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

Second Quarter, 2022: April 1 through June 30

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McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc.

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

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

ASCERTAINMENT METHODS

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

PROGRAMMING

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

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

	McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING ISSUES LIST
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	Second Quarter – April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022
	<i>*Note: Major breaking news stories during the quarter that fall under these categories will be added as is appropriate and reflected in daily news and public service postings</i>
1	<u>ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, FINANCES, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, UTILITIES, COLLEGE & PRO SPORTS, EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT:</u> Economic reopening and pandemic recession recovery; Inflation: Rising housing, fuel, food, and other prices; Unemployment, workforce training; Economy; Economic, downtown development, urban renewal, urban density; Affordable housing; UO-OSU Athletics; World Athletics Championships and other sports events; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Road improvements; Local tech; Personal finance; Consumer prices; Legal cannabis; Immigration economics; Retirement concerns; County courthouse, city hall; Agriculture and farms; Technology; Energy prices, development; Cybersecurity and breaches.
2	<u>DISASTERS, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, WILDFIRES, WILDFIRE RECOVERY, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, WEATHER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, RECREATION:</u> Continued 2020 and 2021 wildfire recovery; 2022 wildfire season budgeting and preparations; Community and residential “hardening” against wildfires; Climate change and the prolonged drought; Aftermath of the 2021 record heatwave; General disaster preparedness; Earthquake preparedness; Severe weather preparedness; Air quality; Climate change and health; Legislative “cap & trade” debate; Agriculture, Horticulture, Sustainable landscaping; Cannabis & hemp; Pollinators; Pesticides, herbicides; Cougar, wolves; Ocean health, Fisheries; Forest, wildlife, habitat; Power generation; Alternate energy; Hazardous materials; Offshore drilling; Wind and Solar farms; Pipelines; Oil trains.
3	<u>CRIME, SAFETY, POLICING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ILLEGAL DRUGS:</u> Drug & alcohol abuse, opioid epidemic; Addiction treatment; Mental health; Police funding and policing guidelines; Community enforcement, social service funding shift; Illegal cannabis farms and businesses; Traffic safety; Human trafficking; Youth protection; School safety; Child abuse; Gangs; Cybersecurity; Severe weather, storms, natural disasters; Terrorism.
4	<u>HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, PANDEMIC:</u> COVID-19; Omicron and variants; COVID-19 vaccines; Mental health; Opioid epidemic, drug abuse; Legal cannabis; 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; Childcare shortage; Women’s health; Flu, STDs; Measles, other outbreaks, debate over vaccines; Immunizations; Environmental health, wildfire smoke, overall air quality; Safe water; Assisted suicide.
5	<u>SOCIAL SERVICES, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, CHARITY:</u> Homelessness and Safe Sleep sites issues; Neighborhood, business, and community impacts; Crime, substance abuse, and homelessness; CAHOOTS and other alternate enforcement; Affordable housing; Homeless veterans, individuals, families, youth; “The Working Poor”; Minimum wage and living wages; Community agencies; Mental health; Older adults: Protection, health, housing, finances; Wildfire housing /

6	<u>SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, & EDUCATION:</u> Schools and students, post-pandemic; Academic recovery post-pandemic and amid wildfire rebuilding; Community college and higher education funding and program adjustments; College affordability; Curriculum, academic standards; Student honors; Student activism; Teacher contracts; New schools; Families; The childcare shortage.
7	<u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT, COURTS:</u> Mid-term elections and the political divide; Legislative control and local races; Secession movements; Follow-ups on Oregon revenues and Legislative Emergency Board funding; Federal stimulus, state and local programs; Racial justice & policing; School funding; Biden Administration, Congressional, and federal and state courts decisions impacting Oregon; Cybersecurity, data breaches /
8	<u>RACIAL JUSTICE, RACISM, BIPOC (BLACKS, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR), LATINX, IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, DISABILITIES, LEGAL, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, CHILDREN, YOUTH, OLDER ADULTS, RELIGION, WOMEN, LGBTQ, GENDER ISSUES, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, ANIMALS:</u> Racial equality and administration of justice; Civil rights, Civil liberties; COVID-19; Older adults; Families and children; Youth programs & protection; Domestic-sexual violence; Immigration-DACA, LatinX community; LGBTQ; Fair housing; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religion, churches; Community and charitable events; Older adults; Pets, animal rights.
9	<u>TRANSPORTATION:</u> COVID-19; Infrastructure needs and projects; Road and gas fees and taxes; Pedestrian, biker, rider safety; Hiking-biking trails; Airlines; Eugene's airport; Lane Transit District; Hybrid, electric vehicles; Airline disruptions; Boeing 737 investigations; Spring-summer travel; Rail safety.
10	<u>MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM:</u> COVID-19; 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.
	<i>The 2nd Quarter, 2022, Issues List was formulated by Tracy Berry - KGNU-FM and from previous quarters' ascertainments, conversations, phone calls, and emails with listeners and community leaders. As always, the list is updated to reflect developing issues over the course of the quarter.</i>

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, HEALTH, SAFETY, SOCIAL SERVICES, ECONOMY*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 04/03/22

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Tess Fields, Executive Director; Judy Smith, Lane County representative; Home Share Oregon.

Contact information: homeshareoregon.org

City and State: Portland and Lane County, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It started with a pressing question: What can we do to increase affordable housing in Oregon? This morning, we learn about the non-profit group Home Share Oregon. The program brings together those who have spare rooms with those needing an affordable place to rent. Home Share Oregon assists with the matches, helping prospective home shares ensure both parties are compatible and have a clear understanding of the rental agreement. The organization also can assist with background checks, mediation, and agreements that include reduced rent in exchange for assistance and chores around the home. Coordinators say the program took on added urgency during the pandemic, as many people lost at least one source of income and needed ways to either cut back on expenses or make a bit more money by renting extra space. Home Share Oregon leaders say the state has 1.5 million owner-occupied homes that have a spare bedroom. They felt if they could persuade two percent of that population to consider renting the space, they could help provide affordable housing for 30,000 people. The average home-sharing rental agreement is \$735 a month. The average one-bedroom apartment is anywhere from \$1,100-\$1,700 per month. Home Share Oregon officials say the program appeals to students, seniors, people with medium and lower incomes, people who have divorced and need to make ends meet, and others. They say their research indicates one in every three Oregon homeowners are mortgage-burdened, so this provides relief for those who offer space for rent.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Crime, Safety, Older Adults, Community*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 04/10/22

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Harlow Meno, Community Engagement Program Manager, Eugene Police, Seniors on Patrol

Contact information: 541-682-5642

City and State: Eugene, OR

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: With the Spring and Summer travel seasons getting into full swing, we learn more about the Eugene Police Department "Seniors on Patrol" program. Coordinator Harlow Meno says the volunteers are trained to handle the Vacation Home Check program. They also conduct Theft Prevention Checks at parks and trailheads, checking parked cars that might be at risk of being broken into and reporting any suspicious circumstances. They track details on log sheets so registered owners may be contacted. They also do patrols in some areas to increase police presence, perhaps in student housing areas during Spring Break. They always go out in pairs.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Housing, Community, Low-Income, Safety, Health, Business*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 04/17/22 and 04/24/22

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Randy Sangder and Ken Green, Eugene Rental Housing Code Compliance Inspectors, City of Eugene

Contact information: 541-682-8282

City and State: Eugene, OR

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Apartments, duplexes, single-family homes. There are tens of thousands of rental units in the City of Eugene. What happens when tenants and landlords disagree about whether something's up to code? That's where the city's Rental Housing Code and its inspectors come in. Eugene was one of the first cities in the state to create this program and it's become a model for other communities. We chat with Randy Sangder and Ken Green about what inspectors are looking for, what tenants should consider when renting, what landlords need to know, and how their dispute resolution and citation processes work.

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ISSUES: *Youth, Health, Mental Health, Education, Women, Safety, Education*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 05/01/22

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Teri Conklin, Communications Director, Ophelia's Place

Contact information: 541-284-4333

City and State: Throughout Lane County, including in Eugene, Junction City, and Albany, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Social media and bullying, depression and image. Today's girls have to overcome a lot to become healthy, happy women. That's where programs like Ophelia's Place come in. Teri Conklin tells us about the program, which features counseling, a place to study and socialize, seminars and crafts. All are in a relaxing setting outside of school. Ophelia's Place started in Eugene and works with all Lane County School Districts. Later this spring, it opens an Albany location. During the pandemic, the organization maintained a robust online presence. Many of the groups and presentations are topics selected by the girls.

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ISSUES: *Health, Older Adults, Recreation, Disabilities*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 05/08/22

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Ginevra Ralph, Directory of Community and Cultural services, John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts

Contact information: 541-434-7000

City and State: Eugene, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It's the difference between a concert sounding muddy and hearing every note; the difference between hearing mostly echoes during a church service and really hearing the sermon. This morning on Community Forum, we learn about a growing nationwide effort to assist the millions of Americans living with some degree of hearing loss. And we find out why a local venue—and one of its co-founders—is receiving a national award from the Hearing Loss Association of America. Ginevra Ralph from The John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts in Eugene says promoting a simple technology known as a “hearing loop” is a key part of The Shedd’s educational mission. The venue is known for its concerts, performances, seminars and classes. But Ralph, who once taught special education students, says she feels called to advocate for those with hearing disabilities. She says many people with hearing aids don’t know about hearing loop technologies. She promotes their hearing loops on the Shedd’s website, offers people the opportunity to come by and test the system, even hosts a weekly support group. And she encourages other venues and businesses to install hearing loops.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Sports, Community, Economy, Business, Youth, Education*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 05/15/22-05/22/22

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Jessica Gabriel, Communications Director, World Athletics Championships Oregon22

Contact information: media@worldchampsoregon22.com

City and State: Eugene, Oregon, and Monaco

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It is the biggest track and field meet in the world this year and in two months it is coming to Eugene. To some, the World Athletics Championships is just another big meet at Hayward Field. But Jessica Gabriel with WAC Oregon22 says it is so much. The meet, July 15-24, attracts elite athletes, their national and media delegations, family, friends, and spectators. The scope of the WAC dwarfs future events, including the Olympic Trials. The event will be broadcast in 190 countries and territories. It's paired with community events, including the Riverfront Festival in Eugene's new Riverfront Park. Businesses are gearing up, as are tourism and travel companies and communities. There's also a strong educational component and events that involve local schoolchildren.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Business, Community, Economy, Sports, Environment*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 05

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Andy Vobora, Vice-President of Stakeholder Relations, Travel Lane County / Eugene, Cascades and Coast, Lane County, Oregon

Contact information: 541-484-5307

City and State: Eugene and Lane County, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It's shaping up to be a very busy summer for travel and tourism in Lane County. And it's not just visitors from around the world. A lot of us are staying closer to home as the pandemic eases a bit but gas prices continue to climb. Andy Vobora with Travel Lane County talks about the surge of visitors expected during July's World Athletics Championships and how businesses are working to provide experiences in the outdoors and local communities, the "Dine After Nine" effort by local restaurants and food carts, and the local ambassadors program. He also discusses the shifts we've seen in travel and tourism during the past couple of years, from the continued high popularity of the coast to the return to the McKenzie Valley after the 2020 wildfire. We hear about how the communities of Veneta, Elmira, and Noti have joined to create local agriculture and crafts tours, about the local wineries and breweries that are attracting visitors to Eugene-Springfield, Junction City, and elsewhere. We learn about the outdoors push in Oakridge and Westfir that attracts hikers and off-road bikers. He talks about Cottage Grove's historic downtown and its offerings. And he talks about the return of conferences, conventions, tournaments, and sporting events that help drive visitor spending. Finally, he discusses resources for locals who might never have spent much time vacationing in Lane County but are seeking ideas for daytrips and multi-day vacations.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Environment, Community, Business*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 06/12/22

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Angie Marzano, Waste Reduction Program

Supervisor, Lane County Waste Management

Contact information: 541-682-4120

City and State: Lane County, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Recycling options expanded this month for Lane County residents. You may now place clean, dry #1 and #2 plastic jugs, bottles, and jars in your curbside recycling cart or drop them off at Lane County's transfer stations. The items must be larger than a tennis ball to avoid sorting challenges. But local experts remind you there are some #1 and #2 plastics you still cannot place in the bins. Those include plastic tubs and plastic lids. Also, none of those clear "clamshell" containers you get at store bakeries and delis and restaurants. And no foam containers. But you now may add cardboard pizza boxes to your recycling, provided you knock out the crumbs and they're not too food-stained. We chat with Lane County Waste Reduction expert Angie Marzano about the recycling changes and why more products are eligible to return to your curbside carts. She talks about changes in regional recycling materials markets and how there's hope more items might be allowed in the future. And she discussed the process for sorting, processing, and recycling materials once they're hauled to the processing companies.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Wildlife, Community, Environment, Agriculture, Health, Education*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 06/19/22

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Julie Collins, Kit Lacy, Cascades Raptor Center

Contact information: 541-485-1320

City and State: Eugene, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It was founded 30 years ago by Louise Shimmel, a woman who was committed to rehabilitating injured wildlife and enhancing education. Today, the Cascades Raptor Center has a robust rehabilitation program and its education mission continues to grow. Julie Collins and Kit Lacy share an update, including the focus on raptor rehabilitation. They say birds that can be released into the wild are. Those that can serve as animal ambassador raptors remain at the center to provide up-close educational opportunities. Staff and volunteers share their mission and details of training and rehab with visitors. There was a strong virtual program during the pandemic. Now, there's a gradual return to in-person education. But there's also some caution, especially amid the recent outbreak of avian flu among wild birds. The raptor center added additional precautions to protect their wildlife, including asking people to change their shoes before coming and sanitize their shoe soles before entering the facility. They say the center's goal is to appreciate the importance of raptors in our environment and create a more welcoming habitat for them.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Recreation, Family, Youth, Environment, Health, Community, Development*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 06/26/22

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Michael Wargo, Kenny Massingham, Willamalane Park & Recreation District

Contact information: 541-736-4350

City and State: Springfield, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: We finally have some summer weather to go with the summer calendar, so this morning we learn more about Springfield's Willamalane Park and Recreation District. They have a very busy indoor and outdoor summer schedule including youth camps and outings. The focus is on keeping children active and busy as we emerge from the pandemic. There are also plenty of activities for adults. Willamalane has a diverse park system, which includes urban parks and forested preserves with a growing network of hiking and bicycling trails. There's history and riverfront habitat at places like Dorris Ranch. And there are Willamalane's swimming pools and indoor fitness facilities, sports courts and athletic fields. Willamalane also has its "Sounds Like Summer" concert series at Island Park, a place for people to gather and spend a pleasant summer evening. There are still challenges as we emerge from the pandemic, including challenges hiring seasonal staff. Willamalane also provides food to needy families and individuals with its locations that are part of our local food pantry network.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF
BROADCAST 04/01/22

TIME OF
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NAME OF
PROGRAM Morning News

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PROGRAM 30 Seconds

ISSUE OR
SUBJECT
DISCUSSED

EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS, ECONOMY: Defying a pandemic and supply chain disruptions, the U.S. economy has cranked out more than 400,000 jobs every month for nearly a year — a blazing winning streak in wildly uncertain times. It comes despite surging inflation and Russia's war in Ukraine, which has unsettled the economic outlook and led to the highest inflation rate in 40 years—catapulting gasoline, food, and housing prices to painful levels. America's employers added 431,000 jobs in March. The Labor Department's report found that last month's job growth helped reduce the unemployment rate from 3.8 to 3.6 percent, the lowest level since the pandemic erupted two years ago. Despite stiff economic headwinds, employers have added at least 400,000 jobs for 11 straight months. The recovery was fueled in large part by generous federal aid, savings amassed during the pandemic, and ultra-low borrowing rates engineered by the Federal Reserve. But U.S. consumers have spent so fast that many factories, warehouses, shipping companies and ports have failed to keep pace with their customer demand. Supply chains have snarled, forcing up prices. As the pandemic has eased, consumers have broadened beyond goods to services, to spend more on health care, travel and entertainment. But the resulting high inflation is causing hardships for many lower-income households that face sharp price increases for such necessities as food, gasoline and rent. Still, many jobs were lost in 2020 and the U.S. economy remains 1.6 million workers shy of the number it had just before the pandemic struck. If hiring were to continue at current levels, the nation would recover all the jobs lost to the pandemic by June. Brighter job prospects are beginning to draw people back into the labor force who had remained on the sidelines because of health concerns, difficulty finding or affording daycare, generous unemployment benefits that have now expired or other reasons. But their ranks are still nearly 600,000 short of where they stood in February 2020, just before the pandemic slammed into the economy.; Lane County's jobless rate dropped another notch last month. According to the Oregon Employment Department, unemployment dipped from 4.3 percent in January to 4.2 percent in February. By comparison, in the month after the pandemic began it soared to 14.4 percent. / HEALTH, SAFETY, BUSINESS: Quick consumer note from state regulators: Starting today, cannabis consumers shopping for THC-infused edibles will find some products available for purchase that are more potent than previously allowed. Edibles sold through Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission licensed stores may now carry packages containing up to 100

milligrams of THC and 10 milligrams THC per serving. That's double the previous limit. While edibles containing the lower THC amounts remain available for sale, state regulators say consumers need to be aware of the potency change so they may choose a product that gives them a desired effect without unwanted side effects. As part of the update, packages containing larger quantities or higher-potency products must now be marked or scored so that it's easy for consumers to determine a portion size. That would include marking on chocolate bars or other products. State regulators say that, so far, they have approved labels for 30 products containing 100 milligram edibles, including chocolate bars, cookies, cereal bars and gummies. The Oregon Health Authority and OLCC recommends that cannabis edible consumers, especially first-time users, consume in a safe place with someone not using cannabis, start with a small serving, and give themselves time to react to the THC. Consumers should call the Poison Center, at 1-800-222-1222, if they or someone they're with is experiencing an adverse reaction. Since THC products became more readily available in Oregon, calls to the Oregon Poison Control have increased. In the most recent data available from 2019, 34 percent of the 386 calls to OPC about cannabis exposure were due to edible consumption. Of the 223 calls in 2019 that were about children, teens and young adults under 21 years old, almost 60 percent were related to edibles. About half of the 386 calls required serious medical attention because of moderate or major health effects. ; In a study sure to kill the buzz at many a party, researchers at UC Berkeley say bongs may create more secondhand smoke than tobacco cigarettes. The Los Angeles Times reports the study found that smoking cannabis in a bong created concentrations of fine particulate matter four times greater than concentrations observed after smoking a tobacco cigarette or hookah pipe. Experts say the study could help clear up misconceptions that secondhand cannabis smoke poses less risk than secondhand tobacco smoke. According to the study, 27 percent of young adults believe secondhand exposure to cannabis smoke is safe, but the scientists say cannabis smoke contains several hundred toxic chemicals, carcinogens, and fine particulate matter, many at higher concentrations than tobacco smoke. Previous research has linked secondhand tobacco smoke to cancer, respiratory diseases and premature births. The concerns have not translated to cannabis bong smoking, where smoke is drawn through water. The scientists say the study is less for people choosing to smoke and more for others who might ingest the smoke involuntarily. / GOVERNMENT. FAMILIES: It is a treasure trove of information. This morning, the U.S. Census Bureau released its archive on the 1950 Census. Federal law keeps Census records secret for 70 years. For genealogists, it's a chance to see handwritten forms listing their parents, grandparents, and other relatives. For historians, it offers a snapshot of the country during the post-war era during a period of economic growth, the building of the nations' interstate system, and other fundamental changes to American life as many migrated from rural areas to fast-growing cities. Access the archive at <https://1950census.archives.gov/> Learn about the U.S. Census numbers then and now at <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2022/1950-census-records.html> Access previous Census releases at <https://www.archives.gov/research/census> / HEALTH, OLDER ADULTS: Looking for that second COVID-19 booster dose? For those ages 50 and older and younger people who are immunocompromised, vaccines are available through

many health care providers and local pharmacies, along with some larger vaccination sites. That includes the outdoor drive-through site at Eugene's Autzen Stadium, which operates Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. Those who qualify for the second booster also must be at least four months past their first booster dose. If you received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine at least four months ago, you also now qualify to receive a second booster dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccine. It's worth noting if you're looking to book a second booster appointment that many health care providers and vaccination locations have not yet updated their online appointment forms to reflect the option of the second booster. That should happen in the next day or so. But those administering the doses say they're already receiving plenty of phone calls and emails inquiring about the vaccinations. While many older adults now are eligible for those second boosters of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, state health officials continue to encourage everyone ages 12 and older to receive their primary doses of COVID-19 vaccine followed by a booster. They say those who have not received those doses are most at-risk for infection and illness. / HOUSING: It started with a pressing question: What can we do to increase affordable housing in Oregon? Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. on Community Forum, we learn more about Home Share Oregon. The program brings together those with a spare room with those needing an affordable room to rent. Non-profit Home Share Oregon assists with the matches, helping prospective home shares ensure both parties are compatible and have a clear understanding of the rental agreement. The organization also can assist with background checks, mediation, and agreements that include reduced rent in exchange for assistance and chores around the home. Learn more at <https://homeshareoregon.org/> / BUSINESS: Can you spare a dime? Coins are in short supply again. With so many people using credit cards and other electronic payments, many grocery stores and other retailers, laundromats, banks, truck stops, and other companies are running low on coins. They're hoping Americans can help to replenish the supply, whether it's emptying coin jars and piggy banks, or hunting under the sofa cushions. Those behind the effort say keeping coins in jars and out of circulation hurts those who cannot pay for items electronically. They say people who wash clothes at coin-op laundromats often are having a hard time finding enough change to take care of that chore. A group of trade associations that represent individual businesses is asking the Treasury Department for more in help convincing Americans to get coins back in circulation. / ECONOMY, HOUSING: Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates rose again this week as the key 30-year loan rate breached 4.5 percent and attained its highest level since the end of 2018. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported that the average rate on the 30-year loan this week rose to 4.67 percent from 4.42 percent last week. That contrasts with last year's record-low mortgage rates of around 3 percent. The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages jumped to 3.83 percent from 3.63 percent last week. With inflation at a four-decade high, the increases in home loan rates come a few weeks after the Federal Reserve raised its benchmark short-term interest rate. / AGRICULTURE, COURTS, ENVIRONMENT: A federal judge this week denied a temporary restraining order sought by environmental groups that would block grazing in six Eastern Oregon pastures. The Capital Press reports the U.S. District judge said the plaintiffs have not shown that turning cattle out on pastures will cause irreparable harm to sage

grouse or to rangeland research. The judge also noted that the pastures have long been used for grazing and are rested on a rotating basis. The case was filed against the U.S. Bureau of Land Management by the nonprofits Oregon Natural Desert Association, Audubon Society of Portland, and Defenders of Wildlife. /

HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: The U.S. House has passed a bill capping the monthly cost of insulin at \$35 for insured patients, part of an election-year push by Democrats for price curbs on prescription drugs at a time of rising inflation. But for the legislation to pass the Senate, 10 Republican senators would have to vote in favor. Democrats acknowledge they're uncertain how that's going to happen. Experts say the legislation would provide significant relief for privately insured patients with skimpier plans and for Medicare enrollees facing rising out-of-pocket costs for their insulin. Some could save hundreds of dollars annually, and all insured patients would get the benefit of predictable monthly costs for insulin. The bill would not help the uninsured. Public opinion polls have consistently shown support across party lines for congressional action to limit drug costs. But GOP opponents complain the legislation is only a small piece of a larger package around government price controls for prescription drugs. Critics say the bill would raise premiums and fails to target pharmaceutical middlemen seen as contributing to high list prices for insulin. About 37 million Americans have diabetes, and an estimated 6 million to 7 million use insulin to keep their blood sugars under control. It's an old drug, refined and improved over the years, which has seen relentless price increases. The idea of a \$35 monthly cost cap for insulin actually has a bipartisan pedigree. The Trump administration had created a voluntary option for Medicare enrollees to get insulin for \$35, and the Biden administration continued it. In addition to a similar \$35 cap on insulin, the bill would authorize Medicare to negotiate prices for a range of drugs, including insulin. It would penalize drugmakers who raise prices faster than inflation and overhaul the Medicare prescription drug benefit to limit out-of-pocket costs for enrollees. But experts say the House bill would not help uninsured people, who face the highest out-of-pocket costs for insulin. Also, people with diabetes often take other medications as well as insulin. That's done to treat the diabetes itself, along with other serious health conditions often associated with the disease. The House legislation would not help with those costs, either. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION: A Winter Storm Warning is in effect through Tuesday morning in the Oregon Cascades. Heavy snow expected above 4000 feet. Total snow accumulations of 12 to 30 inches with the highest amounts above 5000 feet. Winds gusting as high as 50 mph, except up to 65 mph above tree line. Expect winter travel conditions and be prepared for travel restrictions over the Cascade passes. Strong winds will produce whiteout conditions near and above tree line, with blowing snow expected to significantly reduce visibilities at pass level, as well. Snow levels will hover around 4500 feet tonight before falling to 2000 to 3000 feet this afternoon into tonight. If you must travel, keep an extra flashlight, food, and water in your vehicle in case of an emergency. For the latest road conditions call 511, or visit https://www.tripcheck.com ; A Wind Advisory is in effect this evening in the central Willamette Valley. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts of 35 to 45 mph expected. The strongest sustained winds are expected over the central Willamette Valley. Gustly winds could blow around unsecured objects. Tree limbs could be blown down and a few power outages may result. Showers or thunderstorms this afternoon will have the capability of producing localized gusts in excess of 45 mph. Use extra caution when driving, especially if operating a high-profile vehicle. Secure outdoor objects. ; A High Surf Advisory is posted on the Oregon Coast. Large waves and hazardous surf conditions, with high potential of sneaker waves. Breakers of 18 to 25 feet. Destructive waves may wash over beaches, jetties, and other structures unexpectedly. People can be swept off rocks and jetties and drown while observing high surf. Minor beach erosion may damage coastal properties and buildings. Higher than normal water run-up is expected on beaches and low-lying shoreline. If you see someone or a pet swept into the sea, do not swim in after them. Call 911 and keep an eye on them until help arrives. Those in and near the surf zone, especially those digging for razor clams, should remain vigilant and aware of the ocean and surf. A High Surf Advisory means that high surf will affect beaches, producing rip currents, sneaker waves and beach erosion. Stay well back from the water's edge and be alert for exceptionally high waves. Keep away from large logs on the beach. Water running up on the beach can easily lift or roll logs which can injure or kill someone caught in their path. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, LAW</p> <p>ENFORCEMENT: "U Drive. U Text. U Pay" is a campaign Oregon Department of Transportation is bringing to the state. April is National Distracted Driving</p>

Awareness Month campaign. This week, April 4-11, law enforcement agencies are providing an enhanced mix of education and enforcement. Lane County Sheriff's Sergeant Tim Ware tells us, "Every year the percentage of fatal traffic crashes involving distracted driving increases. We as a society have to accept responsibility for these deaths and really hold ourselves and others accountable. Every one of these crashes is preventable." Ware adds that, "None of these penalties even come close to the value of the lives that are lost due to distracted driving. Please do your part and put your phones down while driving." It is illegal in Oregon to drive while holding or using an electronic device (including your cellphone, tablet, GPS, or laptop) except during very limited, specialized exceptions. You may use hands-free or built-in devices if you are 18 years of age or older. And you may use your devices when parked safely in a designated parking spot. However, it is NOT legal to use the device when stopped at a stop light, stop sign, in traffic, etc. / TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION, SAFETY: Officials on the Willamette National Forest, working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, say they are temporarily closing a stretch of the northern end of Aufderheide Drive—also known as Forest Service Road 19—off Highway 126 near Cougar Reservoir. That will cut off access to several popular campgrounds and hot springs from the Highway 126 side of Aufderheide until crews complete rock scaling work, remove hazard trees along the roadway that were killed or badly damaged by 2020's Holiday Farm wildfire, and complete other repairs and restoration. Crews hope to complete the work by early June. You will still be able to access the recreational sites from the Westfir side of the scenic roadway, but it will be a long, 50-mile drive. Willamette National Forest officials say anyone taking that route from the south needs to be prepared for a long journey with no opportunity for services or gas. If you go, make sure you begin with a full tank of gas and provisions such as food and water. There are multiple gas stations and stores in Oakridge. The affected sites include Terwilliger "Cougar" Hot Springs; Echo Boat Launch; Sunnyside Campground; Slide Creek Campground; Cougar Crossing Campground and Boat Launch; French Pete Campground; Hard Rock Group Campground; Red Diamond Group Campground; Roaring River Group Campground; Frissell Crossing Campground; Box Canyon Guard Station; and Box Canyon Horse Camp. Guests with reservations at campgrounds off Forest Service Road 19 will be impacted by the closure order. Officials recommend that all reservation holders contact the McKenzie River Ranger District at 541-822-3381 one to two weeks prior to their campground reservation dates for updates on the status of the road work and access from Highway 126. Visit <https://go.usa.gov/xztMR> for alternative recreation opportunities. For visitors still seeking warm waters and not wanting to make the long trip to Terwilliger Hot Springs, there are privately owned hot springs along Highway 126, as well as the smaller McCredie Hot Springs located on Highway 58. / CRIME: It's known as "swatting"—when someone fakes an emergency call to 911 operators in an effort to send an armed response to the home or business of an unsuspecting person. It's a dangerous situation that has led to the death of innocent people across the country. Someone tried to do it on Saturday in Junction City. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., the Junction City Police Department received a call from an unknown male who said he had just murdered his mother and two younger brothers. The caller claimed he was barricaded in his bedroom, armed with multiple weapons, would not go to jail, and indicated he wanted to die. The caller then hung up. Attempts to

recontact the person were unsuccessful. Junction City Police arrived at the address provided by the caller a short time later with back-up in the surrounding neighborhood from the Lane County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police. But Junction City Police were able to make phone contact with the property owner, who was not home at the time, and were able to determine that the incident was most likely a hoax. But to be sure, and with the owner's permission, officers from all three agencies entered and searched the house to confirm the call was a false one. Investigators say swatting is not only illegal and carries substantial criminal penalties, but such activity is incredibly dangerous both for the public and police. They say the risk of serious injury and death to innocent people is real. As the investigation continues, Junction City Police are asking anyone with information on this incident to contact them. Call the Junction City Police Department at 541-998-1245. ; Lane County Sheriff's investigators say a Eugene man arrested during a traffic stop on Interstate 105 in Springfield one week ago faces multiple charges, after they recovered methamphetamine, heroin, psilocybin mushrooms, approximately 500 suspected fentanyl pills, several hundred dollars in cash, and three firearms from his vehicle. Officials say one of the firearms was confirmed as stolen and another was what is known as a "ghost gun"—lacking any serial numbers or identification. They say 37-year-old Raymond Kennedy was the driver and that, while the sheriff's deputy was awaiting a records check, he saw Kennedy hand multiple items to his female passenger. Turned out Kennedy had multiple warrants for his arrest and a suspended driver's license. The passenger admitted there was meth in the vehicle and said that Kennedy had handed her a stun-gun. An Oregon State Police drug-detection K9 team was dispatched to the scene and responded to the scene and alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle. The evidence was seized after the deputy received a search warrant. / SAFETY: Police say they're investigating the circumstances of a single-car fatal crash yesterday evening on West 11th Avenue about two miles west of the intersection with the Beltline Highway. Investigators say a passenger car left the roadway between Greenhill Road and North Terry Street. The crash and investigation closed that portion of West 11th for the better part of 2-1/2 hours. No other details have been released. ; Lane County Sheriff's investigators on Saturday released details on Friday night's double-fatal crash on Oregon Highway 126 less than one mile west of Veneta. It was reported shortly after 10 p.m. Investigators say an eastbound Black Chrysler 300, operated by 54-year-old Kristi Rose of Veneta, left its lane and collided head-on into a White Ford Explorer, operated by 54-year-old Linda Coy of Eugene. Rose and her passenger, 74-year-old James Esch of Veneta, died from their injuries. Coy was hospitalized with serious injuries. Highway 126 was closed for close to five hours at that location as emergency crews cleared the vehicles and conducted a crash reconstruction. ; Oregon State Police investigators say a Lebanon man who was walking in the traffic lanes of Interstate 5 and attempting to cross the freeway was struck and killed by a vehicle shortly after 2 a.m. Saturday. It happened north of Millersburg, in Linn County. Officials identified the pedestrian as 35-year-old Robert Halfacre of Lebanon. State Police say northbound BMW operated by a Klamath Falls man was unable to avoid striking him in the darkness. Halfacre also was struck by several other passing vehicles following the initial collision and died at the scene. The crash closed the northbound lanes of I-5 for close to approximately 4 hours. / EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESSES, RECREATION: Here's

a really good example of how hiring shortages are affecting things a lot of us used to take for granted: Willamalane Park & Recreation District has two aquatic facilities: the Willamalane Swim Center and Splash! At Lively Park. But both facilities have been on limited hours since they reopened in May of last year. Last week, after the conclusion of Spring Break, Splash! with its popular wave pool was forced to close because of low staffing of lifeguards and swim instructors. The closure will last until the start of the summer recreation season. Now, Willamalane is making another big push to hire lifeguards. Under the park district's new hiring model, which you could think of as "hire, then train," an applicant can learn about the position, take part in a casual interview, and receive a job offer in just two hours. From there, the new employees undergo lifeguard and safety training on paid time, with all certifications paid for by the district. Previously, Willamalane asked lifeguards and swim instructors to pay for their certification course and they'd receive reimbursement when they were hired. Willamalane Aquatics officials say the change is worth it if they can attract a big, talented lifeguard team to keep their pools open and safe. The next Willamalane hiring event is in two weeks, on Monday, April 18. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, CRIME: There are mixed results so far from Oregon's pioneering drug decriminalization law. In 2020, Oregon became the first state in the U.S. to decriminalize possession of small amounts of heroin, methamphetamine, LSD, oxycodone and other drugs. Instead of being a felony or a misdemeanor, the voter-approved law now means possession is like a speeding ticket, carrying a maximum \$100 fine. The fine can be waived by calling for a health assessment. But out of roughly 2,000 citations for drug possession issued by police, only 92 of the people who received them called the hotline by mid-February. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>ECONOMY, FINANCES, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING: Analysts with AAA, the automobile club, say President Biden's decision to release one million barrels of oil per day for six months from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is helping to drive down global oil prices to near \$100 per barrel. That's still high, but it is providing the beginning of relief at the gasoline pump. This morning's average price for a gallon of regular-grade fuel in Eugene-Springfield is \$4.69, down four cents from one week ago. One month ago, it was \$4.38 per gallon. One year ago, it was \$3.17. The average price this morning for diesel is \$5.51, down two cents over the past seven days. ; It's good news for those who own homes, bad news for those looking to buy or continuing to rent: Housing prices continue to climb. CoreLogic, which tracks home sale prices, says annual growth during the past 12 months—between February of 2021 and February of 2022—was up 20 percent. Analysts predict the surge in prices will slow a bit this year, but still grow by five percent over the next 12 months. The CoreLogic report notes that annual price growth has been recorded every month for the past decade. While prospective buyers outnumber sellers, a record-low number of homes for sale remains the primary culprit for the rapid price gains. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they are investigating a fatal shooting that occurred early Monday morning in the 1900 block of Taft Street. It was called in shortly after 12:30 a.m. Neighbors said they heard what sounded like a dispute at a nearby home. Police responded and were notified a short time later that a person arrived in a personal vehicle at a hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds. That person later died from their wounds. The Eugene Police Violent Crimes Unit continues to investigate. / SAFETY: Eugene Police yesterday released the name of the driver who died Sunday evening on West 11th Avenue about two miles west of the intersection with the Beltline Highway. Investigators say a passenger van left the roadway between Greenhill Road and North Terry Street after other travelers said the vehicle swerved and flipped. The driver was 55-year-old Toni Lyn Thompson of Veneta, who police say was ejected from their vehicle and died at the scene. Officials continue to investigate the cause of the crash. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's officials say a deputy attempting to stop a driver for traffic violations on Sunday night is recovering from injuries after the suspect used his vehicle to ram the deputy's patrol vehicle. It happened just before 9:00 p.m. Sunday, when the deputy observed a vehicle on Territorial Highway near Highway 126 that was missing its front license plate. But after passing the sheriff's patrol vehicle, the other driver</p>

reportedly accelerated to about 80 mph and began passing unsafely in a “no passing” area. At one point, officials say the vehicle turned around and started driving back toward Highway 126 and the deputy followed with his lights and siren activated. As the suspect again neared the intersection of Territorial and Highway 126, investigators say the suspect stopped his vehicle, turned it, accelerated, and smashed into the front of the patrol car. The impact disabled the patrol car and injured the deputy’s shoulder. The suspect sped away toward Eugene on Highway 126. A short time later, Eugene Police located the abandoned vehicle at an apartment complex in the 1300 block of Oak Patch Road. Investigators are seeking the suspect. If you have any leads in the case, contact the Lane County Sheriff’s Office. Dial 541-682-4150 and select Option 1. / HEALTH: State and local health officials say they saw an uptick in COVID-19 infections last week. The increases were not unexpected in the wake of Spring Break and the rise of a subvariant of omicron. Still, they’re keeping a close eye on the trend to see whether it continues. Oregon’s weekly cases were up more than 40 percent. Lane County’s rose by more than 25 percent. If you’re ages 50 and older, or younger and immunocompromised, you are eligible for a second booster dose of COVID vaccine. Vaccines are available through many health care providers and local pharmacies, along with some larger vaccination sites. That includes the outdoor drive-through site at Eugene’s Autzen Stadium, which operates Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. / RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT: More permit opportunities and a simplified system. The reservation window for the overnight permits in some popular Oregon Cascades wilderness areas opens today at 7:00 a.m. Forty percent of all overnight permits will be available for advance reservations. Officials with the Deschutes and Willamette National Forests say they made the updates after analyzing last year’s data and comments from wilderness users. Wilderness permits are required for all overnight use within the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters wilderness areas. The overnight permit system quotas now are based on your date of entry—an effort to simplify the reservation system so you don’t have to block out all the days of your planned trip. There is a 14-day maximum stay limit. Once the summer permit season begins, the remaining 60 percent of overnight permits will be available in a 7-day “rolling window.” Day use permits are available starting Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 a.m. They are required on 19 of 79 trailheads within those same three wilderness areas. Day use permits will not be available for full-season advance reservations. Rather, all day use permits will be released in a ten-day and two-day rolling window during the permit season. Wilderness managers say they’re doing that because last summer there were a significant number of “no-shows” among those who made advance permit reservations but never used their reservations. Permit quotas also will slightly increase for most trailheads. One big change this year: The permit season is shorter, from June 15 to October 15, rather than the Friday before Memorial Day to the last Friday in September. Recreation specialists say that better reflects when people are really using the permits. Last year, for example, people had permits in early June that were unusable due to snow and road conditions and closures while the wildernesses still were accessible in early October. There continues to be a \$1 processing charge for day-use permits per individual and a \$6 processing charge for overnight-use permits per group. An overnight group can be from one to 12 people. To secure your permits go to <https://www.recreation.gov/permits/4675311>

and <https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/300009> Hunters will continue to use their valid tag, issued through the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife without having to secure a separate wilderness permit. A valid hunting tag allows the hunter and up to three additional people into the wilderness permit area one day before, during and one day after the season for the species-specific tag. All reservations for Central Cascades Wilderness Permits must be made through Recreation.gov either on-line, via the Recreation.gov app on mobile devices, or by calling their call center at 1-877-444-6777 or TDD 877-833-6777. Search for "Central Cascades Wilderness." / ELECTIONS: The May 17 Primary Election is fast approaching. The deadline to register to vote or change your voter registration information is three weeks away—at the end of the day on Tuesday, April 26. Voter registration is available online through the Secretary of State's Office. This is a secure site, run by the State of Oregon, which allows you to verify your current voter registration status, enter a change of address, change incorrect information, update your registration for name changes or party affiliation, or fill out a new voter registration card. Go to

<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx> Copies of the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet should begin arriving by mail on or around April 22. Voters' Pamphlets are compiled and distributed by the Oregon Secretary of State's office. An electronic and audio version also may be found

at <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/current-election.aspx> And remember: Your ballot cannot be counted unless elections officials can verify your signature. If your name or signature has changed, you need to fill out a new Oregon Voter Registration Card, so your most current signature is on file. If our Election's Office workers have any questions about your signature, they will contact you. If you are no longer able to sign, please contact the Election's Office for instructions prior to returning your ballot. In Oregon, a "power of attorney" does not qualify as a voter's signature. / SAFETY, CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT, OLDER ADULTS: Eugene Police say if you are going on vacation and want to have your home inspected for safety while you are gone, call them! The Seniors on Patrol, trained volunteers from the Eugene Police Department, are available to perform a thorough inspection of your property while you are away on vacation. Vacation checks include a visual exterior check of your home and outbuildings. The Seniors on Patrol also ensure that vehicles, gates, lighting and the general security of the home is intact. Whenever a vacation check reveals something suspicious, volunteers are trained to back out of the immediate area and request a patrol officer be dispatched to investigate further. Vacation checks are performed, as staffing allows, with the goal of checking the home one to two times each week. To qualify, you live in Eugene with private residential property that lies inside the city's incorporated area. Inspections are available for a minimum 5 full days and a maximum of 45 days. Business locations, vacant properties, homes for sale, and homes with a house sitter or other guest(s) staying in them are not eligible for vacation checks. Applications must be submitted at least one week before your departure. If you submit your application online, you will receive a confirmation that the application has been received and processed. Telephone requests for vacation checks cannot be accepted. To Apply for a Home Vacation Check, go to <https://www.eugene-or.gov/FormCenter/Police-10/Home-Vacation-Check-Application-179> Have questions? Email the program manager Harlow Meno at harlow.b.meno@ci.eugene.or.us or call 541-682-5642. /

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The spring road construction season is gearing up, soon to be followed by many summer projects. Drivers, that means more work zones and doing your part to protect road crews and other drivers. Oregon Department of Transportation leaders say they're very concerned about workers safety as drivers regularly continue to speed and be increasingly distracted. Oregon has seen its share of deadly and severe-injury crashes in work zones, including drivers whose vehicles have struck workers or other vehicles, sending them into work crews. Learn to watch for and slow down when you see the color orange, which marks road and highway work zones. Road crews use everything from automated flagging devices, mobile barriers, and portable message signs to get your attention. They set out orange highway signs, orange cones, and orange vests road crews. But they can't do it alone. You are responsible for keeping them safe. Next week, April 11-15, is National Work Zone Awareness Week April 11-15. But really, every week is Work Zone Awareness Week. Slow down and expect delays whenever you see orange signs, barrels, cones and barricades and keep out road crews safe. Slow down, keep your eyes on the road and mind on the drive. Obey construction zone speed limits. Work zone traffic lanes often are narrow, without shoulders or emergency lanes. Move over to give workers more room when possible. Fines doubles in all Oregon work zones, whether or not workers and signs are present. Plan ahead. Give yourself enough time for your trip, including potential work-zone delays. You can get current Oregon road conditions at TripCheck.com or by calling 511. / **ECONOMY, FINANCES, GOVERNMENT, LOW-INCOME:** The deadline to file your state and federal personal income tax returns is less than two weeks away—on Monday, April 18. Workers with the Oregon Department of Revenue expect to receive a few hundred thousand more returns between now and then. More than 1.1 million Oregonians have already filed their state personal income tax returns. Of those 1.1 million taxpayers, more than 928,000 have received their refunds, with other refunds on the way. There is a "Where's My Refund?" tool available on the Oregon Department of Revenue's website to provide you with an estimate on when you might see yours. File electronically. E-filing is the fastest way to get your tax refund. On average, taxpayers who e-file their returns and request their refund via direct deposit receive their refund sooner than those who file paper returns and request paper refund checks. You may file using paper forms, but processing of your return and any refund will be slower. Many Oregonians qualify for a generous "kicker" tax credit if they filed a 2020 tax return and had tax due before receiving tax credits. Even if you don't have a filing obligation for 2021, you still must file a 2021 tax return to claim your credit. A "What's My Kicker?" calculator is available on the Oregon Department of Revenue's website for personal income tax filers. But keep in mind that if you owe tax for previous years, child support, court fines, or school loans, the state may use all or part of your kicker to pay that debt. Also, see if you qualify for free tax help: Oregon personal income tax return filers with an adjusted gross income of \$73,000 or less may qualify to file both their state and federal taxes electronically for free. There are four approved tax preparation software products that partner with Oregon to offer free electronic filing: Tax Act; OLT; 1040Now; and FreeTaxUSA.com Each vendor has different free filing criteria, so filers should do their research and choose the best vendor to fit their needs. Learn more at <https://www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/approved-software->

products.aspx to see if you are eligible. Groups including the AARP, CASH Oregon, and the United Way also provide free tax preparation services to qualifying taxpayers. And don't forget to see if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. You might be missing out on a bigger refund if you are not claiming the federal EITC. Eligibility information is available at www.irs.gov Taxpayers who are eligible for the EITC can also claim Oregon's Earned Income Credit (EIC). Individuals who are not able to file by April 18, 2022, can file an extension directly with the Oregon Department of Revenue or with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the IRS extension is granted, the Oregon extension is automatically granted. A timely filed extension moves the federal tax filing deadline and the Oregon filing deadline to October 17, 2022. Only request an Oregon extension if you don't have a federal extension; owe Oregon taxes; and can't file your return by April 18, 2022. Remember that even if you file an extension you still must pay any tax you owe. Due to the number of calls Revenue receives during tax season, you may experience extended wait times. /

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LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES: Are we headed for an early start to Oregon's wildfire season? Meteorologists with the National Interagency Fire Center think so. They say in a new seasonal report that the risk of large wildland fires will be above normal in parts of Central Oregon from now through June. The culprits: continued extreme to exceptional drought, and low snowfall and snowpack. That, the experts say, increases the above-normal potential for large fires this spring. And there's an enhanced wildfire risk in Southwestern Oregon in the month of July. Here in the Willamette Valley, we had some good rainstorms in March but totals were an inch-and-a-half below normal. And snowpack in parts of the Cascades and many reservoir levels remain below normal. The situation is even worse on the east side of the mountains: Drought continues in central and southwest Oregon and much of eastern Oregon, where precipitation has been below normal for more than a year. / SAFETY, CRIME: An unsettling discovery in a rural cemetery northeast of Harrisburg, off Powerline Road. Linn County Sheriff's investigators say on Thursday, March 31, deputies responded to the report of a suspicious wooden box. The caller said it was about the size of a casket. Deputies say it, in fact, appeared to be a hand-built casket that had been left behind a tree. Inside was the body of an unidentified, deceased male. There were no obvious signs of trauma to the body. They say he appears to be a white man between the ages of 30 and 60, is five-foot-ten, 350 pounds, with brown and gray hair, He has a healed surgery scar on his lower back and was wearing size 10-1/2 shoes. Investigators spoke with the Board of Directors for the rural cemetery who said there were no scheduled burials and could not explain why the casket was left at the location. Linn County Detectives are working in conjunction with Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office to determine the identity of the deceased and the cause of death. But if you have any information in the case, investigators would like to hear from you. Contact the Linn County Sheriff's Office Detective Division (541) 967-3950. / VETERANS: The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is working to locate any surviving family members or descendants of a World War II veteran, George E. Hodgdon. They say Hodgdon's distinguished service medals were recently discovered in a home in Lake Oswego, and they want to ensure they go to a relative so they may be properly cared for. Officials say First Lieutenant George Hodgdon served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Italian Campaign in the late stages of WWII, including during the Battle of Anzio. He was later awarded the Army's second-highest military decoration for extraordinary</p>

heroism, the Distinguished Service Cross, and also received the War Cross of Military Valor, which is the Italian equivalent of the Medal of Honor. The mounted and framed medals were recently discovered in a home in Lake Oswego that was being demolished. A neighboring property owner, who is also a military veteran, recognized their importance and transferred the medals to state veterans' officials for assistance locating his family. Hodgdon died in 1969 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He had no known surviving spouse and his last home address was in Pennsylvania. Contact the ODVA's Tyler Francke at tyler.francke@odva.oregon.gov if you can help. / CRIME: A warning from the Eugene-Springfield Fire Marshal's Office: Someone tried to gain access to at least one local business by trying to impersonate one of their inspectors. It happened Monday afternoon, when the local fire marshal's office received a call from an employee at a financial institution who said a man had shown up claiming to be there to complete an inspection. But no one had been sent from the fire marshal's office. The employee of the financial institution did the right thing. Officials say if you receive unexpected visitors claiming to be employees of a business or government agency, look up the phone number and call to confirm their identity with the agency they claim to represent. DO NOT allow them access to sensitive areas until you have confirmed their identity. Deputy Fire Marshals, who conduct business inspections, carry badges that will identify them. If it is found that they are not who they say they are, find a safe place and call 911. If you need to confirm the identity of a public safety employee outside of regular business hours, you also may contact the non-emergency line of Eugene Police, Fire, and EMS at 541-682-5111. / SAFETY: Eugene Police have identified the motorcyclist who died in a Monday evening crash at West 11th Avenue and Bailey Hill Road. They say 18-year-old Dylan Matthew Roberts of Veneta was riding a Kawasaki ZR8 motorcycle that struck the side of a Nissan Altima that was leaving a nearby business. Roberts died at the scene. The Nissan's driver was hospitalized for non-life-threatening injuries. Eugene Police believe the motorcyclist's speed was a contributing factor to the crash. ; Oregon State Police say a Florence woman was struck and killed by a vehicle as she walked in the northbound travel lanes of Interstate 5 in Douglas County shortly after 5:30 yesterday morning. She was identified as 24-year-old Anika Jamison. The crash happened near Milepost 132, about six miles north of Roseburg. / EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT: The Biden administration has extended a freeze on federal student loan payments through August 31, providing relief for an estimated 41 million Americans who owe a combined \$1.6 (tr)trillion in student debt held by the federal government. That includes more than 7 million borrowers who have defaulted on student loans, meaning they are at least 270 days late on payments. Student loan payments were scheduled to resume May 1. But under the updated guidelines, borrowers will not be asked to make payments until after August 31, and interest rates are expected to remain interest-free during that period. This is the sixth time the government-backed student loan payments have been put on hold. The Trump administration first gave Americans the option to suspend loan payments in March 2020, and Congress made it automatic soon after. The pause was extended twice by the Trump administration and twice more under Biden. Some Democrats in Congress have pressed Biden to use executive action to cancel \$50,000 for all student loan borrowers, saying it would jumpstart the economy and help Black Americans who on average face higher levels of student

debt. Last year, Biden asked the Education and Justice departments to review the legality of widespread debt cancellation, but no decision has been announced. Biden previously said he supports canceling up to \$10,000, but he argued it should be done through congressional action. / CRIME, SAFETY, HEALTH, LEGAL, COURTS, GOVERNMENT: Two years ago, when the pandemic hit, the virus swept through Oregon's prisons. Forty-five inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections died from complications of COVID-19. They were among an estimated more than 5,000 people in the facilities who tested positive for the coronavirus while in custody. Now, a federal judge has certified a class-action lawsuit related to Oregon leaders' response to the pandemic inside its prisons. A U.S. Magistrate has signed off on a wrongful death class-action group that will include the estates of the 45 adults who died while in the state's custody. Other inmates who were incarcerated after February 1, 2020, will be included in a separate class-action group after being diagnosed at least 14 days after they arrived. Spokespersons for the state and its affected agencies declined to comment on the suit. / FINANCES, HEALTH, SAFETY: Spoiled food costs Oregon households on average \$1,800 annually, and it is estimated that one-third of all food in the U.S. is wasted. With prices climbing and many home budgets still pinched, Lane County is joining a national effort as part of "Food Waste Prevention Week." Research shows that consumers are responsible for more wasted food than farms, grocery stores, or restaurants. In Lane County, this translates to nearly 50 tons of food each year —accounting for almost one-fifth of the total waste stream. Statewide, 70 percent of the food that Oregonians throw out could be eaten. Food waste also generates methane, one of the more potent greenhouse gases. If you plan your shopping and only purchase what you need for upcoming meals, experts estimate a family of four that previously wasted a lot of food can save an average \$1,800 annually. Lane County has a useful website at www.eatsmartwasteless.tips that encourages you and your family to take the "Eat Smart, Waste Less Challenge" and learn how small changes that lead to significant reductions in the food you throw away. There also is a national Food Waste Prevention Week website at www.foodwastepreventionweek.com that is filled with activities to inspire adults and kids to reduce food waste. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SAFETY, UTILITIES: Spring weather might inspire you to don gloves, grab a shovel and tackle some serious outdoor projects. But first, take one important safety step before hitting the dirt: Call 811 toll-free or visit https://digsafelyoregon.com/ Even simple projects such as installing a mailbox or a post for a deck, or planting a tree, should be preceded by contacting the "Call Before You Dig" service. A national survey recently found that two in every five people planning a digging project do not call 811 first. A majority of line strikes occur during the warmer months. In 2020 an estimated 385,000 incidents of damage occurred nationwide, 22 percent of which were due to insufficient notice to the 811 service. There are nearly 20 million miles of underground utility lines in the United States. These buried facilities include natural gas, water, sewer, cable TV, high-speed Internet, and telephone lines. If you don't know where they are buried before you dig, you are in danger. Even if you are lucky enough to not be harmed, you could be responsible for causing a service outage in your neighborhood—and potentially be responsible for the substantial repair costs. When you call 811 toll-free in Oregon, the state's Utility Notification Center contacts the utility companies that serve your area. Utility personnel then visit the project site to mark the approximate location of the underground lines, pipes, and cables in the planned digging area at no cost to you. Call Oregon 811 at least two working days before starting a digging project. Then dig carefully, paying close attention to the marks. The same applies to businesses whose workers are about to dig. Oregon OSHA requires employers to follow requirements to protect workers against the potential hazards of underground utilities. Those requirements include contacting the state's Utility Notification Center at least two working days before starting an excavation; estimating the location of utilities before opening or extending an excavation; and determining by safe and acceptable means, the exact location of the estimated utility installations when excavation activities approach them. / HEALTH: Oregon health officials are seeing the first increase in positive COVID-19 test results in more than two months. The Oregon Health Authority also saw an increase in the number of tests being done statewide and a slight uptick in the percentage of tests that were positive for COVID. Hospitalizations continue to steadily decline and are at weekly levels last seen in July 2021. There were 97 COVID-19-related hospitalizations, a 44 percent decline over the previous week. But there were 140 COVID-19-related deaths, up from 99 the previous week. For the week ending April 3, the state saw</p>

a 42 percent increase in reported COVID-19 cases and a 16 percent increase in tests administered. The percentage of tests coming back positive for the virus increased slightly, from 2.7 percent to 2.9 percent. / RECREATION, WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT: New rules are in the works that will guide the take-off and landing of drones in Oregon State Parks and along the coast. And the deadline for you to comment on the proposal is being extended by one week, to Friday, April 15. The intent is to clarify where it's okay to fly the drones and where it's prohibited. The push for better rules comes after growing number of drone hobbyists are heading for the coast and flying their craft low over nesting seabird colonies. Officials say one colony of black oystercatchers on an offshore protected island scattered repeatedly as drones approached, harming survival of the chicks left behind. Hobbyists are encouraged to fly their craft at least 500 feet from protected wildlife and seabird areas. But there's no legal rule enforcing that guideline. Parks officials also want to clarify where drone launches and landings are allowed in other state park properties. While most hobbyists are well-meaning, other park users say they want to enjoy special and often quiet spots without drones interrupting their visit. A final decision on the new rules is expected later this spring. / RECREATION, DEVELOPMENT: Effort to expand the popular recreational campground at Armitage Park, north of Eugene, are a step closer to reality. Lane County Parks officials say they're holding an open house on the project Tuesday, April 12. The proposal calls for adding 21 new RV-friendly campsites on a new loop in the northwestern part of Armitage. The project preserves a nearby open area for day-use visitors and protects trees in the area. The open house provides a chance for you to see preliminary maps and drawings and share your thoughts. "We have seen the demand for campsites explode over the past five years," said Lane County Parks Manager Brett Henry. "Armitage is one of our most popular parks, open year-round, and we are excited that we have the space to expand and help meet the demand for locals and visitors alike." Expansion of campsites includes increasing the capacity of the park's water, sewer and electrical systems to accommodate the additional spaces. Lane County Parks is still seeking funding in order to complete the expansion. Lane County's parks are funded primarily through user fees; the parks division does not receive property tax funding. The open house on Tuesday, April 12, runs from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Lane County Public Works offices on the north end of Delta Highway. / SAFETY, HEALTH: The Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon Health Authority are advising you not to eat raw oysters harvested from British Columbia until further notice. Health Canada and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have linked harvest areas in B.C. to norovirus-like illnesses reported in multiple states and provinces that have sickening more than 300 people—although no illnesses have been reported in Oregon. Only oysters from British Columbia are affected. All oysters grown in Oregon and elsewhere in the U.S. are unaffected by the advisory and remain safe to eat. / SPORTS, COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, HEALTH. ENVIRONMENT, WILDFIRES: We're now fewer than 100 days away from the World Athletics Championships—known locally as "Oregon22," which take place July 15-24 at Hayward Field. Organizers say thousands of athletes and feature a huge, multi-day festival in Eugene's new Downtown riverfront park. They say the athletes' village will occupy the residence halls at the University of Oregon, housing three thousand competitors. Another 3,000 members of the media are expected from around the

