

**KKNU-FM 93.3**

**SPRINGFIELD, OREGON**

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

**First Quarter, 2014: January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

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

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

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

### **ASCERTAINMENT METHODS**

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

### **PROGRAMMING**

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

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

## **McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING 1Q, 2014, ISSUES LIST:**

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

Quarter	January 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 31 <sup>st</sup>
Year	2014
	<b>Issue: <i>*Note: Major breaking news stories during the quarter that fall under these categories will be added as is appropriate and reflected in daily news-public service postings</i></b>
1	<b><u>ECONOMY:</u></b> Economic recovery; Unemployment, workforce training; Federal budget and political standoffs; Unemployment benefit extensions; National, state and local budget & deficit battles; Gas & food prices; Immigration; Retirement concerns; Economic development; Athletics funding and spending; Agriculture; Technology
2	<b><u>HEALTH:</u></b> The Affordable Care Act and Cover Oregon botched rollouts and insurance issues; the Oregon Health Plan, co-ops and managed care; Prescription drug prices; Immunizations and treatments; Food and product recalls; General health care issues; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Drug & alcohol abuse; Pandemic risks; Physician-assisted suicide.
3	<b><u>CRIME-SAFETY:</u></b> Gun control, gun violence and politics; Drug & alcohol abuse; Human trafficking; School safety; Gangs; Policing & community policing; Demonstrations & riots; Arsonists; Racial profiling; Youth protection, including child abuse; Traffic; Public safety during severe weather, disasters and terrorism.
4	<b><u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS:</u></b> Congressional gridlock, mid-term election politics; Legislative session; Ballot initiatives; Funding issues; Election finance.
5	<b><u>WOMEN, FAMILY, ELDER, MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, COMMUNITY:</u></b> Immigration; Same-sex marriage; Gay rights, fair housing, domestic partnerships; Families and children; Domestic violence; Youth programs; Minority issues, including the growing local Latino population; Racial issues; Civil Rights; Religious issues and churches, Community and charitable events, Older adults, Pets and animal rights.
6	<b><u>EDUCATION:</u></b> Local and state budgets for higher and lower education; Paying for college; Curriculum and academic standards; Programs and students honored for academic or civic excellence. National education and trends; teacher contracts.
7	<b><u>HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME ISSUES:</u></b> "The Working Poor"; At-risk youth; Community agencies; Veteran homelessness and mental health issues; Homeless and low-income families and "living wages"; Affordable housing; Senior citizens financial, health and lifestyle issues; Local coalitions.
8	<b><u>MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM:</u></b> National Guard deployments; Oregonians in the military; Overseas deployments; Veterans' issues, including jobs, mental health (PTSD, suicide, etc.) and homelessness; Military families issues; Homeland and local security; Balancing terrorism with civil rights; NSA hacking and privacy issues.
9	<b><u>GROWTH &amp; TRANSPORTATION :</u></b> Willamette Street modifications; Road projects; Lane Transit District EmX expansion, other bus lines; Downtown development; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Economic development efforts; Highway and street improvements & safety; Urban renewal and urban density; UO athletic facilities.
10	<b><u>ENVIRONMENT:</u></b> Drought, severe weather; Disaster preparedness; Earthquakes, tsunamis, Japanese tsunami debris; Wildfires; Hazardous materials transport, toxic dumps, clean-up sites. Air quality and greenhouse gases; Agriculture; Ocean health; Forest management; Wildlife habitat, fish recovery, fishing effects; Power generation; Alternate energy, Technology

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2014, Issues List was formulated at a public meeting on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. In attendance were Tracy Berry of KGNU-FM and Mary Reilly of KMGE-FM.*

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	01/05/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	Families, Community, Health, Safety
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>Right now in Oregon, there are close to 12,000 children living in the foster care system. But an organization called "A Family For Every Child"—based right here in Eugene-Springfield—is working to find permanent "forever families" for these children. Our guest is AFFEC founder and executive director Christy Obie-Barrett, who talks about the need for adoptive families, mentors, donations and volunteers. And we learn how the organization uses the Internet to help find trusted relatives of many foster children as well as connecting prospective families and children needing adoption in other states.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	01/12/14 and 01/19/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	HEALTH, FAMILIES
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>We keep hearing that this year's flu season is especially severe—and that it's targeting young adults, who ordinarily are not as at-risk. Here in Lane County, a five-year-old boy has already died and our vaccination rates are among the lowest in the country. Our guest this morning is Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Lane County's Chief Medical Officer, who discusses flu, vaccinations and health decisions, as well as funding for public health issues and the recent uptick in some forms of venereal diseases.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	01/26/14 and 02/02/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	Seniors, Families, Economy, Low-Income
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>This is the start of income tax filing season. If you were living at or near the poverty level and found out you were owed money by the federal government, you'd want to claim it, right? And yet, every year thousands of people here in Lane County fail to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, as well as other tax benefits designed for working individuals and families living on lower incomes. This morning, we speak with Elena Fracchia with United Way of Lane County about free assistance and filing program for those who qualify.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	02/09/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	WOMEN, ECONOMY, FAMILIES, EDUCATION
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>It started in the 1970s as the "Dislocated Homemakers' Program." Lane Community College's "Women in Transition" program assists single women and other women who are working to improve their lives and become economically self-sufficient through education and better jobs and training. Our guests this morning are coordinator Kara DeMarco and Vikki Epperson, a Lane student who also works in the Women's Center.</p> <p>The program has an orientation coming up later this spring to help inform women interested in enrolling in or returning to LCC. They'll learn about work, career, personal and emotional skills that can help them throughout life.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	02/16/14 and 02/23/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	EDUCATION, FAMILIES, DEVELOPMENT
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	From the new skatepark beneath the Washington-Jefferson Street Bridge to other charitable initiatives, four local presidents of the Eugene-Springfield Rotary Clubs International talk about how the organization works on a local level; how each club supports a different local cause, the amount of money that is raised through the Great Rotary Duck Race and the challenges each of these presidents face as women in a what had been traditionally a men's club.



## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	03/02/14 and 03/09/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	EDUCATION, ECONOMY
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>We're coming up on some deadlines for current and prospective college and university students to apply for financial grants, aid and scholarships.</p> <p>Bob Brew with the Oregon Student Access Commission joins us to offer tips and tricks for applying and receiving aid. He also discusses some general ideas for families budgeting for college.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	03/16/14 and 03/23/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, SENIORS, FAMILIES, ENVIRONMENT, CRIME, SAFETY
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>What a winter it's been here in Lane County: Snow and ice, wind and rain. Big weather events can lead to big home and business repair projects. How do you find a reputable contractor? How do you avoid the scam artists? We speak this morning with three people from the Construction Contractors Board, a state agency that licenses contractors and ensures those doing work are properly licensed and bonded. There are more than 33,000 licensed contractors here in Oregon. Eric McLoughlin is an inspector with the CCB, Tori Garcia is the agency's outreach specialist and Cheryl Martinis is the communications chief. They talk about everything from their online and text-messaging database on contractor registrations and complaints as well as precautions for spotting scam artists and how those predators target people, especially older adults.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	03/30/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	Health, Economy, Families, Crime-Safety
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>Are you a problem gambler? Have you often gambled more than you planned, 'til your last dollar was gone? Have you borrowed from friends, family or even taken cash advances from credit cards? Have you drained your savings? Is it affecting your relationships? Are you depressed, suicidal, anxious, filled with guilt and shame? Those are some of the characteristics of problem gamblers and we have a growing number of them in Oregon. Julie Hynes, Lane County's Problem Gambling Prevention coordinator is our guest this morning. She discusses the problem, treatment and the challenge posed by Oregon's growing number of video gambling machines and the state's reliance on the revenues they provide.</p>

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

<b>DATE OF BROADCAST</b>	01/02/14
<b>TIME OF BROADCAST</b>	5:30AM-8:30AM / KGNU-FM
<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	Morning News
<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, CRIME: Several new laws going into effect Jan. 1, 2014 are aimed at increasing safety on Oregon roads, but in different ways. One increases the fine for using a handheld mobile device while driving, and the other makes it illegal to smoke in a vehicle where children are present. Senate Bill 9, for example, changes Oregon's traffic offense of operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device from a Class D violation to a Class C. The minimum fine for a class C violation is \$142, and the fine for this offense can be as high as \$500. The fine's increase is aimed at reducing the number of crashes that involve a driver talking on a handheld phone or texting. In Oregon from 2009 to 2011, nine people died in crashes involving a driver who was reportedly using a cell phone at the time of the crash, and 673 people have been injured. Using a cell phone while driving falls under the category of "distracted driving," and this type of distraction is an increasingly dangerous behavior across the country. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in the U.S. 3,331 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver in 2011, compared to 3,267 in 2010. The behavior is especially dangerous for younger drivers: 11 percent of all drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. Any activity that diverts a person's attention away from the primary task of driving is dangerous. A Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study revealed that physically dialing a phone while driving increases the risk of a crash as much as six times. Texting is riskier still, increasing the collision risk by 23 times. Even though a majority of Oregonians believe texting and hand-held cell phone use while driving is unsafe, some still choose to do so. According to a 2012 phone survey of Oregon drivers, more than 70 percent said they know cell phones are a safety problem and that phoning and texting while driving are illegal. In spite of this, cell phone convictions in Oregon have steadily risen from an initial 40 in 2008 to 22,892 in 2012. Also, a new smoking offense was created by Senate Bill 444, prohibiting smoking in a vehicle while a person younger than 18 years old is in the vehicle. The maximum fine for the first offense is \$250, and the maximum fine for repeat offenses is \$500. This new law is considered a "secondary" law: a police officer may cite for this offense only if the officer has already stopped a vehicle for another violation or offense. / ECONOMY, HEALTH: Long lines and blustery winter weather greeted Colorado marijuana shoppers testing the nation's first legal recreational pot shops Wednesday. The world was watching as Colorado unveiled the modern world's first fully legal marijuana industry — no doctor's note required (as in 18 states and Washington, D.C.) and no unregulated</p>

production of the drug (as in the Netherlands). Uruguay has fully legalized pot but hasn't yet set up its system. Colorado had 24 shops open Wednesday, most of them in Denver, and aside from long lines and sporadic reports of shoppers cited for smoking pot in public, officials said there were few problems. The Colorado Department of Revenue sent its new marijuana inspectors to recreational shops to monitor sales and make sure sellers understood the state's new marijuana-tracking inventory system meant to keep legal pot out of the black market. Denver International Airport posted signs warning travelers that they could not take marijuana home with them. Keeping pot within Colorado's regulated system and within the state's borders are among requirements the U.S. Department of Justice has laid out to avoid a clampdown under federal law, which still outlaws the drug. The other state that has legalized recreational pot, Washington state, will face the same restrictions when its retail shops start operating. That's expected by late spring. Colorado's retail experiments are crucial tests of whether marijuana can be sold like alcohol, can be effectively kept from children and can still be highly taxed, or whether pot proves too harmful to public health and safety for legalization experiments to expand elsewhere. Marijuana skeptics watched in alarm. They warned that the celebratory vibe in Colorado masked dangerous consequences. Wider marijuana availability, they say, would lead to greater illegal use by youth, and possibly more traffic accidents and addiction problems. The only problems reported Wednesday, though, were long lines and high prices. Some shops raised prices or reduced purchasing limits as the day went on. One pot shop closed early because of tight supply. Some shoppers complained they were paying three times more than they were used to. Colorado has no statewide pricing structure, and by midafternoon, one dispensary was charging \$70 for one-eighth of an ounce of high-quality pot. Medical marijuana patients just a day earlier paid as little as \$25 for the same amount.

Medical pot users worried they'd be priced out of the market. Colorado's recreational pot inventory came entirely from the drug's supply for medical uses. Colorado has hundreds of pending applications for recreational pot retailers, growers and processors. So it's too soon to say how prices would change more people enter the business, increasing supply and competition. Shoppers waiting in line Wednesday didn't seem fazed by the wait, the prices, or the state and local taxes that totaled more than 25 percent. ; Colorado's experiment with recreational marijuana is being closely watched in Washington state—which begins its own legal marijuana sales the middle of this year—and Oregon, whose politicians are considering whether to pass their own law to pre-empt a possible initiative. Beginning yesterday in Colorado, any resident who is at least 21 can purchase up to an ounce of marijuana at a state-approved dispensary. Out-of-state visitors may buy a quarter-ounce, but they have to consume it in Colorado. Carrying marijuana across Colorado state lines remains illegal, and signs are posted in Denver's international airport reminding travelers that it is illegal to transport it out-of-state. As sales began yesterday, there were long lines for hours outside of the businesses that receive special licenses from Colorado regulators. State and local taxes total about 25 percent of the sale. Marijuana smokers still have to obey other laws: They may not drive while impaired and police were looking for those who might try. The law does not (not) require the employer to accommodate the use of marijuana in the workplace. The new laws further clarify that requirement,

and allow an employer to discipline an employee who is under the influence under certain circumstances. ; What about DUI? A motorist in Colorado can be ticketed for impaired driving if his or her blood shows more than 5 nanograms of active THC, the active constituent of marijuana, NORML says on its website. Some users will fall below that level three hours after consuming pot, but "some people will still be well above 5 ng," NORML says. "Do recognize that the effects of alcohol and marijuana together may be more than the sum of their parts." Some analysts describe impairment as a guessing game, depending on the person. "Is Colorado's marijuana DUI rule flawless? Far from it. But as the state's policy makers have come to realize, the world's first legal pot rules aren't going to be perfect. They just have to be good enough. Good enough to keep the feds away, good enough to keep marijuana stakeholders happy, good enough to keep Coloradans from worrying they've made a horrible mistake," University of Denver law professor Sam Kamin and writer Joel Warner wrote in Slate in December. /

HEALTH, POLITICS: Most major pieces of the Affordable Care Act yesterday took full effect with the new year. That means people who had been denied coverage because of a pre-existing medical condition can book appointments and get prescriptions. Caps on yearly out-of-pocket medical expenses will mean people shouldn't have to worry about bankruptcy after treatment for a catastrophic illness or injury. And all new insurance policies must offer a minimum level of essential benefits, ranging from emergency room treatment to maternity care. The law's benefits apply to individual policies as well as those offered through employers. But one benefit didn't take effect as expected after Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor late Tuesday night temporarily blocked the part of the law requiring some religious-affiliated organizations to provide their workers with insurance that includes birth control. Government officials have until Friday to respond to her emergency stay. Administration officials said this week that 2.1 million consumers have enrolled through the federal and state-run health insurance exchanges that are a central feature of the Affordable Care Act. Millions more have been enrolled in Medicaid, after the federal law allowed states to expand the health insurance program for the poor. Yet how many of those who signed up for coverage on the exchanges will follow through and pay their premiums will not be known for a couple of weeks. People who signed up on the federal website have until Jan. 10 to pay premiums for coverage retroactive to Jan. 1, while consumers in some states have until Jan. 6. Those who enrolled during the exchanges' first three months, persisting through serious technological problems and jammed call center phone lines, are probably motivated to make sure they have a policy in place as soon as possible, said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, which advocates for lower-income people and supports the federal health care changes. Premiums paid after the deadline will be applied to coverage starting Feb. 1 or later. Consumers have until March 31 to sign up in time to avoid a federal tax penalty for remaining uninsured. That fine starts at \$95 for an individual this year but climbs rapidly, to a minimum of \$695 by 2016. There is an additional fine for parents who do not get health insurance for their children. Although the federal website is apparently fixed for consumers, the start of the year still could bring plenty of confusion. Insurers say they are receiving thousands of erroneous sign-up applications from the government, and some people who thought they had enrolled for coverage have not received confirmation. Undoubtedly, some will find out they don't have the immediate coverage they

thought they did. Some states, including Minnesota and Rhode Island, extended their sign-up period until the final day of 2013, leading to a last-minute crush of paperwork for insurers. Call center wait times in Minnesota extended beyond two hours on Tuesday, a possible sign of heavy consumer interest. Anticipating disruptions, major drug store chains such as CVS and Walgreens have announced they will help customers who face coverage questions, even providing temporary supplies of medications without insisting on up-front payment. Many smaller independent pharmacies also are ready to help. Some parts of the Affordable Care Act took effect previously, such as the ability of young people to remain on their parents' insurance policies until age 26. Others have been delayed until 2015, including the law's requirement that companies with 50 or more workers must provide affordable coverage or pay fines. The administration says it's trying to iron out burdensome reporting requirements. / ECONOMY, FAMILIES, HEALTH: Philanthropy made a comeback in large donations in 2013 with the nation's wealthiest donors giving more than \$3.4 billion to charity. Nike co-founder and chairman Philip Knight and his wife, Penelope, made the second largest gift commitment of 2013, pledging \$500 million to the Oregon Health and Science University Foundation for cancer research. The university has to match the donation in the next two years to receive the full gift. / ECONOMY:

McMinnville-based Evergreen International Airlines took a large step toward dissolving itself Tuesday by filing a Chapter 7 petition in federal bankruptcy court in Delaware. The filing followed by about two weeks an involuntary petition by a group of creditors. The filing estimated the total assets of the Evergreen companies at up to \$100 million and total debts up to \$500 million. Evergreen said it has up to 5,000 creditors. The filing includes a 108-page list of creditors. A former Evergreen employee relayed a Dec. 31 email from Evergreen's director of human relations that noted that a trustee will handle all human relations and public relations functions. The director, Monique Gregory, did not identify a trustee and the bankruptcy file lists no information beyond the company's voluntary petition. Evergreen officials and lawyers did not respond to phone and email queries on the holiday. Evergreen's website still contains a Nov. 8 note from founder Delford Smith that insisted the company would continue to serve its customers. He said much the same in an interview with The Oregonian less than two weeks ago. The bankruptcy filing lists seven entities as submitting the Chapter 7 petition: Evergreen Aviation Ground Logistics Enterprise; Evergreen Defense and Security Services; Evergreen International Airlines; Evergreen International Aviation; Evergreen Systems Logistics; Evergreen Trade; and Supertanker Services. The filing appears to mark the end for a proud company with a history of providing cargo and passenger services to the U.S. government and other customers. Smith founded the company as Evergreen Helicopters in 1960. Last year, Evergreen sold the helicopter company to Portland's Erickson Air-Crane for \$250 million in cash and notes. Smith said later that money would be used to pay down debt. Still unsettled is the fate of Evergreen's non-profit affiliates, the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum and the Wings and Waves Waterpark. The buildings are landmarks along Oregon Highway 18 on the eastern edge of McMinnville. The state Department of Justice has been investigating whether Evergreen's for-profit operations improperly commingled funds with the non-profits. ; U.S. construction spending rose in November at the strongest pace in more than four years, driven by solid gains in home construction and commercial projects. The Commerce

Department says construction spending increased 1 percent in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$934.4 billion. That's the fastest rate since March 2009 and a slight improvement on the 0.9 percent gain in October. Residential construction rose 1.9 percent in November, after falling in October. Homebuilding last exceeded the November pace shortly before the 2008 financial crisis. Spending on single-family homes has increased 18.4 percent year over year, while spending on apartment buildings is up 36.3 percent during the same period. Commercial projects also increased 2.7 percent in November, while government construction spending fell 1.8 percent after strong gains in October. On this first trading day of 2014, investors appear to be forgetting about all of the optimism from 2013. Stocks have opened lower today. The S&P 500 ended the year with its best performance since 1997, while the Dow rose the most since 1995. Markets were closed Wednesday for New Year's Day. / CRIME, RELIGION: A Roman Catholic church official is set to leave prison after 18 months because he won an appeal of his landmark conviction in the priest-abuse scandal. Monsignor William Lynn is scheduled to be released today from the prison in northeastern Pennsylvania. Lynn will be taken to Philadelphia, where he must remain on electronic monitoring while prosecutors appeal the Superior Court ruling. The 62-year-old Lynn was the first U.S. church official ever charged for hiding complaints that priests were molesting children. He was the point person for those complaints in Philadelphia from 1992-2004. City prosecutors charged him with felony child endangerment. But the appeals court says the law that existed at the time didn't cover people who don't directly supervise children. / MILITARY, TERRORISM: Arizona Republican John McCain and several other U.S. senators say they've warned the Afghan president that a failure to sign a key Afghan-U.S. security deal would pose a threat to the country and the region. Hamid Karzai has delayed signing the accord with the United States, which would allow American troops to remain in Afghanistan beyond the exit date for the NATO mission at the end of this year. McCain said after a meeting Thursday with Karzai that he's "confident the differences have been narrowed to the point that we can resolve them" in a few days or weeks. Republicans John Barrasso of Wyoming and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina also met with Karzai. Without a signed deal, all U.S. and NATO forces would have to withdraw from Afghanistan. / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: Where minimum wage is going up. On Jan. 1, the minimum wage in 13 states increased. The new pay rates range from \$7.50 per hour in Missouri to \$9.32 in Washington State. In Oregon, where our automatic increases are tied to inflation, the state minimum wage is \$9.10 per hour. Analysts say not only are these thirteen states higher than the federal requirement of \$7.25 an hour, but another nine states are looking at their own increases. / CRIME: New Year's Eve Patrols produced some citations and arrests. Eugene Police and dispatchers say they were kept busy with a "dynamic and evolving call load" and handled seven DUII investigations. A few calls of note: Hit and Run - Person at E. 8th Avenue and Charnelton. Arrested: Cooks, Traesha Lyn, age 23. Charges: Hit and Run - Person, DUII, Assault II, Assault III, Reckless Driving. Officers were dispatched to the area of E. 8th Ave. and Olive St. regarding a vehicle vs. pedestrian hit and run. The involved vehicle fled south bound on Olive St. After an extensive area search, an officer located the suspect vehicle at E. 11th Ave. and Lincoln St. A DUII investigation was conducted and the driver was arrested for DUII and Hit and Run. The victim was transported to a local hospital. The suspect



was transported to the Lane County Jail. ; DUI Investigation - W. 6th and Chambers. Arrested: Gomez, Victor Ricardo, age 24. Charges: DUII, Reckless Driving. An officer spotted a speeding vehicle, driven recklessly, going west bound on W. 6th in heavy fog. The officer stopped the vehicle at the Jack in the Box and after a DUII investigation, the driver was arrested for the listed charges. The driver became hostile while his vehicle was getting impounded, but was taken into custody and lodged at the Lane County Jail. ; DUII - W. Broadway and Willamette St. Arrested: Wall, Roy Joseph, age 54. Charges: DUII, Driving While Suspended. Officers responded to the area of Broadway Plaza regarding an assault that just occurred. Upon arrival, Wall was on the ground and appeared intoxicated. Medics responded to the scene. After a few moments, several people in the area contacted officers and reported that Wall had been driving a truck that was stopped on W. Broadway at Willamette St. They said Wall had been revving his truck engine and peeling out on the curve on W. Broadway between Olive Street and Willamette Street before driving his truck to the cross walk at the W. Broadway and Willamette Street, where he began to lunge his truck back and forth at pedestrians. A passerby hit Wall's passenger side mirror and Wall exited his truck to check the mirror. Once he exited his truck, another passerby confronted Wall and told him he should not be driving and kicked his leg to prevent him from driving away. Wall fell to the ground and 9-1-1 was called. Wall was transported to a local hospital, and charged. ; Over the New Year's Holiday, the Springfield Police Department responded to a very high volume of calls for service. Calls for service varied in everything from driving and intoxicated driver complaints to disputes and loud noise violations. The Springfield Police Department made at least 8 arrests for DUII over the daytime of 12/31/2013 to the morning of 01/01/2014. The Springfield Police Department also made at least 5 DUII arrests on the previous night. Other driving related arrests over the holiday included charges of Reckless Driving and Reckless Endangering. Numerous traffic citations were issued. These included at least 5 citations for driving while suspended. The Springfield Police Department responded to at least two DUII related traffic crashes over the holiday but was happy to report no deaths or serious injuries. Additional officers were on duty over the holiday to help handle the extra workload. /

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

**DATE OF  
BROADCAST** 01/03/14

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

**NAME OF  
PROGRAM** Morning News

**LENGTH OF  
PROGRAM** 30 Seconds

**ISSUE OR  
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**SAFETY:** South Lane County Fire and Rescue responded to a Structure Fire at TJ's Restaurant in Creswell at 03:20 AM Thursday morning. First arriving crews arrived to find heavy smoke coming from the property. Crews were able to quickly bring the fire under control. But the restaurant suffered approximately \$300,000 in fire and smoke damage. The fire appears to have started in the kitchen area of the property and appears to be accidental. The Fire Marshal is still investigating for the cause. South Lane County Personnel responded with four fire apparatus and fifteen personnel. / **TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT:** Major highways are shut down in New York and Pennsylvania, and airlines have been forced to cancel thousands of flights. A winter storm in the Northeast has dumped nearly 2 feet of snow north of Boston and about a foot and a half in parts of western New York near Rochester. Forecasters are warning that strong gusts can make it cold enough to cause frostbite in about 30 minutes or less. That's having a ripple effect for some holiday travelers across the U.S. / **HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS:** A new study—conducted in Oregon in 2008—finds that previously uninsured people who'd recently enrolled in Medicaid went to the emergency room 40 percent more frequently than others, often seeking help for conditions that could be treated for less in a doctor's office or an urgent care clinic. The research, published Thursday by the journal Science, comes as millions of Americans gain health insurance this week under the federal health care law, many of them through Medicaid. It underscores the importance of not just changing people's insurance status, but their attitudes and habits when it comes to seeking medical care. The findings suggest that hospitals and health officials around the nation should be prepared for an increase in emergency room trips in the coming months under the health care overhaul's Medicaid expansion. It underscored the importance of efforts to get those patients in the habit of going to their doctor for regular, preventive care appointments and learning to make their doctor or an acute care clinic their first option for treatment rather than the emergency room. The latest research also indicates that expanding Medicaid improves mental health and leaves patients more financially stable in the first two years. But when patients rely too much on emergency rooms, it increases spending for hospitals, primary care and prescriptions and does not produce measurable improvements in indicators such as blood pressure or cholesterol levels. One of the researchers also suggested that whenever you lower the price of something, whether through insurance or other means, people are more likely to use it more. She thinks that might also have driven those increased emergency room visits, as patients once afraid of

being unable to pay for hospital trips relied on Medicaid to help pick up the financial tab. ; The new year brought relief for many Americans who previously had no health insurance or were stuck in poor plans, but it also led to confusion after the troubled rollout of the federal health care reforms sent a crush of late applications to overloaded government agencies. That's created stacks of yet-to-be-processed paperwork and thousands — if not millions — of people unsure about whether they have insurance. Oregon's insurance exchange, Cover Oregon, remains mired in computer problems. Its online enrollment system has still not been fixed. That meant enrollees had to fill out paper applications. Still, those with new, affordable coverage, say it's a relief. Obama administration officials estimate that 2.1 million consumers have enrolled so far through the federal and state-run health insurance exchanges that are a central feature of the federal law. But even before coverage began, health insurance companies complained they were receiving thousands of faulty applications from the government, and some people who thought they had enrolled for coverage have not received confirmation. ; The man who led Oregon's problem-plagued health insurance exchange has submitted his resignation. Rocky King has been on medical leave since Dec. 2. His resignation is effective at the end of his leave, March 5. The news came in a letter sent by King to the board of Cover Oregon on Wednesday. The board said yesterday it would begin looking for a permanent director. King came under fire when the online enrollment system failed to go live in October. The state's online exchange still hasn't launched and Oregon has had to rely exclusively on paper applications. King is the second official connected to the exchange to resign. Carolyn Lawson, chief information officer for the Oregon Health Authority who oversaw most of the exchange's development, resigned in mid-December. Oregon Health Authority Director Bruce Goldberg remains Cover Oregon's interim director. ; The Obama administration says a Supreme Court justice should stop blocking the new health care law's requirement that some religion-affiliated organizations provide health insurance that includes birth control. The Justice Department Friday called on Justice Sonia Sotomayor to dissolve her stay on the contraceptive coverage requirement of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. The government says religious nonprofit groups can certify that they don't want to provide contraceptive coverage. A group of Catholic nuns who run nursing homes sued, saying even signing that form violates their beliefs. Government lawyers say the nuns' insurance is a "church plan" that is not required to provide contraception coverage and has decided not to, so they have no legal basis to complain. It is not known when Sotomayor will make a decision. /

**ECONOMY, HEALTH, POLITICS:** The second day of the Colorado's fully legal marijuana industry—the nation's first—was a bit less busy than the first. Rather than hundreds of people in lines outside the limited number of licensed retail shops, the typical line held several dozen buyers. Still, there were so many pot shoppers that one retailer asked customers to come back Friday. Here's a look at the new normal in Colorado: 1. **HOW MUCH FOR AN EIGHTH?** Colorado has no statewide pricing structure, and by midafternoon on the first day, one dispensary was charging \$70 for one-eighth of an ounce of high-quality pot. Medical marijuana patients, who worried about being priced out of the market, just a day earlier paid as little as \$25 for the same amount. 2. **LAW ENFORCERS WATCHING** Authorities are watching whether consumers take marijuana to other states where the drug remains illegal. It's too soon to tell if that's happened yet but

some law enforcement officials say it's inevitable. Neighboring Kansas, for example, plans to continue its use of bogus road signs such as "Drug Check Ahead" and "Drug Dogs in Use" along highways to make motorists think twice about bring drugs on the state's highways.

**3. HOW MUCH MONEY FOR STATE?** Retail marijuana is being heavily taxed, with a 10 percent tax per sale and a 15 percent excise tax based on the average market rate of the drug. The state won't have the first round of receipts until late February but it seems clear demand is strong. A trade group Thursday said three of its retail members reported between 600 and 800 customers during the first day. Colorado has projected \$67 million in annual marijuana tax revenue.

**4. NOT JUST POT** The same 2012 ballot measure that legalized recreational marijuana in Colorado also permitted industrial hemp farming. The Colorado Department of Agriculture on Thursday released procedures for producers to register with the state and pay fees. Hemp is marijuana's non-intoxicating cousin. It can be used in foods, cosmetics and textiles. It remains illegal to grow under federal law.

**5. WHERE NEXT?** Washington state voters also legalized recreational marijuana in 2012 and that state's market is due to open in a few months. Activists in Oregon and Alaska say they have enough signatures to put legalization measures on the ballot this year. Ballot measures may well crop up in other states from California to Massachusetts over the next few election cycles.

**/ SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, FAMILIES:** A company that makes child car seats is recalling more than 33,000 of them because the harnesses aren't strong enough to meet federal safety standards. Combi USA is recalling three types of seats made before January of 2013. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says the seat straps don't meet minimum strength requirements. If there's a crash, children may not be properly secured. A company spokeswoman says the seats are still safe to use because the harness as a whole meets safety standards.

**/ ECONOMY (AGRICULTURE):** The U.S. Department of Agriculture is opening the door to commercial sales of genetically engineered corn and soybean seeds that are resistant to the weed killer known as 2,4-D. The herbicide is legal and commonly used in the U.S. by gardeners. The USDA, which has oversight over the seeds and not the herbicide, released an environmental impact statement this morning. It finds that the biggest risk from the seeds is that greater use of the herbicide could hasten the development of herbicide-resistant weeds. But the agency also says resistance is inevitable because 2,4-D is already the third most-used weed killer in the U.S.

