a black jacket and t-shirt with 2 orange personal flotation devices. Friends say he has above-average outdoor experience and no known medical conditions. Swanson's friends say he was paddling in a 4-person aluminum canoe. It's believed he had supplies for one day on the river. The Lane County Search and Rescue, Lane County Marine Patrol and Eugene Fire department searched the Willamette River Wednesday morning from Pengra Boat Launch to Brown's Landing but were unable to locate Kenneth Swanson. If you have information regarding his location or observe his canoe, contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, CRIME: For a second time this week, there's been a fatal crash on Brush Creek Road, between Marcola and Crawfordsville. And for a second time, investigators think alcohol might be a factor. The latest deaths occurred Tuesday evening, around 6:15 p.m. A Sweet Home man faces manslaughter, drunken driving and reckless driving charges after investigators say his car crashed head-on into vehicle carrying four people, killing a mother and one of her young children. Linn County Sheriff's investigators say 29-year-old Brian James McIntire was traveling north along Brush Creek Road about a mile east of Crawfordsville when his 1999

Jeep Wrangler veered into the oncoming lane and struck a black 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer. 24-year-old Stormy Barge of Sweet Home died at the scene. Her daughter. Emma Pulido, died while being rushed to the hospital. The others in the Mitsubishi, driver Ty Kirkland and three-year-old Macy Pulido were hospitalized with minor injuries. On Sunday, a single-vehicle crash on Brush Creek Road killed one Springfield man and injured another. Officials suspect alcohol use and excessive speed were factors. Linn County Sheriff's officials are pleading with drivers to be cautious. Do not drink and drive. / LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT. FAMILIES: More concerns yesterday from those who assist Oregon's hungry about how a proposed rule change by the Trump administration might cut off food stamp benefits for 3.1 million Americans, including an estimated 60,000 Oregon adults and children. Officials with the Agriculture Department say the rule change would close "a loophole" that enables people receiving only minimal benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to be eligible automatically for food stamps without undergoing further checks on their income or assets. But officials with the Oregon Food Bank and Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon say the change would prevent the State of Oregon from allowing households with incomes up to 185 percent of the federal poverty limit or those with modest assets to apply for food stamp or SNAP benefits. For a single-person household, Oregon allows such benefits with those making an annual income of \$23,106 or less; for a family of four, \$47,638. Oregon Department of Human Services estimates that tens of thousands of SNAP participants across the state would lose their benefits, reducing SNAP funds to the state by more than \$3 million each month. They say that would affect grocery stores, farmers' markets and other businesses. And they say the proposal would make it harder for children to get free school meals if their families no longer qualify. / IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT: There are now dueling legal rulings after a federal judge in San Francisco yesterday ordered the Trump administration to stop denying asylum to anyone who travels through another country in an effort to reach the U.S. border. The decision came hours after another federal judge in Washington, D.C., let the 9-day-old policy stand. But the California judge's preliminary injunction halts the policy while the lawsuit plays out in court. It marks the latest legal defeat for a president waging an all-out battle to stem the flow of migrants entering from Mexico. The new policy denies asylum to anyone who passes through another country on the way to the U.S. without seeking protection there. Most crossing the Mexican border are from Central America. The dramatic change went into effect last week, though there were conflicting reports on whether U.S. immigration agencies were enforcing it. Top U.S. officials said the policy would discourage migrants from leaving their home countries, which they say is necessary to reduce the numbers of people that U.S. authorities are detaining. The White House condemned the judge's order, calling it "tyranny of a dysfunctional system." But the San Francisco judge said the policy could expose migrants to violence and abuse, deny their rights under international law and return them to countries they were fleeing. He cited the administration's own court filings to argue that Mexico was unsafe. The California judge ruled in favor of advocacy groups represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Center for Constitutional Rights. / BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT: Four major automakers have reached a deal with California to increase gas mileage and greenhouse gas emissions standards, bypassing the Trump administration's plan to freeze

standards at 2021 levels. The automakers also agreed to recognize California's authority to set its own standards, which are followed by at least a dozen other states, including Oregon. Ford, BMW, Honda and Volkswagen are parties to the deal with the California Air Resources Board, which had been at odds with the Trump administration for months. California has said it would exercise its powers to set more stringent pollution and mileage standards than the federal government has proposed. A person familiar with the talks says the four automakers see the California agreement as "insurance" to provide some certainty to the industry and the state no matter who wins the 2020 presidential elections. It's unclear how the rest of the auto industry and the White House will react to the deal. The four automakers represent about 30% of U.S. new-vehicle sales. Toyota said it continues to support a single national standard that the whole industry can agree to. The Trump administration has sought to freeze Obama administration standards that would have required the fleet of new vehicles to get an average of 36 miles per gallon in real-world driving by 2025. The freeze would keep mileage at around 30 mpg. The administration says the extra expense to comply with the requirements will raise the price of new cars, depriving buyers of new safety technology. The administration also has threatened to challenge California's ability to set its own standards. Under the deal with California, fuel economy and corresponding greenhouse gas emissions standards would rise by 3.7% per year starting with the 2022 model year, through 2026, according to the statement from the four automakers. Automakers could get 1 percentage point of the increase by using advanced technology credits such as those for hydrogen fuel cell, plug-in gas-electric hybrids, and battery electric vehicles. Automakers also would get credits for devices that aren't counted in EPA test cycles such as stopping the engine at red lights and restarting it quickly when the driver wants to go. The process would be streamlined to get credits approved for new technologies. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Breast implant maker Allergan Inc. issued a worldwide recall Wednesday for certain textured models of implants and tissue expanders after regulators alerted the company to a heightened cancer risk with the devices. Experts with the Food and Drug Administration called for the action after new information showed Allergan's Biocell breast implants with a textured surface were tied to the vast majority of cases of a rare form of lymphoma. The move follows similar action in France, Australia, Canada and other nations. The FDA is not recommending women with the implants have them removed because experts say the cancer is so rare, but say women should check with their doctor if they have symptoms, which include pain and swelling. Biocell implants feature a textured surface designed to prevent slippage and to minimize scar tissue. Those models account for just 5 percent of the U.S. market. The vast majority of breast implants used in the U.S. have a smooth surface. Wednesday's recall does not affect Allergan's smooth implants or a different Allergan textured implant sold under the Microcell brand. Health authorities first linked breast implants to cancer in 2011. The disease is not breast cancer but lymphoma that grows in the scar tissue surrounding the breasts. It grows slowly and can usually be successfully treated by surgically removing the implants. Want to learn more? I've posted a link to the recall on my TracyKKNU Facebook page. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: It's designed to ease the suffering of those with less than two weeks to live. A change to state law will allow certain terminally ill patients in Oregon more direct access to life-ending

medications under the state's assisted suicide law. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed the legislation this week. It allows doctors to make exceptions to the more than two-week waiting period if the terminally ill patient is likely to die before then. The waiting period is designed to ensure patients are certain of their decision. State Senator Floyd Prozanski, a Eugene Democrat, helped sponsor the legislation. He says the change for terminally ill patients in the final stages means fewer Oregonians will suffer needlessly at the end of their lives. Opponents argued the change was an unnecessary expansion of the law, saying it would remove critical safeguards meant to ensure people are confident in their decision to end their own life. Oregon's physician-assisted suicide law, the first of its kind when it took effect in 1997, had required terminally ill patients to make two requests - separated by a 15-day waiting period. They then had to wait 48 hours to receive the prescription. The change will allow Oregonians expected to die within 15 days to bypass the waiting period - a move proponents say will bring relief to gravely ill people and reduce bureaucracy. The number of people who have taken advantage of Oregon's law has been relatively small. Since 1997, 2,217 terminally ill patients have received the life-ending medications and 1,459 died from taking the prescriptions, according to the Oregon Health Authority's 2018 annual report. In 2018 alone, 249 patients received the prescription and as of Jan. 22, 168 died taking the medication - including 11 who had received the prescription in previous years, according to the report. Most of those patients were aged 65 years or older (79.2%), and the majority had cancer. After the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Oregon's law in 2006, eight states have since approved physician-assisted suicide. Maine and New Jersey's laws are set to take effect later this year. / BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, POLITICS: A proposal for an Oregon Hemp Commission has died in a Legislative committee. The East Oregonian is reporting that growers are working on their next steps after the proposal for a commission to raise research funds for Oregon's hemp industry failed to make it out of committee during the legislative session. A similar proposal was rejected by the committee two years ago. An Oregon State University researcher says an industry-wide organization would help increase understanding of the difficulties faced by hemp growers. Annual hemp production in Oregon has increased from roughly 600 acres to more than 49,000 acres in the past five years. Officials say Oregon already has 23 commodity commissions that collect assessment fees from farmers, ranchers and fishermen. / ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH, SAFETY, AGRICULTURE: A manure spill discovered on Monday at the Port of Tillamook Bay has discharged about 300,000 gallons of treated liquid waste into waterways in the area. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Wednesday he manure had been held in an anaerobic digester tank, which breaks down manure into biogas that can be used for electricity and fertilizer for farms and agriculture. The process also creates a waste with fewer pathogens. That, in turn, makes it far less harmful than raw sewage. It's not yet clear how or when exactly the spill occurred. State officials are analyzing water samples from Tillamook Bay and Anderson Creek, a tributary of the Tillamook River. As of yesterday, they had not shut down Tillamook Bay or imposed restrictions on commercial and recreational shellfish harvesting. Regenis, a tenant of the port that operates the manure digester, could not be reached for comment. State officials in 2017 temporarily closed Tillamook Bay after a nearby spill caused more than 190,000 gallons of manure to enter the water. Tony Silveria Dairy,

which operated the faulty manure tanks, was later fined nearly \$17,000./ WILDLIFE, HEALTH: Officials say a west Medford man was bitten by a rabid bat July 16 after he found it flopping around in his home. The Mail Tribune reports the unidentified man has started rabies shots and is not expected to suffer from the virus. Jackson County Public Health Division manager Jackson Baures says the man had found the bat and was restraining his dog while trying to remove the bat when it bit him in the hand. The bat was sent to Oregon State University, where tests showed it was the second bat in Oregon to be diagnosed with rabies in 2019. Rabies is a viral disease affecting the nervous system and can be transmitted from infected mammals to humans. Rabid bats are found annually in Jackson County, and the previous rabies discovery in an Oregon bat this year happened in June in Linn County. / BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: The cost of a liquor license in Oregon is going up for the first time in 70 years. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission says a bill approved by state lawmakers this month doubles the cost of several types of liquor licenses for bars, restaurants, wineries and breweries. The Register Guard reports Wednesday that the law moves Oregon's liquor fees from among the cheapest in the nation to just below the national average. The OLCC wants to use the new revenue to move its license renewal process to an online system and deal with the increase in applications statewide as the population grows. Starting Oct. 1, a full liquor license will now be \$800, up from \$400. Winery or brewery license fees will increase from \$250 to \$500. / CRIME: Authorities say a 23-year-old woman in the drive-thru of an Oregon Taco Bell poured Hennessy cognac into the mouth of an employee - then was arrested by a police officer who happened to be behind her in line. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports a Washington County Sheriff's sergeant was behind a car driven by the woman shortly before 1:30 Saturday morning at the fast-food restaurant in the Beaverton area. Investigators say the driver reached out the car window and poured the bottle of cognac into the mouth of an apparently willing employee. The sergeant followed the woman as she drove out of the parking lot and pulled her over. She was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants. Investigators say the Taco Bell employee didn't know the woman, and he said most of the cognac was spilled. / SPORTS: Oregon are predicted to win the Pac-12's Northern Division this football season, while Utah is picked to defeat the Ducks in the conference title game, according to an annual poll of conference sports writers. Utah received 12 of 35 votes to win the Pac-12 pre-season polling for the first time since joining the conference in 2011. Oregon received 11 votes and defending champion Washington had 10. In other news from the annual preseason meetings, the Pac-12 will move its football championship game to Las Vegas in 2020 and 2021. The league's title game has been played at Levi's Stadium in suburban Santa Clara. California, since 2014. But the event has struggled to attract solid attendance over the past half-decade, including a noticeably empty stadium for Washington's win over Utah last year. Commissioner Larry Scott announced that after this season's championship in the Bay Area, the title contest will move to partyfriendly Las Vegas and the Raiders' new stadium, which is under construction just west of the Las Vegas Strip. The Pac-12 men's basketball tournament has been played in Las Vegas since 2013. Conference leaders say the move has boosted attendance.; The Pac-12 will be adding a new bowl game to its postseason lineup beginning in 2020. The Los Angeles Bowl will feature a matchup between

teams from the Pac-12 and Mountain West in the new NFL stadium under construction in the LA area. The Pac-12's commitment to the game runs through 2025.; The Pac-12 may try a new scheduling approach this season. Commissioner Larry Scott said Fox and conference athletic directors are in preliminary talks about morning kickoffs for some games, which would put them in the network's key 12 p.m. Eastern timeslot-or 9 a.m. Pacific Time. Coaches are split about the possibility of a morning kickoff. UCLA's Chip Kelly said the time doesn't matter while Stanford's David Shaw said he would be somewhat resistant. ; Pac-12 conference leaders say they also are taking steps significant steps to address deficiencies in officiating. It comes after a conference executive called the league's replay command center and overruled a targeting penalty in last year's Washington State-USC game. The decision damaged the Pac-12's credibility, leading to the hiring of an outside consultant. Commissioner Larry Scott says the league will implement all recommendations from that consulting report. The key recommendations include having the head of officiating report directly to Scott rather than the football administrator, more consistency in grading and training from officiating supervisors and more transparency from the conference office in terms of questionable calls. / ANIMALS, SAFETY: Every year around this time, we get a terrifying look at the ferociousness of sharks. But the real danger to Oregon workers isn't in the sea: dogs and cats have accounted for more than 1,900 SAIF claims since 2014. That's the message of a new video from SAIF, the state's workers' compensation insurer. While veterinary services, pet care, and universities had the highest rate of injuries, SAIF data shows workers in healthcare also get injured by pets-since 2014, there were 30 catrelated injuries in home health care, nursing care facilities, hospitals, and residential care facilities combined. Dog-related injuries are common in healthcare-related fields too, with 94 in the same time frame. SAIF also saw dog injuries in industries that provide in-home services, like janitorial services and plumbing, heating, and AC contractors, resulting in 54 injuries. Restaurants accounted for 20 dog-related injuries. Experts say it's important to approach pets cautiously to avoid injury and unnecessary stress to the pets. Here are some things to consider: If the pet is accompanied by an owner, always ask permission before approaching or petting the animal. If the animal is in a car, avoid reaching through the window; this may cause the pet to feel scared or attacked. Approach pets slowly and calmly; ideally, let the pet approach you on their own terms. If the pet is calm, comes to you, and solicits attention, pet gently. If you're in doubt whether a pet is exhibiting fearful or aggressive behavior, ignore it and avoid it. More information—including tips for workers in animal services and anyone dealing with compassion fatigue, common in the animal care industry—can be found at saif.com/animalsafety / CRIME: On Monday, July 22nd, 2019, detectives with the Doulgas Interagency Narcotics Team (DINT) served a search warrant at a residence in the 300 block of SE Pine Street in Roseburg. The search revealed approximately 1141 grams (2.5 lbs) of methamphetamine, 639 grams (1.4 lbs) of heroin, 30 grams of cocaine, and 7 grams of psilocybin mushrooms. In addition to the various drugs, detectives found firearms, cash, and other evidence of drug related crimes. This is a huge amount of meth and heroin, usually possessed only by very high-level dealers. At the scene, detectives located 47year-old Galen Trigg of Portland, Oregon. Trigg had a warrant for his arrest from the United States Marshal's Service. In addition to being held on the warrant for

the US Marshal's Service, Trigg was lodged at the Doulgas County Jail on the following charges: Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of Heroin, Unlawful Delivery of Heroin, Unlawful Possession of Cocaine, Unlawful Delivery of Cocaine, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm (2 counts). Also located at the scene was 40-vear-old Matthew Shields of Roseburg. Shields was found to be in possession of user quantities of methamphetamine and heroin. He was cited and released on the charges of Unlawul Possession of Methamphetamine, and Unlawful Possession of Heroin. The investigation is continuing. / BUSINESS: Checks are due to begin arriving Monday for 1.7 million Oregon customers overcharged by Arco gas stations and am/pm convenience stores, which tacked on a 35-cent debit card fee to purchases without appropriate notice. A Multnomah County jury ruled in January 2014 that the retail chains had overcharged customers and a judge ordered their parent company, BP, to pay \$409 million. Oregon customers who filed claim forms will receive their payments in two installments - a \$91.94 check this month and another of roughly the same size a year from now. Under a new Oregon law, millions of additional dollars will go to nonprofits that provide legal services and consumer advocacy for Oregonians. The attorneys who brought the case will receive \$65 million, some of which came from the judgment and some of which was paid directly by BP. But millions of additional dollars were left over because hundreds of thousands of Oregonians didn't file claim forms by the deadline. The deadline to apply expired in 2015 after being extended once by the new law. That's common in class-action cases, often times because people didn't know about the judgement or couldn't be located for notification. In past cases such leftover funds went back to the defendants. But a 2015 Oregon law changed that and rerouted the money from such judgements to the state's consumers. "This new law prevents these funds from being returned to the wrongdoing multinational corporation," said Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, who pushed for the new law. "Instead, they will remain here and do more general good for consumers in Oregon." The gas station case will provide \$36 million in two installments to Legal Aid Services of Oregon, which provides legal help to lowincome residents and is entitled to half of the unclaimed funds under the 2015 law. The judge overseeing the case used another \$36 million in unclaimed charges to create another nonprofit, now called Oregon Consumer Justice, dedicated to consumer education and protection. The new organization says it will seek to educate consumers about their rights and legal protections and will work to assert and expand those rights through litigation and legislation. /