world, along with national delegations, family, and friends. In all, there could be tens of thousands of visitors during mid- to late-July. Tourism officials anticipate visitors will stay in hotels, motels, rent apartments and homes up and down the Interstate 5 corridor—and even on the coast and in the mountains. And they've encouraged those interested in renting out their homes or spare rooms to create those Airbnb and other accounts and share the postings now. They hope that will translate into day- and overnight trips and spending in many Oregon communities. In all, they say the event will have a multi-million dollar economic impact. This is the first time the event has been held in the U.S. and Eugene is the smallest city to ever host it. One uncertainty remains: the weather. Last year's Olympic Trials included some record-hot days and there are concerns that summer wildfire smoke might intrude into the valley. Oregon22 coordinators say while they can't change the weather, but they can alter start times in some cases to minimize athlete exposure. U-of-O officials say if smoke makes its way into the region, researchers will collect air samples and other data to study the effects of poor air quality on athletic performance. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY, UTILITIES: Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley yesterday confirmed that Lane County Emergency Management will receive more than \$1 million in federal reimbursement for measures taken to protect the water quality in the McKenzie River during the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. The money is coming from FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The McKenzie is the sole source of drinking water for the Eugene metro area. The Holiday Farm fire burned more than 170,000 acres and 1,100 buildings, posing an immediate threat to water quality. By moving quickly to clean up damaged sites and reduce potentially toxic runoff, Merkeley and Wyden say Lane County Emergency Management able to limit the amount of burned materials, eroded soil, and wildfire ash from contaminating the river. They say the effort relied on strong relationships and coordination with entities including Lane County and the Eugene Water and Electric Board. / GOVERNMENT: Even with the pandemic and pressing legislation on Capitol Hill, members of Oregon's Congressional delegation continue to hold regular "town hall" sessions in the counties they serve—although many have been held virtually. Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley recently held his 500th town hall. And today during the noon hour, he's holding a virtual and telephone town hall for Lane County residents. He'll hear constituent questions and concerns, but also talk about recent legislative victories on everything from infrastructure funding to reducing the effects of wildfire smoke. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SAFETY: Eugene Springfield Fire crews are on scene of a commercial fire on Springfield's Main Street, between 20th and 21st. The two-alarm blaze was first reported shortly before 4:15 a.m. Arriving crews found heavy flames inside and outside multiple businesses. They've doused a big portion of the fire but will spend much of the morning on-scene handling mop-up. A stretch of Main Street is closed in both directions until further notice. Officials ask that you avoid the area. The cause of the blaze is under investigation. No injuries have been reported. / WEATHER, HEALTH: Yesterday's warm Spring weather triggered another jump in local tree pollen levels. That is feeding an increase in allergy symptoms. Several species of trees cause major allergy problems this time of year, including native Alder and Maple along with street trees such as Birch. Grass pollen levels are lower but will climb in the coming weeks. / LEGAL, COURTS, CRIME: In January, Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Martha Walters made an unusual request, asking members of the Oregon State Bar to take on clients in need of public defense. Now, Walters is asking the governor and legislative leaders to convene a summit to address the crisis. The Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution affords people charged with crimes an attorney provided by the state if they cannot afford their own. But Chief Justice Walters says because of the pandemic and court closures, public defenders face a backlog of cases and many have not been able to take on new clients. Cases cannot be heard unless a defendant has an attorney and legal experts say several hundred people are in custody without representation. Walters says legal representation is "a very basic and fundamental right that Oregon is struggling to accommodate." Multnomah County's district attorney says the justice system is "nearing the point of breakage" and that in recent weeks nearly three dozen criminal cases had to be dismissed in Portland. / CRIME, HEALTH: The state of Oregon has accused owners of an Illinois-based COVID-19 testing company of stealing millions of dollars in federal funds and insurance money. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum accuses operators of the Center for Covid Control, or CCC, and its testing partner, Doctors Clinical Laboratory, of the deceptive marketing of testing services and of violating Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act. The company also is under investigation in a number of other states and by the Better Business Bureau after reports that the company was faking results and not sharing data with state and local health authorities. The company promised rapid COVID test results within 24-72 hours. Staff at test sites allegedly contacted customers saying</p>

results were inconclusive and they needed a second test, or the company billed the government and insurers for both rapid and PCR tests. Rosenblum says in the lawsuit that Oregonians made crucial decisions about returning to work or school, travel, and visiting family and friends by relying unknowingly on shoddy tests. Officials say married couple that owns the Center for COVID Control and Doctors Clinical Laboratory funneled millions of dollars received from the federal government and insurance companies for testing to themselves. They say that totaled at least \$153 million nationwide. The lawsuit notes the owners of CCC had no prior experience in the medical field or in medical testing. Previously, they had run an axe-throwing lounge and a photography studio. State consumer-protection officials say the investigation is another reminder to be wary of testing sites that seem suspicious, or of vendors who are selling at-home tests for sky-high prices. Be cautious about pop-up testing sites that charge out-of-pocket fees, do not display logos, don't let you know which laboratory is performing the test, or are not affiliated with a known organization. If someone at a testing site or selling you a home test asks for sensitive financial information, like your Social Security number, leave. Insurers do not need that information. The Oregon Health Authority maintains a list of legitimate testing vendors and locations. Go to <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ERD/Pages/OHA-Announces-New-Online-Testing-Locator.aspx> for details. / BUSINESS: A popular Portland ice cream chain is opening a retail outlet today in Eugene. The Salt & Straw shop at Oakway Center is the ice-cream maker's first outside the Portland area and its fifth in Oregon. The company held a grand opening event yesterday. Salt & Straw was started a decade ago by a former Starbucks' marketing executive. In addition to its Oregon retail locations, the retailer maker has expanded to Seattle, multiple California locations, Disneyland, Miami, and Walt Disney World. Salt & Straw features premium and unusual flavors in its ice creams, often using ingredients from Oregon companies. For example, the company sources from Eugene-based Singing Dog Vanilla and Red Ape Cinnamon. / SPORTS: The Eugene Emeralds begin their 2022 season in Everett, Washington, today with a three-game road series. The Ems' home opener takes place on Tuesday, April 12th, at Eugene's PK Park. The Ems host Spokane in what will be the teams' first meeting since the 2021 High-A West Championship Series. This week, season ticketholders got a preview of the 2022 squad. The Ems remain an affiliate of the San Francisco Giants and the spring roster features a number of top prospects. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio yesterday released a statement saying he has tested positive for COVID-19. The Fourth District Democrat says he is fully vaccinated and experiencing mild cold-like symptoms and fatigue. DeFazio says he is isolating and encourages everyone to be vaccinated. DeFazio is the powerful chair of the House Transportation Committee and had a leading role in shaping recent major legislature, including the federal infrastructure bill. DeFazio announced in December he will not seek reelection after serving since 1987. ; Medicare says it's considering a cut in enrollee premiums, after officials stuck with an earlier decision to sharply limit coverage for a pricey new Alzheimer's drug projected to drive up program costs. The final coverage determination is for Aduhelm (ad-joo-HELM'), a drug whose benefits have been widely questioned in the medical community. The projected cost of Aduhelm was a major driver behind a \$22 increase in Medicare's Part B premium this year. Medicare officials say yesterday they only will pay for Aduhelm when it

is used in clinical trials approved by the Food and Drug Administration or the National Institutes of Health. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Chains are required this morning on Oregon's mountain passes, both in the Cascades and on some of the mountain passes on Interstate Five in Southern Oregon. Also, watch for temporary traffic holds on I-5 over the Siskiyou Summit heading into California as crews work to plow and sand the roadway. ; The National Weather Service was forecasting a temperature drop to around 37 degrees by 8 a.m., but wind chill made it feel like 30 degrees. That's why our forecast calls for rain mixed with snow between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., turning back to all rain after 11 a.m. Expect gusty winds throughout the day with this unsettled weather, along with a chance of thunderstorms. ; The Alsea Schools are starting two hours late. ; This week's storm, packing rain and snow, is good news for those keeping an eye on Oregon's water outlook. In the Willamette Basin, we had some pretty good winter rainstorms and snowpack. but there were concerns the past month about rapidly melting mountain snowpack and the effect that might have this summer on irrigation, drinking water, fisheries, and the risk of wildfire in some areas. Prior to this storm, some reservoirs levels remained below-normal rate. Lookout Point was 40 percent, Cottage Grove Reservoir at 39 percent, and Dorena at 63 percent. But all are receiving some fresh inflow from the storm. Still, dry conditions continue across much of the state, with extreme to exceptional drought continuing for another year in portions of Central, Eastern, and Southern Oregon.</p> <p>/ ECONOMY, FINANCES: Local gas prices continue to ease, although they remain painfully high for many. AAA, the automobile club, says the U.S. releases from the Strategic Oil Reserve and similar moves underway or being planned by other countries are beginning to have an effect. Here in Lane County, a gallon of regular gasoline is averaging \$4.65 this morning, down four cents from this time one week ago and down nine cents over the past month. But diesel this morning is averaging \$5.52 per gallon, up a penny from last week. Nationwide, the highest average price for regular-grade gas was in Los Angeles, at \$5.85 per gallon. The lowest was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at \$3.52 per gallon. / SAFETY: A teen driver died and four others were injured in a Sunday late-morning crash that closed a section of Highway 126 east of Walton near Badger Mountain for several hours. Oregon State Police say a Honda Civic driven by 18-year-old Colton Kenneth Rice of Monroe was westbound on Highway 126 when, for unknown reason, it left its lane of travel and struck an eastbound Toyota Tundra driven by a Washington state man with three passengers in his vehicle. Multiple witnesses told investigators</p>

that the Honda had been passing at a high rate of speed in a no-pass zone around a blind corner. When he crossed into the oncoming lane, Rice's Honda was struck on the passenger side. He died at the scene. The four occupants of the Toyota were taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries and were later released. The highway was shut down for over four hours for the crash investigation. ; The investigation continues into Friday's early morning fire in a vacant Springfield building that left two people dead. Police recovered the bodies of the adult male and adult female from inside the structure on Main Street between 20th and 21st. Police are working to identify the two and the Lane County Medical Examiner's office is working to determine cause of death. Investigators say it appears the two have been staying and sleeping inside the vacant building. The two-alarm blaze early Friday morning gutted the structure and damaged several nearby businesses. Its cause is being determined. Springfield Police are asking anyone with information about the fire or the victims to contact them at 541-726-3714. / MENTAL HEALTH, SAFETY, YOUTH, EDUCATION: Suicide rates remain higher than average in Oregon and the topic is a difficult one for many to discuss. On Tuesday, the Suicide Prevention Program with Lane County Public Health is holding a forum focusing on prevention and how to deal with these tragic losses. It comes amid a number of deaths by suicide in recent months involving youth and adolescents. At the forum, experts will share their perspectives and how to support the needs of families and their loved ones. They'll outline ways to talk about suicide prevention and death, offer resources for coping, and work to build community resilience. Staff and volunteers from multiple agencies and organizations including Lane County Health and Human Services, the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lane County, The Oregon Health Authority, Lines for Life, and the Oregon Family Support Network will be present to provide information and resource connection for youth, families and professionals. The Community Resilience Forum takes place Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hilyard Community Center in Eugene. The event also will be recorded and available for public viewing the following day on preventionlane.org Spanish and American Sign Language interpreters will be available on site. Childcare services will be available as well for parents. Contact Roger Brubaker, LCPH Suicide Prevention Coordinator at roger.brubaker@lanecountyor.gov for more information. / HOMELESSNESS, OLDER ADULTS: America's homeless population is graying. It's a rapidly expanding group of destitute and desperate people 50 and older who have suddenly found themselves without a permanent home following a job loss, divorce, family death or health crisis during a pandemic. Advocates say most in this group don't have mental illness or substance abuse problems. Academics project their numbers will nearly triple over the next decade, challenging policy makers from Los Angeles to New York to imagine new ideas for sheltering the last of the baby boomers as they get older, sicker and less able to pay spiraling rents. A 2019 study of aging homeless people led by the University of Pennsylvania drew on 30 years of census data to project the U.S. population of people 65 and older experiencing homelessness will nearly triple from 40,000 to 106,000 by 2030, resulting in a public health crisis as their age-related medical problems multiply. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's investigators said Friday they arrested a suspect who earlier this month rammed deputy's patrol car during an attempted traffic stop in Elmira. The deputy suffered a shoulder injury but is

recovering. The abandoned vehicle later was located parked at a West Eugene apartment complex. Investigators from the Sheriff's Office and Eugene Police say they identified the suspect as 28-year-old Dakota Dale Stover of Eugene, whose driver's license had been suspended for criminal violations and who was already wanted on outstanding warrants by Eugene Police and the State Parole Board. Investigators say they located Stover last week in Eugene, that he attempted to flee and hide, but was arrested and jailed. ; Investigators in Douglas County say they searched a trio of warehouses last week next to a high school in Glendale, arrested one person, and seized more than 18,000 marijuana plants. Detectives with the Douglas Interagency Narcotics team say it came after investigators smelled marijuana and saw a high volume of people coming and going, with materials and personnel being trucked in and out. The drug team says detectives found a Medford man hiding in one building and discovered what they described as a sophisticated illegal marijuana operation with plants in multiple stages of growth along with about 4,100 pounds of processed cannabis. They say the buildings had been modified with air filtration systems, water lines running inside the building, with all the windows boarded up. They add that the warehouses contained an elaborate, unpermitted, and dangerous electrical system and that there had been at least two electrical fires at the location in recent months. There also was a large quantity of fertilizers and pesticides at the site. ; Oregon State Police are seeking leads as tips from the public as they investigate a Friday confrontation and shooting on Interstate Five in Salem involving two motorists. Officials are not releasing the names of the suspects at this time but are asking anyone who was on I-5 between Wilsonville and Salem and saw what happened contact them. They say the vehicles involved in the incident were a silver 2013 Nissan Juke four-door crossover SUV and a dark blue 2012 Chevrolet Caprice four-door sedan. Call the Oregon State Police Dispatch Center at 800-442-0776 and reference case number SP22-083777. /

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LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY, UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION: Portland received the first measurable snowfall in April in recorded history on Monday. The National Weather Service says 1.6 inches of snow fell at Portland International Airport, setting a record. The agency says it's the only measurable snowfall in April in Portland since record-keeping started in 1940. More snow was recorded at higher elevations. Schools across the Portland area and other parts of far Northwestern Oregon were closed but by mid-morning the snow turned to a slushy rain. Portland General Electric reported more than 55,000 customers were without power. U.S. Highway 26 near the Portland Zoo was closed for hours after the snow brought down trees and powerlines. ; Snow caused traffic snarls across the state as the storm dumped a couple of feet on the Cascade Mountain passes and crews worked to keep highways open. The challenge was echoed in the Columbia Gorge, where Hood River received nine inches of snow. Over the Blue Mountains between Pendleton and LaGrande and all the way to Baker City in Eastern Oregon, Interstate 84 was closed for hours amid whiteout conditions and multiple accidents involving semitrucks and trailers. Other portions of the highway were closed as traffic backed up on exits and truck parking filled with vehicles waiting for roads to reopen. To the south, there were blizzard conditions on some Interstate Five mountain passes and temporary closures over Siskiyou Summit. ; We had a number of snow showers in Lane County, including some snow sticking at higher elevations and in outlying communities. But there was not enough to measure on the National Weather Service gauge at Eugene's airport. So the record for the latest snowfall of the season—set on April 11 of 1911—still stands.</p> <p>/ ECONOMY, FINANCES, AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION: Blame the pandemic. Blame supply-chain disruptions. Blame Russia's invasion of Ukraine. All are feeding into record-high inflation that is driving up prices for essentials including food, gasoline, housing, home energy, and other necessities. The Labor Department says inflation soared over the past year at its fastest pace in more than 40 years, squeezing American consumers and wiping out the pay raises that many recently received. Between March of 2021 and last month, the consumer price index jumped 8.5 percent — the biggest year-over-year increase since December of 1981. The March numbers are the first to capture the full surge in gasoline prices that followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Moscow's brutal attacks have triggered far-reaching Western sanctions against the Russian economy and have disrupted global food and energy markets. Prices also have</p>

been driven up by bottlenecked supply chains, robust consumer demand, and disruptions to global food and energy markets worsened by Russia's war against Ukraine. ; Russia's war in Ukraine has pushed up fertilizer prices that were already high, made scarce supplies even harder to find and pinched farmers, especially those in the developing world. Higher fertilizer prices are making the world's food supply more expensive and less abundant, as farmers skimp on nutrients for their crops and get lower yields. While the ripples will be felt by grocery shoppers in wealthy countries, the squeeze on food supplies will land hardest on families in poorer countries. The fertilizer crunch threatens to further limit worldwide food supplies, already constrained by the disruption of crucial grain shipments from Russia and Ukraine. / WEATHER, CLIMATE, AGRICULTURE: Farmers who rely on a federal irrigation project on the California-Oregon border will get one-seventh of the Klamath River water they would receive in a wetter year as historic drought grips the U.S. West. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation did not release any water to irrigators in 2021 and says this year farmers will see their allocations fall further if they divert water illegally. The Bureau releases water seasonally from a lake that must be kept at a certain level to protect an endangered fish species that's important to the Klamath Tribes. Downstream tribes are also fighting to save Klamath River salmon. ; This is the third consecutive year that severe drought has impacted farmers, tribes, and fish in the Klamath region. Last year, when no water was diverted into the Klamath Reclamation Project's main irrigation canal, thousands of downstream juvenile salmon died in the Klamath River. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which manages the irrigation project, has announced \$15 million in relief for affected farmers and \$5 million for Native American tribes. Across the American West, a 22-year megadrought deepened so much last year that the region is now in the driest spell in at least 1,200 years — a worst-case climate change scenario playing out in real time, a study found last month. Inflow to the Upper Klamath Lake is at a record lows, water managers said, and water allocations could drop further if drought conditions worsen this summer. / CRIME: Eugene Police are investigating an early-morning shooting outside residences in the area of 19th and Monroe Streets. The first reports came in around 4:45 a.m. today. One person was found dead and the Eugene Police Violent Crimes Unit and Lane County Medical Examiner are on the scene. There is no ongoing threat to the public from this incident. But if you have relevant information, home surveillance or vehicle cam footage related to this incident, please contact Eugene Police. Call 541-682-5111 and reference case 22-05713. ; A Eugene man on supervised release for a drug trafficking conviction was sentenced to a fresh term in federal prison Monday. Officials say 48-year-old Billy Lynn Brosowske was sentenced to ten years in federal prison and three years' supervised release. Prosecutors say he had threatened to shoot at an apartment in February of 2020 and then drove to the apartment with a loaded assault rifle. It came after investigators say Brosowske sent a series of threatening messages to a person he knew, saying he would shoot at the person's apartment if Brosowske's ex-girlfriend was found inside. In one message, Brosowske admitted to knowing there were young children in the apartment who could be placed in "harms (sic) way." Eugene Police searched Brosowske's truck near the apartment and found a loaded assault rifle with a chambered round and its safety turned off. Law enforcement arrested Brosowske two weeks later in The Dalles, and he was taken into federal

custody for violating his federal supervised release after a previous drug trafficking conviction. / HEALTH, FISHERIES: State health officials in Washington and Oregon are recommending the public limit their consumption of sturgeon caught from the lower Columbia River. The Seattle Times reports a health advisory comes from the Washington Department of Health as fish tissue data shows contaminant levels of polychlorinated biphenyls — or PCBs — at levels above Washington state's screening values. In Washington, the advisory applies to any fish caught in the Columbia River between the Bonneville Dam and the mouth of the Columbia. Officials recommend that most adults should not eat more than eight meals of sturgeon a month, and no more than seven for pregnant women, nursing mothers and children. / HEALTH, LEGAL, SPORTS: Two former Oregon Ducks football players are suing the NCAA, the University of Oregon, former head football coach Willie Taggart, and former strength coach Irele Oderinde in a trial that begins today in Eugene. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the former players say negligence in operating offseason workouts resulted in hospitalizations and muscle injuries in January of 2017. Doug Brenner and Sam Poutasi are seeking \$100 million in damages from the NCAA and \$25.5 million in damages for pain and suffering from college sports' governing body, the University of Oregon, and the two former coaches. / SPORTS: The Eugene Emeralds' home opener takes place today, weather permitting, at Eugene's PK Park. First pitch is set for 7:35 p.m. The Ems host Spokane in what will be the teams' first meeting since the 2021 High-A West Championship Series. The Ems remain an affiliate of the San Francisco Giants and the spring roster features a number of top prospects. ; The Oregon State University Baseball squad is back in the Top Five ranking and as high as Number Two in some polls. The Beavs are 24-7 on the season and tied with Arizona for first place in the Pac-12. They host Long Beach State on Thursday at Goss Field. ; There aren't a lot of sisters playing in the same professional sports league. But it's happening in the WNBA, where Oregon Women's Basketball standout Nyara Sabally was selected as the fifth overall pick yesterday in the WNBA Draft. She'll join the New York Liberty, the fourth Oregon player in the last three years to be selected in the first round. Nyara Sabally's sister, Satou, is with the Dallas Wings. Ruthy Hebard returns with last year's championship team, the Chicago Sky. And at the New York Liberty, Sabally will join former Duck star Sabrina Ionescu. The two were teammates for two seasons, although Sabally was unable to play because of injury. / EVENTS: After a two-year pandemic-related pause, Portland's World Naked Bike Ride is returning this summer. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the event is set for July 30. The route and other details will be released later this summer. The World Naked Bike Ride attracts participants from across the region. The multi-mile event through Portland neighborhoods is intended to increase awareness of bicycle safety, fossil fuel dependency, and other issues. And while clothing is optional, as always, planners are asking participants to wear face masks during the ride. Learn more at pdxwnbr.org or follow @pdxwnbr on Twitter. Other summer rides in Portland include "Mr. Worldride," a Pitbull-themed ride and the "Dead Freeways Ride," a tour of Portland's forgotten or never-built freeways. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, AGRICULTURE, UTILITIES, COMMUNITY, RECREATION: This week's storm, packing rain and snow, continues to improve the water outlook here in the Willamette Basin. Over the past two days alone, water storage at Lookout Point has grown from 40 percent to 43 percent. Cottage Grove Reservoir is up from 39 to 45 percent. Dorena's reservoir has climbed from 63 percent to close to 70 percent. But there remain concerns—as there were during the dry period last month—about the possibility of the return of warmer temperatures triggering a rapidly melting snowpack. That could affect summer irrigation, drinking water, and fisheries. And it could increase the risk of wildfire in some areas. And while we've been plenty of snow and rain during the past week, portions of Central, Eastern, and Southern Oregon remain in extreme to exceptional drought after three years of below-normal rainfall and snowpack. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY: Members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners yesterday received an update on the recovery up the McKenzie Valley in the wake of 2020's Holiday Farm Fire. The blaze scorched more than 173,000 acres and affected 600 properties. It heavily damaged or destroyed 574 dwellings. After the fire, some residents moved to other locations and communities, with more than 100 selling their land. But many have rebuilt or are in the process of doing so. Matt McRae, the county's Disaster Recovery Manager, told the panel that the county has received 203 requests for dwelling permits and issued 191. That represents about one-third of the housing lost in the wildfire. As of last week, 47 new residences have been completed. Progress has been slow, as property owners navigate a process that for many included seeking federal, state, or local assistance and awaiting resolution of their insurance claims. There's been the removal of burned trees, wildfire debris, and potentially toxic materials. Then came securing a contractor and permits, along with financing their replacement home as building materials prices soared. As part of an effort to allow various forms of temporary housing during the rebuilding, McRae says the county issued 88 free emergency RV permits. / GOVERNMENT, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, RECREATION, EDUCATION: State leaders have finalized transferring management of the Elliott State Forest to Oregon State University for use as a research forest. It comes after five years of work and bipartisan approval by state lawmakers. The governor signed the Legislature's bill into law yesterday. The plan creates an 82,000-acre forest reserve on the Oregon Coast—the largest such reserve in the state. It will provide recreational access to</p>

the public and learning opportunities for schoolchildren. The Elliott State Forest covers some coastal portions of Douglas and Coos counties. For decades, the forest was operated primarily for timber growth and harvest, with proceeds contributing to the state's Common School Fund. Officials say there will be a significant, final contribution to the fund. Oregon State University's plan for using the forest as a research site focuses on topics including forestry's role in supporting economic growth and rural communities, offsetting climate change, and protecting and restoring endangered species. Among those who took part in the planning effort: state and local governments, tribes, and a coalition including community and business leaders and members of the public. / CRIME: – Eugene Police continue to investigate Tuesday's early-morning shooting outside residences in the area of 19th and Monroe Streets. The first reports came in around 4:45 a.m. yesterday. One person was found dead. Their name has not been released. There is no ongoing threat to the public. But if you have relevant information, home surveillance or vehicle cam footage related to this incident, please contact Eugene Police. Call 541-682-5111 and reference case 22-05713. / HEALTH: Federal data confirms that 2021 was the deadliest year in U.S. history. New research is offering more insights into how it got that bad. The numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this month tally more than 3.46 million deaths last year. That's about 80,000 more than 2020's record. Experts say COVID-19 and related illnesses were major contributors—accounting for hundreds of thousands of deaths. But yesterday's study also shows an unprecedented spike in adolescent drug overdose deaths last year. Researchers say with all of those factors, U.S. life expectancy dropped by more than five months in 2021 — putting us back to where we were 20 years ago. The CDC study notes that cancer remains the leading cause of death in Oregon, followed by heart disease, accidents, stroke, and Alzheimer's. Sixth on the list was Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases, followed by COVID, Diabetes, Suicide, and Chronic Liver Disease or Cirrhosis. ; Sometime in the next few weeks, the U.S. death toll from COVID-19 and its complications will surpass one million. It comes after more than two years and multiple waves of the virus, its variants, and subvariants. The first deaths were recorded on the West Coast, but every part of the country has seen deadly surges. Analysts say the pandemic has left an estimated 194,000 children in the U.S. without one or both of their parents. Experts say those and other losses have affected every community. Here in Oregon, close to 7,400 people have died from the virus and its complications. That includes 522 in Lane County. / SAFETY, BUSINESS, RECREATION: It was created in the late 1940s as part of the Hult Lumber & Plywood Company's timber operations in the Coast Range community of Horton. These days, the 41-acre Hult Reservoir is a popular recreation spot for locals, but the former mill pond has growing structural issues. Experts with the Bureau of Land Management say the dam that impounds the pond was constructed in 1948 using loose rock and excess logs. They say those logs are rotting within the structure. Because of that, the BLM has rated Hult Dam a "high hazard" for its potential to give way or fail. That would potentially send water and debris downstream into the Horton area and a stretch of Highway 36. The BLM is considering three proposals: One would repair the dam, another would remove it, the third would replace it. In all three cases, the area would continue to be used for recreation, including fishing, camping, hiking, and horseback riding. The agency held a public forum in September and is planning

an open house this spring. It will take place on Wednesday, May 4, from 4-7 p.m. at the Triangle Lake Charter School Gymnasium. BLM staff and others will be on-hand to share information, answer questions, and receive comment. You also may submit written comments via email. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, BUSINESS: Employees of a South Eugene Starbucks store have become the first group of workers among the coffee chain's Oregon locations to unionize. Labor leaders say workers at the Willamette Street location voted unanimously Wednesday, 17-0, to approve the formation of a union. The organizing petition was filed in mid-January with the National Labor Relations Board. The employees are represented by Workers United, an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union or SEIU. It is the latest move in a nationwide push to organize the Starbucks chain and the fourth location in the past three days where employees opted for union representation with a unanimous vote. In December, Starbucks workers at a location in Buffalo, New York, became the first to unionize in the coffee chain's 50-year history. Since then, close to one dozen have voted to join Workers United and at least 160 others in at least 25 states have filed for representation. Starbucks has sought to persuade workers not to unionize by holding anti-union meetings with workers and conversations between managers and individual employees, but some employees say the meetings have only galvanized their support for organizing. In an online forum this week, Starbucks Chief Executive Howard Schultz said the company is ramping up its campaign against a unionization push in its U.S. stores. The Wall Street Journal quotes Schultz, who said that new benefits being developed for chain employees legally cannot be extended to unionized locations.</p> <p>/ EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 3.8 percent in March, down from 4.0 percent in February. That's the lowest since the pandemic-caused recession two years ago. Analysts say Oregon has recovered 87 percent of the jobs it lost. And while there's the perception that many who left the workforce are not coming back, Employment Department officials say that in March there were more people in Oregon's workforce than ever before. They add that rising inflation is casting a shadow over the job market, but that they continue to see good overall growth. The sectors experiencing the largest payroll gains included Construction (+1,500 jobs), Financial Activities (+1,400), Leisure and Hospitality (+900), Other Services (+900), Manufacturing (+800), and Government (+700). Construction in particular is booming, reaching another record high in March with 117,500 jobs. Financial activities employment was boosted by the hot real estate, rental, and leasing sectors. Hiring in Leisure and Hospitality cooled a bit coming off the start of the year. It's regained more than half the private-sector jobs it lost in the early months of the pandemic, but still has a way to go. Many are</p>

hoping summer travel and events will spur additional hiring and expansion. The only major industry to cut a substantial number of jobs was Professional and Business Services (-900 jobs). / HEALTH, CHARITY: They say it will help save critical time when people suffer strokes and aneurysms. A sizeable recent gift of \$1-million dollars has paid for a state-of-the-art piece of medical equipment at PeaceHealth's Springfield hospital. It's called a "neuro biplane." Experts say the minimally invasive neurosurgery equipment allows for faster and more accurate lifesaving interventions. The longer a stroke or aneurysm patients goes without treatment, the greater the chance of irreversible brain damage. The grant from the Oregon Community Foundation completed an overall \$1.2 million fundraising effort. The machinery is the first in the area. In the past, patients had to be transported to Portland to access the neuro biplane. This also allows specialists on PeaceHealth's neurointerventional team to expand treatment of patients with other disorders of the blood vessels feeding the head, neck, brain and spine. Fundraising is underway for PeaceHealth to create an additional room equipped with a second neuro biplane. / HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION: The Biden administration is extending the nationwide mask requirement for airplanes and public transit through May 3. It comes amid an uptick in COVID-19 cases. The order was set to expire on Monday, April 18. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday extended it by the additional two weeks. The extension applies to commercial airline flights and airports, Amtrak passenger trains and stations, and local mass-transit providers including Lane Transit District buses. The administration had been hoping to roll out a more flexible masking strategy this week to replace the nationwide requirement. But in a statement Wednesday, the CDC said it needs the additional time to "assess the impact the rise of cases has on severe disease, including hospitalizations and deaths, and health care system capacity." The rise in cases is tied to a subvariant of omicron, which is now responsible for better than four out of five new coronavirus cases in the U.S. It also has led to a number of breakthrough cases among those who are fully vaccinated, although experts say vaccinations continue to prevent most hospitalizations and deaths. / TRANSPORTATION: Many travelers grab a book to read before they board an airline flight. Now, you can pick up free short stories and poems to-go at Eugene's Airport. The airport has partnered with the Eugene Library, Eugene Library Foundation, and the company Short Edition to place a free short-story vending dispenser in the main terminal. The kiosk is the first in Oregon—one of more than 300 worldwide. It's located at the top of the elevator on the way to the A Gates. It's available to travelers of all ages and features the work of more than 30 local writers. There are short stories and poems with a local or international flair and stories for kids. Once you've made your selection, they are printed on a long piece of recycled, receipt-like paper. Not traveling through Eugene's Airport anytime soon? No worries! The Eugene Library offers the pieces online at <https://eugene.libguides.com/findagoodbook/shortstorydispenser>. Want to submit one of your stories or poems? You may do so on the same Eugene Library webpage. / CRIME: A Springfield man is under arrest, accused of killing two people Tuesday night at a location in the 700 block of 28th Street. It came after reports of a dispute between multiple subjects. Police say when they arrived at the parking lot the suspect, 42-year-old Robin Joseph Roberts, was holding a bloody knife. Officers persuaded him to drop the weapon and arrested him. Investigators say the victims, 65-year-old Richard T. Brumbach and 47-year-old

Joshuah James Vining, has apparently been stabbed multiple times. Police and arriving medics rendered aid but the two succumbed to their wounds and were pronounced dead at the scene. Springfield Police ask anyone with information about the case contact them at (541) 726-3714. / SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, RECREATION: The City of Eugene is reopening more sections of Trainsong Park in the Bethel area today. The park was closed in mid-January after traces of dioxin were identified in soil samples as part of a larger testing effort in another part of West Eugene. City crews have replaced soil in some spots or added at least four inches of new material in other locations. Two small areas in the park will remain closed for additional testing and are fenced off. In February, crews reopened Trainsong's Skatepark, the basketball court and other paved areas, as well as the playground. The playground and sand lot were topped off with at least four inches of new material, to meet a recommendation by the Oregon Department of Environment Quality and Oregon Health Authority. The source of the dioxin traces remains unknown. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SAFETY, MENTAL HEALTH, CRIME: An Oregon State Hospital psychiatric patient ran away from a supervised outing yesterday in Eugene's Alton Baker Park and is being sought by hospital officials and law enforcement. 39-year-old Thaddeus Ziemplak was found Guilty Except for Insanity in Lane County in the 2004 fatal shooting of his mother. He had been held in several state psychiatric hospitals and was transferred most recently to the one in Junction City. Hospital officials say Ziemplak ran from staff shortly before 4:30 yesterday afternoon. He was last seen on the Willamette River Bridge heading toward downtown Eugene. Ziemplak is described as a White male, 5 feet 9 inches tall, 200 pounds, with blonde hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing black pants, a black t-shirt, and a black coat with a North Face logo, along with a black beanie and electric blue tennis shoes. Officials say he wears eyeglasses. If you see him, Thaddeus Ziemplak should not be approached. Instead, call the Eugene Police Department at 541-682-8350 or the Oregon State Police at 1-800-452-7888. In 2020, Ziemplak escaped a supervised outing in Pendleton and was arrested less than one month later in California. / SAFETY, HOMELESSNESS: Springfield Police yesterday released the names of the two people who died in last Friday's early-morning fire in a vacant commercial building in the 2000 block of Main Street. They believe the victims, 54-year-old Nathan McNeill and 59-year-old Delena Chambers, had been staying and sleeping inside the building. The two-alarm blaze gutted the structure and damaged several nearby businesses. Its cause is being determined, but detectives do not believe it was intentionally set. / HEALTH: No surge so far but perhaps a smaller "wave." State and local health officials say they're seeing a modest rise in COVID-19 infections fueled by the omicron subvariant known as BA.2. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday received reports of 605 new infections and 23 deaths. Lane County Public Health accounted for 39 of those new cases. But experts say case numbers no longer capture as accurate a picture of the pandemic because many people who use home test kits might not be reporting their infections. And others, especially those who are fully vaccinated and boosted, often show few if any symptoms. Still, those with weak immune systems remain vulnerable to the virus. Lane County yesterday received reports of six recent deaths, raising our local pandemic toll to 528. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: The coronavirus pandemic ushered in what may be the most rapid rise in homeschooling the U.S. has ever seen. Now, even with schools back open and vaccines available, many homeschooling families are</p>

sticking with it. Data obtained by The Associated Press found homeschooling numbers this year dipped from last year's all-time high but are still significantly above pre-pandemic levels. Families may have turned to homeschooling as an alternative to hastily assembled remote learning plans. But they say they're staying with it for many reasons, including continuing COVID health concerns, disagreements with school policies and a desire to keep what has worked for their children. / WEATHER, BUSINESS, RECREATION: The past week-and-a-half of snow is good news for operators of those Oregon ski and snowboard resorts that remain open. The storms have provided several feet of fresh powder—even though cold temperatures and occasionally gusty winds have slowed grooming operations. Hoodoo, off Santiam Pass, has just three days remaining in its season—today, Saturday, and Sunday. Lifts are operating from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Oregon's Mt. Bachelor Resort is continuing its Spring season. Lifts are operating from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On April 25th, Bachelor shifts to shortened Spring hours in anticipation of warmer temperatures that can make conditions too slushy later in the afternoon. Willamette Pass has closed for the season. / EVENTS: It attracts big crowds of very happy kids. After a two-year hiatus, the Willamalane Park & Recreation District's MEGGA Hunt is back. The community's big annual egg hunt is set for Saturday, April 16—the day before Easter—at Lively Park off Thurston Road in Springfield. This year's egg hunt will have three options: Traditional Egg Hunt: Kids will search for eggs in open, smooth-landscape fields. Different areas will be set up for babies and toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age kids. This is great for families who are comfortable in a small crowd. The price is \$6 per child in advance, \$8 day of the event. Accompanying family members do not need to pay admission. / ANIMALS, EVENTS, FAMILY, HEALTH: Thinking of Getting a Rabbit for Easter? The Greenhill Humane Society encourages you to think about whether a rabbit is a good fit in your household. If you want one, consider adopting a "rescue rabbit." Rabbits can make wonderful companion animals, but they need care and a safe environment to enjoy a healthy quality of life. A well cared-for indoor rabbit can live up to 10 years and sometimes into their teens. Rabbits need at least an hour of exercise each day, fresh water and food, a living space that is cleaned daily and regular visits to the vet. Once litter-trained and either spayed or neutered, many rabbits are immaculate with their grooming and hygiene. They are social animals that enjoy interactions with their family, whether furry or human. They need room to explore and move. Many people let them freely roam in their homes. As with dogs and cats, they all have their own personalities and characteristics. Rabbits adopted from Greenhill Humane Society are microchipped, spayed or neutered, and receive lots of love and socialization from Greenhill staff and volunteers. ; As Easter approaches, some people consider buying baby chicks to give as gifts. But experts say it's not a good idea unless you're adding to an existing backyard flock. The Oregon Health Authority also reminds you that those cute, fuzzy little birds can carry Salmonella bacteria. That's not a great situation for young children, who like to pick up the baby birds, hold them close to their faces and even kiss them—and often don't wash their hands and faces afterward. Health officials say that baby chicks really are not appropriate Easter gifts, since many don't realize the responsibility involved with raising chicks and ducklings as the animals grow up. The birds require space to roam and food to eat. People unprepared for those responsibilities sometimes abandon the poultry after they

become adult chickens and ducks. Instead, consider giving your child a stuffed animal. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>GOVERNMENT, FINANCES: The deadline to file your state and federal personal income tax returns is today. Experts with the IRS and Oregon Department of Revenue remind you that the fastest way for your return to be processed and for you to receive any refunds is to file electronically. The Oregon Department of Revenue has a "Where's My Refund?" tool available on its website to provide updates on when you might see yours. You may file using paper forms, but processing of your return and any refund will be slower. Many Oregonians qualify for a generous "kicker" tax credit if they filed a 2020 tax return and had tax due before receiving tax credits. Even if you don't have a filing obligation for 2021, you still must file a 2021 tax return to claim your credit. But keep in mind that if you owe tax for previous years, child support, court fines, or school loans, the state may use all or part of your kicker to pay that debt. A "What's My Kicker?" calculator is available on the Oregon Department of Revenue's website for personal income tax filers. And don't forget to see if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. You might be missing out on a bigger refund if you are not claiming the federal EITC. Eligibility information is available at www.irs.gov</p> <p>Taxpayers who are eligible for the EITC can also claim Oregon's Earned Income Credit (EIC). Individuals who are not able to file by April 18, 2022, may file an extension directly with the Oregon Department of Revenue or with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the IRS extension is granted, the Oregon extension is automatically granted. A timely filed extension moves the federal tax filing deadline and the Oregon filing deadline to October 17, 2022. But remember: Even if you file an extension, you still must pay any tax you owe. Visit www.oregon.gov/dor to get tax forms, see a list of approved tax preparation software products, check the status of your refund, or make tax payments, call 800-356-4222 toll-free (English or Spanish) or 503- 378-4988. / SAFETY: A fire damaged several units of an apartment complex Sunday in the 3700 block of Springfield's Main Street. Crews received the first calls shortly before 5 p.m. They shut down Main Street in both directions to stage equipment and battle the blaze. Officials say all occupants safely evacuated. Main Street reopened after 8 p.m. / MENTAL HEALTH, SAFETY, CRIME: That Oregon State Hospital psychiatric patient who ran away from a supervised outing on Thursday in Eugene's Alton Baker Park was located and returned to custody on Friday. A member of the public spotted 39-year-old Thaddeus Ziemiak around 10:20 a.m. on Highway 126 near Veneta. He was taken to the Lane County Jail, then to the Oregon State</p>

Hospital's Salem campus. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: State officials say Oregon's Health Insurance Marketplace saw an increase in overall enrollments last year, as more residents sought subsidized insurance coverage for themselves and their families. The Marketplace is Oregon's portal for Affordable Care Act coverage. Originally designed for those who do not have job-based coverage, or do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan or another program, the Marketplace featured expanded eligibility last year. There also were additional savings for many enrollees through pandemic relief funding approved by Congress. Enrollments climbed to more than 146,000 as officials said 79 percent of those who signed up for the 2022 plan year received financial help with coverage. Officials say Oregonians who qualify for the premium tax credits are receiving an average of \$489 each month. They say that puts the average bottom-line monthly premium at \$130 after the tax credits are applied. Some lower-income participants saw net premiums of less than \$10 per month. The plans include essential benefits such as doctor visits, prescriptions, emergency care, and mental health services. Although open enrollment for the Marketplace has ended, you still might qualify to shop for coverage during a special enrollment period should you experience a "life event" like a job change, moving, marriage, or other family changes. In addition, Oregonians with lower incomes often qualify to shop for a plan with maximum financial assistance at any time due to a new enrollment opportunity that began this month. To get started, go to OregonHealthCare.gov and answer a few Oregon-specific questions to get to the right application. You also may search the "get help" directory to find a health coverage expert to provide free, local one-on-one assistance either virtually, over the phone, or in person. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>HEALTH, COURTS, LEGAL, GOVERNMENT: A federal judge in Florida struck down a national mask mandate on airplanes and mass transit Monday, and airlines and airports swiftly began repealing their face covering requirements. The judge's decision freed airlines, airports and mass transit systems to make their own decisions about mask requirements, resulting in a mix of responses to the ruling. The Transportation Security Administration said Monday night that it would no longer enforce the mask requirement, and a number of airports dropped their mandates after the TSA announcement. The nation's major airlines—including United, Delta, Southwest, and Seattle-based Alaska Airlines—switched to a mask-optional policy. There were cheers on some aircraft as the decision was announced but concerns for others about whether it's the right time to end the order aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19. Some airports, including those in Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, continue to recommend people wear masks voluntarily. The judge's decision has created a patchwork of rules that vary by city and mode of transit. While airlines and Amtrak might be dropping their requirements, many local transit systems are keeping them in place, for now. That includes Lane Transit District, TriMet in Portland, and a number of other Oregon transit systems. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had recently extended the mandate until May 3 to allow more time to study the BA.2 omicron subvariant of the coronavirus now responsible for the vast majority of U.S. cases. But the judge said the CDC overstepped its authority in making that decision. Officials with the Biden administration said Monday the rule would not be enforced while federal agencies decide how to respond to the judge's order. /</p> <p>HEALTH: Oregon and Lane County are continuing to see small increases in the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths. It's not a surge but officials say it is a smaller "wave." The modest rise in infections appears to be fueled by the omicron subvariant known as BA.2. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday over the Friday through Sunday weekend received reports of more than 1,500 new infections and 12 deaths. Lane County Public Health accounted for 145 of those new cases over the three days but received no new death reports. Experts say case numbers no longer capture as accurate a picture of the pandemic because many people who use home test kits might not be reporting their infections. And others, especially those who are fully vaccinated and boosted, often show few if any symptoms. Still, those with weak immune systems remain vulnerable to the virus. ; Moderna hopes to offer updated COVID-19 boosters in the fall that</p>

combine the original vaccine with protection against the latest variant. Now it's reporting a hint that such an approach might work. Before omicron struck, Moderna began testing a shot combining the original vaccine with protection against an earlier variant named beta. The company says people given that test combo shot developed more antibodies capable of fighting newer variants — including omicron — than today's regular booster. Studies are underway to see if a combination shot that adds omicron-specific protection works better. ; COVID might grab most of the headlines, but health officials have been warning that flu season is continuing across the U.S. This month, it affected the cast and crew of a touring production of the Broadway musical, "Hamilton," forcing the cancellation of its four matinee and evening shows on Saturday and Sunday in Portland. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the production is expected to resume this evening as officials work to reschedule the canceled shows. Seasonal flu vaccines remain available across Oregon. / CRIME, YOUTH, SAFETY, FAMILIES: The FBI Portland Field Office is warning parents, caregivers, and teens about an increase in sextortion crimes across the country. The agency is receiving an increasing number of reports of adults posing as young girls coercing teenage boys through social media to engage in sexual activity over the video link or produce other sexual images and videos, then extorting money from them. The scam frequently targets teen boys between the ages of 14 and 17. The scammer usually reveals that they have made recordings or copies of the activity and either demands money or the explicit photos or videos will be posted online. Sextortion is considered Child Sexual Abuse and carries heavy penalties, which can include up to a life sentence for the offender. As difficult as it might be, children and teens need to tell someone—a parent, teacher, caregiver, or law enforcement professional—for help in ending the extortion. While it can be embarrassing for the child, coming forward to help law enforcement identify the offender may prevent countless other incidents of sexual exploitation to that victim and others. The FBI provides the following tips to protect children and teens online at <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/stopsextortion-youth-face-risk-online-090319>. Be selective about what you share online, especially your personal information and passwords. If your social media accounts are open to everyone, a predator may be able to figure out a lot of information about you or your children. Be wary of anyone you encounter for the first time online. Block or ignore messages from strangers. Be aware that people can pretend to be anything or anyone online. Videos and photos are not proof that a person is who they claim to be. Be suspicious if you meet someone on a game or app and they ask you to start talking to them on a different platform. Encourage your children to report suspicious behavior to a trusted adult. Do not delete anything before law enforcement is able to review it. Tell law enforcement everything about the encounters you had online; it may be embarrassing, but it is necessary to find the offender. If you believe you or someone you know is the victim of sextortion, contact your local FBI field office (contact information can be found at www.fbi.gov), the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov, or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (1-800-the-lost or Cybertipline.org). / RECREATION, GOVERNMENT: It's an investment in recreation and open space in a fast-growing part of town. Eugene officials yesterday announced they have finalized their purchase of 12 acres of parkland off the north end of Delta Highway at Ayres

Road. The parcel was previously used as the three southernmost holes of the RiverRidge Golf Course. The site features mature trees, remnant sloughs, naturalized greens and a loop path with three bridges. Officials say this newest acquisition is one of the largest neighborhood park sites in their system. The purchase comes at a time when that area is seeing large increase in development of residential housing. Before the city purchased the 12 acres, there was no public parkland within a 1/2-mile walking distance. The city paid \$211-thousand for the parcel, using funds approved by voters in the 2006 Parks and Open Space bond measure. The park remains undeveloped for now, but open to the public. But if you visit, keep an eye out for parks staff and equipment mowing the area, marking boundaries, and adding signs. There is no on-site or street parking so visitors must walk to the site. Parks staff will be working with Eugene Public Works to improve public access. / AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE: A Lane County couple is being honored by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Board of Forestry for their efforts to help bees and other pollinators. Reid and Regina Ligon were named the Non-Industrial Forest Landowners of the Year. The Ligon's are working with the OSU Extension Service to determine the best methods of attracting pollinators to previously logged areas. Their property near Cottage Grove Lake includes five acres that had been clearcut by the previous owner. A grant secured with the help of the OSU Extension Service paid for the distribution of native flowering plant seeds for one section of the logged area and close to three dozen native shrubs in another. Now, the sites are being sampled regularly to determine which plants are best at attracting bees and other pollinators—who can help jumpstart the ecosystem while seedlings from a second-growth forest take root. It's hoped the research provide guidance not just when individuals and companies reforest their properties, but aid efforts to help the land recover after events like wildfires. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they arrested a man on Saturday afternoon who was harassing people outside a FOOD for Lane County dining room on West 8th Avenue and, later, outside nearby WOW Hall. They say 49-year-old Jason Speed McLaughlin pulled a knife on two young men and briefly stole one person's cellphone. Police say McLaughlin began to fight police once he was handcuffed and tried to grab an officer's handgun. He was jailed on multiple charges. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRE RECOVERY: Another big step toward recovery for communities up the McKenzie hit hard by 2020's Holiday Farm Fire. Volunteers and partners in a national broadband effort known as Project Overcome have constructed a 60-foot solar-powered communications tower above the community of Blue River. The tower creates a permanent wireless internet connection in the area and also anchors a new cellular network which is providing Internet service. Students and families in the McKenzie Schools are test-driving the new system. Yesterday, coordinators of the effort distributed 100 free Wi-Fi hotspots to district households. The school system includes communities along a 50-mile stretch of the river, including McKenzie Bridge, Rainbow, Blue River, Nimrod, Vida, and Leaburg. Project Overcome is funded by the National Science Foundation and administered by the organization US Ignite. Project partners include the non-profit local group Onward Eugene and a nationwide technology group, Elevate. /</p> <p>GOVERNMENT, AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT: Oregon's governor has signed a hotly contested bill into law that phases out the state's agricultural overtime pay exemption. The Capital Press reports Kate Brown wrote in a letter to legislative leaders that she views the bill as an important step to correcting an historic wrong. But farmers and other agricultural employers say it creates new financial challenges and could force them to cut back on workers. The new law establishes overtime pay requirements for agricultural workers in the state after 40 hours per week, with the requirements phased in over five years starting in 2023. Under the law, farmworkers will be owed time-and-a-half overtime wages after 55 weekly hours of work next year, after 48 hours of work in 2025-2026 and then after 40 hours per week beginning in 2027. Most farmers will be eligible for one of three tiers of tax credits, depending on whether they employ 25 or fewer workers, 25 to 50 workers, or more than 50 workers. Brown wrote that the law may need to be changed and improved over time, so she said it's important that conversation about the issue continue. /</p> <p>GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES, BIPOC, CLIMATE, AGRICULTURE: The Klamath Tribes are assessing their legal options after the U.S. government said it would release water from a federally operated reservoir to downstream farmers along the Oregon-California border. The tribes say even the limited irrigation will harm endangered fish at the height of spawning season. This summer's water allocations from the Bureau of Reclamation will send about 50,000 acre-feet of water to farmers during a historical drought in the U.S. West. An acre-foot is the</p>

amount needed to cover one acre of land with water one foot deep. Farmers who use Klamath River water to raise crops on more than 300 square miles says it's less than 15 percent of what they need. This is the third year in a row that extreme drought has affected the farmers, fish and tribes that rely on the 257-mile-long Klamath River in a region where, even in a good year, there's not enough water to satisfy competing demands. Last year, no water at all flowed through the Klamath reclamation project's main irrigation canal, and the water crisis briefly became a political flashpoint for anti-government activists. /

FISHERIES, WEATHER, CLIMATE: Concerned about recent low returns of summer steelhead to the North Umpqua basin, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife is increasing its monitoring of returning fish and considering how better to protect and enhance the runs. Last year, Summer steelhead returns declined up and down the coasts of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. Only 450 wild Summer steelhead returned to the North Umpqua basin last year. The decline, along with the impacts of recent wildfires and drought, are prompting the agency to take a closer look at their effect on the North Umpqua's Summer steelhead population, along with other factors such as ocean conditions and the hatchery program. Starting May 1, the agency will begin conducting a full census of all Summer steelhead that cross Winchester Dam, rather than rely on traditional estimates. That will help biologists decide whether angling closures are needed this summer. In recent years, angling has been closed near the mouths of tributaries in the mainstem of the Umpqua to better protect Summer steelhead. It's likely that will happen again this year. In the meantime, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is encouraging anglers to practice catch-and-release, use barbless hooks and other appropriate gear, and keep fish in the water as much as possible. /

BUSINESS: It was founded in Eugene in 1938 and has expanded across the West. For four generations, it has remained in family ownership. Now, officials with Oregon State University say The Papé Group is among this year's honorees for the College of Business' "Excellence in Family Business" awards. The ceremony takes place in Portland May 6. During the past eight decades, Papé has grown to become a leading supplier of construction, logging, material handling, landscaping and farm equipment throughout the Western states. The honor comes from OSU's Austin Family Business Program, which provides support and research to aid family-owned businesses in growth and generational transitions. This year's honorees also include Alyrica Networks, based in Philomath. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, TRANSPORTATION: President Joe Biden is on the road this week with a rare overnight visit to the Pacific Northwest, He'll spend part of today in Portland, then Friday in Seattle. The trip is part of an expanded travel schedule ahead of the November elections as Biden touts progress on his agenda while also prodding Congress to do more. His Oregon visit focuses on infrastructure. At Portland's airport, Biden will discuss investments in a new runway that can withstand earthquakes. He'll also discuss projects to reduce snarls in the nation's supply chain that also could help control rising prices of goods. State officials have said that Oregon is set to receive \$1.2 billion in federal infrastructure funding over the next five years. We could use it: The Oregon Department of Transportation estimates close to 1,300 miles of highway and 400 bridges are in poor condition. Last month, the Oregon Transportation Commission okayed plans for more than \$200 million dollars of that federal money to be used for maintenance and highway projects, improved main streets in many communities, and safer routes to school. The federal allocations also are expected to include money to help pay for an Interstate Five replacement bridge across the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington. The president also will attend a fundraising event sponsored by the Democratic National Committee to benefit several Oregon candidates. In Seattle, Biden plans to talk about limiting price increases and will observe Earth Day. Democrats on Capitol Hill have struggled to make progress on parts of Biden's sweeping environmental agenda. That includes proposals for fighting climate change, including hundreds of billions of dollars for tax credits to support clean energy. / GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE: More protection for some of America's oldest forests? The Washington Post is reporting that on Friday in Seattle President Biden will sign an executive order that lays the groundwork for protecting some of the country's biggest and oldest trees. People briefed on the plan say the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management would inventory mature and old-growth forests nationwide. Those agencies also would identify threats to those trees and to use that information to write policies that protect them. However, those briefed on the president's planned executive order say it would not ban logging of mature and old-growth trees, and the administration is not considering a nationwide prohibition. Instead, the order will include initiatives aimed at curbing deforestation overseas, promoting economic development in regions with major timber industries and calculating the economic value of other natural resources such as</p>

wetlands. / CLIMATE, WILDFIRES, ENVIRONMENT: As wildfires intensify across the West, researchers are studying how scorched trees could lead to a faster snowmelt and end up disrupting water supplies. Without a tree canopy, snow is exposed to more sunlight. Specks of carbon from burnt trees also darken snow and make it absorb more light, speeding the melting process. Snow melting into rivers earlier than normal could leave less water flowing in the summer when it's most needed. Researchers warn the long-term effects of charred forests on snow could fuel the cycle of drought and wildfires, further disrupting how communities plan for supply water supplies in the West. / GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The Oregon State Treasury has at least \$5.3 billion invested in fossil fuel companies. That's according to a coalition of environmental groups that in a new report blames the state for adding to global warming. They're urging divestment. The report by the group Divest Oregon is based on a public records request with the treasury. State officials did not immediately comment on the report. Oregon is considered a "green" state, through its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by state agencies and being the first state to commit to stop using coal-fired power. But the report claims the state treasury is working at cross-purposes, with more than \$1 billion invested in the coal industry alone. / WEATHER, UTILITIES, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY, RECREATION: This month's storms, packing rain and snow, continue to improve the water outlook here in the Willamette Basin. That's good news for agriculture and fisheries, drinking water and recreation. In the past week, Lookout Point Reservoir has gone from 43 percent to 54 percent of its storage capacity. Cottage Grove Reservoir is up from 45 percent to 66 percent. Dorena's reservoir has climbed from close to 70 percent to 84 percent. But there remain concerns—as there were during the dry period last month—about the possibility of the return of warmer temperatures triggering a rapidly melting snowpack. That could affect summer irrigation, drinking water, and fisheries. And it could increase the risk of wildfire in some areas. And while we've been plenty of snow and rain during the past week, portions of Central, Eastern, and Southern Oregon remain in extreme to exceptional drought after three years of below-normal rainfall and snowpack. Meteorologists with the National Weather Service say this is quite a change from April of 2021. Lingering high pressure blocked our typical Spring rainstorms. The rain gauge at Eugene's airport recorded the driest April on record—0.35" of rain for the month. Compare that to this year. We already have more than three-and-a-half inches—ten times last year's amount. / WILDLIFE, AGRICULTURE: The growth of Oregon's wolf population slowed significantly last year. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife reports 21 of the animals were killed. The wolves were either shot or poisoned by poachers, hit by cars, or killed by wildlife officials after attacking livestock. Researchers with the ODFW say their 2021 census counted 175 wolves in Oregon, up just two animals from the previous year. The number of documented packs decreased to 21 from 22 after eight wolves in eastern Oregon were illegally poisoned. Wildlife experts say that was the slowest rate of wolf growth since 2016. But agency officials add that wolves expanded their range into four new areas in rural areas. Wolves once ranged most of the U.S. But they were wiped out in most places by the 1930s under government-sponsored poisoning and trapping campaigns. / HEALTH: Oregon lifted its indoor mask mandate just a little over one month ago. And researchers with the Oregon Health Authority estimate only about one-third of people are masking up indoors.