**/ ECONOMY, POLITICS:** The Kitzhaber administration is working on a review of managers in Oregon's state government that could lead to big changes in how they're paid and what they do. Michael Jordan, head of the state Department of Administrative Services, tells the Salem Statesman Journal the state doesn't have a clear idea of managers' duties, the results they're getting or whether they're being paid appropriately. The state's largest union, Service Employees International Union Local 503, has long argued the state could adhere to strict manager-to-employee ratios and save millions of dollars. Jordan says a project began this fall to sort things out. The first step was an hour-long survey completed by a large majority of state managers, about 3,400 of them, about their responsibilities. /

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<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	Morning News
<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A whirlpool of frigid, dense air known as a "polar vortex" descended today into much of the U.S., pummeling parts of the country with a dangerous cold that could break decades-old records with wind chill warnings stretching from Montana to Alabama. For a big chunk of the Midwest, the subzero temperatures are moving in behind another winter wallop: more than a foot of snow and high winds that made traveling treacherous. Officials closed schools in cities including Chicago, St. Louis and Milwaukee and warned residents to stay indoors and avoid the frigid cold altogether. The forecast is extreme: Highs today of 32 below zero in Fargo, N.D.; minus 21 in Madison, Wis.; and 15 below zero in Minneapolis, Indianapolis and Chicago. Wind chills - what it feels like outside when high winds are factored into the temperature - could drop into the minus 50s and 60s. It hasn't been this cold for almost two decades in many parts of the country. Frostbite and hypothermia can set in quickly at 15 to 30 below zero.</p> <p>/ CRIME: Police say a barefoot woman walking along Interstate 5 jumped on top of a disabled vehicle and crushed the car's windshield while two people sat inside. Authorities arrested 24-year-old Victoria Dawn Lohmann of Aumsville on Saturday and booked into jail for first-degree criminal mischief and other charges. The incident began Saturday afternoon when two women driving northbound ran out of gas near Albany. As they sat in the vehicle waiting for help, the women said Lohmann approached the car on foot, got on top of the hood and began to jump up and down. They say Lohmann then jumped on the windshield, caving it in before running across the interstate. Lohmann was treated for minor cuts to the feet hands and face that police say occurred when she was damaging the vehicle. Authorities say they found Lohmann with what appeared to be a controlled substance.</p> <p>/ HEALTH, POLITICS&lt; RELIGION: A federal appeals court is set to review a Texas law that led to the closing of many abortion clinics in the state. A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans is scheduled to hear arguments today over a ruling declaring parts of the 2013 law unconstitutional. Planned Parenthood sued to block two provisions. One requires doctors to have admitting privileges near where the abortion is performed. The other restricts how doctors administer abortion-inducing drugs. Planned Parenthood says U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel correctly ruled in October that the provisions place an unconstitutional burden on women's access to abortion. The 5th Circuit allowed Texas to enforce the law while the decision is appealed. At least a dozen abortion clinics closed after the law took effect.</p> <p>/ HEALTH, SAFETY: Oregon is seeing a spike in flu hospitalizations. In the most recently available</p>

numbers, the state reports that there were 81 flu-related hospitalizations during the week of Christmas. That was a jump from 67 the week before and just 18 the week before that. Oregon Health Authority spokesman Jonathan Modie says the flu season doesn't typically peak in Oregon until later in January and February. He says it's not too late for people to get a flu shot. KGW-TV reports that a 5-year-old boy from Eugene recently died from the flu at Oregon Health & Science University. Many of the flu cases this year are the H1N1 strain that was an epidemic in 2009. The flu vaccine can now help protect from H1N1. The H1N1 strain is more likely to hit young adults and children. / HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES: The U.S. Supreme Court has put same-sex marriages on hold in Utah while a federal appeals court considers the issue. The court has issued a brief order blocking any new same-sex unions in the state. More than 900 gay and lesbian couples have married since Dec. 20, when a federal judge ruled that Utah's ban on same-sex marriage violates gay and lesbian couples' constitutional rights. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Lawmakers face a hefty list of unfinished business as Congress returns to work today. The Senate has scheduled votes on President Barack Obama's nomination of Janet Yellen to head the Federal Reserve and a three-month extension of benefits for the long-term unemployed. If confirmed, Yellen would be the first woman to serve as chairman of the Federal Reserve. / TRANSPORTATION: The Amtrak Cascades—the commuter train that runs between Eugene and Portland—begins its new schedule today. At the same time, riders will see two new trains along the Cascades route. The new Talgo Series 8 have passed all of their federal certifications and are officially part of the fleet carrying riders along the full Amtrak Cascades corridor from Eugene to Vancouver, British Columbia. Cascades riders will also want to check out the new schedule. The 5:30 a.m. Cascades train to Portland and Seattle is still there, but the 9:00 a.m. train to Portland has been replaced by an 8:40 a.m. bus. There is a new afternoon train to Portland that leaves Eugene at four o'clock and arrives in the Rose City at 6:45 p.m. There is also now an early-morning train from Portland to Eugene—but the late night train along the same route has been replaced by an Amtrak bus. If you have questions, you may check with Amtrak by phone or on the website at [Amtrak.com](http://Amtrak.com) / EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY: Quick update on the mold problems at Harrisburg Elementary from district officials: Building number 2, constructed in 2001 as part of a larger district-wide building project, houses the Harrisburg Elementary School cafeteria, kitchen, 3rd Grade classrooms and Federal Title Program classroom. The cafeteria, kitchen, other 2001 era-constructed buildings and the Harrisburg Elementary School library have all successfully passed post-mold abatement air quality testing. Reconstruction efforts have now begun in the cafeteria and kitchen areas. At this time, the plan is to open school K-12, with food services, on Monday, January 6th. However, mold abatement efforts will continue in the Building Number 2 classrooms, restrooms and hallway areas with reconstruction to follow. The hope is to have these areas cleared for occupancy ASAP. Until then, the 3rd Grade classes will be temporarily housed in the Harrisburg Elementary School library and Federal Title Program classroom in an office space located inside the main Harrisburg Elementary School building. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, EDUCATION: Lane Community College students bring the Martin Luther King Jr. Day community celebration back to campus this year with a special keynote presentation by acclaimed television, film and stage actor Giancarlo Esposito. Esposito co-stars in the NBC hit drama series, "Revolution," as Major Tom Neville. He is also known for his iconic portrayal of drug kingpin Gustavo "Gus" Fring in AMC's award-winning series "Breaking Bad," for which he won the 2012 Critics Choice Award and earned a 2012 Emmy nomination. This year's community event commemorates the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The celebration will be held Monday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lane Community College Ragozzino Performance Hall, Building 6, main campus, 4000 E. 30th Avenue in Eugene. Tickets are free and available at the door, but seating is limited. For more information contact Greg Evans at <a href="mailto:evansg@lanecc.edu">evansg@lanecc.edu</a> or (541) 463-5340. Lane students organized the community's first celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1987. Lane students have co-sponsored the event ever since. Sponsors are Lane Community College and Black Student Union, Associated Students of Lane Community College, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, Asian Pacific Islander Student Union, and Gender and Sexuality Alliance. Community co-sponsors are the Lane County MLK Celebration Committee and the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission. /</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The record-setting cold temperatures that invaded parts of the Midwest have extended into the East and South this morning. Temperatures dropped to eight degrees in Atlanta -- and six below zero at a remote weather station in the north Georgia mountains. Parts of West Virginia haven't been this cold in 25 years. And the extreme cold in Virginia beat record lows that had stood since the late 1950s. Highs are only supposed to get into the single digits today in Georgia and Alabama. Wind chill warnings extend as far south as Florida. The operator of a power grid supplying energy to more than 61 million people in the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and South is asking users to conserve power today because of the cold. At least 15,000 homes and businesses in Indiana don't have any power to conserve. Utility crews are working to restore service, amid temperatures in the negative teens. But officials are warning that some customers could be in the cold and dark for days. More than 500 Amtrak passengers spent the night on three stopped trains headed for Chicago because of blowing and drifting snow in north-central Illinois. /</p> <p>ECONOMY: U.S. home prices barely rose in November from the previous month. Year-over-year gains slowed, reflecting declines in sales in the fall. The Real</p>

estate data provider CoreLogic says prices increased just 0.1 percent in November from October. But prices have risen at a healthy 11.8 percent from a year ago. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Legislation to renew jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed has cleared an initial Senate hurdle, but the bill's fate remains in doubt. The vote Tuesday was 60-37 to limit debate on the legislation, with a half-dozen Republicans siding with the Democrats. At the same time, Senate Republicans served notice they would attempt to change the measure so the \$6.4 billion cost would not add to deficits — a step that Democrats have so far rejected. As drafted, the bill would restore between 14 weeks and 47 weeks of benefits averaging \$256 weekly to an estimated 1.3 million long-term jobless who were affected when the program expired Dec. 28. Without action by Congress, thousands more each week would feel the impact as their state-funded benefits expire, generally after 26 weeks. ; Senior lawmakers on Capitol Hill are trying to put the finishing touches on a \$1.1 trillion spending bill. The goal is to finish writing the measure this week in anticipation of House and Senate votes before a Jan. 15 deadline to avert another government shutdown. The bill fills in thousands of details across the roughly one-third of the federal budget devoted to the day-to-day operations of federal agencies. ; Janet Yellen has made history by becoming the first woman to lead the Federal Reserve. Yellen was approved by a comfortable 56-26 margin by the Senate yesterday, and she will succeed Bernard Bernanke. The vote puts an economist in the post who has long focused on fighting unemployment and who backed the Fed's recent efforts to spur the economy with low interest rates and huge bond purchases. Yellen begins her four-year term as chair on Feb. 1. Bernanke had held the job for eight years and his tenure was dominated by the Great Recession and his efforts to fight it. Yellen has been Fed vice chair since 2010. / EDUCATION, CRIME, SAFETY: Arapahoe High School students in Colorado are returning to school for the first time since a fatal Dec. 13 shooting on campus. According to the Denver Post, additional deputies from the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office will be at the campus and extra school district staff members will be on hand to help students as the school reopens on Tuesday. Students have not attended classes since Karl Pierson, a senior at Arapahoe, entered the school through a door that was propped open and fatally shot Claire Davis before killing himself. Investigators say Pierson may have had a grudge against one of the teachers. / ECONOMY, HEALTH: There's lots of cash in legal marijuana, but that's a problem for a lot of bankers. Recreational marijuana sales became legal in Colorado on New Year's Day. A similar retail system goes into effect later this year in Washington State. But pot is still illegal weed under federal law. So many banks don't want to handle marijuana money, even from a legal marijuana store. That's put many of Colorado's hundreds of retail marijuana outlets in the position of operating as cash and carry businesses, which raises all sorts of safety and security concerns. The Denver Post reports that yesterday, members of the Denver city Council unanimously passed a proclamation urging Colorado banks to allow marijuana businesses to set up bank accounts. The Justice Department and federal banking regulators have been working to update their rules to protect banks that handle legal marijuana money from being targeted for prosecution for things like racketeering and money laundering but many financial institutions worry there are gray areas in the legal pot business that might expose them to illegal activity. Those concerns first cropped up when many states adopted laws legalizing the use of medical



marijuana. / HEALTH, POLITICS, ECONOMY: Despite harsh criticism of President Barack Obama health care program, the growth in costs for health care during his first term in office was at a historically low level. This, according to nonpartisan experts at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. According to the analysis by these experts, 2012 was the fourth straight year that the nation's health care tab grew at a more manageable pace — 3.7 percent. And the U.S. economy grew faster than health care, making it easier to pay the nation's medical bill. America still spends a whole lot. Health care spending reached \$2.8 trillion in 2012. That averages out to \$8,915 for every man, woman and child. / VETERANS, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, HEALTH: A grant from Wells Fargo is supporting six local projects for veterans. Today, there's a \$25,000 check presentation to VetLIFT. An additional \$25,000 check will also be presented as part of Wells Fargo's RISE program (Rural Investment for Sustainable Economics) providing pre-development of a St. Vinnie's thrift store in a rural community. St. Vincent de Paul operates six projects for military veterans. Wells Fargo funding will be directed to the area in each project where it's needed most to ensure the program's success. The projects are: Veterans' Housing Project (VHP) is a community partnership providing rental housing for veterans returning from overseas deployments. Vet LIFT provides assistance to homeless Vets who are dually diagnosed with substance abuse and mental illness. Supportive Services for Veteran Families assists homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness with a subsidy to move into housing or use for eviction prevention and other services. Veterans in Progress (VIP) serves homeless veterans through employment and training. Resident Services Program is available to veterans living in SVdP affordable housing complexes. It offers veterans help to secure permanent housing, build income and job skills, acquire financial literacy and/or further their education. REAL Rural Employment Assistance for Lane offers resume development, computer navigation, interviews, and financial literacy to low- to moderate-income Residents and veterans returned from active duty. / ECONOMY (SPORTS): Florida State is the No. 1 team in the final Associated Press football poll. The Seminoles just completed a 14-0 season and ended the Southeastern Conference's string of seven straight years with the top team in the season-ending poll. Auburn is second, followed by Michigan State, South Carolina, Missouri, Oklahoma, Alabama, Clemson, Oregon and UCF. The SEC winds up with four teams in the top seven. ; Oregon State quarterback Sean Mannion is returning for his senior season. Mannion, who has already graduated with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies, announced his decision yesterday in a statement released by the Beavers. Mannion set the Pac-12's single-season record for passing yards with 4,662 this past season. He threw an Oregon State-record 37 touchdown passes, third-most for a single season in conference history. Before making his decision, he consulted the NFL Draft Advisory Board and was projected as a third-round selection. Mannion was widely considered a Heisman hopeful after the Beavers opened 6-1, but Oregon State dropped its last five regular-season games. The Beavers capped the season with a 38-23 victory over Boise State in the Hawaii Bowl to finish 7-6. ; Cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Okumu says he will stay at Oregon for his senior season. Ekpre-Okumu was the Ducks' second-leading tackler with 84 stops this past season. He also had three interceptions. The 5-foot-10, 185-pound California native announced his decision yesterday on GoDucks.com, the school's athletic website. Oregon

quarterback Marcus Mariota and center Hroniss Grasu announced earlier that they would also return next season. Running back De-Anthony Thomas and cornerback Terrance Mitchell have decided to leave the team early and declare for the NFL draft. With seven career interceptions, he's five shy of breaking into Oregon's career top 10. / **HEALTH:** Oregon's flu season has arrived early, with scores of patients visiting emergency rooms and at least seven deaths caused by the infectious disease. Portland-area hospitals reported 179 flu-related hospitalizations from the start of the season through Dec. 28. The hospitals said seven people have died from flu through yesterday. State health officials do not tally adult flu deaths, only those of young people. There has been one of those — a 5-year-old boy who died at Oregon Health & Science University. The H1N1 virus is the predominant flu strain circulating now. It hits the young and middle-age people particularly hard. Dr. Ann Thomas of the Oregon Public Health Division says 84 percent of those requiring hospitalization in the Portland area were younger than 65, and that's unusual. / **CRIME, SAFETY:** A federal judge says Chicago's ban on gun sales is unconstitutional. U.S. District Judge Edmond Chang says a fundamental duty of government is to protect its citizens but it's also obligated to protect fundamental rights named in the Constitution, including the right to keep and bear arms for self-defense. But Chang says the ordinances will stand while Chicago decides whether to appeal. / **HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES:** The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling to halt same-sex marriages in Utah has thrown hundreds of newly married couples into legal and emotional limbo. Legal scholars say those marriages will be honored by the federal government. But Utah officials are trying to determine whether those same-sex marriages are still valid. / **FAMILIES, HEALTH, ECONOMY:** No longer taboo, living together has become a more common arrangement for America's dating couples who become parents. It's a cultural shift since the days of so-called shotgun weddings to avoid family embarrassment over an unplanned pregnancy. Soon-to-be-released government research portrays an ever-changing American family. The share of unmarried couples who opt to move in together after a pregnancy surpassed what demographers call "shotgun marriages" for the first time over the last decade. That's according to a forthcoming paper from the National Center for Health Statistics. It's the latest demographic tipping point as cohabitations turn mainstream. About 18.1 percent of all single women who became pregnant opted to move in with their boyfriends. That is compared to 5.3 percent who chose to have a post-conception marriage. /

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DISCUSSED** ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: A series of storms will bring periods of rain through the end of this week. The storms will get progressively stronger, with the strongest system expected Friday night through Saturday. This system will tap into subtropical moisture and have the potential to generate heavy rain across northwest Oregon. Details on rain amounts and locations of the heavier rain are still uncertain but generally expect 3 to 5 inches of rain Friday Night through Saturday. The rain will be heavy at times with ponding likely on the roadways and in low-lying areas. This heavy Rainfall combined with the wet weather systems leading up to this event will result in rapid rises in rivers and streams. Gusty winds will accompany this storm resulting in possible high winds for the coast and coast range and across the higher terrain further inland. Though details are still in flux, there is increasing confidence of wind gusts of 55 to 70 mph along the coast Friday night into Saturday morning. Besides the land winds, the seas will be very stormy. Storm-force gusts of 45 to 55 mph are possible on the coastal waters...with seas likely well above 20 feet...possibly near 30 feet. Behind the front...snow levels will plummet from 6000 feet Saturday morning down to 2500 feet Saturday night. There is moderate potential for one to two feet of new snow on the passes in the cascades Saturday night and Sunday. In addition, breezy west winds will create white-out conditions at times Saturday night. Travelers should prepare for snow covered roads and hazardous travel conditions Saturday night and Sunday. ; Subzero temperatures that have gripped the Midwest, the East and parts of the South are easing today, but they're still below freezing in much of the country. Just yesterday, Atlanta had a record low of 6 degrees. Today, the forecast is sunny and 42 degrees. / CRIME, SAFETY, ECONOMY: Lane County Sheriff Tom Turner says the revolving door at the jail has slowed. He's referring to the weekly event known as Capacity-Based Releases, where inmates are let out of jail early because of overcrowding. Turner says the number of releases has dropped significantly since the middle of last year, thanks to a bond levy approved by Lane County voters in May of 2013. It reopened some mothballed jail beds, allowing more room to house inmates longer. Turner says the Capacity-Based Releases have dropped from an average of 97 per week in the first part of last year to an average of 34 per week in the second half of the year. From January 1 to July 07, 2013, the Lane County Jail released 2,595 offenders because the jail did not have enough space to hold them. But on July 8<sup>th</sup>, the county reopened an additional 131 jail beds. Since then, only 830 offenders were released because of overcrowding. That's a drop in

overall release numbers of close to two-thirds. Sheriff Tom Turner adds that none of those offenders released from July 8 through December 29 were in custody for violent felonies or Measure 11 offenses—something that occurred with some regularity before the reopening of the additional jail beds. The reopened 131 beds now allow the Lane County Sheriff's Office to hold up to 256 local offenders in the jail at any one time. The number of offenders released due to overcrowding (Capacity Based Releases) at the jail has been significantly reduced since the beds were reopened. Additionally, the assessed risk of the offenders being released due to overcrowding is lower. / **VETERANS, LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS, ECONOMY:** A partnership between a big bank and a local social service agency is providing even more housing to reduce homelessness among military veterans. Officials with St. Vincent DePaul yesterday celebrated donations totaling \$50,000 from Wells Fargo. The grants will help fund six veterans' programs along with a rural economic development project. St. Vincent DePaul is involved in efforts ranging from the Veterans' Housing Project, which provides affordable rental housing for veterans returning from overseas deployments, to VetLIFT, which provides assistance to homeless veterans working to overcome problems with mental health issues and substance abuse. / **ECONOMY:** Members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners held their first meeting of the New Year yesterday. They elected Pat Farr to the chairman's spot, Faye Stewart as the board's vice-chair. Farr takes over from outgoing chair Sid Leiken. Farr says the commissioners' priorities for the next 12 months include hiring a new County administrator, working on a comprehensive public safety plan, and continuing to operate the county in the face of some difficult budget choices. / **HEALTH, POLITICS:** It has not been an easy roll-out. But officials with the Oregon Health Authority and Cover Oregon say 170,000 residents now have new health insurance coverage through either Cover Oregon or the Oregon Health Plan. The joint report notes that more than 55,000 people shopped for and purchased a private plan or enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan through Cover Oregon. Of those, about 20,000 people gained private coverage and more than 35,000 joined the Oregon Health Plan. Additionally, officials say more than 114,500 people enrolled directly in the Oregon Health Plan through the Oregon Health Authority. Doctor Bruce Goldberg, the acting director of Cover Oregon, acknowledged that the delayed launch of a fully functioning website means that applying for coverage has not always been easy. But Governor Kitzhaber says the new health care coverage will fundamentally improve Oregonians' lives by giving people coverage and security. Additionally, Kitzhaber says new Oregon Health Plan members will be able to take advantage of coordinated care, with services designed to better improve their health and manage chronic conditions which, in the long run, can doctor and emergency room visits and help control costs. / **ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH:** The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is holding four meetings this week to take public comment on plans to ban outdoor smoking at state parks. None of the hearings is in Lane County but the department is also accepting emailed comments. State parks visitors would still be allowed to smoke in their cars, RVs or tents. But the proposed ban would prohibit smoking on hiking trails, picnic areas, waysides and common areas of state campgrounds. / **HEALTH, MEDICINE:** A new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finds that most health care providers do not talk about alcohol and alcohol abuse with their patients, even when they suspect their patients drink too much. *The*

*report suggests that if doctors and others asked, patients might be more willing to discuss their drinking habits—and be more open to alcohol screening and counseling.* The CDC study finds that only one in six adults -- and only one in four binge drinkers -- say a health professional has ever discussed alcohol use with them. Drinking too much is harmful to health. Binge drinking is defined as consuming four or more drinks for women and five or more drinks for men within 2-3 hours. Officials say at least 38 million adults in the United States drink too much, even though most are not alcoholics. But researchers say drinking too much causes about 88,000 deaths in the United States each year, and was responsible for about \$224 billion in economic costs in 2006. That includes lost time at work and school, and health issues including heart disease, breast cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, not to mention problems such as motor-vehicle crashes, and violence. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** A boom in western North Dakota has meant oil tank cars moving through eastern Oregon toward Portland. The East Oregonian reports that oil shipments through Pendleton have been on the rise since 2012. Before that, ships did the job. But the boom and subsequent crashes and explosions have drawn attention to a common tank car vulnerable in derailments. Federal officials have called for them to be phased out. Spokesman Aaron Hunt of Union Pacific says the company supports eliminating the tank cars known as DOT-111s, but he can't say how soon that can be accomplished. Hunt says Union Pacific has yet to move trains made up entirely of crude oil cars through Pendleton. Instead, he says, the oil tanks are in mixed-freight trains with other products and commodities. / **CRIME:** A waitress at the Twisted Fish restaurant in Seaside, Ore., got an unusual tip — an envelope full of methamphetamine. The Daily Astorian newspaper reports the waitress contacted police Friday after a couple included the envelope while paying for their drinks. The responding officer identified the substance, and arrested 40-year-old Ryan Bensen of Beaverton and 37-year-old Erica Manley of Cascade Locks. Police said they found more of the drug when searching Manley's purse and the couple's motel and vehicle. The newspaper reports the two were taken to the Clatsop County Jail. Bensen was charged with meth possession and manufacture of meth. Manley faces the same charges as well as delivery of meth. All seized evidence has been forwarded to the state crime lab for analysis. ; The ringleader of a mail theft, identity theft and bank fraud scheme that had more than 800 victims in southern Oregon has been sentenced to 13 years and five months in federal prison. Assistant U.S. Attorney Byron Chatfield said after yesterday's sentencing in Medford that Robert Lee Powelson and his co-conspirators stole thousands of pieces of mail from homes and businesses. The information was used to obtain credit cards, cash stolen personal checks and open American Express Bluebird reloadable cards in the names of the victims. The attempted fraud totaled well over \$200,000. Powelson, a 30-year-old Medford resident, also eluded police during two high-speed chases. Two co-conspirators from Medford — 32-year-old Dallas Lee Tedford and 23-year-old Kayla Strange — were sentenced to shorter prison terms on Monday for conspiracy to commit mail theft, conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft. Two other defendants are to be sentenced within a few weeks. / **ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, POLITICS:** The White House says that although progress has been made in reducing poverty, government can still play a positive role in reducing hardship and increasing economic opportunity. President Barack Obama's Council of

Economic Advisers is marking the 50th anniversary of the nation's "War on Poverty" by releasing a progress report covering the past five decades. President Lyndon B. Johnson launched the effort in 1964. The White House says poverty has dropped from nearly 26 percent in 1967 to 16 percent in 2012. But the report says there's more to be done and that government has a role. It says government programs to help those in poverty have largely been responsible for the progress. The anniversary comes as Obama is proposing steps to reduce income inequality, including a minimum wage hike. ; Legislation aimed at providing extra unemployment benefits for people out of work at least six months is moving closer to passage in Congress. A key procedural obstacle was overcome yesterday when half a dozen Republicans joined majority Democrats in voting to advance the bill. President Barack Obama hailed the 60-37 vote from the White House, telling lawmakers it's time to get the bill done. Both the Democratic and Republican parties have made it clear they will compete aggressively in this fall's elections for the support of millions of voters who have suffered through the worst recession in decades. / HEALTH, CRIME: Makers of a weight loss additive called Sensa will return more than \$26 million to consumers to settle federal charges that the company used deceptive advertising claiming that consumers could lose weight by simply sprinkling the powder on their food. The government's settlement with California-based Sensa is part of a broader crackdown on four companies peddling weight-loss products including food additives, skin creams and dietary supplements. The Federal Trade Commission says it will also collect \$7.3 million from LeanSpa, a company that promotes weight loss supplements through fake news websites. Also swept up in the action are skin cream maker L'Occitane and HCG Diet Direct, which sells unproven hormones for weight loss. The companies will together return about \$34 million to consumers to settle the federal charges. / FAMILIES, HEALTH: A cheese shortage? Kraft Foods says some customers may not be able to find its Velveeta cheese over the next few weeks. Company representative Jody Moore didn't give any reasons for the apparent shortage, saying only that they happen from time to time given, quote "the nature of manufacturing." She notes that the lack of availability is more noticeable because of the seasonal demand during the NFL playoffs. The company has been airing TV commercials featuring a recipe for a chili con queso dip made with Velveeta. Moore says it should be a short-term situation. / SAFETY, POLITICS, CRIME: The three-year anniversary of the shooting of Gabrielle Giffords will be marked today with bell-ringing and other ceremonies, providing a moment of reflection for the former congresswoman and an opportunity to look ahead at efforts to remake the gun debate in America. In the three years since she was shot at a political event in Tucson, Giffords still struggles to speak and walk, but has become a leader of Americans for Responsible Solutions, a national organization she founded with her husband, Mark Kelly, to rival the powerful pro-gun lobby. The group struggled to bring about major change at the federal and state level in its first year, but the couple is confident they laid the groundwork for success in future elections. Kelly says they will continue their efforts to bring about change. / HEALTH, EDUCATION: The government's latest fitness data suggest young teens aren't exactly embracing the Let's Move Mantra. Only 1 in 4 U.S. kids ages 12 to 15 meet the recommendations of an hour or more of moderate to vigorous activity every day. The results are based on about 800 kids who self-reported their activity levels and had physical exams as part of the 2012 National Youth Fitness Survey.

Government researchers won't call the results disappointing, but the lead author says, "There's always room for improvement." While few met the guidelines for activity that raises the heart rate and makes you breathe harder, most said they did at least an hour of exercise at that level during the previous week. Data suggest obesity may have decreased slightly among some children, but the overall rate is 17 percent, or about 12.5 million obese kids. /

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decision the middle of next month. / HEALTH, POLITICS: Gov. John Kitzhaber today will discuss the latest enrollment numbers for Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange. New figures released this week show that Cover Oregon has so far enrolled about 20,000 people in private insurance for January coverage. That's far below original projections. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Work at a California chicken plant has been halted after federal inspectors found cockroaches. The Modesto Bee reports the Foster Farms facility in Livingston carried out "enhanced sanitizing" Wednesday after receiving a letter from the Food Safety and Inspection Service detailing the cockroach problem. The inspectors said they found roaches five times in several parts of the plant over the past four months. The letter said inspectors found the pests early Wednesday at a hand-washing sink. The company says no products have been affected and the plant is expected to reopen soon. The temporary closure comes three months after inspectors threatened a shutdown because of salmonella problems at the Livingston plant and two Foster Farms sites in Fresno. Those facilities stayed open after the company agreed to improve safeguards. / HEALTH, MEDICINE: A healthy 5 year old boy, Ronan Burgess, died of H1N1 influenza over the Holidays. His mother, Carla, was a patient of Grant Smith / Dentures Direct, and over the years has become close friends with Grant and his Wife Dana, both of whom have stepped in as parent figures for her over the years. Carla is trying to put together a memorial service for Ronan, but is having difficulty not only because she is still in shock and just returning from portland, but also because she is challenged financially. A memorial fund has been created for Ronan at US Bank to help with funeral costs. Can you please forward this to your news directors and assignment editors? If possible, I would like to help this memorial fund with getting the word out about who folks can help contribute. I know the story of Ronan's passing has sent shock waves through the community. Please call Grant Smith with questions. He can be reached on his cell phone at 541-520-5538. If you would just like to announce that there is a memorial fund set up – here are the details: Ronan Burgess Memorial Fund @ any Eugene area US Bank. Mother is Carla Burgess. Thank you! / EDUCATION, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME: How To Pay For College...In One Day! Lane Community College will hold its 15th annual Scholarship Workshops in conjunction with the state's eighth annual College Goal Oregon so that students and parents can, in one day and in one location, complete the federal financial aid application process and access college scholarship resources.

The Scholarship Workshops and College Goal Oregon will be held Saturday, January 11, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19, main campus in Eugene, 4000 E. 30th Avenue. About 400 parents and students typically attend the event. This year, Lane welcomes its first-ever title sponsor for the event, Northwest Community Credit Union. Participants will learn how to find and compete for scholarships and how to write effective applications. Specific information about Oregon Student Access Commission and Lane Foundation scholarships will be provided. Participants will get help completing the online FAFSA application and should bring their 2013 tax and financial records. A workshop will also be held in Spanish. Lane students should register online with CRN 33916. Others may register by calling Continuing Education at (541) 463-6100. ; FAFSA Help and Scholarships Available: Thurston High School invites college-bound seniors to a free event this weekend offering information and help with financial aid and scholarships. Among the workshop topics are: "How to Write a Winning Essay" and "Finding Funds for Oregon Students." At the end of the

event three attendees will win a \$100 dollar scholarship. What: Scholarship Workshops / FAFSA Assistance. Where: Thurston High School, 333 58th Street. When: Saturday, January 11, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This event is intended to help college-bound students and their families get the information they need to be able to file for the FAFSA (which stands for Free Application of Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible. Students can also learn about different grants and scholarships they can take advantage of if they file this month;. For example, the Oregon Opportunity Grant, which offers students up to \$2000, is only available to a students who file for the FAFSA in the month of January. Other advantages to applying in January includes allowing time for follow-up from a high school counselor if it is not submitted properly, and getting financial aid award letters from colleges faster. What to bring to the workshop (for both the student and the parent/guardian): • Social security card • Driver's license • Final pay stubs for 2013 • Tax return 2012 • Untaxed income records • Current bank statements • Current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and any other investment records • Alien registration or permanent resident card (if not a U.S. citizen). What is the FAFSA? The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, better known as FAFSA, is used to determine the amount of money a family is expected to contribute to the price of attending a postsecondary institution. Results of the FAFSA are used to determine federal student grants and loan amounts. As the acronym suggests, the application is free, so students should be warned to avoid any advertisements that ask for payment. For any further questions please call Linda Urness, THS ASPIRE/College Readiness Center Coordinator, at 541-744-5157. / ENVIRONMENT: New salmon, steelhead, sturgeon endorsement: Beginning Jan. 1, 2014 anglers fishing for salmon, steelhead or sturgeon in the Columbia River and its tributaries will be required to have a Columbia River Basin endorsement. ; Rain is in the forecast, so expect winter steelhead fishing to start picking up. Winter steelhead are one of Oregon's most prized game fish – and one of the most challenging to catch. But the promise of large hard-fighting fish, fresh from the ocean, lures many anglers to brave the cold, wet conditions in search of a trophy. This 2014 Guide offers the novice steelhead angler an overview of where and when to fish. For the more experienced angler, the Guide also includes updates on access, regulation changes and other changes that could affect fishing. NEW for 2014: Anglers fishing for steelhead, salmon and sturgeon in the Columbia River Basin – this includes all rivers in the Willamette, Central and NE zones and a few rivers in the NW Zone -- will need to purchase a Columbia River Basin endorsement. NO Sodium sulfites in cured eggs: If you fish with cured eggs, you should know that a popular cure ingredient – sodium sulfites – can be toxic to young fish. Learn more, and see a list of products that meet Oregon guidelines for sodium sulfites. Anglers also should consult the 2014 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for a complete list of relevant rules and regulations. Not sure where to go? Check out the 2014 Winter Steelhead Guide at [www.dfw.state.or.us/RR/steelhead\\_guide/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR/steelhead_guide/index.asp) ; Report your tags—even if you didn't hunt or weren't successful. Hunters are required to report on every deer, elk, cougar, bear, pronghorn and turkey tag purchased. Hunters who fail to report their 2013 deer and elk tags by the deadline (Jan. 31, 2014 for most hunts) will have to pay a \$25 penalty fee to purchase a 2015 hunting license. 2014 hunting, fishing licenses needed as of Jan. 1: Don't forget to pick up a 2014 license to fish or hunt as of Jan. 1. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: One skier is suing another in Oregon, contending that he suffered a broken leg and other injuries when the second skier slammed into him on the slopes of the Timberline ski area at Mount Hood. The Oregonian reports that Ward Smith is seeking \$1.4 million in the lawsuit filed Tuesday in Multnomah County Circuit Court in Portland. In court papers, Smith says he was skiing down the Stormin' Norman run on the afternoon of Jan. 8, 2012, when another male skier struck him from behind. Smith's lawsuit says he "became airborne and

landed violently on the ground," breaking a leg in multiple places and suffering related injuries. The lawsuit says his medical bills have reached \$150,000. /

**ECONOMY:** Macy's Inc. is cutting 2,500 jobs as part of a reorganization to sustain its profitability. The announcement comes on the heels of a strong holiday shopping season for the department store chain. Macy's said Wednesday that it will reassign or transfer some workers and add some positions, leaving its workforce level at about 175,000. The Cincinnati-based company plans to close five stores and open eight others, leaving it with 844 stores nationwide once the changes are complete. Macy's says the moves will save it \$100 million per year and forecast a 2014 profit above Wall Street's forecasts. /