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RECREATION, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY, EVENTS: Free breakfast, free stuff and free information. Bicyclists, walkers, joggers and runners: This month's "Breakfast at the Bridges" event takes place today from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. on the Fern Ridge Path-West by the Wallis Street Bridge in West Eugene. Breakfast at the Bridges is a chance for path users, commuters, and new riders to grab a quick bite to eat and a cup of coffee, learn more about transportation in Eugene, and get a bicycle safety check all at the same time. This signature summer event series celebrates the outdoors and encourages active transportation - especially walking and bicycling. Learn more about healthy living and commuting, city paths and other offerings, a find out about local businesses involved in the effort. The theme of this event is "Transit & West EmX." Enjoy FREE breakfast of bagels, cream cheese and coffee provided by Full City Coffee Roasters, Bagel Sphere & Nancy's Yogurt; Get a FREE Bike safety check; and Pick up FREE bike maps, bike bells and resources from the City of Eugene. / YOUTH, AGRICULTURE, EVENTS: Support young people taking part in 4-H. FFA and Lane County Livestock Association activities. The 2019 Lane County Youth Livestock Auction will be held at the Lane County Fair on Saturday, July 27, at 2:00 pm in the fair's Livestock Building. This is a chance to bid on some of the top livestock shown by young people at the fair. They entered their animals in the breeding or market categories for fair judging. The young people themselves competed in the showmanship ring. Animals will be auctioned in the following order: Beef, Chicken, Turkey, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine, Sheep, Goat. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Quick (Friday morning) update for the Milepost 97 Fire from the Douglas Forest Protective Association. The wildfire continued to burn actively burn through the night as expected, mainly pushing to the south and west. The fire, which was at 15 acres Wednesday afternoon, grew to 750 acres yesterday evening and is at 1,650 acres this morning. Close to 100 firefighters remain on the fire lines and coordinating the battle. The blaze is burning in very steep, rocky terrain with limited access into and around the wildfire. The Oregon Department of Forestry's Incident Management Team 3 has been assigned to assist the Douglas Forest Protective Association with suppression efforts and will assume command of the fire this evening.; The southbound Interstate 5 off-ramp at Exit 95 (Canyon Creek), located three miles south of Canyonville, is closed due to nearby fire and will likely remain closed throughout the night. The northbound Exit 95 off-ramp has been closed since last week due to road construction. Both

on-ramps at Exit 95 remain open. I-5 motorists should drive with caution and expect smoky conditions south of Canyonville. / YOUTH, FAMILIES, HEALTH, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: In their session which wrapped up earlier this month, Oregon lawmakers approved additional funding to shore up staffing in the Department of Human Services. This week, DHS posted openings for more than 300 jobs related to helping children and families in Oregon. The hiring effort is a key element in a plan to improve safety for some of the state's most vulnerable residents and increase capacity in Oregon's Child Welfare System. The jobs range from hotline screeners to caseworkers in Child Protective Services. The state also needs to hire and train people to certify relatives who act as caregivers, as well as certify foster parents and adoptive parents. There are also openings for staffers known as "permanency caseworkers," who work to ensure that children served by the state are safe in their homes. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Some Republicans in Oregon are now questioning whether efforts to recall Gov. Kate Brown would be better spent elsewhere. Deschutes County Republican Party chairman Paul deWitt told The Bulletin Wednesday that Republicans should instead invest their time and money in preparing for the 2020 election instead of recalling the Democratic governor. Oregon Republican Party chairman Bill Currier filed paperwork July 15 to launch a petition drive to recall Brown citing her "politically motivated agendas" and support of certain progressive legislation. Petitioners have until mid-October to gather over 280,000 signatures in order to trigger a recall election. Even if Brown was recalled, deWitt notes she'd be replaced by Treasurer Tobias Read, a fellow Democrat. DeWitt says the GOP could be better off refocusing its efforts to elect Republicans in 2020. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A 73-year-old man who was stranded in the remote Oregon high desert for four days with his two dogs was rescued when a bicyclist discovered him nearly unconscious and miles from his abandoned car. Lake County Deputy Buck Maganzini said Thursday that the man was "out exploring" July 14 when his Jeep got stuck in a dry creek bed about 15 miles from the nearest paved road and he tried to hike out. A mountain biker found the man July 18, nearly unconscious with one of his dogs by his side. Authorities found the Jeep and the second dog two days later using an aircraft. Maganzini says the man had no food and very little water and was near death when he was found. He's been released from the hospital, and his dogs are OK, too.; Paddlers and floaters, a reminder that as water levels continue to drop in Oregon's rivers, there are more obstructions in river channels, along the bank and just beneath the water's surface. The Oregon State Marine Board reminds you to stay safe and follow some basic tips: Scout your float ahead of time. Determine the safest course when boulders, gravel bars, or fallen trees and root wads are present. Reported obstructions can be found at the Marine Board's website to help plan your excursion. Stay clear of log jams and strainers such as root wads, trees, branches, and logs. The obstacles allow water through them but can catch and entrap paddlers underwater, entangle lines, and easily puncture float tubes or pool toys not designed for river use. It's not just the stuff you can see. Read the water. Where is there white-water? Where does the water eddy? The signs indicate what's below the surface and provide key information on how to safely navigate the run and which line to take. Always try to float with a friend, especially in paddlecraft or float tubes. Have at least two boats or float devices and a plan if you become separated. Always fill out a float plan or give detailed information to a

friend or family member about where you're going, when you expect to return, what clothing you're wearing, and who's with you. Also, put contact information on your craft so if you get separated, the craft can be returned. And stay alert: Boating Oregon's rivers can be extremely relaxing. But that can full you into a false sense of security and make you less aware of your surroundings. Remember to routinely scan from left to right and right to left for logs, submerged objects, and the watch the direction in which the current is carrying you. Maneuver away from objects well ahead of time. When in doubt, go with your "aut feeling." If something doesn't feel right, listen to your instincts. When in doubt, take your boat or floatation device out of the water and portage around the obstacle, either on-land or over a nearby sand bar or gravel bar. Know your limits. Know your ability at the moment, not from what you know you're capable of doing. Stick to rivers that are classified as I or II if you have a medical condition or are new to river running/floating. Use the right gear for the type of boating. When running Class III or higher rapids, a helmet, properly fitting life jacket, a throw bag, and secured gear is incredibly important. Two inner tubes tied together or in an inflatable craft with more than one air chamber are defined as a "boat" and are required to carry a properly fitting life jacket and a soundproducing device like a whistle. The Marine Board advocates even people floating in single inner tubes or pool toys wear a life jacket. Inner tubes and pool toys aren't designed for rivers and can easily puncture, in addition to quickly floating away from a person in fast current. On reservoirs and lakes, sharp drop-off's are a given. Tree stumps, boulders, and fallen trees may not be visible. Take special care when operating near the banks, where many of these obstructions lie just below the surface. Wear a life jacket, especially children, when on the banks. Expect banks to be unstable. Check the Marine Board's website for reported navigation obstructions. The Marine Board cannot mitigate every obstruction, but with the help of our marine law enforcement partners, strive to ensure safe passage for popular waterways for all boaters. Another resource is the "Paddling Oregon Safely" brochure, located in the Forms Library at boatoregon.com / CRIME, HEALTH: A Seattle pain doctor who operated clinics in Oregon and Washington state is facing charges related to a major nationwide kickback scheme involving fentanyl prescriptions. Dr. Rajni Jutla is accused in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court Wednesday of accepting more than \$109,000 in kickbacks between 2012 and 2016 from Arizona-based Insys Therapeutics. Prosecutors said she took sham speaking fees to more broadly prescribe an oral fentanyl spray approved for a specific type of cancer pain. In an email Thursday to The Associated Press, she said she is "confident all insinuations will be found untrue." Jutla is the founder of Mind Your Body Clinics, with offices in Seattle, Edmonds and Lake Oswego, Oregon. Insys filed for bankruptcy after agreeing to pay \$225 million to settle federal charges. Its founder, John Kapoor, was convicted of racketeering in May. / LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT, FAMILIES: A pair of Oregon nonprofits that combat hunger and food insecurity criticized a proposed federal rule change that could result in 3.1 million people losing food aid benefits nationwide. While it's currently unclear how many people in Oregon would be at risk for losing access to the program commonly known as food stamps, Oregon Food Bank and Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon seen estimates that it could hurt close to 60,000. The proposed rule change from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, published Wednesday, would

sever a tie between the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program and SNAP. Currently in 43 states, including Oregon, families who qualify for TANF automatically qualify for SNAP benefits. Annie Kirschner, executive director of Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, said the proposed change "would take away food from families in Oregon." / EDUCATION, SAFETY, CRIME, YOUTH, WOMEN: There's a rise in cyberbullying nationwide, with three times as many girls reporting being harassed online or by text message than boys, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. The U.S. Department of Education's research and data arm this month released its latest survey, which shows an uptick in online abuse, though the overall number of students who report being bullied stayed the same. Many school systems that once had a hands-off approach to dealing with off-campus student behavior are now making rules around cyberbullying, outlining punishments such as suspension or expulsion. Some are beefing up social-emotional learning curriculum beyond just teaching children how to share and express their feelings in the early grades. That change partly came along with broader cyberbullying laws, which have been adopted in states like Texas and California in recent years. The survey showed about 20%, or one in five students, reported being bullied, ranging from rumors or being excluded to threats and physical attacks in the 2016-17 school year. That's unchanged from the previous survey done in 2014-15. But in that two-year span, cyberbullying reports increased significantly, from 11.5% to 15.3%. Broken down by gender, 21% of girls in middle and high school reported being bullied online or by text message in the 2016-17 school year, compared with less than 7% of boys. That's up from the previous survey in 2014-15, the first time cyberbullying data was collected this specifically. Back then, about 16% of girls between 12 and 18 said they were bullied online, compared with 6% of boys. The survey doesn't address who the aggressors are, though girls were more likely to note that their bullies were perceived to have the ability to influence others. But the latest national data may spark new conversations about "Mean Girls" behavior, referring to 2004 movie starring Lindsay Lohan. Some tech companies also are taking a stab at what seems like an intractable problem. Instagram unveiled its latest feature this month that uses artificial intelligence to try to stop abuse. Users typing a potentially offensive comment on a photo or video will get a notification that reads: "Are you sure you want to post this?" / YOUTH, HEALTH, BUSINESS: A top executive for Juul Labs said that his company never intended its electronic cigarettes to be adopted by underage teenagers. The remarks came before House lawmakers who yesterday accused the company of fueling the vaping craze among high schoolers. Co-founder James Monsees testified that Juul developed its blockbuster vaping device and flavor pods for adult smokers who want to stop. But he acknowledged statistics showing "a significant number of underage Americans are using e-cigarettes, including Juul products." Thursday's hearing marks the first time Juul has been called before Congress, despite growing scrutiny from parents, politicians and public health advocates. Federal law bans the sale of e-cigarettes to those under 18. E-cigarettes typically heat a flavored nicotine solution into an inhalable aerosol. They are largely viewed as less harmful than traditional paper-and-tobacco cigarettes and some adult smokers use them as an alternative source of nicotine. Neither Juul nor any vaping product is approved yet to help smokers quit. Drawing from some 180,000 documents collected from the company, House Democrats peppered Monsees

with questions about the early ads and marketing that they contend led to the current wave of underage vaping by U.S. teens. The Democrat convened two hearings this week after launching an investigation last month into Juul's marketing, technology and business practices. The privately held company has grown into a multibillion-dollar business on the success of its small, discrete vaping device and nicotine pods. Last year, Altria, the parent company of Marlboro-maker Philip Morris USA, bought a 35% stake in Juul. Juul in the past year shut down its Facebook and Instagram pages and pulled several of its flavored pods out of retail stores to keep them from teens. The company's rise has closely tracked an explosion of underage vaping. Last year, 1 in 5 U.S. high school students reported using e-cigarettes in the last month, according to government survey figures. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration gained authority to regulate e-cigarettes in 2016, but the agency has repeatedly postponed a deadline for vaping companies to submit their products for health and safety review. Earlier this month, a federal judge sided with public health groups who sued the FDA and ruled that vaping companies must submit their products for review by next May. / ENVIRONMENT: The U.N. weather agency is voicing "concern" that the hot air which produced a record-breaking heat wave across much of western Europe this week is headed toward Greenland and could lead to increased melting of the Greenland Ice Sheet. The ice sheet is three times the size of Texas and close to two miles deep in places, but melting has increased markedly with global warming and raising concerns that over time it will be a big contributor to rising sea levels. Heat records in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany were set in recent days as hot air surged from North Africa and Spain. Highs ranged from more than 100 degrees in England to more than 108 in Germany. The heat began easing overnight but government leaders say it's contributed to airline and rail delays and a handful of heat-related deaths and many heat-rated illnesses.; You want to know another place where glaciers are melting fast? Alaska. A new study that includes experts from Oregon finds the rate of ice melt below the surface of one well-known glacier is much higher than previously predicted. Their findings suggest scientists may need to consider additional factors when predicting ice melt in glacier systems. The journal Science published details on the new acoustic mapping of 21-mile-long LeConte Glacier in southeastern Alaska. The lead author of the National Science Foundation-funded study is David Sutherland of the University of Oregon and one of the co-authors is Oregon State University's Jonathan Nash. The researchers used a modified version of a marine fish finder pointed at the glacier's face to track the unseen streams and rivers of meltwater moving below the ice. They suspect such "submarine melt" drops cold water into nearby oceans and bays, forcing warmer water up against the face of the glacier and further accelerating ice melt. That's bad news, say scientists, because ice loss from the world's glaciers and ice sheets contributes to sea level rise, influences ocean circulation and can have economic effects globally. / ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, HEALTH: The Capital Press reports cleanup is underway after an estimated 300,000 gallons of digested liquid manure spilled at the Port of Tillamook Bay. The spill was traced to an faulty sensor in a tank at the port's anaerobic digester. Lauren Wirtis, spokeswoman for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, said the agency was informed of the spill July 22. DEQ is responsible for permitting the digester, which is owned by the port and leased to BioGas Corp., based in

Raleigh, N.C. While most of the manure was contained on site, Wirtis said some material did reach a storm water pipe that runs into Anderson Creek, a tributary of the Tillamook River roughly 6 miles from the ocean. Both DEQ and the state Department of Agriculture tested water samples for bacteria, including fecal coliform and E. coli. Early results showed there is no impact on water quality at Tillamook Bay, and analysts with the state's shellfish and food safety programs say the release does not pose a health risk. Samples taken from the outfall pipe at Anderson Creek did show elevated levels of E. coli, but downstream tests did not show elevated E. coli levels, according to DEQ. Officials will continue to monitor water quality in the area and test additional samples for contamination. Anaerobic digestion is a process that breaks down manure into biogas that is used to generate electricity and leaves behind a solid waste product that can be used for fertilizer. Wirtis said the manure that spilled was partially digested, which is important because digested manure contains fewer pathogens than raw manure or sewage. "Unlike some previous instances, this isn't raw sewage. It's partially digested manure, which means that the pathogen level is significantly lower than if it was raw manure," Wirtis said. Michele Bradley, general manager at the Port of Tillamook Bay, said port workers were the first to discover the spill, which happened sometime after 7 p.m. July 21. "My guys were walking in 6 inches of manure down there," Bradley said. The Tillamook digester was built in 2012 and operated by the port until 2017. It sat idle for two years until DEQ issued a new permit for the facility on Oct. 3, 2018, and the port leased it to BioGas Corp. BioGas Corp., in turn, contracted in February with Regenis, a company based in Ferndale, Wash., to recommission and upgrade the plant. Michael Grossman, a spokesman for Regenis, said the digester has the capacity to process 120,000 gallons of manure a day, though it is currently processing just 30,000 gallons. The spill was caused by a faulty sensor in one of the digester's tanks that caused it to overflow, Grossman said. Cleanup is now underway, and the company is working to pump the spillage back into the tank. In a written statement, Regenis says additional precautionary measures - such as additional sensors in the digester's tanks to shut the system down in an emergency — were not in place. The company says it understands how upsetting the spill was, but is confident there is no danger to Tillamook Bay or the local shellfish industry. "Given the long list of benefits of anaerobic digesters for our farmers, our soil, our watersheds and our planet, we hope the community looks past this unfortunate incident," the company stated. / ELECTIONS, CRIME: State elections officials across the U.S. say they are anxious and underfunded, some running systems with outdated software and scrounging for replacement parts off e-Bay. And on Thursday a report from the Senate Intelligence committee concluded all 50 states were targeted in 2016 and ahead of the 2018 election "top election vulnerabilities remained." But there's no help coming from Congress. It's a risky calculation heading into 2020, when the stakes will be high for an election that could see record turnout as President Donald Trump runs for a second term. Primary voting is six months away. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Thursday blocked a House-passed bill that would authorize \$775 million to beef up state election systems. GOP leaders made the case that the Trump administration has already made great strides in protecting the vote and they say no more funding is needed. The Senate Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer of New York, called inaction by Congress a "disgrace" and pledged to keep pushing for votes. The

House is pushing other bills targeting fake ads and cyber intrusions and the Senate already unanimously approved one bipartisan measure, which makes interference in elections a violation of immigration law, and another that makes it a federal crime to hack elections systems. But Democrats — and some Republicans — say Congress must do more. The most pressing issue is replacing electronic voting machines that do not produce a paper record of each ballot cast that is verified by the voter and can later be audited. In 2018, 10 states had more than half of their jurisdictions using machines without a paper trail, which cybersecurity experts have warned are vulnerable to hacking and must be replaced. An AP analysis in July found that many of the 10,000 election jurisdictions nationwide use old and soon-to-be outdated operating systems to create their ballots, program voting machines, tally votes and report counts. Many systems are running Windows 7, which will reach its end of free Microsoft support for software vulnerabilities on January 14, and it's unclear who would pay for extended support. But time may be running out to address concerns in the states before the next election. Even if Congress were immediately to send funds to states to replace voting equipment, it would be difficult to make substantial upgrades in time for the 2020 elections. It can take months to decide on replacement machines, develop security protocols, train workers and test the equipment. Republicans said Thursday that \$380 million was allocated to the states in 2018 and not all of that money has been spent. McConnell objected to the House bill, saying it was "not a serious effort" coming from the same side that he said spent the past two years "hyping" Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election. State officials historically run elections and many, particularly those in the South, are wary about federal intervention. Tensions flared ahead of the 2016 election when federal officials warning of potential interference wanted to declare election systems critical infrastructure. Some states resisted. Giving nod to those differences, McConnell said any efforts must be done with "extreme care and on a thoroughly bipartisan basis." /