Health authorities say COVID-19 case numbers are rising once more in Oregon as that new omicron subvariant spreads. But they add that hospitalization rates are still hovering at fewer than 100 patients statewide — a far cry from the Delta surge last fall and the Omicron surge over the winter. Officials say they've seen the state's seven-day average of daily cases more than doubled since early April. Oregon now is averaging about 600 new cases per day. That's compared to somewhere between 200-300 daily case reports one month ago. Experts say the infection numbers are likely a "significant undercount" because many people who are infected often have few or no symptoms or do not report the results of their home COVID-19 tests. But at the same time, they say vaccinations are working and the rate of hospitalizations and deaths has slowed and remained relatively flat. / CRIME: Another day, another large raid of what officials say was a large-scale illegal marijuana operation in Southern Oregon. This time, it was a rural property outside the Douglas County community of Azalea. When detectives with the Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team served their search warrant, they say they seized more than 1,700 marijuana plants and more than 23 pounds of processed marijuana. They also located four high-end vehicles that appeared to have been hidden or stashed on the property. They say the BMW X6, Maserati, Range Rover, and Bentley all were late model versions, stolen out of Florida. Investigators say the thieves had switched the VIN plates with counterfeit VIN plates to make them more difficult to track. Officials say the type of vehicles, sophistication, and quality of the switched VINs indicate a level of sophistication well above the average criminal activity. They say it's another example of how the rise in illegal marijuana operations have included a rise in other types of crime. Across Southern Oregon, law enforcement officials say they've seen growing numbers of large-scale illegal marijuana grows. Some are set up on public lands, causing destruction to the environment, diverting nearby streams and harming water quality. Others are set up in warehouses and include the presence of toxic chemicals and pesticides. Prosecutors say most of the operations are controlled by multinational criminal organizations. Leaders of several counties are asking the state to allocate more money for law enforcement. / SPORTS: It was a crazy weather week for a golf tournament. But the Oregon Women braved cool, windy conditions and multiple weather delays to take the Pac-12 Conference title at Eugene Country Club. The Ducks took the team trophy and Cynthia Lu won individual honors. Oregon is ranked Number Two in the nation but came in seven strokes ahead of top-ranked Stanford, which tied for second place with Oregon State. And apparently all the rain wasn't enough for the Duck squad—they celebrated by pouring water on Cynthia Lu and their coach. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, AGRICULTURE: Today in Seattle, President Joe Biden will highlight his administration's efforts to protect some of America's oldest forests and restore those that have been devastated by wildfire, drought and blight. Biden is using his Earth Day visit to sign an executive order protecting some of the nation's old-growth trees. He says they are key buffers against climate change and absorb significant amounts of carbon dioxide that otherwise contributes to global warming. Biden's order directs federal land managers to inventory mature and old-growth forests nationwide within a year. Officials with the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management will identify threats to the older trees, such as wildfire and climate change, and develop policies to safeguard them. Those briefed on the president's executive order say it would not ban logging of mature and old-growth trees, and that the administration is not considering a nationwide prohibition. Biden also plans to talk about limiting price increases and using hundreds of billions of dollars for tax credits to support clean energy. / GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORTATION: President Joe Biden made a brief stop in Oregon yesterday to talk about the federal money heading our way to improve roads, bridges, rail, and local transit systems. State officials say Oregon is set to receive \$1.2 billion in federal infrastructure funding over the next five years. Much of that money would help upgrade or replace an estimated 1,300 miles of highway and 400 bridges considered to be in "poor" condition. The federal allocations also are expected to include money to help pay for an Interstate Five replacement bridge across the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington. Funds also would help improve main streets in many communities and provide safer routes to school. At Portland International Airport, Biden highlighted a major investment in earthquake safety. The airport lies across a fault line. Officials are working on a series of modernizations, including an earthquake-resistant runway capable of handling jet departures and arrivals after a major natural disaster. The president also discussed projects that he says would reduce snarls in the nation's supply chain and help control rising prices of goods. The trip is Biden's first to the Northwest since he became president. / CRIME, TERRORISM: A Seattle man who was on the run for 12 years and accused of eco-terrorism pleaded guilty this week to federal arson charges in incidents dating back to 1997. Eco-saboteur Joseph Dibee was implicated in a string of attacks that destroyed or damaged environmental targets across the West. He was arrested in Cuba in 2018 as he</p>

prepared to board a flight for Russia. Prosecutors say that in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the now-53-year-old Dibee joined about a dozen animal rights and environmental activists affiliated with the Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front and known as “The Family.” Investigators say that among other incidents, Dibee planned and helped set fire to a horse slaughterhouse in Redmond. Several years later, they say he took part in an arson at a federally owned wild horse corral and barn in California. But prosecutors say Dibee fled the U.S. in December 2005, one month before he was indicted. He lived first in Syria and then in Russia. Government attorneys say Dibee has agreed to pay restitution. They are asking that he be sentenced to at least seven years, in addition to the time he’s already spent behind bars. Dibee’s attorney is asking that his client be sentenced to time served. U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken will preside over the sentencing hearing on July 27. / CRIME: Linn County investigators say they have identified the man whose body was found March 31 in a homemade casket at a rural cemetery northeast of Harrisburg, off Powerline Road. They say they used fingerprints that matched to 59-year-old Randall Louis Lloyd. Officials say Lloyd had ties to Washington, Idaho, and more recently Eugene. Toxicology results are pending, but preliminary autopsy findings indicate Lloyd died from natural causes. Detectives are still investigating working to determine who left Lloyd’s body at the cemetery and why. Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact the Linn County Sheriff’s Office in Albany. Contact Detective Scott Tennant at (541) 967-3950. / SAFETY TRANSPORTATION, CRIME: Note to drivers from Eugene Police: The Beltline Highway is not a NASCAR track. The Traffic Safety Unit is focusing this week on speedsters on the busy highway after hearing plenty of complaints about dangerous drivers. Police remind you: The speed limit on the Beltline is 55 miles per hour, NOT 80, 81, 83 or even 92 mph as one driver apparently believed. Safety experts say higher speeds not only increase the likelihood of a crash but also its severity. Plan ahead, leave earlier, get where you’re going on time, and get there safely. / EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: Lane County’s unemployment rate dipped another notch last month, from 4.3 to 4.1 percent. Employers added a net 1,100 jobs. At the height of the pandemic-caused recession in April of 2020, our unemployment rate soared to 14.4 percent. Across Oregon, the recovery continues. State analysts say that in March, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 35 of Oregon’s 36 counties. The 36th county’s rate held steady. To the north of us, Benton County registered the state lowest unemployment in March at 2.9 percent. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, WEATHER: The return of sunny weather is great news for those planning to enjoy their weekend outdoors. But it also means some soaring pollen counts. A sampling station at Oregon Allergy Associates, just south of downtown, showed tree pollens were “high” yesterday. With today’s forecast calling for partly sunny skies and a high near 60, the levels could climb another notch. The weekend calls for mostly sunny skies and a high both days of 68. That could lead to “very high” pollen levels. Oregon has three distinct Spring allergy seasons: Tree pollens kick things off in late winter, followed by grasses—which tend to peak right around Memorial Day when everyone’s getting ready for the outdoor season. And then there are pollens from all sorts of different weeds, which are prominent throughout the summer. Really, it’s year-round: During the Fall and Winter we still can be exposed and react to pollen, mold, and mildew. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: We Oregonians pride ourselves on our state’s natural

beauty and clean air. But our air quality has taken some major hits in recent years. The latest report from the American Lung Association concludes that particulate from wildfires and ozone from increased traffic and other sources are not only harming the air—they're threatening our health. The Eugene-Springfield area ranked 15th-worst in the association's latest "State of the Air" study for short-term particle pollution—mostly because of those weeks on end when we dealt with intrusions of summer and autumn wildfire smoke. We were 18th in the nation for long-term particle pollution. Several other Oregon cities made the Top 25 lists, including Medford-Grants Pass, Bend-Prineville, and Portland-Salem. The association reports that as larger wildfires and other sources send particle pollution into the air, it's creating "unhealthy" and "very hazardous" conditions for an estimated nine million Americans. If there's good news, it's that many Oregon cities saw improvements in ozone pollution, including cleaner air here in Eugene-Springfield. ; Last month, the American Lung Association announced a new campaign to raise awareness of lung cancer screening and work to ensure that insurance programs cover the new guidelines expanding screening eligibility across the nation. Lung cancer is America's leading cancer killer. But lung cancer screening can detect it when it is easier to treat before it spreads. But nationwide, it's estimated only about five percent of those who qualify have been screened. But a federal health panel last year expanded the guidelines to include individuals between the ages of 50 to 80 who have a smoking history of 20 packs per year, are current smokers, or have quit within the past 15 years. In February, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services created a similar update for its lung cancer screening eligibility for people covered by Medicare. And under the Affordable Care Act, most private insurance plans also are required to cover lung cancer screening for those now considered high-risk. If you're among the 14 million Americans who qualify, get yourself screened! Check with your insurer to confirm that you're covered, then contact your health care provider to schedule your lung cancer screening. Learn more at <http://lung.org/screening> / EVENTS, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: Today is Earth Day and a number of local schools and groups have planned some events. Among them, the students at Springfield's A3—the Academy of Art and Academics. They're taking part in a downtown Springfield trash pickup during the lunch hour. The city is providing trash bags and pick-up tools, reflective vests, and a garbage truck to haul the stuff away. Great job, A3 students! And here's a thought: If we stop littering in our communities, maybe next Earth Day our kids and teens will be able focus on other Earth Day activities that don't involve picking up someone else's mess. / EDUCATION, FAMILIES: A nice tradition returns this weekend at the University of Oregon. Spring Family Weekend begins today and continues through Sunday. It is being held in-person for the first time since 2019. The event is a chance for families to spend a few days on campus with their Duck students. There are all sorts of events, with free admission to the U-of-O's museums and the Student Rec Center, along with access to the Spring Game and other athletic events. It's also a nice three-day boost for local businesses, as parents take their Oregon students shopping and enjoy restaurant meals and other outings. / EVENTS, ENVIRONMENT: The Oregon Coast, Willamette River, and dozens of other sites across the state get a nice sprucing-up on Saturday. The annual SOLVE Oregon Spring Cleanup attracts thousands of volunteers, many of them to dozens of spots along the Oregon Coast. They spend a couple hours removing marine

debris, litter, and invasive species from Oregon's beaches, parks, neighborhoods, and natural spaces. It's amazing volunteer effort that since the mid-1980s has removed more than 17 million pounds of litter. Want to get involved? Go to www.SolveOregon.org to see a complete map of volunteer opportunities, locations and times, and more. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>CRIME, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION: The clean-up continued yesterday following Saturday's late-morning large, unruly party in the West University neighborhood—and at least half-dozen other large gatherings later Saturday afternoon and evening. By the end of the day, Eugene Police say they issued a combined 22 citations for Minor In Possession of Alcohol and five Open Container citations in lieu of custody. In addition, the hosts of six house parties—each with an estimated more than 200 attendees—were contacted prior to becoming out-of-control events, and the hosts voluntarily shut those parties down. It came after police reminded them that the city's Unruly Gathering or "Social Host" Ordinance includes possible civil fines and criminal penalties. Officers say they also intervened in breaking up a fight involving multiple subjects in the street and had two different incidents where people they contacted ran away from police. It began around 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, when Eugene Police responded to reports of a large, unruly party with open alcohol consumption that had started earlier in the day and was spilling onto adjoining properties and out into the street on East 16th Avenue between Patterson and Hilyard, blocking the roadway. An estimated 500 to 1,000 people were reported to be blocking the street. Investigators say the crowd included underaged drinkers, college-aged individuals, and middle-aged parents. It was Spring Parents' Weekend on campus and Saturday was "Duck Day," filled with a variety of events. Police said that during their response, glass bottles and metal canned food items were hurled at officers as they tried to disperse the large crowd. They say they tried hailing the parties with loudspeakers to open the traffic lanes. When those efforts were unsuccessful, they used Eugene Police vehicles to slowly push through the crowd to get them to step aside and out of the roadway. Those efforts took the better part of two hours and dispersed most of the crowd. The party appeared to have begun at a nearby three-story apartment complex. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner later in the day labeled the unruly crowd a "complete embarrassment." Skinner added that, quote, "We all understand the excitement Spring brings but these irresponsible individuals, including parents and their college-aged children should be ashamed." Skinner says the unruly gathering forced police to put their operations into "priority calls" mode, which required putting many lower-level calls from elsewhere in the community on-hold while they dealt with the public safety issues associated with this gathering. Skinner commended his officers for showing tremendous restraint in the face of repeated attempted assaults by some</p>

of those attending the party. He called those attempted assaults “inexcusable.” Eugene Police officers remained in the general area to intercept and prevent other similar events and activities from getting out of control. Late in the afternoon—and following the conclusion of the Oregon Football Spring Game—officers were assigned to the West University area for focused “party patrols” as activity began to increase into the evening. They observed similar behaviors at multiple locations, including drinking and large parties forming. Police brought in eight additional officers and two additional sergeants on overtime to staff and respond in the area. Bringing on the additional overtime personnel allowed other Eugene Police patrols to operate under normal conditions to handle calls for service across the rest of the city. On Sunday midday, broken glass from beer and other liquor bottles was still strewn along the curb and parts of the street on East 16th Avenue, with shattered glass also along the curbs and in the parking areas on nearby sections of Patterson and Hilyard. Two student residents were seen along East 16th with large garbage bags, picking up some of the larger pieces of trash. But litter was spotted in multiple yards and along sidewalks on all four sides of the block. Ultimately, it appears Eugene Public Works street sweepers might need to pick up the remaining shards of broken glass during taxpayer-funded street cleaning. / CRIME: Three men believed from Texas and traveling along the Interstate Five corridor are under arrest after a string of alleged catalytic converter thefts early Saturday and Sunday mornings in Eugene—including one incident in which shots were fired. Police say a search of the suspect’s vehicle and a Portland hotel room recovered not only multiple stolen catalytic converters, but items believed used to carry out the crimes—including power tools, a floor jack, firearms, and electronic evidence. The investigation is continuing, and detectives are following up on the many phone calls they say after they shared initial details of the incident over the weekend. Detectives also expressed gratitude to those called in. Eugene Police say shortly before 5 a.m. Saturday, they responded to a call in the 2500 block of northeast Eugene’s Lakeview Drive near County Farm Road after reports of catalytic converter thefts in progress, followed by shots fired. One resident told investigators they had gone outside to confront the male suspects, who fled in a vehicle later confirmed to be a white Honda Odyssey with Tennessee plates. The resident said he got in his vehicle to follow the suspects but heard multiple gunshots coming from their van and stopped. Eugene Police officers say they recovered shell casings during their search of the area. Sunday morning, just before 3 a.m., a resident in the 4300 block of Goodpasture Loop heard a vehicle alarm going off and, when they went to investigate, startled individuals who took off in a white mini-van matching the earlier incident’s description. Based on that and the possible presence of a firearm, Eugene Police officers flooded the area. After an EPD sergeant briefly spotted the vehicle near North Delta Road, it was located moments later in a parking lot. Additional officers arrived to perform the high-risk arrest and take the trio into custody. The suspects are identified as 22-year-old Warren Tavares Duckworth, Jr.; 21-year-old Dedrian M. Richardson; and 18-year-old Malik O Smith. They were lodged at the Lane County Jail for First-Degree Robbery and Aggravated Theft. Eugene Police continue to ask to hear from anyone who might have any relevant tips in the case, including home surveillance or in-vehicle video of the suspects, their vehicle, or the affected areas during the times of the thefts and the shooting incident. Contact Detective Rick Lowe at 541-682-5573 and

reference case number 22-06300. ; Catalytic converters are used in automotive exhaust emissions systems. They are targeted by thieves because they contain valuable metals, including platinum, palladium, and rhodium. Bolted-on catalytic converters are the easiest to steal. But even if the device is welded onto a vehicle, criminals will use pipecutters or a portable reciprocating saw to remove it, often damaging other components of the vehicle. A stolen catalytic converter can cost more than \$1,000 to replace. / EVENTS: Two big donation events over the weekend: Oregon Football fans donated more than 33,600 pounds of canned food as they arrive at Autzen Stadium on Saturday for the Spring Game. FOOD for Lane County thanks Duck fans, saying the canned goods will help provide more than 27,000 meals to hungry families and individuals. Volunteers picked up at least 38,000 pounds of litter during Saturday's Oregon Spring Cleanup sponsored by SOLVE. The final total will be much higher, since half the site coordinators are preparing their reports. In addition to litter pick-up, some volunteers removed invasive species or took part in other effects along the coast and local waterways. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>CRIME, LGBTQ: Prosecutors say he terrorized a former instructor with gruesome, threatening letters. Now, a Eugene-area man who ran a white supremacist website will spend four years in prison. 58-year-old Gary Franklin pleaded guilty in January to two counts of threatening communications by mail and was sentenced this week. His prison term will be followed by three years of supervised release. Investigators with the U.S. Department of Justice said in court documents that Franklin targeted the community college professor in part because of her sexual orientation. The U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon called the harassment hateful and disturbing, adding that, quote, "nobody should have to live in fear of depraved individuals like Mr. Franklin." According to court documents, between December 2020 and May 2021, Franklin sent two threatening letters to his former instructor. The first letter contained a printout of what appeared to be a deceased, mutilated female. Handwritten wording above and below the image included racial and sexual orientation slurs and stated, "What I'd like to do to you." The second letter contained another photograph of a deceased, decapitated female in a black trunk. The handwritten wording around the image stated that the photograph represented Franklin's fantasy of what he wanted to do to the victim. After forensic analysis conducted by the Oregon State Police Laboratory found Franklin's fingerprints on the first letter. In May 2021, the FBI executed a search warrant on Franklin's Eugene residence. Agents found and seized body armor, a boot spike, multiple knives, collapsible batons, a monkey's fist flail, a set of brass knuckles, a 12-gauge shotgun shell, metal chain mail, and a black trunk like one depicted in his second letter. Agents also uncovered piles of literature and handbooks on death, dismemberment, murder, torture, and sexually motivated killings. As the investigation continued, authorities discovered evidence that Franklin was a white supremacist and may have been motivated by white supremacist and neo-Nazi ideologies. Open source and social media research revealed that Franklin was the administrator of a membership website called Aryan Folk, described as a website for White nationalists. While searching Franklin's residence, agents also discovered multiple photographs of Franklin with items and clothing bearing Nazi and white supremacist symbols. Anyone with information about real or perceived threats of violence should call the FBI at (503) 224-4181 or submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov. For immediate threats to life and safety, please call 9-1-1. / CRIME, SAFETY, HEALTH: Nationwide and here in Lane County, police and drug enforcement officials say they're alarmed and are</p>

warning of a spike in overdose deaths tied to Fentanyl. Yesterday, officials with Eugene Police warned they've received reports that Fentanyl is being sold in a white powdered form locally and possibly being marketed as cocaine. Police are concerned the Fentanyl powder might be combined with other so-called "party" drugs such as MDMA, also known as "ecstasy" or "molly." They say testing confirmed almost all pills recently purchased on the street contain Fentanyl, even though many sellers claim they are offering oxycodone, Xanax, Adderall, or other drugs. Police say they've also detected Fentanyl in methamphetamines, marijuana and cocaine. They say people who purchase illegal street or "party" drugs should assume the pill or powder contains Fentanyl. In the past, many of street pills containing Fentanyl had a homemade appearance. But experts now say they are almost indistinguishable from the real thing. Fentanyl is a powerful opioid used in medical settings as a pain medication and, together with other medications, for anesthesia. But it is increasing being sold as an illegal recreational drug. Fentanyl can reduce breathing, increasing the risk of brain injury and death. It has a rapid onset and its effects generally last under two hours. An overdose can be neutralized by naloxone, which often is sold under the commercial name Narcan. Public Health officials recommend anyone at risk of opioid overdose have Narcan available. Narcan has been shown to be an effective first response treatment to opiate overdoses. Narcan is available to purchase at all Lane County pharmacies or for free through the HIV alliance. /

AGRICULTURE, WEATHER: Farmers in the Willamette Valley are getting a later start on some of their crops after this month's cold, wet weather. Moist soil delayed some planting. Vegetable crops were running behind. Field crops were doing all right, but slugs were showing up in large numbers. In the northern Willamette Valley, several days of frost and snow broke limbs on budding hazelnut orchards. And some wine growers saw frost damage to young grape buds, which could reduce production by up to half. Vineyard owners say Chardonnay and other white varietals, which bud earlier, appeared hardest hit. It's been a tough couple of years for many wine growers. Heavy wildfire smoke in 2020 and 2021 tainted grapes in some vineyards. They worry frost burn to young grape buds could mean a poor production season. The damage appeared worst in the northern Willamette and Yamhill Valleys, but some frost also was reported elsewhere in Western Oregon. /

FISHERIES: The commission that oversees Oregon's fish and wildlife programs has voted to end the Summer steelhead hatchery program on the North Umpqua River. It comes after severe declines in the number of wild steelhead returning from the Pacific Ocean. The vote this month by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife transitions the agency to a "wild fish only" management plan in an attempt to help genetically distinct wild Summer steelhead bounce back. Environmental groups say they owe the commission a "debt of gratitude" for making the decision. Last summer, state officials closed sport fishing on the Umpqua and North Umpqua rivers in response to record-low wild Summer steelhead returns. There are concerns that larger numbers of hatchery fish in the river would slow recovery and, over the long term, reduce the size of the wild steelhead run. Studies have shown that hatchery-bred steelhead can weaken the gene pool of their wild counterparts and make it more difficult for wild fish to successfully reproduce. They can also harm wild fish because they compete with those populations for resources. The North Umpqua River is a 106-mile-long tributary of the Umpqua River in southwestern Oregon. /

SPORTS, COMMUNITY: Friday marks the start of Eugene Marathon Weekend. This will be the return of the marathon after two years of pandemic disruptions—although there was a virtual marathon last year where participants tracked and reported their own individual times. For this year, things get going on Friday afternoon with a health and wellness expo. On Saturday, the first competitors head out on the Eugene 5k and Kids' 1k Duck Dash. And then on Sunday it's the Eugene Marathon and Half-Marathon. And talk about a satisfying place to finish: All races end on the track at Hayward Field. Registration remains open on the Eugene Marathon's website for all races, including the "Krusteaz Doublestack Challenge" for those interested in running the 5K as a warm-up ahead of the full marathon or half-marathon the next day. / **SAFETY:** More than 750,000 air fryers in the U.S. and Canada are being recalled by Best Buy because there's a risk they might overheat, causing fires and burns. There are several affected different models, so I've shared the Consumer product Safety Commission's full recall notice on my TracyKGNU Facebook page. Go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2022/Best-Buy-Recalls-Insignia-Air-Fryers-and-Air-Fryer-Ovens-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards> for the full details. Best Buy is offering a refund on the recalled units. / **ELECTIONS:** The May 17 Primary Election is fast approaching. The deadline to register to vote or change your voter registration information is today. Voter registration is available online through the Secretary of State's Office to those with a valid Oregon driver's license, DMV-issued identification card or learner's permit. The site allows you to verify your current voter registration status, enter a change of address, change incorrect information, update your registration for name changes or party affiliation, or fill out a new voter registration card. Go to <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx> You also may fill out and deposit a voter registration form at the Lane County Elections Office's Lincoln Street Drop Box by 5:00 p.m. today. Or you may mail a voter registration card to the Elections Office, as long as it is postmarked no later than today. Call or email if you have questions at 541-682-4234 or at elections@lanecountyor.gov New voters who will turn 18 on or before the May 27 Election Day may register by the today's deadline and receive a ballot, even if you are still 17 now. Copies of the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet began arriving by mail last week. The pamphlet is also available online at <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/current-election.aspx> And remember: Your ballot cannot be counted unless elections officials can verify your signature. If your name or signature has changed, you need to fill out a new Oregon Voter Registration Card, so your most current signature is on file. If Election's Office workers have any questions about your signature, they will contact you. If you are no longer able to sign, please contact the Election's Office for instructions prior to returning your ballot. In Oregon, a "power of attorney" does not qualify as a voter's signature. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY, UTILITIES, RECREATION: Despite our recent rain in the valley and snow in the mountains, water managers with the Army Corps of Engineers say it could be another challenging year. While some of the 13 reservoirs in the Willamette Valley system are refilling at a good clip, others remain well below normal. Corps managers say overall the managed lakes are 58 percent full, below where they would normally be this time of year. The Willamette Valley Project reservoirs depend on spring and early summer rainfall to refill. In addition, to comply with a court order and improve streamflow conditions for juvenile salmon heading downstream, the Corps did not begin to refill Fall Creek Reservoir until the middle of this month, and it won't begin refilling Cougar and Foster reservoirs until next month. Those delays might also delay full recreational access at Cougar and Fall Creek. Corps managers say Fern Ridge is running a bit lower than normal on its spring refill, but more rain in the next couple of weeks could improve things. Thanks to the past couple weeks of rainstorms, year-to-date precipitation across the Willamette Basin is running 96 percent of normal and snowpack is 128 percent. Snowmelt helps keep reservoir elevations up in the summer if it lasts and matches outflows, but it accounts for less than 10 percent of the system's storage. Other parts of the state are not doing as well. / Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has declared a drought emergency in four more counties in the state, bringing the total to 11. The newly added counties are Deschutes, Grant, Lake, and Malheur. Previously designated counties include Klamath, Jackson, Crook, Jefferson, Gilliam, Morrow, and Harney. All are affected counties are either in Southern, Central, or Eastern Oregon and, combined make up more than half of Oregon's land area. Drought emergency declarations allow people who use water to seek temporary relief measures, such as moving water rights, drilling emergency wells and applying for state and federal aid. Experts warn that extreme conditions are likely to hurt local growers and livestock, shorten the growing season, increase the potential for wildfire, and decrease water supplies. / SAFETY: A tragic end to a sunny weekend outing. Officials with the Benton County Sheriff's Office confirm one of two kayakers who was reported overdue from a weekend paddle has been found dead in the Long Tom River near Monroe. A second kayaker remains missing. The two launched their kayaks Saturday near Ferguson Road, south of Monroe, and were expected to paddle to Monroe City Park. Family members identified the body of 26-year-old Joseph Bendix of Eugene on Monday morning. He'd been found three miles south of</p>

Monroe by a nearby landowner. His companion, 23-year-old Mariana Dukes of Eugene, remains missing. Dukes is described as five-feet four-inches tall with blonde hair. Family members say they last heard from her on Saturday after around 5 p.m. when they spoke by phone. They were reported missing Sunday. Deputies and more than four dozen from various agencies along with volunteers are using drones, aircraft, divers and boats to search the river and its banks. Authorities also asked anyone who spots a green kayak in the Long Tom River north from Ferguson Road to report it. Please contact Detective David Iverson at david.iverson@co.benton.or.us or call 541-230-0984. Officials also request that you not respond to help with the search. They say they have trained professionals and experienced volunteers handling the effort. / CRIME: A man who is the suspect in a Monday evening assault in Creswell that left another man hospitalized has been arrested on the South Coast and returned to Lane County. Sheriff's deputies say the victim was found unconscious at a residence in the 700 block of Creswell's Mill Street and had sustained life-threatening injuries. They say he remains hospitalized in critical condition. Investigators say the suspect in the assault, 57-year-old Steven Wages, fled before law enforcement arrived. Lane County Sheriff's deputies worked through Monday night to locate him. He was taken into custody in the Brookings area on Tuesday morning to await transport to the Lane County Jail. ; A 23-year-old Eugene man was arrested after dialing local police and 911 lines hundreds of times over two days this week. Avery Allen Boniface was jailed for Misuse of 911 and Contempt of Court for violating an earlier release agreement. Investigators say Boniface began calling the Eugene Police Department's non-emergency number starting at around 3 a.m. Monday and dialed it close to 350 times. They say Boniface expressed no true purpose or need during the calls and instead made requests that made no sense and was verbally abusive to the call-takers. When officers went to his residence in the North Garden Way area, they say he would not answer his door. The calls ended early Monday afternoon. On Tuesday, between midnight and 6 a.m., police say Boniface called 911 for about 150 times for no apparent reason. Officials say he was advised repeatedly about the misuse of 911 but continued to call and was abusive toward call-takers. He was advised multiple times that he was misusing the 911 system. Officers said they again went to Boniface's apartment and tried to speak with him. After making no progress, they applied for a search warrant, but first brought in the Eugene Police Crisis Negotiation Team in an effort at negotiation. They say Boniface refused to communicate with them, although he did ask for the return of some previously surrendered firearms. Amid potential safety concerns, Eugene Police SWAT served the search warrant, tried to get him to exit the unit, and ultimately deployed pepper balls to quickly take him into custody. / HEALTH, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME: We've been hearing for years about how rising health care costs are cutting into American's expenses and savings. A new report this week from the Oregon Health Authority takes a closer look at the impacts in our state. It finds that in 2019, health care costs for Oregon families and individuals rose to make up an average 23 percent of family expenditures. That's for things like rising health insurance premiums, co-pays, deductibles, prescriptions, and more. The next largest household spending category was housing, utilities, and fuels at just shy of 20 percent. Those rising health care costs are jeopardizing the financial stability of many individuals and families: Ten percent of Oregonians in the survey reported using up all or most of

their savings because of medical bills. To make ends meet, some are delaying care, incurring significant debt, even declaring bankruptcy. Some said their high-deductible health plans are really only there for catastrophic coverage. Others say budgeting for health expenses is equal to paying another mortgage. State analysts say commercial health insurance premiums in Oregon increased by 22 percent between 2013 and 2019, for both single and family plans. Deductibles can add to those totals when people seek health care services. / GOVERNMENT: Affordable housing, public safety, community health and wellbeing, and economic recovery. Members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners yesterday adopted a new strategic plan to help guide the county's programs and services over the next three years. They say the key areas were identified by residents, community partners, and county employees and will help shape how the panel allocates county revenues and spending. Officials say the focus includes continuing to implement the county's own affordable housing plan and supporting rural communities in their housing efforts. They also want to expand health services and access. On the economic front, the county will focus on economic strategies that improve business retention and expansion. And the plan supports the continued expansion of affordable and accessible broadband to support communities and residents across Lane County. / HEALTH: New numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate three out of every four U.S. children have been infected with the coronavirus. And among Americans of all ages, more than half are showing signs of previous infection. The CDC study reviewed results of blood samples from more than 200,000 Americans screened for virus-fighting antibodies that resulted from infections, rather than vaccines. Scientists said signs of past infection rose dramatically between December and February as the omicron variant surged. CDC officials stress that the previously infected should still get COVID-19 vaccines. ; A new omicron mutant that is a descendent of the earlier "stealth omicron" has quickly gained ground in the United States. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that it was responsible for 29 percent of new COVID-19 infections nationally last week. It's also been detected in at least 13 other countries. Scientists say it spreads even faster than the super contagious stealth omicron and are now trying to figure out how effective vaccines are against it. ; Oregon has seen an increase in the number of COVID cases during the past month. But so far, case and hospitalization numbers remain below the numbers seen following the Delta and omicron surges of the virus. Still, the Oregon Health Authority reported a 48 percent increase in weekly confirmed or presumed infections. Lane County also has seen a gradual rise in infections in recent weeks, but hospitalizations have risen more slowly and death rates are even lower. Still, the county received reports of 99 new COVID-related infections yesterday. Health experts say the country's COVID cases are lower than reality because so many people now test at home and do not report results to local health authorities. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>GOVERNMENT, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, BUSINESS, POLITICS, ECONOMY: Timber revenues, wildlife protection, and recreation. Oregon manages more than 700,000 acres of timberland. For decades there's been a debate over whether the state should continue its focus on commercial timber harvests on those lands to provide money to 13 rural counties and 151 local taxing districts. State leaders increasingly have moved away from that emphasis to include more of a focus on wildlife and recreation. A few years ago, many of those counties and tax districts sued, saying the timber revenue arrangement represents a contract between the parties to maximize timber revenues. They point to language in an 80-year-old law that requires Oregon to manage the forests for their "greatest permanent value." The state has maintained that the act was not a contractual agreement and that the counties don't have the legal standing to sue the state. In 2019, a Linn County jury agreed and ordered the state to pay a \$1.1 billion settlement. But yesterday, the Oregon Court of Appeals overturned the verdict. But in its decision, the Oregon Court of Appeals justices wrote that the language and intent of the old law in its history and context — and without any "useful" legislative action on the issue — "does not clearly and unmistakably create a contractual obligation." The plaintiffs are expected to appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court. The law was originally enacted when hundreds of thousands of acres of Oregon forests were logged or burned by wildfire and the counties turned them over to the state in exchange for a share of revenue generated by the land. The forests have long since recovered and comprise some of the best timber stands in the state. This week's decision threatens to create further divisions between rural and urban Oregon that have arisen over clashes over logging. Timber harvests have declined steeply in rural areas of the state in recent decades due to environmental protections and both environmentalists and the timber industry have been closely watching the case. The decision also comes after President Joe Biden issued an executive order during his visit to the Pacific Northwest last week that directed the Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture to create an inventory of mature and old-growth forests across the country and protect those forests from wildfire and climate change. / GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES, FISHERIES: Two areas off the Oregon Coast are being considered as sites for offshore wind farms as the Biden administration seeks to expand renewable energy production. The sites are about 12 miles off Coos Bay and Brookings and cover more than</p>

one million acres. Experts estimate the locations could become part of a national effort to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore generating capacity by the year 2030, with the goal of producing enough wind electricity to power more than 10 million homes. Oregon already has a large land-based wind industry along the Columbia Gorge and in Eastern Oregon. Now that it's named the two possible offshore sites, officials with the Interior Department want to learn from the public and others how wind development might impact marine life and other ocean uses, including commercial. Any decision by the federal government to lease off the Oregon Coast would require environmental review and consultations with local, state and tribal governments. / GOVERNMENT, CRIME, SAFETY, POLITICS, COMMUNITY: Oregon Governor Kate Brown is defending granting clemency to dozens of people, including for a Douglas County man convicted of murdering a teenager and whose release from prison is coming under fire from prosecutors and sheriffs. Brown says she has denied the vast majority of clemency requests. But a spokesperson for governor's office says Kyle Hedquist deserves a second chance because he was a teenager himself when the crime was committed, and he has undergone a personal transformation behind bars. But critics of the move, including Douglas County's sheriff and Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, say Hedquist was not deserving of clemency in the 1994 murder of Nikki Thrasher. Prosecutors say the then-18-year-old Hedquist tricked the victim into driving him to a rural area, then shot her in the head because he feared she might tell police about his involvement in several burglaries. Hedquist was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Hedquist now is 45 and was released to the home of a former prison chaplain in Salem after a suitable release location could not be found in Douglas County. Supporters of his release noted he had been a hospice volunteer in prison for two decades. But opponents say his release raises significant public safety concerns. / SAFETY: Investigators yesterday released the name of the driver who died in Tuesday evening's crash on Highway 58, midway between Lowell and Oakridge near Milepost 23. It happened shortly before 5:30 p.m. Oregon State Police Troopers say an eastbound Ford F-150, operated by 27-year-old Gary Elliot, Jr., crossed the centerline and collided head-on with a westbound Peterbilt commercial truck pulling a trailer. Elliot died at from his injuries. The semi-truck driver was uninjured. The accident affected traffic Tuesday evening on that stretch of Highway 58 for six hours. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: A springtime reminder to drivers on Lane County-managed roads: The mowing crews are out. Roadside mowing helps reduce fire danger and ensure drivers have clear lines of sight. Drivers are allowed to pass the mowers on the left when it is safe to do so. But for everyone's safety, make sure there is no oncoming traffic. Mowers clear grass and brush from the right-of-way in many rural areas. Typically, the right-of-way stretches from the edge of the pavement to nearby fences or private property lines. In the unincorporated parts of Eugene or Springfield, the right-of-way is the planting area between the sidewalk and curb. Property owners, please ensure nothing is in the mower's path in the right-of-way. This includes rocks of more than three inches in diameter and other fixed objects; fencing—including sections that have fallen over; ornamental vegetation or other plantings; and political or business signs. Signs that are removed by crews in the right-of-way will be stored for 30 days at Lane County Public Works. If unclaimed, they will be destroyed. / BIPOC, HEALTH, COMMUNITY: That new tribal clinic in Santa Clara area has

hired additional staff and is expanding its operations. The Ko-Kwel Wellness Center in Eugene is managed and operated by members of the Coquille (pronounced koh-KWEL' or ko-KEEL') Tribe. The clinic opened last year on a limited basis offering COVID-19 vaccinations to Native American and Alaska Native residents. With its expanded operations, it provides medical care to enrolled members of federally recognized tribes in Lane County. Tribal leaders say more than 6,000 Lane County residents qualify for the clinic's services, more than half of whom are enrolled in Medicaid. The new clinic serves tribal patients regardless of insurance status or financial ability. Members of federally recognized tribes pay zero out-of-pocket expense for services provided on-site. Family members of American Indians and Alaska Natives are accepted on a case-by-case basis, as the clinic adds insurance companies to its roster. The Eugene facility is the first tribally operated clinic in Lane County. It is led by two family nurse practitioners with strong clinical experience, both of whom hold doctoral degrees in nursing practice. They include Tia Cloke, who previously worked in a rural clinic in Blue River. After a wildfire destroyed the clinic, she cared for patients in a vacant restaurant. Antonia Perez, who goes by "Toni," previously cared for Afghan refugees in Austin, Texas. In addition to being a licensed family nurse practitioner, she is enrolled in Johns Hopkins University's psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program. Along with primary medical care, the clinic offers on-site tests such as COVID, rapid-strep and rapid-flu, as recommended by the patient's healthcare provider. Mail-order prescriptions are available for many patients through the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center's pharmacy in Coos Bay. Referrals are available for specialty care. The clinic plans to add pediatric care in the near future and mental/behavioral health services in 2024. Ko-Kwel Wellness Center-Eugene is at 2401 River Road, Suite 101, in Santa Clara Square. The location is near the corner of River Road and Division Avenue, between Albertsons and Fred Meyer. To enroll as a patient, call (541) 916-7025. For more information, go to kokwelwellness.org/kwc-eugene / SAFETY, HEALTH: It's no longer in store meat cases, but it might still be in your freezer. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service is issuing a public health alert amid concerns that ground beef sold under several retail labels might contain *E. coli* bacteria, which can cause illness. The ground beef items were produced on December 16 and 17, 2021, under the Kroeger and Private Selection labels. The ground beef products were produced by Empire Packing and distributed to warehouses in Oregon and Washington and sold at retail locations. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider. Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 888-MPHotline (888-674-6854) or live chat via Ask USDA at <https://ask.usda.gov/s/> from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. / HEALTH: Moderna is asking U.S. regulators approve the use of its COVID-19 vaccine for the nation's youngest children. Kids under age 5 are the only group in the U.S. not yet eligible for vaccination. Moderna submitted data to the Food and Drug Administration this morning. The company hopes the FDA will rule in time for the youngsters to begin receiving vaccinations by summer. Pfizer also is studying use of its vaccine for young children. / TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION, SAFETY, DEVELOPMENT: A national survey by the League of

American Bicyclists recently named Oregon the most bike-friendly state on the West Coast and Number 2 in the nation, behind Massachusetts. Oregon also ranked tops in bicycle safety and for the percentage of people pedaling to work. But experts with the Oregon Department of Transportation say there's always room for improvement. They say there are still too many traffic injuries and deaths involving bicyclists. And they're working to expand and improve bike routes in cities and rural areas. ; This week, Lane County officials unveiled a draft of their updated Bicycle Master Plan. The cities of Eugene and Springfield have their own bike plans. But Lane County's effort focuses on other communities, including smaller cities, unincorporated and rural areas. The draft plan acknowledges that rural roads generally are not the safest and most comfortable routes for bicycling. But they provide important transportation options for those pedaling to other areas. The county is working to widen shoulders of rural roadways and create separate bicycle travel lanes, where possible. The plan recommends creating or improving shared-use paths, including walking trails and working to improve access and safety along some well-traveled gravel roads. There's a focus on reducing crashes involving bicycles and vehicles and identify those areas most in need of upgrades. /

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NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>ELECTIONS: The ballots went in the mail yesterday for the May 17 Primary Election. Lane County Elections officials say voters should receive their ballots over the next few days and, in most cases, no later than Wednesday, May 4. If you don't receive your ballot and you believe you are registered, first go online to confirm that your voter status is active and your mailing information is correct. Go to www.oregonvotes.gov You also can contact Lane County Elections to determine if they need to update their voter registration in order to receive a ballot. Call at 541-682-4234. Because this is a primary election featuring contests between members of the same political parties, only voters registered as Democrats will receive ballots with Democratic candidates for partisan offices. Only voters registered as Republicans will receive ballots with Republican candidates for partisan offices. Voters not affiliated with a political party will receive ballots that include non-partisan races and any ballot issues for the districts in which they reside. In November, all voters will be able to cast ballots on all candidates regardless of political affiliation. One change this time around: There is no longer a secrecy sleeve included with your ballot. Elections officials say your vote remains private, but eliminating the sleeve helps reduce paper waste and allows Elections employees to process ballots more quickly. You may return your ballots in the mail using the pre-stamped return envelope. Ballots must be postmarked no later than May 17. But you are encouraged to return them before then, to ensure your ballot is postmarked by the deadline. Voters also may drop off their ballot at any official drop box location listed in the insert that was included with your ballot. Drop boxes are open now and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. A map of Lane County drop box locations is also available online at https://bit.ly/3vPs91D Need assistance voting? Contact Lane County Elections by phone on weekdays at 541-682-4234 or via email at elections@lanecountyor.gov / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Planning summer travel or just want your COVID-19 vaccine information in one easy-to-find place? The Oregon Health Authority has launched its Electronic Vaccine Card. It's free, voluntary, easy to sign up and access. Oregon's Electronic Vaccine Card uses a QR Code to show information about the COVID-19 vaccines you've received. It is available in 13 languages. When you show someone your QR Code, they can scan it. They will only see your name, date of birth, vaccination dates, and the type of vaccine you received (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, etc.). To get the QR code, go to myelectronicvaccinecard.oregon.gov, and provide your name,</p>

date of birth and the email or phone number you gave when getting vaccinated. Once state health officials verify you are in their database—which usually takes less than one minute—you'll receive a link with the QR code. The code and a listing showing your vaccination history can be stored on your phone as an image, as an Adobe PDF file, in your device's "wallet," emailed, or printed out on paper. Sign up at <https://myelectronicvaccinecard.oregon.gov/> Learn more at <https://covidblog.oregon.gov/my-electronic-vaccine-card-offers-digital-access-to-your-covid-19-vaccination-record/> Earlier in the pandemic when Oregon businesses, sports and entertainment venues required proof of COVID-19 vaccination, workers had to review paper vaccine cards or screengrabs stored on cellphones. California and Washington state were among those launching electronic vaccination cards tied to their state vaccine registries. Oregon began working on its digital card last fall. But with most mask requirements now lifted, it's unknown how many residents will take advantage of the new program. Still, many Oregonians have been waiting for the electronic vaccine cards should they need them while traveling to other states or countries—or should a new COVID-19 variant cause another infection surge. / GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT: Oregon, Washington, California, and 13 other states want the U.S. Postal Service to buy more electric-powered delivery vehicles and halt purchases of more than 100,000 gasoline-powered trucks. Three separate lawsuits were filed Thursday in New York and California by the states and environmental groups. They're demanding the Postal Service conduct a more thorough environmental review before moving forward with its next-generation vehicle program. The suits claim purchases of fossil-fuel-powered delivery vehicles will cause environmental harm for decades to come. The Postal Service's current fleet includes 190,000 local delivery vehicles, most of which went into service between 1987 and 1994. More than 141,000 of those are the old models that lack safety features like air bags, anti-lock brakes and backup cameras. The agency plans to buy up to 165,000 new vehicles over the next 10 years. The new vehicles are taller to make it easier for postal carriers to grab packages and parcels that make up a greater share of volume. They also have improved ergonomics and climate control. The new gasoline-powered vehicles would get 14.7 miles per gallon without air conditioning, compared to 8.4 mpg for the older vehicles, the Postal Service said. A purchasing contract signed by Postal Service chief Louis DeJoy calls for the purchase of up to 165,000 next-generation delivery vehicles over the next decade. But opponents say the agreement only calls for 10 percent of the new vehicles to be electric. The percentage of battery-electric vehicles was doubled — to 20 percent — in the initial \$2.98 billion order for 50,000 vehicles. Agency officials say more electric vehicles can be purchased based on financial outlook and strategic considerations. But those filing the lawsuits say without a change in the contract, Americans could see new gasoline-powered vehicles handling mail delivery for the next 30 years. Environmental advocates contend the Postal Service's environmental review was inadequate and flawed, and that the contract represented a missed opportunity to electrify the fleet and reduce emissions. / HEALTH, YOUTH, BIPOC: The U.S. government has released its long-awaited plan to ban menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars. Officials with the Food and Drug Administration say phasing out the mint-flavored cigarettes will save hundreds of thousands of lives by helping adult smokers quit. Menthol is the only

cigarette flavor that was not banned under the 2009 law that gave the FDA authority over tobacco products. The Biden administration has been under pressure from African American groups and health advocates to eliminate the flavor. Menthol accounts for more than a third of cigarettes sold in the U.S., and the mint flavor is overwhelmingly favored by Black smokers and young people. The FDA has attempted several times to get rid of menthol but faced pushback from Big Tobacco, members of Congress and competing political interests under both Democratic and Republican administrations. The agency has been under legal pressure to issue a decision after anti-smoking and civil rights groups sued the FDA for “unreasonably” delaying action on earlier requests to ban menthol. Menthol’s cooling effect has been shown to mask the throat harshness of smoking, making it easier to start and harder to quit smoking. The FDA will also seek to ban menthol and dozens of over sweet and fruity flavors from small cigars, which are increasingly popular with young people, especially Black teens. The agency’s proposals on both cigarettes and cigars will only be initial drafts. FDA will take comments before issuing final rules, which then could face years of legal challenges from tobacco companies. For decades, tobacco companies focused menthol advertising and promotions in Black communities, sponsoring music festivals and neighborhood events. Industry documents released via litigation show companies viewed menthol cigarettes as a good “starter product” because they were more palatable to teens. Menthol’s elimination would be a huge blow to tobacco companies, including Marlboro-maker Altria and Reynolds American, which sells the leading menthol brands, Newport and KOOL. With the slow decline of smoking, tobacco companies have been diversifying into alternative products, including electronic cigarettes and tobacco pouches. But those ventures still account for a tiny slice of industry sales. More than 12 percent of Americans smoke cigarettes, with rates roughly even between white and Black populations. / EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT: President Joe Biden said Thursday that he’s “taking a hard look” at canceling additional federal student loan debt and will reach a decision within one month. The comments came days after Biden had a private meeting with Democratic lawmakers who pressed him on the issue. However, Biden signaled in his Thursday remarks that he would not go as far as some activists want. The president said \$50,000 in debt forgiveness is not under consideration. He expects to share more details in a few weeks. During his campaign, Biden said he wanted to “immediately cancel” at least \$10,000 in student debt per person. As president, Biden has repeatedly extended a pause on requiring borrowers to repay their loans. That moratorium was first put in place under then-President Trump near the start of the pandemic. / DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: Coastal residents: Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue is testing its emergency alert system on Saturday. The test alert will be sent to mobile phones, landlines, and via email in the Florence and Dunes City area and other coastal communities in Siuslaw Valley’s coverage area. The messages will include the words “TEST ALERT.” You do not need to respond to the messages. And please, do not call 9-1-1. Emergency officials say coastal communities face some of the same emergency challenges as other areas, including floods, wildfires, and earthquakes. But there’s also the added risk of tsunamis. Emergency responders use several tools to alert residents. Some tools do not require residents to sign up, including Wireless Emergency Alerts or Reverse 911. However, everyone in Lane County is encouraged to sign up to receive

AlertSense emergency alerts at lanecounty-or.myfreealerts.com The City of Florence also has resources available at www.ci.florence.or.us/em Coastal residents also may stop by Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue's Central Station #1—located at 2625 Highway 101 in Florence—on Saturday between noon and 1:00 p.m. to learn more about preparing for emergencies and about emergency alerts. Note: Saturday's test alert NOT include the Emergency Alert System's television and radio messages because those air countywide and officials do not want to create confusion for residents outside of the coastal test area. / SPORTS, COMMUNITY: Today marks the start of Eugene Marathon Weekend. This will be the return of the marathon after two years of pandemic disruptions: Things get going this afternoon with a health and wellness expo. On Saturday, the first competitors head out on the Eugene 5k and Kids' 1k Duck Dash. On Sunday it's the Eugene Marathon and Half-Marathon. All races end on the track at Hayward Field. The 2022 Eugene Marathon and Half Marathon courses will feel familiar to those who ran the race between 2011-2018: Marathoners and Half Marathons will start on Agate, in the shadow of Hayward Field, heading south. The course takes runners through the University neighborhoods and south on E Amazon all the way to Frank Kinney Park. Heading back toward the University of Oregon, runners follow Amazon Parkway and turn east on 19th Ave. Near Mile 9, runners pass by Hayward Field heading north, cross Franklin Blvd and head east toward Springfield. After joining the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path System, the Marathon and Half Marathon courses split at Knickerbocker Footbridge. The Half Marathon loops west in Alton Baker Park, crosses the Frohnmayer Footbridge and returns to Hayward Field for a final 200 meters on the track. After splitting from the Half Marathon course, Marathoners will do a loop in Springfield before heading west on the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path System. The course takes runners through Alton Baker Park, past Valley River Center to the Owosso Footbridge where they start the return journey to the finish. The final miles of the Marathon course run along the Willamette River and feature Eugene's new Downtown Riverfront Park. Marathoners rejoin the Half Marathon course for the final half mile of the race as they enjoy an epic finish on the track inside Hayward Field. / SPORTS, TRANSPORTATION: Passengers traveling aboard Lane Transit District (LTD) buses Sunday, May 1 will need to do some extra trip planning when runners and walkers participating in the Eugene Marathon leave the starting line early in the morning. To accommodate the more than 1,000 runners, walkers, and volunteers, six LTD bus routes will be detoured from 8:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. Passengers riding on EmX (say: EM'-ex), along with bus routes 11, 17, 18, 28, and 98, will experience detours and bus stops will be missed along the marathon route. If your bus stop will be missed, passengers are encouraged to request a "courtesy stop" along any of the detour side streets. To request a "courtesy stop," tell the bus operator where you would like to get off when you board the bus. The bus operator will drop you off at the safest location near your requested stop. For specific details on how your route will be affected, please visit the LTD.org Service Alerts webpage. Passengers are encouraged to request a "courtesy stop" along any of the detour side streets. Information about how to request a "courtesy stop," which is the same as requesting a "night stop" is available online. LTD bus schedules are available online at www.ltd.org You also may sign up to receive notifications about LTD Service Alerts on Twitter. ; Drivers, Sunday's Eugene Marathon might cause lead to some delays and detours for you. The marathon

runners will be on the course between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Watch for people directing traffic and keep an eye out for runners and spectators, especially near the University of Oregon and Hayward Field. / **EVENTS:** The Lane County Master Gardener Association is holding its annual Spring Plant Sale at the Lane Event Center in Eugene. The event takes place on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Master Gardeners have raised vegetable and herb starts, annuals, perennials, native plants and more. There are berries, trees, and shrubs. And the hanging baskets usually sell out fast. Prices vary. Vegetable start prices begin at \$2. / **HEALTH, CRIME, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT:** On Saturday, the Drug Enforcement Administration hosts the 22nd National Prescription Drug Take-Back day at sites across the nation, including here in Lane County. It's part of the effort to get potentially dangerous unused, unwanted, and expired prescription medications collected for destruction at over 4,000 collection sites operated by law enforcement agencies and other community partners. The event is free. Only tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs collected. / **RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT:** It features oak woodlands, open meadows with blooming Camas flowers, and wetlands bordering Fern Ridge Reservoir. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife has acquired new acreage near the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area's South Coyote Unit. The 98-acre parcel includes the largest remaining "wet prairie" in the Willamette Valley along with distinct wetland, grassland and riparian habitats. It's a nice expansion of the existing units along Coyote Creek—two parcels which already totaled more than 500 acres. Managers of the new site will focus on creating healthy forests through selective removal of conifers and creation of snags. Non-native plants will be removed from other areas. The site will permanently protect and increase habitat for acorn woodpeckers, chipping sparrows, northern red-legged frogs, and other wildlife species. The property will eventually be open to the public for hunting, wildlife viewing and educational opportunities. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SPORTS, COMMUNITY: The weather was ideal for Sunday's Eugene Marathon and Half-Marathon. The races, which attracted thousands of runners, family, friends, and spectators, ended on the track at Hayward Field. During the race, they runners began on campus, wound through neighborhoods surrounding the University of Oregon, then headed south on East Amazon. As they returned near camper on Amazon Parkway and East 19th Avenue, then headed across Franklin Boulevard to the paths along the Willamette River. While the half-marathon eventually looped through Alton Baker Park and back across the Willamette to finish at Hayward, the runners in the marathon made their way into Springfield and back, then headed downriver to the Owosso Footbridge before starting their return to campus via the new Downtown Riverfront Park. On the streets outside Hayward Field and from the stands inside the track-and-field venue, fans cheered the runners. They included men's marathon winner Tyler Morse of Beaverton, who finished in 2:20:29 on a 5:22 pace; and women's marathon winner Carrie Dimoff (DIHM'-off) of Portland in 2:43:51 on a 6:16 pace. Both compete with the Oregon-based Bowerman Track Club Elite. ; They're calling it "The Summer of Hayward." As Eugene-Springfield prepares to host the World Athletics Championship in July, there are a number of other signature events coming to Hayward Field over the next two-and-a-half months. On Friday night starting at 5:30 p.m., Hayward hosts to the Oregon Twilight meet. That includes signature events such as the McChesney 1500 meters, Oregon Track & Field Senior Night, and the Middle School Mile. Register for the Middle School Mile at athletic.net Also this month: the Pac-12 Championships, the OSAA High School Championships, and the Pre Classic. In June, Hayward Field hosts the NCAA Championships, the Nike Outdoor Nationals, and the USA Track & Field Championships. None of these events would be possible without the hundreds of staff and volunteers who make it possible. Plus, we're known for our devoted track-and-field fans who bring a unique field to what is one of the world's premiere venues for the sport. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY: On Saturday, Lane County officials are hosting a drop-in session at the McKenzie Community School's New Gym (51187 Blue River Drive) to assist Holiday Farm Fire survivors who are working through the rebuilding process. The event takes place on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lane County Land Management officials say many who lost their homes in the September 2020 fire are still deciding whether to rebuild or how to rebuild. Officials acknowledge it can be a complicated</p>

process. Their planners and building officials say this is a chance to sit down one-on-one to get your questions answered and understand what is needed for rebuilding on their specific properties. People will be able to get help with understanding what forms are required; locating what records already exist for a property; checking permit status; understanding sanitation requirements; determining required setbacks; and understanding building permits and inspections. Representatives from McKenzie Locals Helping Locals, McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group, and disaster case managers will also be on-hand to help connect fire survivors to resources and help. For survivors unable to attend Saturday's drop-in session, A Lane County permit expert continues to be available on Tuesdays at the McKenzie School New Gym from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and at the Leaburg Annex (42870 McKenzie Highway - milepost 20) on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Lane County has taken other steps to help reduce the barriers to rebuilding for fire survivors, including adding more employees to handle the applications; waiving many land use application fees for dwellings and businesses; lobbying for changes to state land use laws that make it easier for people to rebuild after a wildfire; and working with state agencies to provide grants for people who rebuild with fire-resistant materials. The Holiday Farm Fire scorched more than 173,000 acres and affected 600 properties. It heavily damaged or destroyed 574 dwellings. After the blaze, some residents moved to other locations and communities, with more than 100 selling their land. But many have rebuilt or are in the process of doing so. / WILDFIRES: Private electric utilities in the Pacific Northwest are planning tens of millions of dollars in upgrades to lower the risk that their power lines could spark wildfires during extreme weather. The Northwest News Network reports utilities such as Pacific Power, Portland General Electric, Avista, Idaho Power, and Puget Sound Energy are either required to or are voluntarily submitting wildfire mitigation plans. The 2022 editions are now public. The reports show major spending increases to harden infrastructure, remove trees near power lines and install systems to instantaneously de-energize circuits if a fault is detected during a windstorm. Utilities will eventually seek to recover those costs through customers' monthly bills. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS, TRANSPORTATION: A reminder from the Oregon Department of Transportation: Political campaign signs may not be placed in the state highway right-of-way, including on trees, utility poles, fence posts and natural features within those highway rights-of-way. Political signs also may not be within view of a designated scenic area. ODOT officials say political signs are a distraction, can block highway safety features, and get in the way of highway maintenance crews. Crews will remove the signs and hold them for 30 days at a ODOT district maintenance office should people wish to reclaim them and place them where they are allowed. If you're uncertain whether you're placing a sign on private property or highway right-of-way, check with your local ODOT district maintenance office. Political signs are allowed on private property within view of state highways. There are size limits. And they cannot contain flashing or intermittent lights, or animated or moving parts. The signs also cannot imitate official highway signs or devices. / ECONOMY: Prices at the gas pump stayed stubbornly high over the past week as concerns continued about Russia's invasion of Ukraine—and world oil prices remained above \$100 per barrel. Americans are driving a bit less, but not enough to have a significant effect on the global market. Here in Lane County, a gallon of regular gasoline is averaging

\$4.65 this morning, up a penny from this time last week. But it is down about four cents from one month ago. That's according to AAA, the automobile club. Diesel prices are averaging \$5.53 per gallon. / SAFETY: Officials with the Benton County Sheriff's Office said Friday afternoon they had recovered the body of the second kayaker who was reported overdue from a paddle on the Long Tom River near Monroe a week ago Sunday. Family members identified the body of 23-year-old Mariana Dukes of Eugene. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Saturday, May 7, is National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Preparing the outside of your home and creating defensible space is important before wildfire season hits: Ways to potentially save your home from a total loss include cleaning out gutters. Rake and remove pine needles and dry leaves to a minimum of three to five feet from your home's foundation. Sweep porches and decks. Prune low-hanging tree branches to a height of four feet from the ground. Add screens to your home's vents to keep embers from entering. ; In addition to creating defensible space around your home and your community, financial readiness is an essential part of your disaster planning. Experts with the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation offer a number of financial readiness suggestions: Conduct annual review with your insurance agent or company to make sure you have the right amounts and types of insurance coverage. Renters should purchase renters' insurance to protect their personal belongings. It is affordable; many policies cost around \$15 a month. Create a home inventory. Take photos or videos of your possessions in each room of your home. Store the inventory in the cloud or in a location away from your home. Gather and make copies of important identifying and financial documents, including identification and Social Security cards, titles, insurance policy information, tax records, and pet records. Build an emergency kit. /</p> <p>HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, SAFETY, YOUTH, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: Suicide rates remain higher than average in Oregon and the topic is a difficult one for many to discuss. This evening, the Eugene School District 4J is holding the first of several sessions for parents and community members. The focus is on prevention and how to recognize and respond to anyone showing warning signs. The 90-minute training will provide instruction in what's known as QPR or "Question, Persuade, Refer" suicide prevention measures. The training is designed to teach people a three-step process to identify and interrupt a crisis and direct that person to the proper care. By learning QPR, participants will come to recognize the warning signs, clues and suicidal communications of people in trouble, and gain skills to take action to prevent a possible tragedy. QPR is not a form of counseling or treatment. The Eugene Schools are partnering with Lane County Public Health, Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lane County, Centro Latino Americano, Huerto de la Familia and Downtown Languages to provide trainings in English and later this spring and summer in Spanish. This evening's session takes place from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the South Eugene High School Library, 400</p>