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DISCUSSED** ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The strongest storm system so far this winter will bring strong wind to the north and central Oregon coast as well as the coastal mountains. A warm front will lift north across the region today and this evening. Then a cold front will bring gradually increasing winds tonight. This front moves onshore early Saturday morning. Winds will rise and fall at times...with strongest south winds expected between midnight and 6 am Saturday. With strong pressure gradient over the region on Saturday....gusty west to southwest winds will continue...and peak again Saturday afternoon into Saturday evening. Impacts: some tree damage is possible...as well as spotty power outages. ; stormy seas will produce extremely hazardous surf Saturday afternoon through Sunday afternoon...and potentially coastal flooding Saturday evening. Seas offshore: seas will go above 20 feet tonight and peak around 30 feet Saturday evening. Seas should subside below 20 feet early Sunday afternoon. Tides: the peak surf Saturday evening coincides with an high tide and there is potential for some minor coastal flooding. Impacts: dangerous surf may move large debris items like logs up to beaches. Avoid walking on jetties...rocks...coastal cliffs and along the water's edge. Waves may rise unexpectedly and sweep you into the turbulent and frigid water. Coastal flooding may cause water to move over low lying roadways. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The recent deep freeze that affected so much of the nation might have cost the U.S. economy about five (b) billion dollars. That takes into account people who were unable to go to work, the cancellation of thousands of airline flights, thousands of fender-benders and repairs to burst pipes from the Midwest to the Southeast. Analysts say the bone-chilling cold, snow and ice that gripped much of the country — affecting about 200 million people — brought about the biggest economic disruption delivered by the weather since Superstorm Sandy in 2012. And while the impacts from Sandy were far worse—estimated at \$65 billion in property damage alone—economists say the impacts of the recent polar vortex were significant because they affected so much of the country. Major U.S. airlines, for example, canceled about 20,000 flights starting last Thursday and lost anywhere from \$50 million to \$100 million. School closures took their own toll, keeping home parents who couldn't find alternatives for their kids. But while some sectors are dinged by bad weather, others always benefit. Repair shops, plumbers, On-demand cable TV companies and restaurant delivery services gained, as did home centers and convenience stores where people went to stock up. / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: The unemployment rate is down to 6.7 percent -

- the lowest level since October of 2008 -- but today's jobs report isn't a positive one. The government says employers added just 74,000 jobs in December, the smallest number in three years. And the decline in the unemployment rate occurred partly because more Americans stopped looking for jobs. ; Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says he is cautiously optimistic that a compromise is close on legislation to renew jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed. The Nevada Democrat made his comments at a news conference. He provided no details. The Senate has been working on a three-month extension of a program that expired on Dec. 28, immediately cutting off benefits of roughly \$256 weekly for more than one million hurt by the recession. Deficit-conscious Republicans have said they will only agree to renew the program if the costs are paid for. In return, the White House and Senate Democrats say they want a long-term renewal and not one that expires in another three months. ; Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley is calling for a big boost in the nation's minimum wage to improve the lives of the nation's lowest-paid workers and their families. Merkeley is in Eugene tomorrow and is planning an appearance to discuss what he says is the growing income inequality in America and to call on Congress to pass legislation that would raise the national minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour with automatic annual increases linked to changes in the cost of living. Oregon's minimum wage—one of the highest in the nation—increased to \$9.10 with the New Year. That affects close to 100,000 workers. Supporters of higher minimum wages say they boost the economy by increasing workers' buying power and help keep up with the rising cost of goods and services. But opponents say business owners can't afford to pay higher hourly wages without increasing the costs of their products and services or cutting staff. / MILITARY, CRIME, WOMEN'S ISSUES: The Pentagon says reported sexual assaults are down at the country's three military academies, but issues remain. The report says students often believe they have to put up with sexist and offensive behavior and that they feel pressure to keep quiet. The report says that reflects a culture of disrespect that permeates the schools. / ECONOMY, CRIME: Target says that personal information — including phone numbers and email and mailing addresses — was stolen from as many as 70 million customers in its pre-Christmas data breach. That was substantially more customers than Target had previously said were affected. Target had announced in December that about 40 million credit and debit cards may have been affected by a data breach that happened between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15 — just as the holiday shopping season was getting into gear. The retailer said Friday that the personal information stolen is not a new breach, but was discovered during its ongoing investigation. / ECONOMY, ANIMALS: Animal rights groups are welcoming this week's announcements by two meat companies that call for producers to treat hogs being raised for slaughter more humanely. Tyson Foods issued new animal welfare guidelines to its 3,000 independent hog suppliers Wednesday, urging improved housing conditions for gestating sows. A day earlier, Smithfield Foods announced it was asking growers to move pregnant sows from gestation crates to group housing by 2022. The actions follow years of lobbying and protest by animal welfare groups, who argued that keeping pregnant sows in narrow, often-foul stalls was the equivalent of institutionalized animal abuse. Animal rights groups lauded the changes, saying the moves represent "a dramatic step forward" in how animals are viewed and treated by processing companies like Tyson and Smithfield. / CRIME: Springfield Police arrested a couple of people in connection

with an overnight pursuit. It started shortly after 1:30 this morning, when a patrol officer spotted a vehicle being driven with the headlights off. The officer said the driver was running stop signs, turning its lights on, then off, and veering into the oncoming lane of travel. When police tried to make a traffic stop, the driver sped off on 12<sup>th</sup> Street near "G" Street, crashing through the locked gate and into Willamalane Park. The vehicle was abandoned at Modoc and 12<sup>th</sup> St., but the driver and passenger were both found by assisting patrol officers a short time later with the help of a police K-9. Investigators say a shotgun was found in the vehicle. The suspected driver, identified as RC Huglen, was arrested on a range of charges. Now, Springfield Police want to hear from anyone who might have witnessed the incident or have additional information. / HEALTH, POLITICS: President Barack Obama's health care law is back in Republican crosshairs as the GOP-led House weighs a bill that would impose new requirements on the administration. Despite White House opposition, the House was expected to approve the measure today as emboldened Republicans kick off an election-year challenge to the troubled 4-year-old law. The GOP's focus on "Obamacare" reflects the party's belief that the well-known problems with the law will pay political dividends in November's midterm contests. The HealthCare.com enrollment website got off to a calamitous start on Oct. 1, followed quickly by widespread reports of canceled policies and higher premiums. The House bill would require the administration to notify an individual within two business days of any security breach involving personal data provided to the government during health care enrollment. ; Gov. John Kitzhaber says the state has commissioned an independent review of what went wrong with Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange. Kitzhaber says that a firm has been hired to conduct the review, but details were not immediately available. Cover Oregon's online enrollment system still doesn't work more than three months after it was supposed to launch, and the state is manually processing applications. Speaking at a news conference in Portland, Kitzhaber highlighted the 170,000 people who gained health coverage this month, noting that it will reduce Oregon's uninsured population by 20 percent. But Kitzhaber says he's unsure when Cover Oregon's automated enrollment system will work. Only a third of the applicants enrolled through Cover Oregon. The rest were enrolled directly using a process that bypassed the exchange. / HEALTH, MEDICINE: Oregon's flu season continues to worsen. We'll receive another snapshot today on the seasonal outbreak. But the flu has already claimed the lives of a number of Oregonians—including the recent death of a five-year-old Eugene boy. Health experts say flu is now widespread in Oregon and cases are peaking earlier than usual. That's why they say it's important to be vaccinated against the flu viruses—and that there's still time to build immunity for a season that can last several more months. Sunday morning on Community Forum, we sit down with Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Lane County's Chief Medical Officer, to learn more about this year's outbreak and what you and your family can do to stay healthy. And he also talks about the importance of vaccination to protect others—from people who compromised immune systems because of illness, chemotherapy or organ transplants—to the severe effects the flu virus can have on otherwise healthy adults and children. That's Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. here on New Country 93.3. ; More Oregon hospitals are imposing restrictions on visitors to guard against the spread of flu. Legacy Health announced yesterday that patients can have no more than two visitors at a time,

and those 18 and younger are limited to immediate family members. The Medford Mail Tribune reports the Providence hospital has put a similar restriction on visitors under 18, saying school-age children have higher rates of exposure to the flu. But Grant Walker of Asante hospitals in Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass says its experts don't believe there is a larger than usual number of cases so far. He says the hospitals don't allow children under 14 to visit patients in isolation or who are at high risk for infection, but no other restrictions are in place. / CRIME, POLITICS: Saying he wants to stop felons from getting guns, State Senator Floyd Prozanski of Eugene says he'll introduce a bill that would require background checks on all private gun sales and transfers, except between extended family members, during this year's session. Prozanski chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Register-Guard and Oregonian newspapers report it comes after his efforts to pass a package of gun control measures that died in the state senate last year. Current Oregon law requires background checks for sales of guns by federally licensed dealers and at gun shows, but not for person-to-person or online sales. Prozanski said he has assurances from Senate President Peter Courtney, a Salem Democrat, that if the judiciary committee approves the bill, it will at least get the up-or-down Senate floor vote that it didn't get last year. / CRIME, POLITICS: A second Oregon death row inmate is challenging the state to carry out its death penalty. Jason Van Brumwell—who was sent to prison in connection with the murder of a Eugene convenience store clerk and the near-fatal assault on her co-worker—agrees with fellow inmate Gary Haugen that pursuing appeals is pointless. The 38-year-old Brumwell was sent to death row in 2007 with Haugen after the two were convicted of a prison killing. The Oregonian reports Brumwell announced his intentions Wednesday. A Supreme Court spokesman said yesterday morning the court has not yet received any communication from him. Haugen dropped his appeals in 2011. Gov. John Kitzhaber blocked an execution and said no inmate will be put to death as long as he's governor. There are 34 men and one woman on Oregon's death row. No inmate has been given a lethal injection since 1997. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley has told supporters his campaign fund has hit \$3 million. He said in an email yesterday he raised \$1.3 million over the last three months of 2013, the best quarterly haul so far for his re-election campaign. Candidates are required to file detailed reports with the Federal Election Commission by Jan. 31. The Oregonian reports that it's common for candidates to report their fundraising totals early as a show of strength. None of the five Republicans running for their party's nomination has announced fundraising totals for the last quarter. That includes the two who have attracted the most attention, Portland pediatric neurosurgeon Monica Wehby and state Rep. Jason Conger of Bend. They kicked off their campaigns in the fall and are still cranking up fundraising. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A big rock has fallen on the Benson footbridge over Multnomah Falls, and the bridge and the trails at either end have been closed. The rock crashed through the deck and damaged the handrail Wednesday night or early yesterday. Nobody was hurt. The bridge arches across the falls between its two cascades. KGW-TV reports it was built in 1914 by Italian stone masons just above the Multnomah Falls Lodge. In 1995, a boulder the size of a school bus slid into the plunge pool. Rocks went flying over the bridge, slightly injuring 20 people in a wedding party posing for photos on the bridge. The Forest Service says more than 2 million people a year visit the falls in the Columbia Gorge east of Portland. / MILITARY, CRIME: A Pentagon report due

out today urges leaders at the country's three military academies to do more to improve training and prevention programs aimed at sexual assault and harassment. The report finds that students are pressured to keep silent and often believe they have to put up with sexist and offensive behavior. / MILITARY, VETERANS, HEALTH: The doctor who oversees suicide prevention efforts for the Department of Veterans Affairs says the latest data shows an alarmingly sharp increase in the suicide rate among the youngest male veterans. The department says the suicide rate for male veterans between the ages of 18-29 increased nearly 44 percent from 2009 to 2011. Dr. Jan Kemp says too many younger veterans getting care for physical wounds are not seeking treatment for mental health issues. /



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HEALTH, FAMILIES, EDUCATION: Nearly a decade after federal health officials recommended universal mental health screenings for students, an Associated Press review of policies around the nation shows a fractured and underfunded approach with no requirements to provide services. Screenings vary widely not only from state to state, but within each school district. There's no consistency on whether the schools screen, what age they screen and what they screen for. Treatments are also a hodgepodge. Mental health problems typically start during adolescence and if left untreated can lead to substance abuse, school drop outs and difficulty maintaining steady jobs and relationships. But universal screening could raise other issues. Some experts warn mass screenings will over-diagnose students and stigmatize them with a life-long label or uncover mental health problems that schools lack resources to treat. / HEALTH, MEDICINE, FAMILIES: Life-saving transplants of organs such as hearts, livers and kidneys have been common for decades. Doctors are increasingly transplanting hands, faces and other body parts to improve patients' quality of life. Now, nine women in Sweden have successfully received transplanted wombs donated from relatives and will soon try to become pregnant. The doctor in charge of the research says the women were born without a uterus or had it removed because of cervical cancer. Most are in their 30s and are part of the first major experiment to test whether it's possible to transplant wombs into women so they can give birth to their own children. Such womb transplants are intended to be temporary. The transplants began in September 2012 and the donors include mothers and other relatives of the recipients. / HEALTH, POLITICS: The Supreme Court has rejected Arizona's bid to put in place its ban on most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The justices declined to reconsider a lower court ruling that the law violates a woman's constitutionally protected right to terminate a pregnancy before a fetus is able to survive outside the womb. "Viability" of a fetus is generally considered to start at 24 weeks. Normal pregnancies run about 40 weeks. Gov. Jan Brewer signed the ban into law in April 2012. Nine other states have enacted similar bans starting at 20 weeks or even earlier. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said last year such bans violate a long string of Supreme Court rulings starting with the seminal Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. ; Oral arguments are set this week at the Supreme Court in a challenge of a Massachusetts law that regulates where anti-abortion protesters can gather and approach patients near clinics. Opponents argue it's an unconstitutional infringement on free speech. Supporters say patients should be able to enter without being impeded or harassed. / ECONOMY,

**POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT:** The Eugene City Council is talking about divesting its holding in oil, gas and coal companies as part of an environmental strategy. The Register-Guard reports the council scheduled a discussion after the regular Monday night meeting on pulling funds invested in companies such as Chevron, ExxonMobile and Peabody Energy. It's part of a national campaign by environmental groups — the Mayors Innovation Project and 350.org. Eugene invests money it collects from property taxes and other sources before spending it. The money goes into a state-sponsored investment pool that includes oil companies. As of the end of December it had about \$37 million in the pool. Of that, about half a million is likely invested in oil, gas and coal companies. / **HEALTH, SAFETY, ANIMALS:** A California chicken farm that reopened over the weekend after it was shut because of a cockroach infestation says it's "voluntarily and temporarily" suspending operations again. Foster Farms officials said Sunday it was closing the plant in Livingston for several days so it can properly implement new food safety measures. Work had resumed Saturday after Foster Farms announced that it met the demands of the U.S. Department of Agriculture by performing a thorough cleanup and treatment of the plant. The plant closed Jan. 8 when inspectors found the cockroaches on five separate occasions in various parts of the plant over four months. The closure came three months after inspectors threatened a shutdown because of salmonella problems at the Livingston plant and two Foster Farms sites in Fresno. / **ENVIRONMENT, ANIMALS:** Two Nevada organizations have sued the federal government, alleging mismanagement of wild horses has led to excessive damage to rangelands and the animals themselves. The Nevada Farm Bureau Federation and the Nevada Association of Counties named Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, the Interior Department and the Bureau of Land Management as defendants in their lawsuit filed Dec. 30 in U.S. District Court. The Elko Daily Free Press reports the groups argue the BLM should "destroy" horses that are deemed unadoptable. The BLM has opposed the sale of horses for slaughter. The agency has removed nearly 100,000 horses from the Western range over the last decade, citing a federal law that requires the protection of "the natural ecological balance" on public lands and the removal of "excess" horses. BLM spokeswoman Celia Boddington declined to comment yesterday on the suit. / **ENVIRONMENT:** Seismologists say Seahawks fans shook the ground under Seattle's CenturyLink Field during Saturday's defeat of the New Orleans Saints, causing another fan-generated earthquake. The scientists believe the small earthquake during a Marshawn Lynch touchdown was likely greater than Lynch's famous "beast quake" touchdown run three years ago, which also came against New Orleans during a playoff game. John Vidale of the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network at the University of Washington told The Seattle Times they will know for sure in a few days. Fans jumped and stomped their way to magnitude 1 or 2 earthquake in 2011 during Lynch's rambling, tackle-breaking "beast quake" run. / **ECONOMY, CRIME:** Usually you don't think customers of discount store Target and luxury merchant Neiman Marcus as having much in common. But they do — both stores have been the victims of data thieves. The upscale seller says thieves have stolen some of its customers' payment information and made unauthorized charges over the holiday season. Neiman Marcus isn't saying how many of its customers may have been affected. Meanwhile news of the e-break-in at Neiman Marcus comes as Target is disclosing that its data theft was a lot more extensive than first thought. It now

says as many as 70 million accounts have been affected. That's nearly twice as big as initial estimates, that said some 40 million credit and debit accounts had been compromised. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ECONOMY: Americans spent more on clothing and did more of their shopping online in December. But they cut back almost everywhere else to end the holiday shopping season on a lackluster note. The Commerce Department says retail sales rose just 0.2 percent last month. That follows strong gains in October and November, helped by healthy auto sales. Traditional holiday spending was disappointing. Americans spent less on furniture and electronics. And sales at department stores fell 0.7 percent in December — and 3.3 percent for the year. Overall, retail sales rose 4.2 percent in 2013, the weakest in four years. /</p> <p>HEALTH, POLITICS: Oregon is no longer dead last among states when it comes to signing up for private health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, although it's still close to the bottom. An analysis by The Associated Press shows that Oregon is third from last when it comes to enrollments in private coverage when compared to 13 other states and the District of Columbia that built their own exchanges. Cover Oregon enrolled 2.8 percent of the state's 651,000 uninsured in private insurance during the first three months of the exchange. That translates to more than 18,000 people. Dead last was Massachusetts, which enrolled less than 2 percent of its 285,717 uninsured in private coverage. And first was Vermont, which signed up a third of its uninsured population of 50,000 via the exchange. ;</p> <p>It's an older, costlier crowd that's signing up for health insurance under President Barack Obama's law. At least that's how it looks for now. Administration officials released age and gender breakdowns on Monday for more than 2 million Americans who had enrolled for government-subsidized private insurance by the end of December. Adults from 55-64 were 33 percent of the total. Medicare starts at 65. Young adults from 18-34 were only 24 percent. Not a bad start, say independent experts, but it should be more like 40 percent to help control premiums. Officials say they expect a surge of younger people toward the end of open enrollment March 31. Women were 54 percent of those signing up. Of the total so far, nearly four out of five have gotten financial help. /</p> <p>HEALTH, EDUCATION: Can TV reduce the number of teen pregnancies? That's the conclusion of a study that compared Nielsen television ratings to birth records. It suggests the MTV show, "16 and Pregnant"—which provides an unflinching view of the challenges of teen motherhood—might have helped prevent 20,000 teen pregnancies in 2010. The study was conducted by the National Bureau of Economic Research and shared by a number of national news outlets. The authors of the research say the popular program and its spin-off show, "Teen Mom," helped contribute to a decline in the number of teen births that they think</p>

was also influenced by the lengthy recession. The two MTV programs attract more than three million viewers, many of whom are young women. / ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: Members of the Eugene City Council say they are interested in withdrawing city funds from investments in oil, coal and natural gas companies in order to show support for fighting climate change. The Register-Guard reports that last night, the council directed City Manager Jon Ruiz to develop a policy that would prevent the city from investing in companies such as ExxonMobil and Peabody Energy. Eugene and other local governments are indirect investors in oil companies through participation in a state-sponsored investment pool. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: He says the public should know the full story about the firing of former Lane County Administrator Leann Richardson. The Register-Guard reports former county commissioner Bill Fleenor is now suing the county under Oregon's Public Records Law. He wants county officials to release the full report on the Richardson investigation—without the dozens of pages of redactions where he suspects key details were blacked out. Richardson was fired in August after the report detailed improper changes made to her pay. The Register-Guard filed a suit of its own in October seeking the release of the full report. That case is still pending. / CRIME, ECONOMY: Looking to score some hot tickets to that sought-after concert, art performance or sporting event? Counterfeit ticketing is on the rise, especially for major playoff and championship sporting events. The Oregon Department of Justice is warning fans of all kinds to be on the lookout for scammers looking to swindle consumers with phony tickets. Don't show up at the event with a worthless piece of paper. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum offers the following advice to help Oregonians avoid ticket-related scams: 1. Reconsider that eleventh-hour purchase. If you're looking to score last minute seats at a big event, you're more likely to encounter a scam artist. Most counterfeit tickets are sold right before the event, online or outside concert venues and arenas. 2. Know the seller. Anyone can set up an online store or place an ad on Craigslist. Before transacting business with an unfamiliar source, conduct some basic internet research on the seller. Avoid anyone who refuses to provide contact information or wants to conduct the transaction over the phone or email. When purchasing on the secondary market, always ask for a receipt or money-back guarantee of authenticity. 3. Put it on plastic. Avoid purchasing tickets from any seller who asks you to pay them by wire transfer, money order or a pre-paid debit card, like Green Dot Money Pack. Not only is the ticket likely to be fake, these methods of payment provide no recourse to consumers who are victims of a scam. Whenever possible use a credit card or account-to-account transfer service such as PayPal. If the tickets you purchased aren't delivered, are not as advertised, or are counterfeit, you can dispute the charge. 4. Be skeptical of offers too good to be true. Scam artists often use the lure of cheaper tickets to swindle unsuspecting fans. Consumers should beware of any offer that sounds too good to be true. Check the seller's offer against the going rate of tickets sold directly from the venue, a promoter or an authorized ticket seller, either online or at the box office. 5. Know how to spot a fake. Real tickets will often bear certain authenticity features to distinguish them from counterfeits. Learn how the tickets you want to purchase are supposed to look and feel; watch for flimsy paper, smeared ink or uneven margins. 6. Location, location, location. Before making a purchase, ask the seller about the seats you will be purchasing with the ticket. Check ticket agencies for views of seating charts and the dates of games,

concerts or shows scheduled for the venue. Confirm that the event will take place and that the section, row and seat number on your ticket corresponds with an actual location in the stadium or theater. 7. Report fraud. If you have a problem with an online purchase or charge, try to work it out with the seller first. If you can't resolve the problem or feel you are the victim of a scam, file a complaint with the Oregon Department of Justice, at [www.oregonconsumer.gov](http://www.oregonconsumer.gov) / **SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT:** Oregon State Police say a rock the size of a Volkswagen Beetle car fell onto Interstate 84 about a mile west of Hood River but no vehicles were hit. Police say the giant rock blocked one lane of traffic Sunday afternoon. It took Oregon Transportation Department crews about two hours with heavy machinery to remove it. Police say the boulder rolled off a bordering embankment in the Columbia Gorge, over a concrete barrier and landed in the right eastbound lane. State police say motorists should be alert for the unexpected while driving in conditions like Sunday's wet weather and high winds. / **CRIME:** An Oregon man who was protecting his marijuana grow when he shot and wounded another man has been sentenced to nearly seven years in prison. The Register-Guard reports that 31-year-old Josiah Shirley of Springfield pleaded guilty to attempted second-degree assault and unlawful use of a weapon. A Lane County Circuit Court judge sentenced him yesterday. Deputy District Attorney Erik Hasselman said the man injured last Sept. 25 had his femur shattered into more than two dozen pieces by a .40-caliber bullet, requiring extensive surgery and a metal replacement for part of the bone. Hasselman says Shirley had registered to grow marijuana for other people who are allowed to use the drug under Oregon's medical marijuana laws. He had been sleeping in his backyard to protect the plants. Shirley was also ordered to pay nearly \$40,000 for the victim's medical expenses. / **ECONOMY:** About 20 million DirecTV customers nationwide are without The Weather Channel because of a dispute over fees between the channel and the satellite service. The two companies pointed fingers at each other late Monday night after a midnight EST deadline for renegotiation of carriage fees passed without an agreement. In a statement, David Kenny, CEO of The Weather Channel's parent company, The Weather Co., said it offered DirecTV the best rate for its programming. Kenny accused the satellite provider of putting profits ahead of its customers' needs. DirecTV called the loss of The Weather Channel "regrettable" in a statement, adding that it would continue to provide its customers with weather news on its WeatherNation channel. /

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**ECONOMY, POLITICS:** The House is expected today to approve a \$1.1 trillion spending bill for this year. It's a bipartisan bill that heads off an additional \$20 billion in automatic cuts to the Pentagon's budget and to many domestic programs. The measure also provides money for the new health care overhaul and the Obama administration's revamping of federal oversight of the nation's financial markets. The Senate is expected to approve the legislation before the end of the week. / **CRIME:** He was agitated, trying to force his way onto a parked school bus and he wasn't wearing pants. Oregon State Police yesterday arrested of a 38-year-old Washington state man after they say he triggered a bizarre incident along the northbound lanes of Interstate 5 north of Creswell. It came after reports that the man, who'd been driving a passenger car, appeared to intentionally run his vehicle into the bus more than once. There were two adults on the bus but no students. The female bus driver closed the door to keep the guy from getting in. He was reportedly armed with a firearm, took off his pants and was trying to force his way onboard. Shortly before emergency responders arrived, the man apparently got back into his vehicle and started to drive away, sideswiping another vehicle. A trooper spotted the car and reported that it had two flat tires. One mile up the freeway, the car went through a fence and into water where it was submerged up to its windows. State Police say the guy eventually got out of the vehicle and came to shore where he was taken into custody. A firearm was recovered at the scene. 38-year-old Jonathan David Modesitt from Bothell, Washington, was checked by medical responders at the scene, then taken to the Lane County Jail. He was to be lodged for Felony Attempt to Elude in a Vehicle, DUII, Reckless Driving, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, misdemeanor Hit & Run - Property Damage, Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree, Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Additional charges may be pending based on the ongoing investigation. / **HEALTH:** Having trouble remembering the stuff on your to-do list? A large latte might help. The Los Angeles Times' says the amount of caffeine found in a typical espresso drink can enhance long-term memory in humans. The research, published this week in the journal "Nature Neuroscience," found that test subjects who took pills containing 200 milligrams of caffeine—about what you'd find in a typical shot of espresso—did a better job of remembering images they'd seen in selection of 200 pictures. But more caffeine was not better: Scientists reported when they upped the dose to 300 milligrams, test subjects had about the same level of recall but reported nausea and jitters. / **HEALTH, SAFETY, FAMILIES:** San Francisco's city attorney

and New York's attorney general are joining forces to investigate allegations that Monster Beverage is marketing its highly caffeinated drinks to children. The recently revealed alliance was formed last month, around the same time a federal judge tossed out a lawsuit Monster filed seeking to stop San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera's investigation of the energy drink maker. Herrera then filed a lawsuit accusing Corona, Calif.-based Monster Beverage Corp. of misbranding its energy drinks and marketing them to minors. Meanwhile, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has issued subpoenas to Monster and other energy-drink makers as part of his investigation. The Food and Drug Administration has been investigating reports of five deaths allegedly linked to Monster beverages. The company has repeatedly said its drinks are safe. /

**CRIME, ECONOMY:** It's been happening across the country and it's come to our part of Oregon. Computer scammers are emailing people across the U.S., sending bogus messages purportedly from the local utility company or another utility company. These emails contain fraudulent bills, which are a part of a nationwide phishing scam. The email tells customers their statement is ready and provides a link to view the most recent statement. If recipients click on the link, it takes them to a compromised website that may download viruses or harbor malware. Some of our local utilities are now receiving calls from customers who've received these bogus emails. Thanks to the folks at Emerald PUD for sharing these tips to protect yourself along with your personal and financial information:

- Do not respond to the email
- Make sure to not open any links or attachments in the email
- Do not give out any personal information
- Report these contacts to your utility, either by phone or through your utility's legitimate website.

Remember: Your utility will NEVER ask for personal information or passwords through email. If there is ever a doubt about the authenticity of an email, or phone call, which comes from the utility, call them directly or go directly to their website to log into your account and review your statement online. /

**HEALTH, CRIME:** Amnesty boxes are going up at the Colorado Springs airport for those who didn't realize that it's illegal to carry pot on a plane. Under the Colorado law legalizing recreational marijuana, it is legal to leave the drug in a parked car at the airport. Bringing marijuana inside is, however, prohibited. Officials are encouraging people to leave their marijuana behind, but they also want to help people who broke the law and don't want to miss their flights. Installation of the boxes begins on Wednesday. According to KKTU-TV, the ban on pot at the airport applies to both recreational and medical marijuana. If passengers are caught trying to bring pot onto a plane, they could face up to \$2,500 in fines and possible jail time. /

**HEALTH, POLITICS:** The U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments today on whether a Massachusetts law requiring abortion protesters to keep a certain distance away from abortion clinic doors is constitutional. Anti-abortion activists say the law preventing them from getting closer than 35 feet limits their ability to encounter patients. State officials and clinic employees say patients and staff feel safer with the restriction. /

**HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES:** For the second time in a month, a federal judge has struck down a state ban on same-sex marriage. A judge in Tulsa has struck down Oklahoma's gay marriage ban, calling it unconstitutional. Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin says the ruling undermines the will of Oklahoma voters who passed the ban by a 3-1 margin in 2004. Utah's ban was overturned last month. /

**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** Red-flag warnings for high wildfire danger are posted across portions of California this week. Hot, dry Santa Ana



winds are fueling several growing wildfires in Southern California. Extreme conditions have also contributed to a large fire on Kimball Island, south of Sacramento that is threatening a number of buildings. Most of California is in the third year of a severe drought. Yesterday, The Sacramento Bee reports that severe water restrictions were approved yesterday, requiring those who live and work in Sacramento to reduce their water consumption by 20-30 percent. This, as river flows supplying the region drop to record low winter levels. In some places outside of Sacramento, it is not possible to walk across the American River, which is at its lowest point since 1993. / HEALTH, ECONOMY (SPORTS): A federal judge in Philadelphia has preliminarily rejected a \$767 million settlement of NFL concussion claims, fearing the sum may not be enough. U.S. District Judge Anita Brody has asked for more financial details from all parties. In her ruling the judge says the settlement is designed to cover nearly 20,000 men for 65 years. The awards would vary based on an ex-player's age and diagnosis. A younger retiree with Lou Gehrig's disease would get \$5 million, those with serious dementia cases would get \$3 million and an 80-year-old with early dementia would get \$25,000. Retirees without symptoms would get baseline screening, and follow-up care if needed. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION: Message from the National Weather Service in Portland: Very cold air returns to the Pacific Northwest this week. Confidence is high in a period of very cold conditions for the middle to latter half of this week. Considerable uncertainty still exists in how cold it will get. While colder air will arrive on Tuesday, the coldest period will be Wednesday through Friday...with Thursday looking to be the coldest day. Expect temperatures Wednesday through Friday to be at least 15 to 20 degrees below normal in most areas. Highs will be in the upper 20s to mid 30s...and lows will be in the teens in the valley. Even colder conditions will be found in the Cascades. In addition to the cold, expect gusty east winds across the area with breezy north winds in the Willamette Valley. Wind chill readings will dip into the single digits in the valley...below zero in the gorge...and approaching minus 20 in the Cascades. Confidence is moderate to high that a Pacific weather system will arrive on Saturday that looks to bring a period of wintry weather to parts of the region. Snow...sleet...and freezing rain are possible...but confidence is low on the specifics at this time. Residents on the west side of the Cascades should be prepared for an extended period of very cold conditions. Those planning outdoor activities should stay tuned to the latest forecasts. ; Cold temperatures expected Wednesday through Friday. A cool air mass early this week will become colder Wednesday through Friday. Temperatures are expected to be 10 to 20 degrees below normal Wednesday through Friday. This is likely to result in low temperatures below freezing even on the immediate coast Thursday and Friday mornings. The coldest morning is likely to be on Friday with lows in the 20s along the Coast and in the single digits and teens for all areas east of the coast range. Below zero readings are possible over portions of the east side. While it will remain mostly dry during this time period, a weak frontal system Wednesday night into Thursday could bring snow flurries or light snow to some areas just inland south of Cape Blanco, Sexton Summit southward over the inland west side, and from the Cascades eastward. Subtropical moisture is expected to push in from the southwest this weekend resulting in a high potential for significant wind and precipitation across northern California and southern Oregon. The incoming cold temperatures are unlikely to break records, but cold weather such as this will require extra clothing and other precautions. Pets, livestock, and tender vegetation may be adversely affected by this cold weather. Additionally, be prepared for the cold should your vehicle break down. Stay tuned to the National Weather Service through week for updates regarding this winter weather. / HEALTH, MEDICINE: A</p>

new study finds the U.S. abortion rate has declined to its lowest level since 1973, and the number of abortions fell by 13 percent between 2008 and 2011. The national survey of abortion providers conducted by a prominent research organization, The Guttmacher Institute, which supports legal access to abortion. Guttmacher's figures are of interest on both sides of the abortion debate because they are more up-to-date and in some ways more comprehensive than abortion statistics compiled by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The organization and other groups supporting abortion rights have been apprehensive about the recent wave of laws restricting abortion access that have been passed in Republican-controlled legislatures. The lead author, Rachel Jones, also said there appeared to be no link to a decline in the number of abortion providers. Rather, she suspects the drop is likely linked to a steep national decline in overall pregnancy and birth rates during the recession and an increase in the use of contraception. / EOCNOMY, POLITICS: Janet Yellen has been sworn in as the first woman to lead the Federal Reserve in its 100-year history. She took the oath in a brief ceremony this morning in front of a fireplace in the Fed's massive board room. Yellen was confirmed by the Senate last month to succeed Ben Bernanke. Her four-year term will end on Feb. 3, 2018. ; Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew says he will start using emergency measures after Feb. 7 to avoid a default on the national debt. He says he expects to exhaust those measures quickly. Lew says he expects to run out of maneuvering room by the end of this month. Congress suspended the debt limit last October as part of a deal to re-open the government after a partial shutdown. But the suspension ends on Friday. After that time, Lew can employ various measures to keep the government operating without breaching the debt limit. But he said because of the time of the year, those measures will probably only last until Feb. 28. He said Congress should act without delay to increase the debt ceiling. / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION: Federal officials are planning to announce today whether automakers should be required to equip new cars and light trucks with technology that enables vehicles to communicate with each other to prevent collisions. A transponder would continually transmit the vehicle's position, heading, speed and other information 10 times per second in all directions using dedicated radio spectrum. Transportation officials estimate the technology could prevent up to 80 percent of accidents that don't involve drunken drivers or mechanical failure. / CRIME, EDUCATION, POLITICS: There's been no real reduction in the number of U.S. school shootings despite increased security put in place after the rampage at Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012. An Associated Press analysis finds that there have been at least 11 school shootings this academic year alone, in addition to other cases of gun violence, in school parking lots and elsewhere on campus, even when classes were not in session. In Pennsylvania and New Mexico, Colorado and Tennessee, and elsewhere, gunfire has echoed through school hallways, and killed students or their teachers in some cases. "Lockdown" is now part of the school vocabulary. Experts say the rate of school shootings is statistically unchanged since the mid- to late-1990s, yet still remains troubling. Schools generally are much safer than they were five, 10 or 15 years ago. Randi Weingarten, the president of the American Federation of Teachers, estimates about 90 percent of districts have tightened security since the Newtown shootings. The recent budget deal in Congress provides \$140 million to support safe school environments, and is a \$29 million increase. But Ronald