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SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: On Sunday evening, Lane County Emergency Manager issued a Level 1 Evacuation - Get Ready - notice for 37066 Wallace Creek Road to Panorama near Jasper due to the Hills Creek Road Fire. Hills Creek Road was closed to all but Local traffic. Drivers were asked to avoid the area near Jasper; Wallace Creek Road, Hills Creek Road and Jasper Road in that area, Information will be updated online at Lane County's website. A Level 1 or "Get Ready" notice means there is a wildfire threat in your area. Time to begin gathering items in your "Go" kit and other key things you need for a possible evacuation. A Level 2 or "Get Set" notice means there is a high probability that you'll be needing to evacuate. Have everything packed and in your vehicle so you may leave at a moment's notice. A Level 3 or "Go" order is just that. It's time to evacuate. Whether it's a voluntary or mandatory notice. Often, you're told to be out by a certain time. Often, you're given an evacuation route and officials establish roadblocks to prevent people from entering evacuated areas.; A wildfire continues to burn along parts of Interstate Five south of Canyonville in southern Douglas County. Watch for crews around Milepost 97. The blaze is affecting travel in both directions. Watch for crews working on the northbound and southbound shoulders. Southbound slow lane is closed and nearby ramps are affected. The southbound Interstate 5 off-ramp at Exit 95 (Canyon Creek), south of Canyonville, is closed due to wildfire. The northbound Exit 95 off-ramp is closed for construction. Both on-ramps at Exit 95 remain open. Drive with caution: watch for fire crews and expect smoky conditions south of Canyonville. There was a community meeting last night in Glendale. Fire managers say the blaze yesterday evening had scorched 11,000 acres and is 10 percent contained. An additional fire division has been established on the east side of I-5 to anticipate any additional spotting across the freeway. Yesterday's spot fire grew to 20 acres before crews and aircraft could snuff it out. The fire continues to move primarily in a southerly path, paralleling the freeway. Firefighters and aircraft are focusing much of the suppression effort on this south portion of the fire to prevent further spread towards communities. Is the blaze is human-caused, although details have not been shared. The cost to battle the fire stands at \$3-million dollars. There are more than 12-hundred personnel battling the blaze on the ground and in the air. Fire officials say 586 structures are threatened.; Shortly after midnight last night there was an incident involving a firefighter who was working to battle the Milepost 97 blaze who was struck by rolling debris. The firefighter was

evaluated and treated on scene and transported by air to Rogue Valley Medical Center for further evaluation and treatment. The firefighter was released this morning.; On Friday night, a trailer full of equipment that belonged to one of the agencies fighting the Milepost 97 Fire south of Canyonville. The trailer, which belongs to the Douglas Forest Protective Association, was parked in a camp serving the fire crews. The Milepost 97 Fire was sparked Wednesday by an illegal campfire, according to the Oregon Department of Forestry, sending unhealthy levels of smoke into nearby communities. Some residents in the area were issued "Level 2" evacuation notices Saturday, indicating "significant" danger to the area and encouraging people to leave. Those who decided to stay were told to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. The Douglas Forest Protective Association asked anyone with information about the stolen trailer to contact the Oregon State Police.; Several new wildfires broke out in Central Oregon Sunday. The largest, the McKay Butte Fire, was at 15 acres yesterday afternoon, grew to 90 acres by yesterday evening, and stands at 190 acres this morning. It is burning on land midway between Highway 97 and Newberry Crater. The growth of the fire prompted pre-evacuation warnings for people overnighting in three Deschutes National Forest campgrounds: McKay Crossing, Ogden and Prairie. The McKay Butte Fire was spotted around 3 p.m. and a heavy air tanker, two single-engine air tankers (SEAT planes) and a Type 3 helicopter responded to the blaze, along with several engine crews and bulldozers. Two smaller fires burned, one west of Black Butte and the other west of La Pine, burned less than one-half acre each. Investigators are working to determine the cause of all three fires.; Are you planning to play in the woods and on public lands this summer? Remember that Central Oregon is now in HIGH fire danger. Pay attention to any restrictions on campfires and open flames. Make sure all fires are completely out and cold to the touch. Secure all trailer chains and ensure all spark arrestors are properly installed. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT, DISASTERS: During their legislative session, Oregon state lawmakers left unfunded a multimillion-dollar project to develop early warning systems for earthquakes and wildfires. That's left scientists warning that funding uncertainty -up could endanger public safety and put Oregon further behind other West Coast states in preparing for natural disasters. Researchers said they were shocked when nearly \$12 million in funding to expand the ShakeAlert and AlertWildfire early warning systems for significant earthquakes and wildfires was sidelined last month, just days before the end of the legislative session. Money for the projects was included as part of a larger funding package, but was stripped in a last-minute amendment. Douglas Toomey, a seismologist and earth sciences professor at the University of Oregon who helps run both early warning detection systems, said no one knows know when the next big earthquake or wildfire will strike, but we know it will happen at some point. Toomey told a reporter Oregon is "woefully" unprepared. Gov. Kate Brown, who included the \$12 million in funding for the projects in her proposed budget last year, has told reporters the decision not to expand the early detection systems was one of the "biggest disappointments" of this year's legislative session. ShakeAlert and AlertWildfire are designed to detect natural disasters as they start and alert responders and the public before significant damage occurs. They are managed by a consortium of public universities and funded through state, federal and private partnerships. In Oregon, the programs are in the initial phases and Toomey said they need significant state investments to expand to a

point that they'll be useful to the public. AlertWildfire uses a system of cameras stationed in some of the most remote and fire-prone parts of Oregon, Nevada and California. It has provided critical information to first responders in more than 600 fires during the past three fire seasons, allowing firefighters in some cases to contain blazes before they spiral out of control. ShakeAlert is a sensor system being built out across California, Oregon and Washington. The sensors pick up on faster-moving but less-damaging energy waves that emerge during the start of an earthquake. They can then sound the alarm before the stronger, more destructive secondary wave. That gives people seconds or minutes to prepare depending on the size of the earthquake and their distance from the epicenter. Other Western states have thrown significant cash behind the two systems, allowing them to build out hundreds of earthquake sensors and wildfire cameras. Cities and states need at least 75% of their earthquake sensors in place before officials can begin alerting the public through the ShakeAlert app. Los Angeles became the first U.S. city to make the app available in January. The system could be sending alerts to the rest of California by the end of the year thanks to a \$16.3 million investment from state lawmakers. Additional emergency management funds also have allowed California to expand its use of AlertWildfire, and the state is expected to install 200 to 300 new wildfire cameras by October. Washington's ShakeAlert system could be ready by October 2020, and the state contributed \$1 million this year to enhance the network. Meanwhile, only three wildfire cameras have been installed in Oregon, and the state still has to build over 100 more earthquake sensors before alerts can be sent through ShakeAlert. Without any additional money from the state, ShakeAlert will remain dependent on federal funds. That could mean the system won't be online until 2021 at the earliest — far later than Oregon's neighboring states. State lawmakers didn't specify why funding for ShakeAlert and AlertWildfire was abandoned, but it's common for last-minute funding shake-ups to happen based on available resources. / CRIME: He's in custody, accused of one crime. But investigators are concerned there might be additional victims. Members of the Eugene Police Violent Crimes Unit and Federal Bureau of Investigation received a report of a man who had found a female in her mid-teens online and then paid her for sexual relations. Investigators say this had been going on for more than a year. Investigators did not know the suspect's identity but after an investigation determined the suspect was 37-year-old William Cantu Hamann of Creswell. He was arrested Friday afternoon after officials say he arrived at a local school to meet the teen. Hamann faces multiple charges in the case, including Prostitution, Sexual Abuse and Sodomy. Eugene Police say Hamann is a teacher at Spring Creek Elementary School and in October operated a Haunted House business called "The Frightuary" at the Lane Events Center. Investigators say the victim was NOT a former student of Hamann, and there is NO indication any children at Spring Creek Elementary School were victimized. However, Eugene Police and FBI remain concerned there could be additional victims. Police say parents or guardians who have a child who has come in contact with Hamann should let their child know that he has been arrested for inappropriate behavior with a child. They say they should tell their child that if Hamann did or said anything inappropriate the child should let them know. Police say if a child discloses an incident that did happen to him or her, or that they observed happen to someone else, the parent should NOT ask the child detailed questions about the incident.

Instead, they're asked to contact investigators with the Eugene Police or FBI. The contacts in the case are EPD Detective Jed McGuire at 541-682-6308 or the FBI in Eugene at 541-343-5222. / IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden says conditions in U.S. border facilities are as grim as he'd heard and as cruel as he imagined. Wyden, a Democrat, made the comments in a campaign letter to supporters after spending two days at the border both in El Paso, Texas, and across the border in Juarez, Mexico. He says he and a group of immigration advocates and experts from Oregon heard from people who fled their homes in other countries because of gang violence and government corruption. Wyden was accompanied by Springfield pediatrician Dr. Lauren Herbert. Others on the trip included as an immigration lawyer and Wyden's rabbi. On Saturday in Juarez, Wyden says he intervened in the case of a woman who was thirty-eight weeks pregnant are said she was fleeing violence in Guerrero, Mexico with her husband and three-year-old child, Wyden says during the conversation, the woman spoke of her difficult pregnancy and recent complications, including preeclampsia—a potentially deadly form of third-trimester hypertension. Wyden says Dr. Herbert, the Springfield pediatrician, realized that without access to a hospital, mother and baby might be at risk of fatal complications. Wyden says he brought the woman and her three-year-old to the border crossing where immigration officials initially turned her away but, after Wyden showed his Senate ID, the mother received medical care. / CRIME: Police in Medford, Oregon, say Montana authorities have found a body believed to be that of a missing Oregon child. Montana police were searching for 2-year-old Aiden Salcido, the son of Daniel Salcido and Hannah Janiak. The boy's parents were found dead Wednesday in Kalispell, Montana, after police stopped them following a chase because they had felony burglary warrants for their arrest. Medford police say a dead 2-year-old believed to be Aiden was found in a remote area of Montana. The body was found in the same area that Janiak and Salcido were seen several days earlier. Medford police say witnesses called in tips after seeing the story on the news and were instrumental in helping to locate a remote camp believed to have been occupied by the family. / BUSINESS, EVENTS: Some business owners in Bend say downtown events that close streets and parking are affecting their ability to do business. They're asking city officials to consider moving certain events. The Bend Bulletin reports restaurant owner Steven Draheim watched his sales diminish during the culinary street event "Bite of Bend." Draheim got his own food truck and operated it two blocks from his brick-and-mortar business. But on a summer weekend, he would prefer that people come into his restaurant instead of food trucks in front of it. He says there's a perception that events are bringing in more business but they're actually keeping people away. Event organizers say alternative spaces are hard to come by and that there's value in bringing people together in the downtown core. / BUSINESS: Idaho customers gave a new marijuana dispensary just across the Oregon-Idaho border a booming first day in business. The Idaho Statesman reports that when the store, called Weedology, opened Friday, customers from Idaho had been waiting more than three hours in line. Marijuana is illegal in Idaho, but it's legal in Oregon. For some time, Idaho residents who use marijuana have been traveling 1 ½ hours or more to the nearest Oregon dispensary. Weedology's location near the state line means now some Idaho residents will have to travel 15 minutes or less. It's illegal for customers to transport marijuana into Idaho from

Oregon, but that didn't stop shoppers. Weedology's general manager Eric Lantz says nearly 200 customers were served in the first three hours of business. / HEALTH, ELDERS, GOVERNMENT: Medicare could save \$1.57 for every dollar spent delivering free healthy meals to frail seniors after a hospitalization, according to a new study that comes as lawmakers look to restrain costs by promoting patients' well-being. The report Thursday from the Bipartisan Policy Center addresses ways that Medicare can do a better job coordinating care for chronically ill patients, who account for most of the program's \$650 billion annual cost. There's a growing recognition that practical services like meal delivery can make a difference helping older people avoid health flare-ups that can send them to the hospital. "If you were going to offer meals to every Medicare beneficiary, it would be cost-prohibitive," said Katherine Hayes, health policy director for the center. "By targeting it to a very, very sick group of people is how we were able to show there could be savings." Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, the ranking Democrat on the committee that oversees Medicare, said lawmakers recognize the value of providing additional support services for patients and he'd be interested in expanding such benefits for seniors in traditional Medicare. The Bipartisan Policy Center asked health policy consultant Ananya Health Innovations to analyze the potential impact of a narrowly tailored meal benefit for Medicare. Using 2016 billing data that reflected actual cases, the consultant focused on patients with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart failure, Alzheimer's and osteoporosis. Patients had to have two or more such conditions, along with limitations doing daily tasks such as bathing, cooking or getting dressed. Most were 75 or older. Some were living alone. The study found more than 575,000 patients with about 1 million hospital stays. Using other established research as a guide, the consultant estimated that providing seven days of healthy meals could avoid nearly 10,000 return trips to the hospital resulting in admission. Medicare would have had to spend about \$101 million a year to provide meals, but it would have avoided more than \$158 million in bills from return trips to the hospital. The net savings would be about \$57 million. In a real-world situation, the savings could be greater because the study did not take into account emergency room visits and nursing home admissions that could potentially be avoided. Many families have had the welcome experience of neighbors and friends dropping off home-cooked food during a health crisis. For Medicare patients, who can be isolated from family and friends, meals can provide health benefits as well. For example, healthy food can help a person with diabetes avoid too-high or too-low blood sugars. Or a patient with heart failure can avoid snacking on salty junk food that may lead to fluid building up in the body. "There is a growing body of evidence that suggests that home-delivered meals can play a role in preventing unwanted emergency room visits and hospitalizations," said Tricia Neuman, a Medicare expert with the Kaiser Family Foundation. "People who deliver meals can check to be sure patients are relatively stable, taking their medications, and ... have appropriate nutrition to support their recovery." Medicare Advantage plans sold by private insurers under Medicare's umbrella have already started offering such "supplemental" support services to patients who qualify. In addition to meals, they can include minor home improvements like grab bars in the shower, or respite care. The private plans have leeway to tailor some of their benefits. But it's not happening yet for the 2 out of 3 beneficiaries covered by the traditional program. The Bipartisan Policy Center is recommending that lawmakers grant Medicare specific authority

to offer benefits such as home-delivered meals, but only under certain conditions, including a determination by agency experts that it would not increase overall spending. /

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EDUCATION, LOW-INCOME: The "Backpacks for Back-to-School Drive" distributes new school supplies and backpacks to thousands of local kids before the start of school every year. This effort by the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Lane County, Oregon Community Credit Union branches and Bi-Mart stores in Lane County assists many low-income families that are struggling to pay for their children's basic school supplies on top of rent, utilities and food. You can help by shopping for school supplies and placing them in special donation containers in OCCU branches and Lane County Bi-Mart stores. You may also donate by purchasing backpack decals or by making cash and other donations at St. Vincent de Paul's retail thrift stores and donation centers. If you have a workplace and faith community that would like to host a school supply barrel for the remainder of August should call Sarah Firth, SVDP's community engagement coordinator, at 541-743-7119. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Interstate 5 drivers south of Canyonville should expect delays this morning in both directions as fire crews remove hazardous trees after the past week's wildfire. The Oregon Department of Transportation says traffic will be slowed in both directions between mileposts 88 and 101 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Milepost 97 Fire, as it's known, is believed to have started Wednesday because of an illegal campfire. The blaze has burned close to 11,700 acres in rugged terrain in southern Douglas and northern Josephine County. A portion of the fire has burned south next to the interstate. Southbound I-5 is already limited to a single lane in the area. Both off-ramps at Exit 95 at Canyon Creek are closed, and the transportation department says motorists should expect congestion, delays and low visibility due to wildfire smoke. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH: A firefighter battling a large blaze in southwestern Oregon was injured when he was struck by rolling debris. Authorities say the firefighter was transported early Monday to a medical center, where he was treated and released. The firefighter was one of about 1,000 people battling the 11,700-acre Mile Post 97 fire that broke out Wednesday south of Canyonville, apparently from an illegal campfire. The fire is 15 percent contained. Officials said the fire has grown slowly toward the south, paralleling Interstate 5. Close to 1,360 personnel are battling the blaze on the ground and in the air. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has authorized the use of federal funds to help with firefighting costs. An Oregon Department of Environmental Quality air advisory issued due to smoke was extended Monday for Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties, and now

includes southern Douglas County.; Smoke from the fire burning south of Canyonville is generally drifting to the south—one reason our skies remain relatively clear here in the Willamette Valley. But state environmental officials are extending an air quality advisory for southern Douglas County, as well as much of Josephine, Jackson, and Klamath counties because of the smoke intrusions. Officials with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality say the advisory will be in place for at least the next several days, possibly longer. For those regions of southwestern Oregon, people who are sensitive to smoke are being advised to stay indoors or consider leaving the area until conditions improve. Smoke can irritate your eyes and lungs and worsen some people's medical conditions. Small children, adults over age 65, pregnant women and people with heart disease, asthma or other respiratory conditions are particularly vulnerable. Check current conditions on DEQ's Air Quality Index at https://oraqi.deg.state.or.us/home/map or by downloading the OregonAIR app on your smartphone. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY: Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio is in Oregon this week. Today, he speaks during the noon hour to members of the Rotary Club of Eugene about topics ranging from his work as Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. as well as the legislation he's backing to strengthen Congress's war powers, and his efforts tackling climate change. DeFazio is also holding a series of town hall meetings in Corvallis and Albany on Wednesday and in Eugene on Thursday to focus on what the Eugene Democrat says are President Trump's repeated violations of the Constitution and Congress's authority to declare war. DeFazio will be joined by constitutional law professor and author Garrett Epps. The Eugene town half session is set from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1, at Harris Hall inside the Lane County Public Service Building at 8th and Oak Streets. / BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: They say they want a better understanding of the issues facing Oregon's wine and marijuana industries. Today, members of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and their staff are in Eugene for what they're calling a "listening session." It begins at 6 p.m. at Lane Community College's Main Campus off 30th Avenue in Building 19, the Center for Meeting and Learning. The Commission wants to hear from people in the marijuana industry about the Producer License moratorium included in Senate Bill 218, as well as their thoughts on exporting, social consumption, and changes to Oregon's Marijuana Program. Yesterday, the OLCC commissioners and staff were in Roseburg to hear from representatives of Oregon's wine industry. / CRIME: A former airport baggage handler has been sentenced to six months in federal prison for stealing guns and ammunition from passengers' luggage. The Oregonian/Oregon Live reports that 27-year-old Deshawn Antonio Kelly was sentenced Monday in U.S. District Court. Kelly told a judge he stole guns from five people who checked bags at Portland International Airport in August and September 2018. Authorities say Kelly removed firearms he knew were present due to red luggage tags and switched tags, sending luggage to different destinations. Kelly's attorney says he was arrested before he could sell the guns. Five guns were recovered but one weapon remained missing after Kelly gave it to a friend who was a convicted felon and gang member. Prosecutors say victims included a police officer and a gun dealer.; Authorities say a camper on the Deschutes National Forest southwest of Bend discovered a partially decomposed body and foul play is suspected in the death. KTVZ-TV reports Deschutes County sheriff's deputies were sent to the site