East 19th Avenue in Eugene. Another session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the North Eugene High School Cafeteria, 200 Silver Lane. Training sessions in Spanish will be held by Centro Latino Americano on May 18 and July 13 via Zoom. An in-person training in Spanish also will be held this spring, hosted by 4J at River Road/El Camino del Río Elementary School. Stay tuned for the date and details. / EDUCATION: Members of the Eugene School Board have named four finalists for the superintendent's position. They include: Interim 4J superintendent Sydney Vandercar; Eugene Schools Director of Secondary Instruction Andy Dey; Lin Johnson III, a doctoral candidate at the Harvard Graduate School of Education; and Iton Udosenata, the assistant superintendent with the Salem-Keizer Public Schools and former principal at Cottage Grove High School. The finalists will take part in a series of interviews this month that includes parents, students, teachers, staff, and community members. / COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME: The Eugene Public Library is joining a national trend of no longer charging overdue fines on any items. Additionally, any existing overdue fines have been removed from accounts. That means many Eugene Public Library cards that were blocked due to overdue fines are again free to use. The goal is to make library use as accessible as possible. The Eugene Library lifted fines on children's and teen books and other items in January of 2020. Previously, those unable to get to the library to return items before due dates saw their cards blocked if they failed to pay overdue fines. Officials say this created an unnecessary barrier to library use, particularly for families already facing financial challenges. The risk of overdue fines led some families to borrow fewer items or not use the library at all. Public libraries from Portland to Washington, D.C. have adopted similar fine-free policies. It came after officials realized that people were avoiding trips to their libraries and depriving their children and themselves of books and other materials that help them learn to read and succeed in school and in life. Based on those libraries' experiences, Eugene Library officials most items will continue to be returned on time for others to use. Items that have not been returned to Eugene Public Library by 30 days after due date will continue to be marked as "lost," and while there won't be any overdue fees after the first of the year, if it's not returned the account will be charged for replacement costs. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>COURTS, LEGAL, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, WOMEN, RELIGION, POLITICS:</p> <p>In the nation's Capitol and inside and outside statehouses across the U.S., the leak of that draft U.S. Supreme Court decision on abortion was the main topic of discussion. The high court appears poised to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide. Anti-abortion groups celebrated. Pro-abortion groups protested, including outside Eugene's federal courthouse. If the Supreme Court's decision is issued as is indicated in the leaked draft, it likely would lead to a patchwork system where some states protect access to abortion and others would ban or severely limit the practice. The court is expected to rule on the case before its term ends in late June or early July. About half of U.S. states are expected to ban abortion if the Roe v. Wade ruling falls. Thirteen of those states have what are known as "trigger laws" that would immediately ban the procedure if it were overturned. At the heart of the debate is a case before the high court justices concerning Mississippi ban on abortions after 15 weeks. If upheld, it would overturn both the Roe decision, which has been in place close to 50 years, and a 1992 decision that, like Roe, found a right to abortion until the point of what's known as fetal viability, which was placed at roughly 24 weeks. Yesterday, Oklahoma Republican Governor Kevin Stitt has signed a Texas-style abortion ban that takes effect immediately. It prohibits abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy, once cardiac activity can be detected in an embryo, and before many women know they are pregnant. On the flip side, the governors of Oregon, Washington, and California pledged to preserve abortion access in their states and clinics prepared for what could be a surge in patients from other parts of the country. In 2017, Oregon lawmakers passed a bill that was signed into law. It protects the right to an abortion in this state, even if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade. In Congress, Senate Democrats are promising to vote on legislation to protect abortion access. But without broader support from Republicans, Democrats are essentially powerless to prevent the undoing Roe on a national level. President Joe Biden yesterday blasting what he called the leaked draft's "radical" opinion, warning that a "whole range of rights" are in jeopardy if it holds. / CRIME: Springfield Police yesterday morning arrested a suspect in a vehicle theft with the help of a sharp-eyed animal control officer. The suspect, 28-year-old Brian Wynn, was jailed on multiple charges and outstanding warrants after first being treated at the hospital because of the effects of possible methamphetamine use. Investigators say Wynn was first spotted around 7:45</p>

yesterday morning in the 100 block of 38th Street by a resident who said a man had broken into their vehicle and stolen several items. They said the suspect, later identified as Wynn, was armed with a knife. Officers say Wynn fled by vehicle as they arrived and raced east through a nearby neighborhood. Moments later, the vehicle was spotted—unoccupied—near South 46th and Daisy. Springfield Police deployed both a K9 unit and multiple drones. A short time later, police received a call about a vehicle that was stolen from the neighborhood while the owner was warming it up and had left it unattended. A Springfield Animal Control officer on his way to an unrelated call spotted that freshly stolen vehicle parked in the Walmart lot. Officers said Wynn was still in the driver's seat and was boxed in. Investigators say he attempted to flee on foot but was arrested after a short chase. / WILDLIFE, CHARITY: The Oregon Wildlife Foundation's "Watch for Wildlife" specialty license plate is available at Oregon DMV offices starting today. The artwork features a mule deer buck with Mount Hood in the background. It was designed to create awareness of wildlife crossing highways, in an effort to reduce collisions. But it also celebrates Oregon's wildlife and scenery. Proceeds from the sale and renewal of the license plate will be used to support wildlife passage and habitat connectivity projects across Oregon. Those include dedicated wildlife undercrossings, overpasses, and other investments that help animals of all kinds move more safely around Oregon's highways and roads. / WILDLIFE: They were last spotted soaring over the Northern California redwoods in 1892. Yesterday, a pair of endangered California condors returned to the skies over Redwood National Park. The two captive-bred birds will be joined by two more later this spring. It's part of a long-term effort to restore the giant carrion eaters to their historic habitat in the Pacific Northwest. The California condor is the largest native North American bird, with a wingspan of nearly 10 feet. The condor was once widespread but had virtually disappeared by the 1970s because of poaching, lead poisoning from eating animals shot by hunters and destruction of its habitat. The birds can live for 60 years and fly vast distances in search of carrion, so their range could extend into several states. Federal and local fish and wildlife agencies are involved in the restoration project headed by the Yurok tribe, which traditionally has considered the California condor a sacred animal and has been working for years to return the species to the tribe's ancestral territory. The condors, including one female and three males, are between 2 and 4 years old. Two were hatched at the Oregon Zoo and two at the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey in Idaho. In the early 1980s, all 22 condors remaining in the wild were trapped and brought into a captive-breeding program that began releasing the giant vultures into Southern California's Los Padres National Forest in 1992. That flock has been expanding its range while other condors now occupy parts of California's Central Coast, Arizona, Utah and Baja California, Mexico. The total population now numbers more than 500 birds in captivity and in the wild. Two years ago, California condors were spotted in Sequoia National Park, in California's Sierra Nevada, for the first time in nearly 50 years. However, that same year, a dozen adults and two chicks died when a wildfire set by an arsonist ravaged their territory on the Big Sur coast. / HEALTH: Pfizer hopes to submit details to U.S. regulators by early next month that show how well doses of its COVID-19 vaccine work in the nation's youngest children. Currently only youngsters ages 5 or older can be vaccinated in the U.S. using Pfizer's vaccine. Rival Moderna began filing its own data with the Food and

Drug Administration last week. The FDA has set tentative meetings in June to review data from one or both companies. ; U.S. health officials are restating their recommendation that Americans wear masks on planes, trains and buses, despite a court ruling last month that struck down a national mask mandate on public transportation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday issued a statement saying Americans ages 2 and older should wear well-fitting masks on public transportation, as well as in airports and train stations. Last month, a federal judge in Florida struck down a government requirement for masking in public transportation. The Justice Department is appealing the decision. / EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: Employers posted a record 11.5 million job openings in March, more evidence of a tight labor market that has emboldened millions of American workers to leave their jobs. A record 4.5 million Americans quit their jobs in February, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But hiring also remained strong, as employers added an average of more than 540,000 jobs a month for the past year. It's part of a yearlong hiring trend that has kept the nation's unemployment rate at 3.6 percent. The U.S. economy and job market roared back with unexpected strength from 2020's brief but devastating coronavirus recession, fueled by massive government spending and super-low interested rates engineered by the Federal Reserve. Caught off guard by the sudden rebound in consumer demand, companies scrambled to hire workers and stock their shelves. They were forced to raise wages, and factories, ports and freight yards were overwhelmed with traffic. The result has been shipping delays and higher prices. In March, consumer prices rose 8.5 percent from one year earlier — the fastest inflation rate since 1981. /

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CRIME: Investigators say a man who diverted at least \$1.2 million dollars in investors' money to pay for various personal expenses, including his own mortgage, is in custody after close to 20 years on the lam. Federal prosecutors say Robin James McPherson has been apprehended in Central America and returned to the U.S. According to a criminal complaint unsealed yesterday in Oregon, investigators say McPherson operated an international real estate scam in Springfield and Costa Rica. He's alleged to have used a variety of marketing techniques, including cold calls, promotional websites, and Facebook advertisements, to find potential investors in an alleged Costa Rican real estate development opportunity that was never built. Prosecutors say McPherson allegedly instructed victims to wire investment funds to a bank account in Oregon. Investigators say he then transferred the funds to Costa Rica. McPherson faces wire fraud and money laundering charges in Oregon federal court. He also made a brief courtroom appearance in Houston this week en route to Southern California where he will soon be sentenced for tax crimes. According to the criminal complaint in Oregon, the FBI in 2019 began investigating McPherson after several individuals reported being the victims of a real estate scheme. After victims showed interest in the faux investment opportunity, prosecutors say McPherson would conduct sales calls from Costa Rica. Prosecutors say that over a period of months, McPherson instructed victims to wire investment funds to a bank account in Oregon. He then transferred the funds to Costa Rica. Investigators say McPherson used many different excuses to explain to his investors why no resort villas had been constructed. But they say he did not disclose to investors that their contracts had not been honored and no villas were slated for construction. In December 2000, McPherson and two co-conspirators were found guilty in federal court in Southern California of conspiring to defraud the IRS and tax evasion. But prior to sentencing in 2001, McPherson fled the U.S. He was on the run for close to 20 years. / HEALTH: New analysis from the World Health Organization estimates close to 15 million people were killed worldwide either by the coronavirus over the past two years or as a result of its impact that on overwhelmed health systems. That is more than double its official death toll. The U.N. health agency says most of the fatalities were in Southeast Asia, Europe and the Americas—statistics the experts describe as "sobering." Accurate numbers on COVID-19 deaths have been a challenge to track because testing has been limited in many locations and some countries have different means of

counting coronavirus deaths. Here in the U.S., the pandemic death toll for the past two years stands at more than 996,000. More than 7,500 of those are Oregonians. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday released its snapshot of the past two weeks of COVID-19 cases and deaths across the state. It found a rise in cases and disease-related hospitalizations, but a small decrease in coronavirus-related fatalities. Still, the infection numbers are up amid the rise of more contagious variants: The Health Authority reported more than 12,200 (12,234) new COVID-19 infections between April 18 to May 1. That was more than double the previous biweekly total (of 5,980). There were 218 new coronavirus-related hospitalizations during the same period, up from 202 reported during the preceding two-week period. There were 50 COVID-19-related deaths, much fewer than the 241 reported previously. According to the state, the “test positivity rate” is up to 7.7 percent. And there were 58 total active outbreaks in care facilities, senior living communities and congregate care living settings with three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases or one or more COVID-19-related deaths. Dr. Paul Cieslak, the OHA’s medical director for communicable diseases and immunizations, says COVID-19 continues to be transmitted at high levels in Oregon. He says if people spend time in large groups, sooner or later they will be exposed. But he adds that being vaccinated and boosted provides good protection against contracting a severe case. ; Spring allergy season has arrived in the Northwest, and all that sniffing and sneezing has many wondering: Is it an allergy or COVID? Some of the symptoms are similar. Medical experts say itchy, watery eyes; an itchy, runny nose, and sneezing are common allergy symptoms, and that itch is usually not as prominent in COVID. Fever and muscle pain, and complete congestion—sometimes with loss of smell, chill, and diarrhea—are symptoms more indicative of COVID. While you can experience loss of taste with allergies, one of the telltale symptoms of COVID is fever, which is a unique COVID symptom outside of allergies. Experts say colds and flu also are circulating, which makes diagnosis a bit more challenging. If you suffer from seasonal allergies, there are steps you can take to help reduce your spring allergy symptoms, such as closing your windows, changing your clothes when you come in from outdoors, and even wearing a mask, which can filter out some of the pollen. / ECONOMY: The Federal Reserve intensified its fight against the worst inflation in 40 years by raising its benchmark interest rate by a half-percentage point — its most aggressive move since 2000 — and signaling further large rate hikes to come. By taking its most drastic steps in decades to attack inflation, it will soon be more expensive for you to borrow money to buy a car, a home, make a credit card purchase, or finance a business deal. Stocks soared to their biggest gain in two years and bond yields dropped after the Fed’s announcement. The Fed also said it will start reducing its huge \$9 trillion balance sheet, made up mainly of Treasury and mortgage bonds. Reducing those holdings will have the effect of further raising borrowing costs throughout the economy. ; Record-low mortgages below three percent are long gone. Credit card rates will likely rise. So will the cost of an auto loan. But savers might finally receive a yield high enough to top inflation. Federal Reserve officials yesterday announced a half-point hike to their benchmark short-term rate, which will increase borrowing costs in many sectors. Additional large hikes are expected to be announced in June and July. It’s part of an effort to get control of the fastest inflation in four decades. ; During inflation, consumers can adjust their spending and saving strategies to help

lessen the impact that inflation has on the value of their money. It's important to have liquid cash set aside for emergencies, but beyond an emergency fund, there are other ways to save money and help retain its value. These methods include seeking out higher interest rates on bank accounts, retooling your budget and spending, investing your excess cash or buying treasury bonds. No one knows how long this interval of high inflation will last, but the government will adjust the federal funds rate to help slow the economy and prevent hyperinflation. /

EVENTS: Country artist Russell Dickerson will be the headliner on Saturday night, July 23, at this year's Lane County Fair. Tickets go on sale Fri., June 3, at 9 a.m. For fans, it's a chance to hear Dickerson sing hits like "Blue Tacoma," "Every Little Thing," "Love You Like I Used to," and "Yours." /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: America's employers added 428,000 jobs in April, extending a streak of solid hiring that has defied punishing inflation, chronic supply shortages, the Russian war against Ukraine and much higher borrowing costs. Today's jobs report from the Labor Department showed that last month's hiring kept the U.S. unemployment rate at 3.6 percent, just above the lowest level in a half-century. The economy's hiring gains have been remarkably consistent in the face of the worst inflation in four decades. Employers have added at least 400,000 jobs for 12 straight months. Yet it's unclear how long the jobs boom will continue. ; Some small businesses are still struggling to hire qualified workers, even as the broader picture in the U.S. job market looks much brighter. Hiring and retaining employees remains the top challenge for small businesses, according to a survey by Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Voices. Ninety percent of businesses that are hiring are finding it difficult to recruit qualified candidates for open positions. Smaller businesses say they're having trouble getting candidates to even apply for openings, particularly in the hard-hit leisure and hospitality industry. Owners are taking on more work themselves and improvising other ways to get by. ; The Oregonian and OregonLive report Amazon is planning to build at least five new data centers along the Columbia River in remote Morrow County, 160 miles east of Portland. The nearly \$12 (b)billion project that would more than double the scale of the company's operations in the region. Reporter Mike Rogoway notes that the undertaking represents one of the largest capital projects in Oregon history — in one of the state's smallest communities. Morrow County has just about 12,000 residents. Amazon is already the county's largest taxpayer by far, accounting for a third of all property tax revenue due to four large data centers it built over the past several years. But The Oregonian reports that most of the data centers' value is exempt from local taxation, though, so Amazon saves far more than it pays. The company secured tax breaks in Morrow County worth \$161 million over the past five years – \$47 million in just the last year. And it's asking for more tax breaks over the next 15 years as a condition of building the new facilities there. It leaves officials in Morrow County and Boardman with a conundrum: They would like the billions of dollars in new spending from Amazon, but how does a tiny county in eastern Oregon negotiate a fair deal with a company worth \$1.3 trillion? How can they secure the new data centers without giving away too much? / BUSINESS: Every year, millions of people gift and receive Starbucks gift cards, which can both draw in new customers and create</p>

convenience for already existing customers. The coffee chain offers cards themed around dozens of occasions, from birthdays and Christmas to Mother's Day and teacher appreciation. But not everyone uses them: Business Insider reports Starbucks just revealed that a whopping \$1 billion is sitting on Starbucks gift cards unused. Interim CEO Howard Schultz told investors in a second-quarter earnings call customers purchased 46 million cards in 2020 alone, totaling \$12.6 billion in gift cards for the year. But more than \$164 million on those gift cards has never been used. Gift cards can be a boost to retailers because many recipients do not always use the full amount. This essentially leaves the money with the card issuer. After enough time passes, that money is recorded as revenue, which makes it something of a gift to the retailer. Research finds that close to two in every five 18- to 29-year-olds lost gift cards before they can spend them, and around one-quarter of 30- to 64-year-olds do the same. / WEATHER, AGRICULTURE: We're been fortunate here in Northwestern Oregon and in the Cascades. April's rain and the snow it brought even to some lower elevations have boosted the Willamette Basin's snowpack to 145 percent of normal. Here in the valley, reservoirs are filling. That's good news for power generation, irrigation, and fish runs. But not everyone across Oregon received the sort of precipitation we did. The latest outlook from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Resources Conservation Service finds continuing extreme to exceptional drought in much of Central, Eastern, and Southern Oregon. Experts say April's late-season snow still was not enough to offset early season snowpack deficits and a rapid early melt in several areas. That's raising concerns about water supply availability in some drier parts of the state this summer, along with wildfire concerns. / WILDFIRES: As summer approaches forecasters say Central Oregon has the highest fire risk of anywhere in the state. The latest fire season outlook, released this week by the National Interagency Fire Center, shows above-normal fire risk running down the middle of Oregon from the Columbia River to the California border for the month of May. Meteorologists with the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center in Portland say that while the risk of high-severity fire in the region is low, persistent drought in Central Oregon could lead to combustible conditions. The outlook shows above-normal fire risk spreading across the state as the season progresses. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY: Quick reminder: On Saturday, Lane County officials are hosting a drop-in session at the McKenzie Community School's New Gym (51187 Blue River Drive) to assist Holiday Farm Fire survivors who are working through the rebuilding process. The event takes place on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lane County Land Management officials say many who lost their homes in the September 2020 fire are still deciding whether to rebuild or how to rebuild. Officials acknowledge it can be a complicated process. Their planners and building officials say this is a chance to sit down one-on-one to get your questions answered and understand what is needed for rebuilding on their specific properties. People will be able to get help with understanding what forms are required; locating what records already exist for a property; checking permit status; understanding sanitation requirements; determining required setbacks; and understanding building permits and inspections. Representatives from McKenzie Locals Helping Locals, McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group, and disaster case managers will also be on-hand to help connect fire survivors to resources and assistance. / SPORTS: The commissioners of the Pac-12 and

Southeastern conferences were in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, meeting with lawmakers to discuss the need for federal legislation to help colleges regulate how athletes can be paid for endorsement deals. They say nationwide consistency is essential when it comes to regulating athletes' name, image and likeness compensation—also known as “NIL.” Coaches and administrators from several college conferences held spring meetings in Arizona this week and emphasized the need for those sorts of broad standards. But some say they have been told there is little if any chance of anything getting done in Congress for college sports until after the midterm elections in November. The NCAA has generally not regulated NIL activity even while booster-fueled collectives have sprung up across the country. Coaches and administrators have complained that the collectives are crossing NCAA lines by using payments disguised as NIL deals as recruiting inducements both for high school prospects and athletes entering the transfer portal. ; A big loss to the U.S. and local Track and Field community: Former University of Oregon distance runner, two-time Olympian, author and journalist Kenny Moore died this week at his home in Hawaii at the age of 78. Moore graduated North Eugene High School before becoming a three-time All-American running for legendary UO coach Bill Bowerman in the mid-1960s. He competed in the Olympic marathon event in 1968 and finished fourth in 1972. Moore went on to cover track and field and other topics for Sports Illustrated for 25 years and published the book, “Bowerman and the Men of Oregon” in 2006. He returned to Eugene frequently. And he got into film, co-writing the screenplay for 1982 movie “Personal Best,” which was filmed at Hayward Field and other locations. He scripted the 1998 movie “Without Limits” about Oregon runner Steve Prefontaine. ; As Eugene-Springfield prepares to host the World Athletics Championship in July, there are a number of other signature events coming to Hayward Field over the next two-and-a-half months. This evening starting at 5:30 p.m., Hayward hosts to the Oregon Twilight meet. That includes signature events such as the McChesney 1500 meters, Oregon Track & Field Senior Night, and the Middle School Mile. Later this month, track and field fans will enjoy the Pac-12 Championships, the OSAA High School Championships, and the Prefontaine Classic. / ELECTIONS: Most Lane County voters received their ballots during the past week for the May 17 Primary Election. Lane County Elections officials say if you have not received your ballot and you believe you are registered, first go online to confirm that your voter status is active and your mailing information is correct. Go to www.oregonvotes.gov You also can complete a registration card and mail or deliver it to Lane County Elections. By law, ballots may NOT be forwarded. If you are not going to be at a regular residence or mailing address, submit a request for an absentee ballot at your temporary location. If you are unsure what to do, call Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234 to determine the best action to take in order to receive a ballot. Because this is a primary election featuring contests between members of the same political parties, only voters registered as Democrats will receive ballots with Democratic candidates for partisan offices. Only voters registered as Republicans will receive ballots with Republican candidates for partisan offices. Voters not affiliated with a political party will receive ballots that include non-partisan races and any ballot issues for the districts in which they reside. In November, all voters will be able to cast ballots on all candidates regardless of political affiliation. One change to ballots this year: There is no longer a secrecy

sleeve included. Elections officials say your vote remains private, but eliminating the sleeve helps reduce paper waste and speeds ballot processing. You may return your ballots in the mail using the pre-stamped return envelope. Ballots must be postmarked no later than May 17. But you are encouraged to return them before then, to ensure your ballot is postmarked by the deadline. Voters also may drop off their ballot at any official drop box location listed in the insert that was included with your ballot. Drop boxes are open now and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. / EDUCATION: Congratulations to a student team from North Eugene High School, which recently took top honors for Graphic Design in a contest intended to increase awareness about workplace safety for young workers. The contest, which is in its 14th year, is organized by the Oregon Young Employee Safety Coalition. Submissions had to include the 2022 safety campaign's tagline: "Work. It can be more dangerous than you think." There also was a focus on young worker's mental well-being. The winners in various categories called attention to everything from the stress of a young worker's first day on the job to the value of a healthy work-life balance. The design group from North Eugene High created a workplace poster focusing on the importance of taking regular breaks during shifts and protecting mental health. North and other first-place teams in each category also earned matching awards for their schools. ; The Pleasant Hill High School FFA Chapter and agriculture students invite you to their first annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 7th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 7th through 12th-grade students have been working all year propagating, planting, growing, and marketing these plants. Most plants started from seed using both traditional soil and hydroponic systems. Among those items for sale: vegetable starts, herbs, bedding plants, hanging baskets, succulent gardens, terrariums, some student cedar planters, and bird houses. The new Discovery Arboretum trail also is open, and students will provide guided tours every 15 minutes. ; The students with Kalapuya High School in the Bethel District are holding their Spring Plant Sale on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The school is located at 1200 North Terry Street in Eugene. The young people have raised vegetable and flower starts. Proceeds support Kalapuya's Farm-to-School program and other educational opportunities at Bethel Farm. / HEALTH: The count of U.S. deaths from COVID-19 is nearing 1 million, and there's a wealth of data making clear which groups have been hit the hardest. More than 700,000 people 65 and older died. Men died at higher rates than women. White people made up most of the deaths overall. Yet an unequal burden fell on Black, Hispanic and Native American people considering the younger average age of minority communities. Racial gaps narrowed between surges then widened again with each new wave. Most deaths happened in urban counties, but rural areas paid a high price at times. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, RECREATION. AGRICULTURE, UTILITIES, COMMUNITY, FISHERIES: The 13 reservoirs in the Willamette Valley system continue to refill at a brisk clip as storm after storm brings rain to this part of the state. Corps managers say the managed lakes are 73 percent full on average, a bit below where they normally would be this time of year. The Willamette Valley Project reservoirs depend on spring and early summer rainfall to refill. In addition, to comply with a court order and improve streamflow conditions for juvenile salmon heading downstream, the Corps did not begin to refill Fall Creek Reservoir until the middle of last month, and it's not beginning refilling Cougar and Foster reservoirs until this month. Those delays might also delay full recreational access at Cougar and Fall Creek. But Dorena and Cottage Grove Reservoirs are at 99 and 100 percent of normal. Fern Ridge is at 99 percent. Blue River at 98 percent. Despite our recent rain in the valley and snow in the mountains, water managers with the Army Corps of Engineers say it could be another challenging year is things dry out and warm up too quickly. But April's rain was 161 percent of median and the snow it brought even to some lower elevations boosted the Willamette Basin's snowpack to 145 percent of normal. In March, the snowpack was 69 percent of median. Snowmelt helps keep reservoir elevations up in the summer if it lasts and matches outflows, but it accounts for less than 10 percent of the system's storage. Other parts of the state are not doing as well. / CRIME: Officials say three Eugene Police officers were injured after being assaulted while trying to break up an unruly gathering of college-age people and some of their parents. Investigators say the crowd was attending a Saturday night Mother's Day Weekend party at a home at 1376 Ferry Street that has been the site of multiple complaints in recent years. Police said while some of the attendees were responsive to officer requests, some students and their moms were upset about their party being shut down. Investigators some of those partiers spilled out into the street, blocking traffic, and would not move. As one officer attempted to get a smaller crowd of people to move out of the way of his patrol vehicle, a subject later identified as 21-year-old William Maxwell Crever refused police commands and was told he was being taken into custody for disorderly conduct. Officials say Crever cursed and punched the officer in the face, injuring him. Investigators say a large crowd surrounded officers, including Crever's parents, whom police say began to interfere with their son's arrest. An officer's hat and flashlight also were stolen by someone who fled the scene. Police called for emergency support.</p>

Officials say resources had to be diverted from elsewhere in the city as every available officer responded. In all, three officers received injuries that, while non-life-threatening, required treatment. Crever was charged with Assault on a Public Safety Officer, two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree, Interfering, Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct. Two others, 21-year-old Rory O'Leary Bradford and 20-year-old Luke Evans Durano Thompson, were issued citations in lieu of custody for loud noise and unruly gathering. A 19-year-old female was cited for being a Minor in Possession of alcohol. Afterward, Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner called the party situation in the West University Neighborhood "out of control." Skinner noted that just two weeks earlier an unruly party on 16th Avenue between Patterson and Hilyard Streets that included hundreds of college-age individuals and parents caused a similar citywide drain on police resources. Skinner says he is frustrated and angry with what he says is a, quote, "blatant disregard for overall community safety and the lack of respect these students and parents showed our community and public employees." ; Eugene Police are seeking the public's help in identifying a suspect involved in an armed robbery of the McDonald's located at 2125 Cubit Street off Barger Drive in the Bethel area. On Wednesday around 4:30 pm, the white male suspect rode his motorcycle through the drive-thru lane of McDonald's and held up the register employee at gunpoint. He was last seen riding west on Barger Drive. The suspect was wearing a black "Bilt" half-helmet, sunglasses, a tan jacket over a dark hooded sweatshirt, black neck gator, dark pants and white shoes with a dark horizontal stripe. Have any leads in the case? Contact Detective Mackey at 541-682-5175, or Cmackey@eugene-or.gov / WILDLIFE, HEALTH, AGRICULTURE: On Friday, the Oregon Department of Agriculture confirmed that a highly contagious version of avian influenza had been found in a backyard flock in Linn County. Officials said they investigated after being notified that several geese in a noncommercial flock of about 100 waterfowl died suddenly on a Linn County farm and federal authorities confirmed it was caused by avian flu. This was Oregon's first case since 2015. Also on Friday, Washington state agriculture officials announced that chickens and turkeys in a flock of about 50 birds at one noncommercial farm also had the disease. In both states, the birds at both locations were euthanized to prevent the spread of the highly contagious virus and the farms were put under quarantine. But officials stress that, so far, there have been no detections of avian flu in commercial poultry flocks in Oregon or Washington. Officials with the Oregon Department of Agriculture are asking for your help in detecting the virus in backyard flocks. If you find a sick or dead bird, do not touch it. Instead, report it by emailing npip@oda.oregon.gov or calling 1-800-347-7028 or reporting online at <https://oda.direct/AI> If you find a wild bird that is dead or sick, please report it to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife by calling 1-866-968-2600. ; The latest outbreak of avian flu hit North America in December and has led to the culling of about 37 million chickens and turkeys since February in farms in 30 U.S. states. Officials say the avian flu cases do not pose a risk to humans. They say culled birds were not used for food. But the loss of so many commercial flocks has led to growing shortages and rising prices for poultry meat and eggs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture also has confirmed 956 cases of bird flu in wild birds, including at least 54 bald eagles. But the actual number is likely much higher because not every wild bird that dies is tested and the federal tally does not include cases recorded by wildlife rehabilitation centers. Experts say the

discovery of the avian flu in the Pacific Northwest was not unexpected as the virus has been spreading rapidly across the country in both domestic and wild birds, particularly waterfowl. The virus appears to be spreading as wild birds migrate north along the Pacific Flyway, Official say sometimes those birds stop to rest amidst domestic flocks. One veterinarian shared the example of a poultry producer who noticed on one day that a crow had flown in among some of his chickens. The next day, he said his flock was, quote, "dropping like flies." Wildlife authorities in the Pacific Northwest said Friday that the virus primarily seems to primarily affect waterfowl, but people who feed songbirds should be extra-cautious and clean their feeders frequently. / SAFETY: Investigators with the Lane County this morning confirmed that a body located Saturday in Dexter Reservoir near Lowell was that of 19-year-old William Robert Henry Vaughn. Vaughn was last seen at approximately 1:00 a.m. Friday morning near the Lowell Covered Bridge. He had separated from his group and did not return home and was last believed walking westbound on Hwy. 58. No additional details have been released. / LEGAL, COURTS, CRIME: Oregon's public defender system has shown cracks for years, but a post-pandemic glut of delayed cases is exposing shocking constitutional landmines. Those problems are impacting defendants and crime victims alike in a state with a national reputation for progressive social justice. Public defenders warned for years that the system was on the brink of collapse before the pandemic. An acute public defender shortage means hundreds of low-income criminal defendants do not have legal representation — sometimes in serious felony cases — and judges have dismissed several dozen cases. Hearings in others are delayed, leaving defendants and victims in limbo. Faced with the representation challenges, some judges have threatened to hold the state public defenders' office in contempt of court for failing to provide attorneys. Officials say state officials send out a weekly list of unrepresented defendants to private attorneys, begging for help. Lawmakers are ordering reforms and budgeting millions for fixes after a recent study found Oregon has just 31 percent of the public defenders it needs. The crisis in Oregon, while extreme, reflects a nationwide challenge, as courts seek to absorb a pandemic backlog of criminal cases with public defender systems that have long been underfunded and understaffed. / BUSINESS: Contract negotiations between 22,000 workers at 29 West Coast ports and representatives of shipping companies will begin next week with automation and its impact on jobs emerging as a major point of contention amid supply chain issues. Talks between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the Pacific Maritime Association will take place against the backdrop of pandemic safety issues, surging imports that left backlogs of ships anchored offshore, and declining exports. The current contract expires on July 1, but Pacific Maritime Association President and CEO Jim McKenna said Friday he expects negotiations to extend beyond that date. / ELECTIONS: Election officials say blurred barcodes on an unknown number of primary election ballots in Clackamas County, southeast of Portland, might delay election results on May 17. Clackamas County Clerk Sherry Hall says the blurry ballots in the vote-by-mail state are being rejected by the county's ballot-processing equipment. Hall says election workers will need to fill out new ballots by hand for those voters before they are counted. Parts of the

county are in the new 6th Congressional District, which was formed when Oregon gained a U.S. House seat following the 2020 Census. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>MENTAL HEALTH, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT: State inspectors have found a series of lapses at the Oregon State Hospital's campus in Junction City, including failures to take steps to protect patients from physical harm. The inquiry began last year when a Junction City psychiatric patient walked away from an outing and remained at large for several weeks. Its scope grew as inspectors identified other problems, which they said continued even after having been documented. Their resulting report puts the campus in danger of losing its Medicare and Medicaid certification, which would cost the state hospital millions. State officials have until Sunday to submit its plan for correcting the issues. Hospital and Oregon Health Authority leaders pledge to address the findings. Many of the patients institutionalized at the facility on the south end of Junction City were placed there after being accused of crimes but found unable to assist in their own trial or found guilty except for insanity. The report found that safety lapses put patients in danger of physical or psychological harm from others who were being treated in the hospital. The inspectors alleged there was least one sexual assault and other physical attacks, and that staff also failed to protect some patients from self-harm. It also criticized management of the state hospital system, finding that the Junction City facility was largely overseen by managers in Salem. The auditors say that violates federal regulations. The Junction City location of the state hospital was opened, in part, to help address overcrowding issues at the Salem campus. It provides psychiatric care for adults who need hospital-level mental health treatment. According to the Oregon Health Authority, the state hospital receives in \$18.7 million in Medicare and Medicaid over the state's two-year budget cycle, but the Junction City facility expects to receive only \$54,000 over that period. / CRIME, SAFETY, HEALTH: It's been close to three months since a hit-and-run driver severely injured a Eugene woman trying to do a good deed on a busy roadway. In the aftermath, 37-year-old Kimberly Spencer has undergone multiple surgeries, dealt with continued pain, been off work—and the driver still has not been identified. While the leads have gone cold, Oregon State Police continue to welcome tips that would help them locate the driver of a red pickup truck that struck a Spencer on Saturday afternoon, February 12. It happened while she was trying to remove a mattress blocking a traffic lane on the flyover from northbound Interstate Five to the westbound Beltline Highway. Spencer says she spotted the mattress, stopped her vehicle, turned on her hazard lights, and pulled the mattress from the roadway. As she was walking back to her vehicle she</p>

says a red pickup—possibly a Chevy Colorado or GMC Sonoma—came around the flyover curve at a high rate of speed. The suspect is described as an older white male, perhaps 65 to 70 years of age. Spencer says the hit-and-run driver stopped about 50 feet from the crash scene, walked back toward her, saw her lying on the ground as she pleaded with him to help her, but instead ran back to his truck and fled. Investigators say it's unknown what damage the pickup truck sustained or whether it's been repaired. Know anything about the case? Oregon State Police would like to hear from you. Contact the Oregon State Police Dispatch at 1-800-442-2068 or OSP (677). Reference Case # SP22035811. / SAFETY: The search continues for a man whose canoe capsized on the Willamette River on Saturday afternoon near Eugene's Owosso Footbridge. A witness who called 911 said the man was seen struggling in the water before slipping beneath the surface. Investigators from the Lane County Sheriff's Office believe the paddler is 36-year-old Justin Leroy Grossman of the Eugene area. Officials say Grossman had reportedly been camping on an island in the river and was using the canoe to make trips between the island and shore when his craft capsized. Anyone with any information about this case is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Dial 541-682-4150 and select Option 1. / GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT: During the pandemic's economic and school shutdowns, many people scrambled for high-speed internet connections to continue working, attend online classes, and more. On Monday, President Biden announced that 20 internet companies have agreed to provide discounted service to people with low incomes, a program that could effectively make tens of millions of households eligible for free service through an already existing federal subsidy. The president says high-speed internet is a necessity, not a luxury. Program coordinators say families of four earning about \$55,000 annually — or those including someone eligible for Medicaid — will receive a \$30 monthly credit, meaning about 40 percent of Americans would qualify. The \$1 trillion infrastructure package passed by Congress last year included funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program, which provides \$30 monthly subsidies (\$75 in tribal areas) on internet service for millions of lower-income households. With the new commitment from the internet providers, some 48 million households will be eligible for \$30 monthly plans of 100 megabits per second, or higher speed, service — making internet service fully paid for with government assistance if they sign up with one of the providers participating in the program. / EDUCATION: Oak Hill School, a private school in Eugene, is preparing to graduate its final class. Oak Hill School's Board of Trustees voted last month to end its high school programs after this academic year and shift its focus to pre-kindergarten through 8th Grade. Oak Hill School's 72-acre campus is located just east of Lane Community College off East 30th Avenue. / WILDLIFE, EDUCATION: A pair of mating osprey have returned to a nest on a platform atop the University of Oregon School of Law, and three baby osprey are on the way. As in past years, the law school is holding a naming contest for the three chicks. Anyone interested in suggesting names can submit ideas through an online form at <https://bit.ly/3950MZO> On May 20, suggestions will be compiled into a themed survey for voting and shared on the law school's social media channels. Voters will be able to select five favorite names, and the three with the most votes will be chosen. The winning names will be announced June 1. The law school installed a video camera above the birds' nest to offer

real-time viewing. More than 170,000 visitors have viewed the livestream since its installation. Osprey Quick Facts: Scientific Name: *Pandion haliaetus*. The maximum life span of osprey in the wild is estimated at 25 years. About 98 percent of an osprey's diet is comprised of fish although other prey items may be taken such as small birds. Osprey exhibit strong nest site fidelity. Breeding pairs usually return to the same nest territory year after year to breed. Each pair mates for life. Courtship activities, breeding, egg laying and incubation occurs March through May. Osprey raise one brood per year, with 1 to 4 eggs laid. Eggs hatch in about 38 days. An osprey pair raising two nestlings consumes about 375 pounds of fish during the breeding season. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: This is Wildfire Awareness Month. Prevention experts remind you this is a great time to trim trees, bushes, and tidy up plants around your home that might be fire-prone. This creates a "defensible space" around your home and property. While it's still very rainy here in Northwest Oregon, officials with the Oregon Department of Forestry and other fire prevention experts remind you to use caution this spring when disposing of yard debris. They say drought conditions in many parts of the state—and the risk drought might return to the valley—can heighten wildfire risk for those who burn their yard debris. Options aside from burning include composting or recycling. Check with your local disposal company for recycling options. You can also cover a part of the pile with plastic to keep it dry until the fall when it's safer to burn. Delaying your burn plans will give the debris more time to cure and avoids spring holdover fires as fire risk increases with hotter, drier weather. Seventy percent of wildfires in Oregon are human-caused fires, with debris burning being the number one cause. By waiting to burn or taking extra steps to control a fire, Oregon can significantly reduce the risk of creating a large wildfire. If burning now is the only option to dispose of yard debris, fire prevention specialists ask people to follow safe burning practices. Call before you burn. Burn regulations vary by location depending on the weather and fuel conditions. If you are planning to burn, check with the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency or with your local Oregon Department of Forestry district, fire protective association, fire department, or air protection authority to learn about current burning restrictions or regulations. You'll learn whether you need a permit and about any restrictions on your preferred burn day. Other safety tips include never burning on dry or windy days, because fires can spread out of control more easily. Clear a 10-foot fuel-free buffer around the pile – Make sure there are no tree branches or power lines above. Keep burn piles small – Large burn piles can cast hot embers long distances. Keep piles small, maximum of four feet by four feet. Add debris to the pile in small amounts as the pile burns. Always have water and fire tools nearby. Drown the pile with water, stir the coals, and drown again, repeating until the fire is out cold. And stay with the fire until it is out cold. State laws requires monitoring of debris burn piles from start to finish until it is out cold. This law is intended to ensure sparks or embers that jump from the fire can be put out quickly. Burn only yard debris – State laws prohibit burning materials or trash that create dense smoke or noxious odors. / SPORTS: College sports leaders are trying to send a warning to schools and boosters when it comes to paying athletes for endorsement and sponsorship deals: There are still rules and they will be enforced. The NCAA's Division I Board of Directors has approved guidance clarifying the types of payments and booster involvement that could be

considered recruiting violations. It is not clear whether the NCAA will clamp down on boosters offering money to recruits or whether it will be taken to court over it. /

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FDA officials say they are working with U.S. manufacturers to increase output and streamline paperwork to allow more imports. For now, pediatricians and health workers are urging parents who cannot find formula to contact food banks or doctor's offices. They warn against watering down formula to stretch supplies or using online do-it-yourself recipes, saying that can harm infant's health and development. For babies who are not being breastfed, experts remind parents that formula is the only thing they eat. That means the formula must contain all of their nutrition and needs to be properly prepared so that it is safe for the smallest infants. Many Americans rely on WIC — a federal program similar to food stamps that serves mothers and children — to pay for formula for their infants. But the Abbott safety recall wiped out many WIC-covered brands, though the program is now allowing substitutions. Trying to keep formula in stock, retailers including CVS and Walgreens have begun limiting purchases to three containers per customer. Nationwide about 40 percent of large retail stores are out of stock, up from 31 percent in mid-April, according to DataSentry, a data analytics firm. More than half of U.S. states are seeing out-of-stock rates between 40 percent and 50 percent, according to the firm, which collects data from 11,000 locations. Baby formula is particularly vulnerable to disruptions because just a handful of companies account for almost the entire U.S. supply. Industry executives say the constraints began last year as the COVID-19 pandemic led to disruptions in ingredients, labor and transportation. Supplies were further squeezed by parents stockpiling during lockdowns, followed by Abbott's recall. / EDUCATION:

Congratulations to Charlie Jett, the principal at Springfield's Two Rivers / Dos Rios Elementary. He's just been named the Coalition of School Administrators' "2022 Oregon Elementary Principal of the Year." Springfield Superintendent Todd Hamilton praised Jett for his unwavering dedication to students, and his never-ending energy and flair. The honor will be formally awarded during the organization's annual conference next month. ; Members of the Eugene School District community this evening are interviewing four finalists for district superintendent. The session is being live-streamed. A student panel will conduct its interviews of the candidates starting at 4 p.m., followed by members of a parent and community panel. The finalists include: Interim 4J superintendent Sydney Vandercar; Eugene Schools Director of Secondary Instruction Andy Dey; Lin Johnson III, a doctoral candidate at the Harvard Graduate School of Education; and Iton Udosenata, the assistant superintendent with the Salem-Keizer Public Schools and former principal at Cottage Grove High School. ; The High School Band and Orchestra State Championships begin today and continue through Saturday at the LaSells Stewart Center on the campus of Oregon State University in Corvallis. More than 2,500 Oregon high school students are competing for trophies in the competition, which is sponsored by the Oregon Schools Activities Association and OnPoint Community Credit Union. Orchestras perform today, followed by three days of band competitions. Our Lane County participants include the bands from Willamette, Springfield, and Sheldon High Schools. /

CRIME: Eugene Police say a teen who was not a student was arrested yesterday afternoon at Willamette High School for trespassing. The incident happened around 3:20 p.m. During a search after the suspect was handcuffed, an officer determined the teen had a firearm in a pants pocket. The trespasser was charged with First-Degree Criminal Trespass and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and taken to the Serbu Juvenile Justice Center. / ECONOMY: Inflation rose again last

month, but the rise in prices for everything from food and fuel to utilities and housing eased a bit. That has some analysts speculating that the biggest jump in consumer prices in 40 years might finally be starting to ease. The government reports the Consumer Price Index was up 8.3 percent in April from one year earlier. On a month-to-month basis, prices rose one-third of one percent from March to April, the smallest increase in eight months. Those increases were fueled by spiking prices for airline tickets, hotel rooms and new cars. The Federal Reserve has responded with recent increases to key lending rates, in an effort to cool the economy. More rate hikes are expected this summer. ; Global uncertainty, fueled by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and unsettled stock markets continue to drive U.S. gasoline prices higher. Crude oil which last week was selling for close to \$100 per barrel, is priced near \$110 per barrel this week. It comes at a time when people are driving more as they return to work, to school, and prepare for Spring and Summer travel. Here in Eugene-Springfield, automobile club AAA reports a gallon of regular-grade unleaded is selling for an average \$4.83 this morning. That's up a whopping 15 cents from one week ago. This time last year, a gallon of regular cost an average \$3.32. Diesel prices also are climbing. They're averaging \$5.69 per gallon this morning, up 12 cents from last week. / TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT: For those moving away from gasoline-fueled cars and purchasing hybrid or all-electric vehicles, the state of Oregon is making a \$100 million investment over the next five years to add more charging stations along some major travel routes. The Oregon Department of Transportation will build the electric vehicle or EV charging network using mostly federal and some state funds. The first seven routes on the priority list include Interstate 5, Interstate 84, and U.S. Highways 101, 20, and 97. More routes and locations will be added in the next few years. The idea is to close "charging gaps" in rural and urban areas and at some large apartment complexes and other spots where Oregonians live, work, and play. There will be a focus on providing charging sites for light-duty EVs like cars, SUVs and trucks because demand is high. But efforts will also serve some medium-duty vehicles. Officials also will look toward eventually expanding to include heavier-duty vehicles such as semi-trucks, delivery vans and buses, and smaller bicycles and scooters. The new charging sites will be spaced roughly every 50 miles, and each site will have at least four fast-chargers. Sites will be designed for easy upgrades to more and faster chargers as more Oregonians purchase EVs. Those running the program say they know that "range anxiety" is a big factor in people's reluctance to switch to electric vehicles—the concern that they won't have enough charge to get where they're going or enough charging stations along the way. They hope that will persuade more drivers and riders to choose an EV for their next vehicle. / HEALTH, SAFETY, WEATHER, WILDFIRES, AGRICULTURE: After another summer of heavy wildfire smoke and a life-threatening heatwave, officials with Oregon's Occupational Safety and Health Division—also known as "Oregon OSHA"—yesterday announced new rules to better protect workers from those hazards. The heat rule calls for employers to ensure there is adequate access to shade and cool water, preventive breaks to allow workers to cool down, and requirements for workplaces to create prevention plans and share information and training. The wildfire smoke rule includes an array of assessments and controls to gauge and reduce exposure to poor air quality. It, too, calls for increased training and assessments. Both rules also deal with protective measures for workers in

jobs that rely on employer-provided housing, including farm operations. The rules take effect June 15 for heat and July 1 for wildfire smoke. Oregon OSHA officials say they are the most protective of their kind in the United States. They build on temporary emergency requirements that were adopted in summer 2021 following several months of input. ; The Oregon Department of Agriculture this week launched a Disaster Assistance Program for farmers and ranchers who suffered financial losses during one or more of the natural disasters that hit Oregon in 2021. The \$40 million program includes forgivable loans for eligible farmers. The Oregon program is designed to go hand-in-hand with federal USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance. Applications are available to farmers and ranchers through participating lending institutions, including branches of Umpqua Bank, Columbia Bank, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, and Old West Federal Credit Union. Applications will be available until June 3, then officials with the program will begin reviewing and processing the requests. If enough funds remain, there might be a second round of applications. / ELECTIONS: One week before Oregon's primary election, the Secretary of State's office is moving to better protect the integrity of its online system that holds campaign finance records. It comes after a web-hosting provider used by the agency was hit by a ransomware attack. Officials say people who have been adding and updating records on what's known as the ORESTAR state campaign finance reporting system might have been affected. They've been sent detailed instructions on how to proceed. At the same time, state officials emphasize that the Oregon Secretary of State has NOT been hacked. No sensitive data on state systems has been exposed. And no systems related to elections administration have been compromised. While candidates for state and local elections use ORESTAR, candidates for national office like Congress use a different system. / BUSINESS, SAFETY: Microsoft on Tuesday released updates to fix at least 74 separate security problems in its Windows operating systems and related software. Security blogger Brian Krebs reports this month's patch batch includes fixes for seven "critical" flaws, as well as a zero-day vulnerability that affects all supported versions of Windows. / FAMILIES: The Social Security Administration recently released the Top 10 Baby Names of 2021, as compiled from its records. Not a lot of changes. Liam, Noah, an Oliver remain the top boys' names. Olivia, Emma, and Charlotte are the Top Three for girls. / ANIMALS: Country music icon Dolly Parton was back in the news again this week—this time in connection to the Oregon Zoo. A baby orangutan born last month has been named "Jolene," in honor to a lyric in Parton's classic song. The Oregonian and OregonLive quotes zookeepers who say they were inspired by the lyric that describes Jolene as having "flaming locks of auburn hair." They say that's just like their new primate. Jolene was born April 13 to first-time mother Kitra, a Bornean orangutan who has lived at the zoo since 2015. It took a few weeks to name the zoo's newest family member because staff members weren't able to get close enough during the first few weeks to determine the baby's gender. Baby orangutans are completely dependent on their moms for their first two years. Visitors to the Oregon Zoo in Portland's Washington Park soon might have a chance to catch a glimpse of Jolene and her mother, who are spending more time in their outdoor habitat. /

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LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>HEALTH, SAFETY, YOUTH, FAMILIES: For many parents and caregivers, yesterday's news about America's continued epidemic of drug overdoses presents an added challenge: how to talk to your children and teens about the hazard and how best to keep them safe. Yesterday's report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that a record 107,000 Americans died from drug overdoses last year. That translates to roughly one overdose death every five minutes. More than 80,000 people died from opioids, including prescription pain pills and fentanyl, a deadly drug 100 times as powerful as morphine and increasingly present in counterfeit pills being sold as other drugs. Pat Allen, director of the Oregon Health Authority, says some high school students are overdosing on the counterfeit pills, mistakenly believing they are opioid painkillers or anti-anxiety medication. Health experts say it's not always easy talking to your kids about fentanyl and other dangerous drugs, but it is one of the best things you can do to keep them safe. You can start a conversation by telling your kids you care about them and you want them to be safe: Ask them what they know about fentanyl and encourage open and honest communication. Be clear about the risk. Tell them what you know about fentanyl—that it's a very dangerous drug that can stop your breathing and it's showing up more and more. Warn them that fentanyl can be hiding in any street drug and might even look like prescription medication; that friends and drug sellers might not know that the product they are selling contains fentanyl. Ask your kids to tell you if they are ever around drugs. And let them know it is ok to say no if they are ever offered drugs. Experts say it's important for you to spend quality time with your kids and be involved in their lives. Although there's no guaranteed way to prevent drug use and abuse, you can be an important positive influence. / CLIMATE, WEATHER, WILDFIRES, ENVIRONMENT: Our water and snowpack situation has improved immensely during the past five weeks as rain and colder temperatures helped fill reservoirs and replenish the soil across Northwest Oregon. The Willamette Basin and snowpack totals are well above 100 percent of normal. But that's not the case in the rest of the state, where extreme and exceptional drought continue to plague most of Central, Eastern and Southern Oregon. Close to a dozen counties are already under a drought emergency. The situation is expected to worsen in the next month. And even if things turned around and those regions suddenly began receiving healthy rain, a panel of experts at Oregon State University say it simply would not be enough to make up the deficit ahead of the summer wildfire season. Larry O'Neill, an OSU associate professor who is the state climatologist, says the</p>

water deficit is so deep after three years of prolonged drought that even several weeks of heavy rain is not be enough to blunt the wildfire risk east of the mountains. He points to the long-term deficits in many Central and Eastern Oregon reservoirs and shallow groundwater systems—deficits that can affect everything from agricultural irrigation to well water. O'Neill also expressed concerns that many people are letting their guard down about wildfire preparation and vigilance because they've seen some recent rains. Last month, federal drought experts said the topsoil in parts of Central Oregon is bone-dry up to three feet down. ; Federal wildland firefighters are preparing for another challenging fire season. And fire managers say they're facing challenges hiring enough people to handle the grueling work on the lines. In the past year, they've offered higher pay and better benefits. But officials with the union that represents federal firefighters say hundreds of positions remain vacant across the country. The U.S. Forest Service, for example, is working to bring on more than 11,000 firefighters this season. But it comes as experienced employees resign and newcomers are taking gigs with some state and municipal agencies that offer better pay and benefits. The result can be smaller deployments to major blazes and even smaller-sized crews. / WILDFIRES, UTILITIES: The Oregon Public Utility Commission has approved the 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plans the state's three largest private utilities. The plans allow PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, and Idaho Power to shut-off power as needed when wildfire risk is high and take other steps to protect its equipment and its customers. Oregon Senate Bill 762 established formal standards for electric utility wildfire mitigation plans, including the information utilities are required to include in their plans. Plans must include identification of high-risk areas within the utility's service territory and actions to minimize those risks, as well as protocols for implementing public safety power shutoffs. Utilities also need to describe how they determined which risk reduction strategies to pursue. The bill required the three investor-owned utilities to submit their plans to the PUC by the end of 2021 and the PUC to approve them within 180 days after their submission. / COMMUNITY, CHARITY, BUSINESS, HEALTH: Big news from the Eugene Family YMCA, which is preparing to build a new home off 24th Avenue at Hilyard Street. "Y" officials say they only need to raise another \$1 million to complete their capital campaign. Organizers say they have \$3 million in donations toward their \$5 million Capital Campaign, but that the Tykeson Family Foundation is offering to kick one-million dollars in a challenge grant, provided community members step up with the other one million in donations. Earlier this year, Eugene Y officials announced that they'd made the final purchase payment on the property at 24th and Hilyard Streets—the former home of Roosevelt Middle School before the school was rebuilt on an adjacent parcel. Groundbreaking for the new fitness, wellness, and learning facility is set for July, with the grand opening planned in December of next year. / HEALTH: U.S. COVID-19 cases are climbing amid a drop in testing. In Portland, Multnomah County health officials are encouraging people to voluntarily wear masks indoors until new coronavirus case numbers and hospitalizations start to decline. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that Multnomah County Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Vines emphasizes that this is not a mandate but a request for everyone to put their masks back on for a few weeks as they go to school, work and other indoor events. / CRIME: Federal officials say a Portland man affiliated with two street gangs has been sentenced to federal prison for robbing a Eugene

marijuana dispensary. Prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland say 30-year-old Timothy Christopher Gaines was sentenced Wednesday to seven years in prison and five years of supervised release. Officials say Gaines is affiliated with the Hoover Criminal Gang and Unthank Park Hustlers. Court documents say on Dec. 20, 2019, Gaines and an accomplice robbed the Green Therapy dispensary in Eugene of several jars of marijuana and \$912 as Gaines pointed a gun at an employee who was cowering on the floor. In February, Gaines pleaded guilty to using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. / **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Across America, law enforcement agencies are remembering and honoring those lost in the line of duty as part of National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week. Officials with the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund note that 472 law enforcement officers died nationwide in the line of duty in 2021. That includes 73 killed by felonious acts—including two dozen unprovoked attacks, 56 who died in accidents, and 319 who succumbed to COVID-19. The names of hundreds of fallen officers were added this year to the wall at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial in Washington, D.C. They will be read aloud during a Friday candlelight vigil that is bringing tens of thousands of law enforcement officers to Washington, D.C. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** The people who screen your bags at the airport are expecting big crowds this summer. And in hopes of keeping lines from growing too long, the Transportation Security Administration says it is planning to move screeners from some quieter airports to busier ones. TSA Administrator David Pekoske (pay-KOSS-key) said Tuesday that his agency has quadrupled the number of employees who can fill in at airports where lines get too long. That's part of the agency's plans for handling travel numbers that could match and even exceed those of 2019, the year before the pandemic led to plunging travel numbers. The TSA screened about 90 percent as many people in April and May as it screened in the same stretch of 2019. The summer travel season, which begins in late May and extends beyond Labor Day weekend, covers three months and four federal holidays: Memorial Day, Juneteeth, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Traveling this summer? TSA officials encourage you to: Pack smart; start with empty bags. Airline passengers who pack for travel with empty bags are less likely to bring prohibited items through a TSA checkpoint. Check for prohibited items by using the "What Can I Bring?" page at TSA.gov. Airports, like highways, have high traffic surges and construction delays. Arrive at the airport in plenty of time for check in, checking bags, and completing security screening in time. At the TSA checkpoint, have valid ID ready. Enroll in TSA PreCheck, which allows airline passengers to avoid removing shoes, belts, liquids, food, laptops and light jackets at the security checkpoints. Most new enrollees receive their Known Traveler Number within five days, and membership lasts for five years. In April, 94 percent of TSA PreCheck passengers waited less than 5 minutes at the checkpoint. Also, TSA officials say while face masks are optional, they are recommended for passengers ages two and older in indoor public transportation areas and hubs to protect you from COVID exposure and infection. / **RACIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL SERVICES, CHARITY, COMMUNITY:** The non-profit Oregon Community Foundation yesterday announced new grants to 24 community-based organizations across the state that work to encourage student success among Black youth. The recipients include the Eugene-Springfield chapter of the NAACP. Branch President Miles Pendleton says the