Stephens, executive director of the National School Safety Center, says that while it's easy to find people and factors to blame for school violence, preventing it remains difficult. Weingarten said more emphasis needs to be placed on ensuring schools have resources for counselors, social workers and after-care programs. Many of these kinds of programs were scaled back during budget cuts of recent years. Education Secretary Arne Duncan believes strong mental health support systems in schools are important. But he blames easy access to guns as a root cause of the problem, a contention that's hotly disputed by opponents of gun control. / POLITICS, ECONOMY, HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION: Oregon lawmakers return to Salem today, beginning five weeks of debate over gun control, marijuana legalization, the proposed Columbia River bridge and other matters. The pace will be fast, since the state constitution allows the session to last no more than 35 days without an unlikely bipartisan vote to extend it. Most non-budget bills not scheduled for a committee hearing by Friday will be dead. A fight over pensions and taxes dominated last year's legislative session. That's largely off the table now after lawmakers approved a compromise during a special session in October. Legislative leaders say they're hoping for a bipartisan tone. But House leaders also traded sharp barbs, setting the stage for the election season that will immediately follow. ; Oregon state plans for dealing with genetically modified crops are developing slowly. The Statesman Journal reports Gov. John Kitzhaber called for a state action plan for dealing with conflicts between genetically engineered and conventional crops on Oct. 1. He asked the Oregon Department of Agriculture to come up with a plan to at least map the areas where different crops may be grown and to mark buffer zones. The governor promised to put together a task force to help the department and to recommend legislation for 2015. But agriculture spokesman Bruce Pokarney says they're still waiting for guidance from the task force, which hasn't been formed. Meanwhile, a bill is being considered this legislative session to require labeling of genetically engineered food. /

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of Taxes (PILT) for cash-strapped counties; Retroactive disaster relief for farmers and ranchers hit by 2012 wildfires and last year's Klamath Basin drought; And reauthorization of stewardship contracting. ; Officials with the state Department of Human Services say about 792,000 Oregonians received food stamps in December. And analysts say close to 80,000 low-income Oregon households would see an average \$58 a month cut in their food stamps under the new Farm Bill. The Oregonian reports all of those cuts would fall on what's known as the "Heat and Eat" part of the program used in 15 states, including Oregon. Those who aren't in the Heat and Eat program won't see a change under the farm bill. The 141,000 Oregonians in the Heat and Eat program receive at least \$1 in energy assistance, paid with federal dollars, and also get a boost in food stamps. But the new farm bill would require states to allocate more of their federal energy-assistance dollars to Heat and Eat in order for participants to receive the extra food stamp benefits. Instead of at least \$1, states would need to devote at least \$20 – State officials say it might be difficult for Oregon to come up with the dollars to meet that threshold. The average household in the program would lose about \$700 a year in food stamp benefits. The proposed cuts would follow trims that went into effect Nov. 1, when recession-era stimulus spending program expired. Under those, a family of four lost about \$36 in monthly benefits. /

ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Hoodoo is making preparations to open Friday February 7th. After receiving four unexpected inches of snow over the weekend, Hoodoo can officially announce the opening of their 2013-2014 season. Right now Hoodoo has a base of about 25 inches and is expected to get more tonight and this weekend. Hoodoo will offer night skiing this Friday and Saturday with lift ticket prices being announced Thursday afternoon. With the cold temperatures expected this week and the extra couple inches of snow available to harvest, Hoodoo is confident that we will be operating at 100% very soon. Hoodoo will be open Friday-Sunday this weekend and maintain a Thursday-Sunday schedule until the end of the season or until a lot more snow comes. The mountain staff is working hard to harvest the snow and place it in the areas needed which are necessary to open. We are working hard to pull more snow off the parking lot and out of the trees to get extra coverage at the top of Ed chair to allow for more skiable area. Also scheduled for this weekend is the Winter Carnival, but due to the limited coverage we have rescheduled it for Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>. There is still a lot of skiing left in the season as this weekend marks the halfway point, leaving 10 weeks left in the year. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, POLITICS,

DEVELOPMENT: Republicans in Congress say a 40-year-old law meant to protect animals and plants from extinction has become bogged down by litigation and is in desperate need of an overhaul. A group of 13 GOP lawmakers plans to release a report Tuesday detailing their proposed changes to the Endangered Species Act, one of the nation's cornerstone environmental laws. An advance copy was obtained by The Associated Press. Proponents credit the act with staving off extinction for hundreds of species — from the bald eagle and American alligator to the gray whale. President Richard Nixon signed it into law in December 1973. Republicans say only 2 percent of protected species have been declared recovered, despite billions of dollars in federal spending. They want to curtail lawsuits from environmentalists and give states more say over proposed protections. ; The Oregon chub is a small minnow, typically about 3 inches long, with an olive-green back, silvery sides and large scales. A tiny minnow that lives

only in Oregon backwaters is the first fish ever taken off U.S. Endangered Species Act protection because it is no longer threatened with extinction. Officials with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are expected to announce today that the Oregon chub was recovered, 21 years after it went on the endangered species list. The agency will monitor the fish for nine years to make sure populations continue to grow. The announcement will take place on a 92-acre property along the McKenzie River outside Springfield owned by the McKenzie River Trust that combines a working farm with habitat protection and restoration. The fish had practically disappeared from Oregon's Willamette Valley as the swampy backwaters and beaver ponds it depends on were drained to control flooding and create farms and cities over the past century and a half. Those that survived the habitat loss became easy prey for bass introduced from the East. Unlike Pacific salmon, the Oregon chub was relatively easy to save because it inhabits small places and does not get in the way of huge economic forces, such as logging, hydroelectric power and farming, said Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Brian Bangs, who since 2005 has supervised recovery efforts. Those involved in the effort say the chub's obscurity made it easier to find solutions because there were none of the high stakes and big egos involved in charismatic species like wolves, grizzly bears and salmon. Before European settlement, the Willamette Valley was a complex system of braided river channels, oxbows and beaver ponds, where perhaps as many as 1 million Oregon chub lived, Bangs said. By 1992, there were only 1,000 fish known in eight locations. Today, there are 180,000 fish at 80 locations. The recovery plan focused on establishing partnerships with landowners to restore key habitats, breeding and transplanting fish to those places, and getting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to alter dam releases to more closely resemble natural river flows. Private landowners who agreed to have chubs introduced on their property and to follow some guidelines were given safe harbor agreements guaranteeing the presence of the endangered fish would not interfere with their use of the land. / SAFETY: Everyone got out safely but a fire and heavy smoke damaged a home on the 1000 block of Eugene's Almaden Street yesterday afternoon. The blaze blocked traffic on a portion of West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a time. The Red Cross provided emergency supplies to the family of four who were displaced along with their pet. The cause of the blaze is under investigation but officials believe it was accidental. ; A 29-year veteran of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office died yesterday morning in a three-vehicle crash near the community of Riddle. Investigators say Retired Captain Robert Stratton was at the wheel of a pick-up towing a trailer when it was struck in the driver's side by a turning passenger car. Officials say the pick-up slid into the path of an oncoming, fully loaded, log truck which struck the pick-up on the passenger side. Stratton was pronounced dead at the scene. The passenger car and log truck drivers had minor injuries. The accident remains under investigation. / EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT: It is neither the highest nor the lowest offer, but it is the quickest. That's one reason Eugene School Superintendent Sheldon Berman is recommending members of the school board accept the city of Eugene's offer to purchase the old Civic Stadium property for \$4.5 million. Berman writes that the district has three strong, viable offers for the Civic Stadium site, including proposals from backers of the Eugene YMCA and developers wanting to create a shopping center anchored by a new Fred Meyer store. Berman says the city would need to provide a firm commitment

to proceed with the purchase within nine months from the date of the purchase and sale agreement. No time extensions will be granted. Board members will consider the recommendation at their meeting on Wednesday as well as during their session on February 19th. Berman says the district would need some guarantees from the city before any deal could go forward. Among them: If the City of Eugene sells all or part of the property at a future date, the district will receive a portion of any proceeds resulting from an increase in the sales price. A restriction prohibiting property uses that are deemed inappropriate or incompatible with the close proximity of South Eugene High School. The city immediately assumes all costs of maintaining and insuring the property and all associated holding costs. 4J is allowed to continue to utilize the former transportation shop areas for storage of surplus furniture and equipment until closing. / SAFETY, EDUCATION: University of Oregon students were forced from two campus buildings last night because of a small fire. The Register-Guard reports the fire in Esslinger Hall was quickly extinguished by the building's sprinkler system. Esslinger Hall and the adjacent Student Recreation Center were evacuated and closed for the night. / HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES: The State of Utah has filed its opening argument with an appeals court in defense of the state's gay marriage ban, which a federal judge overturned in late December. The Salt Lake Tribune reports that attorneys for three same-sex couples challenging Utah's ban now must respond by Feb. 25. Among the state's arguments are that its laws are focused on the welfare of children versus the "emotional interests of adults." The state says kids ideally are raised by their biological mother and father. More than 1,000 same-sex couples married in Utah before the U.S. Supreme Court granted the state an emergency stay last month. ; A federal judge will hear arguments today on whether Virginia's ban on same sex marriage should be struck down. The state's newly-elected Democratic attorney general already has endorsed the move, which has angered many GOP lawmakers. And the new governor, Democrat Terry McAuliffe, refuses to appoint outside counsel to defend the ban. State House Republicans have passed a bill that would give lawmakers standing in lawsuits where the AG and the governor won't participate. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: President Barack Obama has secured commitments from U.S. companies worth about \$750 million to get more students connected to high-speed Internet. AT&T, Sprint, Apple and Microsoft are among the companies pitching in. Obama is expected to announce the commitments today at a middle school in the Maryland suburbs near Washington. The Federal Communications Commission plans to devote \$2 billion generated from service fees to connecting 20 million students. It's all part of Obama's goal to get 99 percent of American students connected within five years. The White House says Apple is pledging \$100 million in iPads, computers and other tools. AT&T and Sprint are contributing free wireless service. And Microsoft is making Windows available at a discounted price and offering 12 million free copies of Microsoft Office software. / HEALTH, FAMILY: The Food and Drug Administration is launching an advertising campaign targeting at-risk youth highlighting the dangers of smoking. The federal agency says the campaign called "The Real Cost" is set to launch Feb. 11 and will include ads on TV and radio. It also will use print and social media. Officials say the \$115 million campaign will target more than 10 million young people ages 12 to 17 that are open to, or are already experimenting with, cigarettes. The FDA says more than 700 kids under the age of 18 become daily smokers every day. The ads will



run in more than 200 markets throughout the U.S. for at least one year. Tobacco companies will foot the bill through user fees paid to the FDA. / CRIME: His attorney says it was self-defense and that the other driver threatened his clients' life. The Register-Guard is reporting this morning that the attorney hired by 34-year-old Gerald Strebendt says his client shot and killed 53-year-old David Crofut in self-defense during an altercation following last Thursday night's traffic accident on the Bob Straub Parkway in the Thurston area. Strebendt has been questioned by police but has not been arrested or charged with a crime in connection with the shooting. Police are continuing their investigation. The Register-Guard reports a Lane County grand jury will decide later this month whether Strebendt — a former pro fighter and Marine Corps sniper who owns a gym in downtown Springfield — acted in legal self-defense when he used his gun to shoot Crofut. Under Oregon law, a person is not justified in using deadly force unless he or she reasonably believes another person may harm them or someone else by using deadly force, or is committing or attempting to commit a burglary in a dwelling. / MILITARY, VETERANS, DEVELOPMENT: Crews have started building Oregon's World War II memorial on the grounds of the state Capitol in Salem. The memorial will include a five-sided pillar that resembles an obelisk and reaches 33 feet tall. A wall will list the names of Oregonians killed in the war. Construction began yesterday and is expected to wrap up in June. A formal dedication ceremony is scheduled for June 6, the 70th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy in France. The Oregon Army National Guard says soldiers from the 224th Engineer Company will assist with excavating and clearing the construction site. State lawmakers in 2011 approved \$250,000 in state funding toward the project's \$1.2 million cost. / ENVIRONMENT: More warnings of snow and cold temperatures across Western Oregon later this week. ; Hoodoo is making preparations to open Friday February 7th. After receiving four unexpected inches of snow over the weekend, Hoodoo can officially announce the opening of their 2013-2014 season. Right now Hoodoo has a base of about 25 inches and is expected to get more tonight and this weekend. Hoodoo will offer night skiing this Friday and Saturday with lift ticket prices being announced Thursday afternoon. /

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION: The forecast calls for a slight chance of snow tonight in the Southern Willamette Valley, then up to half a foot of snow from Thursday morning through Friday night. Plan ahead, use caution when traveling. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION: Snow hits the Southern and mid-Willamette Valleys, snarling traffic and forcing some school cancellations. But mid-morning, the snow is also falling along the Central Oregon coast. The forecast calls for 3-6 inches of snow today, another 1-3 inches tonight, 1-4 inches on Friday and 3-7 inches on Friday night. ; Heavy snow and high wind gusts are even forecast along the Central Oregon Coast and several feet of snow might fall on the Cascade passes over the next 72 hours. ; Mid-morning update: First, it looks like the three metro districts-- Eugene, Springfield and Bethel-- are operating on time. But I think officials with the Bethel Schools put it best when they noted that "parents are always the best judge of safety conditions in their own neighborhoods and have the final say on safety for their children..." and that "parents may want to carefully consider the experience level of their teen drivers." Right now, we have several closures among our Lane County school districts: -- The Junction City, Fern Ridge, Crow-Applegate-Lorane, Marcola, Oakridge and Blachly Schools have closed for the day along with Head Start of Lane County and the Eugene Christian School. --The McKenzie Schools are closing today at 11:30 and will run buses to get students home. The snow hit the mid-Willamette Valley first: --Oregon State University's Corvallis campus is closed for the day. Linn-Benton Community College in Albany is closing at noon today. --A number of Linn and Benton County districts have also closed for the day. They include Corvallis, Philomath, Greater Albany, Monroe, Alsea, Central Linn, the Lebanon Community Schools, Sweet Home, Scio and Santiam Canyon. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture says it will spend \$30 million this year to reduce the threat of wildfires, protect water quality and improve habitat for at-risk species. The 13 projects unveiled Thursday will cover watersheds in 12 states. The first projects include the restoration of a watershed that provides most of the drinking water for Montana's capital of Helena and the reduction of forest fuels in parts of California's San Bernardino and Riverside counties devastated by wildfires in 2003. Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie said the multi-year project will be run by the department's Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. He says the aim is to restore the watersheds by thinning trees, removing brush and improving habitat on public and private lands. / CRIME: Oregon State Police are continuing the investigation into last night's fatal pedestrian crash that occurred on Jasper-Lowell Road near Highway 58 that resulted in the death of a 15 year old girl from the Lowell area. Her name is not yet being released by police because members of her extended family are still being</p>

notified. It happened shortly after 6 p.m. A 1986 Ford pickup, operated by a 57-year-old Dexter man was northbound on Jasper-Lowell road about 1/4 mile from the Highway 58 intersection. The male driver of the Ford pickup told state police he spotted three people on the shoulder of the road on a bike, a scooter and a skate board. As the pick-up driver approached the three, he told investigators he steered to the left to safely move around them and collided with a female juvenile in the middle of the roadway. The pick-up's driver of the Ford pickup immediately stopped at the scene and provided first aid to the teen until emergency medical crews arrived. But the girl died from her injuries. ; A man accused in the fatal stabbing of his mother at her Springfield home has been found unfit to stand trial. The Register-Guard reports that Sean Patrick Kelley made a brief appearance yesterday in a courtroom at the Lane County Jail and was ordered to the Oregon State Hospital in Salem for treatment of an unspecified mental illness. The 24-year-old is accused of killing Susan Carol Jackson in October at her home. Officials say Kelley has a history of mental illness and was sent to the state hospital in 2008 after being found unfit for trial in a drug case in Douglas County. If he becomes able to aid in his defense, he will be returned to Eugene for trial. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Teachers in Portland's public schools have voted to authorize a strike and set a walkout date of Feb. 20. Meanwhile in Medford, teachers say they will walk out at 6 this morning if no contract agreement is reached by then. The Medford Mail Tribune reports that last night, a handful of Medford teachers and their union president announced their "utter disappointment" in the day's negotiations. Medford Education Association President Cheryl Lashley says bargaining teams will keep trying until a minute before the scheduled strike. Medford school Superintendent Phil Long has announced that schools will be closed today. A Medford walkout could involve as many as 600 teachers. Issues include health insurance, retirement benefits, working conditions and salary. The teachers union in Portland represents 2,900 educators. The district has nearly 48,000 students. ; Mid-morning update: They were unable to reach agreement after a marathon overnight mediation. Teachers in the Medford School District are on strike this morning. KDRV-TV in Medford reports that classes in the Medford district are cancelled through Monday with plans to reopen on Tuesday. / CRIME, ECONOMY: The Oregon secretary of state's office says its computer systems have been shut down after someone hacked the agency's website. The agency says in a news release yesterday that the intrusion was "detected and stopped," and law enforcement was notified. Officials are investigating the scope of the network intrusion. Several online systems have been taken offline, including the Central Business Registry and campaign finance database. Officials say the voter registration database is on a separate system and was not affected. It was not immediately clear whether personal information has been compromised. / HEALTH, POLITICS, ECONOMY: Oregon lawmakers are beginning a debate over ways to fix the problems in Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange and prevent repeats in the future. A state House committee yesterday dug into the first of several bills targeting Cover Oregon. The measure would order Cover Oregon officials to seek more flexibility from the Obama administration, giving more people access to tax credits that subsidize insurance premiums and more time to sign up. It would also extend the life of an insurance program for people with pre-existing conditions, and allow the governor to fire the board overseeing Cover Oregon. The committee took no

formal action but promised to return to the topic. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The Oregon Department of Forestry has agreed to cancel more than two dozen timber sales on state forests because they threaten the survival of the marbled murrelet. The proposed settlement was filed yesterday in U.S. District Court in Eugene in a lawsuit by conservation groups. The lawsuit alleged the department violated the Endangered Species Act by failing to protect stands of trees on the Elliott and other state forests where the sea birds nest. If a judge accepts it, the settlement will cancel 26 timber sales on the Elliott, and one on the Tillamook State Forest. It modifies one each on the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests. It represents a blow to efforts to increase logging on state forests, which generate money for schools and counties and logs for mills. / ECONOMY: Seattle-based luxury retailer Nordstrom says it is closing its stores in the Lloyd Center mall in Portland, Ore., and the Westfield Vancouver mall in Vancouver, Wash. The Oregonian reports that the closures expected next January will affect about 220 workers at Lloyd Center and 164 at Westfield Vancouver. The company said yesterday it would try to place the employees at its three other full-line stores or its four nearby Nordstrom Rack discount stores. Erik Nordstrom described both stores as "softer performers" for a number of years. He says they needed a remodel and were not sufficiently profitable to cover renovation work. Nordstrom operates 260 stores in 35 states. Dallas-based Cypress Equities bought the Lloyd Center mall last June. Cypress says it plans to wrap the Nordstrom space into a recently announced renovation plan. Westfield regional marketing vice president Heather Almond says Nordstrom's departure is an opportunity to add new choices to the Vancouver mall. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION: Forecasters say a rare and powerful snowstorm has hammered parts of the Pacific Northwest, dropping more than a foot of snow in parts of western Oregon and southwest Washington. Part two of the storm is expected to hit Oregon this afternoon, bringing another 6 to 12 inches of snow. Yesterday's storm has left one person dead in a massive Interstate 5 pileup in southwest Washington, caused multiple other wrecks and closed schools and offices. The Oregon Transportation Department says the snowstorm also caused a string of multiple car crashes on I-5 near Albany, essentially closing the highway there for five hours. A National Weather Service spokesman says the last back-to-back snow event like this in the region hit in December 2008. ; Lane Transit District buses, Amtrak trains and flights out of Eugene's and Portland's Airport are running on delays with some cancellations. Check ahead if you have travel plans today. ; The University of Oregon is suspending all classes until 10 a.m. Keep an eye on the UO webpage for updates. All campuses of Lane Community College—Eugene, Cottage Grove and Florence—are closed today. So, too, is Oregon State University's Corvallis campus, Linn-Benton Community College in Albany and Western Oregon University in Monmouth. A number of private colleges are also closed today, including Pacific University in Eugene and Pioneer Pacific in Springfield. The following school districts are closed today in Lane County: --Eugene, Springfield, Bethel, Creswell, Fern Ridge, Crow-Applegate-Lorane, Junction City, Pleasant Hill, Lowell, Siuslaw. --Students in the South Lane and Mapleton Districts already had the day off. --We've not yet heard from the Marcola and Blachly Districts. In Benton County: Schools are closed in the Corvallis, Philomath, Monroe. In Linn County, classes are cancelled in the Greater Albany, Lebanon, Central Linn, Scio and Sweet Home school districts and the Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD is closed today. Among the Private and Charter Schools that are closed for the day are Marist, St. Paul Parish, Eugene Christian School, Willamette Christian School, Oak Hill School Willamette Leadership Academy, Kidco Head Start, Creswell Christian School and Albany Christian School. ; The weather is expected to grow more treacherous this afternoon as a layer of ice arrives across the Southern Willamette Valley. That poses the risk of treacherous driving conditions and downed trees and limbs, which might affect powerlines. ; Weekend note: We covered the storm throughout the weekend, posting updates on our social media accounts letting listeners know about road conditions, power outages and the forecast as the valley was hit by its worst ice storm in decades. / ENVIRONMENT,</p>

**ECONOMY, POLITICS:** Winter weather has led the Oregon Legislature to cancel meetings yesterday afternoon and today. Senate President Peter Courtney and House Speaker Tina Kotek say the decision was made out of concern for the safety of citizens, lawmakers and staff. All official business was cancelled for today. The cancellation will increase pressure on lawmakers as they try to wrap up the legislative session within the 35 days allowed under the state constitution. All bills that aren't approved in a committee by next Thursday will die. / **HEALTH, POLITICS, ECONOMY:** Cover Oregon says it has now enrolled more than 100,000 people in health coverage. Just over 35,000 were enrolled in private insurance plans and the rest in the Oregon Health Plan, the state's Medicaid program. Cover Oregon is using hundreds of workers to process applications because its website still can't enroll anyone from start to finish. An additional 120,000 people have signed up for Medicaid using a process that bypasses Cover Oregon. ; A former legislator who reported Oregon's troubled health exchange to the FBI in 2012 says he has no proof of the allegations that federal officials were intentionally misled about progress in setting up the exchange. Patrick Sheehan, a Republican from Clackamas County, said yesterday he was relaying allegations conveyed to him by a source he declined to identify. The source claimed the state misled federal officials during a federal review to give the illusion it was further advanced in its work. Sheehan said he went to the FBI because it would be "a pretty big story if it were to be true." Sheehan's disclosure was first reported by KATU-TV. At the time of the federal review, the exchange was being built by the Oregon Health Authority. It was later handed over to Cover Oregon. Cover Oregon spokesman Michael Cox said in a statement, "No one from the FBI has contacted Cover Oregon or OHA." The FBI declined to comment on whether it has opened an investigation. Sheehan is working on the gubernatorial campaign of Republican Rep. Dennis Richardson. / **ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS, ECONOMY:** U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio has told a Senate hearing that he recognizes there's little hope of enacting a law that puts federal timberlands into a trust as the process to boost logging and timber county revenues in Western Oregon. But he adds that Sen. Ron Wyden's bill aimed at the same goals needs some changes, as well. DeFazio testified yesterday in Washington, D.C., at a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing on Wyden's bill. Both bills aim to solve a crisis in funding for struggling timber counties in southwestern Oregon by increasing logging on the so-called O&C lands in Western Oregon. DeFazio's has passed the House, and Wyden's has yet to come out of committee. / **POLITICS, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES:** It's a rare celebration of political compromise as President Barack Obama today signs the long-delayed, bipartisan farm bill, which includes the food stamp program as well as agriculture subsidies. While he's at Michigan State University signing the bill, Obama will also unveil an initiative to help connect rural businesses with federal resources that can help sell their products and services abroad. / **ECONOMY, POLITICS:** The Postal Service says it lost \$334 million over the last three months and that mounting losses could lead to cash flow problems for the rest of the year. The report for the financial quarter ending December 31 comes as lawmakers in Congress work toward fixing the agency's troubled finances. Officials say there was continued growth in revenue from package delivery, but first class mail continues to decline. The Postal Service has been urging Congress to end Saturday mail delivery as it copes with steep financial losses. It lost \$5 billion in the last fiscal year, down from \$15.9 billion in

2012. The agency recently won approval to temporarily raise the cost of a first-class stamp from 46 to 49 cents. The higher rate began Jan. 26. / CRIME, ECONOMY: The Oregon Secretary of State's office says it appears credit card information was not compromised when hackers broke into the agency's network. Officials said yesterday that the office does not store full credit card information. The office collects money for annual business registration fees, election filing fees and material from the state archives. Campaign finance and business registration records remain offline as experts try to identify and repair security weaknesses. Officials say the voter registration database was not compromised. People facing a deadline to pay a fee are urged to check the Secretary of State's office website for filing and payment options. /



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Monday. --While we're talking power outages, here's a big reminder from your local utilities: Downed power lines carry the risk of deadly electric shock, even if the broken wire is not sparking. Local public power utilities, Emerald People's Utility District, Lane Electric Cooperative, and Eugene Water and Electric Board, join together to caution the public to 'Stay away, and stay alive.' This week's snow and ice storms brought down trees and branches throughout Lane County, causing dangerous downed power lines to occur in hundreds of locations. "Customers need to understand the danger downed power lines present," warned Emerald PUD General Manager Scott Coe. "For their safety, they must stay far away from the power line until their utility can respond. Lives depend on it." Downed power lines should always be regarded as energized, even when they do not appear to be. Lines can be energized at any moment with a deadly amount of electricity. Keep people and pets far away from the line, and use caution to avoid coming in contact with anything the wire is touching, especially standing water or metal objects like fences. Even tree limbs can conduct a dangerous amount of voltage! If a wire is crossing a road or driveway, avoid the area and keep others away. Do not attempt to move the wire or drive over it. Then, contact your utility or your local law enforcement agency. When you call, be prepared to provide the specific address or location of the downed lines so a repair crew can get there as quickly as possible. --From the Oregon Department of Transportation a bit before 6:00 p.m.: Thanks to terrific assistance from the public who reduced unnecessary travel over the weekend, ODOT crews have made solid progress in getting state highways on the Coast and in the mid and south Willamette Valley ready for Monday morning's commute to work and school. In an eight county area from Astoria to Salem, and south to Eugene/Springfield, ODOT crews, working 24 hours per day, have reduced snow pack on state highways to mainly the higher elevations. Spots of ice and slush will still be encountered, but the key state highways in the Salem area and the Eugene area, and I-5 in Marion, Linn and Lane counties, have been brought back to bare pavement. There are some isolated locations, like Territorial Highway, south of Veneta in Lane County, where downed power lines have prevented snow removal. ODOT will continue to work through the night to continue to improve conditions. Motorists should keep a close eye on the weather forecast. Even though snow has been removed from most state highways, any moisture on the road will refreeze if the temperatures dip below freezing. Motorists traveling through forested areas should also be alert to tree limbs and debris from ice damaged trees. Bicyclists will encounter snow along most highway shoulders. They should also be alert to sand and gravel remaining on the roadways. In addition to reaching bare pavement on the urban highways, ODOT crews have assisted local communities in helping with snow removal from local and county roads. Motorists should still anticipate slush and ice on local roads, where resources have been limited. Once again, ODOT would like to thank the public for their patience and assistance during this significant weather event. [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com) --Anyone else sick of sawing and hauling broken tree limbs? That was kind of a rhetorical question. Stay safe, everyone. G'night! /

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of downed trees and lines. The hardest hit sections of Eugene include the South Hills, the Laurel Hill Valley area of southeast Eugene, and the portion of southwest Eugene bounded on the east by Willamette Street, and to the west by Chambers Street. Other Eugene areas experiencing outages include the Willakenzie, Oakway and Harlow Road neighborhoods. There are also about 450 customers without service in the Waltherville area. EWEB's first priority at this time is to make safe all downed power lines to prevent harm to the public. As of 2 p.m., the utility counted about 100 downed power lines in Eugene. Once safety is assured, crews will begin assessing the damage and prioritizing restoration work. EWEB has nine two-person teams in the field standing guard at the locations of downed (but energized) power lines to make sure no customers are harmed. As soon as a line crew arrives to cut power to the downed lines, those employees are moving on to the next downed line location to make it safe. EWEB asks that anyone encountering a downed power line running across a street or sidewalk to call 911. Downed power lines not lying across roads or sidewalks should be reported to EWEB's outage hotline: 541-484-2300. In order to avoid electrocution, stay well clear of any downed line. A half-dozen assessment teams are working throughout the service area to determine the extent of damage to power lines and prioritizing restoration work. Assessment will continue through Monday into Tuesday. "This is a marathon, not a sprint," said Mark Hankins, EWEB incident commander. "This electric distribution system can handle wind and snow, but not an ice storm of this magnitude." ; --Snow-play safety update: Due to the current weather Lane County Parks has closed the following Parks until at least Tuesday, February 11 to allow Parks staff to assess damage. Armitage Park Day Use, Hendrick's Bridge Park, Howard Buford Recreation Area. Downed trees, hanging limbs, and falling ice present the greatest danger at this time. The public is encouraged not to enter closed gates into any Lane County park facility. ; --Never been so happy to see rain in our extended forecast: <http://1.usa.gov/1fWPkKN> ; --And for those of you with friends and family-- or roots-- in California: Yes, they got a whole mess of rain in some of the areas experiencing extreme drought. They need a lot more to get back to normal but here's a good overview of what was going on in the northern Central Valley from The Sacramento Bee: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/02/09/6142061/sacramento-sees-record-rainfall.html> ; A rolled snowplow blocked Highway 105 westbound Sunday afternoon near it's junction with Delta Highway. Paramedics transported the driver to the hospital; no word on the extent of injuries. No other cars were involved in the crash that happened about two miles west of Interstate 5, officials at the scene said. Crash investigators are looking into what caused the snowplow to flip over while it was plowing slush from the roadway. Crews cleared the plow from the roadway at around 3 p.m. Westbound traffic was diverted to Delta Hwy. northbound. Eastbound traffic was still able to navigate around emergency responders at the scene. ; School Closures and Delays: Lane County: Two-hour delays: Eugene, Bethel, Junction City, Fern Ridge, Crow-Applegate-Lorane, Pleasant Hill, McKenzie. Those with morning kindergartens have cancelled them. Most districts have buses on snow routes. Head Start of Lane County's full-day program is operating but the morning preschool and part-day A.M. classes are cancelled. Linn County: Closed: Central Linn, Greater Albany, Lebanon, Scio, Sweet Home. Two-hour delays: Harrisburg, Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD. Benton County: Closed: Monroe, Corvallis, Philomath. Two-hour delay: Alsea. Also: Linn-Benton Community College and Western Oregon University have closed for the day. Private and Charter Schools: Closed: Willamette Leadership Academy (power outage), Albany Christian School. Two-hour delays: Eugene Christian School, Willamette Christian School, St. Paul Parish School, Oak Hill School. There will

also be a delayed start at Marist Catholic High School. ; Snow and slush and ice continue to post challenges in some areas for Lane Transit district buses: --Route 24 will not serve Pearl St. and 34<sup>th</sup>. Instead, it will stay on Donald. --Route 28 will not serve Martin, service will end at Snell. --Routes 41 & 43 will not run on 8<sup>th</sup>. They'll be using 6th or 7th instead. --The EmX route—which was disrupted over the weekend by downed trees on its lanes—is mostly back to normal. But the EmX is still using the alternative stop at Hilyard Station. ; To the north of us, in Clackamas County, a dump truck equipped with a snow plow was clearing an approach to the Willamette River ferry terminal near Canby on Sunday when it slid on ice into the river. KGW reports the driver was not hurt. The equipment is being removed from the river. ; A freezing rain advisory is in effect today for the Portland area, Columbia River Gorge and parts of southwest Washington. A number of schools are closed or opening late. The National Weather Service says the freezing rain is a sign of the transition from the cold and snow to more typical February weather. ; The Deschutes County sheriff's office is investigating three storm-related deaths, including that of a 61-year-old Bend man who collapsed while shoveling snow outside his home. An elderly couple was also found Saturday buried in snow, and authorities believe they were walking through heavy snow on an unplowed driveway to their home. /

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**ENVIRONMENT:** Gusty winds come to Western Oregon this morning ahead of another Pacific storm. During the 7:00 a.m. hour, wind gusts of 39 mph were reported at Eugene's airport and of 49 mph at a weather gauge in Dunes City on the central coast. The Alsea School District is operating on a two-hour delay this morning. ; Federal forecasters predict a warming of the central Pacific Ocean this year that will change weather worldwide. And that's good news for a weather-weary United States. The warming, called an El Nino (ehl NEEN'-yoh), is expected to lead to fewer Atlantic hurricanes, more rain next winter for drought-stricken California and southern states, and even a milder winter for the nation's frigid northern tier next year. Elsewhere in the world, it can mean an even hotter year coming up, with billions of dollars in losses for food crops. The National Oceanic Atmospheric and Administration Thursday issued an official El Nino watch. NOAA Climate Prediction Center director Mike Halpert said the warming should be in place this summer. / **ECONOMY (SPORTS):** High school basketball tournaments continue across Oregon with many local teams in action. / **HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS:** The investigative arm of Congress has agreed to look into problems with state health exchange websites around the country, starting with those in Oregon. The Government Accountability Office has agreed to a request from a group of House Republicans and Oregon's two Democratic senators to audit how \$304 million in federal grants were spent on the Cover Oregon Web site. The site has yet to enroll a single person online without special assistance. The agency said due to similar requests from several members of Congress and congressional committees related to the rollout of online health care exchanges in other states, it expects to broaden the investigation. GAO spokesman Charles Young says just which states will be included with Oregon will be determined as the investigation goes forward. ; The Obama administration will allow a two-year extension for people whose individual health insurance policies don't comply with requirements of the new health care law. The decision will help defuse a politically difficult issue for Democrats during an election year. A government official familiar with the policy said Wednesday that the administration has decided to extend for another two years a transition plan the White House announced last fall. The extension would be valid for policies issued up to Oct. 1, 2016. The official was not authorized to discuss the change on the record and spoke on condition of anonymity. The cancellation of at least 4.7 million individual policies was the most politically damaging issue in the transition to a new insurance system under President Barack Obama's law. / **ECONOMY:** Locally-owned Eugene television station KEZI is being sold to an out-of-state company. Heartland Media and M-South Equity Partners and the Chambers Family have reached a deal allowing Heartland to acquire the assets of television stations KEZI, along with sister stations KDRV in Medford and KDKF in Klamath Falls. The stations are all ABC network affiliates. Heartland already owns an NBC affiliate in Utica, New York.