Sunday west of Sunriver. Sqt. William Bailey says deputies confirmed the human remains along a forest road. The Oregon State Police Crime Lab was called to help in the investigation and evidence recovery. An autopsy is scheduled Tuesday at the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office. Bailey says the investigation is ongoing. / BUSINESS: EO Media Group was the high bidder at an auction for The Bulletin and Redmond Spokesman, offering \$3.65 million for Central Oregon's century-old daily newspaper and a sister weekly. The Bulletin reported Monday that EO Media, or East Oregonian Publishing, outbid Adams Publishing Group in the auction at the offices of Tonkon Torp LLP in Portland. Michael Fletcher, attorney for The Bulletin's parent company, Western Communications, said a previous bidder, Rhode Island Suburban Newspapers Inc., did not participate in the auction. Judge Trish Brown in U.S Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon approved the sale, which is expected to close at the end of August. / ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, SAFETY: State and local agencies removed 10 abandoned boats from the water at Portland's Swan Island in the first of several cleanups being discussed. The Oregon State Marine Board says they along with the Oregon Department of State Lands and the Multnomah County River Patrol coordinated the abandoned boat cleanup Friday in the Swan Island Lagoon. Marine Industrial Contractors used two barges to remove watercraft and transport the boats, some of which were along the shoreline and others which were partially submerged in the lagoon. Marine Board spokeswoman Ashley Massey says the Swan Island Lagoon cleanup effort will cost approximately \$18,000 and includes taking the boats to a storage facility, removing hazardous or recyclable materials, and dismantling each boat. The Department of State Lands and Marine Board are covering the costs. / BUSINESS, CRIME: Have a Capital One credit card or recently applied to get one? The company says a hacker got hold of the personal information of more than 100 million people applying for credit. Federal authorities arrested a suspect in the case. Officials say she worked as a security contractor. Paige Thompson who also goes by the online handle "erratic" - was charged with a single count of computer fraud and abuse in U.S. District Court in Seattle. Thompson made an initial appearance in court and was ordered to remain in custody pending a detention hearing Thursday. Capital One said it believes it is unlikely that the information was used for fraud, but it will continue to investigate. The data breach affected about 100 million people in the U.S. and 6 million in Canada. The bank said the bulk of the hacked data consisted of information supplied by consumers and small businesses who applied for credit cards between 2005 and early 2019. In addition to data such as phone numbers, email addresses, dates of birth and self-reported income, the hacker was also able to access credit scores, credit limits and balances, as well as fragments of transaction information from a total of 23 days in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Investigators say the hacker also got information including credit scores and balances plus the Social Security numbers of about 140,000 customers. It will offer free credit monitoring services to those affected. Capital One officials said they found out about the vulnerability in their system on July 19 and immediately sought help from law enforcement. The FBI raided Thompson's residence Monday and seized digital devices. According to the FBI complaint, it came after someone emailed the bank two days earlier about leaked data that had appeared on the code-hosting site GitHub. And one month before that, the FBI said, a Twitter user who went by the online name "erratic"

sent another user direct messages warning about distributing the bank's data, including names, birthdates and Social Security numbers. That user later reported the message to Capital One. Capital One Financial Corp. is the nation's seventhlargest commercial bank with \$373.6 billion in assets as of June 30. It is the latest U.S. company to suffer a major data breach in recent years. In 2017, a data breach at Equifax, one of the major credit reporting companies, exposed the Social Security numbers and other sensitive information of roughly half of the U.S. population. Last week, Equifax agreed to pay at least \$700 million to settle lawsuits over the breach in a settlement with federal authorities and states. The agreement includes up to \$425 million in monetary relief to consumers. Many major banks have sought to stem the risk of data breaches in recent years. JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Citibank began replacing customers' debit cards several years ago with more secure chip-based cards. While cards with chips are common these days, many merchants still rely on the older, less secure card-swiping equipment. Credit card companies have also beefed up fraud monitoring in the wake of high-profile data breaches that hit retailers such as Target and Home Depot. The average cost of a data breach in the U.S. last year was just under \$8 million, according to a study by IBM Security and Ponemon Institute. / CRIME, SAFETY: Law enforcement experts say that in the wake of the deadly shooting at a California food festival, event organizers across the country should review their emergency plans to see if they can make additional safety improvements. The warning comes as the peak of summer and fair season brings open-air environments that are notoriously difficult to secure. The weekend shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival left three dead — including two children and one dozen wounded at the popular three-day event that attracts more than 100,000 people annually to the agricultural community in Northern California. The festival included a perimeter fence, metal detectors, a bag search and police patrols. Despite those measures, the 19-year-old suspect cut through the fence and, wielding a rifle, opened fire before three officers — in less than a minute fatally shot him, preventing additional casualties. Experts ticked off a list of ideal precautions: a perimeter fence — or even two — with roving police patrols, as well as drones, security cameras, social media monitoring, bag checks, metal detectors, limited points of entry and an "overwatch" police unit that monitors the event from a high perch. Recommendations for an overwatch position and securing beyond the site of the event are similar to suggested improvements after the deadly festival shootings at an outdoor country music event in Las Vegas. That review recommended securing high-rise buildings overlooking open-air venues, not just the festivals themselves. Still, officials said first responders and event coordinators need to balance safety concerns, costs and a welcoming atmosphere for visitors, noting that eventgoers likely do not want to be subjected to extensive screening with X-ray machines and metal detectors. Although festivalgoers might notice increased security in the coming weeks, experts don't foresee a major shift in safety protocols going forward. But experts said event planners should clearly label exits, with signs pointing people toward an evacuation route, and design a way for visitors to report suspicious activity either in person, over the phone or through an app. Officials also said there must be greater law enforcement efforts to identify future shooters beforehand, through social media monitoring or other means. / GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT: A conservative lawyer and writer who argues for selling off the nation's public lands

is now in charge of a nearly quarter-billion acres in federally held rangeland and other wilderness managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt on Monday signed an order making Wyoming native William Perry Pendley acting head of the BLM. The bureau manages nearly 250 million acres of largely wild public lands and their minerals and other resources in vast holdings across the U.S. West. Pendley, a former midlevel Interior appointee in the Reagan administration, for decades has championed ranchers and others in standoffs with the federal government over grazing and other uses of public lands. He has written books accusing federal authorities and environmental advocates of "tyranny" and "waging war on the West." He argued in a 2016 National Review article that the "Founding Fathers intended all lands owned by the federal government to be sold." In tweets this summer, Pendiey has welcomed Trump administration moves to open more federal land to mining and oil and gas development and other private business use, and he has called the oil and gas extraction technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, "an energy, economic, AND environmental miracle!" The BLM manages one out of every 10 acres in the United States and 30% of the nation's minerals. A conservation group called Pendley an "ideological zealot" and noted concerns he might work to liquid some government-owned lands, something Trump officials have denied. Earlier this month, the administration announced plans to move the BLM's headquarters from Washington, D.C., and disperse the headquarters staff among Western states. / TERRORISM, TRANSPORTATION: The Department of Homeland Security issued a security alert this morning for small planes, warning that modern flight systems are vulnerable to hacking if someone manages to gain physical access to the aircraft. The alert from the DHS critical infrastructure computer emergency response team recommends that plane owners ensure they restrict unauthorized physical access to their aircraft until the industry develops safeguards to address the issue. Most airports have security in place to restrict unauthorized access and there is no evidence that anyone has exploited the vulnerability. A Boston-based cybersecurity company discovered the flaw and reported it to the federal government. The warning reflects the fact that aircraft systems are increasingly reliant on networked communications systems, much like modern cars. The auto industry has already taken steps to address similar concerns after researchers exposed vulnerabilities. The cybersecurity firm, Rapid7, found that an attacker could potentially disrupt electronic messages transmitted across a small plane's network, for example by attaching a small device to its wiring, that would affect aircraft systems. Engine readings, compass data, altitude and other readings "could all be manipulated to provide false measurements to the pilot," according to the DHS alert. The Rapid7 report focused only on small aircraft because their systems are easier for researchers to acquire. Large aircraft frequently use more complex systems and must meet additional security requirements. The DHS alert does not apply to older small planes with mechanical control systems. / BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION: Uber is putting the brakes on the jobs of 400 of its employees. The ride-sharing company has laid off about a-third of its global marketing team. The move follows a leadership shake-up last month when the company decided to combine its marketing, communications and policy teams. It's also part of an effort for Uber to find a way to turn a profit. Uber says its persistent losses are due to its costly promotions to attract riders and drivers. Those promotions are done by its

marketing team. / ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS: The fight to save the oceans from plastic waste may mean the end for mini bottles of shampoo and other toiletries that hotel guests love to stuff into their luggage. The owner of Holiday Inn and InterContinental Hotels announced this morning that its nearly 843,000 guest rooms are switching to bulk-size bathroom amenities as part of an effort to cut waste. The transition is due to be completed in 2021. The company uses an average 200 million mini bottles and tubes every year. Public awareness of the problem of plastic waste has been swelling amid alarming forecasts that there could be more plastic than fish in the oceans by 2050. There are more media programs dealing with the issue, as well. One by Britain's Sky News showed whales bloated by plastic bags when the creatures were cut open after dying. Further trash horrors were underscored by TV naturalist David Attenborough, whose documentary "Blue Planet II" delivered heartbreaking shots of sea turtles shrouded in plastic. Amcor, L'Oréal, Mars, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, Unilever, Walmart and Werner & Mertz are among the companies who have committed to move, where relevant, from single-use to reusable packaging by 2025. according to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, an innovation think-tank. /

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GOVERNMENT: A large-scale cleanup of a homeless camp along the Willamette River Tuesday netted thousands of pounds of trash and waste, mitigating environmental impact to the waterway and returning the area to public use. The Register-Guard reports the city of Eugene and the Lane County Sheriff's Office project took place on an island off the bank of the Willamette River about 150 yards downstream of the Ferry Street bridge and just off the bike path behind the Campbell Community Center on High Street. Public access and camping in the area is restricted from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Reporter Destiny Alvarez writes that the city's Public Works Parks and Open Space staff and a sheriff's work crew, made up of low-level offenders, spent the morning removing truckloads of trash and waste from the site. Around 15 to 20 people worked using gloves, large trash bags and trash pickers to clear the site of abandoned items. Crews found 10 large-scale camps on the island and estimated that roughly 3,000 pounds and 45 yards worth of trash would be removed from the area by the time the crews finished. Crews found broken-down bike frames and tires, decaying food, human feces, trash and at least 50 hypodermic needles within the first few hours of the project, Allen said. One of the biggest problems for river island camps such as these is all types of trash and waste collected at the site can and has made it into the river. Officials say the trash can wind up in the river and on shore. Homeless campers also destroy vegetation on the island, destroying wildlife habitat. The camps also mean that stretch off the river is less safe for people to visit. Officials gave homeless campers 24-hours' notice of the cleanup. Issues surrounding homeless camps in Eugene are nothing new. In June, city council members cracked down on curbside camping, allowing business owners to enforce trespass on planter strips in front of their businesses. However, when it comes to Willamette River islands, issues concerning land management and control will have to play out before the city can impose rules banning camping. The city of Eugene started negotiations in April with the Department of State Lands to establish a rulemaking process for restrictions on unauthorized uses of riverbanks and islands within Eugene city limits. The riverbanks and islands are state-owned, and therefore state regulated. The DSL Rulemaking Advisory Committee met in June to discuss the potential restrictions including no camping or fires at any time and no public use between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. on the riverbanks and islands, which could cut down on homeless camps in those areas. Public access

and camping is not allowed in the area from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. The rulemaking committee has held two of three possible advisory meetings on the restrictions since June and has tentatively scheduled a public comment period for October. The change could be approved and go into effect within the next six months. If approved, the state would maintain ownership, but rules that apply to Eugene's parks and open spaces also would be in effect on the islands within city limits. Because the city of Eugene doesn't have jurisdiction over the area, it hasn't dedicated resources to enforce restrictions and keep large camps from building up. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: Oregon authorities are warning of unhealthy air because of a blaze that has sent smoke drifting more than 50 miles to the state's border with California. The fire near the city of Canyonville has sent smoke billowing over nearby Interstate 5 and caused unhealthy air in the communities of Ashland and Talent. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Interstate 5 motorists should expect morning delays the rest of the week as fire crews continue to cut hazard trees along the Milepost 97 fire area south of Canyonville. Rolling slowdowns will be used in both directions from 7 a.m. to noon between milepost 88 and 101. Flaggers will hold southbound motorists entering the Interstate up to 20 minutes at Exit 101 (Riddle Road), Exit 99 (North Canyonville) and Exit 98 (Canyonville). Northbound motorists will be held at Exit 88 (Azalea). Similar slowdowns were used to cut several large hazard trees on Tuesday morning, with average traffic delays of about 10-20 minutes. Meanwhile. southbound Interstate 5 is limited to a single lane from milepost 97-93 because of the fire. Motorists should expect congestion and delays, as well as low visibility due to smoke. Both off-ramps at Exit 95 (Canyon Creek) remain closed. "On weekday mornings and afternoons, we recommend drivers give themselves an extra 15-20 minutes in travel time through the fire area," ODOT District Manager Darrin Neavoll said. "But depending on the amount of traffic we have, some delays could be longer." / TRANSPORTATION: Westbound I-105 traffic will be reduced to one lane in the work zone approaching 7th Avenue until mid-August. Westbound lane restrictions began on Monday, July 29. All ramps are open. Eastbound I-105 continues to be reduced to one lane on the Washington Street / 7th Avenue on-ramp. The last four bridge joints are being replaced westbound. Bridge rail replacement continues on the left shoulders in both directions. Paving will be done in late August at night. It had previously been scheduled for September. The next phase of work in the \$18 million bridge preservation project will be the Willamette River Bridge, including the southbound Delta Highway onramp to I-105. That work begins after the first of the year. Where traffic is routed through or around a work zone, pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will also be provided routes through or around the work zone.; A project that includes the paving of U.S. 20 over the Santiam Pass is underway. The project covers almost 14 miles from Santiam Junction (U.S. 20/OR 22) in Linn County (milepost 74.5) to Jack Lake Road in Jefferson County (milepost 88.2). All construction will be done Sunday through Thursday nights, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. with two-way traffic controlled with flaggers and a pilot car. Travelers can expect up to 20 minute delays. The project will be completed by October 31. The project includes: grinding and inlay of pavement with 2 inches of asphalt; new guardrail terminals; replacement of damaged signs; center and shoulder rumble strips; new deck joints and concrete overlay for the Lake Creek Bridge; and permanent striping.

The project cost is \$7.8 million. Paving requires dry and warm conditions. The work is weather dependent so there may be some nights when construction isn't happening. Stay informed and know before you go by checking the latest road and travel conditions and traffic alerts at www.tripcheck.com or call 5-1-1. Stay alert and watch for construction signs and construction workers in the work zone. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ECONOMY, RECREATION: Oregon's newest Welcome Center opened yesterday morning on Interstate Five south of Ashland. The northbound I-5 Siskiyou Rest Area is operated by Travel Oregon. The \$12 million facility is the culmination of a 20-year effort to showcase the spot—a longtime freeway rest area that desperately needed an upgrade. The revamped rest area has restrooms, sure, but is the property now is a showcase featuring Northwest-themed buildings on either side of a fire-lookout. The Welcome Center is for drivers coming into Oregon from California, although it is not able to handle large commercial trucks of more than 20,000 lbs. (GVW) Gross Vehicle Weight. They will be directed to the Ashland Port of Entry, five miles to the north. The complex also houses an office for Oregon State Police patrolling Interstate Five. Travel Southern Oregon is operating an information center at the rest area in partnership with Travel Oregon. Tourism officials say research indicates that for every dollar spent operating a welcome center, visitors spend an additional \$35 during their visits—and those who've planned an entire vacation in Oregon and stop at welcome centers spend up to \$1,200 more on their travels. / HEALTH, CRIME: The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that Premera Blue Cross will pay \$74 million to settle a class-action lawsuit over a 2014 data breach that affected more than 10.6 million people nationwide. Under terms of the agreement, \$32 million to pay damages and \$42 million to improve data security. Reporter Maxine Berstein notes that the settlement was reached after months of negotiations before retired judges and insurance legal experts who examined 1.5 million pages of documents. Forty-two separate suits against Premera in all 50 states -- with a higher concentration of plaintiffs in Oregon, Washington and California -- were consolidated and assigned to a federal judge in Portland. Under the deal, Washington-based Premera Blue Cross, the largest health insurer in the Pacific Northwest, would pay up to \$10,000 to each class member who can show proven out-of-docket damages traced to the data breach and \$50 to any class member who submits a claim. The damages fund also would cover two years of credit monitoring and insurance services for those affected, administrative costs and attorneys' fees. The Oregonian and Oregon Live report a third-party claims administrator will send out notices to members of the class-action suit to instruct them to file claims for pay by March 30. A final hearing will be held in early March. The data breach began when hackers sent a phishing email to an employee that was designed to look like it was from the company's IT department. When the worker clicked to download a document, it launched a malware attack on the system. The breach went undetected for eight months. A cybersecurity consulting firm hired by Premera attributed the breach to hackers who were agents associated with the Chinese government, according to court records. / VETERANS, HOMELESSNESS: State Housing officials say they're making progress in efforts to reduce the numbers of homeless veterans. And they're crediting work by organizations across Oregon, including here in Lane County. Oregon Housing and Community Services worked with the Oregon Department of

Veterans' Affairs and agencies including Lane County's Human Services Commission to support ten communities through an effort dubbed Operation Welcome Home. The campaign began in November of last year. It used a portion of state lottery funds to help reach a goal of housing 500 veterans across Oregon. By the time things wrapped up this month, communities had exceeded that goal, finding permanent shelter for 529 veterans. Coordinators say the veterans, men and women who served during various eras, are better able to receive benefits, mental health counseling and other services once they're in permanent housing. / CRIME: A Goshen man was sentenced yesterday to more than ten years in federal prison and five years' supervised release for possessing methamphetamine. According to court documents, 59-year-old Randall Neal Wynn's criminal history spans nearly four decades. His drug, gun and elude offenses date back to the 1980s, and he had previously been sentenced to prison on at least six separate occasions, including a 17-year sentence imposed in 1993. Prosecutors say after multiple supervised release violations and four additional years in prison, Wynn's criminal behavior continued. A Lane County Interagency Narcotics Team (INET) investigation revealed, in 2017, that Wynn was again dealing methamphetamine. INET arrested Wynn twice in 2017, after searches led to the seizure of narcotics, weapons and cash. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco. Firearms and Explosives (ATF) also investigated Wynn, as did police with the cities of Springfield and Cottage Grove. In March of last year, ATF arrested Wynn in Cottage Grove, seizing more than a pound of methamphetamine and a quarter pound of heroin. Officials say Wynn's criminal conduct has repeatedly endangered the public. In 1985, Wynn eluded police in a vehicle, nearly striking two officers; in 1993, while under the influence of drugs and alcohol, he seriously injured a woman in a head-on crash, causing her to be taken by life flight to a Portland-area hospital; and on multiple occasions in 2018, Wynn evaded police in dangerous vehicle escapes. On December 12, 2018, Wynn pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. This case was investigated by ATF, INET and the City of Springfield and Cottage Grove Police Departments, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service. It was prosecuted by Jeffrey Sweet, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, working with the Lane County District Attorney's Office. ; Also this week in Eugene federal court, an Oregon couple was sentenced to federal prison for robbing six banks in four Southern Oregon counties over a two-month period, including one in Lane County. Prosecutors say 38-year-old John Steven Shepard will spend more than four years behind bars followed by three years of supervised release. 39-year-old Kimberly Ann Blank will serve close to three years in prison and three years' supervised release. Investigators say the couple robbed a half-dozen banks in early 2017, including the Banner Bank branches in Cottage Grove and Riddle, along with the Evergreen Bank in Rogue River, Key Bank in Grants Pass, Bank of the Cascades branch in Medford, and Umpqua Bank in Ashland. The judge in the case ordered Shepard and Blank each to pay \$31,045 in restitution.; Up in Clackamas County, southeast of Portland, the mother of a woman fatally shot by an ex-boyfriend who then killed himself is suing the man who illegally sold him the rifle as well as the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office for failing to serve the shooter with a restraining order. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the \$10 million lawsuit alleges those actions led to her adult daughter's wrongful death in

March of last year. The man who sold the shooter the SKS semi-automatic rifle that was used in the killing was sentenced last month to 60 days in jail in connection with the sale. His federal firearms license also was revoked.; Authorities say two men have been arrested in a raid on an illegal marijuana growing operation in southwestern Oregon. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office says detectives from a multi-agency task force found indoor and outdoor pot growing operations when they served a search warrant Tuesday at neighboring properties near Gold Hill. Detectives characterized it as a black-market operation, saying the people involved didn't have permits to grow or process marijuana. Detectives say they also found a lab for producing butane honey oil. Detectives arrested Michael Newmann, who lives at the Oregon property, and Joshua Carey of Homedale, Idaho. Newmann was booked into jail on charges related to the unlawful possession, manufacture, and delivery of marijuana and butane honey oil. Carey was booked for unlawful manufacture of marijuana. It wasn't immediately known if the men have attorneys.; A half-dozen people were arrested in Portland in the latest police operation targeting illegal street racing. The Portland Police Bureau says six women and men ranging in age from 18 to 37 were arrested over the weekend in North and Northeast Portland. They were arrested on charges including reckless driving, speed racing, hit-and-run and felony eluding. Earlier this month in a similar operation, two people were arrested and 22 others were given citations. At least four people have died in Portland street-racing related crashes in the past four years. / BUSINESS: Nearly 2 million Oregonians began receiving checks in the mail last week for \$91.94. And they'll get a similar check this time next year. Surprised? Suspicious? Most people didn't know they had money coming. The checks are the result of a class-action judgment against BP, the company that owns the Arco gas station chain and the affiliated am/pm convenience stores. Five years ago, an Oregon jury found the stations had overcharged customers who paid with their debit cards and the judge in the case ordered BP to pay \$409 million. The jury found Arco and am/pm tacked on a 35-cent debit card fee without giving customers appropriate notice, in violation of Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act. BP maintains that the judgment is unconstitutional but agreed to settle the case after losing an appeal in state court. The verdict applies to customers who paid with debit cards at Oregon Arco and am/pm locations between January 1, 2011 and August 31, 2013. Oregon's Department of Justice said 1.7 million customers will get the checks. If you qualify, you do not need to take any action to receive the check. The eligibility was determined years ago. As part of the settlement, BP also will pay \$36 million to Legal Aid Services of Oregon and another \$36 million to establish a new nonprofit, called Oregon Consumer Justice, dedicated to consumer education and protection. / ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT: An Oregon real estate investor has donated undeveloped land to Portland Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary. Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Monday that Marty Kehoe and his family have donated Pittock Place. The 22-acre plot borders Forest Park, a public park west of downtown Portland. Audubon officials say the property is one of the largest, most ecologically valuable parcels on the periphery of Forest Park. The land is worth an estimated \$14 million and was slated for development of 32 multimilliondollar homes. Officials say donors raised \$200,000 to pay the property's remaining mortgage, which was Kehoe's only stipulation. The City of Portland

contributed \$350,000 to purchase a conservation easement. The city is also expected to provide \$150,000 for restoration services including invasive plant removal and water quality protection. /