\$20,000 grant will assist the organization in its efforts to pursue educational equality and eliminate race-based discrimination in its work as a member of the Oregon Black Student Success Network. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EVENTS: There's a total lunar eclipse Sunday night, but the mostly cloudy forecast with a chance of showers means it might not be visible here in Western Oregon. The eclipse will already be underway and in totality as the moon rises at about 8:30 p.m. The total eclipse ends shortly before 10:00 p.m. and the partial eclipse will be over shortly before 11:00 p.m. Sunday night. / COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME, EVENTS: On Saturday May 14, letter carriers will be doing more than just delivering off the mail. They'll also be collecting food for the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Hosted by the National Association of Letter Carriers, Stamp Out Hunger takes place around the country and is the largest single-day food drive. You can take part by collecting nonperishable food items and leaving them in a bag near the mailbox early on Saturday, May 14. A letter carrier or volunteer will pick up the donation and ensure it gets to your local food bank. In our area, that is FOOD For Lane County. Among the "most wanted" foods: Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, corned beef) Canned and dried beans (pinto, navy, kidney, refried); canned stew, chili, hearty soups and broth; pasta, rice, cereal, corn meal; and canned tomato products (whole, paste, and spaghetti sauce). Donations not picked up by letter carriers may be dropped off at any post office through early next week. Donate online at https://foodforlanecounty.org/lettercarriers/ The Stamp Out Hunger food drive was created in 1993 by the National Association of Letter Carriers to encourage communities to come together in an effort to stock the shelves of food banks nationwide. Along with the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, the National Association of Letter Carriers has collected more than one billion pounds of food nationally since the drive's inception. / EMPLOYMENT, FAMILIES, BUSINESSES: Oregon's paid family leave program takes effect in September of next year. The program, known as "Paid Leave Oregon," allows workers to take paid time off for events including the birth or adoption of a child, serious illness or injury, taking care of a seriously ill family member, and for domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or harassment. Similar to unemployment insurance, Social Security, and Medicare, the paid family leave effort will be funded through payroll contributions by workers and employers. This week, state officials set the contribution rate at one percent starting January 1. Workers and employers will share that contribution, 60-40, although employers have the option of picking up the employee portion as a benefit for their workers. For example, if an employee made \$1,000 in wages during a pay period, the employee would contribute six</p>

dollars to the paid family leave program and the employer contribute four dollars. The money will go into a trust fund which, in turn, will provide the revenue for paid leave benefits for workers starting September 3, 2023. Paid Leave Oregon Director Karen Madden Humelbaugh said the contribution rate was set based on actuary data and forecasts at one percent to ensure the program has enough funding to meet the legal requirement and pay benefits for Oregon workers. The Oregon Employment Department's Director will set the paid leave contribution rate annually. The law also requires the trust fund to have enough funds to pay benefits for up six months. More information about Paid Leave Oregon is online at oregon.gov/employ/PFMLI. There are a number of resources on the website, including information about contributions, benefits, equivalent plans and a new program overview. / HEALTH: The U.S. is about to pass a grim milestone in the pandemic: more than one million American deaths officially tied to COVID-19. Analysts say the true numbers are far higher. The coronavirus has eased across the country, but surges tied to new variants and subvariants continue. While for many of the recently infected, symptoms are mild, the virus continues to sicken and kill those with vulnerable and weakened immune systems. In Oregon, more than 7,500 people have died from COVID and its complications during the pandemic. In Lane County, our 26-month death toll stands at 540. / SAFETY, HEALTH, CRIME, GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION: Amid concerns about the epidemic of drug overdoses tied to fentanyl in the U.S., the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education have released a Fentanyl & Opioid Response Toolkit for Schools. The goal is to provide essential information and tools to educators, administrators, school nurses, students and families. The toolkit contains resources for staff training and prevention education. There's also information on how schools can create an emergency plan to administer naloxone, also known as Narcan, which can reverse such overdoses. Colt Gill, Director of the Oregon Department of Education, says the toolkit's resources can save lives. / CRIME, ENVIRONMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT: Law enforcement officials in Oregon say international drug cartels that established illegal outdoor marijuana farms last year are adapting and increasingly moving indoors. That's a key topic for a task force created by the Legislature that met for the first time this week. The panel will recommend funding and organizational improvements to assist law enforcement agencies and prosecutors. There also are proposed regulations on genetic engineering of cannabis and possible changes to state laws to address labor trafficking and water theft. Early last year, hundreds of greenhouses began cropping up in southern Oregon's Josephine and Jackson counties. Some were within city limits, others established right along highways or tucked into remote valleys. Officials say most of the unlicensed operations are financed by criminal cartels from Latin America, Europe and Asia. / CRIME: How unsettling would this be? You're at home at night when you begin hearing thumping sounds and someone coughing in your attic? The Lane County Sheriff's Office says they arrested a man Wednesday night at a home in the 3500 block of Hayden Bridge Road. They think 43-year-old Nicholas Rollin Tirapelli had been hiding in the home's attic for a day. And they're investigating whether he's tied to a Tuesday burglary of another home in that neighborhood—and hid out in the second home since then. Officials say Tirapelli was uncooperative, kicking and spitting at deputies, but eventually taken into custody after being treated for a bite from a police K9. ; Springfield Police last night arrested a man after he led them

on a chase that started along Highway 126 and went through several business districts and neighborhoods before ending at 28th Street and Marcola Road. Investigators say 28-year-old Destin Michael Wilde was the rider and that he suffered a broken foot after running a red light, clipping a truck, and rolling the bike in a grassy area off the roadway. He's charged with Eluding by Vehicle and Reckless Driving. Springfield Police say this is the fourth time in the past week-and-a-half where a motorcyclist has fled a traffic stop. The suspects were not apprehended in those cases and officers are reviewing evidence to see whether the cases are connected. Anyone with leads in those cases is asked to contact the Springfield Police Department at 541-726-3714. / CRIME, FAMILY, ANIMALS: Ladybug is back home. Good news for a Eugene family after some footwork by a Eugene Police detective. Ladybug is a dog—a pug owned by a local family that was stolen in late March from outside a store on West 18th Avenue. She's been secured to a nearby fence while her people were inside. Family members contacted local shelters are shared "lost dog" posts online, but no luck—until yesterday. Officials say Eugene Police Detective Aaron Johns followed up on a tip of a possible sighting of Ladybug and located the pup. He arrested a suspect in the theft. And yesterday, he met the family and personally handed Ladybug back to the mom, dad, and two little girls. / SPORTS: The Pac-12 Track & Field Championships take place today and tomorrow at Eugene's Hayward Field. It's the latest high-profile event in the run-up to July's World Athletics Championships. Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. on Community Forum, we get an update on how the preparations are going. We'll speak with a member of the Oregon22 planning group about what it means for Eugene-Springfield to host thousands of elite athletes, their national delegations, international media, family, friends, and fans for ten days July 15-24. And we'll learn about all sorts of local tie-ins, including in schools and for businesses and how members of the public can sample the events and activities. / EDUCATION, SPORTS: One of the greatest athletes ever to wear the green and yellow is the keynote speaker for this year's University of Oregon commencement. Ashton Eaton, a two-time Olympic champion in the decathlon, will address the combined graduating classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022 when the ceremonies take place on June 13 at Autzen Stadium. Academy Award-winning filmmaker James Ivory, a 1951 Oregon graduate in fine and applied arts, will receive an honorary doctorate. This year's commencement will be the first in-person event since 2019. In addition to welcoming members of the Classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022, graduates may invite as many friends and family members as they wish with no tickets required. Graduates are asked to RSVP for the event. In addition, more than 30 school, college and department ceremonies are planned around campus. / WILDFIRES, CLIMATE: Wildfires are on a furious pace early this year, from a California hilltop where mansions with multimillion-dollar Pacific Ocean views were torched to remote New Mexico mountains charred by a month-old monster blaze. The two places could not be more different, but the elements in common are the same: wind-driven flames have torn through vegetation that is extraordinarily dry from yearslong drought exacerbated by climate change. Nationwide, more than 2,000 square miles have burned so far this year — the most at this point since 2018, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. Predictions for the rest of the spring do not bode well for the West, with the drought and warmer weather brought on by climate change worsening wildfire danger. Fire officials said there are limits to what they can do to stop the fast-

moving flames burning in tinder-dry forests. In some cases, it's simply too dangerous to put firefighters ahead of a blaze that's moving this hard and fast through overgrown mountainsides covered with trees and shrubs sucked dry of moisture over recent decades. Even small fires that once would have been easily contained are extreme threats to life and property because of climate change. Officials say a perfect example came Wednesday afternoon when flames that might have been sparked by electric utility equipment were pushed up a Southern California canyon by strong sea breezes and quickly ignited large, multi-million-dollar homes. They burned a relatively small area — only about 200 acres — but left a large path of destruction. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>HEALTH: The U.S. death toll from COVID-19 has hit one million, less than 2-1/2 years into the outbreak. The figure is based on data kept by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But experts say the real number of lives lost to COVID-19, either directly or indirectly, as a result the disruption of the health care system in the world's richest country, is believed to be far higher. In Oregon, 7,560 residents have died, including 541 in Lane County. Nationwide, three out of every four deaths were people 65 and older. More men died than women. White people made up most of the deaths overall. But Black, Hispanic and Native American people have been roughly twice as likely to die from COVID-19 as their white counterparts. Most deaths happened in urban areas, but rural places paid a heavy price at times in areas where opposition to masks and vaccinations ran high. The U.S. is averaging about 300 COVID-19 deaths per day, compared with a peak of about 3,400 a day in January 2021. New cases are on the rise again, climbing more than 60 percent over the past two weeks to an average of about 86,000 a day. That is still well below the all-time high of more than 800,000, reached when the omicron variant was raging during the winter. Experts say it's difficult for many to comprehend the sheer number of U.S. deaths. One million people is close to one-quarter of Oregon's population. It is the combined crowd at 19 Duck home football games. If you've been unaffected by the coronavirus, it's difficult for those numbers to translate. But on a personal level, for those who have lost loved ones, it is the empty seat at the dinner table, the loss of a parent or grandparent, a longtime employee or popular local business owner. For many, even grieving was interrupted by the pandemic, when there were few opportunities to hold memorials. Some of those left behind say they cannot return to normal. They replay their loved ones' voicemail messages. Or watch old videos to see them dance. When other people say they are done with the virus, they bristle with anger or ache in silence. / SAFETY, CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION: Another long weekend for members of the Eugene Police "Party Patrol." They say they dealt with multiple disorderly party incidents in the West University neighborhood. On Saturday afternoon, eight patrol officers responded to a large party of close to 100 people at a residence near 19th and Hilyard streets (1915 Hilyard) after multiple complaints from neighbors. While officers were contacting the party hosts, they say several glass bottles were thrown over the fence at them by members of a large group in the home's backyard. Over the weekend one person was arrested, and 64 others were</p>

issued citations in lieu of custody for various offenses. Most were in their late teens to early 20s, but a handful ranged in age from 46 to 55. Investigators say that, for a third weekend, some parents were present at the unruly gatherings and taking part in the festivities. Officers also said that as they conducted focused patrols in the area during the night, they repeatedly encountered highly vocal and derogatory groups of students. Officials say one unknown group in an upper-floor apartment near the intersection of 18th and Patterson Streets hurled objects, including eggs, at officers' patrol cars as they drove through the area. / CRIME: There's been an arrest in the case and Lane County sheriff's officials thank you for your tips. Investigators say they've recovered the agency's side-by-side ATV that was stolen during an early Saturday morning break-in at the U.S. Forest Service work center in Siltcoos, south of Florence. The Sheriff's Office ATV was being stored at the work center and was funded by the Oregon department of Parks and Recreation. The black-and-tan 2021 Can-Am Maverick 4-seater is used to respond to everything from dune safety patrols to crash response and search-and-rescue operations. / SPORTS: The Oregon Men's and Women's Track & Field teams swept the titles at the weekend Pac-12 Championships at Eugene's Hayward Field. The UO women amassed 167 points to take home their first team win since 2017, well ahead of runner-up Colorado (102.5). USC, the team that won the three previous Pac-12 women's titles — including last spring in Los Angeles — was fourth with 78 points. On the men's side, Oregon piled up 161 points to win a 15th straight team title. Washington took second with 105 points. The next stop on the Ducks' postseason journey is the NCAA West Preliminary on May 25-28 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Qualifiers will compete for spots in the NCAA Championships, which are being held on June 8-11 in Eugene. ; The Oregon softball team is headed to the NCAA Tournament for the 22nd time in program history. The Ducks will be in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to take on Wichita State in an opening round game Friday at 5:30 p.m. on ESPN+. Oregon is 31-17 overall and finished fifth in the Pac-12 at 10-14. This will be the first time Oregon and Wichita State (33-16 on the season) have met in the postseason and the first time they've met since 2009. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Prices at the gas pump are nearing \$5.00 per gallon across Oregon as concern continues about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the economic slowdown here in the U.S. In Lane County, a gallon of regular gasoline is averaging \$4.99 this morning, up 21 cents from this time last week. Diesel prices are averaging \$5.72 per gallon. While demand has decreased a bit, analysts with AAA—that automobile club—say volatile global crude oil prices are continuing to drive the increases at the pump. / CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, AGRICULTURE, WILDFIRES: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown on Friday declared a drought emergency in four more counties in the state, bringing the total to 15. The newly added counties are Douglas, Baker, Wallowa, and Wheeler counties. Previously designated counties included Deschutes, Klamath, Jackson, Crook, Jefferson, Gilliam, Morrow, Harney, Grant, Lake, and Malheur. Most are either in Southern, Central, or Eastern Oregon. Combined, they make up more than half of Oregon's land area. Drought emergency declarations allow state and local officials take steps to assist businesses and areas hardest hit by drought, but they also can add restrictions on water use where needed. Individuals and businesses may seek temporary relief measures, such as moving water rights, drilling emergency wells, and applying for government aid. Experts warn that extreme conditions are

likely to hurt local growers and livestock, increase the potential for wildfire, and decrease overall water supplies. The past few years in Oregon have been the state's third-driest on record. And this year, as the drought continues, Central and Southern Oregon are expected to experience the worst effects. Central Oregon especially is already in what experts say it "exceptional drought." They say that could make the region more vulnerable to reduced and warmer-than-normal streamflows—which can affect everything from irrigation and cattle-raising, power generation and fish migration, to summer recreation—and an increased risk of wildfires. Much of the problem is the general dryness of the Central Oregon landscape: after years of drought, moisture content in the top three feet of soil remains low. So even a drenching rain is not enough to fix things. The experts say Central Oregon would need to receive 150 to 200 percent or more of normal precipitation over next two months to offset those drought conditions. /

ELECTIONS: Ballots for Oregon's primary election begin being counted tomorrow night after the 8 p.m. deadline. Voters are deciding on their party's candidates in a U.S. Senate race, six Congressional races, and the gubernatorial race, as well as legislative, some county and local contests. The general election is set for November 8. Oregon and Lane County Elections officials said last week that early ballot returns were coming in slowly, but they expect many more to be dropped off over the weekend and today. Because this is a primary election featuring contests between members of the same political parties, only voters registered as Democrats cast ballots with Democratic candidates for partisan offices. Only voters registered as Republicans are casting ballots with Republican candidates for partisan offices. Voters not affiliated with a political party received ballots that include non-partisan races and any ballot issues for the districts in which they reside. In November, all voters will be able to cast ballots on all candidates regardless of political affiliation. You may return your ballot using the pre-stamped return envelope. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, May 17. You also may drop it off at any official drop box location listed in the insert that was included with your ballot. Drop boxes will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Learn more at www.oregonvotes.gov or by contacting Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234. / **GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORTATION,**

SAFETY: New data shows traffic deaths soaring in the U.S. and the Biden administration today announced \$5 billion in federal aid to cities and localities to address the growing crisis. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced the availability of money over five years under his department's new Safe Streets & Roads for All program. The goal is to spur cities to adopt detailed plans to reduce traffic deaths by slowing down cars, creating safer bike paths and wider sidewalks, and encouraging commuters to use public transit. Fatalities among pedestrians and cyclists are rising faster than those of people within vehicles. Roadway safety advocacy groups want communities to foster walkable neighborhoods. / **SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION:**

As our weather turns warmer and eventually drier, expect to see more motorcycle and moped riders on Oregon's roadways. The month of May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. State transportation officials remind drivers to watch for riders and encourage those on motorcycles and mopeds to stay safe. The Oregon Department of Transportation is displaying short messages on many of its variable message signs to promote awareness of riders and to encourage motorcyclists to ride in a predictable manner. In 2019, there were close to 2,500 fatal two-vehicle crashes

nationwide involving a motorcycle and another type of vehicle. In two-fifths of those crashes, the other vehicles were turning left while the motorcycles were going straight, passing, or overtaking other vehicles. Many drivers state during post-crash interviews said they simply did not see the motorcycle or moped rider. Many motorcyclists similarly said they did not realize the auto driver was turning or stopping. Drivers: Watch for motorcycles when driving – you "see" what you look for. This also works for "seeing" pedestrians and bicycle riders. Understand that it might be harder to determine if you have enough time to complete your turn in front of motorcycles because of their size and headlight configuration. Minimize distractions while driving: Divided attention reduces the likelihood of seeing motorcycles. Riders: Follow posted speeds and to ensure you leave enough space when following other vehicles to stop, if necessary. Maintain your lane position and following distance to enhance your visibility. Wear protective clothing that contrasts with your background and ensure that your headlight is on. Practice emergency stops. Ride within your own abilities. Always ride sober. Brush up on your riding skills! Team Oregon offers required classes for new riders and skills classes for those with riding experience. Learn more at <https://team-oregon.org/> /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES, CLIMATE, SAFETY: State experts say Oregon remains poised to see a potentially “challenging” wildfire season this summer, despite a wet and cool spring in much of Western Oregon. While the rain and snow have helped to push back a fire season that threatened to start as early as this month, much of the precipitation on the coast and in the Willamette Valley hasn’t made it to Central, Southern, and Eastern Oregon. Expanding drought conditions in those regions have set the stage for fires to spread rapidly later this summer. Mike Shaw, the fire chief with the Oregon Department of Forestry, says blazes in bone-dry areas will be very hard to suppress. Already, Governor Kate Brown has declared drought emergencies in 15 Oregon counties, the earliest the state has seen that level of water scarcity in recent history. She and wildfire experts say the prolonged drought, aggravated by climate change, has created a complex situation for fire crews. Lawmakers last year approved \$220 million for additional firefighting aircraft and the hiring of more wildland firefighters. Some of those crews will be deployed early to high-risk areas of the state to allow for a faster response. The Oregon National Guard is also preparing for emergency deployments, if needed. While some of Oregon’s biggest recent fires have been sparked by lightning, officials say many are human-caused and remind you to be cautious when you’re working and playing in fire-prone areas. Oregonians are also encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts through the state’s website, prepare a “go bag” should they need to evacuate, and take steps to protect their homes and businesses from wildfires and blowing embers. Already, other parts of the West have seen spring wildfires which have destroyed homes and forced rapid evacuations in New Mexico, Texas, Nebraska, and California. ; A new analysis finds one in every six Americans live in areas at significant risk for wildfires. It comes as homes and communities push into forest and other fire-prone areas, and prolonged drought and climate change alter the landscape and fuel increasingly destructive blazes. The risk model, created by the non-profit First Street Foundation, says that translates to 80 million properties. As more people move into rural areas and subdivisions at the edge of communities, experts say the risk will continue to grow. The most at-risk areas include California and much of the southern part of the country. A Washington Post analysis of the study finds 16 percent of the U.S. population lives in hazardous areas—27 percent in Oregon, Washington and California—but that over the next three decades that share along the West Coast will increase to one-third. / HEALTH, CHILDREN:</p>

U.S. regulators this morning authorized a COVID-19 vaccine booster for healthy children ages 5 to 11. Everyone 12 and older already was eligible for a booster dose that experts say provides strong protection against the newest variants of the coronavirus. Some people, including those 50 and older, already have received a second booster. Today's Food and Drug Administration's action opens a third overall dose for elementary-age kids, at least five months after their last dose. There is one more hurdle. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must decide whether to formally recommend the booster for this age group. ; The federal government is offering additional free COVID tests. Americans who already received their first two shipments of four free test kits—for a total of eight—may now order eight more. Go to <https://www.covidtests.gov> The kits will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. There is no shipping fee. Because the tests are free, you do not need to enter any payment information. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends at-home testing when people experience COVID-19 symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory symptoms, and muscle aches; after a potential COVID-19 exposure; or as part of test-to-stay protocols in schools and workplaces. ; The Biden administration has announced new steps to help ease the national shortage of infant formula, including allowing more imports from overseas. But neither step will have an immediate effect on tight supplies that have left many parents searching for formula online or in food banks. The U.S. will prioritize companies that can provide the largest shipments and quickly show documentation that their formulas are safe and compatible with U.S. nutrition standards. The temporary measure will last for six months. Officials say they also reached an agreement to restart a shuttered infant formula factory operated by Abbott—the largest in the U.S. The manufacturing facility was closed in February in a massive product safety recall over contamination. Four babies were hospitalized, two of whom died. The government is requiring Abbott to overhaul its safety protocols and procedures before resuming production, which Abbott officials say could take eight to ten weeks. But regulators say national industry data shows most U.S. stores, on average, still have 80 percent of their formula inventory in stock. They suggested some of the empty shelves seen in recent days may be due to panic buying by parents. The baby formula shortage has sparked a surge of interest among moms who want to donate breast milk to help bridge the supply gap as well as those seeking to keep their babies fed. It is a pathway that won't work for every formula-fed baby, especially those with special dietary needs, and it comes with challenges because milk banks prioritize feeding medically fragile infants. /

ELECTIONS: Ballots for Oregon's primary election begin being counted tonight after the 8 p.m. deadline. You may return your ballot using the pre-stamped return envelope. Ballots must be postmarked no later than today. The postmark allows those ballots to be counted up to one week after the election deadline under a law approved last year. You also may drop it off at any official drop box location listed in the insert that was included with your ballot. Drop boxes will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Learn more at www.oregonvotes.gov ; Today's Democratic primary for Oregon governor is serving as a test between the party's moderate and progressive wings set against a time of widespread frustration by some over the handling of the pandemic, the homelessness crisis, a lack of affordable housing, and increasing gun violence. The two leading candidates for the Oregon Democratic gubernatorial nomination are Tina Kotek, a staunch liberal

and former speaker of the state House, and Tobias Read, the state treasurer who has positioned himself as a centrist. Republicans will also nominate their standard-bearer in a state that hasn't seen a GOP governor in 35 years. / CRIME, HOUSING: Eugene Police say they've seen a recent uptick in reports of rental property scams. Investigators say they've been contacted by some would-be renters who say they paid a deposit and often the first month's rent on an apartment or home, only to discover the property they thought they were renting was not actually available—and that the person who placed the advertisement was not the home's owner nor the apartment's property manager. Scammers know that finding the right apartment or vacation rental can be hard work, and that a seemingly good deal is hard to pass up. They've been known to post fake advertisements on bulletin boards and websites, including vacation rental websites. Sometimes, they will copy a legitimate rental ad but post it with their email address or other contact information, then share the modified ad on another site. The altered ad might even use the name of the person who posted the original rental ad. In other cases, scammers have hijacked the email accounts of property owners on reputable vacation rental websites. Some rip-off artists make up listings for places that either are not for rent or do not exist. They'll try to lure you in with the promise of low rent or great amenities. Their goal is to get your money before you find out it's a scam. Often, they place Craig's List Ads advertising apartments or homes for rent at a low price. They ask for a deposit and/or the first month's rent upfront via an online payment service such as Zelle or PayPal or ask you to wire the money. They might even send you a bogus contract to sign. Police say anytime a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Anytime, someone asks you to wire money, it's a red flag. Police say wiring money is the same as sending cash — and that once you send it, you have no way to get it back. Some bogus landlords say they're out of the country but have an agent who can get you the keys when you arrive. Again, it's probably a scam. How do you protect yourself? Do your research. Physically tour the apartment or home before you rent. If you are renting in a new city, research the property management company and call the different numbers provided to make sure you are talking to that company, and not a scammer. If you can't visit an apartment or house yourself, ask someone you trust to go and confirm that it's for rent, and that it is what was advertised. In addition to setting up a meeting, do a search on the owner and listing. If you find the same ad listed under a different name, that's a clue it may be a scam. If you can't meet in person, see the apartment, or sign a lease before you pay, keep looking. There have been several reports of people who do the entire transaction online, up to and including showing up at an apartment where they are given a code to enter the building and actually tour the apartment. If you are renting an apartment, make sure you meet with the property manager or company representative in person to look at the apartment. How to Report Scams - If you find yourself the target of a rental scam, report it to your local law enforcement agency and to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/> You may also file a complaint with the website where the ad was posted. / CRIME: There's been an arrest in the case and Lane County sheriff's officials thank you for your tips. They've recovered the agency's side-by-side ATV that was stolen during an early Saturday morning break-in at the U.S. Forest Service work center in Siltcoos, south of Florence. Investigators say on Sunday they received a call from a citizen indicating that they had observed two

males attempting to use a Can-Am side-by-side ATV to get a suspicious truck unstuck from the sand near the Chapman sand road south of Florence. The caller texted a picture of the ATV, which matched the description of the stolen side-by-side. Law enforcement converged on the area and located the pickup and a suspect, 29-year-old Jessy Anthony Robles. The truck was confirmed to be stolen and Robles was taken into custody. Around this time, another citizen called to report that they had seen someone driving the stolen ATV in the area. A helicopter crew from the US Coast Guard Sector North Bend spotted the stolen ATV abandoned in a brushy area nearby. The Sheriff's Office ATV was being stored at the work center and was funded by the Oregon department of Parks and Recreation. The black-and-tan 2021 Can-Am Maverick 4-seater is used to respond to everything from dune safety patrols to crash response and search-and-rescue operations. ; Investigators are seeking witnesses to a double-fatal crash that occurred Saturday afternoon on U.S. Highway 20 near Sweet Home. They're hoping other drivers might have seen either the crash or the suspect vehicle immediately preceding the collision. The suspect vehicle is a red Mazda 3. The incident occurred on Highway 20 near Milepost 23 and Liberty Road around 4:45 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Preliminary investigation indicates the red Mazda 3, operated by 33-year-old Robert Prettyman of Brownsville, swerved across all lanes of traffic onto the westbound shoulder and then swerved back into the eastbound lanes. There, the vehicle collided head-on with a silver Nissan Versa driven by a man who was trying to avoid the oncoming Mazda. Instead, the Mazda slammed into the vehicle carrying 79-year-old Carl Curtis and his passenger, 73-year-old Yvonne Levy, both of whom died from their injuries. Prettyman was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. A four-year-old child that was a passenger in Prettyman's car was hospitalized with critical injuries. Oregon State Police say impairment is being investigated as a contributing factor in the collision. Have leads or dashcam video of the crash or the Mazda ahead of the collision? Contact the Oregon State Police Dispatch Center at 800-442-0776 or OSP (677) from your mobile phone. Reference Case number SP22-113804. ; Lane County Sheriff's deputies, assisted by Eugene Police, took a wanted subject into custody in a parking lot at Spencer Butte Park, it came after calls from a South Willamette Street location about a woman who was in the park waving a gun around and pointing it at her head. Officials say 39-year-old Shelly Ann Reed was arrested after a brief search during which she disappeared into nearby brush. They secured a BB gun that was in her possession. Reed was jailed on the old warrant and a new charge of Disorderly Conduct. / CRIME, COURTS, LEGAL: Some criminal defendants in Oregon who have gone without public defenders for weeks have filed a lawsuit against the state claiming a violation of their constitutional rights. The complaint, which seeks a class-action status, was filed in Portland on Monday comes as state lawmakers and the Office of Public Defense Services struggle to address a huge shortage of public defenders. The system, which provides attorneys for criminal defendants who cannot afford them, was underfunded and understaffed before the pandemic. But a significant slowdown in the courts during the pandemic pushed Oregon to a breaking point as a backlog of cases flooded courts. In January, Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Martha Walters made the unusual request of asking members of the Oregon State Bar to take on clients in need of public defense. Walters also has asked the governor and legislative leaders to convene a summit to address the crisis. The Sixth

Amendment of the U.S. Constitution affords people charged with crimes an attorney provided by the state if they cannot afford their own. But Walters says cases cannot be heard unless a defendant has an attorney and legal experts say several hundred people are in custody without representation. Walters says legal representation is “a very basic and fundamental right that Oregon is struggling to accommodate.” Multnomah County’s district attorney said last month the justice system is “nearing the point of breakage” and that in recent weeks dozens of criminal cases had to be dismissed in Portland. /

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DISCUSSED ELECTIONS: The ballots are being counted from Oregon's primary election. Some results are clear-cut, some outcomes won't be certain for days.

In statewide contests:

- Thirty-four candidates declared for Oregon's gubernatorial primary. Former Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek (KOH'-tehk) has won the Democratic primary by a wide margin over state Treasurer Tobias Read. Kotek is a staunch liberal, while Read campaigned as a centrist. Former House Republican leader Christine Drazan has the lead over Bob Tiernan in the GOP primary. Incumbent Kate Brown is leaving office because of term limits. Oregon has not elected a Republican governor in 35 years. Former democratic lawmaker Betsy Johnson is running as an unaffiliated candidate in November.
- Christina Stephenson has a wide lead over the rest of a crowded field for state Labor Commissioner but unless she collects 50 percent of the vote might be in a fall runoff with Cheri Helt.
- Darlene Ortega appears the clear winner in the voting for the contested seat on the Oregon Court of Appeals over challenger Vance Day.

In the federal races:

- Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden easily won his party's primary in a bid for another term. He will face either Republican Jo Rae Perkins or Darin Harbick. Perkins has a slim lead after the first night of counting.
- In the Fourth Congressional District, acting state labor commissioner and former Oregon lawmaker Val Hoyle of Eugene easily won the Democratic primary to replace longtime incumbent Peter DeFazio, who is retiring after this term. She'll face Alek Skarlatos, who ran unopposed in the Republican primary.
- In the redrawn 5th Congressional District, incumbent Kurt Schraeder is trailing primary challenger Jamie McLeod-Skinner by a wide margin. Lori

Chavez-Deremer has the lead in the GOP contest. Printing mistakes in Clackamas County, southeast of Portland, could delay final results in the 5th Congressional District for days. About half the ballots sent to voters in Clackamas County, southeast of Portland, included a blurry bar code that cannot be easily read by ballot-scanning machines. Clackamas County is Oregon's third-largest county.

In legislative primaries:

- Not a lot of contested races in Lane County for spots in the Oregon Legislature.
 - Republican Alan Stout appears the winner of the Republican primary for House District 7 and will meet Democrat John Lively in November.
 - In House District 12, which includes parts of Lane and Linn counties, Charlie Conrad has a narrow lead over Nicole De Graff in the GOP primary for a chance to meet Democrat Michelle Emmons in the general election.
 - And in House District 14, it looks like Republican Stan Stubblefield has won his primary and will face Democrat Julie Fahey in November.

In countywide races:

- There were three contests for seats on the Lane County Board of Commissioners. If a candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, they'll appear unopposed on the November ballot. Otherwise, the top two advance.
 - David Loveall (LOVE-all) has a slim lead over Joe Berney for the Springfield position.
 - Heather Buch (say: buck) has an edge so far over Kyle Blain for the East Lane seat.
 - And Ryan Ceniga is the early leader over Dawn Lesley as they continue counting the ballots for the West Lane Commissioner's spot.
- In the race for Lane County Assessor, Mary Vuksich-Shafer is the leader over Faith Bowsby.

In local contests:

- There was one contested seat among the Eugene City Council races. In Ward Four, Jennifer Yeh (say: yay) has the early lead over Jennifer Solomon.
- There was one contested seat among the Springfield City Council races. In Ward Four, Victoria Doyle is leading Mark Molina.

In local ballot measures:

- Three local rural fire protection districts—Junction City, Coburg, and Dexter—asked voters to renew their operating levies. All three are passing.

It could take one week to finalize some election contests. Under a new law Oregonians who mailed their ballots in time to receive Tuesday's postmark may have them counted, as long as they arrive within seven days of the election.

Voters in three more Oregon counties weighed measures connected to the Greater Idaho movement.

- Douglas County voters are turning down the proposal, 42 percent "yes" to 57 percent "no."
- Josephine County voters also are rejecting it, 45 percent "yes" to 54 percent "no."
- But on the east side of the mountains, Klamath County voters are supporting the proposal, 56 percent to 43 percent. It would join eight other Eastern Oregon counties that have approved the advisory vote.

The county measures call for their officials to study or promote joining Idaho. But such changes would require approval by both the Oregon and Idaho legislatures as well as Congress.

The effort has gained traction in a number of rural Oregon counties—plus a few in northern California. Supporters argue they would be better served by Idaho's more conservative politics.

Oregon elections officials say turnout has been relatively low this primary election, despite plenty of interest by candidates in several key races. Statewide, turnout is running just a hair above 31 percent.

Here in Lane County, it's only a bit higher at 32 percent, roughly 88,000 active voters so far this election out of 272,000 registered.

Some eligible ballots that received yesterday's Election-day postmark will continue to arrive over the next few days, which could boost the numbers a bit.

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDLIFE, HEALTH: Highly contagious avian flu has been detected in wild birds in Eugene and elsewhere in the southern Willamette Valley. And more domestic poultry have tested positive for the virus. Officials with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife say the risk to human health is low. But they encourage you to protect our local wild and domestic birds: Do not feed wild waterfowl. Protect your poultry. Experts say several Canada goose goslings collected from Eugene's Alton Baker Park tested positive for avian influenza. They suspect the goslings are part of a larger outbreak because additional sick and dead waterfowl have been observed at the park. A red-tailed hawk from Eugene and an osprey collected last week from near Dorena Reservoir, east of Cottage Grove, also tested positive. These cases mark the first known detections of the new avian flu strain in wild birds in Oregon. Earlier this month, the first Oregon case in a backyard poultry flock was confirmed in Linn County and one additional case was confirmed in Lane County. The risk of this strain of avian flu to human health is low, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The only known human case involving infection and illness was someone involved in the culling of presumptively infected poultry at a commercial farm in Colorado. But with the detections this week, experts say it's important to avoid close contact with waterfowl such as ducks and geese this spring and summer. Feeding waterfowl causes birds to cluster as they seek food. That allows the disease to spread more easily between the birds. If you see sick or dead wild birds, do not collect or handle them but report the incident directly to the ODFW at 866-968-2600 or Wildlife.Health@odfw.oregon.gov. State fish and wildlife staff will be conducting surveillance and collecting and testing sick and dead wild birds to monitor for the presence of the disease. It's also important to note that at this time Oregon's wildlife rehabilitators are not accepting sick ducks and geese in order to protect their other avian patients and the educational birds they have in their care. If you have domesticated backyard birds such as poultry, keep your birds separated from wild birds—especially waterfowl. If you have poultry that appears sick or has died of respiratory or neurological disease call 503-986-4711 or 1-800-347-7028. For more tips visit the Oregon Department of Agriculture website at https://oda.direct/AI or en español at https://oda.direct/AIESP. Turkey hunting season is currently open in Oregon, and it is possible for turkeys to become infected with avian flu. Waterfowl hunting seasons begin in fall and run through January. The risk of the disease spreading to a hunter is low, but hunters should</p>

always wear gloves, thoroughly sanitize equipment that comes into contact with wild birds, cook birds to an internal temperature of 165 degrees, and never consume a bird that appears sick or is found dead. This strain of avian flu is not known to be a threat to songbirds, but experts encourage you to keep your bird feeders clean and take them down if you see sick or dead birds near your feeder or in your neighborhood. The current avian flu outbreak has infected and killed birds in 40 states and ten Canadian provinces, leading to the destruction of close to 40 million chickens, ducks, and turkeys at commercial farms as well as home flocks. While wildlife managers have seen isolated cases of wild bird deaths, they have not measured significant outbreaks among specific populations. Experts with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife do not expect the disease to have a significant impact on the waterfowl population in the Pacific flyway that includes Oregon.

/ CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, SAFETY: President Biden has invoked the Defense Production Act to speed domestic production of infant formula. Biden's order requires suppliers of key formula ingredients to prioritize delivery to formula producers. The president also authorized flights to import infant formula supply from overseas. Officials also reached an agreement to restart a shuttered infant formula factory operated by Abbott Nutrition—the largest in the U.S. The manufacturing facility was closed in February in a massive product safety recall over contamination. Four babies were hospitalized, two of whom died. Supplies of baby formula across the country have been severely curtailed in recent weeks after the safety-related shutdown of Abbott's Michigan manufacturing plant that was tied to illness among infants. Four babies were hospitalized, two of whom died. The loss of products from the Abbott facility—which included formula sold under the brand names Similac and EleCare, aggravated supply chain disruptions among other formula makers, leaving fewer options on store shelves and increasingly anxious parents struggling to find nutrition for their children. Earlier this week, the Food and Drug Administration announced it was streamlining its review process to make it easier for foreign manufacturers to begin shipping more formula into the U.S. Regulators this week also reached agreement on allowing Abbott Nutrition to restart its shuttered Michigan plant, provided the company overhaul its safety procedures before resuming production at the facility. For now, pediatricians and health workers are urging parents who cannot find formula to contact food banks or doctor's offices. They warn against watering down formula to stretch supplies or using online do-it-yourself recipes, saying that can harm infant's health and development. For babies who are not being breastfed, experts remind parents that formula is the only thing they eat. That means the formula must contain all of their nutrition and needs to be properly prepared so that it is safe for the smallest infants. Baby formula is particularly vulnerable to disruptions because just a handful of companies account for almost the entire U.S. supply. Industry executives say the constraints began last year as the COVID-19 pandemic led to disruptions in ingredients, labor and transportation. Supplies were further squeezed by parents stockpiling during lockdowns, followed by Abbott's recall.

/ HEALTH: Federal health officials say COVID-19 cases are increasing in the United States — and could get even worse over the coming months. Yesterday, they urged officials in areas hardest hit by the latest wave of the virus to consider reissuing calls for indoor masking. Experts with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say about one-third of all Americans live in areas currently considered at higher risk

— mostly in the Northeast and Midwest. But they say Americans elsewhere should also take notice because cases and hospitalizations are rising in many other states and communities. The omicron variant and its subvariants continue to be much more contagious than earlier versions of COVID, even though vaccination and new treatments have greatly reduced the risk of hospitalization and death. They continue to urge Americans to receive booster doses and reminded older adults they are eligible for a second booster. Yesterday, CDC officials noted a 26 percent increase in cases nationwide over the past week. Hospitalizations also are rising, up 19 over the past seven days. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority said yesterday that they've seen similar trends. But they add hospitalizations remain far lower than they were during last year's Delta surge and the Omicron surge at the start of the year. Last week in Portland, Multnomah County health officials encouraged people to mask indoors as a precaution. Dr. Dean Sidelinger with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday encouraged Oregonians to avoid holding indoor gatherings and instead move them outside. He also suggested those with underlying health conditions or are immunocompromised contact their health care provider now to ensure they have a way to quickly be tested and treated should they become infected. Sidelinger says he thinks we're now to a point in the pandemic where anyone who is out and about and working or socializing with others will likely be exposed to COVID. But he says we can take steps such as masking and vaccination to avoid that exposure turning into an infection. He says it's up to individuals to assess their own risk, both at home and in their activities, work, and school, then take steps to reduce that risk. ; Last week, White House COVID-19 coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha warned in an interview with The Associated Press the U.S. will be increasingly vulnerable to the coronavirus this fall and winter if Congress doesn't swiftly approve new funding for more vaccines and treatments. He added the U.S. was already falling behind other nations in securing supplies of the next generation of COVID-19 vaccines and said that the domestic manufacturing base of at-home tests is already drying up as demand drops off. Jha said domestic test manufacturers have started shuttering lines and laying off workers, and in the coming weeks will begin to sell off equipment and prepare to exit the business of producing tests entirely unless the U.S. government has money to purchase more tests, like the hundreds of millions it has sent out for free to requesting households this year. That would leave the U.S. reliant on other countries for testing supplies, risking shortages during a surge. The pandemic is now 2 1/2 years old. And the U.S. has seen — depending how you count them — five waves of COVID-19 during that time, with the later surges driven by mutated versions of the coronavirus. A fifth wave occurred mainly in December and January, caused by the omicron variant. / ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT: Increased tax revenues are now predicted to deliver a record “kicker” rebate of \$3 billion to taxpayers in 2024. State economists say Oregon's income tax receipts this filing season are adding \$2.3 billion to general fund revenue compared with just three months ago. But the state's unique “kicker” tax rebate would return much of the money to taxpayers. Analysts say there will be \$427 million more for state lawmakers to spend in the 2023-2025 biennium budget. Oregon's current two-year general fund and lottery budget is \$29.3 billion, according to the Legislative Fiscal Office. State Economist Mark McMullen on Wednesday called the latest revenue outlook for the state's two-year budget cycle “nothing short of

shocking." / **EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS:** Oregon's unemployment rate edged down to 3.7 percent in April, from 3.8 percent in March, reaching its lowest level in more than two years. The rate is now close to Oregon's record low of 3.4 percent which occurred in each of the four months of November 2019 through February 2020. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.6 percent in both March and April 2022. Throughout the past two years, Oregon and the nation have experienced similar trends as their economies and labor markets have recovered from the pandemic recession. Both saw their unemployment rates spike to unusual highs of more than 13 percent by April 2020, followed by a drop to below 7 percent six months later. For the past 21 months, Oregon's unemployment rate has been within a half percentage point of the U.S. unemployment rate. Payroll employment trends have also been similar for Oregon and the U.S., with both losing roughly 14 percent of payroll jobs between February and April 2020, then recovering roughly a third of those jobs three months later, followed by a more gradual recovery leading up to April 2022. However, Oregon has slightly lagged the U.S. jobs recovery overall, with the U.S. adding back 95 percent of jobs lost during the pandemic-induced recession, while Oregon has only recovered 88 percent of the jobs. In April, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 4,200 jobs, following a revised gain of 7,000 jobs in March. Over-the-month gains were largest in Health Care and Social Assistance (+1,800 jobs); Manufacturing (+1,300); and Professional and Business Services (+1,300). The only major industry to cut at least 1,000 jobs was Other Services (-1,000 jobs). The Professional and Business services sector has grown rapidly and consistently over the past two years. In April, employment reached 261,700, another record high for the industry. Recent revisions to the job tallies boosted the past six months' employment upward by about 3,000 above original estimates. / **WILDLIFE, COURTS, ENVIRONMENT:** A federal judge has ruled the Trump administration acted illegally in 2020 when it withdrew an earlier proposal to list as threatened a hen-sized bird found only in the high desert along the California-Nevada line. It's the latest development in the on-again, off-again protection of the bi-state sage grouse under the Endangered Species Act over the past two decades. Greater sage grouse live in 12 western states, including Oregon, California and Nevada. Bistate grouse are found only along the Sierra's eastern front. Threats to the survival of both include urbanization, livestock grazing and wildfires. U.S. District Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley in San Francisco said Monday the agency erroneously concluded in 2020 that the ground-dwelling bird "is not likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future." She reinstated the Fish and Wildlife Service's original 2013 listing proposal for the bi-state grouse and ordered the agency to issue a new final listing decision. The bird's population is estimated to total about 3,300. It stretches from Carson City to Yosemite National Park. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SPORTS: The Oregon high school track and field state championships continue today and tomorrow at Eugene's Hayward Field. The event opened yesterday and draws student competitors from across the state. They're enjoying improving spring weather for the final days of competition. Today's events begin at 9 a.m. / RECREATION, SAFETY: A couple of spring recreation notes as we head for a stretch of sunny weather: After a wet and cooler April, you'll find mud on a lot of unpaved roads and trails in some remote areas and snow in some of the higher elevations. Check road conditions before you go. And if you're heading for the mountains, remember that you should not rely on GPS routes along many forest roads. Some are closed either by snow or continuing public closures after the last two years of wildfires. Also, as cleanup and removal of hazard trees continues in some of the 2020 and 2021 wildfire zones, more forest roads are reopening to the public. That means you can once again access some of the unburned recreation sites that were within the closure areas. But other sites remain off-limits for now for your protection—especially in burn zones. If you're heading to the coast for the Florence rhododendron festival or just to enjoy the beach, remember to stay safe: Watch for incoming tides and sneaker waves. And never play on logs in or near the surf. It takes very little seawater to float them and cause them to roll. A lot of us are heading to rivers and streams. Air temperatures are warmer, but water temperatures remain chilly and river currents remain strong. Use caution, assess the safety of a waterway before you launch, wear a life jacket, and let someone know where you're heading and when you'll return. / CRIME: It is a potentially deadly substance that is increasingly showing up in drugs on the street. Eugene Police say members of their Street Crimes Unit and other law enforcement agents this month arrested two people and seized more than 11,000 suspected fentanyl pills at a residence in the 27000 block of Royal Avenue. For safety reasons, the pills were taken for testing at a crime lab. Experts say fentanyl increasingly in present in counterfeit pills being sold as other drugs, but that buyers often don't realize what they're purchasing and risk overdose and death. Police also say they recovered more than six pounds of methamphetamine, more than one pound of heroin, and more than a pound of cocaine. Rough estimates put the wholesale value of the drugs at \$95,000. Law enforcement also seized suspected stolen items and a firearm. Two residents were arrested in the case: 38-year-old Joe Anthony Harker and 27-year-old Shayla Kay Lawray Bennett. The investigation began in March. ; Lane County sheriff's officials say they've made a second arrest</p>

in the theft of the agency's side-by-side ATV. The rig was stolen during an early Saturday morning break-in at the U.S. Forest Service work center in Siltcoos, south of Florence and recovered, thanks to tips from an alert member of the public, the next day. 26-year-old Denver Timothy Bell was taken into custody Wednesday afternoon. He and another suspect in the case, 29-year-old Jessy Anthony Robles, face multiple charges. The Sheriff's Office ATV was being stored at the work center and was funded by the Oregon department of Parks and Recreation. The black-and-tan 2021 Can-Am Maverick 4-seater is used to respond to everything from dune safety patrols to crash response and search-and-rescue operations. / WILDLIFE, HEALTH: It's shaped a bit like a shield and stretches north of much of Interstate 105 to couple of miles northeast of Coburg; north of West 6th Avenue and east of Highway 99 to the southern edge of Harrisburg. On the heels of this week's news that highly contagious avian flu has been detected in wild birds and some domestic poultry in Lane and Linn counties, the Oregon Department of Agriculture is taking steps to limit its spread. Officials yesterday issued a regional quarantine for all avian species—including chickens, ducks, and geese—for an area extending several miles around locations where infected wild or domestic birds have been found. This intent is to prevent the movement of poultry from within the area long enough to allow state and federal officials to ensure no additional cases of avian influenza are present. The quarantine also applies to importation of all birds from other states where a state or federal quarantined area already exists. Organizers of events involving birds must immediately inform the Oregon State Veterinarian of any scheduled events. Additionally, they must share the new rules with the event exhibitors and vendors. See a map of the quarantine area and check whether your address is included at <https://bit.ly/3Numllh> Earlier this week, several Canada goose goslings collected from Eugene's Alton Baker Park tested positive for avian influenza. Experts suspect the goslings are part of a larger outbreak. They say additional sick and dead waterfowl were observed at the park. A red-tailed hawk from Eugene and an osprey collected last week from near Dorena Reservoir, east of Cottage Grove, also tested positive. The cases mark the first known detection of the new avian flu strain in wild birds in Oregon. Earlier this month, the first Oregon case in a backyard poultry flock was confirmed in Linn County and one additional case was confirmed in Lane County. Officials with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife say the risk to human health is low. But they encourage you to protect our local wild and domestic birds. Avoid close contact with waterfowl such as ducks and geese this spring and summer. Feeding waterfowl causes birds to cluster as they seek food. That allows the disease to spread more easily between the birds. If you have domesticated backyard birds such as poultry, keep your birds separated from wild birds—especially waterfowl. If you see sick or dead wild birds, do not collect or handle them but report the incident directly to the ODFW at 866-968-2600 or Wildlife.Health@odfw.oregon.gov If you have poultry that appears sick or has died of respiratory or neurological disease Contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY, EDUCATION: It has been 20 months since the Holiday Farm Fire roared down much of the McKenzie Valley. But in its wake, a group of Lane County students stepped up to help residents working to rebuild. Next month, the Lane Education Service District's Career Technical Education program is celebrating everyone who's taken part in the "Sheds of Hope" effort. Sheds of Hope brought together students and

volunteer instructors from local construction and architecture firms to build temporary secure storage sheds. McKenzie Valley residents are using them to store everything from tools and materials to other items. The students from across Lane County completed 54 sheds during the past year-and-a-half. Other volunteer groups completed a similar number. On June 17, Lane ESD is holding an appreciation BBQ for all Sheds of Hope builders, donors and volunteers. ; Some high school students from across the county today are taking part in the 2022 Lane Fire School. The event provides participants with a better understanding of wildland fire, its role and effects on Oregon's landscape, forestry, agriculture, and natural resources. Students participate in hands-on activities, watch demonstrations, participate in panel discussions, and learn about the people who manage and battle wildfires and the tools they use. It's a chance to learn more about careers, educational opportunities, and certifications in the field of managing wildland fires. The event is being held at the Northwest Youth Corps facility in Eugene and brings together federal, state, local, and natural resource partners along with environmental organizations and private wildland fire contractors. / CLIMATE, WEATHER, ENVIRONMENT: Drought is expected to impact much of the Pacific Northwest this summer. A group of climatology and water experts say that reinforces concerns about the snowpack and streamflow situation for Central, Eastern, and Southern Oregon. Oregon recorded above-normal precipitation levels and below-normal temperatures in April. That increased snowpack in some areas, especially in Northwestern Oregon. But state climatology experts predict it could be warmer and drier than normal across much of the state during the summer months. But they say a reoccurrence of last summer's deadly "heat dome" is unlikely. The Northwest recorded record high temperatures in late June and early July 2021. Recent precipitation in the Northwest has postponed the start of the fire season, but experts with the Northwest Area Fire Coordination Council say wildfire potential remains above-normal. Much of that is driven by long-term drought conditions—especially in Central Oregon—and projections of warmer and drier weather in coming months. Analysts say as summer arrives, those concerns will expand to Southwestern Oregon. / HEALTH, CHILDREN, SAFETY: U.S. health advisers have given final approval to a booster dose of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for kids ages 5 to 11. Health advisors with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention quickly signed off on the advice yesterday. The decision makes available a third COVID-19 dose to healthy elementary-age children. Third "booster" doses already are recommended for Americans ages 12 and older. Regulators say the booster dose may be given five months after a youngsters' last shot. ; The U.S. Senate has approved a bill aimed at easing the baby formula shortage for families participating in a government assistance program known as WIC. The U.S. House passed the bill one day earlier. It now goes to the president to be signed into law. The WIC program accounts for about half of all formula purchases in the U.S. The vouchers generally may only be used to purchase one brand of infant formula—a process which encourages the manufacturer to offer big discounts to secure a state's business. This bill makes it possible for families to redeem the WIC vouchers for whichever formula brand is available. ; The Food and Drug Administration's commissioner says a shuttered baby formula factory could be up and running by next week. FDA Commissioner Robert Califf faced congressional anger Thursday for not answering questions about whether his agency should

have intervened earlier at the Michigan plant tied to a national formula shortage. Members of a House subcommittee questioned Califf about why the FDA didn't step in when there were signs of problems at Abbott Nutrition's plant last fall before it was closed. The shortage has rattled parents and become a political headwind for President Joe Biden, who's invoked the Defense Production Act to ease supply. Califf asked lawmakers for new food safety funding. / MILITARY, VETERANS, EVENTS: Southeast of Portland, the Oregon Military Museum at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas is opening its Historic Park to the public tomorrow (Saturday, May 21) as part of Armed Forces Day. The Oregon Military Museum honors, shares, and preserves Oregon's military heritage and legacy, including that of the Oregon National Guard, the state's early militias, and all branches of the US Armed Forces. For the first time in over a decade, visitors may tour two historic buildings including the Quartermaster Storehouse, with its walk-through interpretive center, and the Battery-A Field Artillery Horse Barn, which includes a collection of Japanese and American artillery. The outdoor park features four historic tanks. The museum will be open to the public Thursdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and admission is free. Members of the Oregon National Guard and Oregon Military Department service members, employees, and their families are invited to Camp Withycombe today for a sneak peek. For Saturday's Opening Day events, military reenactors are offering visitors a look at Vietnam War-era military vehicles and display tents. Camp Withycombe is located off Interstate 205 just north of Oregon City, at 15300 SE Minuteman Way, Clackamas, OR 97015. Learn more at oregonmilitarymuseum.org or call 503-683-5359. / ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: The federal government is investing in machines that can pull massive amounts of carbon dioxide out of the air. It's hoped they can reduce damage from climate change. Officials with the U.S. Department of Energy said Thursday they're sending \$3.5 billion to groups developing direct air capture and other technologies that remove carbon dioxide. Large quantities of the greenhouse gas in Earth's atmosphere contribute to global warming. Climate scientists there already is too much human-caused carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to prevent dangerous rises in global temperatures. But they hope a combination of curbing greenhouse emissions and removing some of the excess CO2 will help blunt the effects. Companies such as Carbon Engineering and Climeworks are building direct air capture facilities that use giant fans to pull carbon dioxide out of the air and store it underground, or capture it to make synthetic fuel, soft drinks or concrete. But the facilities already in operation remove just a tiny fraction of the carbon dioxide that scientists say is necessary to make a difference. Developers are hoping the federal government's investment can help boost an industry that needs to scale. The investment will help build four large-scale regional direct air capture hubs and a network of projects that each have the capacity to remove one million tons of carbon dioxide annually. Scientists involved with the projects say the facilities would run on renewable energy, drawing power from integrated solar panels or wind turbines. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Gas prices continue to climb amid global and national economic uncertainty. Here in Lane County, the average price of regular-grade gasoline is up to \$5.16 per gallon this morning. That's an increase of 17 cents from one week ago. One year ago, gas was an average \$3.37 at the pump. Diesel prices stand at an average \$5.73 per gallon. But that's only one cent higher than last week's average price. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey says the price jump comes amid higher crude oil costs and tight gasoline supplies. Nationwide, the highest average price for regular-grade gas is in the San Francisco Bay Area, at \$6.20 per gallon. The lowest average is in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at \$3.92 per gallon. ; This weekend marks the official start of the summer travel season. Despite higher prices, many Americans are planning long trips now that pandemic restrictions have eased. Many will travel by air. If you're headed for an airport this summer, officials with the Transportation Security Administration remind you to: Pack smart; start with empty bags. Airline passengers who pack for travel with empty bags are less likely to bring prohibited items through a TSA checkpoint. Check for prohibited items by using the "What Can I Bring?" page at TSA.gov Airports, like highways, have high traffic surges and construction delays. Arrive at the airport in plenty of time for check in, checking bags, and completing security screening in time. At the TSA checkpoint, have valid ID ready. Enroll in TSA PreCheck, which allows airline passengers to avoid removing shoes, belts, liquids, food, laptops and light jackets at the security checkpoints. Most new enrollees receive their Known Traveler Number within five days, and membership lasts for five years. In April, 94 percent of TSA PreCheck passengers waited less than 5 minutes at the checkpoint. Also, TSA officials say while face masks are optional, they are recommended for passengers ages two and older in indoor public transportation areas and hubs to protect you from COVID exposure and infection. / SPORTS: After a full weekend of the state high school track and field championships, another big competition is headed for Hayward Field on Friday evening and all day on Saturday. The annual Pre Classic attracts elite competitors from across the country. As Eugene-Springfield prepares to host the World Athletics Championship in July, there are a number of other signature events coming to Hayward Field over the next two months. In June, Hayward Field hosts the NCAA Championships, the Nike Outdoor Nationals, and the USA Track & Field Championships. The World Athletics Championships and the "Oregon22" celebration take place July 15-24. / CRIME,</p>

SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT: Another busy Friday and Saturday night for members of the Eugene Police Department's "Party Patrol." Officers cited 40 people in lieu of custody for infractions ranging from Prohibited Noise to Open Container as well as Minor In Possession of Alcohol. Most of those cited ranged in age from 18 to 22, but two were in their late 20s, one person was in their late 30s, and another was 40. Police say they used an "education first" approach as they responded to various locations with the assistance of the University of Oregon Police Department. The overtime patrols piggybacked on outreach efforts earlier Friday to off-campus student residences by the U-of-O's Dean of Students, Community Relations and UO PD. One of the locations, 1915 Hilyard Street, was the site of a police response for a similar loud noise complaint the previous weekend. Eugene's Social Host Ordinance on Unruly Gatherings holds individuals criminally responsible for hosting, organizing and allowing an unruly event or social gathering. Eugene's Municipal Court has assigned a base fine of \$375 for criminal violations of this ordinance. Additionally, property owners where the event is hosted may also be penalized if there are multiple violations of this ordinance. Both hosts and property owners may be civilly liable for police, fire and public works response costs that fall under this ordinance, at an estimated cost of \$800 per incident. Property owners where tenants were issued citations under this ordinance will receive letters in the coming days notifying them of activity at their property, as well as their potential obligation for subsequent events. Learn more at <https://www.eugene-or.gov/2373/Party-Safe-Party-Responsibly/>

BUSINESS, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: A Springfield restaurant that became a flashpoint over pandemic restrictions has lost its liquor license, according to officials with the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission. Members of the OLCC board last week voted to accept an administrative law judge's decision to cancel the license. Along Came Trudy kept its doors open when Lane County and 14 other Oregon counties returned to Extreme Risk COVID-19 last spring. Those restrictions included a shutdown of indoor dining, forcing restaurants that remained open to focus on outdoor dining, takeout, and delivery. But operators of Along Came Trudy defied state COVID-19 guidelines, continuing meal serviced and hosting a large indoor dinner and dancing event when those tighter restrictions went back into effect. In February of 2021, restaurant owner Trudy Logan was cited by Oregon OSHA for willfully continuing to violate public health orders, potentially exposing workers to the coronavirus, and fined more than \$9,200. Two weeks later, Logan was nominated by some of her peers for a Springfield Chamber of Commerce "Business Person of the Year" award. An additional \$42,000 OSHA fine was levied in July of 2021. /

SPORTS, ECONOMY: The Pac-12 Conference suffered a 36 percent decrease in revenue for the 2020-21 fiscal year due in large part to pandemic-related cancellations in football and basketball. The conference announced it had total revenues of \$344 million and distributions to member schools of \$238 million. The \$19.8 million payouts per school represented a drop of 41 percent from the previous year. The Pac-12 said the drop-offs stemmed from decreases in media rights and postseason bowl revenues due to game cancellations, lower event revenue with no fans and increases in costs for COVID-19 health and safety protocols. / **CHILDREN, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT:** A military plane carrying enough infant formula for more than half a million baby bottles arrived yesterday in Indianapolis. It's the first of several flights expected from Europe aimed at easing a shortage that has some

parents scrambling to find enough formula to feed their infants. President Biden authorized the use of Air Force planes for the effort since no commercial flights were available. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack was in Indianapolis for the first shipment, which the White House says contained 78,000 pounds of baby formula. A White House official told CNN yesterday's flight and other administration actions should get more formula in stores "as early as this week." ; Pfizer says three small doses of its COVID-19 vaccine protect children under age five and that it plans to give the data to U.S. regulators later this week. It's the latest step toward allowing vaccinations for the nation's littlest youngsters. An estimated 18 million American children are under age five. They are the only group in the U.S. not yet eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. The Food and Drug Administration has begun evaluating data from rival Moderna. That company hopes to offer two kid-sized shots by summer. The FDA has set tentative dates next month for its scientific advisers to publicly debate data from Pfizer and Moderna. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: The White House is planning for what it calls "dire" contingencies that could include rationing supplies of vaccines and treatments this fall if Congress doesn't approve more money for fighting COVID-19. Biden administration officials have been warning for weeks that the country has spent nearly all the money approved for COVID-19 response. The administration faces critical decisions about how to spend what's left. It's weighing whether to use it to secure the next generation of vaccines to protect the highest risk populations or to prioritize highly effective therapies to reduce the risks of severe illness and death. Rationing could expose even the most vulnerable to shortages. /