The president and CEO of Heartland, Bob Prather, is based in Atlanta, Georgia, has a long background in the television and newspaper industries. He formerly headed Gray Television, which owned 41 stations. If the Federal Communications commission approves the deal, it's expected to be finalized sometime this summer. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: A new survey of the nation's college freshmen shows that the percentage attending their first-choice school has reached its lowest level in almost four decades, as cost has become a growing factor in where students enroll. The survey conducted by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute found that more than three-quarters of those who started college last fall were offered admission to their dream school, but only 57 percent ended up at their top pick. That's the lowest rate in the 39 years the institute has included the question in its annual survey. The institute's interim managing director, Kevin Eagan, says the cost of attending college appears to be largely responsible. Almost half of the respondents said receiving financial aid was a crucial factor in why they enrolled where they did. That's an all-time high. ; The Oregon State Beavers have received a \$2 million challenge gift to help complete the school's Whyte Track and Field Center. The gift by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous will go toward the second phase of the facility's construction, which includes grandstands, a hammer throw area and a scoreboard. The total budget for the phase is estimated at \$4.5 million. All previous donations and pledges to the project, totaling \$550,000, will be counted toward the challenge. The deadline for donations is Dec. 31. The Whyte Track and Field Center opened in September 2012 as the Beavers have rebuilt their track program under coach Kelly Sullivan. The sport was dropped by Oregon State after the 1988 season. Construction for the new phase is expected to start next spring. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: A water-sharing deal between ranchers and the Klamath Tribes has cleared another hurdle. That means it's one step closer to becoming part of a bill in Congress that would help resolve a century of water-rights disputes in the Klamath Basin. The parties announced yesterday they have finished negotiations to avoid another irrigation shut-off like the one that occurred last summer, affecting cattle ranches in the upper Klamath Basin after the Klamath Tribes exercised their newly awarded senior water rights to protect fish. The deal still must be approved by the tribes and ranchers. If it is, it'll become part of Oregon Democrat Sen. Ron Wyden's effort to pass legislation authorizing removal of four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River. That's part of an effort to help struggling salmon. A second part of the compromise gives farmers on the federal irrigation project greater assurances of water during drought. That legislation has been stalled by House Republicans. / CRIME: An Oregon judge has sentenced a Lane County man to 10 years in prison for killing his half-brother last fall. The World newspaper reports that the judge sentenced Ladd Robson on Tuesday for first-degree manslaughter under the terms of a plea agreement. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: Oregon cities and counties would be allowed to ban medical marijuana stores, but only temporarily, under a bill approved in the Oregon House. Lawmakers voted Wednesday to allow local bans until May 2015. The cities and counties had requested the power to ban the medical marijuana outlets permanently, but House Democrats said that the plan would have faced strong opposition in the Senate. They negotiated Tuesday to make the bans temporary. The cities, counties and law enforcement lobbies say they'll continue to push for permanent bans. Legislators say they will review the issue over the next year and may revisit it in 2015. ; Washington state has issued its first legal marijuana business license. The state Liquor Control Board on Wednesday issued the license to Sean Green, chief executive of Kouchlock Productions. The license will allow Green to grow 21,000 square feet of cannabis at his Spokane facility. It'll be the first pot grown for sale under the highly taxed system approved by voters in 2012. / TERRORISM: A federal judge in Portland has sentenced a Vancouver, Washington, man to two years in prison for sending threatening letters laced with

a suspicious powder to members of Congress, journalists and comedians Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert. Christopher Lee Carlson apologized Wednesday, telling the judge he was, as he put it, "not right in the head." The 41-year-old Vancouver, Wash., man pleaded guilty in October and faced a maximum of five years in prison. Carlson mailed more than 100 envelopes that contained a mixture of celery salt and corn starch. / FAMILIES, ANIMALS: You don't normally think of Airedales as "snow dogs." And one named Curly Bear certainly didn't plan to be. The dog is back with his owners after spending four days struggling through deep snow in northeastern Oregon's backcountry. Snowmobilers spotted the dog during a ride last weekend. They used a sled to carry the pooch back to their camp and got him warmed up. Turns out he belongs to a Hermiston man, who says Curly Dog disappeared while he was on a back road helping his son, whose vehicle was stuck in snow. The man says he and his son searched until dark, then called the Forest Service, checked classifieds and asked members of his church to pray. Finally, a relative saw a story in the East Oregonian newspapers about the snowmobilers finding the Airedale. All it took was a phone call to identify Curly Bear and he was back home. / HEALTH, MEDICINE: Medical researchers say there's more big news in the fight against HIV and AIDS. It appears early treatment has helped a second infant born with the AIDS virus go into remission and possibly even be cured four hours after birth. Doctors told a medical conference in Boston that the girl was born in suburban Los Angeles last April, one month after researchers announced the first case from Mississippi. The Mississippi baby is now 3 1/2 and seems HIV-free despite no treatment for about two years. The Los Angeles baby is still getting AIDS medicines, so the status of her infection is not as clear. In a separate development, scientists say they have modified genes in the blood cells of a dozen adults to help them resist HIV—the virus which causes AIDS. The results are fueling hopes that the approach might one day free at least some people from needing medicines to keep their HIV under control. That study was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. / EDUCATION: This year's high school freshmen will see some big changes in the SAT exam when they take the test as juniors in 2016. The SAT's perfect score will again be 1,600. The essay will be optional. Students will no longer be penalized for wrong answers. And the vocabulary is shifting from sometimes obscure words to those that are more common in college and the workplace. It's a sweeping revision that was announced yesterday by College Board officials, who say it makes the SAT more representative of what students study in high school and the skills they need to succeed in college and afterward. It also comes as participation in the SAT exam has fallen behind that of the competing ACT exam. / TERRORISM: The CIA is investigating whether its officers improperly monitored members of the Senate Intelligence Committee, which oversees the intelligence agency. The allegations include whether CIA officers improperly monitored Senate investigators and possibly accessed the computers they were using. The allegations were first reported by McClatchy Newspapers and The New York Times. The allegations come at a time when the Obama administration is trying to regain public trust after classified details about widespread surveillance of Americans were disclosed by former National Security Agency systems analyst Edward Snowden. The most recent allegations do not involve the NSA spying on Americans. But they do raise questions about the fundamental oversight of U.S. spy agencies by Congress and whether there were efforts to thwart it. One of the committee's members: Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon. Wyden is known for his informed questioning of senior members of the intelligence committee during public hearings. His questions in March of last year about whether the NSA collects data on millions of Americans offered hints that were later confirmed. /



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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p><b>ECONOMY:</b> U.S. hiring improved in February from the previous two months despite a blast of wintry weather, likely renewing hopes that growth will accelerate this year. The Labor Department says employers added 175,000 jobs last month, up from just 129,000 in January, which was revised up from 113,000. The unemployment rate rose to 6.7 percent from a five-year low 6.6 percent. More Americans started looking for work but didn't find jobs. That's still an encouraging sign because more job hunters suggest that people were more optimistic about their prospects. The figures were a welcome surprise after recent economic reports showed that harsh weather closed factories, lowered auto sales, and caused existing-home sales to plummet. / <b>MILITARY:</b> The Oregon Army National Guard is scheduled to hold a demobilization ceremony, welcoming home Soldiers of the 2-641st Aviation Battalion. The ceremony is scheduled to take place at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, inside Hangar-2 at the Governor Theodore Kulongoski Army Aviation Support Facility, located at 1921 Turner Road Southeast, in Salem, Ore. Approximately 20 Soldiers from C Company, 7-158th Aviation, mobilized as a Forward Support Medical Evacuation Team (FSMT) in March 2013 to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, to provide aero-medical evacuations and patient transportation in support of Operation Joint Guardian, Kosovo (KFOR 17). The nine-month deployment supported the ongoing medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) mission with UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. The FSMT task force returned in January 2014. In addition, the 2-641st Aviation Battalion also mobilized approximately five Soldiers from Detachment 47 in February 2013 to Kandahar, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to perform the Communications Electronic Attack with Surveillance and Reconnaissance (CEASAR) mission utilizing the C-12 Huron airplane. The Soldiers returned in December 2013. The CEASAR mission included approximately 10 Soldiers; five from Oregon and the remainders were from Idaho. The CEASAR mission utilizes devices specifically built to conduct aerial electronic jamming operations from CEASAR equipped, fixed-wing aircraft. The CEASAR airplane is similar to the C-12 aircraft that the unit flies in Oregon. "Congratulations to both units on a job well done! Welcome home," said Maj. Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson, Adjutant General, Oregon. / <b>CRIME, TRANSPORTATION:</b> Federal court documents say a Southwest Airlines flight made an emergency landing in Oregon because of an unruly passenger who demanded multiple glasses of wine, displayed gang signs he said were for Jesus and frightened the flight crew. 27-year-old Sheron Lamar</p>

Rogers was arrested Tuesday at the Portland International Airport on an accusation of interfering with a flight crew. He was jailed until Thursday afternoon, when a judge agreed to his pre-trial release. His court-appointed attorney, Lisa Hay, declined to comment. The trouble started even before the Sacramento-bound flight left Seattle, according to the arrest warrant. FBI agent Jake Green said in an affidavit that Rogers wanted to sit in a first-class section that didn't exist and then had to be told three times to stow his luggage. According to authorities, once seated, Rogers pressed the call button above a seat and a flight attendant asked if he had an emergency. Rogers used expletives and demanded a drink. The court document states he was told it would be served later but continued to use foul language and demand drinks. After the plane took off, Rogers repeatedly hit the call button and said it was an emergency: He wanted three glasses of wine. When the attendant said he could only have one glass at a time, Rogers asked for her first and last name. The documents state that after she only gave her first name, Rogers again swore at her, before adding, "Jesus loves you." The documents say Rogers began shouting at the passengers watching the commotion and flashed gang signs. The pilot decided to turn around and land when the plane was 65 miles southeast of Portland. / MINORITIES, EDUCATION: Oregon schools will have a chance to keep their Native American mascots under a bill Gov. John Kitzhaber's signed into law Thursday. A statewide ban on school use of Native American mascots takes effect in 2017, but lawmakers crafted a bill to let school districts keep them, with tribal permission. The law requires the state Board of Education to consult with federally recognized tribes in Oregon to write guidelines for the agreements between schools and tribes over mascots and their use. The agreements are also subject to the board's approval. The governor vetoed a similar bill last year that didn't require the Board of Education to get involved. This time, lawmakers and tribal leaders worked with the governor's staff early in the process to reach a compromise. / POLITICS: The Oregon Legislature pushed Thursday to tie up loose ends as lawmakers prepare to adjourn the five-week legislative session as soon as Friday. The biggest outstanding issue is the budget, including Oregon Health & Science University's request for the state to fund cancer research facilities and additional funding for prisons and social services. Republicans are hoping to adjourn in time to make it to the annual Dorchester Conference, a gathering of Republicans in Seaside that begins Friday evening. OHSU has requested \$200 million in bonds, which would help the university meet a challenge by Nike Inc. co-founder Phil Knight, who said he'd donate \$500 million if the state could raise an equal amount from other sources. OHSU says the \$200 million from the state would pay for research and clinical space along the Southwest Waterfront in Portland. Aside from the OHSU money, the Legislature also needs to get the budget back in balance. Revenue is coming in slightly lower than anticipated and the state is facing a \$40 million bill from an active 2013 wildfire season. Meanwhile, the departments of Corrections and Human Services have said they're short on cash. / HEALTH, POLITICS: Oregon will ask the federal government for permission to give Oregonians more time to comply with the Affordable Care Act because of delays with the state's online health insurance exchange. The Senate approved a bill Thursday ordering Cover Oregon to seek a one-month extension of the March 31 deadline for people to sign up for health insurance. It also would require the state to seek federal permission for Oregon residents to earn tax credits if they purchase coverage

directly from an insurance company. The state is already seeking approval for both steps, and the Obama administration has said it would grant tax credits to people who went around the exchange. The measure also temporarily allows the governor to fire the entire Cover Oregon board. / EDUCATION, SAFETY: Oregon lawmakers want to look at improving school safety with a possible online database of floor plans for all schools in the state. The state Senate approved a measure Thursday creating a task force to study ways to ensure public safety during incidents such as school shootings. A main part of the task force's work will involve seeking proposals for a database of school blueprints which officials could access via the Internet. The database would also hold pre-set tactical plans, such as maps indicating police command post locations and staging areas. But some lawmakers were concerned such a database could be targeted by hackers. The measure also requires the task force to look at training requirements and possible statewide school safety protocols. It goes next to Gov. John Kitzhaber. / SAFETY, FAMILIES: Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time and serves as a good reminder for Oregonians to test their smoke alarms. The Office of State Fire Marshal is urging residents to test their smoke alarms before automatically changing the batteries. Smoke alarm technology has advanced and many now come with 10-year batteries or are tamper-proof. So test your alarms before changing the battery. Oregon law requires ionization-only smoke alarms that are solely battery powered, come equipped with a hush feature and a 10-year battery. Because of this technology, the national slogan "Change your clock, Change your battery" may not apply to Oregon residents who have these ionization smoke alarms. Other types of alarms are also being sold with either a 10-year battery or a standard-life battery. Ensuring you have working smoke alarms in your home is the single most important step you can take to increase your family's safety from a home fire. Also, be sure to replace any smoke alarm that is 10 years old or older. To check your alarm properly: 1) Push the test button to be sure the battery is working. 2) Follow the manufacturer's instructions on regularly cleaning your alarms of dust and cobwebs. 3) Inspect your alarms to determine if they are 10 years old or older. Replace any smoke alarm 10 years old or older. Look for a date on the back of the alarm. If there is no date, your alarm is more than 10 years old and should be replaced. 4) When replacing batteries, follow the manufacturer's instructions for the correct battery to use. 5) Always retest alarms after installing new batteries. 6) Replace any alarm that fails to operate after installing a new battery. Working smoke alarms provide a critical early warning to a fire, allowing you vital minutes to escape, increasing your chances of survival. Additional safety tips: \* Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, in each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area. \* Never disconnect or remove batteries from smoke alarms for other uses. \* Use the smoke alarm's hush feature to silence nuisance alarms. \* Make a home fire escape map and practice it with family members. ; Time change requires planning ahead, getting rest. This weekend, Oregonians will "spring forward" by setting clocks ahead one hour (officially at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 9). Disrupting our normal routines can create hazards on the roads, such as when a sleepy driver gets behind the wheel. In 2012 in Oregon, seven people died in crashes involving a drowsy driver. From 2008 – 2011 in Oregon, 56 people died in crashes involving drowsy drivers. Though other factors may have been involved, most of these tragic crashes could have been avoided. Young drivers are especially likely to experience drowsiness

because they tend to stay up late, sleep too little and drive at night. The Oregon Department of Transportation and safety advocates offer these tips for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians: Prevent drowsy driving! Get a good night's sleep. While this varies from individual to individual, sleep experts recommend between 7-9 hours of sleep per night for adults and 8 1/2-9 1/2 for teens. Drive long trips with a companion. Passengers can help look for early warning signs of fatigue or switch drivers when needed. Passengers should stay awake to talk to the driver. Schedule regular stops, every 100 miles or every two hours. Be aware of one another: bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers should be aware that drowsiness could be in play, especially the first few days after the time change. Recognize the signs of drowsy: Difficulty focusing, frequent blinking, or heavy eyelids; Daydreaming; wandering/disconnected thoughts; Trouble remembering the last few miles driven; missing exits or traffic signs; Yawning repeatedly or rubbing your eyes; Trouble keeping your head up; Drifting from your lane, tailgating, or hitting a shoulder rumble strip. If you are getting drowsy: Pull over at the next safe exit or parking area; if you wait, it could be too late. Take a 15 to 20-minute nap – studies show this is enough for most people to be completely rested. (More than 20 minutes can make you groggy for at least five minutes after awakening.) Consider consuming the equivalent of two cups of coffee. Caffeine is available in various forms (e.g. soft drinks, energy drinks, coffee, tea, chewing gum, tablets) and amounts. Keep in mind, caffeine takes about 30 minutes to enter the blood stream and will not greatly affect those who regularly consume it. Some may find it most beneficial to do both: take caffeine and then a short nap. Take a brisk walk in the fresh air, in a safe, well-lit location. More information about being safe behind the wheel is available at [www.drowsydriving.org](http://www.drowsydriving.org) / **MILITARY, WOMEN:** Oregon's Senator Jeff Merkley said after the vote that he was disappointed that senators were not able to move forward on further reforms to take decisions on prosecute of military sexual assault cases out of the chain of command. But he says he remains committed to working for further reforms and believe they will prevail in the end. / **CRIME:** It was a minor traffic accident that ended with a fatal shooting. Now, a grand jury has returned a Murder indictment against 34-year-old Gerald Strebendt of Springfield. He was arrested without incident yesterday evening. Strebendt told police he fired in self-defense in the January 29<sup>th</sup> incident that resulted in the death of 53-year-old David Crofut of Springfield. The minor traffic accident occurred at South 57<sup>th</sup> and the Bob Straub Parkway. Witnesses say they saw the two men arguing and investigators have said that Strebendt called 9-1-1 before the incident and was still on the line when the shooting occurred. Strebendt will be arraigned today. / **EDUCATION, POLITICS:** It's a decision being watched by political and education leaders across the country. The Kansas Supreme Court says that state's current public school funding levels are unconstitutional. In the much-anticipated ruling, the court said Kansas' poorer school districts were harmed when Kansas officials made the decision to cut certain payments as tax revenues declined during the Great Recession. The Kansas high court also sent the case back for more review to determine what the adequate amount of funding should be. The lawsuit was filed in 2010 on behalf of parents and school districts who argued the state had harmed students because spending cuts resulted in lower test scores. Kansas' state attorneys maintained that legislators did their best to minimize cuts to education. / **SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION:** The federal government is ordering a manufacturer of child car seats to explain why it didn't

include 1.8 million infant seats in a recall that was prompted by faulty buckles. Last month's recall of 3.8 million child seats excluded the infant seats -- and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration wants to know why. Graco has said the child seat buckles get stuck because children drop food or drinks on them. / ECONOMY: Safeway says it has agreed to be acquired by an investment group led by Cerberus Capital Management, the owner of Albertsons and several other supermarket chains. The acquisition is worth about \$7.64 billion in cash, and pending other transactions could top more than \$9 billion. It comes amid ongoing consolidation in the supermarket industry, which is facing growing competition from big-box retailers, specialty chains, drug stores and even dollar stores. Cerberus bought five chains including Albertson's and Jewel-Osco from Supervalu Inc. last year. Kroger Co. also recently snapped up regional chain Harris Teeter. Safeway shareholders will receive \$32.50 per share in cash. Pending other deals, the company says the deal is worth roughly \$40 per share to stockholders. Shares of Pleasanton, Calif.-based Safeway Inc. closed at \$39.47 Thursday. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: The nation's largest annual gathering of conservative activists is in full swing near Washington and today's agenda features some of the GOP's most prominent religious conservatives. It's seen as the early auditions for the Republican Party's next presidential contest. Texas Gov. Rick Perry, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum will take the podium, as will Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul. ; Young adults like to think of themselves as independent. But when it comes to politics, they're more likely than not to lean to the left. A Pew Research Center survey shows half of adults ages 18 to 33 are self-described political independents. But when pushed for their political leaning, half of America's millennials are Democrats or lean toward the Democratic Party. According to the survey, 50 percent of the so-called millennials identify as political independents, while 27 percent say they are Democrats and 17 percent Republicans. But when asked their political leanings rather than party affiliation, 50 percent say they are Democrats or Democratic-leaning while 34 percent say they are Republicans or Republican-leaning. In addition, young adults tend to be turning away from their predecessors' proclivity for religion and marriage. / TERRORISM, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A federal judge has dismissed the Federal Aviation Administration's only fine against a commercial drone user. The judge ruled that the small drone was no different than a model aircraft. The decision drone industry out of the skies. Patrick Geraghty, a National Transportation Safety Board administrative law judge, said in his order dismissing the \$10,000 fine that the FAA has no regulations governing model aircraft flights or for classifying model aircraft as an unmanned aircraft. FAA officials said they were reviewing the decision and had no further comment. The agency can appeal the decision to the full five-member safety board. The FAA levied the fine against aerial photographer Raphael Pirker for flying the small drone near the University of Virginia to make a commercial video in October 2011. Pirker appealed the fine to the safety board, which hears challenges to FAA decisions. FAA officials have long taken the position that the agency regulates access to the national airspace, and therefore it has the power to bar drone flights, even when the drone weighs no more than a few pounds. / MILITARY: Hugs, tears and a welcome embrace at the Eugene Airport last night as a half-dozen members of the 971<sup>st</sup> Reserve Unit returned to their families. Members left Eugene in April for a mission in Afghanistan directing troops and supplies. The Oregon Army National Guard is

scheduled to hold a demobilization ceremony, welcoming home Soldiers of the 2-641st Aviation Battalion. The ceremony is scheduled to take place at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, inside Hangar-2 at the Governor Theodore Kulongoski Army Aviation Support Facility, located at 1921 Turner Road Southeast, in Salem, Ore. Congressman Kurt Schrader (D-OR, 5th District); Heidi Moawad, representing Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber; and Maj. Gen. Daniel Hokanson, Adjutant General, Oregon; Brig. Gen. Steven Beach, commander of 82nd Troop Command Brigade; and Lt. Col. Pete Derouin, commander of 2-641st Aviation Battalion, are scheduled to attend. Approximately 20 Soldiers from C Company, 7-158th Aviation, mobilized as a Forward Support Medical Evacuation Team (FSMT) in March 2013 to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, to provide aero-medical evacuations and patient transportation in support of Operation Joint Guardian, Kosovo (KFOR 17). The nine-month deployment supported the ongoing medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) mission with UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. The FSMT task force returned in January 2014. In addition, the 2-641st Aviation Battalion also mobilized approximately five Soldiers from Detachment 47 in February 2013 to Kandahar, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to perform the Communications Electronic Attack with Surveillance and Reconnaissance (CEASAR) mission utilizing the C-12 Huron airplane. The Soldiers returned in December 2013. The CEASAR mission included approximately 10 Soldiers; five from Oregon and the remainders were from Idaho. The CEASAR mission utilizes devices specifically built to conduct aerial electronic jamming operations from CEASAR equipped, fixed-wing aircraft. The CEASAR airplane is similar to the C-12 aircraft that the unit flies in Oregon. /

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**ENVIRONMENT:** A very strong earthquake rattled the Northern California coast and was widely felt across the region, but authorities said early Monday that there were no reports of any injuries or damages. The magnitude-6.9 quake struck at 10:18 p.m. PDT Sunday and was centered 50 miles west of Eureka and about four miles beneath the Pacific seabed, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was followed by about a half-dozen aftershocks, including one of magnitude 4.6. The quake was felt widely across the region but both fire and sheriff's officials in Humboldt County, which includes most of the populated areas near the epicenter, said early Monday more than four hours after the quake hit that they had no reports of any damage or injuries. The National Tsunami Warning Center said there was no tsunami danger for the region. But more than 3,000 people reported on the USGS website that they felt the quake. Some reported a long, rolling shake that woke children or knocked items off shelves. Some of those respondents live across the border in Oregon. One witness said it lasted longer than any earthquake he'd ever felt. But he said it was very slow and soft, not violent, like being in a boat that was rocking. Jana Pursley, a geophysicist with the National Earthquake Information Center, said that based on the area's tectonics and past temblors, damages or casualties were unlikely. Earthquakes are very common in Eureka, a city of about 27,000 people about 270 miles northwest of San Francisco and 100 miles south of the Oregon state line. Nearby Arcata is home to about 17,000 people and Humboldt State University. The area had a magnitude-5.6 earthquake in February, 2012 that did not cause serious damages or injuries. An offshore magnitude-6.5 quake struck offshore in 2010 and caused bumps and cuts among residents and broke glass in some buildings, but it was about 25 miles closer to land than Sunday night's quake. / **TERRORISM, SAFETY:** Public safety officials are getting ready to release more details about enhanced security for this year's Boston Marathon. Local, state and federal agencies, the Boston Athletic Association and leaders from the eight communities that make up the marathon route are expected to reveal the new security measures during a news conference Monday at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency's headquarters in Framingham. Authorities have been meeting for months to come up with a plan to beef up security for the April 21 marathon following last year's deadly attack. Three people were killed and more than 260 injured after two bombs exploded near the finish line of the race. This year, police are expecting about 36,000 runners and up to a million spectators, including some from Oregon. / **CRIME:** A

19-year-old woman from California who led Oregon State and Springfield Police on a low-speed chase early Saturday morning was taken into custody for a mental examination after the incident. It happened after a state police trooper attempted to stop the car she was driving, a Mitsubishi Outlander, for a traffic violation on South A Street at 16th Street in Springfield. The driver failed to pull over, even though the trooper was using emergency lights and siren, driving between 45 - 50 mph on Main Street before heading westbound on Highway 126W. Another trooper set up spike strips near Mohawk Boulevard, successfully spiking the right side tires. Another trooper successfully spiked the left side tires near Pioneer Parkway. But even when the vehicle stopped, investigators say the driver refused to comply with verbal commands and had to be physically removed from the vehicle. ; Attorney General Eric Holder says first responders should carry with them drugs to reverse the effects of a heroin overdose. In a new video message released by the Justice Department, Holder says the increase in heroin-related deaths is an "urgent public health crisis," and he says addiction to opiates and heroin is affecting Americans in all states and from "every background and walk of life." / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: The AAA auto club reports the average price of a gallon of gasoline in Oregon is \$3.51—the same as the current national average. That's up nine cents in a week and 23 cents in a month. It's two cents higher than the national average. Here in Eugene-Springfield, the average price for a gallon of regular is \$3.55. / TRANSPORTATION, TERRORISM, SAFETY: Dozens of ships and aircraft have failed to find any piece of the missing Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777 jet that vanished more than two days ago above waters south of Vietnam. The search continues as investigators say they are pursuing "every angle" to explain its disappearance, including a possible hijacking. Malaysian maritime officials found some oil slicks in the South China Sea and sent a sample to a lab to see if it came from the plane. But there is still no real news for the hundreds of distraught relatives who gathered in a hotel in Beijing, waiting to be flown to Malaysia. Of the 227 passengers, two-thirds were Chinese. There were also 38 passengers and 12 crew members from Malaysia, and others from elsewhere in Asia, Europe and North America, including three Americans. Officials say the rectangular object spotted Sunday afternoon that was thought to be one of the doors or a life raft from the missing Malaysia Airlines passenger jet turned out to be moss-covered trash. The plane vanished from radar screens early Saturday about one hour into a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Investigators are focusing on two passengers who boarded the ill-fated aircraft using stolen passports. Interpol confirmed that those passports were in its database but that no one with the airline or Malaysian security ran a check for stolen documents before the jet departed. Still, there was no indication that the two men had anything to do with the tragedy. Possible causes of the apparent crash include an explosion, catastrophic engine failure, extreme turbulence, or pilot error or even suicide. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from a Pennsylvania school district that wants to prevent students from wearing "I (heart) Boobies!" bracelets to promote breast cancer awareness among young people. The justices on Monday left in place a federal appeals court ruling striking down a ban on the bracelets that was put in place by the Easton Area School District, which says the breast-cancer awareness bracelets are lewd in their use of sexual innuendo. The lower court sided with two students who sued the district in 2010 with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union. Easton is one of several school



districts around the country to ban the bracelets, which are distributed by the nonprofit Keep A Breast Foundation of Carlsbad, Calif. / ELECTIONS: Oregon voters could get the chance to decide on the future of liquor and marijuana now that the Legislature has adjourned without taking action. Questions on ending the state's control over the liquor business and legalizing recreational use of marijuana are the subjects of several initiatives seeking spots on the November ballot. Grocery chains want to privatize liquor sales and allow stores that already sell beer and wine to stock distilled spirits. Currently, only state-regulated liquor stores are permitted to sell them. Before adjourning Friday, the Legislature declined to take action on a "hybrid" bill that instead would have let the stores stock liquor but kept state control of those sales. Lawmakers also did nothing with a bill giving voters a say on marijuana legalization, but allowing the Legislature to write the rules. / FAMILIES, CRIME: The state labor agency has sued a weekly Junction City newspaper over a rental ad that prohibited families with children. The Register-Guard reports the lawsuit filed against The Tribune News is seeking \$59,500 in damages. The ad, which ran once each in 2010 and 2011, offered a three-bedroom apartment above a funeral home and specifically said "no minor children." State law prohibits the housing discrimination on the basis of family status. A mother of two saw the ad and complained to the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. The suit claims that the newspaper's current publisher bought the paper after the ad first ran. The suit claims that when confronted with the ad, the publisher told a state investigator he believed children should not be living above a funeral home. / CRIME: Two years ago, the Oregon Supreme Court set the highest bar in the country for eyewitness testimony. On Thursday, that new scrutiny will get its first challenge. The Supreme Court justices said in 2012 that decades of evidence convinced them that eyewitness testimony is notoriously unreliable. After their decision, the Oregon Court of Appeals ordered a new trial for a Portland man whose murder conviction was based in part on eyewitness testimony. Now, the high court will hear a challenge from prosecutors, who say the new rules shouldn't affect the man's conviction. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: A new survey says the rate of uninsured individuals kept dropping last month and it's now on track to reach the lowest levels since 2008, before President Barack Obama took office. The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index released today finds that 15.9 percent of Americans lack health insurance so far in 2014, down from 17.1 percent in the last three months of 2013. Gallup interviewed more than 28,000 adults, making the results highly accurate. The drop translates roughly to 3 million to 4 million uninsured people getting coverage. The Obama administration is citing sign-up numbers that are far higher, but those statistics also include previously insured people. Gallup says the timing of the decline coincides with the start of coverage under Obama's law. / TRANSPORTATION: Americans are boarding public buses, trains and subways in greater numbers than any time since the suburbs began booming. Nearly 10.7 billion trips in 2013, to be precise — the highest total since 1956. The new numbers come from the American Public Transportation Association. Transit ridership has now fully recovered from a dip caused by the Great Recession. With services restored following economy-driven cutbacks, the numbers appear set to continue what had been a steady increase. Expanding bus and train networks help spur the growth, as does the nation's urban shift. The sprawling city of Houston had a large ridership gain. So did Los Angeles, Seattle, Miami, Denver and San Diego. The New York area's behemoth

transit network saw the greatest gain, accounting for one in three trips nationally. / **MILITARY:** William "Wild Bill" Guarnere (gahr-NAYR'), one of the World War II veterans whose exploits were dramatized in the TV miniseries "Band of Brothers," has died. His son confirms his father died Saturday night at a Philadelphia hospital after a ruptured aneurysm. He was 90. The HBO miniseries was based on a book by Stephen Ambrose and followed the members of Easy Company from training in Georgia in 1942 through the war's end in 1945. Guarnere's combat exploits earned him the nickname Wild Bill and he lost a leg trying to help a wounded soldier. / **EDUCATION:** We give a shout-out of the kids and volunteers who made Saturday's regional "Battle of the Books" a success. Students from 48 elementary school teams competed to advance to state. Tracy was one of the volunteer moderators. / **ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT:** A good crowd at the weekend's Lane County Home and Garden Show. Vendors say attendees seemed eager to get started on their spring yard and garden projects as well as continue their winter storm repairs. /