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Favorable weather conditions allowed firefighters to make substantial progress in containing that wildfire burning south of Canyonville in southwestern Oregon. The Oregon Department of Forestry said yesterday that the Milepost 97 blaze has charred more than 12,500 acres but is 30% contained. Fire managers are working to contain as much of the fire as possible before the weekend is expected to bring hotter and drier weather conditions. Yesterday, crews conducted what are known as "burnout operations" to deprive the blaze of fuel and halt its advance in some areas. They say crews have so far been able to protect close to 3,000 acres of adjacent timberland. The Milepost 97 fire is believed to have started the middle of last week from an illegal campfire. More than 1,500 personnel are battling the blaze on the ground and in the air. The fire is burning in rugged terrain and sending smoke into parts of southern Douglas County as well as Josephine, Jackson and Klamath counties. A reminder that firefighters are continuing to work along parts of Interstate Five south of Canyonville. They're removing hazardous trees that were burned last week next to the freeway. Watch for rolling slowdowns, lane closures, vehicles, equipment and personnel.; There were plenty of smaller wildfires across Oregon yesterday, as well. One was up in the mid-Willamette Valley at Valley Junction, where highways 22 and 18 meet near the city of Sheridan. Crews there battled both grass fires and a house fire. Here in Eugene, there was an afternoon field fire at James Park off East 19th Avenue. No evacuations. But it's another reminder of just how dry things are.; Can we talk about safety at boat landings? In recent weeks across Oregon, there have been a series of injuries and one tragic death of a child while boaters have been trying to trailer their craft into or out of the water. On Tuesday, a man was hospitalized after being injured while he and his son were attempting to launch a boat at a ramp on Lost Creek Lake in Jackson County. Investigators say the 92-year-old man was standing near the vehicle, a Jeep, when its parking brake gave way. He was either knocked to the ground or fell. The Jeep, trailer and boat rolled into the water. The man was treated for a head injury and Jackson County Sheriff's deputies helped remove the vehicle, trailer and boat from the water. Earlier this month, a seven-year-old boy died when he was run over with a boat trailer at a Southwest Portland boat ramp. Police said the child had been standing on the trailer hitch and fell. The vehicle was being driven by his father. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Federal railway officials say the railroad industry has installed safety technology on nearly 90% of

tracks where it is required, but "significant work" is needed to ensure the technology is completely installed by a December 2020 deadline. Federal Railroad Administration chief Ronald Batury says technology known as positive train control, or PTC, is in operation on more than 50,000 route miles of the nearly 58,000 route miles where it is required. The technology is intended to prevent deadly crashes by automatically stopping or slowing a train before a collision or derailment. Congress required in 2008 that railroads adopt PTC and gave them seven years to do the job. When it became clear that wasn't enough, Congress extended the deadline through 2018 and again through 2020. No more extensions are expected.; Officials have confirmed an increase in traffic-related fatalities of older pedestrians in Oregon's largest city. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Wednesday that Portland officials say people 65 years and older account for about 12% of the population but make up more than one-quarter of pedestrian deaths since 2010. Officials say a citywide analysis revealed Portland matched the 34-person traffic death toll of 2018 in less than seven months this year. Officials say the majority of fatal crashes involving pedestrians occur when people legally walking in the street are hit by drivers. City officials say larger sports utility vehicles could be contributing to the numbers. Officials say the speed limit on all residential streets was reduced to 20 mph earlier this year. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they arrested a 26-year-old man on Tuesday in connection with a road rage incident that happened earlier in the day on the Beltline Highway. It came after investigators identified the suspect as Abraham Johns Acuna, Police say Acuna also was wanted on several warrants. Members of the Street Crimes Unit surrounded his apartment Tuesday evening and were preparing to enter the residence with a police dog when officials say Acuna was spotted trying to leave from the back of the building. He was arrested for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Harassment, Possession of Controlled Substance-in this case, Methamphetamine, Menacing, and DUII.; Lane County Sheriff's investigators are seeking the suspect in a Monday incident south of Florence off Highway 101 where a person was shot in the leg and went to the hospital that evening for medical care. Detectives say they're looking for 35-year-old Gene Manuel Joseph. Gene Joseph is described as a white male, about 5'10", about 200 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, and might have a long, black beard. If you've seen Gene Joseph since Monday or know where he is, contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office. But investigators say do not attempt to contact or apprehend Joseph yourself. He is considered armed and dangerous.; A reporter with the Oregonian and OregonLive spotted this in the Call Log of the Forest Grove Police Department: July 22: A convenience store employee reported that a man wearing a Cookie Monster shirt came into the location in the middle of the night, opened and ate half a package of cookies, then left the location without paying. The alleged cookie monster was gone by the time police arrived. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, COMMUNITY: State lawmakers this month approved money to keep the Leaburg Hatchery operating. On Saturday, supporters of the effort will hold a celebration at the hatchery. They'll also highlight the creation of the informational panels that are part of the "McKenzie History Highway." Coordinators say there are now 37 history panels up along the river between Cedar Flat and McKenzie Bridge. Saturday's event runs from noon until 2 p.m. at the Leaburg Hatchery. There will be a few remarks, then hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as free stickers for the kids. There's also the opportunity

to purchase Leaburg Hatchery and McKenzie History Highway merchandise. Profits from those sales benefit the Upper McKenzie Community Center. Speaking of which, after the event at the hatchery there will be an ice cream social at the Upper McKenzie Community Center at 54745 McKenzie River Drive in Blue River. It runs Saturday until 7 p.m. / SAFETY, YOUTH, FAMILIES: There's another recall involving baby sleepers, this time of close to 24,000 carrying Disney and Eddie Bauer brand names. It comes amid concerns that infants could roll over and suffocate. No injuries have been reported for these sleepers, but similar ones sold by other brands have been linked to deaths after infants rolled over from their backs onto their stomachs or sides while unrestrained. In April, Fisher-Price recalled 4.7 million of their infant sleepers after reports that more than 30 babies died in over a 10-year period. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says anyone who owns the Disney or Eddie Bauer sleepers, both of which were made by Dorel Juvenile Group, should stop using them and contact Dorel for a refund. The sleepers were sold for \$60 at Target, Kmart and other stores nationwide between November 2014 and February 2017. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: The Trump administration said Wednesday it will create a pathway allowing Americans to legally and safely import lower-cost prescription drugs from Canada for the first time, reversing years of opposition from federal health authorities amid a public outcry over high prices for life-sustaining medications. The move is a step toward fulfilling a 2016 campaign promise by President Donald Trump, and it weakens an import ban that stood as a symbol of the political clout of the pharmaceutical industry. It's unclear how soon consumers will see benefits, as the plan has to go through time-consuming regulatory approval and later could face court challenges from drugmakers. It comes as the industry is facing a crescendo of consumer complaints over prices, as well as legislation from both parties in Congress to rein in costs, along with a sheaf of proposals from the Democratic presidential contenders. Ahead of the 2020 election, Trump is feeling pressure to deliver on years of harsh rhetoric about the pharmaceutical industry. Making the announcement Wednesday, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said the administration's decision recognizes that prescription drug manufacturing and distribution is now international. Most patients take affordable generic drugs to manage conditions such as high blood pressure or elevated blood sugars. But polls show concern about the prices of breakthrough medications for intractable illnesses like cancer or hepatitis C infection, whose annual costs can run to \$100,000 or much more. And long-available drugs like insulin have seen price serial increases that forced some people with diabetes to ration their own doses. Azar, a former drug industry executive, said U.S. patients will be able to import medications safely and effectively, with oversight from the Food and Drug Administration. One prong of the administration's proposal would allow states, wholesalers and pharmacists to get FDA approval to import certain medications that are also available here. Another part would allow drugmakers to seek approval for re-importation of their own drugs. This second provision would cover cutting-edge biologic drugs as well mainstays like insulin. It's unclear how soon consumers will see results. Azar spoke of a regulatory process lasting "weeks and months" and he also called on Congress to pass legislation that would lend its muscle to the effort, even shortcircuit attempts to overturn the changes in court. The importation idea has backers across the political spectrum. Drug prices are lower in other economically

advanced countries because governments take a leading role in setting prices. But in the U.S., Medicare is not permitted to negotiate with drug companies. Some experts have been skeptical of allowing imports from Canada, partly from concerns about whether Canadian suppliers have the capacity to meet the demands of the much larger U.S. market. But consumer groups have strongly backed the idea, arguing that it will pressure U.S. drugmakers to reduce their prices. They also point out that the pharmaceutical industry is a global business and many of the ingredients in medications sold in the U.S. are manufactured abroad. The drug industry lobby, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, has successfully blocked past efforts in Washington to allow importation. It argues patients would be at risk of receiving counterfeit or adulterated medications.

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SPORTS: Duck football fans: The University of Oregon's annual "Fan Day" is set for this Saturday, Aug. 3. The day begins with an open practice from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by autographs and activities inside the Moshofsky Center from noon to 1:30 p.m. Members of the both the offense and defense will be on hand to sign autographs from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. In addition to autographs, fans can enjoy the inflatable obstacle course, giant slide, bounce house and more. Fans are asked to limit their requests to one autographed item per player, to ensure that as many fans as possible can be accommodated. Also, players are being made available for autographs but not for photo opportunities with fans, again to better serve the largest number of autograph requests. Football seasonticket holders who already have their Fan Day tickets will be allowed to enter the Moshofsky Center promptly at 12 p.m. Once that group has entered the general public will be admitted. Fans enter at the southeast corner of the Moshofsky Center. The team will practice on the adjacent Hatfield-Dowlin Complex Fields starts at 10 a.m. the entry is in the area between the Casanova and Moshofsky Centers. No cameras or videotaping are allowed at the practice. The East Lot adjacent to Autzen Stadium will open for parking at 9 a.m. No concessions will be available.; Coming off a nine-win season under first-year head coach Mario Cristobal, Oregon will open the 2019 campaign ranked No. 13 in the Amway Coaches Poll that was unveiled on the eve of the Ducks' first practice of fall camp. It marks the 11th time in the last 12 seasons that the Ducks will open the season ranked either in the coaches poll or in the Associated Press Top 25. Five Pac-12 teams cracked the top 25, while four of Oregon's opponents on the 2019 schedule are in the preseason poll. For the first time since 2011, the Ducks will open the season against a ranked opponent when they face No. 16 Auburn in the 2019 AdvoCare Classic at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Kickoff is slated for 4:30 p.m. to open ABC Saturday Night Football's 14th season while the matchup will also be featured on ESPN's College GameDay. Highlighted by Heisman hopeful quarterback Justin Herbert, Oregon returns 10 starters on the offensive side of the ball, which is tied for the most in the nation. On defense, the Ducks bring back seven starters led by senior linebacker Troy Dye, who enters the season with the most career tackles (313) among Power 5 players. Oregon's combined 17 returning positional starters is tied for fourth nationally. / TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY: Lane Transit District on Thursday began accepting electronic fares through the TouchPass program. The electronic fare

purchase and payment system allows riders to buy their bus passes and fares electronically by downloading an app on their mobile devices. Pay for bus fares with just a swipe of the device at a reader next to the fare box on the bus. Download the "TouchPass Transit App" and select Lane Transit District—LTD as your transit provider. Set up a TouchPass account and purchase passes or add value to your account for future fare purchases. If you need assistance downloading the app, visit LTD's customer service representatives at the downtown Eugene Transit Station. All LTD buses, except EmX vehicles, are equipped with a TouchPass Reader. EmX buses will be able to accept TouchPass in the next year. Before riders board the bus, they need to activate their TouchPass account by opening the app on their mobile device. To pay the fare, TouchPass riders position the mobile device within the white corner markers on the TouchPass Reader mounted next to the fare box on the bus. Once the QR code is read, the fare is paid. TouchPass also allows riders to easily transfer between buses. For those who like to pay cash, no worries: LTD still accepts cash for a fare. Paper bus passes will be accepted from riders to pay for bus fares through the end of the year. One of the new features is the capability for riders to store value on the app that may be used to pay for future rides. When a rider uses stored value, the system automatically calculates when they've reached the equivalent of a calendar month pass and the rest of that month's rides are free. For more information about TouchPass and other LTD services, go to www.LTD.org / SAFETY: They're still trying to figure out what sparked yesterday's mobile home fire that destroyed three units and damaged some others off Highway 58 near Seavey Loop Road. The blaze spread to a nearby field and hillside, sending up a plume of smoke visible from Interstate Five and the metro area. The fire broke out a bit before noon at the Oaks Mobile Home Park, forcing some residents to evacuate.; Want to prevent some brush and field fires? Don't throw out your cigarette butts. Put them in a proper receptacle. Officials with the Lane Fire Authority say they spent two hours yesterday midday putting out a halfacre field fire near the old boat landing on Hileman Lane after a blaze was sparked by someone's discarded cigarette butt. Those small fires can tie up a lot of resources. In this case, 11 firefighters and five pieces of fire equipment tied up battling the blaze. The good news: No structural damage and no injuries. / CRIME: Eugene Police yesterday arrested a bank robbery suspect minutes after the alleged crime. It happened about 9:45 yesterday morning, after officers responded to a report that a man held up the Wells Fargo Bank Branch in the 2000 block of River Road. The suspect did not show a weapon and left southbound on River Road with an undisclosed amount of cash. Eugene Police patrol, traffic safety, Street Crime Unit members and detectives responded and quickly apprehended the suspect. identified as 50-year-old Roderick Joy Watson. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A 71-year-old Eugene man died Wednesday late afternoon when the vehicle in which he was a passenger was involved in an accident on Highway 58 near Oakridge. Oregon State Police say the two-vehicle crash occurred when a Ford F-350 pickup driven by a 76-year-old Turner, Oregon, man turned from Westfir Road on the highway and into the path of an oncoming Nissan, operated by a 41-year-old Eugene man. His passenger, Santokh Singh of Eugene, died at the scene. The drivers had minor injuries. ; The on- and off-ramps at Barger and Beltline were closed for a couple of hours yesterday while crews responded to a gas leak. It came after workers accidentally

cut a natural gas line. Several nearby businesses briefly evacuated.; All lanes of northbound Interstate 205 will be closing for a paving project beginning 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2. All northbound lanes will remain closed between Southeast Foster Road and Interstate 84 through 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5. This is an all hours / all days closure with signed detours for travelers to use 82nd Avenue or 122nd Avenue northbound as an alternate routes. The southbound lanes of the interstate will not be affected. In addition to the northbound freeway closure, three additional on-ramps will close for the weekend that lead to northbound I-205; Sunnyside/Sunnybrook Boulevard, Johnson Creek Boulevard and Glisan Street. The closure of those ramps also egins 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 and ends at 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5. The Oregon Department of Transportation suggests that other forms of travel could be quicker or at least less stressful, including Interstate 5 through Portland to I-84. But traffic will be heavier than usual because of the detour. ODOT said in a recent release that closing I-205 northbound for a weekend rather than for several hours during the day saves time, money and improves safety for crews. The agency estimates the alternative to a full weekend closure would necessitate about 20 partial nighttime closures. Later in August ODOT will close Interstate 205's Glenn Jackson Bridge between Oregon and Washington in both directions overnight for installation of a new sign bridge. Dates have not been selected for this work, but crews plan to close the bridge between 11:59 p.m. and 5 a.m.; Every year flaggers and other highway workers are injured and killed on highways in Oregon and across the nation. The Oregon Department of Transportation has begun deploying new automated flagging technology-known as "auto flaggers" -- that takes work zone flaggers out of the line of traffic, making them safer. An auto flagger is a device with lights and a flagging arm. Research indicates auto flaggers are more visible to drivers than traditional flaggers and allow a highway crew flagger to remotely operate the device at a safer distance from oncoming traffic. What to do when you see an auto flagger: Stop when the light is red and the arm is down. Proceed with caution when the light flashes yellow and the arm is up. Know that there IS someone nearby, operating the device. Avoid distracted driving! Distracted drivers endanger themselves, highway workers and others. Ninety percent of Oregon work zone crashes are caused by bad driving such as drivers following too close, driving too fast, not yielding or driving under the influence. Whenever you travel through work zones, be patient, pay attention to work zone signs, slow down, and obey all flaggers—human and automated. / RECREATION, SAFETY: The Willamette National Forest has reopened the Whitewater Trail #3429 for the first time since the 14,000-acre Whitewater Fire closed it in July of 2017. The Whitewater Trail is one of the most popular routes into Jefferson Park. Detroit Ranger District officials say this closure was set to last through the end of August but crews working to reduce hazards in the area finished ahead of schedule. That said, recreation officials remind you that hazards still exist, including along the margin of the road. Parking is limited at the trailhead, so consider visiting on weekdays and quieter weekends. And because the wildfire damaged the soil in the area, visitors are asked to stay on the trail to avoid making the burn areas more susceptible to erosion. And since we're in wildfire season, remember to check local fire restrictions and make sure any campfires are out and cold before leaving. / RECREATION, GOVERNMENT: The Oregon Supreme Court has decided not to rule on whether a suburban Portland lake should be considered

public. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Thursday that the court declined to determine if Oswego Lake qualifies as a "navigable waterway." The court sent the 2012 lawsuit involving the 0.63-square-mile body of water back to Clackamas County Circuit Court for further consideration Thursday. Kayaker Mark Kramer and open water swimmer Todd Prager asked the high court to overturn previous rulings denying them access to the lake 10 miles south of Portland. Posted signs indicate the body of water managed by the Lake Oswego Corporation is private and records say others who have tried to use it were asked to leave or threatened with tickets. / CRIME, RELIGION: The Roman Catholic archdiocese in Portland, Oregon will pay a total of \$4 million to eight individuals who alleged they were molested by a priest in the 1970s and 1980s on the Oregon coast. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Thursday that the settlement resolves lawsuits alleging sexual abuse by the Rev. Pius Brazauskas, who died in 1990. Three men came forward in 2018 alleging that Brazauskas abused them when they were between ages 5 and 12. Five more men came forward after the lawsuit was filed. Brazauskas was assigned to Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in North Bend at the time. According to court papers, archdiocese attorney Anna Helton says the money will come out of a fund set up during the bankruptcy proceedings for use in future legal claims./ CRIME: Officials have confirmed that the child's body found in a remote area of northwestern Montana was the missing boy from Oregon and that he had been shot in the head. Lincoln County Sheriff Darren Short said Thursday an autopsy confirmed the victim found on July 28 was Aiden Salcido of Medford, Oregon. His parents, Hannah Janiak and Daniel Salcido, died in an apparent murder-suicide after fleeing a traffic stop near Kalispell on July 24. The boy was not in the vehicle, prompting a search. Witnesses reported seeing a vehicle matching the description of the one belonging to Janiak and Salcido near a remote campsite in Lincoln County. Searchers found the boy's body in the West Fisher Creek area. Officers said Janiak died of a gunshot wound to her head and Daniel Salcido died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. / CRIME, GOVERNMENT: Oregon will substantially narrow the use of the death penalty by limiting qualifying crimes. Gov. Kate Brown signed a law Thursday to restrict capital punishment to apply to only four types of crimes. Those include terrorist killings and the premeditated murder of police officers. State lawmakers cannot introduce an outright ban on capital punishment without sending a measure to voters. The move comes weeks after the federal government announced that it would resume executing death-row inmates for the first time since 2003. Voters approved adding the death penalty to the Oregon Constitution in 1984. Brown extended a 2011 moratorium on using the death penalty. The state Department of Corrections says there were 30 people on death row as of Jan. 1, 2019. The last execution was in 1997. / AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE: The state of Washington has announced plans to kill another member of a pack of wolves that is repeatedly preying on cattle in Ferry County. But conservation groups contend it may be time to consider moving the cattle off of public lands. The state Department of Fish and Wildlife said Wednesday that it planned to kill another member of the Old Profanity Territory wolf pack. The agency killed one member of the pack last month in an effort to change the pack's behavior. But since then the pack is blamed for killing two cattle and injuring five. The pack is credited with a total of 27 depredations since last September. The Lands Council sent the agency a letter last week saying it may be time to move the cattle instead. / POLITICS, SAFETY: An Oregon state

senator's threats against the Senate president and the Oregon State Police on the eve of a walkout by Senate Republicans in June sent a shock wave of fear through the Capitol. Some who work in the domed building wept, expressing fear of returning to the job, emails obtained late Wednesday by The Associated Press show. Among protective measures that were considered: Escorting employees from their parking spaces to their desks, creating secured work areas and even having state police at the dais in the Senate chamber. Republican Sen. Brian Boquist warned on June 19 if the state police were sent to force him to return during the walkout they should "send bachelors and come heavily armed." The GOP senators staged a walkout on June 20, preventing the majority Democrats from voting on the bill that would have reduced greenhouse gas emissions and charged companies that exceeded emissions limits. /