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and not reporting their infections. Lane County reported more than 1,000 new cases last week and four additional deaths, putting our pandemic death toll at 545. Last week, state health officials encouraged those living in counties that have seen recent case increases and are at “medium” risk consider masking up in indoor public spaces as a precaution. It’s not a mandate. But it’s been recommended in Lane County, Portland’s Multnomah County, and half-a-dozen other counties. Experts with the Oregon Health Authority predict this increase in infections should peak around June 10, then begin slowly to ease. / HEALTH, SAFETY: The Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say some jars of Jif peanut butter have been linked to a salmonella outbreak that has sickened people across a dozen states. Parent company J.M. Smucker announced a voluntary recall of some of the Jif products. They include several lots of Jif’s creamy, crunchy, natural and reduced fat peanut butters. The company says jars with lot codes 1274425 through 2140425 have been recalled and should be discarded. Jif is sold at retailers nationwide. The salmonella outbreak has left 14 people ill, including two who were hospitalized. Side effects from salmonella poisoning include fever, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. See the details at <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/j-m-smucker-co-issues-voluntary-recall-select-jifr-products-sold-us-potential-salmonella> / RECREATION, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT: It’s one of the state’s most popular scenic drives, but the past few years visitors have been loving it to death, leading to traffic jams on the road and in parking lots, with a lot less opportunity to enjoy the scenery. The new Timed Use Permit for personal vehicles along the Waterfall Corridor in the Columbia Gorge goes into effect today. According to the Oregon Department of Transportation, the permits will help reduce congestion, increase safety and improve the overall visitor experience. Here are the details from ODOT: Between May 24 and Sept. 5, 2022, the Timed Use Permit will be required for personal vehicles to access federal lands adjacent to the Waterfall Corridor between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., seven days a week, between the Bridal Veil off-ramp (I-84 Exit 28) and Ainsworth State Park (Exit 35). In addition to the Waterfall Corridor Timed Use Permits, the USFS will reinstate Multnomah Falls Timed Use Permits for visitors using the I-84 (Exit 31) parking lot during the same time period. The permits are two separate systems and are not interchangeable. All personal vehicles using the Waterfall Corridor to access National Forest System lands will need a Timed Use Permit seven days a week between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. from just east of the Bridal Veil off-ramp (Exit 28) to Ainsworth State Park (Exit 35) from May 24 through Sept. 5, 2022. All personal vehicles using the I-84 Exit 31 parking lot need a Multnomah Falls Timed Use Permit during the same time period. Both permits will be available two weeks prior to the visit date at www.recreation.gov for a \$2 transaction fee. For the Waterfall Corridor, there will also be a limited number of in-person, same-day permits (no fee) at locations such as the Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center in Troutdale and the Cascade Locks Historical Museum. Each permit lists a time slot. For the Waterfall Corridor, arrive at either of two check-in points (just east of the Bridal Veil off-ramp at Exit 28 or Exit 35 at Ainsworth State Park) anytime during your time slot. For Multnomah Falls, arrive at I-84 Exit 31 during your time slot. Arrive on time. Once you arrive, you can stay as long as you like. Parking is not guaranteed anywhere along the Waterfall Corridor or at Exit 31 for Multnomah Falls. Park only in

marked parking spots. Here are options for visiting without a permit: Leave your car at home and take public transit (Columbia Area Transit), including service from Gateway Transit Center in Portland, Cascade Locks, and Hood River. Take a tour: Sasquatch Shuttle and Gray Line Waterfall Trolley service the Waterfall Corridor with hop-on, hop-off shuttles. More tour options are listed on Travel Oregon's website. Get out into that fresh air and ride your bike along the route. Modify the timing of your trip to before or after the permit times and peak visitation (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Plan your visit prior to Memorial Day and after Labor Day, when there is less visitation demand. Learn more at www.WaterfallCorridorPermits.org Reserve your Timed Use Permit: www.Recreation.gov / ELECTIONS: Backers of what's known as the Greater Idaho movement are scaling back their goals a bit, after experiencing a setback in two counties on the west side of the Cascades. The movement seeks to persuade officials in much of rural Oregon to study or promote joining Idaho. The effort has gained traction in a number of Eastern Oregon counties—plus a few in northern California. Supporters argue they would be better served by Idaho's more conservative politics. In last week's primary election, voters in Klamath County approved an advisory measure to explore the Greater Idaho proposal. But similar efforts were rejected in Douglas and Josephine Counties. Now, Greater Idaho organizers say they're retooling their campaign and focusing for now on the eastern part of the state—excluding the Bend metro area, parts of western Jefferson and Wasco counties, and all of Hood River County. Voters in nine Eastern Oregon counties have approved the advisory measures. Voters in two more Eastern Oregon counties cast ballots on the issue this fall. But redrawing the Oregon-Idaho border would require approval by both the Oregon and Idaho legislatures as well as Congress. ; A state lawmaker is calling for a formal investigation into a ballot-printing fiasco that will delay results from today's primary by weeks in the state's third-largest county, with a key U.S. House race hanging in the balance. The call from Democratic Rep. Janelle Bynum comes amid mounting pressure on Clackamas County Elections Clerk Sherry Hall, who has overseen elections in the suburban county south of Portland for nearly 20 years. As many as 60,000 ballots are unreadable by vote-counting machines because of blurry barcodes and the voter's intent must be transferred by hand to a new ballot in each instance. / SAFETY: Investigators are working to determine the identity of a man whose body was found Saturday afternoon by a mushroom hunter near the eastern end of Highway 242 in Deschutes County, near the east snow gate. There is no evidence of foul play. The man's identity will be released once relatives are notified. / CRIME, EDUCATION: Starting this spring, the University of Oregon is working to better protect against cyberattacks by launching a new online training effort. The U-of-O's Information Security Office will begin conducting simulated email phishing educational campaigns for UO faculty members, staff, graduate employees, and student employees. The training includes short videos on topics ranging from password and email security, securing devices ranging from computers and smartphones to smartwatches, multifactor authentication, remote work, and data handling. And because no academic effort is complete without the equivalent of a test, U-of-O employees soon will receive the occasional simulated phishing email as part of an effort to raise awareness and provide education about avoiding scams. Those simulated phishing emails will ask for things like passwords, try to entice the recipient to

click on a web link, or try to pressure them into making a fraudulent wire transfer. The simulated emails might even include the names and logos of familiar companies. But unlike in a real phishing scam, a click on one of UO's simulated phishing emails will lead the recipient to an informational webpage about phishing. Some employees may be asked by their departments to take the training to satisfy regulatory requirements. / SPORTS: Justin Herbert sprinted out to the practice field Monday energized and confident as the Los Angeles Chargers began organized team practices. Coming off a Pro Bowl season and not having to learn a new offense can do that. For the first time in his three-year NFL career, Herbert doesn't have to learn a new offense or coaching staff during the offseason. Herbert set franchise records with 5,014 passing yards and 38 touchdowns last year en route to making his first Pro Bowl. That came after he was the Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2020. "The biggest thing is understanding that we're miles ahead of where we were last year," Herbert said. "Last year, we were focused on calling the right plays in the huddle and making sure everyone was lined up in the huddle and getting lined up on the field." The one thing Herbert is trying not to focus on is expectations. While Herbert has piled up individual accolades, the Chargers have not made the playoffs since 2018. They were 9-8 last season and lost three of their final four games. / FAMILIES, CHILDREN, HEALTH, SAFETY: Parents hoping to get their youngest children vaccinated against COVID-19 have some encouraging news. Pfizer said Monday that three doses of its vaccine offer strong protection to those under 5. That news comes a month after Moderna said it would ask regulators to OK its two doses for the youngest kids. But before the shots are available, health officials must analyze the safety and efficacy data from the company studies to decide whether to recommend the shots. The first public meeting to discuss the shots is scheduled for mid-June. ; U.S. births bumped up last year, but the number of babies born was still lower than before the coronavirus pandemic. The modest 1 percent increase was a bit of a rebound from 2020. The first year of the COVID-19 pandemic witnessed the largest one-year drop in births in nearly a half-century. Government officials think last year's uptick reflects pregnancies that were postponed during the early days of the pandemic. Deliveries were way down in January last year but improved as the year went on. But the government report released today shows there were still about 86,000 fewer births last year than in 2019. ; A massive recall is getting most of the blame for the U.S. baby formula shortage, but experts say the products have long been vulnerable to this type of crisis. They point to decades-old policies that have allowed a handful of companies to corner the market. Safety and manufacturing rules imposed by U.S. regulators make it hard for smaller companies to enter the market. And federal contracting rules also favor the largest manufacturers who can offer the lowest prices on formula. Those government rules are aimed at assuring safe, affordable formula. But they are now getting renewed scrutiny because of the shortage. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SAFETY, CRIME, EDUCATION, POLITICS: It is an all-too-familiar story: Another devastating mass shooting in America. Police say an 18-year-old gunman yesterday shot and wounded his grandmother, then went to a Texas elementary school, barricading himself in a fourth-grade classroom and killing 19 children and two adults. The attack was the deadliest shooting at a U.S. school since a gunman killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, in December of 2012. In emotional remarks, President Biden said "to lose a child is like having a piece of your soul ripped away." He asked the nation to pray for the victims and the families. He asked, quote, "When in God's name are we going to stand up to the gun lobby?" Biden spoke from the White House barely an hour after returning from a five-day trip to Asia bracketed by mass shootings in the U.S. He pleaded for action to address gun violence after years of failure — and bitterly blamed firearm manufacturers and their supporters for blocking legislation. Democratic Congressional leaders pushed for tougher background checks. Just ten days ago, Biden met with victims' families after a hate-motivated shooter killed 10 Black people at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York. Earlier this week, the FBI issued its annual report on 2021's active shootings in the U.S. It found such incidents rose more than 50 percent last year across the country. The 61 incidents in 30 states left 103 people dead and 140 wounded, including the gunmen. FBI analysts also noted an uptick in what are known as "roving active shooters," people who targeted their victims in multiple locations, throughout the course of one or more days. Flags outside public institutions across the U.S. and here in Oregon are flying at half-staff in memory of the victims of yesterday's devastating elementary school shooting in Texas. Governor Kate Brown says they will remain lowered through the end of the day on Saturday. The assault at Robb Elementary School in the heavily Latino town of Uvalde added to a gruesome, yearslong series of mass killings at churches, schools and stores. A law enforcement official said the attacker was killed by a Border Patrol agent who rushed into the school without waiting for backup. /</p> <p>HEALTH, SAFETY: State health officials say they've learned that some jars of peanut butter that are part of a nationwide recall were included in some food boxes distributed through Oregon food banks and their affiliated agencies. There's a risk the peanut butter is contaminated with salmonella. The Jif peanut butter was included in food boxes distributed through Oregon Health Authority's food box program. If you or someone you know received a food box, check the lot</p>

number on the back label of the peanut butter jar. It's printed below the "Best If Used By" details. To see which lots of Jif peanut butter area affected, go the Food and Drug Administration's website under "Recalls" or check this week's post on our "Tim & Tracy" or "TracyKKNU" Facebook pages. Any recalled peanut butter distributed in food boxes may be exchanged for a replacement jar or refunded. After throwing the peanut butter out, state health experts recommend washing and sanitizing any surfaces or containers that might have come into contact with the peanut butter. The affected jars of Jif peanut butter were distributed between April 15 through May 23. Products with lot codes 1274425 – 2140425, with the digits 425 in the 5th-7th position, are being recalled. For many infected people, salmonella symptoms appear 12 to 72 hours after contact and often include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. Most people who are infected recover within four to seven days and do not need any treatment. More serious and severe cases can occur, though. Contact your health care provider if you believe you have been infected. Currently, there are 14 cases across 12 states, with two hospitalizations. There have been no reported cases or deaths in Oregon. See the recall details at <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/j-m-smucker-co-issues-voluntary-recall-select-jifr-products-sold-us-potential-salmonella> Product can also be reimbursed directly by Jif by following their instructions at: <https://jms-s3-mkt-consumer-p-pmc6.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/recall.html> Consumers who have questions or would like to report adverse reactions should visit www.jif.com/contact-us or call 800-828-9980 Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM ET. / **EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS:** The jobless rate dropped another notch last month in Lane County. State employment officials say it fell to four percent. We last touched that rate in July of 2019. State analyst Brian Rooney says Lane County has regained 80 percent of the jobs its lost in April and May of 2020 during the pandemic-caused recession. Among those sectors seeing workforce gains: Education and Health Services; Construction; Manufacturing; Other Services; and Government. The Leisure and Hospitality sector was among the hardest-hit during the early days of the pandemic. Its recovery has been a bit slower than many other sectors but is ramping up quickly and added 2,800 jobs locally over the past year. Officials say 28 of Oregon's 36 counties saw declines last month in their jobless numbers. Analysts say the Willamette Valley is continuing to experience rapid job growth across many sectors. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate is 3.7 percent. / **SPORTS, EVENTS, BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT:** As we head into a very busy summer capped by the arrival of competitors and fans for the World Athletics Championships in July, local businesses continue to staff up for the flood of visitors. That includes local hotels and motels, which already are seeing high occupancy rates with the return of conferences and sports events. Many still need staff to work everywhere from the front desk and in kitchens to housekeeping and maintenance. Andy Vobora with Travel Lane County says our area has about 4,400 hotel and motel rooms and that visitors for the World Athletics Championships will be staying up and down the Interstate Five corridor. He notes that Airbnb and other home-rental companies are working to accommodate the overflow—and that Airbnb has created a special tool for homeowners interested in renting a spare room to track and field visitors. Eugene Airport is seeing record passenger traffic with the addition of new carriers and flights during the past year. One shortage that's affecting both airport arrivals and visitors in-town is the low

number of taxi and ride-hailing drivers. Vobora says we had a couple thousand such drivers in the metro area before the pandemic but now are down to an estimated 400. He says taxi companies are working to hire, and Uber and Lyft officials have contacted some former drivers to see whether they are available to work during the summer visitor surge. / HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES: Members of the Eugene City Council have approved the use of more than \$1 million in Affordable Housing Trust Funds to support two low-income housing projects. Officials say \$670,000 was awarded to SquareOne Villages for its Peace Village development that begins construction later this year on River Road. The 70 owner-occupied tiny homes will provide permanent housing for low-income households. SquareOne will retain ownership of the land in order to maintain affordability, while residents will collectively own their housing and build equity over time. The tiny homes will be built on property that was previously owned by Peace Presbyterian Church. The existing church buildings will also be used as common facilities with community kitchen, meeting and administrative space, and laundry. \$350,000 was awarded to the St. Vincent De Paul Society of Lane County for its Green Lane Veteran's Housing. Construction begins next year on the development on Green Lane. It features 10 units of transitional housing for veterans experiencing homelessness. The project is a partnership with the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs Grant and Per Diem Program. Case management and other on-site services are included in the project. The goal is to connect residents to services and benefits, increasing their incomes, and support their transition to permanent, stable housing. Eugene's housing grant program is funded by a 0.5 percent construction excise tax on the construction of new structures and additions to existing structures in the city. Since it was created, the program has helped support creation of 130 new rental units and 70 new owner-occupied tiny homes. / ELECTIONS: Three weeks after Oregon's third-largest county learned that a majority of their ballots had blurry barcodes and unreadable by vote-counting machines, state officials have yet to receive a written plan and detailed ballot count timeline from the county as frustrations continue to grow and the results of a key U.S. House race hangs in the balance. Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan met with Clackamas County's top election officials on Monday and was provided with a verbal update on the county's progress in processing ballots. The county requested another day to provide its full plan to the state outlining benchmarks and a specific timeline for completion. / TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY: They've seen and heard the construction for the past 27 months, from the staccato of pile-drivers to the rumble of heavy trucks. But the new bridge on Highway 38 over the Umpqua River at Scottsburg is almost complete. This morning, Scottsburg residents drove across the new span, then returned across the old one. The new bridge is open to highway traffic this morning. But for now, crews from Hamilton Construction are keeping vehicles to a single-lane, alternating directions, with pilot cars. Expect traffic delays. As for the 90-year-old original bridge, it's being dismantled by crews from the Staton Companies. The process involves removing everything from support girders to guardrails before tearing down everything else. The price tag for the project, including engineering, construction, reworking of utilities and the right-of-way: \$42.8 million. / HEALTH: Oregon is reporting some of the highest numbers of new COVID-19 cases since the pandemic started more than two years ago. The Oregon Health Authority

reported nearly 12,000 new cases last week and the state is averaging 1,685 new cases a day. That's higher than all but 12 weeks since the start of the pandemic in 2020. Hospitalizations continue to lag behind the rising case numbers and remain far below previous pandemic highs. As of Monday, 278 people were hospitalized — up 11 percent from a week before — and those tallies are expected to peak at 330 occupied hospital beds on June 9. ; Surges in COVID-19 cases are causing disruptions in many parts of the U.S., but as the school year wraps up and Americans prepare for their summer vacations, many people have returned to their pre-pandemic routines. Case counts are as high as they've been since mid-February, and those figures are likely a major undercount because of unreported positive home test results and asymptomatic infections. An influential modeling group at the University of Washington in Seattle estimates that only 13 percent of cases are being reported to U.S. health authorities. Yet vaccinations have stagnated and elected officials nationwide seem loath to impose new restrictions.

/ AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: Scientists will set about 1,000 traps in Whatcom County this year in their quest to wipe out the Asian giant hornet in Washington state. The state Department of Agriculture said Tuesday that scientists believe the hornets are confined to that county, which is located on the Canadian border north of Seattle. The state eradicated three nests last year, all near the town of Blaine, Washington, and there have been no confirmed reports of Asian giant hornet nests so far this year. Most of the traps will be set in northern Whatcom County, but a few will be set in the city of Bellingham. The hornets will not be considered eradicated until Washington has gone three full years with no detections.

/ SPORTS: Oregon will meet Stanford in the NCAA Women's Golf Championship match. The Ducks beat Texas A&M to earn their first trip to the championship meeting, creating an all-Pac-12 final that guarantees the conference's record 200th women's NCAA title across all sports. /

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RECREATION, SAFETY, WILDFIRES: Heading outdoors this spring and summer? Make sure you don't accidentally trigger a wildfire. Climate experts say 87 percent of Oregon remains in some form of drought—especially east of the mountains. And things are warming up and drying out here on the west side of the Cascades. Tomorrow, fire restrictions go into effect on Bureau of Land Management properties across the West. That includes prohibitions on the use of fireworks, exploding targets or metallic targets, steel component ammunition (core or jacket), tracer or incendiary devices, and sky lanterns. Officials say those restrictions help protect first responders, public lands, and nearby communities from accidental wildfires. That means crews are able to focus on those caused by natural causes, including lightning. If you violate the fire restrictions, you could be fined up to \$1,000 and/or receive up to one year in prison. And if you're found responsible for starting wildland fires on federal lands, you can be billed for the cost of fire suppression. That can run into the millions of dollars. . EVENTS, AGRICULTURE: May is Oregon Wine Month. To close things out this weekend, many Willamette Valley wineries are planning special tastings, events, musical performances, and other activities. After two years of pandemic closures and restrictions, wineries turned their traditional Memorial Day Weekend offerings into a month-long series of promotions. Many had splashy release parties for their newest white wines and rosés. Additionally, there are wineries and tasting rooms surrounded by budding vines and springtime gardens in full bloom. / CRIME: Eugene Police are investigating several reports from around 7:15 a.m. yesterday morning of intentionally set fires, mostly in dumpsters. One fire was set in the bushes next to a house. Another was set in a community-sharing library box in someone's yard. The fires were set in the area of 5th, 6th, and 7th Alleys from Jefferson to Polk. Eugene Police Arson investigators are asking for your tips in the case, including any photos or videos you might have. Contact Detective Branden Esch at BEsch@Eugene-OR.gov or call 541-682-5176. Reference EPD case 22-07979. / SAFETY, GOVERNMENT: This month's nationwide recall of certain lots of Jif peanut butter has created a ripple effect throughout the food and grocery sectors: In recent days, dozens of other companies that use Jif peanut butter in their snack packs or other grocery items have issued recalls of their own. This includes leading brands such as Del Monte, to store items ranging to snack packs to peanut-butter pies from Albertson's, Safeway, and others. The recall was triggered amid concerns that some of the peanut butter might be tainted with salmonella, which can cause illness in some people within 12 to 72 hours.

Symptoms often include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. Most people who are infected recover within four to seven days and do not need any treatment. More serious and severe cases can occur, though. Contact your health care provider if you believe you have been infected. Currently, there are 14 cases reported across 12 states, with two hospitalizations. But there have been no reported cases or deaths in Oregon. Still, the recalls continue under an abundance of caution. Earlier this week, state health officials learned that some jars of peanut butter that are part of the recall were included in food boxes distributed through Oregon food banks and their affiliated agencies. They've been working to spread the word to get those jars out of food pantries and homes. To see which lots of Jif peanut butter and which foods are affected, go the Food and Drug Administration's website at <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/j-m-smucker-co-issues-voluntary-recall-select-jif-products-sold-us-potential-salmonella> To see the related recalls, search for the words "peanut butter" at <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/> SAFETY, CRIME, POLITICS, BUSINESS: Facebook is coming under scrutiny in the wake of the nation's latest mass shooting. It appears the suspect in the Texas massacre posted messages online just before he went to an elementary school and opened fire, killing 19 students and two teachers. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott says the messages were sent on Facebook minutes before the carnage. But Facebook says the one-to-one private messages weren't discovered until after the shooting took place. ; Could Facebook have known about ominous direct-message threats made by a gunman who Texas authorities say massacred 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school? Could it have warned the authorities? Texas Gov. Greg Abbott revealed the online messages sent minutes before the Tuesday attack. Facebook then said the one-to-one private messages weren't discovered until "after the terrible tragedy." The latest mass shootings in the U.S. by gunmen who were active on social media are likely to bring more pressure on tech companies to heighten their scrutiny – even as they also pushed by conservative politicians, Abbott among them — to relax their restrictions on some speech. ; Misinformation and conspiracy theories about Tuesday's deadly school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, began to spread online only hours after the carnage. Some social media users falsely speculated that the gunman was an immigrant in the country illegally, even though Gov. Greg Abbott has confirmed he was a U.S. citizen. Others claimed the gunman was transgender and posted photos of innocent people that they claimed were him. Different conspiracy theories claimed the shooting didn't even happen. Similar waves of misinformation have erupted following past school shootings too, as social media users eager for information spread bogus rumors and wild theories. Tuesday's shooting left 19 children and two adults dead. ; Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has quickly set in motion a pair of firearms background check bills in response to the school massacre in Texas. But the Democrat acknowledged Wednesday the refusal for years of Congress to pass any legislation aiming to curb a national epidemic of gun violence. The failure of a firearms background check bill after 20 children were shot and killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School almost a decade ago signaled the end of gun violence legislation in Washington. If the new deaths don't convince Congress to act, Schumer said on the Senate floor, "what can we do?" ; Gun control measures are likely going nowhere in Congress, and they have also become increasingly scarce in most states. Aside

from several Democratic-controlled states, most states have taken no action on gun control in recent years or have moved aggressively to expand gun rights. That's because the vast majority of states are either controlled by Republicans who oppose gun restrictions or are politically split, leading to stalemate. Gun control legislation has even stalled in a few states controlled by Democrats, illustrating the challenge of getting consensus around the frequency of mass shootings in the U.S. / HEALTH: A government report found that 1 in 4 adults ages 65 and up developed at least one symptom of long COVID up to one year after an initial infection. That compares with 1 in 5 younger adults. Long COVID involves long-term symptoms that can include fatigue, shortness of breath, brain fog and blood clots. Women were more likely to develop long COVID than men, and those who had earlier experienced symptoms of anxiety or depression appeared at greater risk. Research in U.S. veterans provides fresh evidence that long COVID-19 can happen even after breakthrough infections following vaccination. In the study published Wednesday, about 1 percent who had received COVID-19 vaccination doses had breakthrough infections. And about one-third of that group showed signs of long COVID. ; White House officials have announced more steps to make the antiviral treatment Paxlovid more accessible across the U.S. as it projects COVID-19 infections will continue to spread over the summer travel season. The nation's first federally backed test-to-treat site is opening today in Rhode Island. The site will provide patients with immediate access to the drug once they test positive. More federally supported sites are set to open in the coming weeks in Massachusetts and New York City, both hit by a marked rise in infections. Next week, the U.S. will send authorized federal prescribers to several Minnesota-run testing sites, turning them into test-to-treat locations. / SPORTS: Stanford beat Oregon 3-2 on Wednesday for its second national championship. The Ducks lost the first two matches, but rallied to win the next two, then lost the final match. For the conference, this is the Pac-12's unprecedented 200th women's NCAA title across all sports. ; The Pac-12 finally has a postseason baseball tournament after adding the event this season in Scottsdale, Arizona. The league's top eight teams feature some of the college game's top talent, including about a half-dozen players who could be selected early in the Major League Baseball draft in July. Arizona beat Oregon 8-6 in the tournament's first game with catcher Daniel Susac hitting two homers. Stanford is the league's top seed after winning the regular-season championship. Oregon State is the No. 2 seed. ; Fifth-seeded Arizona beat No. 4 seed Oregon 8-6 to open the inaugural Pac-12 Baseball Tournament. Arizona bounced back from getting swept in Eugene last weekend to advance to the winner's bracket today. Oregon's Drew Cowley hit a deep shot into the gap in left-center field, scoring Colby Shade to score a run in the ninth. But Arizona reliever Trevor Long retired the next two batters for his sixth save. ; Garrett Forrester hit a three-run homer, Gavin Logan hit a solo shot and drove in three runs and No. 2 seed Oregon State began play at the first Pac-12 baseball tournament in conference history by rallying for a 13-8 victory over No. 7 seed Washington. Oregon State (42-13) advances to play the winner of the nightcap between No. 3 seed UCLA and No. 6 seed California today. Washington (30-25) will play an elimination game against the loser today. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, EVENTS: There is a Winter Weather Advisory posted for the Cascades for Saturday night into Sunday morning. On Saturday night, the forecast calls for rain or snow showers. The snow level will lower from 6,000 feet to 4,500 feet. Total overnight accumulation: 6-12 inches. Expect wind gusts on Saturday night of between 35-50 mph. Travel could be difficult at times on Saturday night and early Sunday morning. Check latest road conditions at www.tripcheck.com or by dialing 5-1-1 on your mobile device. Another 2-5 inches of snow is expected Sunday above 4,500 feet, followed by 2 inches on Sunday night. ; Memorial Day Weekend is the unofficial start of the summer recreation season. Pandemic restrictions have eased and a lot more people are traveling. Be prepared for busy roads and parking lots at popular destinations. Have alternate places to play in case your first choice is too crowded. Local law enforcement may ticket or tow vehicles parked along a highway roadside or another undesignated area. This especially applies to areas where clean-up is continuing after the last two summers of wildfires. Do not block access roads. Also, be aware that some trails, recreation sites, and campgrounds remain in closure zones. Respect the signs. Don't place yourself in danger. Driving over the weekend? Pack your patience and allow extra time on popular routes. Remember to pay attention, put down your cell phone, and drive sober. Most crews are pausing roadwork through Tuesday morning. But speed restrictions remain posted in areas affected by wildfires and in some construction zones. ; Gas prices continued to climb a bit ahead of Memorial Day Weekend. It comes amid global and national economic uncertainty and increased demand at the unofficial start of the summer vacation season. Here in Lane County, the average price of regular-grade gasoline is up to \$5.19 per gallon this morning. That's an increase of three cents from one week ago. One year ago, gas was an average \$3.38 at the pump. Diesel prices stand at an average \$5.75 per gallon. That's a penny less than it was one week ago. ; State transportation officials say holiday weekend drivers should watch for Memorial Day traffic delays near Reedsport and Scottsburg. Expect delays heading north on U.S. 101 through Reedsport on Monday, May 30. In recent years, northbound traffic has backed up from Reedsport to Winchester Bay during peak Memorial Day traffic hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), when many holiday travelers are heading home. Travelers may also experience delays in two other areas near Reedsport. In Scottsburg, Oregon 38 traffic is limited to a single lane due to construction on the new Scottsburg</p>

Bridge. Flaggers and pilot cars will provide traffic control. Ten miles north of Reedsport, U.S. 101 is limited to a single lane at Tahkenitch Creek. A portable traffic signal is in use, though flaggers may provide additional traffic control as needed. Delays in Scottsburg and at Tahkenitch Creek are usually brief, though heavy traffic could produce long lines. ODOT advises holiday travelers to avoid peak travel hours or use alternate highway routes. Watch for electronic message boards on U.S. 101 and Oregon 38 near Reedsport, as well as signs on Interstate 5. ; Despite higher prices, many Americans are planning long trips now that pandemic restrictions have eased. Many will travel by air. If you're headed for an airport this summer, officials with the Transportation Security Administration remind you to check for prohibited items by using the "What Can I Bring?" page at TSA.gov. Arrive at the airport in plenty of time for check in, checking bags, and completing security screening in time. At the TSA checkpoint, have valid ID ready. Enroll in TSA PreCheck, which allows airline passengers to avoid removing shoes, belts, liquids, food, laptops and light jackets at the security checkpoints. Also, TSA officials say while face masks are optional, they are recommended for passengers ages two and older in indoor public transportation areas and hubs to protect you from COVID exposure and infection. ; A couple of spring recreation reminders as we head for the Memorial Day holiday weekend: With the recent wetter and cooler weather, you'll continue to find mud on a lot of unpaved roads and trails in some remote areas and snow in some of the higher elevations. Check road conditions before you go. If you're heading for the mountains, remember that you should not rely on GPS routes along many forest roads. Some are closed either by snow or continuing public closures after the last two years of wildfires. Also, as cleanup and removal of hazard trees continues in some of the 2020 and 2021 wildfire zones, more forest roads are reopening to the public. That means you can once again access some of the unburned recreation sites that were within the closure areas. But other sites remain off-limits for now for your protection—especially in burn zones. / VETERANS, MILITARY, COMMUNITY, EVENTS: On Monday we commemorate Memorial Day. Originally called Decoration Day, the Memorial Day holiday was officially proclaimed in 1868 to honor Union and Confederate soldiers and was expanded after World War I to honor those who died in all wars. It became an official federal holiday in 1971. Today, Memorial Day honors the more than one million men and women who have died in military service since the start of the Civil War in 1861. Over the past two years, there were few organized gatherings at cemeteries and historic sites. They were replaced by smaller, more private commemorations. This year, some gatherings have returned. They honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, dying in service to their country. / SPORTS: Another big track-and-field competition takes place this evening and all day tomorrow at Eugene's Hayward Field. The annual Pre Classic attracts elite competitors from across the country. As Eugene-Springfield prepares to host the World Athletics Championship in July, there are a number of other signature events coming to Hayward Field over the next two months. In June, Hayward Field hosts the NCAA Championships, the Nike Outdoor Nationals, and the USA Track & Field Championships. The World Athletics Championships and the "Oregon22" celebration take place July 15-24. / POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME, EDUCATION: On Capitol Hill, Democrats and Republicans remain stalemated over what and whether to take legislative action following this week's mass shooting at a Texas elementary school. Democratic

leaders' first attempt failed yesterday in the U.S. Senate as Republicans blocked a domestic terrorism bill that would have opened debate on difficult questions surrounding hate crimes and gun safety. But it's possible elements of the proposal could become the basis for negotiation. A small, bipartisan group of senators who have for years sought to negotiate legislation on guns met Thursday following the vote and emerged with areas "of potential agreement." Those appeared to include providing grants to states to implement so-called "red flag" laws — designed to keep firearms from people who could harm themselves or others — and updating an effort to expand background checks for commercial gun sales, including at gun shows and on the internet. The domestic terrorism bill that failed Thursday dates back to 2017, when it was first proposed after mass shootings in Las Vegas and Sutherland Springs, Texas. The House passed a similar measure by a voice vote in 2020, only to have it languish in the Senate. Since then, Republicans have increased their opposition to the legislation, with only one GOP lawmaker supporting House passage last week. Republicans say the bill does not place enough emphasis on combating domestic terrorism committed by groups on the far left. Under the bill, agencies would be required to produce a joint report every six months that assesses and quantifies domestic terrorism threats nationally, including threats posed by white supremacists and neo-Nazi groups. Proponents say the bill will fill the gaps in intelligence-sharing among the Justice Department, Department of Homeland Security and the FBI so that officials can better track and respond to the growing threat of white extremist terrorism. / HEALTH, FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GOVERNMENT: Oregon is stepping up services to low-income mothers and their new babies. The state recently received approval from federal officials to provide 12 months of continuous postpartum medical coverage to individuals covered by the Oregon Health Plan—our state's Medicaid provider. Currently, most states continue pregnancy-related Medicaid coverage for only 60 days after childbirth. Federal pandemic relief funds are paying for the expansion. Medicaid covers 42 percent of births in the nation. The report notes that one in three pregnancy-related deaths occur between one week and one year after childbirth. The postpartum period is an important time for physical recovery; addressing pregnancy spacing and family planning needs; managing chronic conditions that may have been exacerbated during pregnancy; providing breastfeeding support; and ensuring mental health. "Providing postpartum support and care is critical to ensuring the health and well-being of mothers and their babies," states Interim State Medicaid Director Dana Hittle. Visit [Medicaid.gov](https://www.Medicaid.gov) to learn more about the Medicaid and CHIP state plan amendment extensions of postpartum coverage in Oregon. / MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION: With so much discussion about the importance of mental health, some local high school and middle school students and their faculty advisors are receiving recognition for their efforts to prevent youth suicide. They were honored this week during the "Sources of Strength" showcase. The student-led efforts include a variety of approaches to reducing youth suicide risk, including using words, art, activities, and peer support. Among those being recognized: Thurston High School 10th Grader Mystikal Haack; Molly Bauer from Bethel's Kalapuya High School; Sage Pomlee-Solar of Eugene's Sheldon High School. Sixth-grader Aiyana Lujan at Siuslaw Middle School received an honorable mention. Willamette High School received an award for Team Initiative. The adult advisors who received recognition include Kate Tierny at Sheldon High

School and Andy Marohl at Siuslaw High School. / ELECTIONS: Voters in an Oregon county where a ballot-printing error has delayed primary results for nearly two weeks have elected the same county clerk five times in the past 20 years despite missteps that impacted two previous elections and cost taxpayers \$100,000. Opponents have repeatedly tried to unseat Clackamas County Clerk Sherry Hall following elections errors in 2004, 2010 and 2011 and a state vote-tampering investigation in 2012. Hall was first elected in 2002. She makes \$112,600 a year in the nonpartisan position and is running for a sixth four-year term in November in the suburban county south of Portland. / WILDLIFE, HEALTH: Another outbreak of avian influenza has been detected in Oregon—this time in the far southeastern corner of the state. State and federal agriculture officials say the highly contagious virus has been detected just over the border, in Parma, Idaho, prompting a quarantine area in adjoining Malheur County to limit its spread. As is the case with the quarantine area in parts of Lane and Linn counties, the quarantine established in Malheur County is intended to limit the movement of poultry and poultry products to other areas until the threat passes. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>VETERANS, MILITARY, EVENTS, COMMUNITY: Solemn gatherings and remembrances yesterday for Memorial Day. The federal holiday honors the more than one million men and women who have died in military service since the start of the Civil War in 1861. There were observances at cemeteries and historic sites and National Guard flyovers of some Oregon communities.; The USS Oregon has officially joined the U.S. Navy fleet. It marks the first submarine named after the Beaver State in more than a century. Saturday's commissioning ceremony at the U.S. Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut, marked the first in-person commission ceremony since 2019, due to the pandemic. The 377-foot submarine was christened in 2019. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown made the trip to Connecticut for the ceremony. She reminded the crew that compassion and love is at the heart of service. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, HEALTH: Memorial Day Weekend marks the start of the summer travel season, but for many air travelers it was a three-day headache. More than 5,000 flights were canceled across the U.S. and on some key routes around the world. Delta Air Lines had some of the highest cancellation numbers, scrubbing close to ten percent of its three-day weekend flights. But many other air carriers dealt with major disruptions. Airline officials blamed bad weather, staffing shortages and illnesses, high demand, and "air traffic control actions." Air travelers shared their unhappiness on social media, complaining the cancellations often came after hours of waiting—and after they'd paid top dollar on tickets because of higher fuel and other costs. Some airlines said they began cancelling flights 24 hours in advance to give their ticket agents and passengers more time to rebook. ; Airlines and tourist destinations are anticipating huge crowds this summer as travel restrictions ease and pandemic fatigue overcomes lingering fear of contracting COVID-19 during travel. Many forecasters believe the number of travelers will match or even surpass pre-pandemic levels. However, airlines have thousands fewer employees than they did in 2019, and that has, at times, contributed to widespread flight cancellations. People who are only now booking travel for the summer are experiencing the sticker shock. Domestic airline fares for summer are averaging more than \$400 for a round trip, 24 percent higher than this time in 2019, before the pandemic, and a robust 45 percent higher than a year ago, according to travel-data firm Hopper. ; Gas prices continued to climb over Memorial Day Weekend. It comes amid global and national economic uncertainty and increased demand at the unofficial start of the summer vacation season. Here in Lane County, the average</p>

price of regular-grade gasoline is up to \$5.22 per gallon this morning. That's an increase of five cents from one week ago. One year ago, gas was an average \$3.39 at the pump. Diesel prices stand at an average \$5.74 per gallon. / SAFETY: Eugene Police say a two-vehicle injury crash on West 11th Avenue at Greenhill closed a portion of the highway and forced traffic to detour for the better part of two hours yesterday afternoon. One vehicle wound up against a utility pole. That driver had to be extricated and was hospitalized. No details yet on the cause of the crash. / HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT: U.S. and Canadian regulators are warning about a hepatitis outbreak they linked to fresh organic strawberries. While the recalled product is past its shelf life and is no longer being sold in grocery stores nationwide, health experts say consumers might have purchased and frozen some of the berries for later use. They are urging anyone who purchased the berries to throw them away. In a joint statement over weekend, officials with the Food and Drug Administration and its Canadian equivalent say the illnesses are linked to fresh organic strawberries sold under the FreshKampo and H-E-B brands. Those sickened were in California and Minnesota. The berries were purchased between March 5 and April 25 and sold at several U.S. retailers, including Aldi, Kroger/Fred Meyer, Safeway/Albertsons, Walmart and Trader Joe's. The FDA advisory notes that if you purchased fresh organic strawberries branded as FreshKampo or HEB between March 5, 2022, and April 25, 2022, ate those berries in the last two weeks, and have not been vaccinated against hepatitis A, you should immediately consult with their health care professional. See the details at <https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/outbreak-investigation-hepatitis-virus-strawberries-may-2022> / RECREATION: Tom Cruise's blockbuster "Top Gun: Maverick" set records for a Memorial Day weekend, taking in \$156 million in its first four days of release in the U.S. and a staggering \$248 million when you add in the international screenings. The movie is playing 4,732 North American cinemas, the widest release of all time. "Maverick" was the biggest debut in Cruise's 40-year career, and his first movie to take in more than \$100 million in a single weekend. It's a promising sign for summer movie season after earlier big openings by "Spider-Man: No Way Home" (\$260 million), "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" (\$187 million) and "The Batman" (\$134 million). The studio delayed the release of "Top Gun: Maverick" during the pandemic to ensure it could open wide in theatres. Much of the film was shot in California and Nevada. But you'll see some of the Northwest in some important scenes. That includes photography in Washington state at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island along with some breathtaking flight sequences above the snow-covered North Cascades—which served as a stand-in for an "unnamed hostile rogue nation." / SPORTS: The Oregon State baseball team enters the 2022 NCAA postseason as the nation's No. 3 national seed, the NCAA announced Monday. The Beavers are a national seed for the sixth time, following 2005 (8th), 2013 (3rd), 2014 (1st), 2017 (1st) and 2018 (3rd). Oregon State is hosting a regional for the ninth time, and fourth time since the 2017 season. The NCAA Corvallis Regional gets underway Friday, and scheduled action continues through Sunday. If necessary, a game may be played on Monday. The Beavers will open play Friday against New Mexico State, the fourth-seeded team at the regional. The Aggies went 24-32 overall this season, and went 4-0 in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament, defeating Abilene Christian on Saturday. No. 2 Vanderbilt and No. 3 San Diego will get the

regional underway Friday. ; The Oregon baseball squad will open the 2022 NCAA Tournament in the Louisville Regional and face Big Ten Tournament champion Michigan at 4 p.m. on Friday in the first round at Jim Patterson Stadium. No. 12 seed Louisville will face Southeast Missouri State at 11 a.m. in the opening game. Oregon earned the No. 2 seed in the regional after finishing 35-23 and in fourth place in the Pac-12 Conference with an 18-12 league record. The Ducks are making their ninth postseason appearance, and their seventh since the program restarted before the 2009 season. The meeting between the Ducks and Wolverines will be the first in the history of the two programs. Oregon has also never played Louisville or Southeast Missouri State. ; The Oregon State softball team will open their Women's College World Series run on Thursday, when the Beavers take on Florida at 4 p.m. The game is slated to air on ESPN. The Beavers are among eight teams in the field. The winner of Thursday's contest will advance to play on Saturday, while the losing team will play in an elimination game on Friday. Oregon State advanced to the WCWS by virtue of sweeping the first two games of a three-game series vs. Stanford in the Super Regional round this weekend. The Beavers advanced to Supers by winning the Knoxville Regional. OSU is headed to the World Series for the second time in program history and the first time since the 2006 campaign. / WILDLIFE, COURTS: A federal judge late last week gave U.S. wildlife officials 18 months to decide if wolverines should be protected under the Endangered Species Act. The move follows years of dispute over how much risk climate change and other threats pose to the rare and elusive predators. Thursday's order from U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy comes after environmentalists challenged a 2020 decision under the Trump administration to withhold protections for the animals in the lower 48 states, where no more than 300 of the animals are thought to remain. Environmentalists argued that wolverines face localized extinction as a result of climate change, habitat fragmentation and low genetic diversity. / EDUCATION, SAFETY, CRIME: U.S. schools have bolstered security in the aftermath of the horrific mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. Some of the changes include making visitors ring a bell and temporarily banning large backpacks. At least one district is ending the school year early. Administrators are especially jittery as more details about the shooting last Tuesday come out. Authorities say it took officers more than 45 minutes to confront the 18-year-old gunman who killed 21 at Robb Elementary School. The larger police presence at schools and a rash of copycat threats have only added to anxiety levels for students and educators. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Plan ahead and expect delays if you are traveling on Oregon Highway 99 between Goshen and Cottage Grove. The Oregon Department of Transportation is working on the through Friday, June 3, to preserve the pavement and give you a smoother ride. Crews are performing what is known as "crack sealing," a process by which they fill the cracks in the road surface. The procedure helps prevent moisture from seeping into the road and causing pavement deterioration. ODOT crews will be working from 6:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Expect lane closures in the work zone area controlled by flaggers. The work zone will move as sections are completed. Be patient and allow extra time for travel. Go to www.tripcheck.com for the latest information on traffic impacts and delays statewide. / CRIME, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: A quieter weekend in the West University neighborhood for members of the Party Patrol. Eugene Police, assisted by their counterparts from the University of Oregon Police force, maintained a heavy presence over Memorial Day Weekend. On Friday, officers responded to 1961 Hilyard Street, where three 21-year-old residents were cited for Prohibited Noise and Unruly Gathering. Some other attendees at the residence were cited for Open Container violations. But no other parties received Unruly Gathering citations during the weekend. Officers issued a few additional Open Container citations and eight citations for Minor in Possession of Alcohol. The total number of citations also decreased significantly from 94 during the week of May 14th to 21 over the three-day holiday weekend. Officials say partnerships with University of Oregon Student Conduct and Neighbor Relations groups, as well as the U-of-O Police, played significant roles in the effort. / SAFETY: They say any landing you can walk away from is a good one. Or perhaps in this case, any landing you can swim away from. Yesterday about 9:30 in the morning, the Josephine County sheriff's office got a call about a private airplane that had crashed on the Rogue River near Ennis Riffle. They learned the pilot and passenger had an engine failure over Hellgate Canyon and glided to the smoother waters above Ennis Riffle to make a safe water landing. No injuries. They got out all right and were assisted by a local rafting outfitter that was practicing water rescue training nearby. The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating. The aircraft is being recovered. / SPORTS, COMMUNITY, RECREATION, DEVELOPMENT: It is one of the community centerpieces for the upcoming World Athletic Championships at Hayward Field. And the Grand Opening is set for a week from Friday at the new</p>

Downtown Riverfront Park. There will be an entire weekend of activity, from Friday, June 10, through Sunday, June 12. Things get underway with speeches and a ribbon cutting. But throughout the weekend there will be various art and music activities along with several local food carts. The Downtown Riverfront Park includes portions of the former Eugene Water and Electric Board utility operations yard along the Willamette River. It is designed to connect downtown to the riverfront and points east, including the University of Oregon. The three-acre park includes new bicycle and pedestrian paths, covered seating, a large grassy area, viewpoints, and improvements to the nearby riverbank and habitat—including the planting of all sorts of native species. Work is underway on a nearby public plaza.

/ DISABILITIES, GOVERNMENT: Lane County Developmental Disability Services is holding a grand opening ceremony this morning for its new resource center, located in the 2500 block of Eugene's Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The official event runs from 8:30-9:30 a.m., followed by public tours of the 25,000 square-foot building. It replaces the agency's previous offices in the Lane County Public Services Building downtown. The new Lane County Developmental Disability Services center offers easier access and parking, expanded workspaces, meeting rooms, and technology. Officials say the agency's client base has expanded over the past decade from 1,300 to 3,000 clients. There also are features to provide a more welcoming environment for the agency's clients, whether they are infants or older adults. The features include a "quiet" welcoming lobby and calming play area; adjustable lighting; a labyrinth that promotes mindfulness; and artwork created by people with developmental disabilities.

/ ELECTIONS: Officials in Clackamas County, southeast of Portland, have finished duplicating the majority of primary election ballots that were rejected by vote-counting machines because of a printing error that resulted in blurred barcodes on tens of thousands of ballots. The printing error and a bungled response by election officials in the days leading up to the election led to results in a handful of key races being delayed for well over a week. Clackamas County voters' May 17 primary ballot choices included party nominations for governor, Congress and the Legislature, as well as two seats on the Clackamas County Commission and judicial races. Elections officials were forced to transfer the voter's intent from a spoiled ballot to a fresh one that could be read by the machines. Clackamas County will now focus on counting military and overseas ballots and processing ballots that need voter signature resolution. Elections officials expect to certify all election results by June 13, the state's deadline.

/ WILDLIFE, SAFETY: A cougar attacked a 9-year-old girl who was playing hide-and-seek at a church camp in Washington state, seriously wounding her. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife says the girl, named Lily, and two other children were playing in the woods Saturday at the camp near the small town of Fruitland. She jumped out to surprise her friends when the cougar attacked. Adults rushed to help and found the girl suffering scratch and bites marks and bleeding. She was airlifted to a hospital, where she had surgery for multiple wounds to her head and upper body. Officials say she was released from intensive care unit Monday and while she remains hospitalized is making what they say is an "amazing recovery." The young male cougar was located and killed. It tested negative for rabies. Cougar attacks are very rare, with only 20 in Washington state resulting in injuries to humans in the past century, according to the department. There have been two fatal attacks on humans in Washington state.

/ FAMILIES, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: President Biden meets

today with infant formula manufacturers as his administration works to ease a nationwide shortage. The administration already is importing overseas supplies and using the Defense Production Act to speed domestic production. The shortage was sparked earlier this year when Abbott Nutrition shut down a massive production plant in Michigan over safety concerns. U.S. regulators and Abbott announced an agreement last month that would help pave the way for reopening the plant, though production has not yet restarted. Biden's roundtable today is with other infant formula manufacturers, including Gerber, ByHeart, Bubs Australia, Reckitt, and Perrigo. / EDUCATION: The Scripps National Spelling Bee's preliminary rounds are much tougher and packed with drama this year. The bee is back in person for the first time since 2019, but without the written test that was used for years to determine the best 50 or so spellers. Instead, spellers are asked to spell a word, define a word and spell another during one trip to the microphone. When the day's spelling concluded, only 88 of 229 competing spellers advanced to the quarterfinals. It looks like two Oregon competitors—one from Portland, the other from Nyssa in far Eastern Oregon—will take part in today's quarterfinals. Wishing them the best of luck and good spelling! /

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disrupt and disable Russia's current intentions and restore peace." / **CRIME:** Eugene Police say they cited a 24-year-old Springfield man yesterday morning for Disorderly Conduct after an incident involving a gelatin pellet or "splattergun" near South Eugene High School. Officers responded shortly before 9:15 a.m. after receiving reports that the suspect, Austin Edward Baldwin, had caused alarm by his proximity to the school and his positioning of the splattergun. Police say Baldwin also had a realistic-looking handgun replica. / **EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT:** The Biden administration says it will forgive all remaining federal student debt for former students of the for-profit Corinthian Colleges chain. The decision covers people who were enrolled in Corinthian schools — operating as Everest Institute, WyoTech and Heald College — from their founding in 1995 to its closure in 2015. Former students are not required to submit an application and will receive a letter from the Education Department informing them of the pending discharge. The action will erase \$5.8 billion in federal student debt for more than 560,000 borrowers. Corinthian was once a leader in the for-profit education sector, with an enrollment of more than 110,000 students at 105 campuses at its peak in 2010. But the company became known for high loan defaults and questionable academic programs. After allegations of deceptive marketing and lying to the government about its graduation rates, Corinthian lost access to federal funds in 2014, forcing the company to sell or close its schools. Those who have a remaining balance on their Corinthian debt will also receive refunds on payments they have already made. But the action does not apply to loans that have already been paid off in full. / **HEALTH:** In a novel experiment, a woman with advanced pancreatic cancer saw her tumors dramatically shrink after researchers in Oregon turbocharged her immune cells. It's not a cure. But the research highlights a possible new way to someday harness the immune system to better fight hard-to-treat cancers. Researchers at Oregon's Providence Cancer Institute culled what are known as T-cells from the woman's blood and genetically engineered them to spot a mutant protein fueling her cancer. They say the research remains highly experimental but showed promise. T cells are key immune soldiers, able to kill off diseased cells -- but too often cancer evades them. Doctors already have learned how to strengthen T cells to fight some types of leukemia and lymphoma. They add an artificial receptor to patients' T cells so the immune fighters can recognize a marker on the outside of blood cancer cells, and attack. The approach failed in a second patient, but researchers have begun a small study to more closely test it. The research was published Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine. / **ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY:** We're getting some expanded recycling options for our home curbside carts across most of the county and here in Eugene-Springfield: Residents, along with customers at all Lane County transfer stations, may add plastic bottles, plastic jars, and plastic jugs that have either a #1 or #2 code on the container to their recycling. The items—which must be clean, dry, and at least as large as a tennis ball—were removed from the local recycling stream in 2018, as global recycling markets dried up. But officials say markets have improved, local material recovery facilities have added additional machinery and advanced technology to sort and clean up the recycling stream, and more companies are buying post-consumer resin made from recycled plastics. There are plastics you still cannot recycle locally. That might change over time. But as of this week, you now may recycle those plastic bottles, plastic jars, and plastic jugs that have the

#1 or #2 recycle codes in your curbside residential carts and at Lane County's transfer stations. More information about what may be included in local recycling containers can be found at LaneCountyOR.gov/recycle and eugenerecycles.org. According to City of Eugene recycling experts, the expanded list of items being accepted for commingled recycling from residents, businesses, and at Lane County's Glenwood transfer station now includes: Newspaper, ads and inserts, direct mail, magazines, and catalogues; Flattened cardboard boxes and empty pizza boxes; Cereal, cracker, and shoe boxes (chipboard); Office paper; Paperboard/cardboard egg cartons; Steel and aluminum cans; and Certain plastic containers: #1 and #2 plastic bottles such as shampoo, hand soap, and personal care and cleaning product bottles, condiment jars such as peanut butter, mayonnaise, etc., plastic jugs such as juice, milk, or vinegar bottles. Items that are NOT accepted in our recycling stream are: Plastic tubs; Small plastic bottles or jars such as pill bottles or travel size product containers; Aseptic containers (such as milk cartons or shelf stable soymilk containers); Shredded paper; If you are unsure whether or not an item is recyclable, you can find out by visiting Lane County's Waste Wise. Find it at <https://www.lanecounty.org/cms/one.aspx?pageld=15779129>, which allows you to enter an item into the database and learn how to recycle it or dispose of it. For more information, visit eugenerecycles.org or Waste Wise. / EDUCATION: An onstage vocabulary round has introduced a new element of randomness into the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The multiple-choice vocabulary questions this week forced spellers to demonstrate a different skill set and knocked out some of the bee's most accomplished spellers during Wednesday's semifinals. Among those who were eliminated without spelling a word incorrectly were Roy Seligman and Vivinsha Veduru, who tied for fourth place in last year's bee. Veteran spelling coach Grace Walters called the vocabulary results "tragic." Among the words and phrases that spellers failed to define were "Stockholm syndrome," "ragout" and "rumbustical." The bee is back in person for the first time since 2019, but without the written test that was used for years to determine the best 50 or so spellers. Instead, spellers are asked to spell a word, define a word and spell another during one trip to the microphone. The two Oregon competitors—one from Portland, the other from Nyssa in far Eastern Oregon—were eliminated from competition yesterday. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>RECREATION: More permit opportunities and a simplified system: Day-use permits for some popular Oregon Cascades wilderness areas become available starting Sunday morning, June 5, at 7:00 a.m. Starting later this month, the permits are required on 19 of 79 trailheads within the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters wilderness areas. Permit quotas are slightly increasing on most trailheads. The day-use permits are being released in ten-day and two-day rolling windows during the summer season. Wilderness managers say they're doing that because last summer there were a significant number of "no-shows" among those who made advance permit reservations but never used their reservations later in the summer. Our Cascades wilderness permit season dates also are a bit different this year, beginning on June 15 and ending on October 15. Recreation specialists say that better reflects when people are really using the permits. Last year, for example, people who had permits in early June often were unable to use them because of late-spring snow, challenging road conditions, and various closures—but wilderness areas still were accessible in early October. There is no charge for the basic permit, but there continues to be a \$1 processing charge for day-use permits per individual and a \$6 processing charge for overnight-use permits per group. ; Celebrate "Oregon State Parks Day" and our state parks system's centennial on Saturday, June 4, at Elijah Bristow State Park. The groups Oregon Equestrian Trails and Wild Ones Youth will show their horses and demonstrate horse care and how to be around a horse. They'll also have a demonstration saddle stand to give you the feeling of what it's like to be in the saddle. In addition, cake and refreshments served and a raffle for McKenzie Feed Certificate. It's all free on Saturday between 11 AM and 2 PM. /</p> <p>COMMUNITY, EVENTS, AGRICULTURE, DEVELOPMENT: Should be a very happy crowd tomorrow as the Lane County Farmers' Market returns to its longtime location at 8th and Olive Streets in Eugene and moves into the new Farmers Market Pavilion and Plaza. After a decade of planning and months of construction, this will be the market's permanent home on Saturdays and Tuesdays. The market had a successful temporary run on two blocks of 5th Avenue near the 5th Street Public Market. But organizers say the 8th and Oak location is rooted in history: It is where Eugene's very first farmers market, the Eugene Producer's Market, took root more than a century ago. In 2017, a land swap between Lane County government and the City of Eugene cleared the way for the initial work on the pavilion and plaza. The new Lane County Farmer's</p>

Market space supports local farmers and will help extend the market season. A Grand Opening Celebration takes place later this month, on Sunday, June 26th, from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the new pavilion. The June 26 event is free and will feature live music, food trucks, speakers, information tables, and family-friendly activities. / SPORTS: It's shaping up to be an exciting weekend for some local high school softball and baseball teams: On Saturday, Marist meets Cascade in for the championship in Class 4A softball. The game takes place at 2 p.m. at the University of Oregon's fabulous softball stadium, Jane Sanders Field. And it will be a mid-valley match-up on Saturday when Lebanon meets Crescent Valley for the Class 5A baseball championship. The game is set for 10 a.m. at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students. ; The college softball and baseball playoffs continue: The Oregon State university softball team dropped its first game of the Women's College World Series Thursday evening in Oklahoma City, as the Beavers fell to No. 14 Florida, 7-1. OSU will meet Pac-12 rival Arizona in an elimination game at 6:30 p.m. this evening on ESPN2. The Beavs are at the Women's College World Series for the second time in program history and the first time since the 2006 campaign. The Oregon State baseball team enters the 2022 NCAA postseason as the nation's No. 3 national seed. The NCAA Corvallis Regional gets underway today, and continues through Sunday with a game, if needed, on Monday. The Beavers take on regional four-seed New Mexico State at 7 p.m. this evening on ESPNU. The Oregon baseball squad open its 2022 NCAA Tournament run in the Louisville Regional and faces Big Ten Tournament champion Michigan at 4 p.m. this afternoon on ESPN+. The meeting between the Ducks and Wolverines will be the first in the history of the two programs. / EVENTS: Bring the family to Junction City for a cruise this evening, a Saturday show 'n shine and Saturday night classic car cruise. The two-day Function4Junction is back, rain or shine: Tonight (Friday, June 3): All years, makes and models cruise through downtown Junction City from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This cruise features a wide variety of vehicles, including classic cars and trucks traveling through Junction City. On Saturday, June 4: All years, makes and models are invited to enter the Show 'n Shine beginning at 8 a.m. with winners announced at 3 p.m. There's also a Costume Contest: Enter in person at the Show 'n Shine. Judging at 2:30 p.m. And plan on coming back for the Classic's Only Cruise from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Participants may register online prior to the event and in person on the days of the event. ; NASCAR is in Portland today and tomorrow for the "Pacific Office Automation 147" at Portland International Raceway. It's part of the NASCAR Xfinity Series, NASCAR's second tier or "minor league" races. The 75-lap event covers 147 miles. Today's schedule calls for a late morning practice session, with qualifying happening late this afternoon to set Saturday's starting grid. Between the on-track sessions, race fans can meet some rising stars of NASCAR during the driver autograph session starting at 3 p.m. Today's general admission is just \$20, and Saturday's price is \$45. A 2-Day General Admission for both days is just \$55. Children 12 and under are admitted free with a ticketed adult. Single Day Grandstand seats are also available securing the best vantage points at PIR. In addition to Single Day tickets, 2-Day Grandstand seats and 2-Day parking passes are available offering the best weekend value for fans. Grandstands are filling fast, so act soon to secure the best seats for both days. A 2-Day Parking Pass for a single vehicle space in the Beaches or Broadacre lots is \$40. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Eugene Springfield

Fire is conducting another series of simulated wildfire exercises today. The hands-on training opportunity helps familiarize crews with areas of our community at higher risk of wildfires. No live fire is being used. Instead, responding units will work as if there is a fire, deploying and moving around to respond to likely wildfire spread. If you live or work in the areas where the drills are being conducted, you will see gatherings of fire personnel and engines as crews practice their response, on-scene communications, and evacuation procedures. Today's drills are in an area of southeast Eugene that includes Summit Avenue and Fairmount Boulevard. Crews will be conducting training between 9:00 a.m. and noon. In Springfield, crews will be in the Thurston Hills Natural Area from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will start in the Mount Vernon area and deploy along the haul road. / SPORTS, BUSINESS: Nike co-founder Phil Knight and the owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers are among members of a group that have reportedly made a \$2 (b) billion offer to purchase the Portland Trailblazers NBA franchise. But a statement yesterday from the team said the Blazers are not for sale. Multiple media outlets, including ESPN and the New York Times, reported yesterday that Phil Knight is part of an ownership group making the offer. The Blazers' future has been uncertain since the 2018 death of longtime owner and Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen. Allen's sister now leads the trust that owns the franchise. According to ESPN, Knight got involved as part of an effort to keep the Trailblazers in Portland. / EMPLOYMENT, YOUTH, BUSINESS: This is shaping up to be the best summer job market for teens in 15 years. Researchers at Drexel University say close to one-third of youth between the ages of 16 and 19 will be employed from June through August, the highest such rate since the summer of 2007. They also stand to earn record pay levels: often at \$15 or \$16 an hour for entry-level work. Analysts say teen employment already has topped pre-pandemic levels even though the overall job market still has not. Many of the job openings are in America's hospitality sector — hotels, restaurants, public pools, ice cream parlors, and at farms preparing to harvest everything from strawberries to vegetables. Those seasonal employers say they can't fill many of their summer jobs because the number of open positions far exceeds the number of people willing and able to take them — even at increased wages. Many teens stayed on the sidelines during the past two years of the pandemic, as businesses first locked down then slowly reopened. But there are other reasons fewer teens have entered the summer job market in recent years. Many skipped summer employment to focus on college prep, summer school, and summer volunteer work. And over the past two decades, many older and lower-wage workers took up the slack, accepting a growing proportion of the low-skill, entry-level jobs previously occupied by teens. / HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, CRIME, GOVERNMENT: Oregon health officials and state lawmakers say efforts to get millions of dollars in funding to treatment centers and related services as part of the state's pioneering drug decriminalization have been botched even as drug addictions and overdoses increase. Oregonians passed Ballot Measure 110 in 2020 decriminalizing possession of personal amounts of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and other drugs — the first in the nation to do so. The ballot measure redirected millions of dollars in tax revenues from the state's legal marijuana industry to treatment. But applications for funding stacked up after state officials underestimated the work required to vet them and to get the money out the door. That's according to officials who testified yesterday before a legislative committee. They say only a

tiny fraction of the available funds, about \$40 million, has been disbursed. Another \$265 million set aside for this biennium still needs to be allocated. Leaders of the Health Justice Recovery Alliance told the legislative panel that hundreds of providers are waiting for those funds. Those providers screen the needs of those seeking to end their addictions. The providers also offer case management, treatment, housing, and links to other services. But leaders of the drug Policy Alliance, which led efforts to pass Measure 110, say more than 16,000 Oregonians have accessed services through the funding. During the legislative hearing, state health officials acknowledged that the need is great. They say that's been amplified by the "dramatic" increase in overdoses and overdose deaths statewide. They attributed many of those to the recent arrival of methamphetamine laced with fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid, and illicit pills containing fentanyl. Officials say that adds urgency to the effort to provide treatment services and harm reduction, including medication to treat overdoses and needle exchanges, which the measure also pays for. Advocates note those services are available to anyone in Oregon, not just those who are cited for possession.