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DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT: Might yesterday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling against the government in an obscure Wyoming land dispute result in the loss of thousands of miles of bicycle trails? USA Today reports the justices ruled 8-1 that government easements used for railroad beds over public and private land in the West expired once the railroads went out of business, and that the land must revert to its owners. Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority, said the case confirmed that the government merely had received easements without any long-term land rights. He said the establishment in 1983 of the federal "rails to trails" program did not change the court's interpretation. The "rails to trails" program is responsible for creating more than 1,400 bike and nature trails, many of them built along railroad rights-of-way. The lone dissenter, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, argued that undermining the legality of thousands of miles of former rights of way that the public now enjoys might well cost American taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars." / HEALTH, ANIMALS: Health and veterinary officials say the outbreak appears contained. But it is another strong reminder for horse owners to ensure their animals are properly vaccinated and cared for. One Lane County horse has died and four others from the same stable have tested positive for a neurological form of Equine Herpes Virus, known as EHV-1. All of the horses on the property have been quarantined and those showing symptoms of the disease are being treated. There is no indication that the virus has spread to other horses beyond those being quarantined. There are 10 horses at the Lane County stable, with four of them confirmed as having the virus. The horse that died had originally been purchased from an owner in Benton County. The previous owner has been contacted and reports no signs of illness in any of their horses. The State Veterinarian is praising quick work by local veterinarians and Oregon State University's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (OSU-VDL) in detecting the virus quickly and taking steps to limit any spread. State Agriculture investigators say the horses exposed to the virus have not been moved from the property for more than two months, well before virus was detected. EHV-1 is not transmissible to people. The virus is naturally occurring and widespread in the equine population. Experts say it may lie dormant for long periods of time and then re-activate during a period of stress, which can result in clinical disease. EHV-1 can cause respiratory disease, cause pregnant mares to lose their foals, cause neurologic disease, and, in severe cases, death. It is commonly spread through direct horse-to-horse contact as well as contaminated equipment, clothing, and

unwashed hands. Symptoms include fever, decreased coordination, nasal discharge, urine dribbling, loss of tail tone, hind limb weakness, leaning against a wall or fence to maintain balance, lethargy, and the inability to rise. While there is no cure, the symptoms of the disease may be treatable. Concerned horse owners are strongly advised to contact their veterinarian if they have questions and to develop an appropriate prevention plan. ; Portland police had to be called in to subdue a 22-pound house cat that trapped its owners inside their bedroom after attacking their baby. The baby was not injured in the incident on Sunday. Sgt. Pete Simpson a couple called 911 to report they'd locked themselves in their bedroom with the baby and their dog after the attack. Officers used a dog snare to capture the cat and placed it in a crate. Simpson said the couple told the dispatcher the cat has a history of violence, but the animal remained with them. / LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS: Looks like one of Eugene's new 15-person camps for the homeless will be located near the Cuthbert Amphitheatre and the Science Factory in East Alton Baker Park. The Register-Guard reports it comes after a 4-3 vote yesterday by members of the Eugene City Council, who want the camp at the site of a current vehicle camping area and would include those in vehicles. Another 15-person site is taking shape near the Chambers connector in West Eugene. All this comes as city officials prepare to close a larger impromptu camp at East Broadway and Hilyard Streets, beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. ; A Junction City boy his bringing his fight against homelessness to the Oregon Capitol. Ten-year-old Keegan Keppner is fighting a brain tumor and has been trying to raise awareness about the plight of the homeless living in a Eugene campsite known as Whoville. The city council has moved to shut down the site. Keppner presented a handwritten letter to Gov. John Kitzhaber on Monday and posed for photos with his state representative, Democrat Val Hoyle, along with Senate President Peter Courtney, a Salem Democrat. / SAFETY: Twenty-six local firefighters responded to a house fire early this morning in the 800 block of west Fifth Avenue in Eugene. Crews said that when they arrived they were met by extensive fire on the front porch and that the blaze had spread to and was consuming part of a nearby parked car. The flames were also blocking exits for three different apartments within the house. Bystanders had found a ladder and helped rescue a female from the second floor. A second person who was trapped by the fire and made out on her own was transported to the hospital with injuries. Three families were displaced along with five pets. One dog died in the blaze. Investigators say the fire started on the porch and they are working to determine the cause. / ENVIRONMENT: Another large tract of private timberland within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Southern Oregon has been transferred to public ownership. The Mail Tribune reports the Land and Water Conservation Fund has turned over 900 acres to the federal government as part of an effort to buy parcels within the monument held by the Hancock Timber Resource Group. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The Register-Guard quotes state wildlife officials, who say they've found evidence that a cougar—likely a young male cat—was responsible for killing goats and chickens at a residential property on Southeast Eugene's Floral Hill Drive, which backs onto 80-acre Hendricks Park. The resident says he lost two goats and three chickens over the course of three days, Saturday through Monday. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Brian Wolfer told The Register-Guard's reporter that he found tracks from the big cat—most likely a young adult cougar—and evidence it leapt from a nearby tree into a five-

foot enclosure to get at one chicken, then used another tree to climb out. Officials have set up non-lethal traps in hopes of catching and relocating the cougar. They're also reminding dog owners who use nearby Hendricks Park to keep their animals on a leash. / CRIME< SAFETY, ECONOMY: Oregon state troopers are filling the law enforcement gap in rural Josephine County. It comes after voters last fall refused to raise taxes to pay for sheriff's patrols. The Grants Pass Daily Courier reports that State Police detectives investigated nearly 800 cases in Josephine County last year, 86 percent of them referred from the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office has slashed its staff as the federal government cut timber subsidies and voters rejected higher taxes. After the cuts, investigations handled by troopers went from 5 to 10 cases a month to 50 to 85 cases. The State Police are sending more personnel to Josephine County to handle the extra work. Five of the 10 new troopers approved by the Legislature for 2015 will be based in Josephine County. / HEALTH: The first major study to find out how prevalent joint replacement surgery is suggests the procedure is widespread. The study leader calls the numbers "remarkable." Doctors report more than 2 of every 100 Americans now have an artificial joint. Among those over 50, it's even more common: Five percent have replaced a knee and more than 2 percent, a hip. Roughly 7 million people in the United States have a joint replacement. / ECONOMY: In the world's first accounting of a recreational pot industry, Colorado officials say the state has made roughly \$2 million in marijuana taxes in January, the first month of sales. The tax total reported Monday by the state Department of Revenue indicates \$14.02 million worth of recreational pot was sold. The state collected roughly \$2.01 million in taxes. The state legalized pot in 2012, but the commercial sale of marijuana didn't begin until January. Washington state sales begin in the coming months. The taxes come from 12.9 percent sales taxes and 15 percent excise taxes. Voters approved the pot taxes last year. The first \$40 million of the excise tax must go to school construction. Colorado has about 160 state-licensed recreational marijuana stores, though not all were open in January. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>CRIME: Tuesday morning at approximately 8:00 a.m., a 33-year-old man exposed himself to a classroom of students at Willamette High School. The suspect, Christopher Lynn Vanorden, entered the classroom with the students. When the teacher realized the man did not belong in the class, she called him to the front to find out who he was, at which point, he exposed himself—an action which was witnessed by two students. The teacher asked him to leave and school authorities escorted him to the office, where police took him into custody for Public Indecency, Criminal Trespass, Endangering Welfare of Minors, and Physical Harassment, at approximately 8:05 a.m. ; It started yesterday evening with a 911 call about a suicidal subject in a Springfield residence with a gun to his head. But on their way there, officers learned the man had allegedly menaced at least one woman in the home on the 4000 block of C Street and that a number of other adults inside the residence had fled. As officers were arriving, the suspect reportedly fired a round from the handgun into the front yard area of the duplex and went back inside the residence. Officers began interviewing the witnesses and setting a perimeter. A short time later, they say the suspect, armed with a handgun, emerged from the back door of the duplex and was confronted and challenged by an officer. The suspect was subsequently shot by the officer during the confrontation and is being treated for his wounds. No officers were injured. The involved officer, a 10 year veteran, has been placed on routine administrative leave pending the outcome of an independent investigation into the incident. ; Investigators believe he was recently in the Eugene area. So they're asking for your help in locating a suspect in the kidnapping and assault on a woman in an unincorporated area of Clackamas County, southeast of Portland. Officials say Kelly Swoboda should be considered armed and dangerous and you should not approach him if you see him, whether on foot or behind the wheel of a dark purple or burgundy van. Instead, they say you should call 9-1-1. ; A woman who claimed ties to white supremacist prison gangs has pleaded guilty to a conspiracy that involved four deaths in three states, guaranteeing herself a life sentence. Holly Grigsby and David Pedersen were accused in the killings of Pedersen's father and stepmother in Everett, Wash, an Oregon teenager and a California man. Pedersen previously pleaded guilty in state court to murder in the slayings of his father and stepmother. Grigsby pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday to racketeering charges connected to the four killings. Under the agreement, Grigsby will not be prosecuted in state court in Oregon, Washington or California.</p>

Pedersen is to be tried on federal charges in U.S. District Court in July. Attorney General Eric Holder decided not to seek the death penalty. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Half a century ago, when the William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge south of Corvallis was established to protect migratory waterfowl, sightings of Roosevelt elk were a rare occurrence in the Willamette Valley. In recent years, however, the majestic animals have made quite a comeback on the valley floor. In the last decade, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife estimates, the population has mushroomed from 100 to at least 600 individuals. The biggest herd in the region makes its home on the Finley Wildlife Refuge, where an estimated 200-plus elk have become a major draw for visitors — and a growing problem for neighboring landowners. State and federal wildlife managers say the animals cause extensive damage when they periodically wander off the 6,000-acre refuge, eating or trampling crops and knocking down fences that stand in their way. Now, to reduce the damage, ODFW and Finley biologists are floating a plan to reduce the herd by opening the refuge to elk hunting for the first time. If approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the plan would allow a three-month hunting season for antlerless elk (cows and “spikes,” or yearling bulls) in the late summer and early fall. Five permits would be issued to Willamette Valley elk tag holders each month from August through October for a total take of up to 15 elk, and only bowhunting would be allowed the first year. / HEALTH, POLITICS, ECONOMY: The pace of sign-ups under the Obama health care law slowed a bit last month. In all, 4.2 million Americans have signed up through their state exchanges under the Affordable Care Act. But at this pace, it appears unlikely the Obama Administration will reach its target of six million people by the end of this month. ; The percentage of young adults signing up for insurance coverage via Oregon's troubled health-insurance exchange is nearly at the bottom when compared to sign-ups nationwide. According to new statistics from the federal government released Tuesday, people age 18- to-34 now make up just 18 percent of the sign-ups for private insurance through Cover Oregon. Oregon ties with West Virginia as last in this age category. Nationwide, this age group accounts for 25 percent of total enrollment. By far, the largest category of Cover Oregon enrollees are people aged 55 to 64, which accounted for 40 percent of sign-ups. This age group also leads in sign-ups nationally, accounting for 30 percent of total enrollment. Young adults' premiums are needed to help defray the cost of caring for older generations. / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: A White House official says President Barack Obama will direct the Labor Department to strengthen overtime pay protections for millions of workers. The directive is meant to help salaried workers, such as fast-food shift supervisors or convenience store managers, who may be expected to work more than 40 hours a week without receiving overtime pay. For example, the Labor Department could raise the pay threshold for workers covered by overtime rules. Currently, salaried workers who make more than \$455 per week are exempt from overtime. It's the latest move in Obama's self-described “year of action,” a series of economy-focused executive decisions that don't require congressional approval. The White House official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the directive on the record before the president's announcement, expected Thursday. / MEDICINE: The Food and Drug Administration has approved a nerve-stimulating headband as the first medical device to prevent migraine headaches. Agency officials say the device provides a new option for patients who cannot tolerate migraine

medications. The device, known as Cefaly, is a battery-powered plastic band worn across the forehead. Using an adhesive electrode, the band emits a low electrical current to stimulate nerves associated with migraine pain. Users may feel a tingling sensation on the skin where the electrode is applied. The device is designed to be used no more than 20 minutes a day by patients 18 years and older. The Cefaly headband did not completely eliminate migraine headaches or reduce the intensity of migraines that occurred. But a slight majority of 2,300 patients in one study said they were satisfied with the device and were willing to purchase it for future use. / HEALTH, POLITICS, ELECTIONS: After months of railing against President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, Republicans scored a key victory in a hard-fought congressional race that had been closely watched as a bellwether of midterm elections in November. Republican David Jolly defeated Democrat Alex Sink in a Florida special election Tuesday that largely turned on the federal health care law, with both sides using the race to audition national strategies in one of the country's few competitive swing-voting districts. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, TERRORISM, DEVELOPMENT: The new baggage screening system at Eugene's Airport is now complete. The multi-million dollar system includes three new, faster explosives detection machines that have been installed in reconfigured back office space at the terminal. Airport officials say the new equipment allows for a seamless system: Passengers leave their checked bags at the airline ticket counters, which are then transported via conveyor belt into the TSA screening rooms. As part of the project, the airport lobby also received an update, with installation of new ticket counters and new treatments on the back walls. Airport officials are showing it off to members of the media—and the public—this week. Want to get a close look? Drop by today between 11:30 this morning and 1:30 this afternoon and look for the signs in the Eugene Airport lobby. You can even take advantage of free short-term parking during that time. / ECONOMY (SPORTS): Prep basketball playoffs continue today: Willamette meets Wilson at the Matthew Knight Arena at 1:30 p.m. in the Girls' Class 5A Quarterfinals. Sutherlin meets Brookings-Harbor at 1:30 p.m. at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis for the Girls' 4A Quarterfinals. / ELECTIONS: Sixteen members of the Oregon Legislature aren't seeking re-election. Two will face primary challengers. And 24 won't have any opponent at all in the primary or general election. The 2014 election took much clearer shape Tuesday as the deadline passed for people seeking office to declare their intentions. Fifteen representatives and one senator did not file re-election paperwork. Most of them had already said they're retiring or seeking another office. U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley and all five of Oregon's representatives in the U.S. House are seeking re-election. Democrat Kurt Schrader and Republican Greg Walden will face primary challengers, and all will have opponents in the general election. Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber will a longshot primary challenger. Six Republicans are vying for the gubernatorial nomination. Oregon's primary is May 20. / SAFETY, FAMILIES: Oregon owners of a 22-pound housecat who trapped them in their bedroom after attacking their baby say they're not giving up on their pet and are getting it medical attention and therapy. Two days after police arrived to subdue the 4-year-old part-Himalayan cat, owner Lee Palmer of Portland says he's taking the feline to a veterinarian. A pet psychologist also is due at the house to see the cat, named Lux. Palmer says the animal attacked after the 7-month-old child pulled its tail. The baby wasn't injured. On the 911 call, the cat can be heard screeching in the



background as Palmer says in a panicked voice: "He's charging us. He's at our bedroom door." Palmer also tells the dispatcher the cat has a "history of violence." Officers used a dog snare to capture the cat, and placed it in a crate. /

**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** An Oregon wildlife biologist says a cougar blamed for killing two goats and several chickens over three consecutive nights at a Eugene residence has been captured and killed. The Register-Guard reports the 84-pound female was captured Tuesday in a chain-link cage on the property where the livestock were snatched, near Hendricks Park. Oregon Fish & Wildlife biologist Brian Wolfer says euthanizing an animal isn't something his department commonly does. However, he says the landowner has a legal right to kill a cougar that has damaged his livestock. And leaving the problem up to the landowner — right beside a large park and right up against city limits — left the potential for lots to go wrong, including a possibly wounded cougar. Wolfer says cougars that have learned to hunt livestock may do so again, even if released in another area. He says the cat was sedated to reduce stress and later euthanized with a single shot to the head. ; A magnitude 5.1 quake has been recorded about 250 miles off the Oregon coast. Several people reported feeling the quake but there were no immediate reports of damage. The U.S. Geological Survey reports the moderate quake that hit late Tuesday afternoon was centered about 250 miles west-northwest of Coos Bay at a fairly shallow depth of 6 miles. USGS geophysicist Susan Hoover at the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., says three people reported on the agency's website that they felt the quake, in each case as a "weak shaking." Those reports came from Portland, Cape Meares on the Oregon coast and Willits, Calif. /

**TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** There could be some legal potholes ahead for General Motors over its handling of a deadly defect in certain compact cars. Word leaked of a criminal investigation yesterday and two congressional committees have opened probes into the matter. The Justice Department is investigating whether GM broke any laws with its slow response to a problem with ignition switches in compact cars from model years 2003 to 2007. That's according to a person briefed on the matter. The probe is said to be handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office in New York. Spokesmen for the Justice Department and GM would not comment. The investigation was first reported by Bloomberg News. At issue is why GM waited until February to recall 1.6 million older-model compact cars worldwide, even though it admitted knowing about the problem for a decade. The faulty ignition switches have been linked to 31 crashes and 13 deaths. /

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**CRIME:** Attorney General Eric Holder plans this morning to endorse a proposal that would mean shorter prison sentences for nonviolent drug traffickers. Holder says the change would help reduce the federal prison population and create a fairer criminal justice system. Holder is expected to make the announcement to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, which made the proposal. / **ENVIRONMENT:** The Oregon coastline is the place to be March 22-29 as gray whales cruise north on their spring migration. Gray whale numbers usually peak about the last week in March and just in time for the Spring Whale Watch Week. Nearly 160 gray whales pass along the coast each day and whale watchers may see their 12-foot blow--or spout--from the shore. Trained volunteers will be at 24 "Whale Watching Spoken Here" sites along the coast 10 a.m.-1 p.m. each day. They will answer questions and share tips about spotting some of the 18,000 gray whales heading from their breeding grounds on Mexico's Baja coast to their summer feeding grounds in the Bering and Chukchi Seas. Visitors hoping to spot some of these passing giants should come to the coast with binoculars and rain gear and look for the "Whale Watching Spoken Here" signs at the whale watching viewpoints. This time of year most of the whales can be spotted about 1-3 miles off the coastline. Occasionally, whales will search for food or an early mother and calf will swim close to the shore. Oregon State Park rangers and volunteers will also be at the Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day of the watch week. The Oregon State University Hatfield Marine Science Center, in nearby Newport, offers daily programs including 30-minute whale skeleton tours and marine mammal presentations. Maps of the "Whale Watching Spoken Here" viewpoints are online at [www.whalespoken.org](http://www.whalespoken.org). The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department coordinates the whale watch weeks with support from the Hatfield Marine Science Center. / **CRIME, ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION, FAMILIES:** Protect your property - During spring break, criminals have a tendency to target student property; specifically cars and homes. If you are leaving town for the break or if you are going to be away from your property for an extended period of time, here are some simple tips from Eugene Police that can help prevent you from being a target: Burglary prevention \* Lock doors and windows. \* Don't leave valuables visible through windows. \* Take your valuables with you when you leave for the break. Theft from vehicle prevention \* Never leave ANYTHING in view even when your car is locked. \* Park in busy and well-lit areas. Theft of vehicle prevention \* Use a steering wheel locking device. The Club anti-theft

device is available at the following locations: o Eugene Police Headquarters, 300 Country Club Rd. o Eugene Police West University Station, 791 E. 13th Ave. o Eugene Police Downtown Station, 960 Olive St. \* Use a vehicle security system. If you see activity that looks suspicious, report it to the police on-campus at 541.346.2919, and off-campus at 541.682.5111. / ECONOMY: Job seekers are expected to turn out in droves today for a marijuana job fair in Denver. More than a dozen Colorado marijuana-related companies are joining forces to recruit hundreds of people 21 and older for positions in accounting, technology, advertising and selling the now-legal drug. The event is expected to draw about 700 job seekers. The Denver Post reports that organizers are reminding applicants that the use of marijuana is prohibited at the event. ; Oregon will add 258,000 jobs between 2012 and 2022, according to new projections from the Oregon Employment Department. This represents a 15 percent increase in employment over 10 years. The growth stems from anticipated private-sector gains of 232,000 jobs (17%) and the addition of 26,000 jobs (9%) in government. This projected 15 percent growth rate exceeds the 6 percent growth seen over the past decade. Beyond gains from economic growth, an additional 392,000 job openings will be created by 2022 as workers change occupations or leave for other reasons, such as retirement. The 2012 to 2022 employment projections reflect several ongoing trends: continuing recovery from the Great Recession, particularly for the construction industry; a growing health care sector, due in part to an aging population; continuing population growth; and the need for replacement workers due to baby boomer retirements. The state's professional and business services sector - which consists of computer systems design services, temporary employment agencies, business support services, and other firms - is projected to add the most jobs (47,000), followed by the health care industry (45,000). Oregon's construction industry, continuing its recovery from massive recession job losses, is projected to grow at the fastest rate of any industry (29%, or 20,000 jobs). Even with its relatively fast growth rate, the construction industry's employment will not return to the level seen prior to the Great Recession. Other industries expected to fall short of pre-recession employment levels by 2022 include manufacturing, financial activities, and information. Information - which includes newspaper, directory, and book publishers, as well as software publishing and other firms - will be the state's slowest-growing industry (7%), followed by state government (9%). Federal government (-5%) is the only major industry sector expected to shed jobs over the decade. / ECONOMY, EDUCATION: Portland State University faculty have authorized their union leaders to call a strike if they can't reach agreement with the school administration on a new contract. The Oregonian reports union leaders said early today the vote was 94 percent to authorize a strike. Under state rules, a strike could start April 3. The university has 1,200 full-time faculty members. The American Association of University Professionals says PSU professors are underpaid compared to professors at the University of Oregon and Oregon State University. / LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES: More than 140,000 Oregonians facing cuts in their food stamp benefits will see at least some reprieve. Cuts signed into law in February as part of the farm bill officially took effect Monday. But federal officials last week gave states until Sept. 1 to enact the cuts for current recipients. The Oregonian newspaper reports that the cuts affect only participants in "Heat and Eat" programs, used in 15 states and the District of Columbia. The program

pairs federal energy assistance with food stamps. In Oregon, 78,000 households enrolled in "Heat and Eat" would see an average drop of \$58 a month. But Governor John Kitzhaber announced yesterday afternoon that Oregon will allocate enough energy-assistance dollars to avoid food stamp cuts under the farm bill. Oregon becomes fourth state to avoid the farm bill cuts. On November 1st, all food stamp recipients saw reductions in their benefits following the expiration of recession-era stimulus spending. Those cuts amounted to \$11 a month for an individual or \$36 for a family of four. More than 790,000 Oregonians, or one in five, receive food stamps. The average monthly benefit is about \$120 per person or \$220 per household. / SAFETY, EDUCATION, CRIME: Spring weather and St. Patrick's Day Weekend could prove an intoxicating combination for many weekend partygoers. But Eugene Police say they'll be out as well, especially in the West and South University neighborhoods, as well as downtown, to help ensure parties don't get as warmer spring weather arrives. In the past, police say they've seen problems associated with alcohol that occur near Spring Break and after, as summer weather approaches. Eugene Police with the University of Oregon, neighbors and other partners to provide advance education to people about how to enjoy themselves within the law. Still, the so-called "Party Patrol" will make the rounds on spring weekends and police will also conduct education and enforcement efforts. The City's Unruly Gathering ordinance went into effect on March 2, 2013. This ordinance holds individuals and property owners accountable for unruly events or social gatherings. The ordinance does not target a particular group of people and applies equally to all, regardless of where one lives in the City. The law applies when alcohol is served or consumed, and where any two or more of the following behaviors occur on the property where the gathering took place or on adjacent property: Violations that involve laws relating to sale, service, possession or consumption of alcohol; assault, menacing, harassment, intimidation, disorderly conduct, noise disturbance, criminal mischief, public urination or defecation, littering. / ELECTIONS, CRIME, HEALTH: Paul Stanford, one of the nation's leading marijuana legalization advocates, doesn't only want Oregonians to have the right to smoke pot. He wants it written into the state constitution. Stanford's proposed constitutional amendment is one of several pot questions that may go to Oregon voters in November. Others are offering competing proposals for how the state would regulate and tax marijuana sales. Legalization advocates are gearing up their campaigns after the Legislature declined to put a measure of its own on the ballot. They'll have to gather tens of thousands of signatures by early July. The groups behind the measures have received sizeable contributions from their backers and say they're confident they'll succeed. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: For the second time this month, an airliner landed in Portland after officials said a passenger became disruptive. The Oregonian reports that 29-year-old Jared McKay appeared Tuesday in federal court, accused of interfering with a United Airlines flight crew after the plane left Chicago on its way to Portland. An FBI affidavit said McKay wanted four drinks after takeoff on Monday, got increasingly aggressive over Colorado, demanded more drinks, yelled profanities, took over an attendant's seat, and emerged from a bathroom smelling of cigarette smoke. The pilot considered diverting the flight but was told the passenger had fallen asleep or passed out. The federal public defender's office, which is representing McKay, did not immediately return a call seeking comment. On March 4, a Southwest Airlines pilot on a Seattle-to-

Sacramento flight made an emergency stop in Portland. Officers accused a passenger of demanding multiple glasses of wine, shouting, swearing and displaying gang signs. ; General Motors is offering free loaner cars to owners of compacts that are being recalled for a deadly ignition switch defect. The company also will offer a \$500 cash allowance to owners who want to buy or lease a new GM vehicle. GM made the disclosures in documents posted Wednesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The loaners will be available until parts arrive to fix the switches. The cash offer runs through April 30. GM says it isn't offering to buy the cars back. But the cash offer will be made to people who don't feel safe driving their cars. GM is recalling 1.6 million older small cars because faulty ignitions can shut off engines unexpectedly. GM says 13 people have died in crashes linked to the problem. / ECONOMY, CRIME: A former longtime Fiesta Bowl chief executive who acknowledged participating in an illegal campaign contribution scheme faces sentencing Thursday in federal court. John Junker pleaded guilty two years ago to a federal conspiracy charge after being accused of being involved in the scheme in which bowl employees made illegal campaign contributions to politicians and were reimbursed by the nonprofit bowl. Prosecutors are seeking a one-year prison sentence, while Junker has asked for probation from U.S. District Judge David Campbell. The scandal jeopardized the bowl's NCAA license and its status as one of four bowls in the national college football championship rotation. The Arizona bowl retained its Bowl Championship Series status at the time. The NCAA placed it on probation for a year, and the BCS fined it \$1 million. /

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HEALTH, POLITICS, ECONOMY: President Barack Obama says enough people have signed up for health care to make his signature law work. Obama tells medical web site WebMD that the 4.2 million people enrolled for this year, quote, "is already large enough that I'm confident the program will be stable." The president acknowledges in an interview posted Friday that the mix of people who sign up is actually more important than the number. More young and healthy people need to enroll to offset the cost of caring for older, sicker patients. Obama's 30-minute interview with the health information web site is part of his campaign to get more Americans to enroll before the March 31 deadline to get coverage for this year. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: As lawmakers press General Motors and regulators over their decade-long failure to correct a defective ignition switch, The New York Times reports a new accounting of federal crash data shows that 303 people died after the air bags failed to deploy on two of the models that were recalled last month. The calculation, in an analysis commissioned by a safety watchdog, adds to the mounting reports of problems that went unheeded before General Motors announced last month that it was recalling more than 1.6 million cars worldwide because of the defective switch. The analysis looked at cases in which the air bags failed to deploy, but did not attempt to evaluate what caused the crashes. / SAFETY: Oregon Freeze Dry, Inc. of Albany, OR has voluntarily recalled 59,780 cases of Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit, produced exclusively for Costco Wholesale Stores. In cooperation with Costco, the company issued the recall after determining the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. Precautionary recall measures began on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Consumers who may have purchased the product were contacted by phone and US. Mail, and a letter regarding the voluntary recall was posted on the Costco website. Furthermore, the affected product was removed from Costco floors. No confirmed cases of *Salmonella* poisoning from consumption of this product have been reported at this time. Any Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit that is currently available for purchase has been rigorously tested and is safe for consumption. No other products made by Oregon Freeze Dry, Inc. are affected. Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit is sold in a red and white case containing 20 pouches of freeze-dried snacks. Consumers who have purchased Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit with the following "Best Before Dates," listed on the upper left corner of the front panel of the case, are urged to return the product to the place of purchase for a full

refund. Best Before Date: FEB 14 2015 - MAR 11 2015 (which reads FEB142015 - MAR112015) Customers with questions may contact the company at [recall@ofd.com](mailto:recall@ofd.com). or 1-888-641-2933 (this line is staffed Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time). Cases of the potentially contaminated Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit were distributed to Costco Wholesale stores in the following locations: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Puerto Rico. Oregon Freeze Dry, Inc. is issuing the recall as a proactive safety precaution. *Salmonella*, is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, TERRORISM: The Wall Street Journal is reporting this morning that not only did communication satellites receive intermittent data "pings" from that missing Malaysia Airlines jet, the "pings" gave the plane's location, speed and altitude for at least five hours after it disappeared from civilian radar screens. The Wall Street Journal reports the final satellite ping was sent from over water, at what one of its sources called a "normal" cruising altitude. But the individual declined to say where specifically the transmission originated, adding that it was unclear why the transmissions stopped. One possibility one person cited was that the system sending them had been disabled by someone on board. / ECONOMY: A bipartisan group of senators says they have reached a compromise extending jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed for five months. If the Senate approves, the deal would break a months-long stalemate over the issue in the chamber between the two parties. The revived coverage would be retroactive to Dec. 28, when the program expired. That lapse ultimately denied emergency coverage to more than 2 million people without jobs the longest. The proposal would be paid for by extending some customs fees and changing how some companies set aside money for pensions, in effect increasing their taxes. The deal also ends jobless payments to people earning over \$1 million. Approval of the measure seems likely by the Democratic-led Senate when it returns in late March from a weeklong recess. That would throw the issue into the Republican-run House, where its fate is uncertain. / MINORITIES, FAMILIES: The White House says President Barack Obama has ordered a review of U.S. deportation practices to see whether immigration enforcement can be more humane. Obama met Thursday with leaders of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to discuss efforts to overhaul the U.S. immigration system. The White House says Obama told the lawmakers he's deeply concerned about the pain families feel when they are separated because of the broken immigration system. Obama has asked Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson to perform an inventory to see whether enforcement can be conducted more humanely while adhering to the law. The announcement comes as immigrant rights activists who are frustrated by the lack of progress in Congress have been pressuring Obama to halt all deportations. Obama has said he can't take that step unilaterally. / CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION: Spring weather and St. Patrick's Day Weekend could prove an intoxicating combination