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CRIME, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: In honor of the victims of the tragedies in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, all flags at public institutions throughout Oregon and the nation are flying at half-staff until sunset on Thursday, August 8.; President Trump this morning condemned weekend shootings in Texas and Ohio as barbaric crimes, quote, "against all humanity." Trump also called for bipartisan cooperation to respond to an epidemic of gun violence. The president said he wants legislation providing, quote, "strong background checks," end quote, for gun users. But in remarks to the nation this morning, he provided few details and critics say Trump has backed away from previous promises after mass shootings. Trump spoke from the White House about the weekend shootings that left 29 dead and dozens wounded. He suggested earlier today on Twitter that a background check bill could be paired with his long-sought effort to toughen the nation's immigration system. But the president did not say how or why he was connecting the issues. Both shooting suspects were U.S. citizens, and federal officials are investigating anti-immigrant bias as a potential motive for the El Paso, Texas, massacre. Trump has frequently sought to tie his immigration priorities a border wall and transforming the legal immigration system to one that prioritizes merit over familial ties — to legislation around which he perceives momentum to be building. The president offered few specific solutions to address violence, and signaled he would oppose large-scale gun control efforts pushed by Democrats, saying, quote, "hatred pulls the trigger, not the gun." Trump called for law enforcement and social media companies to do more to combat extremism and spot warning signs of violence online. He also called for a reduction in the "glorification" of violence in American culture, laws to make it easier to commit those with mental illness and "red flag laws" to separate such individuals from firearms. Trump also directed the Department of Justice to seek and prioritize the enforcement of the death penalty in cases of hate crimes and mass shootings. Over the weekend, Trump tried to assure Americans he was dealing with the problem and defended his administration in light of criticism following the latest in a string of mass shootings.; Congress has proven unable to pass substantial gun violence legislation this session, despite the frequency of mass shootings, in large part because of resistance from Republicans, particularly in the GOP-controlled Senate. That political dynamic seems difficult to change. In February, the House approved bipartisan legislation to require federal background checks for all gun sales and transfers and approved legislation to allow a review period of up to 10

days for background checks on firearms purchases. The White House threatened a presidential veto if those measures passed Congress. In the El Paso attack, investigators are focusing on whether it was a hate crime after the emergence of a racist, anti-immigrant screed that was posted online shortly beforehand. Detectives sought to determine if it was written by the man who was arrested. The border city has figured prominently in the immigration debate and is home to 680,000 people, most of them Latino. As Trump weighs trips to the affected communities — the Federal Aviation Administration advised pilots of a presidential visit Wednesday to El Paso and Dayton, Ohio - local lawmakers signaled opposition to his presence. In recent weeks, the president has issued racist tweets about four women of color who serve in Congress, and in rallies has spoken of an "invasion" at the southern border. His reelection strategy has placed racial animus at the forefront in an effort that his aides say is designed to activate his base of conservative voters, an approach not seen by an American president in the modern era. Trump also has been widely criticized for offering a false equivalency when discussing racial violence, notably when he said there were "very fine people, on both sides," after a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that resulted in the death of an anti-racism demonstrator. On gun control, a majority of Americans have consistently said they support stronger laws, but proposals have stalled repeatedly in Congress, a marked contrast to some countries that have acted swiftly after a mass shooting. / ENVIRONMENT: The latest data from the European Climate Agency confirmed last week's snapshot from the World Meteorological Organization: The month of July likely was the hottest month the world has experienced since modern record-keeping began more than a century ago. It comes on the heels of the hottest June ever. July's record average heat came amid a deadly hot spell in Europe and temperature records shattered in locations ranging from New Delhi and Anchorage to Paris, Santiago, Adelaide, Australia and the Arctic Circle. According to remarks last week from the United Nations Secretary-General, the world is on track for the period stretching from 2015 to 2019 to be the five hottest years on record. Climate officials including the U.N. leader warn that if all nations don't take immediate action to tackle climate change and reduce greenhouse gases, the extreme weather events happening now are just the tip of a rapidly melting iceberg. Experts say Arctic Sea ice is already near record low levels. In addition, last month's European heat wave raised temperatures in the Arctic and Greenland by tens of degrees. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Travelers using U.S. 20 over the Santiam Pass are reminded that a paving project is underway Sunday through Thursday night. Sunday night, the paving hours are from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday, the paving hours are from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. Two-way traffic will be controlled with flaggers and pilot car. Travelers should expect up to 20-minute delays. The project will be completed by October 31. The project covers almost 14 miles over Santiam Junction and U.S. Highway 20 and Oregon Highway 22 from Milepost 74.5 in Linn County to Milepost 88.2 at Jack Lake Road in Jefferson County. Please stay alert and watch construction signs and construction workers in the work zone. Stay informed and know before you go by checking the latest road and travel conditions and traffic alerts at www.tripcheck.com or call 5-1-1.; Interstate 5 motorists should expect delays south of Canyonville this morning in the Milepost 97 fire area. Crews continue work to remove "hazard trees" that were burned by the wildfire during the past 12 days. Oregon Department of

Transportation crews will create what are known as "rolling slowdowns" at times on the freeway. That's when traffic is slowed to a crawl to allow crews and equipment to work at various locations. Flaggers will hold traffic at on-ramps in these areas up to 20 minutes. The slowdowns begin this morning at 7:00 a.m. and will continue at times until noon. Watch for southbound rolling slowdowns between Milepost 101 and Milepost 93. For northbound traffic, the slowdowns will be activated between Exit 88, the Azalea interchange, and continue north to Canyonville. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Officials said yesterday morning that containment on the Milepost 97 Fire south of Canyonville has reached 50 percent. But it's worth noting that crews worked hard into a through the weekend and now have hand-dug and buildozed fire lines that completely surround the blaze. The fire has burned more than 13,100 acres. There still are weeks of hard work ahead for fire crews. That includes mop up, preventing flare-ups, dousing hot spots, and tying into established containment lines. And there are still some unburned pockets of trees and vegetation inside the fire lines. As they burn, they fuel much of the smoke rising from the blaze. A level one evacuation notification remains in effect in some residential areas of southern Douglas county near the fire. "Level One" means that residents should be "ready" to evacuate should conditions warrant. While 586 structures remain threatened, none have been damaged, none destroyed. Officials say the Milepost 97 fire was started last month by an illegal campfire. Fire managers have not projected a full containment date. There are more than 1,370 personnel working the lines and fighting the blaze by air. The price tag so far: \$14.9 million dollars. Among the agencies battling the blaze: the Oregon Department of Forestry, Douglas Forest Protective Association and Bureau of Land Management. Others involved in the effort include the U.S. Forest Service, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Roseburg Resources, Silver Butte Resources, Lone Rock Timber, Williams Pipeline, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Transportation. Farther to the south, crews held the East Evans Fire at 300 acres over the weekend. The blaze was reported Friday afternoon northeast of Grants Pass and west of Shady Cove. Officials say more than 200 firefighters, backed by a strong aerial attack, had the blaze completely lined by Saturday afternoon. The fire briefly prompted the evacuation of close to one dozen rural homes.; Those thunderheads you could see yesterday afternoon (Sun., Aug. 4) along the Cascade crest? Officials say firefighters have responded to ten small blazes sparked by lightning on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests. As of yesterday evening, all of the blazes were less than one acre. ; The famously rainy coastal Pacific Northwest has long been shielded from the wildfire risks faced by drier states, but that may no longer be true. Experts say global warming is bringing higher temperatures, lower humidity and longer stretches of drought. And that means wildfire risks will extend into areas that haven't experienced major burns. While communities in drier areas have adopted wildfire-oriented development rules, many towns in wetter parts have not. Instead, development has been broadly allowed in pockets encircled by forest in the coastal territory stretching from northwestern Oregon to British Columbia. Researchers say it's difficult to predict exactly when the region may start seeing more significant wildfires. But they say even a modest increase in contributing factors, like days without rain, could make forests more vulnerable. ; On Saturday, members of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and its Search and Rescue Volunteers assisted

a Lane County man was who injured during a horseback riding accident at the Quinn Meadow Horse Camp. Quinn Meadow is located off Central Oregon's Century Drive between Devils Lake and Elk Lake. Officials say the injured rider, 57-year-old Robert Laroe of Creswell, was on the trail about a mile from the horse camp. He was treated for potentially life-threatening injuries before being transported via a wheeled litter back to Quinn Meadow where a Life Flight helicopter was waiting. Laroe was flown to St. Charles Bend hospital for further treatment. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: The Oregon Health Authority issued a recreational use health advisory on Friday for Odeli Lake due to the presence of a harmful algae bloom and harmful algae toxins whose levels are above recreational guideline values for human exposure. 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. People are encouraged to visit Odell Lake and 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 could lead to inhalation risk. Fish caught from areas where cyanobacterial blooms are present should have fat, skin and organs removed 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. Cyanotoxins cannot be removed by boiling, filtering or treating water with camping-style filters. Contact campground management or the local health department with questions about water available at nearby campgrounds or day use areas. People who are not on a well or a public water system and draw inhome water directly from an affected area are advised to use an alternative water source because not all private treatment systems are proven effective in removing cyanotoxins. Exposure to cyanotoxins can be serious and result in a range of symptoms, from those similar to food poisoning such as stomach cramping, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, to more serious symptoms like numbness, tingling, dizziness and shortness of breath that may require medical attention. 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. For health information or to report an illness, contact the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) at 971-673-0482. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: For the eighth year in a row, NW Natural and the American Red Cross are hosting "Get Ready" events around the state to help you prepare for natural disasters. Mark your calendars: One of them is coming to Cottage Grove on Saturday. The "Get Ready" session are free and open to everyone. It's an opportunity for representatives of the American Red Cross, local fire departments, and other public agencies and organizations to join with Northwest Natural to provide vital emergency preparedness information in the event a disaster strikes. It comes ahead of September's National Preparedness month, and the session gives attendees an opportunity to plan well in advance of those observances. "GET READY COTTAGE GROVE" is set for Saturday, August 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Emergency Preparedness Fair will take place at Coiner Park, 1319 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove. The first 100 attendees at the "Get Ready" event will receive a starter emergency kit. There will

also be the chance to enter a drawing to win a family emergency preparedness kit. Other agencies are offering handouts and preparedness items. / MILITARY: Some citizen-soldiers from the Oregon National Guard are preparing for a mobilization. There will be a town hall meeting Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. at the Roseburg Armory to discuss the planned deployment of more than 1,400 Oregonians with the 1st Battalion, 186 Infantry. The 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team commander, Colonel Eric Riley along with Commander Lieutenant Colonel Paul Dyer will discuss the Brigade's upcoming multi-country deployment. The 1-186 is scheduled to deploy to five different countries: Djibouti (juh-BOO'-tee), Jordan, Kosovo (KOH'-suh-voh), Qatar (cutter), and the United Arab Emirates. Again, the town hall meeting begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Roseburg Armory. Soldiers, loved ones, and community members are invited to attend. For 450 members of the 1-186 who live in Southern Oregon, there is a town hall meeting this evening at 6 p.m. at the Grants Pass Armory to share details on planned deployment to Djibouti as part of the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. / POLITICS, SAFETY: Oregon's federal prosecutor is convening meetings with federal, state and local law enforcement to help Portland police prepare for a right-wing rally and counter-protests that could become violent. A rally against anti-fascists being advertised for Aug. 17 is expected to draw far-right groups such as the Proud Boys, Oathkeepers and Three Percenters to Portland. Rose City Antifa has issued a statement asking counter-protesters to defend Portland from a "far-right attack." Clashes between right-wing demonstrators, many from outside Oregon, and anti-fascist groups attracted national attention in June when an attack on the conservative blogger Andy Ngo was captured on video. Police Chief Danielle Outlaw said Friday that social media postings indicate some people who plan to attend plan to engage in criminal activity and police are preparing for that possibility. / IMMIGRATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIME: About a dozen people were arrested during a peaceful Portland protest led by Jewish leaders and immigration rights activists at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Portland. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports protesters blocked the driveway of the office Friday and were warned several times that they could be arrested for blocking federal property. Several shots were fired from what sounded like a paintball gun which dispersed the crowd of about 60 protesters into the streets. The Oregonian/OregonLive couldn't confirm what was used or who shot it. Protesters demanded that elected officials close border detention centers, defund ICE and Customs and Border Protection and provide permanent protection for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. The rally was part of the Never Again movement, a nationwide political action in which protesters say they advocate to prevent events like the Holocaust from happening again. / HEATH, MINORITIES: A bill introduced in Congress would expand health care options for Native American veterans. New Mexico Sen. Tom Udall and California Rep. Ro Khanna announced the bill Friday. A bipartisan group of lawmakers has signed on as co-sponsors. The measure would allow the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to reimburse about three dozen health care facilities in 20 states for services provided to Native veterans in urban areas. California leads in the number of urban Indian health centers. A reimbursement system already exists for about 185 hospitals and clinics run by the federal Indian Health Service or by tribes in more remote areas. Udall's office says those agreements helped more than 9,300 Native veterans last year. Census figures

show about three-quarters of Native Americans live in urban areas. / TRANSPORTATION, CRIME: Police say an Amtrak passenger train was forced to make an unscheduled stop in Oregon after a man threatened to harm himself and others. The Klamath County Sheriff's Office says 25-year-old Mason Lira of Fresno, California, was charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with public transportation Sunday. Police say Lira was arrested after the Coast Starlight train from Los Angeles to Seattle stopped west of Highway 58 near Odell Lake. Authorities say train personnel contacted police around 11 a.m. after Lira made unusual gestures, statements about weapons and threats to passengers and the conductor. First responders were dispatched to the scene at Odell Lake near Shelter Cove. Authorities say no weapons were found, and there were no injuries reported. The train with 272 passengers and 15 crew members was delayed for nearly five hours. / CRIME: Early Sunday morning, Eugene Police officers say they recovered a stolen car, arrested a suspect and seized some methamphetamine and other materials they say might be related to the illegal distribution of the drug. It came after the victim of the car theft called to report he'd sported his vehicle in the 300 block of West 7th Avenue. Officer's observed two occupants inside the vehicle and took both into custody and while they later released the second suspect, 32-year-old Joshua Mikel Banister of Springfield was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, and Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine.; A few hours later on Sunday morning, Eugene Police responded to the 100 block of North Garfield Street after receiving reports of a disorderly male inside his home. Neighbors reported the man was hitting the walls and, quote, "destroying the house." When they arrived, officers say they observed smoke coming from the house and fire alarms sounding. While they summoned fire crews to assist with the smoke and a possible fire inside the home, they made visual and verbal contact with the male to try to get him to exit, but say he refused. Officer say they feared for the man's health and safety, so they forced their way inside to evacuate him. The man was evaluated by paramedics and transported for treatment while fire crews extinguished the blaze. /

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COMMUNITY, CRIME, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT: During National Night Out, neighborhoods and cities across the country host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel and exhibits. The annual community-building campaign promotes public and police partnerships to make our communities safer, more caring places to live. The Eugene Police, Fred Meyer, and the Eugene Ems hold their event this evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at PK Park. The events feature: A children's superhero costume contest with three categories for youngsters up to age nine. The prizes and winner medallions are sponsored by Burley Bikes, Fred Meyer and the Eugene Police Foundation; a K9 demo; Fire Dog Casey; Metro Explosives Disposal Unit van and robot; Crisis Negotiation van and team; Traffic teams from the Eugene Police and University of Oregon; SWAT Bear Cat Armored Unit; Radar Trailer; Tours of police, fire and public works vehicles; "Chief's. Chief" competition; Appearances by Eugene Ems Baseball players; Goodie bags for younger children while supplies last; and a "bouncy house," fast pitch, and slide. Other sponsors include the University of Oregon Police Department, Eugene Springfield Fire EMS, Eugene Public Works, Eugene Parks, Eugene Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement, Safe Kids West Oregon sponsored by PeaceHealth, and others.; The Springfield police are holding their National night out events at two locations this evening. Join the festivities at Springfield's Meadow Park or Lively Park from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Help give Crime and Drugs a going-away party. Springfield Neighborhood Watch and the Springfield Police Department invite you to drop by, meet Neighborhood Watch members and police personnel. There are plenty of kid-friendly activities and you'll learn about Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention strategies. The Registerguard shared some other events: In Creswell, the Lane County Sheriff's Office will host its celebration from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Harry Holt City Park. Free food will be provided by Sanipac. The event also will have an inflatable slide, a dunk tank, music, games, sheriff and fire vehicle tours, and K9 demos. Neighborhood Watch information and safety tips also will be offered. In Veneta: The Lane County Sheriff's Office will host an event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Veneta at City Park on East Broadway near the pool. Food will be provided by the Alliance Church. Police and fire vehicles will be on hand. Folks can meet the safety pup. There also will be an assortment of family-friendly games. ; For the second year in a row Homes for Good (Lane County's housing agency) will be celebrating National Night Out, along with millions of people from thousands of communities across the country. National Night Out will be held at Alton Baker Park August 6th from 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. There will be activities for all ages, raffle prizes, a BBQ and much more! This celebration is open to Homes for Good residents, families and community partners. Others involved in the event are: PeaceHealth Rides,