/ GOVERNMENT, SAFETY, RACISM: Child welfare officials in Oregon will stop using an algorithm to help decide which families are investigated by social workers, opting instead for a new process that officials say will make better, more racially equitable decisions. The move comes weeks after an Associated Press review of a separate algorithmic tool in Pennsylvania that originally inspired Oregon officials to use the technology. The Pennsylvania tool was found to have initially flagged a disproportionate number of Black children for "mandatory" neglect investigations. Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden said he had long been concerned about the algorithms used by our state's child welfare system and contacted the department again following publication of the AP story.

/ ECONOMY, OLDER ADULTS, HEALTH: A stronger than expected economic recovery from the pandemic has pushed back the dates when Social Security and Medicare would not be able to pay full benefits to recipients. But officials warn that the nation's current economic turbulence is putting additional pressures on the bedrock retirement programs. The annual Social Security and Medicare trustees report released Thursday notes Social Security's trust fund will be able to pay full benefits at least until 2035, instead of last year's estimate of 2034. The projected depletion date for Medicare's trust fund for inpatient hospital care moved back two years to 2028 from last year's forecast of 2026. Social Security pays benefits to more than 65 million Americans, mainly retirees as well as people with disabilities and survivors of deceased workers. Medicare covers roughly 64 million older adults and people with disabilities. Income for Medicare's hospital insurance fund is projected to be higher than estimates from last year because both the number of covered workers who help fund it and their average wages are both expected to be higher. Medicare's main source of financing is payroll taxes on earnings paid by employees and employers. About 183 million people paid those taxes in 2021. Forecasters for both government benefit programs say the COVID-19 pandemic has had no net effect on their long-range projections. But they also noted that assumptions for their latest report were made in February, which was before cases began climbing again nationally and inflation jumped.

/ HEALTH, WILDLIFE: The spread of a deadly strain of avian flu is forcing many of Oregon's wildlife rescue and rehabilitation agencies to stop accepting injured waterfowl for care. Experts say those birds can carry the virus

without showing symptoms, putting all the birds at the rehab facilities at risk. Specialists with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife say goslings, ducklings, and adult waterfowl can all contract and carry the virus. This is the time of year when goslings, ducklings and other young birds are commonly picked up and brought into rehab centers. Well-intentioned people mistakenly think these young birds are orphaned because they may be temporarily separated from their parents. Please leave wild birds in the wild to give them the best chance for survival. If you see young ducks or geese, keep your pets under tight control. Do not feed waterfowl at this time. Not only can it cause nutritional issues, but feeding prompts wildlife to gather, increasing the risk of spreading the virus.

If you find healthy ducklings or goslings without a parent nearby, please leave them alone and allow the parents to find them. If you choose to intercede, they should be released at the nearest waterway. Injured ducks and geese may be brought to an ODFW office. But please call ahead and understand that because of the risk that they might carry avian flu, they will be euthanized. If you see sick or dead wild birds, do not collect or handle them. Instead, report them to your local ODFW office or to the state's Wildlife Health lab by calling them at 866-968-2600 or emailing Wildlife.Health@odfw.oregon.gov. State wildlife experts are monitoring, collecting, and testing sick and dead wild birds to determine the prevalence and spread of the disease. Across the state, leaders of wildlife rehabilitation facilities say it's a difficult decision to stop accepting injured waterfowl. But they say the risk simply is too high. They hope to return to normal rehab efforts by mid-summer. In Oregon, avian flu was first detected in wild birds in Canada goose goslings at Alton Baker Park in Eugene and it was also found in several red-tailed hawks in May. The current detections of the highly pathogenic virus have occurred only in Linn and Lane counties, but ODFW biologists expect it to spread over the next several weeks. This virus has been documented in more than 100 different species of wild birds worldwide since it was first detected in December 2021 in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. It was believed to have entered North America in an infected wild seabird or migrating waterfowl. The virus currently circulating in Oregon and other parts of the world is very contagious among birds and can sicken and even kill many bird species, including chickens, ducks, and turkeys. Infected birds can shed avian influenza A viruses in their saliva, nasal secretions, and feces. Susceptible birds become infected when they contact the virus after it is shed by infected birds. Wild birds that typically carry the virus include waterbirds (such as ducks, geese, swans, gulls, and terns), shorebirds (such as sandpipers), and pelicans and cormorants. Dabbling ducks (such as mallards, pintails, and wigeons) serve as reservoir hosts for avian influenza A viruses although it often does not cause disease in these species. The disease can also infect raptors (hawks, eagles) that prey on or consume sick or dead waterfowl. The wild bird species in Oregon most at risk from this strain of virus currently appear to be all waterfowl, shorebirds, eagles and scavenging species such as crows and turkey vultures. While very contagious and deadly for some birds, the risk to human health is low according to the CDC. / CRIME: Lane County sheriff's deputies are asking for tips in connection with their investigation of a hit-and-run crash early Thursday morning that left a pedestrian hospitalized with serious injuries. They are expected to survive. It happened about 1:00 a.m. yesterday in the area of Territorial Highway near Demming Road in the Elmira

area. A passing vehicle struck a person who had been assisting someone trying to jump-start their car. After the crash, witnesses say the vehicle fled the scene southbound toward Veneta. It is described as a pickup, possibly a Chevrolet Silverado. Investigators say it likely has damage to its front and/or passenger side. Broken pieces of dark green painted plastic were left behind by the suspect vehicle. Have information on the incident or the suspect vehicle? Contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Dial 541-682-4150 and, when prompted, select Option 1. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: The Biden administration says children under 5 may be able to get their first COVID-19 vaccination doses as soon as June 21, if federal regulators authorize shots for the age group as expected. White House COVID-19 coordinator Ashish Jha outlined the administration's planning Thursday for the last remaining ineligible age group to get shots. He says the Food and Drug Administration's outside panel of advisers will meet on June 14-15 to evaluate the Pfizer and Moderna shots for younger kids. Shipments to doctors' offices and pediatric care facilities would begin soon after FDA authorization, with the first shots possible the following week. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SPORTS: Friday's rain forced a postponement of the Girls' Class 4A Softball championship game. It's now rescheduled for tomorrow. Marist will meet Cascade in at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the University of Oregon stadium, Jane Sanders Field. In boys' championship action on Saturday, Crescent Valley defeated Lebanon to win the Class 5A baseball title, 6-0. ; In college baseball and softball: The Oregon State baseball team has a rematch against Vanderbilt today at 1 p.m. for a chance to advance to an NCAA Super Regional. The Beavs lost to the commodores yesterday, 8-1, setting up today's rematch. Oregon Baseball's season ended Sunday when the Ducks lost to Louisville 8-5 in an elimination game at the NCAA Regionals. The Oregon State university softball team's season came to an end on Friday when the Beavs fell to Arizona, 3-1, at the Women's College World Series. / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: Economic analysts say Americans at the low end of the income rung are once again struggling to make ends meet. They say the expiration of federal stimulus checks and surging inflation on staples like gasoline and food are driving an even bigger wedge between the haves and have-nots. While wealthier shoppers continue to splurge, low-income shoppers have pulled back faster than expected in the past two months. They're focusing on necessities while turning to cheaper items or less expensive stores. And they're buying only a little at a time. It's a reversal from a year or so ago, when low-income shoppers were able to spend more freely. Economists say the poorest one-fifth of Americans have exhausted the savings they'd built up during the pandemic—in part through stimulus checks, child tax credit payments and higher wages. Analysts say the other four-fifths of U.S. households are still sitting on a large stockpile of additional savings since the pandemic, with much of that held by the top fifth of the nation's income earners. / FAMILIES, HEALTH, SAFETY: It's a big step toward easing a nationwide shortage of baby formula. Abbott Nutrition has restarted its main formula-making factory after it was closed because of contamination. The plant in Michigan has been shuttered since February, and that's led to nationwide supply problems for formulas needed to feed infants. Many parents have been forced to hunt for formula from food banks, friends, and doctor's offices. Abbott officials say they will prioritize production of specialty formulas for infants with severe food allergies and digestive problems. The company says it'll take about three weeks before new formula products from the plant begin showing up on store shelves. The plant's reopening is one of several actions expected to improve supplies,</p>

including continued federal deliveries of imported formula from overseas. ; A new study is drawing attention to a rise in poisonings in children involving the sleep aid melatonin. Last year, U.S. poison control centers received more than 52,000 calls of children consuming worrisome amounts of melatonin. That's a six-fold increase in what was reported about a decade earlier. Most such poisonings are children ages 5 and younger, who accidentally got into bottles of melatonin. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published the study last week. A Michigan pediatrician who was the lead author says parents might think of melatonin as a vitamin, but it really belongs in the medicine cabinet. / CRIME: They're working to determine whether the incidents are coincidental or related. Around one a.m. this morning, Springfield Police attempted to stop a motorcycle with switched plates near Mohawk Blvd and Olympic Street. The bike's rider sped onto Highway 126, then Northbound on Interstate 5. As speeds reached 120 mph, officers terminated the pursuit about three miles before the Harrisburg exit for safety reasons. But a short time later, they observed the motorcycle parked in front of a truck on the shoulder of I-5 two miles past the Harrisburg exit, near Milepost 211. The suspect sped off again as officers arrived. Officers discovered the male occupant of the truck was deceased. The pursuit continued to the Brownsville exit, where the suspect headed eastbound on Oregon Highway 228 and officers lost sight of the bike. Shortly after 2 pm., an officer spotted the suspect, the pursuit resumed, and the suspect crashed the motorcycle. Police took 35-year-old Frank Vincent Nelson of Sweet Home into custody. He suffered a small scrape on his hand from the crash. Oregon State Police are conducting a death investigation to determine how the man inside the truck died. / ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: Concerned about what they say are growing problems involving trash and debris in the Willamette River, an Oregon environmental group is asking state regulators to set new rules controlling trash and debris. Leaders of Willamette Riverkeeper said Friday that urban riverbanks in Eugene, Salem, and Portland are being overwhelmed with garbage. They say the problem affects the main stem of the river and some of its tributaries. Members of Willamette Riverkeeper say they conduct volunteer cleanups throughout the year along the river and say over the past decade things have grown far worse, threatening water quality and wildlife. They're asking the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to set up and set regulations and enforcement that apply along the entire stretch of the Willamette River—rather than rely on the patchwork of regulations created by cities, counties, and other entities. / RECREATION: More permit opportunities and a simplified system: Day-use permits for some popular Oregon Cascades wilderness areas became available yesterday. The permits are required starting later this month on 19 of 79 trailheads within the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters wilderness areas. Permit quotas are slightly increasing on most trailheads. The day-use permits are being released in ten-day and two-day rolling windows during the summer season. Wilderness managers say they're doing that because last summer there were a significant number of "no-shows" among those who made advance permit reservations but never used their reservations later in the summer. Our Cascades wilderness permit season dates are a bit different this year, beginning on June 15 and ending on October 15. Recreation specialists say that better reflects when people are really using the permits. Last year, for example, people who had permits in early June often were unable to use them because of late-spring snow, challenging road conditions, and various closures—

but wilderness areas still were accessible in early October. There is no charge for the basic permit, but there continues to be a \$1 processing charge for day-use permits per individual and a \$6 processing charge for overnight-use permits per group. Learn more at: www.fs.usda.gov/detail/willamette/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fseprd688355 To secure day-use permits go to <https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/300009> For overnight permits, go to <https://www.recreation.gov/permits/4675311> Reservations for Central Cascades Wilderness Permits may be made through Recreation.gov either on-line, via the Recreation.gov app on mobile devices, or by calling 1-877-444-6777 or TDD 877-833-6777. Search for "Central Cascades Wilderness." /

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TIME OF BROADCAST	5:30AM-8:30AM / KGNU-FM
NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>COMMUNITY: Driving from Eugene to Springfield along Franklin Boulevard? You'll see a new "Welcome to Springfield" sign as you enter Glenwood. It was installed yesterday, part of local beautification efforts ahead of the busy summer season. The sign was created by Urban Lumber Company. The sign is visible to eastbound drivers on Franklin Boulevard near the Fairfield Inn and Suites. /</p> <p>SPORTS: The No. 3 Oregon State baseball team is advancing to the NCAA Super Regional after defeating Vanderbilt yesterday, 7-6. The Beavs will meet Auburn this weekend. Dates and times TBA. The best-of-three super regionals will determine the field for the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, beginning June 17. During yesterday's game, Matthew Gretler hit a go-ahead solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning, Cooper Hjerpe pitched around a leadoff walk in the ninth and No. 3 overall seed Oregon State edged Vanderbilt 7-6 to win the Corvallis Regional and earn a berth in the super regionals. ; Friday's rain forced a postponement of the Girls' Class 4A Softball championship game. Top seed Marist will meet Cascade in at 3 p.m. today at the Jane Sanders Field at the University of Oregon. ; Another big competition takes place this week at Eugene's Hayward Field. The NCAA Championships bring competitors from across the U.S. Competition begins tomorrow and continues into the weekend. Still ahead this month: the Nike Outdoor Nationals, and the USA Track & Field Championships. The World Athletics Championships and the "Oregon22" celebration take place July 15-24. /</p> <p>AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT: A key Oregon legislative committee has approved millions of dollars in funding for urgent issues facing the state, ranging from affordable housing to grasshopper and cricket suppression. The largest slice of funds, \$100 million, will go to the Public Defense Service Commission, which oversees the state's public defenders. Lawmakers also allocated \$30 million for health insurance for long-term care providers, \$5 million for affordable housing grants and \$1.2 million for cricket and grasshopper suppression in rural regions. The Emergency Board provides state agencies with funding during the interim between legislative sessions. /</p> <p>CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's investigators say they continue to seek a 29-year-old convicted felon following a Friday search of a residence in the 3700 block of East 22nd Avenue in Eugene. It came during an investigation of possible crimes including Arson, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Body Armor, Criminal Mischief, Theft, Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools, Trespass, and Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle. Officials say they recovered</p>

numerous firearms, ammunition, and ballistic vests. At least one of the firearms was confirmed stolen, while another's serial number had been removed. The primary suspect is 29-year-old David Joseph Essary. He is described as five-foot-seven, approximately 200 pounds, with brown hair, brown eyes, and tattoos on his neck and arms. If you have information on Essary's whereabouts, do not approach him because he is considered armed and dangerous. Instead, call 911. ; No injuries after a man possibly suffering mental health issues allegedly fired multiple rounds early yesterday morning inside one Santa Clara-area residence. At least one round struck another residence. It happened shortly before 3:30 a.m. Lane County Sheriff's deputies say they were assisted by Eugene Police when they arrested 32-year-old Dylan Holmes and took multiple firearms for safekeeping. Holmes was jailed on charges of Reckless Endangering, Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree, and Unlawful Use of a Firearm. ; Investigators are working to identify human remains that were located on May 26 off West Boundary Road, east of Lowell. They were discovered in a wooded area just off the roadway. Officials say the condition of the remains indicates the person likely had been deceased for several weeks. Investigators are working with the Oregon State Police Crime Lab to determine both the person's identity and cause of death. The death is being investigated as suspicious. If you have any information in the case, please contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Dial 541-682-4150 and, when prompted, select Option 1. ; Eugene Police are warning there's another scam making the rounds. This one involves emails claiming to be from online payment processor PayPal and asking you to approve or dispute a bogus charge to your account. There is, of course, no charge. But if you call the number in the email, the scammer will tell you there are other pending charges and offer to connect you to your bank or credit union representative. They, too, are scammers. And they'll quickly begin pressuring you to move the funds in your account to a new account to "protect" your money. Unfortunately, if you give them your financial information, your money will be moved—to one of the scammers' accounts. In a recent case, it was a scammer's Bitcoin wallet. That means the money becomes untraceable. A resident recently contacted Eugene Police to report losing \$15,000 in this scam. He asked investigators to share the details of the scam with you in hope you will not be similarly victimized. This is not the first time Eugene Police have seen versions of this scam. Last month, a Eugene woman was contacted by a scammer via text and pretending to be from "PayPal security." She was warned there was a problem with a recent transaction, which she had not made. When she called the number provided, the person at the other end advised they were transferring her on a secure line to her bank. While speaking with the bogus banking representative, she was asked to download a program allowing the scammer remote access to her computer. The person on the other end of the line then went looking around her computer for non-existent "problems" and claimed there was a pending charge for \$30,000 in Bitcoin. She was advised to go to a Bitcoin ATM and deposit \$30,000 into an account and provide photos of the receipt. She lost \$30,000. Banks and credit unions would NEVER ask you to do these things. These scams texts and emails are increasingly common. Do not dial the phone numbers in the emails and texts. Do not click suspicious links. If you are concerned, please contact your bank or credit card companies using the verified phone numbers on your financial statements. As police say, "If something sounds suspicious, it probably is." / HEALTH: COVID

infections are beginning to fall, but more waves are possible. Starting this week and continuing throughout the month of June, Lane County Public Health is offering free COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots to community members at Lane Transit District's Eugene and Springfield Stations. The free boosters will be offered at LTD's Eugene Station every Wednesday in June from 5-7 p.m. The free boosters will be offered at LTD's Springfield Station every Thursday in June from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. It's a convenient way to provide boosters for people who might not have the time or a vehicle to attend other vaccination clinics. You may ride the bus to either the Eugene or Springfield station on days when free booster doses are being offered. ; Our spring wave of COVID-19 cases is expected to peak later this week, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Experts say lower hospitalization and death rates this time around are due to a combination both of widespread vaccination and newer treatments for those who are infected. But we're continuing to see lots of infections. And with the prevalence of home test kits, there are many cases that are not being reported. In Lane County, close to one in every ten reported COVID test results are positive. After weeks of rising case numbers, the Oregon Health Authority is beginning to see a bit of a decline in cases. But they add there are indications the virus is still widespread across much of Oregon. The state also continues to track more than 150 active outbreaks reported the second half of May in care facilities, senior living communities and congregate care living settings. To qualify as an active outbreak, the facilities have three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases or one or more COVID-19-related deaths. ; How much can COVID infections mess with your brain? A recent Oregon State University study found that COVID-19 patients had a small but increased risk of developing a psychiatric disorder in the four months following their infection compared to recovery from other types of respiratory infections. The findings support previous research on post-COVID infection mood and anxiety disorders. Co-author Lauren Chan, a Ph.D. student in nutrition in OSU's College of Public Health and Human Sciences, says the results underscore the need for both patients and health care providers to be more proactive when it comes to addressing mental health concerns following COVID infection. Chan says that for people recovering from COVID who might be experiencing changes in their anxiety levels and moods, it's worth speaking with your healthcare provider. / WEATHER, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY, RECREATION: April and May were rainier than normal and some of the storms dropped much-needed snow in the mountains. But a lot of the precipitation fell across the northern half of the state. Experts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service say the Willamette Valley and parts of North-Central and Northeastern Oregon are looking at decent water supplies and snowpack. But the rainfall and snowfall still are not enough to offset three years of prolonged drought across much of Central, Southern, and Southeastern Oregon. Here in the Willamette Basin, last month's precipitation was 224 percent of median. And since the start of the water year on October 1st, we're at 105 percent of median. That's good news. Because even as spring temperatures warm and mountain snowpack begins to melt, experts anticipate our streamflows should remain above normal through September. That's good news for community water supplies, farmers, and others. /

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NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>CRIME: Springfield Police say an Ashland man attempted to abduct a child on Monday afternoon. When that was unsuccessful, he fled in his vehicle. But when he was stopped by law enforcement, officials say the suspect took his own life. The child is safe at home with their family. And investigators are thanking an alert community member who provided a description of the suspect vehicle and direction of travel. Investigators say they are still trying to determine why 28-year-old Tanner Hoover drove his silver 2011 Nissan Sentra to Lane County to attempt the abduction in the area of South 48th and Daisy Streets. When Hoover fled on Monday afternoon shortly after 4:15 p.m., he was in the area of Highway 126 and Camp Creek Road when he was stopped by law enforcement and pulled over immediately before taking his own life. Investigators would like to hear from anyone else who might have information about Hoover or any similar incidents. Officials say he apparently left his Ashland residence within the last ten days and they're trying to reconstruct his activity during that time. Have any leads in the case? Contact Springfield Police at 541-726-3721 or at police@springfield-or.gov</p> <p>/ WILDLIFE, AGRICULTURE, HEALTH: The Oregon Department of Agriculture yesterday lifted its regional quarantine in parts of Lane and Linn Counties following the easing of last month's outbreak of highly contagious avian influenza. The quarantine had been instituted to temporarily prevent the movement of poultry—including chickens, ducks, and geese—for an area extending several miles around locations where infected wild or domestic birds had been found. In mid-May, several Canada goose goslings collected from Eugene's Alton Baker Park tested positive for avian influenza. Experts suspected the goslings are part of a larger outbreak after additional sick and dead waterfowl were observed at the park. A red-tailed hawk from Eugene and an osprey collected last month near Dorena Reservoir, east of Cottage Grove, also tested positive. Earlier last month, the first Oregon case in a backyard poultry flock was confirmed in Linn County and one additional case was confirmed in Lane County. Officials with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife say the risk to human health is low. But they say the virus has forced the euthanization of tens of millions of chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys at commercial farms elsewhere in the U.S.</p> <p>/ EDUCATION: She is a national higher education teaching leader in the engineering. She's a top researcher and is committed both to public and academic service. She's also the new president of Oregon State University. OSU's Board of Trustees yesterday announced the hiring of Jayathi Murthy after agreeing on a five-year contract. She</p>

hails from UCLA, where she has been Dean of the School Engineering and Applied Science for more than six years. She also is a distinguished professor in the school's mechanical and aerospace department. Murthy will become OSU's 16th president during a ceremony on September 9. She is the first woman of color to lead OSU. During her tenure with UCLA, Murthy has expanded access to engineering education and led an effort to attract more women to the field. She also helped attract more than \$330 million in donations and endowments. Her focus is on engineering in medicine and biology; sustainable and resilient urban systems; artificial intelligence, machine learning and data science; cybersecurity and the future internet; robotics and cyberphysical systems; as well as advanced materials and manufacturing. / ECONOMY: Global oil prices continue to climb. So do prices at the gas pump, which are setting records again in Oregon. Our average price statewide for a gallon of regular fuel is up to \$5.48 this morning. That's up more than 25 cents from a week ago. Here in Lane County, the average price for regular-grade gas is a couple of cents higher, at \$5.50. In the last month alone, we've seen local gas prices climb by 72 cents per gallon. That, coupled with rising food and other prices, is putting many people in a terrible financial bind. Analysts with AAA, the automobile club, say with world oil prices close to \$120 per barrel, there's no immediate relief in sight. And despite the high prices, people are still fueling up: Demand rose again last week ahead on the heels of the Memorial Day holiday weekend. ; It's the inflation you're not supposed to see. From toilet paper to yogurt to corn chips, manufacturers are quietly shrinking package sizes without lowering prices. It's dubbed "shrinkflation," and it's accelerating worldwide. In the U.S., a small box of Kleenex now has 60 tissues; a few months ago, it had 65. In the U.K., Nestle slimmed down coffee tins from 100 grams to 90 grams. Shrinkflation isn't new, experts say. But it proliferates in times of high inflation as companies grapple with rising costs for ingredients, packaging, labor and transportation. ; Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has acknowledged that she and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell "could have used a better word" than transitory when describing the expected run of inflation in the U.S. economy. Yellen says she remains hopeful it will decline. But she told the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday that "I do expect inflation to remain high although I very much hope that it will be coming down now." Yellen added that "bringing inflation down" should be the number one priority. Treasury and the Federal Reserve have been increasingly blamed by legislators and the public for allowing inflation to reach record highs. / RECREATION, WILDFIRE RECOVERY: Good news for your summer recreation outings! Crews have completed their work and reopened popular Forest Service Road 19, also known as the Aufderheide Drive. The scenic route runs through the middle Cascades and runs between Westfir, off Highway 58, and Highway 126 near Blue River. The road had been closed near its northern end for wildfire recovery work. That made it difficult for drivers in the McKenzie Valley to easily access Cougar Reservoir, Terwilliger Hot Springs, the French Pete Wilderness, and nearby campgrounds, day-use sites, and trails. The wildfire recovery work and other safety improvements included removing hazardous trees, removing loose rocks from slopes near the roadway, replacing guard rails. Crews are continuing their efforts, so drivers are asked to watch for construction zones and slow down for workers. For current conditions, call the McKenzie River Ranger District at 541-822-3381 or the Middle Fork Ranger District at 541-782-2283. / SOCIAL SERVICES, CHARITY: Can you imagine

losing your home, everything you own, and being forced to flee your country with little more than the clothes on your back? Thursday, June 16, is world Refugee Day. It honors the courage, strength, and determination of those forced to start new lives in another land. Locally, the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County is holding an event that gives you the opportunity to help refugees. On Thursday, June 16, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., community members are gathering in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church (at 1376 Olive Street in Eugene) to assemble personal relief kits. The kits will include towels, toothbrushes, soap, and other hygiene products and essential items—things which can be virtually impossible to come by in many refugee camps around the world. The finished kits will be transported to a collection site near Portland for shipment around the world. The June 16 event is free. Children are welcome, and families are encouraged to assemble a kit together. Between now and then, organizers are requesting donations to help cover the costs of purchasing the supplies. They say \$25 will cover the costs of a basic kit. If you can't attend but would like to donate, you may send a check made out to the Eugene Mennonite Church, with "relief kits" in the memo line. Drop it off or mail it to Eugene Mennonite Church, 3590 W. 18th Avenue, Eugene OR 97402. Receipts for tax-deductible donations will be provided on request. / SPORTS: An upset in the championship game of the Girls' Class 4A Softball tournament: Cascade upset top seed Marist yesterday in Eugene, 3-2, to take the state title. ; The NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships begin today and continue through Saturday at Hayward Field. The events feature the nation's top college athletes. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EDUCATION: It's commencement time across Oregon. Many of our high school seniors are preparing for graduation and their future. And some are giving back to their school districts and younger students. Today, the seniors at Willamette and Kalapuya High Schools are holding their annual Grad Walk. They don their caps and gowns and head for the Bethel school District's elementary and middle schools. The younger students line the hallways to celebrate the graduates and everyone who helped get them to commencement. And the pageant encourages younger kids to be successful in school and plan their futures. / SPORTS: Notre Dame junior Dylan Jacobs overcame a fall to win the 10,000 meters at the opening day of the NCAA Track and Field Championships on Wednesday at Eugene's Hayward Field. Jacobs' fall came at the 3,000 meter mark, but he took the lead on the final lap and held off runner-up Alex Maier of Oklahoma State to cross the finish line in 28 minutes, 12.32 seconds. After the race, Jacobs told reporters, "I went down and I was like, 'Well, that happened. I got to get back up and finish now.'" / EMPLOYMENT: It's a hot job market right now for the nation's teenagers between the ages of 16-19. Employers are eager to hire them amid a nationwide labor shortage. Experts say teens have a lot to gain from even a summer job. They say the pay is better than in past years. There's potential to secure starter positions and internships in their chosen fields. And they say regular engagement with the public could help teens build back confidence they might have lost during the pandemic's two years of social isolation. Plus, teens can learn a thing or two about making and managing money and their schedules. The opportunities include classic summer jobs, like a lifeguard, restaurant server, camp counselor or cashier. ; The Oregon Employment Department yesterday announced the new annual minimum and maximum weekly benefit amounts for regular unemployment insurance. For new regular UI claims filed in Oregon on or after July 3, the minimum and maximum weekly benefit amounts will increase by approximately seven percent. This increase will be a significant income boost for new claimants. The minimum weekly benefit will rise by \$12, from \$171 per week to \$181 per week. The maximum weekly benefit amount for new regular unemployment insurance claims will increase by \$50, from \$733 to \$783 per week. If you're already receiving benefits, you'll continue getting the same amount you already do. The increase is tied to the growth of Oregon's average weekly wage during 2021. / SAFETY, WEATHER, GOVERNMENT. BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE: They hope we never experience another deadly "heat dome"</p>

like the one that brought record-setting temperatures to Oregon in late June of last year—no more smoke-clogged air during wildfire season, or another record-setting snowfall like the one that blanketed the southern Willamette Valley in 2019. But state officials said yesterday they are providing \$7 million in grants, equipment, and other assistance to local governments, public education providers, and Tribal Nations to better protect some of our most vulnerable residents. The aid will help enhance and expand warming and cooling shelters in communities across the state and provide cleaner indoor air when wildfire smoke settles into cities and rural areas. That could mean installing permanent upgrades to air filtration, heating, and cooling systems at key locations. That would give Oregonians without such systems at home a safer place to shelter. / MENTAL HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Mental health crises can strike without warning, putting already vulnerable people into increased risk. But with growing demand for mental health services, local resources are often strapped for treatment space. Lane County is working to create and fund a 42-bed Behavioral Health Stabilization Center. The facility has been in the planning phase for several years and efforts now are underway to find a suitable site. Backers say the Stabilization Center could offer immediate triage, intake, and care for referrals, walk-ins, and others in crisis. It would serve adults and youth. Staff would provide mental health and addiction services and connections to specialty and long-term treatment. And when a patient is discharged, the Stabilization Center would provide transportation—either to their home or a continued treatment location—and ensure the handoff is handled smoothly and supportively. Next Thursday, June 16, at 11:00 a.m., Lane County officials are hosting an online discussion to share updates on the planning and site search, and to hear from the public. Panel members will include Lane County Commissioner Laurie Trieger, Captain Clint Riley from the Lane County Sheriff's Office, Shana Mart from Lane County Behavioral Health, Alicia Beymer from PeaceHealth, and Jennifer Maclean from National Alliance on Mental Illness. / HEALTH: White House officials say they're already receiving orders for COVID-19 vaccine doses for small children. It's in anticipation of federal authorization of vaccinations for youngsters under age 5 as early as next week. The government last week began allowing pharmacies and states to place advance orders, with 5 million doses initially available. Both Pfizer and Moderna are seeking approval for the pediatric doses. Young children are the last group of Americans waiting to become eligible for vaccination. There are about 20 million U.S. children who could qualify if the government authorizes the doses. ; Moderna officials say their experimental COVID-19 vaccine that combines its original shot with protection against the omicron variant appears to work. COVID-19 vaccine makers are studying updated boosters that might be offered in the fall. Moderna says its combination booster candidate increased omicron-fighting antibodies more than just giving another dose of the original. Today's vaccines still offer strong protection against COVID-19 hospitalization and death but protection against milder infections wanes especially as the virus continues to mutate. Health authorities are considering whether to order a change in the vaccine recipe. / ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, GOVERNMENT: The U.S. Department of the Interior it will phase out sales of plastic water bottles and other single-use products at national parks and on other public lands over the next decade, targeting a major source of U.S. pollution. An order issued by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland calls for the department to reduce the purchase,

sale and distribution of single-use plastic products and packaging on 480 million acres of federally managed lands, with a goal of phasing out the products by 2032. The order directs the department to identify alternatives to single-use plastics, such as compostable or biodegradable materials or 100 percent recycled materials. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>CRIME: It is one of our oldest "cold cases." Investigators with the Eugene Police Department are hoping that a fresh round of publicity about the 1969 murder of 22-year-old Janet Lynn Shanahan and an appeal for information will help crack the case and bring closure to family and friends. There also is a \$45,000 reward for the identification, arrest and conviction of Janet Shanahan's killer. Here are the details from Eugene Police: In April 1969, Janet had been married to 23-year-old Christopher John Shanahan for about 10 months. Janet was attending spring term at the University of Oregon with the goal of becoming a teacher. On April 21, 1969, Janet attended an evening birthday party for her 15-year-old brother held at her family's house, located on Rutledge Street in west Eugene. According to her husband, Janet did not return to their campus area apartment after the birthday party. The next day Janet was reported missing. It wasn't until April 23, 1969, that her body was found. That morning, Christopher had contacted Janet's sister asking her to drive around with him in hopes of finding Janet's 1951 Plymouth sedan. After approximately 10 minutes of looking, Christopher Shanahan said he spotted the car parked partially in the ditch on Cross Street, near Roosevelt Boulevard and Maple Street. This area, in 1969, was an industrial area. When Christopher approached the car, he opened the trunk and found Janet's body. She had been fatally strangled. From the initial investigation through follow-up investigations over the years, investigators have interviewed and re-interviewed many individuals. In reviewing the case, current cold case investigators believe Janet's killer is someone known to her. The case, unfortunately, is still an unsolved case. Recently, family and friends have approached investigators offering reward money. The family members and friends do not wish to be identified. They do believe, like the current investigators, because of the passage of 53 years, time is short and now may be the last realistic effort to identify the suspect and solve the case. Therefore, Janet's family and friends are offering a \$45,000 reward for the identification, arrest and conviction of Janet's killer. EPD cold case investigators believe that any and all tips are important. If you know something related to the case, please call the Eugene Police Cold Case Squad at 541-682-5588 or leave a message at coldcasesquad@eugene-or.gov /</p> <p>WILDFIRE RECOVERY: The goal is to help create safe, permanent, affordable housing for those who suffered devastating losses during Oregon's 2020 Labor Day wildfires. The plan calls for spending \$422 million dollars to assist those wildfire survivors who have not yet been able to rebuild or to find safe, affordable</p>

homes. State and federal officials this week outlined the effort. It will be funded through federal relief money and jointly managed through Oregon Housing and Community Services and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or HUD. The ReOregon program is expected to launch late this year or in early 2023. It focuses on survivors of the 2020 Labor Day wildfires in Lane, Douglas, Linn, Marion, Lincoln, Jackson, and Klamath Counties. Key elements of the effort include: A housing replacement program for homeowners who lost homes to the fires. A new homeownership program for fire survivors who were renters and displaced by the fires. A fund to support local priority projects to build new infrastructure, carry out mitigation activities, or support economic revitalization. Other ReOregon programs will intermediate housing assistance, housing recovery services, and recovery planning, as well as rent support, housing navigation, legal assistance, and case management. Already, there are programs in place to assist low- and moderate-income survivors of the 2020 blazes. But all survivors of the 2020 Labor Day Fires are strongly encouraged to enroll with a disaster case manager to ensure there's a recovery plan created to their specific situation. There is no proof of citizenship or residency required. / WEATHER, WILDFIRES, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY: Experts this week said contamination risks for privately owned drinking water well are growing amid climate change. Those risks include wildfires and flooding. While estimates vary, studies say roughly 53 million U.S. residents rely on private wells that draw groundwater. But seepage after wildfires and floods can lead to bacteria and other contaminants getting into wells and causing illnesses. Private wells are largely unregulated, and many owners do not regularly test their water. Scientists say regular sampling and simple maintenance can help protect those who drink well water. This month, the Oregon Water Resources Department opened grant applications for the first phase of its landmark Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund (WARRF) this week. Created by the Oregon Legislature, the first phase of the fund provides financial assistance for low-to-moderate income households to abandon, repair or replace affected water wells used for household purposes in areas recently impacted by drought or wildfire. Officials say many Oregonians have lost access to their wells in recent years. The program's funding may provide reimbursement to eligible applicants for 100 percent of the eligible costs associated with work to repair, replace, or abandon their eligible well. Up to \$40,000 of funding is available per applicant. The applicant homeowner will be responsible for any costs incurred that are identified as ineligible costs or above the funding limit. The affected well water supplies must be privately owned and used for household purposes and be connected to a residential dwelling to supply water for drinking, cooking, washing, bathing, or household uses. Only properties that do not have an alternate source of water available are eligible. To help OWRD understand the scope of the problem of dry wells across the state and the potential need for future funding, OWRD encourages all Oregonians to report dry wells online. / DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS, SPORTS: It is one of the community centerpieces for the upcoming World Athletic Championships at Hayward Field. And the Grand Opening is set for a today at Eugene's new Downtown Riverfront Park. There will be an entire weekend of activity: Things get underway with the speeches and a ribbon cutting. But look for art and music activities and several local food carts. The Downtown Riverfront Park includes portions of the former

Eugene Water and Electric Board utility operations yard along the Willamette River. It is designed to connect downtown to the riverfront and points east, including the University of Oregon. The three-acre park includes new bicycle and pedestrian paths, covered seating, a large grassy area, viewpoints, and improvements to the nearby riverbank and habitat—including the planting of all sorts of native species. Work is underway on a nearby public plaza. /

EDUCATION: Lane Community College celebrates its 57th Annual Commencement on Saturday, June 11. It comes after two years of virtual events. The event begins at 10 a.m. at LCC's main campus. The event also will be streamed. State Senator James Manning will be the keynote speaker. Manning also will be recognized with the 2022 Distinguished Alumni award along with his late wife, Lawanda Manning. Manning is a longtime advocate for community colleges and is deeply involved in community service. A U.S. Army veteran, he also advocates strongly for the health and quality of life for veterans. This will be the final commencement ceremony as president for Dr. Margaret Hamilton, who retires June 30 following five years as the chief executive officer of Lane and more than three decades in higher education. Dr. Stephanie Bulger will become LCC's eighth president on July 1. ; In Roseburg, Umpqua Community College holds its graduation this evening. The processional begins at 6 p.m., with the ceremonies taking place in the campus amphitheater. ; Oregon State University is holding its commencement ceremonies this weekend at its campuses in Corvallis and Bend. The Corvallis ceremony is set for Saturday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m. at Reser Stadium. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. The commencement address will be delivered by Portland Trailblazers analyst and 2006 OSU grad Lamar Hurd. The ceremonies are open to graduates' families, friends and other members of the public. The OSU-Cascades ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 12, in Bend. Oregon State's 2020 commencement ceremonies were cancelled during the early months of the pandemic. OSU went virtual with its graduation events last year. ; The University of Oregon is holding its commencement ceremonies on Monday in Eugene. The U-of-O's 146th commencement ceremony takes place Monday, June 13, at 9:00 a.m. at Autzen Stadium. The campus' individual schools and colleges programs will hold smaller ceremonies in the days leading up to and on the day of the main event. Because festivities were largely virtual the past two years, this year's commencement also honors graduates from 2020 and 2021. No tickets will be required for the Autzen event. Graduates may invite as many family members and friends as they wish. /

EVENTS, MILITARY: The Portland Rose Festival's Grand Floral Parade takes place on Saturday, June 11. The parade features marching bands, equestrian units, drill teams, vintage vehicles, dancers, even llamas. The parade leaves Portland's Memorial Coliseum at 10 a.m. and over the next two hours covers its two-mile route. But if you're heading to the Rose City to enjoy the parade, there's a big change this year: Rather than head across one of the Willamette River bridges into downtown Portland, the Grand Floral Parade will remain on the east side of the river, traveling down Portland's MLK Jr. Boulevard and ending near the Lloyd Center. This also is Fleet Week at the Portland Rose Festival. You'll see naval vessels from the U.S. and Canada docked along the downtown riverwall. It's an opportunity to tour some of the ships and meet some of their sailors. All will be in Portland through Monday. /

ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY: Recycling options expanded this month for Lane County residents. You may now place clean, dry #1 and #2 plastic

jugs, bottles, and jars in your curbside recycling cart or drop them off at Lane County's transfer stations. The items must be larger than a tennis ball to avoid sorting challenges. But local experts remind you there are some #1 and #2 plastics you still cannot place in the bins. Those include plastic tubs and plastic lids. Also, none of those clear "clamshell" containers you get at store bakeries and delis and restaurants. And no foam containers. But you now may add cardboard pizza boxes to your recycling, provided you knock out the crumbs and they're not too food-stained. / ECONOMY: The costs of gasoline, food and other necessities jumped in May, raising inflation to a new four-decade high and giving American households no respite from rising costs. Consumer prices surged 8.6 percent last month from 12 months earlier. Soaring fuel prices were to blame for most of that increase. America's rampant inflation is imposing severe pressures on families, forcing them to pay more for food, fuel, and rent—and reducing their ability to afford discretionary items, from dining out and travel to haircuts to electronics. / ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE: Maybe it's increasing inflation - higher prices in grocery stores forcing vegetable lovers to return to their roots. The humble potato is the vegetable that Americans are most keen to learn how to grow. But other vegetables were popular in other states, including cucumbers, beets, carrots, and zucchini. And in Oregon, Washington, and California, it's the onion. The data was compiled by the website AllAboutGardening using search data over the past five years from Google Trends. Americans embraced gardening during the pandemic and, in the face of rising inflation, are continuing to grow many of the vegetables they consume at home. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, ENVIRONMENT: Unusual weather weekend across the country. Record heat in parts of California, the Southwest, and eastern U.S. as temperatures were averaging 10-20 degrees above normal. Here, we saw high temperatures well below normal and plenty of rain. An atmospheric river brought days of downpours to the Pacific Northwest. And because it was warm enough to fall as rain in the mountains, that moisture not only added to the spring runoff, it melted some of our mountain snowpack. Things cooled down a bit yesterday so this morning we're seeing a bit of snow falling on the passes. But rivers and streams are running high and reservoirs—already filling fast after the heavy rains of April and May—and topping out. Managers with the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers say where capacity is tight, they're releasing water from some of those reservoirs to handle the added runoff. That includes Cottage Grove Dam, with its 264-foot-long concrete ungated spillway, which has become a spectacular manmade waterfall this week. On the Columbia, the Corps is boosting storage in the reservoir behind Eastern Oregon's John Day Dam to reduce downstream flows on the Lower Columbia, where the river in some places is just a foot or so below minor flood stage. Our rain year begins on October 1st. And while we're about an inch below normal for that measurement. ; Unusually heavy rain and a melting snowpack have pushed the Columbia River to near flood stage from Vancouver to Longview. That's according to the National Weather Service. Forecasters issued a flood watch Sunday for areas along the Columbia in the greater Vancouver and Portland metro areas, as well as along the lower Columbia and Interstate 5 corridor in Cowlitz County. By Sunday, the river had risen to 15.56 feet in Vancouver and covered part of the Waterfront Renaissance Trail. The rising river levels follow an unusually wet stretch of weather fueled by an atmospheric river of subtropical moisture. Forecasters say river levels will approach flood stage repeatedly through Wednesday morning. / EDUCATION: The University of Oregon is holding its commencement ceremonies this morning in Eugene. The 146th commencement begins at 9:00 a.m. at Autzen Stadium. Because festivities were largely virtual the past two years, this year's commencement also honors graduates from 2020 and 2021. No tickets will be required for the Autzen event. Graduates, family, friends, and members of the public are welcome. The campus' individual schools and colleges programs have been holding smaller ceremonies in the days leading up to the main event. Eugene Police remind you that traffic might be congested this morning both</p>

around Autzen Stadium ahead of and after commencement and at the University of Oregon campus. / SPORTS: The No. 3 Oregon State Baseball team yesterday defeated beat Auburn 4-3 to avoid elimination at the best-of-three Corvallis Super Regional. The teams play meet again today for Game Three, with the winner advancing to this weekend's College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska. Today's Oregon State-Auburn contest is being broadcast at 4:30 p.m. on ESPN2. / ECONOMY: Here in Oregon, the average price in Lane County for a gallon of regular-grade fuel is \$5.56—15 cents higher than one week ago. Average local fuel prices have climbed 70 cents per gallon in the past month. This time last year, the average stood at \$3.42. The pain is even worse for those driving diesel vehicles. The current local average is \$6.24 per gallon, up three cents since yesterday and 21 cents since this time last week. / HEALTH: Federal health officials say Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine appears safe and effective for children under 5, the only group not currently eligible for vaccination. On Friday, the panel of reviewers said Moderna's doses for young children also are safe and effective. The reviews from the Food and Drug Administration are a key step toward an anticipated decision later this week that would allow vaccinations to begin for youngsters ages of six months through four years. They are the only age group currently not eligible for vaccination against COVID. Many parents have been waiting months to take steps to protect their infants, toddlers and preschoolers. If the FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention give final approval, those pediatric doses could become available as early as next week. Officials estimate roughly 18 million youngsters would become eligible. The FDA's outside panel of experts meets Wednesday to vote on whether to recommend the vaccination doses. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's Office continues to ask for leads that can assist them in identifying the human remains recovered recently in an area off West Boundary Road in Lowell. The condition of the remains indicates the victim had likely been deceased for several weeks prior to discovery of her remains. Investigators are working with the Oregon State Police Crime Lab to determine her identity and cause of death. She is being described as an adult female, likely between 30 and 50 years of age. She is believed to have had dark hair and stood between five-foot and five-foot-eight. Investigators say among the clothing located with her was a white "Huf" shirt with green stripes—its sleeves had been removed—and a light-colored shirt with an elephant print on it. Anyone with information regarding the woman's identity is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150 opt. 1. ; Detectives with the Polk County Sheriff's Office last week arrested a 31-year-old Eugene resident and charged him in connection with a sexual abuse investigation at a camp located in rural Polk County. It came after detectives received an Oregon Department of Human Services – Child Welfare report that the suspect, Kyle Purdy, had inappropriately touched four female juvenile camp counselors on March 15 of this year. The victims were a part of a larger group of camp counselors from a charter school located in the Portland metro area. Purdy was an adult instructor at the camp that was contracted by an outside company. Investigators have no reason to believe future camp attendees are at any risk from him. Investigators are attempting to determine if there are other possible victims. / SAFETY: Officials on Friday released the name of the overdue surfer whose body was recovered by Coast Guard personnel late Wednesday near Heceta (huh'SEE'-tuh) Beach. Investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office say a medical examiner

confirmed that he was 31-year-old Stefen Ray Nutter of Florence. Officials say there is no evidence of foul play or criminal activity contributing to his death. ; A three-vehicle crash yesterday on East 30th Avenue at the east entrance to Lane Community College sent five people to the hospital with a mix of injuries. No word on their conditions. Crews needed some additional time to clear debris from the intersection after sheriff's deputies wrapped up their investigation. / POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: Bargainers in the U.S. Senate have announced the framework for a bipartisan response to last month's mass shootings. It is a noteworthy but limited breakthrough offering modest gun curbs and stepped-up efforts to improve school safety and mental health programs. The proposal falls far short of tougher steps long sought by President Biden and many Democrats. But Biden is embracing the deal, and enactment would signal a significant turnabout after years of stalemate in Congress. Twenty senators, including 10 Republicans, are calling for passage. That's potentially crucial because at least 10 GOP votes will be needed for the plan to clear the Senate. ; On Saturday, thousands of people rallied on the National Mall and at locations across the U.S. and Oregon—including Eugene—in a renewed push for gun control measures after a pair of recent deadly mass shootings. Those leading the second "March for Our Lives" rallies say what happened in Uvalde, Texas, and Buffalo, New York, should compel Congress to act. Speakers called on participants to vote their conscience at during the midterm elections. President Biden, who was in California as the Washington, D.C., rally began, said his message to the demonstrators was "keep marching." The first "March For Our Lives" event took place in 2018 and was largely organized by students across the country following the mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Texas. ; Last month's massacre at a Texas elementary school has spurred a ballot initiative in Oregon that would require permits to purchase firearms and ban large-capacity magazines. Oregon is the only state in America with a gun safety initiative possibly headed for the November ballot. But one of its sponsors hopes they can encourage people in other states to follow suit. The proposal would require anyone wanting to acquire a firearm to first apply to local law enforcement for a permit, which would be valid for five years. To do that, the applicant would need to complete safety training, pass a criminal background check, and meet other requirements. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EDUCATION: Congratulations to our college graduates! Students, families, and friends shook off the occasional rain and took part in the University of Oregon's commencement ceremonies yesterday morning at Eugene's Autzen Stadium. ; More high school graduations are on the schedule this week in Eugene-Springfield. For many districts, Thursday is the final day of class before students begin their summer vacations. But many will remain in town to take part in summer learning opportunities. / SPORTS: No. 3 Oregon State's baseball season came to an end yesterday when the Beavs lost the deciding game in their best-of-three series with Auburn, 4-3. Auburn advances to the weekend's College World Series, which begins this weekend in Omaha, Nebraska. Oregon State had been looking to advance for the eighth time in school history, and seventh since 2005. The College World Series again will have a strong Southeastern Conference flavor. Auburn became the fourth SEC team to make the NCAA baseball tournament's final eight. ; The Nike Outdoor Nationals Track and Field Championships begin Thursday and continue through Sunday at Eugene's Hayward Field. The meet features some of the top high school and middle school athletes in the country. Tickets are \$20 per person, per day, with a \$6 service charge from Ticketmaster. Children ages 10 and under are admitted free. Later this month, Hayward Field hosts the USA Track & Field Championships. Then from July 15-24, the World Athletics Championships and the "Oregon22" celebration take place. / HEALTH: Lane County is one of three Oregon counties where public health officials are encouraging masking in public—especially if you're older or immunocompromised—to protect from the continuing spread of COVID-19. It comes as cases climbed again last week, including close to 1,000 new infections here in Lane County and more than 10,000 statewide. Health experts say they know those numbers are undercounts because many people who become infected by the virus test at home and do not report positive the results to their local health departments. Lane County's reported COVID-19 positivity rate has been between 9-12 percent during the past week. The virus' Omicron subvariants are being blamed for the vast majority of new infections. Officials say widespread vaccination and the availability of newer treatments, including the antiviral drug Paxlovid, have helped reduce hospitalizations and deaths. But many who contract COVID say they were ill for at least a week. And some say they have suffered lingering effects for months, including fatigue and brain fog. / LAW ENFORCEMENT: He served Lane County and its residents for</p>

more than four decades. This afternoon in Eugene, there will be a memorial with police honors for Tom Turner, the Florence Police Chief, former Lane County Sheriff, and longtime member of the Eugene Police. The memorial will be open to the public if seating is available. Turner died on May 11 surrounded by his family after announcing his retirement just the week before. He began his career in the 1980s as a Lane County Sheriff's deputy assigned to the Florence area. Turner later joined the Eugene Police for 20 years. He returned to the Sheriff's Office in 2006 and went on to become the Lane County Sheriff. Turner retired from LCSO in 2015 and accepted the position of Chief of Police at the Florence Police Department. Among his assignments throughout his career, Turner worked on police patrol, as a detective, and as a SWAT commander. He was involved in organizations ranging from Siuslaw Outreach Services to National Night Out. Tom Turner's memorial takes place at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 3550 Fox Meadow Road, in northeast Eugene. / CRIME: He'd been kicked out of the Sisters Rodeo earlier in the day Sunday for bad behavior. Now, a 26-year-old Oregon man is facing 15 criminal charges in connection with a Sunday night crime spree at a resort and RV park in nearby Camp Sherman. Oregon State Police responded shortly after 10:15 p.m. Sunday, after receiving multiple reports about an intoxicated man who was causing a disturbance. Witnesses say the suspect, identified as 26-year-old Sean Brabham of Willamina, walked from a nearby Camp Sherman campground to the Cold Springs Resort and RV Park and entered one of its cabins. Inside, investigators say he confronted a couple, physically fought with the male, and assaulted both people before leaving. Then, officials say Brabham entered a second cabin, confronted the owner who was armed with a loaded shotgun, and took the shotgun from that person. As he left the cabin, witnesses say Brabham was confronted by the resort manager and Brabham menaced him with the stolen shotgun. State Police say Brabham then attempted to break into a third cabin, causing approximately \$2,000 damage. The manager was able to grab the shotgun when Brabham set it on the ground. Troopers arrived and took Brabham into custody without incident. Sean Brabham was arrested and jailed on charges including Burglary, Assault, Robbery, Criminal Mischief, Menacing, Harassment, Criminal Trespass, Disorderly Conduct, and Attempted Burglary. ; They're still not releasing a lot of details. But investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office say they believe impairment and road rage might have contributed to Sunday afternoon's three-vehicle crash on East 30th Avenue near Eldon Shafer Drive. The wreck sent five people to the hospital with what were described as non-life-threatening injuries. No word on their conditions. Deputies say the crash, which happened around 12:30 p.m. Sunday, happened when a 2000 Toyota Camry rear-ended a 2000 Dodge Van, causing the van to rear-end a 2020 Toyota RAV-4. / SAFETY: Police in Albany say a Tangent woman died after her vehicle was struck in the side by a pick-up truck driven by a Dexter man. The cause of the crash remains under investigation, but police say there was no evidence of intoxication. It happened around 12:30 p.m. Monday at the intersection of SW Pacific Boulevard and Ellingson Road in Albany. Police say 72-year-old Peggy Marie Redinger died at the scene after her 1992 Dodge Dakota pickup was struck by a 2001 Dodge Ram pickup driven by 20-year-old Garret Roger Skelton of Dexter. Albany Police would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the crash. Call them at 541-917-7680. / ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT: State officials release May's employment report later this

morning. Oregon has seen steady job growth during the recovery from the pandemic-caused recession but there are concerns that inflation and a tighter economy might lead to a hiring slowdown. But among those heading back to work are more older adults. The website MagnifyMoney crunched weekly U.S. Census surveys of small businesses and found growing numbers of employees ages 65 and older. That includes those who are self-employed. Many are going back to work after retiring. Analysts say older adults give multiple reasons for returning to the workforce, include concerns about inflation and their retirement savings. Others are being enticed by former employers looking to ease a personnel crunch. Sometimes, they're being offered higher wages and lucrative hiring bonuses. Also, as vaccinations have proved effective in helping prevent COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths, many older adults feel safer returning to the workplace. For employers, that also provides a measure of workplace health security, since a vast majority of older Americans are vaccinated. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, HEALTH, SAFETY: Today (June 15) is the final day for outdoor burning in Lane County until October. Yard debris may not be burned during the closed season. Residents who burn during the closed season are subject to violations ranging from \$50 to \$2,500 or more. If you need to dispose of yard debris during the summer season, Lane Forest Products, Rexius, and Lane County's transfer stations and dumpsites are available. Composting and chipping are also encouraged. The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) has published a factsheet providing information on non-burning disposal alternatives for natural vegetation in Lane County. The fall open burning season is scheduled to open on October 1, however the Lane County Fire Defense Board has authority to delay the opening due to high fire risk. To check on the season's status, visit www.lrapa.org and the Outdoor Burning page at https://www.lrapa.org/177/Outdoor-Burning-Program or call the LRAPA daily open burning advisory line at 541-726-3976. If you are a coastal resident, please call 541-997-1757. / SAFETY: Lane County Sheriff's deputies are investigating a two-vehicle crash that occurred in the 37000 block of Jasper Lowell Road shortly after 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening. Initial investigation reveals that a white Cadillac was driving eastbound on Jasper Lowell Road when for an unknown reason it crossed into the oncoming lane and struck a westbound Toyota Prius head-on. The drivers of the Cadillac and Prius were transported to an area hospital with what were believed to be minor injuries, but a passenger in the Cadillac died on scene. Names will be released after relatives are notified. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: Oregon health officials say the impacts of climate change, including more devastating wildfires, heat waves, drought and poor air quality, are fueling "climate anxiety" among young people. Their findings have been published in a report that highlights youth feelings of distress, anger and frustration about perceived adult and government inaction. While the study participants also expressed a sense of resilience, the report underlines broader concerns about youth mental health in the United States amidst growing rates of depression and suicide nationwide. Experts say climate change, along with the pandemic, have further aggravated the mental health crisis. The Oregon Health Authority partnered with the University of Oregon Suicide Prevention Lab to review literature, conduct focus groups with young people, and interview professionals from the public health, mental health and educational sectors. The interviews were conducted shortly after the extreme heat wave that slammed</p>

parts of Oregon in the summer of 2021. The report calls on adult leaders, mental health and environmental professionals to involve youth in decision-making about climate and mental health policy so they may help shape the solutions. It also calls for increased investments in school and community mental health services. The researchers add that parents, educators, and mental health therapists is that they need to listen to youth who are experiencing climate anxiety so they may have a sense of control, rather than a feeling of powerlessness. While focusing on Oregon, the report underlines broader concerns about youth mental health in the United States amidst growing rates of depression and suicide nationwide. The report also found that youth feel dismissed by adults and older generations in society and are angry that not enough is being done to protect their future. They told researchers recognize that vulnerability to climate change is closely linked with systemic racism and structural oppression, and that both need to be simultaneously addressed. Climate change and the coronavirus pandemic have further aggravated an already alarming youth mental health crisis across the U.S. According to a Surgeon General's advisory, studies conducted before the pandemic, the number of high school students reporting persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness increased by 40 percent between 2009 to 2019. The same advisory noted that suicide rates among young people between the ages of 10-24 increased by 57 percent between 2007 and 2018. In yesterday's briefing hosted by the Oregon Health Authority, three young people spoke about how climate change has affected their mental health. But at the same time, many of those surveyed say they felt a sense of resilience when they realized they weren't dealing with these challenges alone. / EDUCATION, CHARITIES, LOW-INCOME: The end of the school year at the University of Oregon meant some big donations for local charities. U-of-O officials set up donation bins outside campus residence halls during move-out week. Instead of throwing away items that students could not fit in their suitcases or vehicles, the donations of furniture, small appliances, food, clothing, and other items went to local groups. Among them, Catholic Community Services, which collected 15 bins of things like bedding, clothes, bathroom accessories, office supplies, and more. CCS officials say volunteers sorted, washed, and prepared the items for distribution to families and individuals in need. / ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, LEGAL: Six environmental groups sued officials of the Biden administration Tuesday, saying a Trump-era rule change that allowed logging of old-growth forests east of the Cascades violates federal laws and was politically motivated. The suit claims that larger, older trees have outsized ecological and social importance. It cites their ability to store carbon, provide wildlife habitat, and maintain water quality. The lawsuit challenges a Trump administration change to an old-growth protection that had been in place since 1994. The 28-year-old rule prohibited the harvesting of trees 21 inches or greater in diameter and instead emphasized maintaining a combination of trees. Trees at least 150 years old are prioritized for protection. The rule applied to seven million acres on six national forests in eastern Oregon and southeastern Washington state. The Trump administration amendment instead emphasizes maintaining a combination of trees, with trees at least 150 years old prioritized for protection and favoring fire-tolerant species. Supporters of the change say it will make forests more resistant and resilient to disturbances like wildfire and make it easier to remove fire-prone trees. But the lawsuit said the government's environmental assessment did not adequately address scientific

uncertainty surrounding the effectiveness of thinning, especially thinning large trees, for fire risk reduction. The environmental groups said the thinning and logging of large trees can increase fire severity. Plaintiffs are the Greater Hells Canyon Council, Oregon Wild, Central Oregon LandWatch, the Sierra Club, Great Old Broads for Wilderness and WildEarth Guardians. The groups also notified the defendants of their intent to sue over alleged violations of Endangered Species Act protections for fish and wildlife that depend on older forests. They said the amended policy “opens up the potential for large tree logging across the landscape, including in riparian areas designated as Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas.” They said the amendment would impact threatened or endangered fish species such as bull trout, steelhead, three types of sucker fish, and chinook and sockeye salmon. / SPORTS, BUSINESS, EVENTS: As preparations continue for July’s World Athletics Championships in Eugene, tourism officials are working with local restaurants on a new program called “Dine After 9.” Coordinators say many of the thousands of international spectators, officials, athletes, and coaches who are coming to town will be looking for places to eat after the day’s sessions conclude. In many cultures, late-night dining is very popular. Travel Lane County is building a special “Dine After 9” webpage to ensure those visitors have a list of local eateries, including restaurants, bars, and food carts, staying open later. Local Chambers of Commerce also are spreading the word to their members. The World Athletics Championships take place July 15-24 at Eugene’s Hayward Field. / ECONOMY: One economist says slowing America’s economy is like on the highway at 90 miles an hour: If you miss your exit, just slowing down is not going to help you. You have to do a U-turn and go back. The Federal Reserve today is expected to announce its largest interest rate hike since 1994 — a bigger increase than it previously signaled and a sign that the central bank is struggling to restrain stubbornly high inflation. The Fed is likely to raise its benchmark short-term rate by three-quarters of a percentage point, far larger than the typical quarter-point increase. It will also likely forecast additional large rate hikes through the end of the year. But some fear the flurry of large Fed rate hikes will heighten borrowing costs for consumers and businesses, which could lead to an economic slowdown and raise the risk of a recession. Still, U.S. financial markets, which have closed lower for weeks, might rebound by a modest amount once the Fed makes its interest rate announcement. ; A report released this morning offers discouraging news about the economy. Americans cut their spending unexpectedly in May compared with the month before, underscoring how surging inflation on daily necessities like gasoline is causing them to be more cautious about buying discretionary items. U.S. retail sales fell 0.3 percent last month. Sales at furniture and home furnishings stores fell by close to one percent, while sales at food stores rose 1.2 percent. In the wake of the pandemic-caused recession, the economy came roaring back as Americans went on a spending spree fueled by government stimulus money and enhanced unemployment benefits. But that expanded aid ended as costs began soaring on essentials including fuel, food, rent, and other necessities. On Friday, the government reported that year-over-year inflation accelerated unexpectedly in May to 8.6 percent, the highest such level in four decades. Inflation has spread to nearly every corner of the economy, including secondary categories such as clothing, medical care, airline fares. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: U.S. safety regulators this morning said that close to 400 crashes involving advanced driver-

assistance technologies were reported over a ten-month period, 273 of them involving Teslas and their partially automated driving systems. But experts with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cautioned against using the numbers to compare automakers head-to-head, saying the raw data does not reflect the number of vehicles from each manufacturer that use such systems, or how many miles those vehicles traveled. Still, the report notes that six people died and five were seriously injured in the crashes. The data release comes as regulators work to determine the safety of advanced driving systems like Tesla's Autopilot. Such systems are becoming increasingly commonplace in new vehicles, but there are concerns that drivers either do not fully understand how to safely use the systems or become inattentive when the systems are engaged. /