for many weekend partygoers. Eugene Police say they'll be out as well, especially in the West and South University neighborhoods, as well as downtown, to help ensure parties don't get out of hand as warmer spring weather arrives. In the past, police say they've seen problems associated with alcohol that occur near Spring Break and after, as summer weather approaches. Eugene Police are working with the University of Oregon, neighbors and other partners to provide advance education to people about how to enjoy themselves within the law. Still, the so-called "Party Patrol" will make the rounds on spring weekends and police will also conduct education and enforcement efforts. The City's Unruly Gathering ordinance went into effect on March 2, 2013. This ordinance holds individuals and property owners accountable for unruly events or social gatherings. The ordinance does not target a particular group of people and applies equally to all, regardless of where one lives in the City. The law applies when alcohol is served or consumed, and where any two or more of the following behaviors occur on the property where the gathering took place or on adjacent property: —Violations that involve laws relating to sale, service, possession or consumption of alcohol; assault, menacing, harassment, intimidation, disorderly conduct, noise disturbance, criminal mischief, public urination or defecation, and/or littering. The ordinance will apply only when multiple violations of existing laws are taking place. It applies equally to all, regardless of where one lives in the City. A tenant or host would have to be breaking the law in more ways than one to be liable for penalties. The law does not prevent hosting parties or social gatherings. It just expects that the hosting will be done responsibly with respect to other neighbors. In the past, parties hosted in and around the campus area have resulted in complaints from neighbors and required police response. From the late 1990s through 2010, there were seven other riots or crowd situations in the West University area. Some significant problems have included riots of up to 1,500 people, street parties involving intoxicated individuals, assaults resulting in injuries to parties, bystanders, and police officers, damage to public and private property, and noise disturbances involving yelling and/or loud music. In the last riot, September 24, 2010, a convergence of more than 400 people began congregating at the intersection of E. 14th and Ferry. Mutual aid assistance was quickly requested from outside agencies and safety was restored. / ECONOMY, SAFETY, CRIME: If you're planning to hire a contractor for a spring building or remodeling project, the state Construction Contractors Board (CCB) has made it easier than ever to verify that the contractor is licensed and legal to work in Oregon. Simply text a CCB license number to 1-503-444-8898. You will receive a reply with the license status and expiration date. Anyone who does repairs, remodeling or new construction must be licensed with the state, and any advertising must include the CCB number. "Licensed contractors have bonds and insurance that offer some financial protection to homeowners should a problem arise," said Berri Leslie, interim CCB administrator. "And, we'll help mediate any disputes if you're working with a licensed contractor." A residential general contractor, for example, carries a \$20,000 bond that can provide restitution in a dispute. Licensed contractors also carry liability insurance that covers property damage or personal injury they might cause. CCB surveys from recent years show that more than 70 percent of homeowners know that contractors must be licensed. However, more than half of people hiring contractors for major projects do not verify the license. "It only takes a few seconds to verify that a contractor's license is active," Leslie said. "Most



construction projects go smoothly when you do your homework by researching the contractor and by making informed decisions during the project." / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, ANIMALS: Two traffic crashes the last two days are reminders to be watchful for animals on or near our roadways as you travel. Both incidents reported no injury to people but involved horses were seriously injured or killed. On Thursday, March 13, 2014 at approximately 3:15 a.m., a 2006 Dodge pickup driven by a 43-year old Grants Pass man was eastbound on Highway 58 near milepost 2 when the driver encountered several horses standing in the eastbound lane. The driver was unable to avoid the horses, colliding into at least two of them before the pickup came to rest on the side of the road. Two of the horses were lying in the eastbound lanes when struck by a Peterbilt log truck driven by a 38-year old Eugene man. Neither driver was injured but both vehicles sustained heavy damage. The horses' owner was notified and responded to the scene. The highway was restricted to a single lane for over an hour before the horses and vehicles could be removed. ODOT and Lane County Sheriff's Office assisted OSP at the scene. On Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at approximately 7:06 a.m., a 2014 Chevrolet sport utility vehicle driven by a 40-year old Phoenix man was southbound on Highway 199 north of Kerby near Reeves Creek Road when the driver came upon several horses standing in the roadway. The vehicle collided with at least two horses and the driver was not injured. One of the horses received serious injury and the others returned to a nearby field. The owner was notified and responded to the scene to handle the seriously injured horse. / CRIME, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Local police agencies and the Oregon State Police are conducting saturation patrols this weekend aimed at preventing and stopping drunken drivers. They will be in effect throughout the weekend and into St. Patrick's Day, Monday. It comes after a similar effort over super Bowl weekend that resulted in several arrests, and zero fatalities. Officers will target vehicles reported as a possible DUII, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Drivers who spot possible DUII or reckless drivers are encouraged to call 9-1-1. The enforcement is largely funded through state grants to ensure that enough officers are available to identify, stop and process impaired drivers, and to dedicate DUII patrols that are staffed above and beyond the usual patrol strength. Aside from the potentially tragic consequences of a collision due to a driver's impairment from alcohol or other drugs, impaired drivers face a steep financial burden if arrested for driving under the influence and the suspension of their driver's license. Drivers are encouraged to designate a non-drinking driver, and be prepared with phone numbers for an alternate driver in case the primary plan falls through. / HEALTH, POLITICS, ECONOMY: A federal government report on Oregon's botched health insurance exchange faults the state's main information technology contractor for not providing key information to Cover Oregon and blames the exchange for lax management. The review by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, first reported by The Oregonian on Thursday, says Cover Oregon lacks oversight over the project and has limited visibility into Oracle Corp.'s work. Thus far, the state has paid Oracle more than \$90 million for building the exchange. The report, dated Feb. 27, recommends that Cover Oregon "identify a more appropriate" IT vendor. Cover Oregon spokesman Michael Cox said the report is dated and the exchange has addressed its findings. Oracle declined to comment. / CRIME: Authorities have identified a man fatally shot by police near a Portland high school as Kelly Vern Swoboda, the suspect in

a January kidnapping who had been sought in Lane County. Portland police say the 49-year-old Swoboda died Wednesday in exchange of gunfire with an officer who was shot in the arm and hand. Officers confronted Swoboda while investigating reports of a van following young people near Wilson High School. Swoboda was suspected of abducting a woman from a Milwaukie, Ore., tanning salon in January. The woman fought back and jumped from the moving vehicle, suffering serious injuries. The wounded officer, John Romero, was treated at the hospital Wednesday evening and released. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Portland State University's faculty has voted to authorize a strike. The union said 94 percent of full-time faculty voted to strike if an agreement on a new contract can't be reached. The vote does not guarantee the first professorial strike in the history of the Oregon University System, but it was a required move for one to occur as early as April 3. Talks between the school administration and the PSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors have lasted about a year, and the sides have made what are described as final offers. Wages are a major issue, as are job stability and how much voice professors have in university decisions. Portland State officials said in a statement that the parties will work "diligently" to avoid a strike. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Jackson County officials estimate that a local measure to ban genetically modified crops would cost more than \$200,000 a year to enforce. The Medford Mail Tribune says the estimate comes from County Administrator Danny Jordan. His report also said the measure could bar medical marijuana crops grown from seed treated to increase its DNA and yield and could bar strains of lawn grass that are genetically modified. Organic farmers who fear their crops will be tainted through cross-pollination have gotten the measure on the May ballot. Advocates dispute Jordan's estimate, saying costs should be minimal, at most, because the county has enforcement discretion. Jordan said the estimate was based on a full-time code inspector, a hearings officer's time, the cost of a testing contractor and administrative expenses. / ENVIRONMENT: A second GPS-collared wolf from Oregon has been killed by a hunter in Idaho. Idaho Fish and Game spokesman Mike Demick confirmed Thursday the 2-year-old female known as OR-17 was shot March 2, about a week after leaving Oregon. He says the wolf was shot legally by a coyote hunter about 70 miles south of Lewiston. The wolf was a member of the Imnaha pack, the first to breed in Oregon from wolves that migrated from Idaho after their reintroduction in the 1990s. Another from the pack was shot in Idaho in 2012. Rob Klavins of Oregon Wild says the killing underscores how states differ in their approach to wolves. Another migrating wolf, OR-7, has become an international celebrity after trekking more than 1,000 miles across Oregon and Northern California. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Graco Children's Products has added 403,222 child seats to last month's recall of 3.8 million to replace faulty harness buckles. But the added seats won't end a dispute with the U.S. government's road safety watchdog. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration still wants Graco to add 1.8 million infant seats to the recall because they have the same buckles. Buckles can get gummed up by food and drinks, making it difficult to remove children. In some cases parents have had to cut harnesses to get their children out. The agency says the problem increases the injury risk in emergencies. Graco says in a letter to the agency that it found additional toddler and harnessed booster seats that should be recalled. The company still believes the infant seats should be excluded. ; The government wants commercial trucks and buses that cross state

lines to be equipped with electronic devices that record how many hours the vehicles are in operation. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's new proposal is intended to prevent drivers from exceeding limits on the number of hours they can spend behind the wheel. Accident investigators have pointed to crashes where drivers regularly were exceeding limits on work hours. In some cases, drivers or their employers altered logbooks or kept two sets of books. That made enforcement difficult. The government says the electronic devices would make it harder for drivers to misrepresent their hours and would help reduce crashes by tired drivers. The government estimates that having the devices would mean 20 fewer deaths and 434 injuries each year. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY: President Barack Obama is set to sign into law a bipartisan bill relieving homeowners living in flood-prone neighborhoods from big increases in their insurance bills. The legislation reverses much of a 2012 overhaul of the government's much-criticized flood insurance program after angry homeowners facing sharp premium hikes protested. A Senate vote Thursday sent the House-drafted measure to Obama. White House officials say he'll sign it. The bill will scale back big flood insurance premium increases faced by hundreds of thousands of homeowners. The measure also will allow below-market insurance rates to be passed on to people buying homes in flood zones with taxpayer-subsidized policies. Critics say Washington is caving to political pressure to undo one of the few recent overhauls it's managed to pass. / CRIME, ECONOMY, HEALTH: The FBI is refusing to run nationwide background checks on people applying to run legal marijuana businesses in Washington state, even though it has conducted similar checks in Colorado. The bureau's refusal raises the possibility that people with troublesome criminal histories could wind up with pot licenses, undermining the Justice Department's own priorities in ensuring that states keep a tight rein on the nascent industry. In the meantime, Washington is conducting in-state background checks on those hoping to grow, process or sell legal marijuana, and has been asking the FBI for nearly a year to conduct the checks. The DOJ declined to explain why it isn't conducting the checks in Washington when it has in Colorado. It said it's reviewing its background check policies and hopes to have answers soon. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: The Obama administration has proposed new rules meant to prevent for-profit colleges from saddling students with huge debt that can't repay. Programs that offer training that doesn't qualify students for the jobs they seek would lose their access to federal student aid programs. The industry successfully fought previous rules. / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION: The members of the Long Tom Grange prepare for this weekend's Daffodil Drive along Ferguson Road north of Junction City. / ECONOMY (SPORTS): Jordan Adams scored 15 points and UCLA ran away from Oregon with a big second-half run for an 82-63 rout over the Ducks in the quarterfinals of the Pac-12 tournament last night. UCLA (24-8) had a superb night shooting and clamped down on Oregon in the second half to turn what had been a close game into a runaway after halftime. ; GThe high school basketball playoffs continue across the state. A number of local teams are in action and one of the tournament venues is Eugene's Matthew Knight Arena. /

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**ECONOMY (SPORTS):** The Oregon Men's Basketball team meets BYU Thursday in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for their opening game of the NCAA Tournament. Tip-off is 12:10 p.m., our time. The game will be broadcast on TruTV. ; Congratulations to the University of Oregon Women and Men's Track and Field Teams, who won their respective NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships over the weekend. ; Prep Basketball Playoffs: --Willamette won the Girls' 5A Basketball Title --Sutherlin won the Girls' 4A Basketball Title. --Sheldon took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the Boys' 6A Basketball Tournament. --Churchill took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the Boys' 5A Basketball Tournament. --Philomath won the Boys' 4A Basketball Championship, Cottage Grove took 6<sup>th</sup> Place. / **CRIME:** Eugene Police say a driver at the wheel of a stolen car slammed into two other vehicles and a power pole in West Eugene early this morning, cutting off electricity to about 100 homes. Utility crews with the Eugene Water and Electric Board are working to restore power. It happened around two a.m. at West 17<sup>th</sup> and Quaker. Investigators say the stolen car was located a couple of blocks away and they're looking for the driver. ; Meantime, Springfield Police say they want to hear from anyone who might have information about a robbery of a woman as she sat in her vehicle at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and "U" Streets in Springfield shortly before 11 p.m. last night. The victim says two men approached her vehicle, pointed a gun, stole items through her open window, then fled north on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Springfield Police say they searched the area but didn't find the two, described as a white male and a black male, both in their 20s, about 5-8 to 5-10, medium build and wearing dark sweatshirts. Know anything about the incident? Contact the Springfield Police Department. / **TRANSPORTATION:** Oregon state law allows motorists to use studded tires from Nov. 1 through March 31. Because studded tires damage Oregon highways, ODOT encourages drivers to consider using chains or non-studded traction tires. Studded tires cause between \$40 and \$50 million damage each year on city streets, county roads and state highways. Other types of traction tires are available. Traction tires that meet Rubber Manufacturers Association standards for use in severe snow conditions carry a special symbol on the tire sidewall showing a three-peaked mountain and snowflake. Research shows these tires provide better traction than studded tires when used on bare pavement and most winter driving conditions. /



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**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, GROWTH:** The Register-Guard is reporting that a second cougar near Hendricks Park in Southeast Eugene was captured in a cage trap on Friday and euthanized on Monday. Reporter Jeff Wright quotes state Department of Fish & Wildlife officials who say a trap remains set for a third cougar believed to still be in the area. An adult female cougar was trapped and euthanized last week after a resident near Hendricks Park lost some goats and chickens to one of the big cats. Biologists say whenever they trap a female cougar they continue looking for younger cougars that might be from an earlier litter. The Register-Guard reports the 40-pound young male was trapped Friday morning and is believed to be about 6 months old. After observation, officials concluded he was not a good candidate for relocation or a zoo and he was euthanized. /

**TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** General Motors is recalling nearly 1.2 million SUVs for defective side air bags. GM also announced smaller recalls Monday of commercial vans and Cadillac sedans amounting to about 364,000 vehicles for separate problems. The new recall comes as GM is facing multiple investigations over its handling of a recall of more than 1.6 million small cars for defective ignition switches. The company says it expects to spend approximately \$300 million in the first quarter to repair the vehicles in the new recalls as well as the vehicles in the ignition recall. The company said Monday it's recalling the SUVs, including the Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia, because their side air bags might not deploy. / **FAMILIES, ANIMALS:** A 22-pound house cat that trapped a

Portland, Ore., family in a bedroom this month has been taken to the Multnomah County Animal Services shelter. Shelter director Mike Oswald tells The Oregonian (<http://is.gd/1fwqzg>) the family called animal services on Monday and asked workers to come get the cat named Lux. Oswald says the family hasn't made a final decision on whether to keep Lux. Owner Lee Palmer told a 911 dispatcher March 9 that he kicked the cat after it scratched his 7-month-old baby. The cat then went ballistic, leading Palmer and his girlfriend to barricade themselves, their baby and the family dog in the bedroom. Portland police arrived and captured Lux on top of the refrigerator using a snare. / **EDUCATION, POLITICS:** There's no better deal than "free" and politicians in some states have proposed that incentive to get young people to attend community college. Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber signed legislation ordering a state commission to examine whether free tuition is feasible. In Tennessee, Gov. Bill Haslam wants to use lottery money to create a free community college program for high school graduates. It's central to his goal

of making the state more attractive to potential employers by increasing the percentage of Tennesseans with a college degree. As at four-year universities, the price of attending a community college has risen sharply because of reduced state support. The average annual cost of tuition nationally is about \$3,300. Books and fees add to the bill. / **TERRORISM, CIVIL RIGHTS, TRANSPORTATION:** Thirteen people say their placement on the U.S. government's no-fly list deprives them of their due process rights, while lawyers defending the government say explaining such placement would endanger national security. In August, U.S. District Court Judge Anna Brown's rejected the government's assertion that people on the no-fly list can travel by other means. She asked the government for more information about its redress procedure to help her determine whether it satisfied due process requirements for the plaintiffs. Government lawyers in federal court on Monday cautioned Brown not to write new rules if she decides that the system is unfair. Plaintiffs' attorneys argued that the process is inherently unfair by refusing to tell people what evidence put them on the list and shutting them out of the appeals process. / **ECONOMY, HEALTH, MEDICINE, POLITICS:** The Obama administration says more than 5 million people have signed up for private health insurance under the new health care law. That still leaves about 1 million to go over the next two weeks for the White House to meet its latest goal of 6 million enrolled by March 31. That would work out to more than 70,000 people a day. And some independent analysts say that's a stretch. Medicare administrator Marilyn Tavenner announced the 5-million milestone in a blog post Monday. March 31 is the last day to enroll for a taxpayer-subsidized health plan through the new online markets, or exchanges. It's still unclear whether the White House will grant an additional grace period for people who've started — but not finished — their applications by that date. ; A former state technology manager involved in building the software behind Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange has notified the state that she may file a defamation lawsuit. A Portland lawyer representing Carolyn Lawson filed a tort claim notice on Monday. As the chief information officer for the Oregon Health Authority, Lawson was in charge of the early work on Cover Oregon's technology. Lawson alleges she was asked to resign in December because she objected to making public statements she deemed false. She says managers at the Health Authority and Cover Oregon "privately threatened and publicly scapegoated" Lawson. Lawson claims the state's actions amount to defamation, infliction of emotional distress, wrongful termination and a violation of Oregon's whistleblower protections. Spokeswomen for the Oregon Health Authority and Cover Oregon declined to comment. / **CRIME:** Authorities arrested a Yachats man accused of breaking into his ex-girlfriend's house and stabbing her. The Register-Guard newspaper reports 36-year-old Anthony Buccella was booked into the Lincoln County Jail on attempted murder and other charges. The woman's injuries are not life-threatening. A Lincoln County sheriff's deputy responded to the home Sunday afternoon. The sheriff's office says Buccella fled the scene, and was arrested two hours later. / **EDUCATION, LOW INCOME:** One of Oregon's lowest-performing schools might move to year-round calendar to combat what's known as the summer slide. If the switch is made, The Oregonian reports that students at Rosa Parks Elementary in North Portland would have to take some classes in June, July and August. Studies show that summer breaks hurt the academic performance of low-income students more than kids from wealthier backgrounds because they have less access to learning

opportunities outside of school. Under the proposed calendar, students would have two weeks of class in June and July, and attend school for most of August. /

**CRIME, ECONOMY:** A 55-year-old former Oregon personal injury lawyer has been sentenced to five years in prison for a scheme to embezzle more than \$1.1 million in client funds. Court documents show Bryan Gruetter admitted that he and others used the money to pay for personal and business expenses. He pleaded guilty in December to conspiracy. He was sentenced Monday in Eugene. Federal prosecutors say that in February 2012, the Oregon State Bar took custody of Gruetter's law practice, and in March 2012, he surrendered his law license. He had offices in Bend and Portland. The Oregon State Bar has paid more than \$900,000 to some of his clients, exhausting a fund maintained for such purposes and requiring an increase in members' assessments to replenish it. /

**SAFETY:** What the fire marshal calls a "pretty substantial fire" has caused major damage at a Roseburg furniture store. The News-Review reports smoke was seen coming from Kuebler's (KYOO'-blur's) Furniture shortly after closing time Sunday, about 5 p.m. Fire Marshal Tony DiMare (duh-MAH'-ray) says crews were able to save two furniture trucks and a van. But the roof collapsed, and DiMare says he doubts anything inside can be salvaged. DiMare said initial reports put the fire in what appears to be the kitchen area. An employee told firefighters that workers remembered to turn off the coffee maker before leaving. Kuebler's Furniture was founded by Dean Kuebler of Redding, Calif. He turned the company over to his children in 2007. Kuebler has stores in Redding, Roseburg and Salem. /

**CRIME, SAFETY:** The Ashland City Council holds a public hearing Tuesday night on a proposal to ban the carrying of loaded guns in public. City Attorney David Lohman says a similar ban in Portland has been upheld by the state Supreme Court. The Mail Tribune reports the ban would not apply to police or people with concealed weapon permits. Police say anyone who wants to carry a gun to the council meeting at the Ashland Civic Center must have a concealed carry permit because it's a public building. /

**EDUCATION, ECONOMY (SPORTS):** Oregon State is headed to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 18 years. The ninth-seeded Beavers (23-10) will face eighth-seeded Middle Tennessee (29-4) in Seattle on Sunday. Oregon State rode an 11-game winning streak, the second-longest in school history and best since 1982-83, into the Pac-12 championship game. The Beavers fell 71-62 to USC to finish as the tournament runner-up. Oregon State went a school-record 13-5 in Pac-12 play and tied for second in the standings for their best-ever finish. The stunning turnaround for the once forlorn program earned coach Scott Rueck was named the Pac-12 coach of the year honors. ;

Meantime, the Oregon Duck women have accepted an invitation to the WNIT and will meet Pacific at 7 p.m. at the Matthew Knight arena. /

**HEALTH, VETERANS:** The federal government has signed off on a long-stalled study looking at marijuana as a treatment for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. The Department of Health and Human Services' decision was hailed as a major victory by marijuana researchers, who have struggled for decades to secure approval for research into marijuana's medical uses. The proposal from the University of Arizona was long ago cleared by the Food and Drug Administration, but its researchers had been unable to purchase marijuana from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The agency's Mississippi research farm is the drug's only federally-sanctioned source. In a letter last week, HHS cleared the purchase of medical marijuana by the studies' chief financial backer, the Multidisciplinary Association



for Psychedelic Studies, which supports legalization of marijuana and other drugs.  
/ MILITARY, VETERANS, MINORITIES: Later today, President Barack Obama will award the Medal of Honor to 24 Army veterans who served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Just three of those being honored at a White House are still alive, and those three are combat veterans of Vietnam. The honors are being awarded after Congress ordered a review to determine whether service members of Jewish or Hispanic heritage or others had been wrongly denied the Medal of Honor because of prejudice. /

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HEALTH, MEDICINE: A new, independent look at recently-issued guidelines for the use of cholesterol-lowering statins finds that almost half of all Americans between the ages of 40 to 75 and nearly all men over the age of 60 might qualify for consideration to use the drugs. The new heart-disease prevention guidelines involving statins were released in November. They show a dramatic shift toward ensuring more people receive treatment. Backers of the expanded guidelines say they reveal the true scope of heart risks in America. Critics have said the guidelines overreach by suggesting health care providers prescribe medications such as Zocor and Lipitor for such a large swath of the population. The study estimates that nearly half a million additional heart attacks and strokes could be prevented over 10 years if statin use is expanded as the guidelines recommend. The guidelines were developed by the American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology at the request of the federal government. They provide a new formula for estimating risk that includes blood pressure, smoking status and many factors besides the level of LDL or "bad" cholesterol, the main focus in the past. For the first time, the guidelines are personalized for men and women and blacks and whites, and they take aim at strokes, not just heart attacks. Partly because of that, they set a lower threshold for using statins to reduce risk. / FAMILIES, ANIMALS: The large cat that attacked a baby and trapped an Oregon family in a bedroom touched off an Internet uproar that worries Jackson Galaxy, star of Animal Planet's "My Cat from Hell." Cats don't become ferocious felines that turn on their families for no reason, says the cat behavior expert, who is heading to Portland soon to work with the 4-year-old part-Himalayan pet named Lux. Galaxy will film the visit for his show's fifth season, which kicks off April 26. Lux became a worldwide phenomenon after owner Lee Palmer called 911 and said the cat had cornered him, his girlfriend, their baby and the family dog inside a room. Palmer says his 7-month-old pulled Lux's tail, and he kicked the animal after it scratched the child. Then, the cat "just went off over the edge," Palmer told an emergency dispatcher after the family barricaded themselves. "He's charging us," Palmer said, as the cat was heard screeching in the background. Officers arrived and caught Lux with a dog snare. Palmer said the cat had a history of violence, but the family kept Lux until Monday, when they turned him over to a Portland-area shelter. But the family assured Animal Planet they were going to keep the cat and agreed to therapy with Galaxy. There are many reasons a cat can turn aggressive, and there is no universal way to deal with it, Galaxy said. But

the star feline behaviorist provided five ways to tame out-of-control cats: - Never leave a young child unsupervised with a cat. - Take it to a vet at least once a year. If a cat is acting suspiciously, the owner needs to pay attention. - Make sure cats can literally climb out of a situation. Having a space up high, like a cat condo, to get away from children and other pets is crucial, Galaxy said. - Timeouts are good things. They can go to a designated place where they can settle down, come back to a peaceful moment or ground themselves, he said. - Stop fights between felines with "timeout drills." With simple pieces of cardboard, left strategically around the house, you can stop a fight between two cats. Put the cardboard between them, blocking their vision and providing a moment of disorientation when you can lead them to their timeout spot. It's especially important to have the drills with aggressive cats. Galaxy said he was going to Portland to act as Lux's advocate and find out what's wrong.

**CRIME, SAFETY:** Police are investigating a fire that was reported early yesterday morning in southeast Eugene. In the process of extinguishing the blaze, firefighters say they discovered a deceased person inside the home. The fire was reported shortly after 12:30 yesterday morning at the home, located at 2013 Elk Avenue. ; It started early yesterday morning with a carjacking and kidnapping in Eugene. Ten hours and 400 miles later, a Mendocino County, California, sheriff's deputy was dead. Investigators say he was gunned down in his patrol car with an assault rifle by the same 32-year-old Eugene man who was being sought in connection with the carjacking and kidnapping. The suspect, Ricardo Antonio Chaney, was himself fatally shot during a confrontation a short time later with a police officer. The massive manhunt began after the carjacking was reported shortly after 1:00 a.m. in the Kinsrow neighborhood near Eugene's Autzen Stadium. Investigators say the victim and another person were robbed at gunpoint and forced into the trunk of the stolen vehicle, a black BMW. Eugene Police told a reporter from The Register-Guard that the victims later escaped but no additional details were available. Late yesterday morning, The Press-Democrat newspaper of Santa Rosa, California, reports that investigators got a lead on Chaney after a call from a coastal business owner. The man said he'd been in a verbal dispute with Chaney after spotting the suspect urinating at the edge of his property. The man said Chaney initially drove off, then returned moments later and fired a shotgun through the door of the man's business. After a physical confrontation, the man said Chaney fled in the stolen car. The business owner told police he grabbed a pistol and fired at Chaney's vehicle as he drove away. Investigators say the Mendocino County sheriff's deputy was killed during a confrontation with Chaney a few miles north of the California coastal community of Fort Bragg. The deputy, 48-year-old Ricky Del Fiorentino, was fatally shot while he was in his patrol car. Investigators say Deputy Fiorentino was a 26-year veteran of the Mendocino County Sheriff's and Fort Bragg Police departments. ; Jurors in Eugene, Ore., have convicted a 36-year-old man of two counts of aggravated murder in the beating deaths of his 73-year-old father and his father's domestic partner. The Register-Guard reports that jurors deliberated for about seven hours over two days before returning their verdict Wednesday against Johan Gillette. Gillette was accused of fatally injuring James Gillette and 71-year-old Anne McLucas at their Eugene area home on Sept. 7, 2012. Both died of multiple blows to the head. Prosecutors say Gillette flew into a rage over his father's plan to evict Gillette and his girlfriend from a trailer on the older man's property. Aggravated murder is the only Oregon charge that carries a possible death sentence. The

same jury will reconvene to decide whether Johan Gillette should be put to death. /

**TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Volkswagen is recalling about 150,000 Passat midsize cars because the headlights can be damaged if the hoods are closed roughly. The recall affects cars from the 2012 and 2013 model years. VW says if the hoods are closed hard, the vibration or impact can cut off electricity to the low-beam headlights. Drivers would see a dashboard warning light if this happens. /

**ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY:** Jackson County commissioners declared a local drought disaster Wednesday and will ask the state to help industries feeling the effects of a dry winter. Recent U.S. Department of Agriculture reports show the snowpack in the Rogue Basin is 31 percent of average. The Mail Tribune reports the Mt. Ashland Ski Area failed to open for the winter because of a lack of snow. County officials expect agricultural businesses to suffer as well. Irrigation districts could be forced to curtail water use later this summer. If Gov. John Kitzhaber declared a drought disaster in Jackson County, the State Water Resources Department could prioritize water rights for human consumption and livestock. Dry conditions also could lead to an early start to the summer wildfire season. /

**MILITARY, VETERANS, ECONOMY:** New Labor Department figures show the unemployment rate for working-age veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces since September 2001 edged down slightly in 2013, to 9.0 percent. But the report also says that the rate remained well above the overall civilian unemployment figure of 6.7 percent. The decrease followed a decline to 9.9 percent in 2012. The statistics cover veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces at any time since September 2001, a group referred to as Gulf War-era veterans. Still, the number was far higher than the overall unemployment level in the United States, which averaged 7.4 percent in 2013 and finished the year with a 6.7 percent overall rate for December. It was also 6.7 percent in February 2014. /

**GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION:** Might it be a new home for the Eugene Family YMCA? The Register-Guard reports members of the Eugene School Board last night voted unanimously to move forward with a plan that would allow officials with the Y to acquire a six-acre parcel at the current Roosevelt Middle School property in South Eugene. The newspaper reports it comes as the YMCA's leadership looks at its options for a new home after failing to get the nod on acquiring the site of the former Civic Stadium. Members of the school board selected the City of Eugene's offer for the shuttered stadium. /

**HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS:** Gov. John Kitzhaber has signed a bill allowing local governments to ban medical marijuana stores. The governor's signature on Wednesday comes as many Oregon communities move swiftly to block marijuana dispensaries within their borders. The new law gives cities and counties until May 1 to enact moratoriums for up to a year. The Oregon Health Authority released a draft of rules that establish a way for license applicants to get a refund if their facility would be blocked by a local ordinance. The agency also added rules restricting marijuana-infused products that would appeal to children. Those rules were required under a compromise needed to move the bill through the Legislature earlier this month. ; Gov. John Kitzhaber plans to release an independent review of what went wrong with Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange. Kitzhaber's office has scheduled a press conference for Thursday to disclose the findings of the review and "steps he is taking to ensure that Cover Oregon delivers on its promise for Oregonians who need health coverage." The governor's office says the review by First Data Government Solutions is based on

interviews with 67 people and the review of more than 3,200 documents. Kitzhaber ordered the review in January at a cost of \$228,000. It's supposed to answer seven questions aimed at pinpointing why Cover Oregon's online enrollment system wasn't ready to launch on schedule in October. Oregon is the only state where the public still can't sign up for health insurance online in one sitting. / ECONOMY, SAFETY: State workplace safety officials say 29 people died on the job in Oregon during 2013. The statistics released Wednesday by the Department of Consumer and Business Services show a slight decrease from 2012's figure of 30 deaths. The largest number of deaths — seven workers — occurred in construction. Logging resulted in six deaths. Oregon's on-the-job fatalities have been on the decline in recent decades. In the 1980s, the state averaged 81 deaths, while in the 1990s the average was 55 deaths. Over the past five years, it was 27 deaths. Workplace injuries and illnesses also decreased more than 50 percent since the late 1980s. The agency's statistics don't cover all workplaces in Oregon. They don't, for example, include fatalities among self-employed people, federal employees, Portland police and fire employees, and people who work for out-of-state employers. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TERRORISM: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has updated its maps showing where the water would flow and how deep it might get if any of its nine Lane County dams failed. The Eugene Register-Guard reports that about 300 residents who had asked to see the maps are viewing them in four meetings that are open by invitation only. There may be additional meetings, corps officials said, but the maps won't be released generally for reasons that include security against terrorism. The corps says the maps are tools that local emergency managers can use to draft plans to respond in the highly unlikely event of a dam failure. The maps were given to emergency managers last year. / ECONOMY (SPORTS): No. 7 seed Oregon takes on 10th-seeded BYU in the NCAA tournament on Thursday in a rematch of a wild December game won by the Ducks. Oregon trailed by 10 early in the second half, and then rallied for a 100-96 overtime victory over BYU. The West Regional matchup of at-large teams comes almost exactly three months after the first game, and no one seems too sure of what still applies from that high-scoring Saturday night. / ENVIRONMENT: Spring arrives in Oregon later this morning. /