Point2point at Lane Transit District, EWEB, Springfield Utility Board, Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation, WorkSource Lane, Lane Transit District, Senior & Disabled Services. Lane County Legal Aid-Oregon Law Center, City of Eugene Recreation, Red Cross Cascades Region, Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon. / EDUCATION, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME: The Oregon College Savings Plan this month launched a new effort to help parents save for their children's college expenses. Parents of kindergarten-aged youngsters may get a jumpstart on saving for higher education through the Savings Plan's \$25 Kinder Grad incentive program. If you open a first-time account for your Oregon kindergartener through the Oregon College Savings Plan account, the Plan will automatically contribute \$25 to get things rolling within three months. Anyone may open the account, but only the first account to list the child as the beneficiary will receive the incentive. The Kinder Grad is designed to encourage Oregon families to begin their college savings journey early in a child's life. It's part of the larger Be College Ready program that already helps more than 34,000 Oregon families. Later this month, every public elementary school will receive free Be College Ready kits for their kindergarten students, including information about how they may participate in Kinder Grad. The Oregon College Savings Plan is a state-sponsored savings program that comes with special tax advantages and accounts that may be opened by just about anyone—parents, family, friends, even future students. The money saved in the Oregon College Savings Plan grows tax-free and can be used for qualified expenses at any accredited, post-secondary institution or trade school. Kinder Grad joins the Oregon College Savings Plan's popular Baby Grad incentive program. Baby Grad provides \$25 to Oregon College Savings Plan accounts opened for a child prior to their first birthday. More than 3,600 accounts have been opened and close to \$12 million saved since the official launch of Baby Grad in 2018. For every Oregon College Savings Plan account opened through this initiative, the average balance is now \$3,293; these are meaningful dollars saved by families for college. The launch of Kinder Grad follows a record-setting year for the Oregon College Savings Plan, which brought in more than \$233 million in contributions to more than 111,000 accounts from across the state. The Plan recently celebrated its 18year anniversary and a milestone \$2 billion saved. To learn more and to open an account, please visit www.oregoncollegesavings.com or call 866-772-8464. / FAMILIES, BUSINESS, ELDERS: Members of the Oregon Retirement Savings Board hold their quarterly meeting in Springfield today. They'll gather between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. today at the Springfield School District offices at 640 North "A" Street. They'll be marking the two-year anniversary of OregonSaves, a program offered by the state for anyone who does not have access to a retirement plan at work. This week, OregonSaves is celebrating a key milestone—\$25 million saved for retirement. Supporters say OregonSaves is a simple and convenient way for workers to put away money for retirement. It's also automatic. Savings are deposited through payroll deductions, and employees' accounts follow them when they change jobs. The program is open to everyone, including the self-employed and gig economy workers. Hundreds of people have self-enrolled since that option was made available, joining the ranks of the more than 100,000 employees who have already enrolled through a facilitating employer. Under OregonSaves, employees contribute part of their paycheck into their own personal IRAs that stay with them throughout their careers. The program also benefits employers who don't offer a qualified retirement plan by helping them compete with businesses that do. OregonSaves began with a pilot program in July 2017 and is expanding statewide, starting with many large employers. The program is currently enrolling workers in businesses with 10 or more employees. Employers of any size may enroll early, and close to 2,000 have already done so. When the program was created, an estimated one million workers in Oregon lacked access to a workbased retirement plan. OregonSaves is the first program of its kind in the nation,

and five states and two cities followed Oregon's lead in creating similar programs. State treasury officials say OregonSaves makes a difference. They point to research which shows that people are 15 times more likely to save for retirement if they have a way to do it at work. To learn more about OregonSaves or to open an account, please visit www.oregonsaves.com or call 844-661-6777. For more information on OregonSaves' Portfolios go to saver.oregonsaves.com / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Good news on the fire lines south of Canyonville. The Milepost 97 Fire is now 65 percent contained with no real gain in acreage during the past 24 hours. The blaze has scorched a bit more than 13,100 acres. Close to 1,200 personnel are battling the wildfire. And the remaining evacuation warnings for nearby rural residents have been lifted. That said, officials are reminding those who live in areas that could be affected by wildfires to take time to think about and plan for potential evacuations should the time ever come when a sheriff's deputy is knocking on your door and telling you there is an imminent threat. That sort of advance planning is critical in emergency situations. In southern Oregon, for example, fire season typically runs until early- to mid-October, depending on when the fall rains return to the area. This means that we still have a lot of fire season remaining. The Milepost 97 Fire was sparked close to two weeks ago by an illegal campfire. Fire personnel across Oregon say they continue to respond to reports of abandoned campfires, illegal debris burn piles and residents using power equipment in areas where these activities are prohibited or restricted due to fire danger. Want to prevent wildfires? Follow the rules and don't do things that risk sending a spark into dry vegetation. ; Meantime, Central Oregon firefighters say they responded quickly to 15 new starts from Sunday afternoon and evening's lightning storms across the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests. They kept those blazes to less than one acre each. There is smoke in parts of Central and Northern Oregon this week. But weather experts say much of that is smoke that's drifting down from wildfires in Washington state. / GOVERNMENT: The State of Oregon has been experiencing intermittent network connectivity issues since Friday morning due to a problem with some network hardware. This issue is impacting the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches, as well as websites used by people doing business with agencies including the Department of Motor vehicles. You might experience delays with accessing state websites and call centers until the problem is resolved. / CRIME, FAMILIES, GOVERNMENT: A program serving children with mothers in prison is in jeopardy after the Oregon Legislature ended its funding. Funding for the past two bienniums provided \$400,000 per biennium, which represents about half of the program's budget, said Family Preservation Project Director Jessica Katz. But after state support failed to pass in the recently ended legislative session, there is a scramble to raise \$200,000 to continue operating until the next session in February 2020. The Statesman Journal reports the Family Preservation Project connects more than 400 women at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility with their children, providing supervised visits, parent coaching, resource centers and postprison support. One of the project's programs, Between the Lines, lets incarcerated parents read books into recorders then mail the recording and book to their children. Others support those taking care of inmates' children by offering camps, donations and gifts. In the United States, more than 2.7 million children have parents serving time in prisons and jails. Since 1991, this number has doubled, partially due to increasing female incarceration rates. A 2016 report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that 68,000 — 8 percent — of Oregon children have had a parent serve time in prison or jail. An estimated 80 percent of incarcerated women are mothers to minor children. In 2010, the Oregon Department of Corrections funded the family program at Coffee Creek prison in Wilsonville in an effort to address the impact of incarceration on mothers and their families. / EVENTS, COMMUNITY: Lane County residents gather this evening to commemorate the dropping of atom bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima

and Nagasaki during World War II. The annual Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration begins at 6:45 p.m. at Alton Baker Park's small shelter and includes speakers, a call to action to abolish nuclear weapons, Japanese drumming, dancing and music. Participants will also plant a Peace Tree near Alton Baker's Nobel Peace Park. The sapling was grown from the seed of a persimmon tree that survived the bombing in Hiroshima. / CRIME. ENVIRONMENT: A Portland man has pleaded guilty in federal court for violating the Clean Water Act. 59-year-old Robert La Rue Webb pleaded guilty Monday to negligently discharging harmful quantities of oil into related the Willamette River in Portland. Court documents say in January of last year, Webb was pumping oil into a 10,000-gallon used-oil tank at Union Pacific's Albina Railyard in Portland. Documents say while operating the pump, Webb walked away to make a phone call and was distracted as the tank overflowed. More than 1,000 gallons of oil entered a storm water drain and was discharged into the Willamette River, resulting in a sheen and discoloration of the river's surface. Webb will be sentenced in October. / AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: Gov. Kate Brown has notified legislative leaders that she might veto one bill that raised concerns for conservationists and line-item veto three provisions in spending bills. The Oregonian and OregonLive report Brown's office made the announcement Sunday. The governor has until Friday to decide whether to sign or veto bills that lawmakers passed during the 2019 legislative session. If the governor takes no action on legislation, it automatically becomes law. In a news release, the governor said she is considering vetoing House Bill 2437 which would allow a sixty-fold increase in the amount of material farmers could excavate from agricultural ditches without a state permit. Willamette Week reports that conservationists raised concerns about the bill, based in part on the contention that some agricultural ditches are natural streams that have been redirected into constructed channels. Opponents say they are concerned the increased excavations could have a significant impact on wildlife populations and wetland habitats. The governor said she might support more limited changes to agricultural ditch excavation changes. The governor is also considering vetoing at least two provisions of House Bill 5050, a spending bill known in the Capitol as "the Christmas Tree bill" because it contains outlays important to many lawmakers' districts. First, the governor said she intends to veto a \$4 million appropriation to pay for planning, permitting and engineering designs to replace the Big Creek dams in Newport. Those dams would likely fail during an earthquake, KLCC has reported. However, Brown pointed out that her November 2018 budget proposal "proposed almost \$2 million to study Oregon's most dangerous dams and prioritize them according to condition and risk." She also called for the creation of a dam safety task force to help communities figure out how to replace unsafe dams. "The Legislature did not fund either of these proposed programs," Brown said. Second, the governor said she plans to veto a provision in House Bill 5050 that would provide \$500,000 to the Association of Oregon Counties to issue grants for eastern Oregon counties to plan expansions of cities' urban growth boundaries. Brown said the state is already on track to provide support for that process. Finally, Brown indicated she objects to a proposal to cut \$5 million in funding for the Oregon Medical Board under another spending bill, House Bill 2377. The governor said the bill would cut by more than half the Oregon Medical Board's rainy day fund, depleting money it needs for "replacement of agency-wide business software used for investigation management and licensing, which is anticipated in the 2021-23 biennium; legal expenses related to current investigations, hearings, and appeals; and implementation of recommendations from the Board's 2019 audit by the Oregon Secretary of State." Brown said she was also concerned that cutting \$5 million from the medical board would force it to eliminate or reduce "the Oregon Wellness Program, an independent program promoting the health and well-being of Oregon

health care professionals" and reconsider "the return on investment" from a program that helps health care providers with substance use or mental health disorders. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A swimmer died off the Oregon coast near Nehalem Bay State Park after being swept out to sea by a rip current. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports 38-year-old Volodymyr Kravchenko of Vancouver. Washington, drowned Friday evening. Tillamook Sheriff's Office investigators say the man was camping with family at the park and had been swimming in the surf with two others at the time. All were swept out into the ocean and two made it back to shore. The incident happened north of Rockaway Beach, where last month, four people were rescued after being pulled out to sea by a rip current. Authorities say if you are caught in a rip tide or rip current, do not attempt to swim against the tide. Instead, swim parallel to the shoreline until you are able to get out of the current. / CRIME, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY: Authorities in two U.S. cities continue seeking leads in a pair of weekend mass shootings that killed 31. They are trying to piece together the motives that led two young men to unleash violence on innocent people in crowded public places. In El Paso, Texas, the death toll creeped upward Monday from the shooting two days earlier at a Walmart store, with word that two additional victims succumbed to their injuries. That case is being investigated as a possible hate crime and the FBI has called it an instance of domestic terrorism. In Dayton, Ohio, questions remain about the motive of the suspected shooter. The weekend shootings hours quickly led to political debate. Yesterday, President Trump cited mental illness and video games but steered away from talk of curbing sales of guns, including the military-style weapons believed to have been used in the attacks. ; Ohio's Republican governor says he'll run through a set of proposals to deal with gun violence and mental health just days after the mass shooting in Dayton. Mike DeWine says he'll go into more detail today. The Ohio leader was thrust into the gun debate this week after being met with chants of "Do something!" while he spoke at a vigil in Dayton for the victims who died early Sunday in the shooting outside a strip of nightclubs. Police have said the 24-yearold shooter was wearing a mask and body armor when he opened fire with an AR-15 style gun. Authorities have said there was nothing in the gunman's background that would have prevented him buying a weapon.; Speaking out against weekend mass shootings that rocked the nation, President Trump on Monday called for bipartisan solutions to the bloodshed. But Trump offered few details and faced pointed questions from Democrats about whether he had the moral authority to rally America against violence and racism. Trump called the shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, barbaric crimes "against all humanity" and called for unity to respond to an epidemic of gun violence. He blamed mental illness and video games but made no mention of more limits on the firearms that can be sold. The mayor of El Paso said Trump would visit the city Wednesday, though some local lawmakers and others signaled opposition. There were also indications that Trump might visit Dayton.; Walmart is reviewing its security protocols three days after a man opened fire at a store in El Paso, Texas. Walmart is accustomed to the everyday encounters with shoplifters, but the nation's largest retailer is now grappling with how to make its workers and customers feel safe. Walmart did launch a computer-based active shooter training program back in 2015 for all its employees and last month, it started incorporating virtual reality technology. But the El Paso shooting has prompted further review. Like most retailers, Walmart is accustomed to the everyday dealings of shoplifters. Now, it's confronting a bigger threat: active shooters. Three days after a man opened fire at one of its stores in El Paso, Texas, and left at least 22 dead, the nation's largest retailer is faced with how to make its workers and customers feel safe. The discounter has long dealt with violent crimes at its stores across the country, including one that took place less than a week ago in Mississippi where a disgruntled employee killed two co-workers and wounded a police officer. In early

November 2017, three customers were killed at a Walmart in Colorado in a random shooting by a lone gunman. The El Paso store shooting, however, was the deadliest in the company's history. And while none of the store's workers were killed, two are recovering from injuries. Officials with the National Retail Federation say they've fielded lots of calls from retailers around the country over the weekend, many of whom want to review their security protocols. Federation leaders say most major retailers have active shooting training programs for workers, either through in-person or online training sessions. Such training focuses on avoiding danger, keeping your distance and, if needed, defense. / BUSINESS: Two of the country's largest newspaper companies have agreed to combine in the latest media deal driven by the industry's struggles with a decline of printed editions. GateHouse Media, a chain backed by an investment firm, is buying USA Today owner Gannett Co. for \$12.06 a share in cash and stock, or about \$1.4 billion. The combined company would have more than 260 daily papers in the U.S. along with more than 300 weeklies. Officials with the companies said Monday that the deal will cut up to \$300 million in costs annually and help speed up a digital transformation. Gatehouse is the owner of The Register-Guard in Eugene. Newspaper consolidation has picked up as local papers find it hard to grow digital businesses and replace declines in print ads and circulation. Hundreds of papers have closed, and newsrooms have slashed thousands of jobs. /

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GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, CRIME: President Trump is headed to Dayton, Ohio, this morning and El Paso, Texas, this afternoon to offer a message of healing and unity in the wake of the weekend's mass shootings that left a combined 31 people dead and dozens wounded. But the president will be met in both places by people who fault Trump's incendiary words as contributing to the killings. The mayors of both cities are calling for Trump to change his rhetoric about immigrants. Multiple protests are planned. And Democratic presidential candidates continue to criticize him, including former Rep. Beto O'Rourke, who will hold a counter-rally in his hometown of El Paso during the president's visit. Trump was dismissive of the criticism, saying as he left the White House, quote, "These are people that are looking for political gain." White House officials said Trump's visits will be similar to those he's paid to grieving communities including Parkland, Florida, and Las Vegas, Nevada, with the Republican president and the first lady saluting first responders and spending time with mourning families and survivors. In the Texas border city of El Paso, some residents and local Democratic lawmakers said Trump was not welcome and urged him to stay away. In Dayton, Mayor Nan Whaley said she would be meeting with Trump, but she told reporters she was disappointed with his scripted remarks Monday responding to the shootings. Trump's Monday speech included a denunciation of "racism, bigotry and white supremacy" and a declaration that "hate has no place in America." But Whaley says the president did not mention any new efforts to limit sales of certain guns nor refer to the anti-immigration rhetoric found in an online screed posted just before the El Paso attack. It's believed the post was written by the shooter. Meantime, the FBI announced it is opening a domestic terrorism investigation into the July 28 shootings at the Gilroy Garlic Festival after finding a "target list" compiled by the shooter that included religious institutions, courthouses and other sites. The president told reporters that there is a "very strong" political appetite in Congress for bipartisan legislation that would address background checks or some restrictions for gun users. The Democrat-majority House passed legislation in February that would require federal background checks for all firearms sales and transfers, including those sold online or at gun shows. Another bill allows an expanded 10-day review for gun purchases. The bills have languished in the Republican-controlled Senate. Another bipartisan proposal is gaining momentum to create a federal grant program to encourage states to adopt "red flag" laws to take guns away from people believed to be a danger to themselves or others. ; A

pro-Trump, pro-gun rally is planned for Saturday afternoon at the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza, outside the Lane County Courthouse in Eugene. The "God, Guns, and Trump Rally" will take place the same day as the Eugene-Springfield "Pride in the Park" festival at Alton Baker Park. The rally is expected to attract protesters. In the event's Facebook posting, the organizer writes that participants want to show Eugene, quote, "that it's cool to lean right politically and believe in God as well as support the president of the United States." He adds, quote, "We cannot let leftists control our city and tell us to keep silent about our beliefs!" The post notes the gathering is designed to show that participants are positive and peaceful people. The rally's organizers are encouraging participants to carry and display their guns. The Facebook posting notes some attendees will take AR-15s. It adds that, quote, "this event is not for soft conservatives." / POLITICS: Rightwing demonstrators and left-wing counterprotesters are planning to converge on Portland on Saturday, August 17. But the city's mayor and police chief yesterday warned 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. The Oregonian and OregonLive report Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw issued the warning this week during an interview at City Hall. The pair say 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. Wheeler said he rejects the violence and subversion of free speech perpetrated by demonstrators, regardless of their politics. He promised a zero-tolerance approach, saying anyone who breaks the law during the demonstration next week 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. 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 event has not been granted a permit. It is set to take place weeks after masked and black-clad people thought to be antifa members or sympathizers pummeled a conservative writer and others during a demonstration in June. The Oregonian and OregonLive report supporters of the August gathering have spoken openly on the internet about bringing weapons to Portland and desires to "exterminate" antifa members. Portland's antifa group, Rose City Antifa, has issued a call for its supporters to "defend" the city. Portland's mayor has not said whether he has asked Gov. Kate Brown for assistance from the Oregon National Guard, but called it, quote, "one more potential tool in the toolkit." / AGRICULTURE, SAFETY: A lawsuit says a rancher, workers and the John Deere farm equipment company are at fault for a 2017 wildfire that burned parts of the Warm Springs Reservation. The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs filed the lawsuit Monday over the origins of the 2017 Nena Springs fire. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the tribal group is seeking up to \$12.25 million in economic damages from lost timber resources on its northern Oregon reservation. The wildfire burned for more than two weeks, scorched more than 68,000 acres and forced hundreds of evacuations. The Oregon State Fire Marshal concluded the fire was accidental. The lawsuit claims a rancher, Jamie Wisenbaker, hired a contractor, Lester Lindell, to harvest the rancher's wheat, but that the two failed to properly inspect the combine or notice that a rock that

caused a spark was stuck in a chute. It also claimed the machine did not have properly adjusted mirrors. It also claimed the two operated the combine without sufficient experience or training. The suit also claims John Deere made faulty equipment and should have designed a machine capable of encountering natural debris "without causing mechanical issues, sparks, or fires." / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's investigators say they continue to seek the suspect in last week's incident south of Florence off Highway 101 where a person was shot in the leg and went to the hospital that evening for medical care. It happened on Monday, July 29. Detectives say they continue to look for 35-year-old Gene Manuel Joseph, who is described as a white male, about 5'10", about 200 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, and might have a long, black beard. If you've seen Gene Joseph or know where he is, contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office. But investigators say do not attempt to contact or apprehend him yourself. He is considered armed and dangerous. ; In Southern Oregon, Oregon State Police shot and killed a man after officials say he tried to take a trooper's gun-in a state police office. Josephine County District Attorney Ryan Mulkins said in a statement that 39-year-old Brandon C. Jones was at the Grants Pass state police office Tuesday morning in connection with an investigation. But witnesses say an altercation occurred after Jones's arrival, and Jones was shot after trying to take a trooper's gun. Several troopers received minor injuries during the incident, according to the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety, which is handling the investigation. State representative Carl Wilson of Grants Pass, the House GOP leader, said quick action by the state police likely saved lives. One woman told a reporter with the Daily Courier newspaper in Grants Pass that she was in a church complex adjacent to the state police station when she saw a man walk into the station and then heard four gunshots. / SAFETY: Eugene Police have released the name of the woman who died Friday night in a vehicle versus bicycle collision on Greenhill Road. They say she is 38-year-old Janna Grace Bauman of Eugene. The driver of the vehicle, a 2002 Chevrolet van, remained at the scene and is cooperating with the investigation. There was no sign of impairment or other driver-related factors. Investigators would like to speak with witnesses or motorists who might have observed the cyclist prior to the crash. They also remind road users to use caution when it is dark or visibility is low. To enhance safety, cyclists are urged to wear contrasting clothes that are lighter in color, use lighting, and wear protective cycling helmets. Officer Matthew Saylo can be reached at 541-682-5154, extension 1211, if witnesses have information.; A Springfield man died after crashing a golf cart Saturday at a Coos Bay golf course, deputies say. The Coos County Sheriff's Office said the golf cart rolled after Frank A. Dilworth tried to drive it down a steep embankment at the Coos Golf Club. Bystanders and authorities tried to aid the 50-year-old Dilworth but they were unsuccessful. A passenger suffered minor injuries, deputies said. There was no indication the driver was impaired, officials said. / CRIME, RACISM: A woman who kicked a baby's stroller has been convicted of a bias crime and sentenced to 30 days in jail and probation for one year. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office says 53-year-old Joy Marchenko was convicted of seconddegree intimidation Monday after she said she kicked a baby's stroller because she was upset that the baby was white and his mother was black. Second-degree intimidation is a bias crime in Oregon. Court documents say it happened in early March, when Marchenko approached the victim and her baby in the lobby of their