BUSINESS, SAFETY: Microsoft on Tuesday released software updates to fix 60 security vulnerabilities in its Windows operating systems and other software, including a zero-day flaw in all supported Microsoft Office versions on all flavors of Windows that's seen active exploitation for at least two months now. ; Microsoft has officially sent Internet Explorer into retirement. Starting today, Microsoft will no longer support the once-dominant browser that legions of web surfers loved to hate — and a few still claim to adore. Its launch in 1995 signaled the beginning of the end of the web's first widely popular browser, Netscape Navigator. IE's market share peaked in the early 2000s at over 90 percent. But it began to fade as users found faster, less crash-prone alternatives. Today, Google's Chrome browser dominates with about 65 percent of the worldwide browser market share. IE's heir, Microsoft Edge, lags with about 4 percent. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>LAW ENFORCEMENT, SAFETY: Quick note for Harrisburg residents and those who travel through town: The Linn County Sheriff's Office and other agencies are conducting an emergency drill today in downtown Harrisburg. Emergency responders will participate in a mock hazardous materials response. There is no actual emergency, so please do not call 9-1-1. Members of the public may get a closer look at part of the drill at Harrisburg's BN Park, at the corner of Smith and 4th Streets. The drill begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends at noon. / EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: Many local schools wrap up their spring classes today. It's a chance for students and families to begin their summer vacations, although some students also will attend camps or take part in summer learning opportunities. It will be a bittersweet afternoon at Eugene's Camas Ridge Elementary. After 73 years, the school building at 1150 East 29th Avenue is being closed to make way for a new, state-of-the-art school. The community is invited to a farewell celebration today from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to honor the history of the old schoolhouse. Camas Ridge began its life in 1949 as Harris Elementary. It became Camas Ridge Community Elementary School in 2009 after merging with adjacent Eastside Alternative School. Construction of the new school will take two years. During that time, students and staff will temporarily relocate to the school building at 29th and Lincoln. The new school building is being funded by a 2018 voter-approved bond measure. / COMMUNITY, RECREATION, SPORTS: Great news for local pickleball fans. A new, 24-court complex is planned for land immediately east of the baseball field at Lane Community College. The regional pickleball courts are the result of partnership between the Emerald Valley Pickleball Club, Emerald Valley Pickleball Foundation and Lane Community College. In addition to the two-dozen new courts, there will be lighting, restrooms and storage. The site will be open to the public and host drop-in play, leagues, clinics, lessons, and tournaments. Construction is set to begin in June 2024. Supporters say pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in the United States and is gaining popularity locally. But pickleball facilities remain limited. Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It can be played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a slightly modified tennis net. Two or four players can play with simple equipment that involves paddles and a plastic ball with holes. Once the courts are built, they will be open and free to use by the public. The project will be funded through a combination of public and private funds. The nonprofit Emerald Valley Pickleball Foundation is leading the effort to raise funds</p>

for the facility. / **EVENTS, COMMUNITY:** As communities prepare for a closer-to-normal summer season, plans are underway for the annual 4th of July fireworks display in Florence. While the celebrations culminate with an aerial fireworks display over the Siuslaw River at Historic Old Town Florence, other activities are planned over the July 4th holiday, including a bicycle parade, a communitywide “porch parade,” pie- and watermelon-eating contests, and more. The events are being coordinated by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Florence, and the Port of Siuslaw. / **EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY:** Oregon employers added 6,200 jobs in May, continuing a hiring trend of the past six months. As businesses geared up for the summer season, monthly gains were largest in leisure and hospitality (+3,200 jobs); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+1,300); wholesale trade (+900); and manufacturing (+800). But rising interest rates and supply shortages contributed to a drop in hiring in the Construction sector, which shed -1,100 jobs. It was the only major industry to show that sort of decline. Over the past 12 months, state analysts say nonfarm payrolls overall gained 82,700 jobs. Oregon’s unemployment rate edged down a notch, to 3.6 percent in May. That is close to Oregon’s record low jobless figure of 3.4 percent, which occurred in each of the four months of November 2019 through February 2020. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.6 percent in both April and May 2022. Officials say Oregon’s rising labor force participation rate is another sign that more people are getting back to work. In May, the participation rate of those working or seeking jobs rose to 63.5 percent, its highest reading in 10 years. ; With more businesses hiring and more Oregonians working, state employment analyst Bob Uhlenkot (YOU’-lehn-cawt) says Oregon has regained 90 percent of the jobs we lost during the pandemic-caused recession. He adds that the workforce also is larger than it was before March of 2020, with more Oregonians employed now than before the recession. So why are there still hiring shortages? Uhlenkot says there are multiple reasons; He says more people are self-employed, working remotely—sometimes for out-of-state businesses. Some have contract jobs. Others, who once worked multiple part-time jobs, are instead just working for a single employer. And finding reliable childcare remains difficult. Workers still juggling those family needs are less likely to return to the workplace or are only taking part-time rather than fulltime hours. / **HEALTH, CHILDREN:** By early next week, some of the nation’s youngest children might be receiving their first doses of COVID-19 vaccine. An advisory panel for the Food and Drug Administration yesterday endorsed vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer for children under 5. That’s the only age group not yet eligible for vaccination against the coronavirus. Many parents have been anxiously waiting for the opportunity to protect their infants, toddlers and preschoolers. If the FDA authorizes the pediatric doses, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will conduct its own review. After the vaccines clear all regulatory hurdles, the doses would be available early next week at doctor’s offices, hospitals and pharmacies. / **SAFETY, CHILDREN:** A big safety warning from Fisher-Price and U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: Do not allow your infant to fall asleep in Fisher Price’s Infant-to-Toddler and Newborn-to-Toddler rockers. According to federal regulators, 13 infants died in the devices between 2009 and 2021. They say the rockers should never be used for sleep and infants should never be left unsupervised or unrestrained in them due to the risk of suffocation. Other, similar baby rockers were recalled in 2021 and 2019. A new rule requires infant sleep

products to have a sleep surface angle of 10 degrees or less to better protect babies. / HEALTH, SAFETY, ANIMALS: Members of a Congressional panel are urging federal regulators to remove a popular pet flea and tick collar from the market, saying it is tied to at least 2,500 pet deaths. The Congressional report claims the Environmental Protection Agency was aware of the health issues with Seresto collars as early as 2015. More than 30 million Seresto flea and tick collars have been sold since they were introduced in 2013. They provide months of protection for dogs and cats and are sold by large and small retailers and online. But they say there have been more than 75,000 reported incidents involving dogs and cats being poisoned by ingredients in the collars. Congressional investigators say the review of the pesticide ingredients in the Seresto collars was flawed and that many pet poisonings have gone unreported. /

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\$13.50 per hour. This time last year, about five percent of all jobs in Oregon were minimum wage. For years, our state's minimum wage has been set annually by the legislature. But next year, it will be tied to the March-March Consumer Price Index. / EDUCATION: A familiar face is taking the top job with the Eugene School District. Members of the Eugene School Board yesterday selected Andy Dey (pronounced "dye") as the district's new superintendent. Once his contract is finalized, he will take the helm of the 4J district on July 1. Dey is currently the Eugene Schools' Director of Secondary Instruction. His selection came after a series of interviews that included parents, students, teachers, staff, and community members. Originally a middle- and high-school science teacher, Andy Dey later served as the assistant principal of Thurston High School, principal of Agnes Stewart Middle School in Springfield, and principal of South Eugene High School. / HEALTH: Oregon health officials have reported the first probable case of monkeypox. The Oregon Health Authority said in a statement Thursday the case involves an adult male who had travelled to a community that already had confirmed cases. Authorities say he is isolating and following medical advice. Officials are working to identify anyone at potential risk for exposure from this case. Experts say monkeypox does not spread easily, but can be transmitted after prolonged close contact, including sexual activity, or by prolonged face-to-face contact. Monkeypox is endemic in parts of Africa, where people have been infected through bites from rodents or small animals. Since the middle of last month, close to 100 cases of Monkeypox have been reported across 20 states and the District of Columbia. There have been no reported U.S. deaths. The illness typically begins with flu-like symptoms and swelling of the lymph nodes within two weeks of exposure, followed by a rash on the face and body. The rash includes fluid- or pus-filled bumps. There are antiviral drugs available to treat those with severe infections, however most patients recover without advanced treatment. ; U.S. regulators this morning authorized the first COVID-19 vaccinations for infants and preschoolers. A final signoff from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expected this weekend. That paves the way for vaccinations for children under age 5 to begin early next week. The Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorization follows a unanimous recommendation by its advisory panel. The doses for America's youngest children are made by Moderna and Pfizer. The FDA action allows the companies to begin shipping millions of preordered doses to states, pharmacies, and healthcare providers across the country. The nation's vaccination campaign began with adults in late 2020, close to one year into the coronavirus pandemic. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>RACIAL JUSTICE: Sunday was Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the U.S. It is a bittersweet date for Black Americans, who are still struggling for racial equity more than 150 years later. President Biden last year signed a bill that designates Juneteenth as a federal holiday. Because Juneteenth fell on a Sunday this year, the official government holiday is being observed today. There will be no mail delivery. Financial markets, banks, credit unions, and educational institutions are be closed for the day. But Lane Transit District buses will operate on their regular schedules. Yesterday in Eugene, a number of local organizations held a Juneteenth commemoration and celebration at Eugene's Alton Baker Park. The event also highlighted Black-owned local businesses and the Black community. / TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT: They're opening the snow gates for the season today on the Old McKenzie Highway. That's on Highway 242, about seven miles east of the junction with Oregon Highway 126. The scenic roadway winds to the summit of McKenzie Pass at the Dee Wright Observatory. You can enjoy views of Cascade peaks and lava flows. The historic highway closed on November 1 and some recent spring storms added additional layers of snow. But crews have finished clearing the roadway, which is popular with drivers, bicyclists, hikers, and campers. There is still roadside snow along some portions of the Old McKenzie Highway, so keep an eye out for road crews and snowplows as they wrap up their work. And remember: Vehicles longer than 35 feet are prohibited on the scenic roadway because of its sharp, narrow curves. At least once every season, some driver ignores that size limit and gets stuck on one of the hairpin curves. / SPORTS: Looks like a great weather forecast for this week's USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Eugene's Hayward Field. The events begin Thursday and continue through Sunday. Assuming they've already met or during this event meet the world qualifying standards, the top three finishers in each event will represent the U.S. at the World Athletics Championships. There are only a handful of events for which competitors earlier qualified for the Worlds. Those include the men's and women's marathon and race walk, decathlon, heptathlon, and 10,000 meters. The World Athletics Championships and the "Oregon22" celebration are set for July 15-24 at Hayward Field. / ECONOMY: Is the record surge in gasoline prices finally slowing? For the past week, according to AAA, Lane County's average price for a gallon of regular-grade fuel has held at \$5.56 per gallon. But that's still painfully high and is 41 cents higher than one month ago. This time last year, the average stood at \$3.44.</p>

But average prices continue to climb for those driving diesel vehicles. This morning's local average is \$6.45 per gallon, up three cents since yesterday and an increase of 23 cents since last week. The pain at the pump is not just being felt in the U.S. Around the world, many other countries are seeing record-high fuel prices, creating major economic challenges. Among the factors: sanctions follow Russia's invasion of Ukraine—which severely disrupted world markets; OPEC's tight limits on production; and increased demand as economies reopen following two years of pandemic-related restrictions. / HEALTH, CHILDREN: It was a year-and-a-half ago that COVID-19 vaccines were made available to the nation's oldest adults. Now, doses are available to our youngest children. U.S. health officials on Saturday authorized pediatric doses of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines for infants six months or older, toddlers and preschoolers. Oregon and other members of a Western states health consortium quickly approved the use of the vaccines. The head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the approval of the vaccines on Saturday, just hours after an advisory panel voted unanimously to allow them. The Biden administration has been gearing up for vaccination effort, shipping millions of preordered doses to health care providers, pharmacies, hospitals, and community health clinics around the country. / DISASTERS, SAFETY, HEALTH: The Eugene Water & Electric Board inaugurated a new emergency water station at the Lane County Fairgrounds on Saturday. The station includes a well, pumping station, emergency water distribution equipment and a battery energy storage system. This is one of five emergency water stations in EWEB's service area. Two more are in the works. They're intended to provide water distribution should we see a natural or human-caused disaster that disrupts water treatment plant or water distribution system. That could be anything from an earthquake to chemical spill into the McKenzie River, or even a harmful algae bloom. Each site is designed to provide water from a new or existing well, or a portable water treatment system, and includes a source of standby power such as a generator in case the electric distribution system is compromised. / CRIME: A 28-year-old man was jailed for robbery Saturday evening after a family at an apartment in the 1500 block of Main Street spotted him trying to steal their child's bicycle from their back porch. Springfield Police say the mother and her partner confronted the man, later identified as 28-year-old Donovan Rubio. They say Rubio raised his fist as though he were going to punch them and then grabbed a BBQ scraper from nearby and raised it toward them as though he were going to strike them. After a short struggle, the couple shoved Rubio was shoved out of the patio area and he left without the child's bicycle. Police say an officer located Rubio a short distance away and arrested him. ; Eugene Police "scam alert": Recently, scammers have been calling victims and telling them they are required to pay money to avoid criminal charges. They are using the names of retired and current EPD officers and command staff, calling from a spoofed number that looks like it's coming from the police department including starting with '541.682' and getting victims to pay through Apple Pay and Zelle. Victims could also be asked to pay through other means, such as cryptocurrency or gift cards. Police caution the public to not fall for the "police call" scam. This is where an unknown suspect or suspects calls a victim's cell phone or home phone, identifies themselves as police or an EPD officer (by name of a real officer working for EPD) and communicates with you about an issue, trying to scam you into parting with money, usually to avoid being arrested

or having criminal charges. This is a variation on other scams where victims report being called by the IRS, police or government agency, with the scammer demanding payment over the phone or face a warrant for arrest. These scams have at times had second calls that show the caller's ID as '911' or a police number, but these are spoof calls. Eugene Police say no government agency will ever call you and demand payment immediately, or that there is a warrant for your arrest. There are so many scams out there. Many scams try to alarm you or scare you. Others just prey on your situation. A list of scams is provided on EPD's website at <http://www.eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11128> If you receive a phone call and recognize that the call is a scam, please hang up immediately and report the information to www.ic3.gov If you are the victim of a scam and have incurred a loss, please call the EPD non-emergency at 541.682.5111. And remember, if sounds suspicious, weird, quirky, or illegal, it probably is. ; On June 15, members of the Eugene Police Street Crimes Unit, SWAT, Special Investigations Unit, and Drone Team executed a narcotics-related search warrant at 530 Ruskin Drive. The primary suspect, 37-year-old Raymond Martin Kennedy, was observed driving from the location and was stopped by EPD SWAT and taken into custody at the intersection of Royal Avenue and Highway 99N. During a search of the residence, police seized more than 270 grams of heroin; 81 grams methamphetamine; 165 grams of counterfeit oxy 30 Blue Pills (approximately 1,900 suspected Fentanyl pills); and two firearms, one of which was loaded. Kennedy was charged with: Felon in Possession of a Firearm (2 counts); PCS Heroin-Commercial Delivery Offense; PCS Methamphetamine-Commercial Delivery Offense; PCS Sch 1 (Counterfeit Oxy 30's; suspected Fentanyl)-Commercial Delivery Offense. ; Law enforcement officials say more than 12,000 marijuana plants in 32 greenhouses were seized from a marijuana grow site in southern Oregon. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office says a search warrant was served at a rural property in Eagle Point on Thursday morning. Officials say the property contained the cannabis plants and 3,000 pounds of processed marijuana. Seven workers at the site were detained, interviewed, and released. Sheriff's officials say the grow site had been under investigation for a month and there was no licensing for any type of cannabis growing, handling, or processing. The sheriff's office says a primary suspect has been identified. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES, HEALTH: Big news from the Eugene Family YMCA, which is preparing to build a new home off 24th Avenue at Hilyard Street. "Y" officials say they are holding their official groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday. It comes after more than a decade of planning and years of intense fundraising, including a recent push to garner the final \$1 million in their \$5 million capital campaign. The Eugene Family YMCA is planning two events on Thursday: an afternoon youth event from 1:00-1:30 p.m. The main ceremony takes place at 6 p.m. and will feature a brief program, followed by the official groundbreaking. The property is located at 24th and Hilyard Streets—the former home of Roosevelt Middle School before the school was rebuilt on an adjacent parcel. Earlier this year, Eugene Y officials announced that they'd made the final purchase payment on the land. The new \$47.6 million dollar, 75,000 square-foot fitness, wellness, and learning facility is expected to open in December of next year. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Inflation is taking a toll on infrastructure projects across the U.S. Rising prices for materials such as asphalt, steel and iron pipes are driving up the costs to build roads, bridges, rail lines and water mains. Analysts say the prices for some infrastructure materials have risen even faster than general consumer prices. State and local officials say inflation is shrinking the value of a \$1 trillion federal infrastructure law signed by President Joe Biden just seven months ago. Some officials say inflation has forced them to delay or scale back the scope of projects. / WILDFIRES, EMPLOYMENT: President Biden has signed off on giving federal wildland firefighters a hefty raise for the next two fiscal years. The move affects more than 16,000 firefighters and comes as much of the West braces for a difficult wildfire season. Pay raises for the federal firefighters had been included in last year's \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, which called for increases where it was especially difficult to recruit and retain crews. But facing shortages nationwide, the administration ultimately settled on an across-the-board hike. Affected agencies are authorized to increase the base salary of federal wildland firefighters by \$20,000 per year or 50 percent of their current base salary, whichever is lower. The firefighters also will receive back pay for the raises, dating to October 2021. That's good news here in the Northwest. U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore told a Senate subcommittee last month that his agency's wildfire response staffing levels are at 90 percent overall but as low as 50 percent in some areas, including Oregon, Washington, and California. The issue of recruitment, retention and low pay for wildland firefighters had been</p>

on Biden's radar since early in his administration. Last June, before the infrastructure bill was passed, the Democratic president signed an executive order temporarily raising pay for federal firefighters to ensure that no one was making less than \$15 per hour. Biden said he had been dismayed after learning that the starting pay for federal firefighters was significantly lower than that at many local and state fire agencies. Pay for new federal firefighters had typically started at \$11 per hour to \$14 per hour, although they were overtime-eligible. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: With the arrival of summer and summer weather, wildfire danger will increase in the coming weeks. Things are already quite dry on the east side of the mountains after three years of drought. That's led to a lot of concern among those who monitor conditions are deploy crews to blazes. Their goal: Eliminate preventable fires so they can respond to those sparked by lightning. Over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, firefighters in Central Oregon say they responded to seven incidents involving campfires left without being fully extinguished. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave. Do your part to help firefighters & protect our forests, grasslands & communities. / HEALTH, CHILDREN: A slow rollout this week of COVID-19 vaccines for the nation's youngest children because of Monday's holiday. But the effort is expected to gear up today. Roughly 18 million youngsters between the ages of six months and five years are eligible for the Moderna and Pfizer doses. But health experts are not certain how many parents will seek the vaccinations. Immunization rates for school-age youngsters has been lower than hoped. The Biden administration has been gearing up for vaccination effort, shipping millions of preordered doses to health care providers, pharmacies, hospitals, and community health clinics around the country. The vaccines are smaller than those for adults. Pfizer's pediatric vaccine is administered in three doses, with each dose one-tenth the strength of the adult dose. Moderna's vaccine is administered in two doses, each of which is one-quarter the strength of its adult dose. / CRIME: On June 16, members of the Eugene Police Street Crimes Unit, SWAT, Special Investigations Unit, and Drone Team executed a narcotics-related search warrant at 407 Panda Loop in Eugene. The primary suspect, 49-year-old Michael Patrick Dillon was observed leaving the location in a Black Dodge 2500 and was subsequently stopped by EPD SWAT and taken into custody around 5 p.m. without incident at the intersection of Gateway Street and Harlow Road. At the completion of the traffic stop, EPD SWAT resources shifted to the residence and completed the second phase of the search warrant at 407 Panda Loop. The results of the search warrant resulted in the following items seized: More than 340 grams of Heroin, and 44 grams Methamphetamine; 27 grams of counterfeit Oxy 30 Blue Pills (Suspected Fentanyl), 85 pills; 26 ounces total package weight-BHO (Butane Hash Oil). Dillon was jailed on multiple charges. / SAFETY: In Federal Way, Washington, officials say a 14-year-old lost his left hand and injured his other hand while reportedly playing with fireworks. Firefighters were called on Monday afternoon after a firework blew up in the teen's hand. A 10-year-old was also injured. It is not yet known what kind of fireworks the teen was handling. For safety, firefighters advise that all fireworks be handled by professionals and that people attend organized fireworks shows rather than holding private events. / COURTS, HEALTH, BUSINESS: The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by Bayer, the manufacturer of Round-Up, to halt down thousands of lawsuits claiming that its popular weedkiller causes cancer. The high court

justices this morning left in place a \$25 million judgment in favor of a man who says he developed cancer from using Roundup for decades to treat poison oak, overgrowth and weeds on his Northern California property. The lawsuit served as a test case for thousands of similar lawsuits. The high court's action comes amid a series of court fights over Roundup. Bayer had argued that federal regulators have repeatedly determined its products are safe, and that lawsuits based on claims under state laws should be dismissed. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: Pollen counts are climbing with the warmer, sunnier weather. Yesterday's sampling at the monitoring station located at Oregon Allergy Associates in Eugene noted grass pollen levels are "Very High." Grass pollens are considered "very high" when allergen levels are above 200. Yesterday's pollen count on the air-sampling slide: 1545. By comparison, tree pollens—which peaked earlier in the spring—are at "moderate" levels with a total pollen count of 53 on the sampling slide. / WILDFIRES, EMPLOYMENT: Firefighter groups across the nation are applauding steps taken by the Biden administration this week to temporarily raise wages for the men and women on the front lines of the nation's largest wildfires. But they say the temporary wage hikes won't be enough to combat staffing problems, as federal agencies compete with local fire departments and a tight labor market. Officials with the National Interagency Fire Center say they have grown less able to fill crew mobilization orders as climate change makes the U.S. West hotter, drier, and more prone to wildfires. Labor experts, firefighter advocates and federal officials say the land management agencies that employ federal firefighters are struggling to keep pace and compete with other fire departments and industries that offer better pay and benefits. The issue of recruitment, retention and low pay for wildland firefighters had been on Biden's radar since early in his administration. Last June, before the infrastructure bill passed, the Democratic president signed an executive order temporarily raising pay for federal firefighters to ensure that no one was making less than \$15 per hour. Biden said he had been dismayed after learning that the starting pay for federal firefighters was significantly lower than that at many local and state fire agencies. Pay for new federal firefighters had typically started at \$11 per hour to \$14 per hour, although they were eligible for overtime. ; Eugene-Springfield Fire this week is holding its annual Young Women's Fire Camp. It provides an opportunity for women to learn more about careers in firefighting and the skills, teamwork, and leadership required. During the camp, participants will be issued firefighting gear and participate in activities related to the fire service, emergency medical services, and other fields. The curriculum is dynamic and physically challenging, but participants say it is exceptionally rewarding. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS, SAFETY: A new statewide rule goes into effect July 1 that focuses on protecting for workers against potential exposure to wildfire smoke. Oregon OSHA, which oversees workplace protection enforcement, has created a series of online resources for employers and workers. They include an</p>

online course designed to satisfy certain training requirements found in the new wildfire smoke protection rule. Topics include air quality measurements, health effects and symptoms, the proper use of filtering facepiece respirators, and other safety measures. The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, which includes Oregon OSHA, also provides outreach to communities with limited English proficiency. The toll-free number is 1-800-843-8086. For the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers for help understanding workplace safety and health rights, and workers' compensation rights, dial 1-800-927-1271 ; Some Oregon business groups are suing over the state's new job site rules mandating that employers take steps to protect workers from extreme heat and wildfire smoke. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the regulations, which were adopted in May, lay out steps employers must take when the temperature or air quality reaches a certain threshold. Oregon Manufacturers and Commerce, Associated Oregon Loggers Inc. and the Oregon Forest & Industries Council are seeking an injunction to stop the state from enforcing the rules. They say several provisions are too vague to be fairly enforced and that the state's workplace safety agency overstepped its authority. A spokesperson for Oregon OSHA did not immediately respond to a request for comment. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: President Biden is preparing to call on Congress to suspend the federal gasoline and diesel taxes for three months. It's meant to ease financial pressures at the pump and reveals the political toxicity of high gas prices in an election year. Administration officials say Biden wants to suspend the 18.4 cents-a-gallon tax on gasoline and 24.4 cents-a-gallon tax on diesel fuel. If the savings were fully passed along to consumers, people would save roughly 3.6 percent at the pump. The Democratic president also wants states to suspend their own gas taxes or provide similar relief. But lawmakers in both parties have been skeptical of the idea, amid doubts the action would significantly lower prices. And there are concerns over the loss of fuel taxes that help fund road improvements. According to AAA, demand across the country has eased a bit during the past week, as drivers change their habits amid the surging prices. That's also slowed the rise at the pumps. Lane County's average price for a gallon of regular-grade fuel remains at \$5.56 per gallon. Diesel is averaging \$6.46 per gallon locally. / ECONOMY: Sales of previously occupied U.S. homes slowed for the fourth consecutive month in May as climbing mortgage rates and prices discouraged many would-be buyers. The National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday that existing home sales fell 3.4 percent last month from April. Sales were down 8.6 percent from one year ago. But the national median home price jumped 14.8 percent in May from 12 months earlier to \$407,600. That is an all-time high. Still, analysts say the housing market, a crucial part of the economy, is slowing as homebuyers face sharply higher home financing costs compared to one year ago because of the recent rapid rise in mortgage rates. / CRIME: Someone has been providing the hallucinogenic drug LSD to minors downtown. And after a series of incidents, Eugene Police investigators are asking for tips to locate the person responsible. Last Thursday, officers responded to several calls involving minors engaged in disruptive behavior whom, investigators learned, had taken LSD. In one afternoon incident, a 14-year-old girl was reportedly harassing people downtown, jumped in front of a Lane Transit District bus, and was running in and out of businesses. She was taken to a hospital for treatment. An hour later, police responded to a report of a fight involving two juvenile males near 150 West Broadway. One ran away but

when officers caught up with the 14-year-old they learned that he, too, was on LSD. The youth was transported to a hospital for evaluation. Know anything about the incidents or who is distributing the hallucinogenic drug? Call the Eugene Police non-emergency line at 541-682-5111. ; Eugene Police say last Thursday was a busy day from calls downtown. They say they responded to incidents involving juveniles harassing downtown visitors, begging for money, and getting angry and cursing if no money was provided. Eugene Police Downtown Team officers contacted one of the juvenile suspects around noon and discovered he had a realistic-looking airsoft gun in his back waistband. Once the situation was resolved, the juvenile's parent consented to the seizure and destruction of the airsoft. There were no criminal charges. ; On Monday afternoon, local emergency responders saved the life of a 41-year-old man who had apparently overdosed and was inside a vehicle with the doors locked. It happened shortly after 3:30 p.m. Monday near West 6th Avenue and Adams Street. Police first arrived on-scene and pinned the car so it wouldn't roll away. They realized the man inside was not breathing and broke the passenger window to get to him. Over the next few minutes, police provided life-saving interventions including administering multiple doses of Narcan—which can reverse some overdoses, providing chest compressions and using a CPR airbag device provided by an Oregon State Police trooper. A local trauma surgeon also was in the area and provided assistance with life-saving measures. Officials say the man was breathing and alert within about five minutes and taken to the hospital for treatment. Police say they located evidence of an illegal substance in the vehicle and cited the man in lieu of custody for DUII. ; Lane County Sheriff's investigators have charged a Springfield man with assaulting two people in Creswell in an unprovoked attack involving metal knuckles. It happened yesterday morning. Officials say 25-year-old Dakota Ray Stone attacked a former girlfriend—who had not dated or seen him in more than five years—at her place of employment and punched a man he did not know, leaving both with facial injuries. Stone fled but was arrested later in the day at his residence off Springfield's East Game Farm Road. He was jailed for Assault, Menacing, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and being a Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapon. ; Scammers never take a break. They're always looking for ways to take advantage of your emotions to steal your money or gain access to your phone or other devices and steal your personal information. Heard this morning from a listener who said she received a Facebook message that her cousin had been killed in an auto accident—and included a weblink to click for information and photos. The cousin is fine—the listener called to check on them and deleted the message without clicking the link. The cousin said they'd received a similar message about their relative. Don't click on suspicious links from people you don't know. Scammers like to cloud your emotions or rush you into making unwise decisions. Be aware. Stay safe. / LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES: Kids between the ages of 2-18 eat lunch free this summer. Our local food bank, FOOD For Lane County, and its partners are operating 23 free lunch sites. The free lunches are available weekdays between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. from Monday, June 27 through Friday, August 26. The sites are in parks, at some schools, and at a number of community locations in Creswell, Junction City, Eugene, Springfield and Veneta. Any child is eligible, regardless of family income. Learn more about FFLC programs at www.foodforlanecounty.org or call (541) 343-2822. / POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: Bargainers in the U.S. Senate have reached

agreement on a bipartisan gun violence bill. That could potentially lead to congressional passage this week. The package contains incremental but significant reforms and would stand as Congress's response to the recent mass shootings in Texas and New York that shook the nation. It would make background checks tougher for the youngest gun buyers and bolster spending for school safety and mental health programs, and bar gun ownership by romantic partners convicted of domestic abuse. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer predicted Senate approval later this week, and passage by the Democratic-led House could follow quickly. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>LOW-INCOME, EMPLOYMENT: Lower-income Oregon workers who in 2020 claimed a tax break known as the Earned Income Tax Credit will receive a one-time, \$600 payment from the state as early as this week. It was approved by Oregon lawmakers using federal pandemic relief funds. Backers of the plan say lower-income workers often were in jobs where they were considered “essential” but were exposed to higher risk of COVID infections. State officials estimate more than 236,000 households qualify for the \$600 stimulus payments—which are being paid for with federal pandemic stimulus aid. The payments are expected to arrive by July 1. For many, the money come in the form of a direct deposit if that is households received any state tax refunds. For others who quality, checks are going in the mail. / EMPLOYMENT: Lane County employers added 900 jobs last month. Analysts with the Oregon Employment Department say our jobless rate for May was essentially unchanged at 3.9 percent. They say we have regained 84 percent of the jobs we lost locally during the pandemic-caused recession of 2020. Some sectors performed better than others: There was strong hiring among Leisure and Hospitality businesses as they geared up for the busy summer season. Professional and Business Services and employers in the Healthcare sector also increased their payrolls. / DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS, HEALTH, FAMILIES: A big day for the Eugene Family YMCA, which this afternoon holds the official groundbreaking for its new home. Today’s events include an afternoon youth celebration from 1:00-1:30 p.m. The main ceremony takes place at 6 p.m. and will feature a brief program, followed by the official groundbreaking. The property is located at 24th and Hilyard Streets—the former home of Roosevelt Middle School before the school was rebuilt on an adjacent parcel. The Y’s new facility is expected to open in December of next year. / SPORTS, WOMEN: Former Oregon Ducks star Sabrina Ionescu was named this week to the WNBA’s All-Star roster. For the New York Liberty star, it’s her first time being selected but likely not her last. In many ways, the success of Ionescu and many other female athletes would not have been possible without passage of the landmark law known as Title IX. Today (July 23) is the 50th anniversary of its signing. Title IX bars discrimination on the basis of sex for any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. That impact reaches far beyond basketball courts and soccer fields to other aspects of American life. It’s not always been easy: Battles continue over fairness in opportunities for women and girls. Still, Title IX has helped provide a path for millions of women and girls not only to</p>

pursue their athletic dreams, but to develop teambuilding to leadership skills and become leaders in the workplace. According to the Women's Sports Foundation, women now account for 44 percent of all NCAA athletes compared to just 15 percent in 1971. Nearly 3.5 million high school girls play sports, compared to fewer than 300,000 in 1972. / HEALTH, SAFETY, FAMILIES: The Biden administration announced Wednesday that it is providing logistical support to assist with importing the equivalent of about 16 million eight-ounce bottles of infant formula from Mexico. The shipments begin arriving this weekend, part of efforts to ease nationwide supply shortages caused by the closure of the largest U.S. manufacturing plant. Federal officials say they're expediting the routing for trucks that will carry close to one-million pounds of Gerber infant formula from a Nestlé plant in Mexico. That's nearly double the amount already imported to the U.S. so far on cargo flights from Europe and Australia. More of those overseas flights are expected this weekend. The shortage developed after Abbott Nutrition, which produces infant formula for several leading brands, was forced to close its Michigan plant in February due to contamination issues. A number of babies were sickened and several died. Abbott restarted the facility earlier this month with enhanced safety guidelines. But extreme weather forced a brief closure just days after the reopening. The plant is back in production, but Abbott officials say it could take weeks for a robust supply of infant formula to begin arriving on retail shelves. / HEALTH, YOUTH, BUSINESS: Health officials have ordered vaping company Juul to pull its electronic cigarettes from the U.S. market. It's the biggest blow yet to the embattled company that is widely blamed for sparking a surge in teen vaping. The announcement by the Food and Drug Administration is part of a sweeping review of e-cigarettes, which faced little regulation until recently. Since last fall, the FDA has greenlighted a few e-cigarettes that account for a tiny share of the vaping market. To stay on the market, manufacturers must show their products help reduce the harm of smoking for adults, without appealing to kids. In 2020, the FDA prohibited sales of sweet and fruity e-cigarette pods, which Juul had already stopped selling. In today's action, regulators denied Juul's applications to continue selling e-cigarette devices and pre-filled cartridges in menthol and tobacco flavors. Use of the products by youths had sparked concerns among regulators and activists. / HEALTH, OLDER ADULTS: A federal advisory panel says Americans 65 and older should receive newer, enhanced flu vaccines. The panel unanimously recommended certain flu vaccines for seniors, whose weakened immune systems don't respond as well to traditional doses. Options include a high-dose formulation, one with an added immune booster, and one made with insect cells instead of chicken eggs. Health officials recommend Americans ages six months and older should receive a flu vaccine every season. This would be the first time the government has stated a flu vaccine preference for older adults. The panel's recommendations usually are adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. / HEALTH: As the World Health Organization convenes its emergency committee today to consider if the spiraling outbreak of monkeypox warrants being declared a global emergency, some experts say WHO's decision to act only after the disease spilled into the West could entrench the inequities that arose between rich and poor countries during the coronavirus pandemic. Many scientists also doubt any declaration would help to curb the epidemic, since the developed countries recording the most recent cases are already moving to shut it down. Monkeypox has sickened people for

decades in central and west Africa, where one version of the disease kills up to 10 percent of people. To date, no deaths have been seen outside Africa. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: President Joe Biden has urged Congress to suspend federal gasoline and diesel taxes for three months and urged states to do the same at the local level. But the governors of Oregon and Washington—both of whom are Democrats—indicated yesterday they were unlikely to pursue a similar policy at the state level, even if the federal gas tax is eventually temporarily halted. Among their concerns: They say a gasoline and diesel tax suspension only primarily benefit oil companies by allowing them to continue making large profits. And the governors say suspending gas taxes would cut off desperately needed revenue that pays for improving roads, bridges, and other infrastructure. Oregon's gas tax is 38 cents a gallon. Washington state's is 49 cents a gallon, behind only California's and Pennsylvania's rate and almost triple the federal government's 18 cents. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Millions of Americans who rely on their cars for work are changing their habits, signing up for carpools or even ditching their cars for bicycles as gas prices recently hit \$5 per gallon for the first time ever. This week, it's averaging \$4.95 per gallon nationwide, up from \$3.06 per gallon a year ago, according to AAA. Some help could be on the way. On Wednesday, President Joe Biden asked Congress to suspend federal gas taxes for three months, which would shave 18.4 cents per gallon off the price of gas. He also called on states to suspend their own gas taxes. But in the meantime, gas is straining budgets. ; After two years of pandemic restrictions, travel demand is back with a vengeance but airlines and airports that slashed jobs during the depths of the COVID-19 crisis are struggling to keep up. With the busy summer tourism season underway in Europe, passengers are encountering chaotic scenes at airports, including lengthy delays, canceled flights and headaches over lost luggage. The head of Europe's biggest airline warned the turmoil would last all summer. Data from aviation consultancy Cirium says that nearly 2,000 flights from major continental European airports were canceled for one week this month. It's a similar story in the United States, where airlines canceled thousands of flights over two days last week because of bad weather as crowds of summer tourists grew. / CRIME, WILDLIFE: A Eugene man who illegally imported and exported hundreds of live scorpions to the U.S. will pay a \$5,000 fine, spend two years on probation, and perform 250 hours of community service. Prosecutors say in 2017 and 2018, Darren Drake imported and exported scorpions to Germany without a license from federal wildlife officials. One intercepted parcel was falsely labeled as chocolates. Officials say Drake also illegally mailed or received several hundred live scorpions from other U.S. states, including Michigan and Texas. / CRIME: Ten years in prison for an Indiana man who threw Molotov cocktails at police in Portland during mass protests over racial equity two years ago. A federal judge imposed the sentence on Malik Fard Muhammad, whom prosecutors say also broke windows in downtown buildings and ran from police while carrying a loaded handgun. Investigators said Muhammad traveled from Indiana to Portland specifically to attend the protests in September 2020. His attorney said Muhammad has been diagnosed with bipolar and post-traumatic stress disorders and has been on medication since his arrest. Muhammad's federal sentence will run concurrently with a 10-year sentence in state court for riot, attempted murder, and other charges stemming from his actions at the demonstrations. / COURTS, SAFETY,

CRIME: The U.S. Supreme Court this morning issued a major ruling for gun rights advocates, striking down laws in New York, California, and six other states. The court's conservative majority said those laws were too strict and at odds with the Second Amendment. The laws denied concealed weapon permits to gun owners who could not show they have a special need to be armed in public. The ruling, which came in a New York case, is the most significant victory for gun rights since 2008. The high court's majority said Americans generally have a right to carry a handgun outside the home for self-defense. The decision, coming on a 6-3 vote, requires the laws be reworked to take into account the rights of gun owners. The ruling has far-reaching implications, particularly in cities that had worked to reduce gun crimes by putting restrictions on who is allowed to carry them. This morning's decision comes as the U.S. Senate is close to passing a bipartisan package of gun safety measures. The proposed legislation comes after recent mass shootings in Texas and New York that amplified the debate over gun control. The now-overturned New York law requires that people seeking a license to carry a handgun outside their homes show a "proper cause." California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island have similar laws, according to briefs filed in the case. / **ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT:** These are tough times for the Internal Revenue Service — and those waiting to get refunds from the tax agency. After reporting that its staff has eliminated much of the huge backlog from last year's returns, agency officials now say they have an even bigger backup for this year's paper returns—anywhere from six months to one year. And if you need to contact the IRS for help, you'll need to be patient: The National Taxpayer Advocate reports taxpayers are experiencing long wait times when they try to contact the IRS by phone. The report on IRS challenges is submitted twice a year to Congress. For decades, the agency's operations and budget have been pared back, contributing to chronic processing backlogs. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, RECREATION, SAFETY: A heat advisory remains in effect through this weekend. Sunday will be the hottest day, with highs generally in the mid to upper 90s. Highs Saturday are expected to be 90 to 95. Nighttime temperatures are likely to fall into the mid-50s to mid-60s. Hot temperatures may cause heat illnesses to occur. Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors. Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances. Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear lightweight and loose-fitting clothing when possible. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air-conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency! Call 911. Rivers are running cold and fast and will continue to do so this weekend. Nearly every year, people die in rivers in northwest Oregon due to cold water shock during the season's first heat wave. Hot temperatures can make the cool water seem tempting, but river temperatures in the 40s and 50s can easily result in cold water shock that can kill in minutes. / POLITICS, COURTS, GOVERNMENT, WOMEN, HEALTH: Oregon's Secretary of State says abortion remains legal in Oregon, both for residents and those traveling from out of state. And while it is not expected to change abortion access in Oregon, justices on the U.S. Supreme Court this morning issued a landmark ruling. They overturned Roe. v. Wade and ending constitutional protections for abortion that had been in place nearly 50 years. The 6-3 decision from the court's conservative majority is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half of U.S. states. The ruling came in a case involving a Mississippi law that banned abortion after 15 weeks. The decision is the culmination of decades of efforts by abortion opponents, bolstered by three appointees of former President Trump. It came more than a month after the stunning leak of a draft opinion by Justice Samuel Alito indicating the court was prepared to take the momentous step, even as opinion polls indicated a majority of Americans favored preserving abortion protections. Oregon's Democratic leaders have vowed to protect abortion rights in this state. In 2017 Oregon passed the Reproductive Health Equity Act, which state leaders say is one of the strongest abortion access laws in the country. Secretary of state Shemia Fagan</p>

said in a statement this morning that access to abortion—whether by prescription or procedure—is expected to remain broadly available. That includes coverage for members of the Oregon Health Plan and services to undocumented immigrants. But the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* triggers a 2020 Idaho law banning all abortions except in cases of reported rape or incest, or to protect the mother's life. That law takes effect 30 days after the court's decision. That means pregnant Idaho women seeking the procedure will have to travel out of state, with the nearest abortion providers in Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada and Colorado. But 13 states, mainly in the South and Midwest, already had laws on the books that banned abortion in the event *Roe* was overturned. Another half-dozen states have near-total bans or prohibitions after six weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant. In roughly a half-dozen other states, legal analysts say the fight will be over dormant abortion bans that were enacted before *Roe* was decided in 1973 or new proposals to sharply limit when abortions can be performed. / COURTS, CRIME, SAFETY, POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: Members of the U.S. Senate have set aside political gridlock to approve a bipartisan gun violence prevention bill. The vote late yesterday clears the way for expected passage today on the floor of the U.S. House. This would be Congress' most far-reaching response in decades to the nation's run of brutal mass shootings. While Republicans and some Democrats have long derailed efforts to curb firearms, last month's mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas, changed some minds. It took nearly a month of closed-door talks but a group of senators from both parties emerged with a compromise. Yesterday, 15 Republicans joined 48 Democrats and their two independent allies to approve the bill 65-33. The legislation would toughen background checks for the youngest gun buyers, keep firearms from more domestic violence offenders, and help states put in place "red flag" laws that make it easier for authorities to take weapons from people considered dangerous. It would also fund local programs for school safety, mental health, and violence prevention. The bill sets aside \$13 billion to fund the package. / CRIME: Another day, another big drug bust in Southern Oregon. Law enforcement officials say they seized more than 12,000 marijuana plants from 32 greenhouses at a rural property near Eagle Point in Jackson County. They also found 3,000 pounds of processed marijuana. Sheriff's officials say they'd had the unlicensed grow site under surveillance for a month. / SAFETY: A big barn fire late last night off Dilley Lane near Mt. Pisgah led to some tense moments for responding crews, as the blaze threw embers into the night sky, bringing with them the risk of spot fires. The fire was called in around 11 p.m. Crews were hampered by a limited water supply in their initial response but were able to contain the fully involved fire and limit its spread to nearby vegetation. Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue, which led the response, was assisted by teams from Lowell, South Lane, and Eugene Springfield Fire. Crews stayed overnight to douse hot spots. The cause of the fire is being investigated. / SPORTS: Some big changes are coming to the University of Oregon's Track & Field and Cross Country operations. Athletic Department officials announced yesterday they are not renewing the contract of head coach Robert Johnson at the end of the month. Associate head coach Helen Lehman-Winters will serve as the interim head coach while the U-of-O conducts a national search for Johnson's replacement. Johnson has been with the Ducks for 17 years, the past ten as head coach. Oregon continues to win conference titles, but the Track and Field teams

had disappointing finishes at this month's NCAA Outdoor Championships. ; The USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships continue through Sunday at Eugene's Hayward Field. The top three finishers in each event will represent the U.S. at the World Athletics Championships in July. The World Athletics Championships and the "Oregon22" celebration are set for July 15-24 at Hayward Field. / LOW-INCOME, YOUTH, FAMILIES, HEALTH: Kids between the ages of 2-18 eat lunch free this summer. Our local food bank, FOOD For Lane County, and its partners are operating 23 free lunch sites. The free lunches are available weekdays between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. from Monday, June 27 through Friday, August 26. The sites are in parks, at some schools, and at a number of community locations in Creswell, Junction City, Eugene, Springfield and Veneta. Any child is eligible, regardless of family income. Learn more at www.foodforlanecounty.org or call (541) 343-2822. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>POLITICS, COURTS, BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENT: In a blow to the fight against climate change, the conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court has limited how the nation's primary anti-air pollution law can be used to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. In a 6-3 vote, the justices ruled the Clean Air Act does not give the Environmental Protection Agency broad authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants that contribute to global warming. Instead, the EPA is limited to plant-by-plant regulation. It came in a case where 19 Republican-led states appealed the ruling in a case involving a coal-fired power plant in West Virginia. The case originated during the Obama administration. Legal analysts say the decision could complicate the administration's plans to combat climate change and could also undermine efforts to create systems known as "cap and trade," which provide economic incentives for businesses to control pollution. / ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, TRIBES: They hope it can serve as a model for other tribal groups and state governments. An Oregon tribe and state leaders this month agreed to co-manage fish and wildlife across a large section of southwestern Oregon. It comes after the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission backed an agreement with the Coquille Indian Tribe, giving it more power over fish and wildlife management throughout a five-county area. The arrangement also ensures tribal members may fish, hunt, gather, and trap on public lands for subsistence or ceremonial purposes. Tribal supporters say the agreement goes beyond simple access and management issues to touch on the tribe's cultural restoration and sharing of resources. It came after tribal leaders, alarmed by drastically declining numbers of Chinook salmon last year pushed state and federal leaders to more aggressively work to protect the fish along the Coquille River watershed. Officials with the ODFW admitted they did not have the resources needed to fully address the protection and restoration needs of the watershed—leading to the joint management agreement. The proposal had the support of many local governments and other nearby organizations, as well as three other Oregon tribes: the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Coos; the Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Still, about a dozen conservation groups, other organizations and individuals opposed the partnership or asked that a vote be postponed, citing concerns that the agreement could lead to tribal commercial fishing or hunting, was drafted without adequate public input, ceded too much authority to the tribe, or gave "preferential</p>

treatment” to tribal citizens over non-Indigenous Oregonians. / POLITICS, COURTS, WOMEN, HEALTH: With the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe. v. Wade, there's been rush on pills that can reduce the chances of pregnancy. So much so that some retailers are putting limits on sales to prevent hoarding and price gouging. Emergency contraception is different from abortion pills used to end a pregnancy. Plan B, which can be obtained without a prescription, contains a concentrated dose of the same drug found in many regular birth control pills. If a woman takes Plan B within 72 hours of unprotected sex, she can lower the risk of pregnancy significantly. But if she's already pregnant, the pill has no effect. / HEALTH: The Food & Drug Administration is recommending that COVID-19 vaccine booster doses used this fall be modified to better match more recent variants of the coronavirus. The FDA decision comes after Pfizer and Moderna tested doses updated against the omicron mutant that surged last winter. But those boosters are already somewhat outdated, with two new relatives of omicron now the main threat, so a new formula will be needed for this fall's doses. ; Medical experts warn that repeated COVID-19 infections are getting more likely as the pandemic drags on and the coronavirus evolves. This means some people may well get hit more than twice whether they are vaccinated or not. Experts say immunity from past infections and vaccination wanes over time leaving people vulnerable. Emerging research suggests such repeated infections could put people at higher risk for health problems. / EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: During the pandemic-caused recession of 2020, employment plunged in the Leisure and Hospitality sector, and it's been among the slowest to recover statewide. But if there's a bright spot, it's here in Lane County. State employment analysts say our recovery of Leisure and Hospitality jobs might still be seven percent below pre-pandemic levels, but we lead the state. Much of that is tied to the return of signature events locally, which will be capped off next month with the World Athletics Championships at Eugene's Hayward Field. But in a larger sense, Lane County has other successes. Coastal communities really never saw much of a tourism slowdown. Travelers are returning to communities in the Cascades, ranging from Oakridge and Westfir to those up the McKenzie Valley. People are crowding wineries, brewpubs, and agricultural attractions. And in Eugene-Springfield, we've seen a return of many sports tournaments, conferences, and other gatherings, including music and arts festivals. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: The Fourth of July is coming, and fireworks are not the only thing skyrocketing. Gas prices continue to climb as inflation pinches American household budgets hard. In Lane County this morning, AAA reports that a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline will set you back an average \$5.48. That's down six cents from last week, but close to two dollars higher than it was this time last year. Local diesel prices also have eased, but only a bit, to \$6.56 per gallon. Experts say the pain at the pump is coming amid higher crude oil costs and tight gasoline supplies, in part because of the consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Bans across the globe on the imports of Russian oil in turn drove up gas and home heating oil prices which were already soaring before the war began. Oil prices were high even before Russia's invasion, because the global economy is demanding more fuel after disruptions to travel and manufacturing from the pandemic. Adding to the misery: Inflation is rising to its highest rates in four decades, driving up prices not only for gas but for food, rent and a wide array of consumer goods and services, raising

the specter of a recession. / BUSINESS, LOW-INCOME: Oregon's minimum wage increases tomorrow. There are three tiers of minimum wage: One is set for the Portland metropolitan area, another for Lane and other counties with medium-size populations, a third tier for rural counties. Here in Lane County, our minimum wage will climb from \$12.75 per hour to \$13.50 per hour. This time last year, about five percent of all jobs in Oregon were minimum wage. That works out to slightly more than 108,000 workers, statewide, including more than 8,000 locally. For years, our state's minimum wage has been set annually by the legislature. But next year, it will be tied to the March-March Consumer Price Index. / CRIME: The Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in identifying leads related to the theft of a full-sized truck and trailer. Sometime on Monday night into early Tuesday morning, a gray Ford F-350 dually pickup and attached white 20-foot Pace America enclosed cargo trailer were stolen from a location in the 91000 block of Old Coburg Road. The trailer contained a large volume of various animal health products. The involved truck is possibly displaying Oregon Plate F171407 or Oregon Plate 637KXH. The trailer may be displaying Oregon Plate HV46632. Anyone with information about the case or the whereabouts of the truck and trailer are asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150. Select Option 1 when you hear the recording. Reference LCSO Case #22-3480 when calling. ; Police say a Eugene woman who had acid thrown on her while walking her dog in March has been the target of two additional acid attacks at her home, believed to be committed by the same person. The Eugene Police Department is also investigating it as a bias crime after the suspect made comments about the 26-year-old woman being Native American. Investigators say the latest incident happened early Tuesday when she opened her front door and someone threw acid on her. The woman was treated for chemical burns. The attacker was described as a young white man. The first incident was reported on March 28. The woman told police at the time she had been walking her dog near Arthur Street and West 15th Court when she was accosted by the man, who threw a cup of acid at her. The woman was treated for chemical burns. The man was described as being in his early 20s and was wearing a face mask and dark clothing. On April 26, the woman called police to report someone was attempting to open the door to her home by jiggling the door handle. She believed, based on a partial glimpse, that it was the same attacker. Earlier this month, on June 19, the woman said a man with the same description broke into her residence, poured a chemical on her, and set it on fire. She was treated at the hospital for burns. Police add there was a previously unreported incident in November of last year where a man matching the suspect's description threw a cup of glass shards at her while she was walking her dog, causing cuts and other minor injuries. / MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION: The University of Oregon this week finalized its purchase of the former Concordia University campus in northeast Portland to house its new institute on child behavioral and mental health. The purchase is being fully funded through a landmark, \$425 million donation by former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer and his wife, Connie. The Ballmers have strong ties to the U-of-O: Connie Ballmer is an Oregon graduate and served on the Board of Trustees for seven years. Campus leaders say the Ballmer Institute will establish a new national model for youth behavioral and mental health care by bringing together some of the university's top-ranked research programs and creating partnerships with Oregon public schools and families, and community support groups. /

SPORTS, POLITICS, TERRORISM: The Saudi-backed LIV Golf tour is coming to America. The LIV Golf Invitational-Portland begins today at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club outside Hillsboro. The controversial series is backed by the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Saudi Arabia. The 54-hole tournaments feature 48 players drafted into 12 four-man teams, with the first seven events having \$20 million purses with an additional \$5 million split among the top three teams each week. A team championship concludes the schedule with \$30 million on offer to the top three players and an additional \$50 million in team prizes. A group of survivors and families who lost loved ones in the Sept. 11 terror attacks planning to gather at a nearby park to speak out against the Saudi Arabia-funded tour. The families are speaking out because of what they say are the Saudi connections to the tragic event in 2001. Fifteen of the 19 hijackers on Sept. 11 were Saudi citizens. /