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**ECONOMY (SPORTS):** So... who had Harvard, Dayton and North Dakota State? If you did, your NCAA tournament bracket's probably in better shape than just about everybody else. Several upsets and a record four overtime games highlighted second round play at the NCAA men's basketball tournament. 11th-seeded Dayton grabbed a key layup on its way to a 60-59 victory over sixth-seeded Ohio State. No. 12 seed Harvard upset of fifth-seed Cincinnati. Another 12 seed, the North Dakota State Bison edged Oklahoma 80-75 in overtime in the West region. In other second-round tournament games: Oregon held BYU to 33 percent shooting in running away from the Cougars 87-68 in the West Region. Elgin Cook scored a career-high 23 for the seventh-seeded Ducks. Oregon advances to meet Wisconsin at 4:45 p.m. Saturday on KVAL-TV (CBS). / **CRIME:** Eugene Police now say the death of a man whose body was found in a burning home in the Fairmount neighborhood is linked to the suspect in this week's carjacking of two people in Eugene and the fatal shooting of a sheriff's deputy in Northern California. The word came yesterday investigated the shooting death of 79-year-old George Bundy Wasson, whose body was found inside a burning home on Eugene's Elk Drive. 32-year-old Ricardo Antonio Chaney is the person of interest in the case. Investigators say the two were acquainted. Chaney was the subject of an all-points bulletin after Wednesday's early morning carjacking of two people in the Kinsrow neighborhood near Autzen Stadium. Investigators say the victims escaped in the parking lot. Ten hours later, investigators in northern California say Chaney shot and killed a Mendocino County Sheriff's deputy. Chaney died minutes later in a gun battle with a Fort Bragg, California, police officer. / **HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS:** The state's health insurance exchange, Cover Oregon, remains only partially functional. It is the only health insurance exchange in the country where members of the public are still unable to sign on themselves and complete their enrollment process in a single sitting. And now an independent review finds that a breakdown of management, an overly ambitious scope, and low quality of work by technology contractor Oracle Corporation are some of the key reasons for Cover Oregon's failed launch. Governor John Kitzhaber released the results of the review yesterday. Lashing out at Oracle, saying the review found the company had missed deadlines and performed incomplete work. Kitzhaber said Bruce Goldberg has resigned as director of the Oregon Health Authority. Goldberg took the job as interim director for Cover Oregon and will remain in that position until a new executive director is

hired. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** An Alaska Airlines spokeswoman says a smoking galley oven prompted the crew of a Boeing 737 bound from Orange County, Calif., to Seattle to make an unscheduled landing Thursday afternoon in Eugene. The Register-Guard reports that airline spokeswoman Bobbie Egan says no fire was involved. She says crew members turned off the oven's power source and used an extinguisher as a precaution after the oven overheated. Egan says the 122 passengers on Flight 513 exited normally through the left front door at the Eugene Airport. She says the aircraft was taken out of service and fully inspected by maintenance technicians. A replacement plane was substituted. / **FAMILIES, SAFETY:** The large cat that scratched a Portland toddler last week and then trapped his owners in a bedroom has gone home after a stay at the animal shelter. Spokesman Mike Oswald said Thursday that Lux is healthy and shows no signs of abuse, so when the owners wanted him back, the Multnomah County Animal Services agency released him. Oswald says the shelter does everything it can to accommodate a family that decides not to surrender an animal. The Oregonian reports the 4-year-old Himalayan arrived Monday at the shelter after owners Lee Palmer and Teresa Barker asked workers there to come for him. Since then, a local cat-behavior specialist has offered to help the owners. Lux is also slated for an episode of "My Cat from Hell" on Animal Planet. / **HEALTH, MEDICINE, POLITICS:** Hash brownies, space cakes and other pot-laced munchies won't be among the items allowed at Oregon medical marijuana dispensaries, state officials say, and that's drawn criticism from pot shop advocates. The Oregon Health Authority released draft rules late Wednesday for medical pot dispensaries to follow when they open as early as next week under a new law. Although medical marijuana will be available at the dispensaries, the agency wants to ban sweets containing the drug because they could be attractive to young people. But dispensary advocates say patients who take the drug orally need the sweetened pot products. They say a little sugar helps the bitter medicine go down. The rules could still change, but the agency wanted to have something in place when dispensaries begin getting their licenses. / **CRIME, HEALTH, MEDICINE:** The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that state judges can force mentally ill criminal defendants to take antipsychotic medications in an effort to make them competent to stand trial. The ruling handed down yesterday underscores the effect of a similar U.S. Supreme Court ruling and sets up a political battle over the rights of criminal suspects who are also patients committed to a mental hospital. The Oregon Supreme Court ruling says judges must apply a four-factor test in determining whether to force medication on a suspect who is found mentally unfit to stand trial. The judges have to deem the medication appropriate and unlikely to have significant side effects. They must also determine there is no alternative and that the use of the medication furthers government interests. / **TERRORISM:** A federal judge in Oregon is denying defense lawyers' efforts to reveal all surveillance information about their client obtained under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. U.S. District Judge Garr King said late Wednesday that he doesn't believe he can or should force the government to provide that surveillance in the case of Mohamed Mohamud. The Somali-American was accused in an FBI sting of plotting to detonate a bomb at Portland's downtown Christmas tree lighting in 2010. Undercover agents supplied a fake bomb. Government lawyers disclosed in November that prosecutors conducted warrantless overseas surveillance directed at Mohamud. The disclosure came

months after Mohamud was convicted of attempting to detonate a weapon of mass destruction. Mohamud argued that the late notice means he may not have received a fair trial. /



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**ENVIRONMENT:** Oregon beaches are ready for summer after shedding close to 23 tons of trash on Saturday. Over 4,500 volunteers helped clear the entire Oregon coast of trash at the annual SOLVE Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup. An estimated 45,955 pounds of debris was removed, including 14 tires. An Oregon tradition for 30 years, the twice-annual coast wide beach cleanups have seen nearly 225,000 Oregon volunteers remove an estimated 2.8 million pounds of trash from our beaches since 1984. The most common items found were cigarette butts, fishing ropes, and plastic bottles. Interesting items found by volunteers included telephone poles, the remains of a sunken crab vessel in Brookings, a large semi-truck tire at Gleneden Beach, and a 200 pound block of Styrofoam in Netarts Bay. SOLVE once again worked with over 60 volunteers from Portland Shokookai and the Japan-America Society of Oregon, a partnership that has been indispensable in the years following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. "So many Oregonians have a deep bond with our Japanese friends whose lives and livelihoods were so affected by the tragic disasters of March 11, 2011. By coming together for the beach cleanup with SOLVE, we now have a framework of committed volunteers from many Japan-related organizations in our community who support efforts along our Oregon beaches now and in the future," said Dixie McKeel, Executive Director of the Japan-America Society of Oregon. Due to shared ocean currents, marine debris impacts coastlines across the North Pacific Ocean, washing up on both the shores of Japan and the West Coast of the United States. "The SOLVE cleanup is a wonderful opportunity to work together and promote mutual understanding and friendship between our two countries," added McKeel. The non-profit, Washed Ashore, took debris from several check-in sites to turn into art at their Bandon facility. Due to their efforts, over 5,000 pounds of debris will be kept from landfills. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** Voices of people crying for help in the wreckage of a deadly Washington state mudslide have stopped, and hopes of finding any more survivors waned as searchers pulled more bodies from the tangled debris field and crews worked through the night into Monday. At least eight people were killed in the one-square-mile slide that hit just before 11 a.m. Saturday. Officials described the mudslide as "a big wall of mud and debris" that blocked a Washington state highway near the town of Oso, about 55 miles north of Seattle. Authorities believe the slide was caused by ground made unstable by recent heavy rainfall. Search and rescue teams took to the air in helicopters and the ground on foot on Sunday looking for anyone who might still

be alive. Their spirits had been raised late Saturday night when they heard the cries for help from the flotsam of trees, dirt and wreckage. Dangerous conditions forced them to turn back in the darkness. They resumed their work at first light Sunday. But they said they did not see or hear any signs of life. Four more bodies were discovered late Sunday, bringing the confirmed death toll to eight with more than one dozen still missing. Several people were also critically injured - including an infant - and about 30 homes were destroyed. Crews were able to get to the soupy, tree-strewn area that was 15-feet deep in places Sunday after geologists flew over in a helicopter and determined it was safe enough for emergency responders and technical rescue personnel to search for possible survivors. But they had to confine their search to areas where the mud was drier and safe to traverse. The slide blocked the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River. With the water pooling behind the debris, authorities worried about downstream flooding and issued an evacuation notice Saturday. The water started to seep through the blockage Sunday afternoon, alleviating some concerns, and the evacuation notice was lifted. / **ECONOMY (SPORTS):** The Billion Dollar Dream has been over for a while. Most bracket sheets are loaded with red X's. Still, there is plenty of March Madness ahead of us in the NCAA men's basketball tournament's round of 16. You want favorites? Three No. 1s - Arizona, Florida and Virginia - are alive and well after two rounds. You want underdogs? How about three with double-digit seedings - Stanford, a 10, with 11s Dayton and Tennessee. You want a rivalry? It's tough to beat Kentucky-Louisville. You want rematches? Besides Kentucky-Louisville there is Arizona-San Diego State. You get the point. Four days, 12 games. It'll be a regional weekend when the Sweet 16 is cut to the Final Four. But getting there was bad news for the Oregon Ducks. They dropped their Saturday game to Wisconsin and headed home. Meantime, plenty of women's action to talk about: The Oregon State women advanced in their NCAA bracket with a victory over Middle Tennessee State in Sunday's first round. And the Oregon women are in WNIT action this evening at seven p.m. when they meet Washington in a non-televvised game at the Matthew Knight Arena. / **TRANSPORTATION:** A two-block section of 19th Avenue between High and Ferry streets will be closed to all traffic for one week beginning Monday, March 24. The street is scheduled to reopen on Monday, March 31. The closure will allow crews from Eugene Public Works Maintenance to replace the existing damaged concrete panels in that section with new concrete panels. The extended closure is necessary to allow enough time for the new concrete to cure sufficiently to handle traffic loads. While the street is closed for concrete repairs, eastbound traffic on 19th Avenue will be directed to use alternate routes, such as High Street to 18th Avenue or Amazon Parkway to 24th Avenue. Sidewalks will remain open for pedestrian use. The work dates were chosen to coincide with spring break at South Eugene High School. Access to the school will be maintained although the driveway across from Mill Street will be closed. / **LOW-INCOME, EDUCATION, FAMILIES:** Do you have a prom dress or tux gathering dust in your closet? Bring in your gently used clothes, shoes or accessories to the Brattain House in Springfield and help other students dress in style for their prom! The Brattain House is located at 1030 G Street. Questions? Call 541-726-2831. High school students should check with their schools to find out how they can get their outfits. / **LOW-INCOME, HEALTH, MEDICINE:** Experts say thousands of low-income people in Oregon and across the country are uninsured, stuck in a low-income coverage gap. About 120,000 Oregonians who

must get insurance or pay a fine under the federal law will remain uninsured by 2019, according to the Oregon Center for Public Policy. Of this group, nearly half will be low-income people with earnings below 200 percent of the federal poverty line — which was \$22,980 annually for an individual in 2013 — but who still make too much to qualify for the Oregon Health Plan, the state's version of Medicaid. The goal of the Affordable Care Act was to fill gaps in coverage and make health care available to all, no matter the income. The law expanded Medicaid to millions of low-income people who make up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$15,856 a year for an individual. To other low-income and moderate-income people who earn more than that, the law provides financial assistance in the form of subsidized premiums and lower out-of-pocket expenses on private insurance purchased via the exchanges. But experts say Americans who fall just above the Medicaid eligibility limit — those earning between 138 and 200 percent of the federal poverty levels — are at risk of not being able to afford coverage. ; Another case related to President Barack Obama's health care law is before the Supreme Court this week. At issue is whether the religious rights of employers trump the rights of women to the birth control of their choice. The court is hearing arguments tomorrow in a religion-based challenge from family-owned companies that object to covering certain contraceptives as part of the law's preventive care requirement. The companies are willing to cover most methods of contraception, as long as they can exclude drugs or devices that the government says may work after an egg has been fertilized. The largest company among them, Hobby Lobby Stores Inc., and the Green family that owns it, say their religious beliefs forbid them to sell such contraceptives. The administration says a victory for the companies would prevent women from making decisions about birth control based on what's best for their health. / ECONOMY: Oregon exports, which soared to a record \$19.4 billion in 2008, plunged the next year and have been flat ever since. Across the border in Washington, exports dipped only slightly during the recession and then took off, growing more than 50 percent since 2010 to a record \$81.9 billion last year. The focus on Boeing, the nation's biggest exporter, brings up a more fundamental difference between the two states that has national implications. With only two Fortune 500 companies, Oregon's economy is based on small and medium-sized enterprises. Washington boasts corporate giants with international range. The U.S. Commerce Department says exports matter in part because they support jobs here at home that pay more than average. Every \$1 billion in additional sales abroad supports roughly 5,000 American jobs. Big companies with more than 500 employees generated almost three quarters of Washington's merchandise exports in 2011. Large businesses produced less than two-thirds of Oregon's exports that year. ; Gasoline prices have been rising. The latest Lundberg Survey finds the average cost of a gallon of regular gasoline rose 5 cents during the past two weeks to \$3.56. Analyst Trilby Lundberg says the increase stems from a jump in the price of ethanol used to make gasoline and U.S. refiners starting to switch over to more expensive summer-blend gasoline. / MILITARY, EDUCATION: The authors of a new report on veterans using GI Bill benefits for higher education say the signs are positive. A little more than half of the veterans who got college money since 2009 eventually graduated, though many took longer to do it. The study by the Student Veterans of America finds that's better than their non-veteran peers but slightly worse than traditional students. / CRIME, ECONOMY: A government watchdog says more than 20,000

taxpayers have been targeted by fake IRS agents in the largest phone scam the agency has ever seen. The IRS inspector general says thousands of victims have lost a total of more than \$1 million. As part of the scam, fake IRS agents call taxpayers, claim they owe taxes, and demand payment using a prepaid debit card or a wire transfer. Those who refuse are threatened with arrest, deportation or loss of a business or driver's license. IRS inspector general J. Russell George says real IRS agents usually contact people first by mail. He says real agents don't demand payment by debit card, credit card or wire transfer. He says people have been targeted in nearly every state. The callers who commit this fraud often: Use common names and fake IRS badge numbers; Know the last four digits of the victim's Social Security Number; Make caller ID information appear as if the IRS is calling; Send bogus IRS e-mails to support their scam; Call a second time claiming to be the police or department of motor vehicles, and the caller ID again supports their claim. If you get a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS asking for a payment, here's what to do: If you owe Federal taxes, or think you might owe taxes, hang up and call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you with your payment questions; If you don't owe taxes, call and report the incident to TIGTA at 800-366-4484; You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.FTC.gov](http://www.FTC.gov). Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint. Read more about tax scams on the genuine IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) /

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**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** Survivors of that deadly weekend mudslide in Washington state say they heard a "whoosh"—a rush of air that lasted about 45 seconds. But then there was ominous silence. And one woman said when she stepped outside to investigate, something felt very, very wrong. Then she saw it: Behind her house, a suffocating wall of heavy mud came crashing through her neighborhood. The mile-long slide flowed across the landscape, heaving houses off their foundations, toppling trees and leaving a gaping cavity on what had been a tree-covered hillside. Now, days into the search, the scale of the mudslide's devastation in a rural village north of Seattle is becoming apparent. At least 14 people are confirmed dead, dozens more are thought to be unaccounted for or missing, and about 30 homes are destroyed. The Seattle Times reports that a scientist who documented the landslide conditions on the hillside that buckled has issued a warning 15 years ago—in a 1999 report—filed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of "the potential for a large catastrophic failure." Snohomish County officials say they were unaware of the report, saying a slide of this magnitude is very difficult to predict. Search crews continue to look for survivors and the bodies of the victims. But in some places the mud and debris is 40 feet deep. The mudflow is still shifting and settling. And rains have returned to the region. ; Meantime, The Register-Guard this morning reports that a former Eugene resident, identified as Tom Durnell, a 1966 graduate of south Eugene High School, is among the missing. Friends say his wife, Debbie, was not at home when the slide struck. / **HEALTH, POLITICS, RELIGION:** U.S. Supreme Court justices are weighing whether corporations have religious rights that exempt them from the part of the new health care law that requires coverage of birth control for employees at no extra charge. The case being argued today involves family-owned companies that provide health insurance to their employees, but object to covering certain methods of birth control that they say can work after conception, in violation of their religious beliefs. The Obama administration and its supporters say a high court ruling in favor of the businesses also could undermine laws governing immunizations, Social Security taxes and minimum wages. The justices have never before held that profit-making businesses have religious rights. But the companies in the Supreme Court case and their backers argue that a 1993 federal law on religious freedom extends to businesses as well as individuals. / **TERRORISM:** The White House wants the National Security Agency to get out of the business of sweeping up and storing vast amounts of data on Americans'

phone calls. The Obama administration this week is expected to propose that Congress overhaul the electronic surveillance program by having phone companies hold onto the call records as they do now, according to a government official briefed on the proposal. The New York Times first reported the details of the proposal. The plan would end the government's practice of sweeping up the phone records of millions of Americans and holding onto those records for five years so the numbers can be searched for national security purposes. Instead, the White House is expected to propose that the phone records be kept for 18 months, as phone companies are already required to do by federal regulation, and that the NSA be able to preserve its ability to see certain records in specific circumstances approved by a judge. / ENVIRONMENT: A northern sea otter pup was discovered alone on a beach in Kodiak, Alaska early last summer. Sea otter pups are helpless when they are born and require constant attention from their mothers. These baby marine mammals do not even know how to swim, let alone groom the dense fur that keeps them warm and buoyant; their mothers must tend to these needs until they learn to do it on their own. The six to eight week old pup appeared thin and his coat was in rough condition when he was first spotted. Something was clearly amiss and following lengthy observation and a call to the local authorities, a veterinarian collected the pup and sent him to the Alaska SeaLife Center for rehabilitation. The SeaLife Center staff worked tirelessly for months to rehabilitate the tiny pup and teach him how to be a sea otter in his absent mother's stead. In time, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined that Nuka was not a qualified candidate for release back into the wild and started to search for a long-term home. The Oregon Coast Aquarium had space for another male sea otter and was happy to add him to its raft, or sea otter family. Nuka, which means "little brother" in Inuit, made the trip from Alaska to Oregon without a hitch and just completed the 30-day health quarantine process. The young otter still needs to cross some training milestones before he meets the other members of the Aquarium's all-male raft and makes his big debut on exhibit. Nuka will not be on exhibit for Oregon's spring break, but visitors can take a sneak peek of the sea otter pup on a video screen in the Aquarium's lobby. The Aquarium advises anybody that sees a marine mammal in distress to call the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network at (541) 270-6830 and observe it from a distance. / ECONOMY: U.S. home prices dipped in January as cold weather, a limited supply of homes and higher mortgage rates slowed sales. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index declined 0.1 percent from December to January for the third straight month. The index is not adjusted for seasonal variations, so the dip partly reflects weaker sales in the winter. The index was a healthy 13 percent higher than January of 2013. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT: The U.S. Energy Department has given conditional authorization for liquefied natural gas to be exported from a proposed terminal in Coos Bay, on the Oregon coast. Monday's approval means Jordan Cove LNG Terminal is the seventh project to get such authorization, but the start of exports may be years away. The terminal would ship gas to countries that do not have a free trade agreement with the United States. The facility would be able to export up to 800 million cubic feet of

natural gas a day 20 years. Jordan Cove must still go through an environmental review and final regulatory approval. The push for natural gas exports comes amid a boom largely resulting from a drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. /

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: More cool, wet and blustery conditions are predicted through the weekend, including heavy weekend rains from a series of storms across Western Oregon and the possibility of significant snow in the mountains. This could make travel slow-going over the passes and lead to flooding of some local streams. ; Good news yesterday in the search for a missing Lane County man believed stranded in his vehicle on a remote road east of the Douglas County community of Glide. Officials learned late yesterday morning that 73-year-old Eugene Lanz was located when he managed to flag down a passing motorist for a ride. Officials with Douglas County Emergency Communications say they received a call Monday morning from Lanz, who was on his cell phone and told dispatchers he was stuck on a road in a remote area and was in distress. But the line disconnected before the 9-1-1 could get more information. Officials say Lanz was evaluated by medical personnel at his home. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The National Weather Service has extended a flood warning in the area of the Washington state mudslide. The warning is in effect until 6 p.m. Wednesday for the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River in Snohomish (snoh-HOH'-mish) County. The weather service says it expects some flooding of homes and roads to continue until a newly forming river channel is large enough to drain the lake behind the slide blockage near Oso. Crews using cadaver dogs, small bulldozers and their hands have been working through the muck and rain in a search for more people trapped in Saturday's mudslide. Two more bodies were recovered late Tuesday, bringing the official death toll to 16. As many as eight more bodies have been located but not yet recovered. Scores of people remain listed as missing, but officials hope the restoration of power in a nearby logging town of Darrington will allow some residents to call in and have their names removed from the list. / HEALTH, MEDICINE, POLITICS, ECONOMY: Officials with the Obama administration say people who've started applying for health insurance but aren't able to finish before Monday's March 31<sup>st</sup> enrollment deadline will get extra time to wrap up their applications. Officials say they've experienced a surge in demand in the closing days of the open enrollment season at federal and state health insurance exchanges. They say they want to make sure they can help consumers who may be in line by the deadline so that they are able to complete enrollment, either online or over the telephone. The White House is scrambling to meet a goal of getting six million Americans signed up through the new online markets that offer subsidized private health insurance



to people without access to coverage on the job. Officials say the HealthCare.gov website received more than one million visits Monday, and the administration also wants to prevent a repeat of website problems that soured consumers last fall. Officials said the grace period will be available to people on the honor system, meaning applicants will have to attest that special circumstances or complex cases prevented them from finishing by March 31. It's unclear how long the extension will last. Some have urged the administration to allow until April 15, the tax filing deadline. The thinking is that people who are due refunds may be willing to put some of that money toward health care premiums. The latest tweak to the health care rollout is certain to infuriate Republican critics of President Barack Obama's signature law. It follows delays of the law's requirements that medium-sized to large employers provide coverage or face fines. The GOP is making repeal of the health care law its rallying cry in the fall congressional elections. But the White House signaled last week that a grace period of some sort was in the works. Officials compare it to the Election Day practice of allowing people to vote if they are in line when the polls close. The administration's decision affects the 36 states where the federal government is taking the lead on sign-ups. The 14 states running their own websites are likely to follow, since some had been pressing for an extension on account of their own technical problems. ; Medical marijuana shops in Oregon are opening their doors with state approval for the first time this week, but at least one may not be in business very long. A dispensary near Hermiston was one of the first to open with its permit in hand Tuesday, but it will have to shut its doors if the Umatilla County Commission enacts a moratorium on dispensaries when it meets next week. That's just one uncertainty facing pot businesses after a new state law took effect last week. Local governments can now ban pot stores within their borders until May 2015, and the Oregon Health Authority is looking at banning many edible marijuana products. Store owners say compliance is their priority, even as local ordinances and rules are subject to change. ; A medical marijuana dispensary in Medford was forced to close after the city council revoked its business license. The Mail Tribune newspaper reports that the owners of MaryJane's Basement will ask a Jackson County judge on Wednesday for a stay of the revocation. Co-owner Richard Nuckols told the newspaper it will be tough for his 1,634 patients to find safe access to marijuana during the closure. The city took the action last Thursday. The same day it also placed a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries within city limits. ; Meantime, an Oregon Medical Marijuana Business Conference is taking place Sunday and Monday at the Eugene Hilton and Conference Center. The gathering will include an exhibit hall for cannabis-related industries. The coordinator, Alex Rogers of Ashland, held a similar event in Southern Oregon and says the conference provides an opportunity for business owners and entrepreneurs to network, receive updates on the medical marijuana industry and receive updates on state and local laws. / CRIME, SAFETY: An Oregon man has been sentenced to life in prison for the beating deaths of his father and his father's girlfriend. Johan Gillette could have received the death penalty at Tuesday's sentencing. He will have no chance for parole. A jury last week convicted the 38-year-old Gillette of murdering the pair at their home south of Eugene on Sept. 7, 2012. Both died of multiple crushing blows to the head. Prosecutors said the younger man flew into a rage over his father's plan to evict Gillette and his girlfriend from a trailer on the older man's property. Gillette claimed he acted in self-defense when his father

reached for a gun during an argument. ; At 1:43 p.m. March 24, Eugene Police officers were sent to conduct a welfare check in the 900 block of Archie. After checking the residence, they discovered a deceased adult inside the home. At this point, the cause of the person's death is not readily apparent and police are conducting an investigation. As more information becomes available it will be released. ; Police in Eugene say they're checking several recent, unsolved crimes for possible links to a man suspected in a day-long crime spree that killed a California sheriff's deputy and an elderly Eugene man. Ricardo Chaney was killed in a March 19 shootout with a Fort Bragg, Calif., police officer. The Register-Guard reports Eugene police said yesterday that one case under review is a March 11 armed robbery at an adult shop. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Nissan is recalling about a million cars, SUVs and vans. The company says the front passenger air bags may not inflate in a crash. It's the company's second recall to fix the same problem. Among the vehicles affected are recent models of the Altima, the Leaf electric car, the Pathfinder SUV and the Sentra compact. / **MILITARY, VETERANS, WOMEN'S ISSUES:** Female veterans from every branch of military service, era and background are invited to attend the free semi-annual Oregon Women's Veterans Conference in Eugene, March 28-29, at the Eugene Hilton and Conference Center, located at 66 E. 66th Ave. Co-sponsored by the Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, and the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA), the conference serves as both an educational tool, and as a celebration of the service and sacrifices of women veterans throughout history. A variety of workshops addressing veterans' benefits, women's wellness, employment and small business tips will be offered. Attendees are encouraged to bring a copy of their DD Form 214 or other proof of military service with them to the conference. ODVA Director Cameron Smith, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, said the conference is a significant opportunity to bring women veterans together to both educate and build camaraderie within their ranks. "So many women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces don't realize that they are a veteran," said conference coordinator and Oregon Army National Guard officer Renee French. "This free conference will again be a unique opportunity for Oregon to honor its women veterans and thank them for serving." It is estimated Oregon has more than 28,000 women veterans. Several dynamic speakers will be featured at the conference including Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg, Oregon State Rep. Julie Parrish, and the Chair of the Advisory Committee to the ODVA, retired Air Force Col. Mary J. Mayer. On-line registration is required to attend the conference. Seating is limited, but registration remains open. The conference agenda is posted on-line. For more information about the conference or to register, go to, [www.oregon.gov/ODVA/pages/WOMENVET.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODVA/pages/WOMENVET.aspx)  
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**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** The number of confirmed dead from the deadly Washington state mudslide has increased from 18 to 21. Fifteen of the victims have been identified by the Snohomish County medical examiner, and six have yet to be identified. Another four bodies were found Sunday, but they won't be added to the official count until the medical examiner receives the bodies. Thirty people remain missing. Crews have completed a makeshift road that will link one side of the debris field to the other, significantly aiding the recovery operation. They have also been working to clear mud and debris from the highway, leaving piles of gooey muck, splintered wood and housing insulation on the sides of the road. Searchers have had to contend with treacherous conditions, including septic tanks, gasoline and propane containers. When rescuers and dogs leave the site, they are hosed off by hazardous materials crews. The rains that have bedeviled rescuers working to find more victims in the debris field are expected to ease this week, but searchers faced other challenges at the site like household chemicals and sewage. ; A professor from Portland State University says it's possible to develop a national warning system for potentially major landslides, but that no one wants to pay for it. Those living in the path of a deadly Washington state landslide had virtually no warning last week before a wall of mud, trees and other debris thundered down the mountain. Some of the homeowners didn't even know the hillside could give way at any time. Unlike the warning systems and elaborate maps that help residents and officials prepare for natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes, there's no national system to monitor slide activity and no effort underway to produce detailed nationwide landslide hazard maps. That has left states and communities to put together a patchwork of maps showing landslide hazards. Experts, including Portland State geology professor Scott Burns, say building a nationwide system is now possible with new technology, but would require spending tens of millions of dollars annually and could take more than a decade to complete with the help of states and cities. Experts say the challenge is that many landslides are inactive or cause consistent low-level damage, while big, destructive landslides happen only sporadically and don't cause the type of spectacular devastation hurricanes, earthquakes or tornadoes do — so they often don't get the same attention or resources. Despite this, landslides have exacted a toll in all 50 states, causing 25 to 50 deaths a year and up to \$2 billion in losses annually. ; A United Nations scientific panel says global warming is likely to cause significant disruptions that exact an economic toll. The Intergovernmental Panel

on Climate Change has issued a report saying the world economy may suffer losses of between 0.2 percent and 2 percent of income if temperatures rise by 2 degrees from recent levels. The advisers say climate change will worsen poverty, and a need for more labor to produce food to offset dropping crop yields could leave fewer workers available for other work. / HEALTH, MEDICINE, POLITICS: A hectic sign-up season is winding down for President Barack Obama's health care law. So where do things stand? With more than 6 million enrolled, so-called Obamacare has managed to change the country. Americans are unlikely to return to a time when people with medical problems could be denied coverage. But other major parts of the Affordable Care Act face an uncertain future. New insurance markets created by the law are anything but consumer friendly. The administration can't afford to fumble open enrollment next year. But what if premiums jump? Nearly half the states are still opposed to or undecided about the law's expansion of Medicaid for the poor. Requirements that medium- to large-sized employers offer affordable coverage are just over the horizon. That will stir up more opposition. ; The Obama administration's health care website stumbled for a brief time early this morning, on deadline day for new sign-ups. Visitors to HealthCare.gov for a short time saw messages that the site was down for maintenance. But the site is back up and running for those states that use healthcare.gov. Here in Oregon, Cover Oregon's website is operating, although those enrolling still deal with technical issues on the site and must finish their applications with assistance. The federal healthcare.gov site, which was receiving 1.5 million visitors a day last week, received about 2 million a day over the weekend. ; Oregonians have until April 30<sup>th</sup> to apply for private health insurance through Cover Oregon. The decision as announced last week by Governor John Kitzhaber. It comes in response to the technology issues that lengthened the time it takes to apply for and enroll in health insurance through Cover Oregon, the state's health insurance exchange. Officials say they realize that the technical problems affecting the Cover Oregon website created delays, confusion, and frustration. They say the extended application deadline gives qualifying Oregonians more opportunity to secure health care coverage and financial help. Oregon's extended application period targets people purchasing private health insurance coverage either through Cover Oregon or directly from an insurance carrier. People who purchase through Cover Oregon can access tax credits and other financial assistance. Oregonians who are eligible for the Oregon Health Plan or Healthy Kids may apply for coverage year round. Officials add that Cover Oregon has successfully completed more than 175,000 enrollments. ; The Supreme Court has turned away an early look at a challenge by religiously affiliated not-for-profit groups to the new health care law's provision on birth control coverage. Lawsuits filed by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and others are making their way through the courts. The justices this morning declined to weigh in on them before any federal appeals court has reached a final decision. The Obama administration has devised a compromise to the law's requirement that contraception be included in health plans' preventive services for women. The compromise attempts to create a buffer for religiously affiliated hospitals, universities and social service groups that oppose birth control. Their insurers or the health plan's outside administrator would pay for birth control coverage and create a way to reimburse them. ; New research is boosting hopes that weight-loss surgery can put some patients' diabetes into remission for years

and perhaps in some cases, for good. Longer follow-up from a major study shows that stomach-reducing operations are better than medications for treating the deadly duo of obesity and Type 2 diabetes. Millions of Americans have what's known as "diabesity," and can't make enough insulin or use what they do make to process food. ; A new group of experimental medicines can dramatically lower cholesterol, raising hopes of a fresh option for people who can't tolerate or don't get enough help from Lipitor and other statin drugs that have been used for this for decades. The first large studies of the new drugs were presented Saturday at an American College of Cardiology conference in Washington. They are aimed at more than 70 million Americans and millions more worldwide who have high LDL or "bad" cholesterol, a major risk for heart disease. One of these drugs, Amgen's evolocumab (ev-oh-LOKE-you-mab), cut cholesterol by 55 to 66 percent compared to a fake drug in some studies. The company plans to seek federal approval for it this year. ; A large study in Sweden concludes that a simple blood test plus the usual electrocardiogram are 99 percent accurate at showing which patients can safely be sent home after going to emergency rooms with chest pain. Of nearly 9,000 patients judged low risk, only 15 went on to suffer a heart attack in the next month, and none died. The study is in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology. The test is widely available, but not in the United States. /

**HEALTH, MEDICINE, POLITICS, ECONOMY:** An Oregon Medical Marijuana Business Conference wraps up today at the Eugene Hilton and Conference Center. The gathering includes an exhibit hall for cannabis-related industries. The coordinator, Alex Rogers of Ashland, held a similar event in Southern Oregon and says the conference provides an opportunity for business owners and entrepreneurs to network, receive updates on the medical marijuana industry and receive updates on state and local laws. /

**CRIME, SAFETY:** Oregon State Police investigators say a 60-year-old psychiatric patient from Lane County is back in custody this morning, after what's being called an "unauthorized departure" on Saturday from the Oregon State Hospital. Detectives are not revealing many details about where they located Gregory Page. At the time of the weekend disappearance, they said he was not considered to be a danger to himself or others. Page was first admitted to the Oregon State Hospital in 1994 and most recently in March of 2012. In 1994, he was deemed Guilty Except for Insanity for attempted murder and sentenced for 20 years for under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board. Page is a resident of one of the group homes on the grounds of the state hospital. /

**TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, POLITICS:** Did General Motors know there was a problem? And if so, why wasn't something done to fix it? That's what members of Congress will be asking GM officials when they appear before a House subcommittee tomorrow and a Senate subcommittee Wednesday. GM is being accused of taking too long to recall 2.6 million cars for a faulty ignition switch, which has been linked to 13 deaths. Some of the victims' families plan to be on Capitol Hill. /

**ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION:** Please remove your studded tires by the end of the day on Monday, March 3. The Oregon Department of Transportation is not extending the Oregon studded tire season. ODOT encourages you to consider other types of traction tires or chains. A study completed in 2000 concluded studded tires cause at least \$40 million damage each year on city streets, county roads and state highways. Other types of traction tires are available. These traction tires meet Rubber Manufacturers Association standards for use in severe snow conditions and carry a special symbol on the tire

sidewall showing a three-peaked mountain and snowflake. Research shows these tires provide better traction than studded tires when used on bare pavement. Please visit [www.TripCheck.com](http://www.TripCheck.com) or call 511 for the latest road conditions. /