Portland apartment building, told the victim that she should be married, and that she "did not like that she had a white child." After going out for a drink, documents say Marchenko came back, confronted the victim again and kicked the stroller, which caused the baby to start crying hysterically. The baby was not injured. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: An Oregon Coast Guard crew rescued two stranded hikers Monday night near Cascade Head, north of Lincoln City. It was one of those tricky rescues where the call came into Coast Guard Sector North Bend around 9:15 p.m. and the MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew arrived about 10 p.m., in near darkness. The men had become stranded on rocks about 40 feet above the ocean. When the Coast Guard helicopter arrived, the crews sent a rescue swimmer to reach the hikers who coordinated the challenging, 100-foot hoist 20 minutes later. The hikers were transported to Newport. Neither man was injured. / GOVERNMENT: The State of Oregon has been experiencing intermittent network connectivity issues since Friday morning due to what officials say is a problem with some network hardware. This issue is impacting the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches, as well as a number of state agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Motor Carrier Transportation Division. The delays might mean web pages are loading more slowly, there are problems with phone lines and even counter services might be delayed as employees try to access information. State information systems officials say crews are working to solve the hardware problem but have no estimate on it will be fixed. They also apologize for the inconvenience and long waits and say if it's possible to postpone your business with the state until things are resolved, you might consider doing so. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The Oregon Department of Forestry says firefighters have gotten the upper hand on a wildfire that charred more than 13,100 acres and is now 65% contained. The department said that after intensive efforts to combat the blaze, firefighters are now securing lines around the fire, felling hazardous trees and mopping up to prevent any further spread. The Milepost 97 Fire burned alongside Interstate 5 in southern Oregon near the town of Canyonville. No structures were damaged. It was sparked on July 24 by an illegal, abandoned campfire. Almost 1,200 personnel on the ground and in the air have battled what was the first large blaze of Oregon's 2019 wildfire season. / SPORTS: More good news for OSU Baseball fans: Joey Wong is returning to Oregon State. The former infielder will serve as an undergraduate assistant coach for the Beavers. In 2007, Wong helped guide Oregon State to its second of two consecutive national championships. One of his teammates was catcher Mitch Canham, the All-America catcher who in June was named OSU's new head coach after Pat Casey announced he was not returning. Wong is a Salem native who in 2009 was drafted in the 24th round by Colorado and played in the minors for the past decade, with stops in Albuquerque, Tacoma, Las Vegas, and most recently, St. Paul, Miinnesota. / HEALTH: Prescriptions of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone are soaring, and experts say that could be a reason that overdose deaths have stopped rising for the first time in nearly three decades. The number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed by U.S. retail pharmacies doubled from 2017 to last year, to more than half a million. Health officials reported the numbers Tuesday. The report looks at prescriptions from more than 50,000 retail pharmacies across the country. It did not look at naloxone distributed by community organizations or used by emergency responders. The United States is in the midst of the deadliest drug overdose epidemic in its history. About 68,000

Americans died of overdoses last year, according to preliminary government statistics reported last month. /

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COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: It sounds like it might be a while before we can resume placing all sorts of plastics in our home recycling containers. The reason? We did such a terrible job of it before. Plus, the market for such plastics remains very low. If recyclers can't make money selling something, they don't collect it. That said, some plastics may be recycled locally. But it's going to require creating a new way of doing it. Right now, you can recycle plastic milk jugs but not much else. Lane County Waste Management is working to expand a community-based plastics recycling effort that would allow recycling of #2, #4, and #5 plastics. It focuses on organizations and individuals who have already registered and been trained as "community collectors." These include some churches, neighborhood associations, farmer's markets, businesses, and community centers. There's also a push underway to recruit new community collectors. To become one, participants must attend a training to learn how to sort and prepare materials, learning about how to remove labels and ensure the plastics are clean. And that cleanliness issue is a big reason why expanded residential plastics recycling is still on hold. Sounds like a lot of people did a terrible job in recent years, dropping in plastic containers that were not allowed—or trying to recycle stuff that was contaminated with food waste and other filth. That can lead to a whole shipment of recyclable plastics being reduced. Once they've registered and been trained, community collectors will be able to schedule drop-offs at the Glenwood Transfer Station starting in late September. Each community collector must have a minimum of two cubic yards of plastics in order to schedule a drop-off (about the size of a washer and dryer set). Larger quantities of materials are encouraged. But, again, the collected plastics must be clean (adhesive labels removed) and sorted in into #2 bottles & jugs; #2 tubs & lids; #4 bottles, tubs & lids; and #5 bottles, tubs & lids. Interested in becoming a community collector? You may register online with Lane County Waste Management. Lane County encourages residents to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle whenever possible, and be sure to recycle right by following guidance from their county, city or garbage company. If in doubt about whether it is recyclable, find out by visiting www.lanecounty.org/garbageguru, or leave it out. The online directory provides information on how to recycle or dispose of items in Lane County. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Another period of gusty winds and low relative humidity will develop Thursday afternoon and evening in the Fremont National Forest in south-central Oregon as well as the Klamath and Modoc National Forest

in northeast California. Isolated thunderstorms will develop Thursday afternoon and evening in northern Klamath and Lake Counties, and also from the Warner Mountains eastward. Then, low pressure will move up from the south on Friday and could bring frequent lightning on dry fuels late Friday morning into Friday evening. Thunderstorms are expected to produce little or no rainfall to start, then the chance for wetting rain will increase Friday evening. Showers and isolated thunderstorms will continue Friday night into Saturday as the system moves onshore. Abundant lightning on dry fuels may produce numerous new starts that pose a threat to life and property and may overwhelm initial attack capabilities. However, wetting rainfall may occur under cores of thunderstorms. / IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT: A judge has barred the Trump administration from withholding public safety grants from the state and the city of Portland over Oregon's sanctuary law that directs police not to help federal agents enforce immigration policies. U.S. District Judge Michael J. McShane, who is based in Eugene, Oregon, also said in the decision issued that the federal government cannot impose immigration-related conditions on the grant awards. McShane's ruling mirrors similar ones by federal judges elsewhere in the country. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports McShane made the decision in a case brought by Gov. Kate Brown, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and the city against President Trump and U.S. Attorney General William Barr. The judge found that two federal statutes unconstitutionally ban local and state governments and agencies from enacting laws or policies that limit communication with federal officials about immigration or someone's citizenship status. McShane ruled the statutes violate the 10th Amendment, which says any power not expressly given to the federal government falls to the states or their people. Since 2017, the federal government has placed restrictions on public safety grants, which provide money to states, cities, counties and tribes for criminal justice personnel, training and equipment. The conditions say the grant recipients must allow immigration agents access to prisons or jails, must give advance notice to federal officials when prisoners wanted on immigration detainers are to be released, and must certify that they're complying with the federal statutes. In the ruling, McShane said Oregon and Portland "would, under any of these circumstances, risk public safety by eroding trust with immigrant communities or abandoning critical law enforcement initiatives funded by" the grants. He ordered the federal government to give the grants to Oregon for fiscal 2017 and 2018 that it withheld, with no conditions or penalties - a total of almost \$5 million. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: 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 clime 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 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 / COMMUNITY, EVENTS: The 2019 Junction City Scandinavian Festival runs from Thursday, August 8, through Sunday, August 11.

Thursday, Aug. 8, is Finnish Day. Friday, Aug. 9, is Norwegian Day. Saturday, Aug. 10, is Swedish Day. Sunday, Aug. 11, is Danish Day. Come for the traditional dances performed by children, adults and traveling troupes. Stay for the Scandinavian food, storytime and late-night pageant. Watch out for trolls they're on the loose. The center of Festival grounds is located at 6th and Greenwood in downtown Junction City, Oregon. The hours are Thursday-Saturday 10 am-10 pm, and Sunday 10 am-8 pm. Parking is free (first come, first serve) on any of the legal street parking around Festival. You can also pay to park in the BiMart parking lot. The cost is under \$10, and you can come and go as many times that day as needed. Other activities include a processional, music, open dances, a children's activity area, shopping for local, handmade art and craft inspired by Scandinavian culture, and sales of traditional food and drink.; The Douglas County Museum is offering free admission to all visitors the week of August 5-10 during the Douglas County Fair. The museum includes local history and natural history exhibits. This summer's featured exhibit commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the Roseburg Blast. The catastrophe remains one of the deadliest explosions in Northwest history. In the early morning hours of August 7, 1959, chaos consumed Roseburg when a truck carrying 6.5 tons of explosives blew a hole in the ground 52 feet wide and 20 feet deep in the middle of Roseburg. The explosion and the ensuing fire destroyed all of the buildings within an eight-block area and heavily damaged structures in the surrounding 30 blocks. The blast killed 14 people and injured another 125. The stories and artifacts from that day are on display as a lasting memorial to the men and women who lost their lives, and as a tribute to the first responders and citizens who risked their own lives to rescue victims. The Douglas County Museum is located off I-5 Exit 123 and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you plan to park at the fairgrounds, patrons will have to pay the parking fee for fairgrounds entrance. Buses are free to ride to and from the fair at various locations around Douglas County.; The 29th annual Charleston Seafood, Beer and Wine Festival take place Friday, August 9; Saturday, August 10; and Sunday. August 11 at the Charleston Marina, located at 63534 Kingfisher Road in Charleston. Celebrate the harvest of the sea. Spend the day enjoying food, fun, music and crafts. Kids can fish at the fully stocked Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Trout Pond, with all necessary fishing gear provided. In addition to music and activities, there will be more than 50 vendors selling food, craft beer, regional wines, crafts, shirts, trinkets and lots more. Featured breweries and wineries include Bandon Rain, Arch Rock Brewing Co., and Depoe Bay Winery. Experience the bounty of the sea by local cuisine at the various food stands and shop for local items and crafts. Make a weekend of it: Head out to Charleston and learn about marine life at the Charleston Marine Life Center, go crabbing off the docks at the Charleston Marina, explore the beaches of Shore Acres, Sunset Bay and Cape Arago State Parks, or hike the trails at South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. All are popular recreation spots just minutes away. / EVENTS, SAFETY, CRIME: Hundreds of off-road fans hauled their ATVs, dune buggies and dune bikes to Winchester Bay in late July for the annual Dunefest. A lot of people enjoyed days of fun, camping, riding on the sand, equipment, and booths operated by equipment and food vendors. But, unfortunately, not everyone followed the law. DuneFest ran from July 23 - 28. During that time, Douglas County Sheriff's deputies conducted DUII patrols. A grant from the Oregon

Department of Transportation paid for the overtime. Deputies say their enforcement statistic included: 18 Arrests, 6 Speeding Citations, 4 Suspended/Revoked Citations, 6 DUII Arrests, 10 MIP Alcohol Citations, 8 Equipment Violations, 23 other violation citations, 196 Warnings, and 1 Felony Arrest. Deputies also responded to three injury crashes during DuneFest weekend. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE: Emergency regulations went into effect on August 1 to protect wild summer steelhead and early returning fall chinook on the mainstem Umpqua River. From Scottsburg Bridge (Hwy. 38) to the River Forks Boat Ramp: Angling is prohibited within a 200 feet radius of all tributaries in the Umpqua River and in the tributaries themselves from the mouth to 200 feet upstream until Sept. 30. This emergency regulation protects wild summer steelhead and fall Chinook salmon that hold in and around tributaries looking for colder water. Currently, the Umpqua River has abnormally low flows and highwater temperatures. The Umpqua River at Elkton was 79 degrees late last week. Biologists know temperatures are higher in the early evening, so the restrictions help protect native fish seeking cooler water and shade. Fish experts say salmon and steelhead have a tough time when water temperatures are over 68, and forecasters don't see any cooling trend time in the near future. This emergency regulation was also in effect in late June 2015 and 2018 to protect salmon and steelhead. Tips for hot weather angling: Fish during the cooler early mornings. Land your fish quickly to help increase survival rates. Keep your fish in at least six inches of water while releasing it. Revive the fish before release. Keep the fish upright facing into the current; if the current is slow, move the fish back and forth slowly to help oxygenate the gills.; A Lane County judge has ruled that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission illegally reversed an earlier decision that granted endangered species status to the marbled murrelet. That's a small seabird that nests in old-growth forests. Environmental groups say Oregon has sought to avoid protections for the bird, allowing clearcut logging in its habitat. A spokeswoman for the wildlife department said it won't comment on legal matters. Conservation groups said they petitioned the wildlife commission to list the marbled murrelet as endangered, and that it voted to do so, concluding the bird was likely to go extinct. But the commission reversed itself without explanation. In her ruling, Lane County Circuit Court Judge Lauren Holland said the commission was required to explain its reversal, and that it failed to.; In Puget sound and off the coast of Washington, scientists say three more Southern Resident killer whales have been declared dead by the Center for Whale Research. It comes after drone and other images showed the trio in declining health. Each belonged to a different pod of orcas. KING-TV reports it comes after the marine mammals showed signs of deteriorating health and, in the case of one 42-year-old female, showed signs of malnutrition. The two other killer whales were males who was also in poor health when seen months ago. The deaths bring Washington state's resident orca population down to 73 and fuel continuing concerns about food sources for the marine mammals amid climate change and warming oceans.; Public health officials are warning residents to be careful after a person was bitten by a rabid bat in southeast of Salem in the Breitenbush area. The Statesman Journal reports health officials said the person was bitten on Saturday, but declined to say exactly where the incident happened, or whether the out-of-state visitor was an adult or child. The victim captured the bat and brought it to the Marion County Health Department, according to program supervisor Alisa

Zastoupil. The bat was sent to Oregon State University for testing, which confirmed it was infected with rabies. Breitenbush, an unincorporated community about 10 miles east of Detroit, Oregon, includes the Breitenbush Hot Springs Retreat and Conference Center, and a group of privately owned vacation homes. This year, three other bats have tested positive for rabies in Oregon — in Linn, Jackson and Washington counties. / ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT, WILDLIFE: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has formally acknowledged the completion of all requirements for PacifiCorp's physical decommissioning and removal of the Condit Dam. Once the only man-made impoundment between Mt. Adams and the Columbia River, the 125-foot dam was one of the largest dams ever removed in the United States. The 13.7-megawatt Condit Project, located on the White Salmon River in Skamania and Klickitat counties, Washington, was completed in 1913 and produced hydroelectricity for the paper industry in Washington and the growing communities in and near Portland, Ore. After nearly a century of serving customers, PacifiCorp began in late August 2011 to physically remove the dam, fulfilling a multi-party settlement agreement signed in 1999. Steps involved in decommissioning the Condit project included constructing new bridge piers for the Northwestern Lake Road bridge to provide public access across the White Salmon River, relocation of a City of White Salmon waterline and removing the dam and remaining facilities. The historic powerhouse remains intact. The surrender of the FERC license by PacifiCorp marks the restoration of approximately 33 miles of historic spawning and rearing area for steelhead and 14 miles for salmon in the White Salmon River basin. / TRANSPORTATION: Beltline Highway travelers should expect some early morning slowdowns and flagging between Roosevelt Boulevard and West 11th Avenue over the next two months for a bridge construction project. Crews began placing scaffolding under the bridge on Monday, Aug. 5, in preparation for the \$1.2 million project. Most work will be done during the day behind barriers, with little impact to traffic. A bridge over a railroad track, called the SCS Canal Bridge, is being brought up to current standards with repairs and upgrades. Over the course of two months, the bridge will receive new bridge rails, seismic upgrades, bridge joints will be replaced, and concrete repaired. The bridge deck will also be paved with an overlay. Travelers should be cautious of workers and equipment in the area. Watch for flaggers and expect delays for a few nights in September when work is occurring on the bridge. / BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION: An Oregon-based international supplier of railcars and marine barges is spending \$16 million to expand an Arkansas facility and is adding at least 35 new jobs. Greenbrier Companies Inc. on Wednesday announced the expansion at its facility in Marmaduke, where it currently employs 850 workers. The company announced in April it was acquiring American Railcar Industries, and that acquisition was completed last month. ARI opened its hopper railcar assembly factory in Paragould in 1995 and opened its Marmaduke facility four years later to produce tank railcars. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission says the expansion is receiving \$300,000 in Community Development Block Grants, along with sales tax refunds and income tax credits. / DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS: Deschutes County commissioners are considering a prohibition on marijuana that would go before for voters for a final decision. The Bulletin in Bend reports that approval by voters would essentially shut the door to anyone hoping to start a new marijuana

business in Deschutes County. Supporters say the vote also would address the concerns of residents who feel the growing cannabis industry is disrupting their way of life. The proposed prohibition is not expected to affect existing marijuana businesses, but it would curb the amount of county staff time spent on land use appeals. The proposal comes after years of land use appeals and complaints from rural residents who say the odor and other aspects of marijuana farms affect their quality of life. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police yesterday released the name of the man who died Tuesday night in a single-vehicle crash on Highway 58 near just a couple of miles from Interstate Five. Troopers were dispatched around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday to the location, where they say a Ford Ranger driven by 60-year-old Rodney Axe of Eugene had left the eastbound lane of the highway and struck multiple trees. Axe died at the scene. The cause of the crash is being investigated. /