

**KKNU-FM 93.3**

**SPRINGFIELD, OREGON**

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

**Second Quarter, 2014: April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Posted: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

## **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 2Q, 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	April 1 <sup>st</sup> to June 30 <sup>th</sup>
Year	2014
	Issue: <b><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 debate and likely initiative over recreational marijuana in Oregon and the expansion of medical marijuana dispensaries; 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>WOMEN, FAMILY, ELDERS, MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, COMMUNITY:</u></b> Same-sex marriage in Oregon and elsewhere; Gay rights, fair housing, domestic partnerships; Immigration; 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.
4	<b><u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS:</u></b> Congressional gridlock, mid-term election politics; Legislative session; Ballot initiatives; Funding issues; Election finance.
5	<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.
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 Monday, April 14, 2014. In attendance were Tracy Berry of KKNU-FM and Mary Reilly of KMGE-FM.*

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	04/06/14 and 04/13/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	We got a blast of sunny weather earlier this month and that had people out riding their motorcycles. With the possibility of an early start to the riding season, Steve Garretts with Team Oregon, the state's motorcycle safety education program, joins us to talk motorcycle safety—and motorist safety.

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	04/20/14 and 04/27/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	FAMILIES, SAFETY, CRIME, EDUCATION, LOW-INCOME
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>The Relief Nursery of Lane County has been helping children and families for more than three decades. It's therapeutic preschool helps children at-risk of abuse and its educational offering help parents be better at parenting. We hear from Jennifer Solomon, the new director of philanthropy for the Relief Nursery, about some of the agency's offerings and events. This includes the newer Relief Nursery facility in Springfield, which fulfills a long-term need. Then, former Springfield School Superintendent, Oregon's current Chief Education Officer, also discusses the impact of the Springfield Relief Nursery facility and efforts to reduce child abuse throughout the community.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	05/04/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>Are you prepared for a potentially major wildfire season in Oregon? We always hope for the best but there are a lot of indications we should prepare for the worst. The average snowpack on the Willamette National Forest: 57% of normal. On the east side, the Klamath Basin is at 28% of its average snowpack. May is Oregon Wildfire Awareness Month so it's a good time to start talking about creating defensible space around your home and property. Greg Wagenblast with the Springfield office of the Oregon Department of Forestry is our guest.</p>

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	05/11/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	TRANSPORTATION, GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	Planning travel around Western Oregon this spring and summer? There's lots of construction planned and underway here in Lane County and around this part of the state. Rick Little from the Oregon Department of Transportation has the details and some safety advisories.

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	05/18/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	MILITARY, VETERANS, FAMILIES, ECONOMY, HEALTH
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	They're among the nation's most highly-trained citizen-soldiers and starting tomorrow, they make final preparations for a deployment to Afghanistan. We learn more about the mission for the close to 400 members of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 162 <sup>nd</sup> Infantry of the Oregon National Guard. Our guests are the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Scott Caughran, and Chaplain Col. Terry Larkin who heads the ONG's Servicemember and Family Support efforts.



## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	05/25/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	SAFETY, CRIME, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	Memorial Day Weekend is the official kick-off for boating season here in Oregon. This morning, we talk about resources for folks enjoying Oregon's lakes and rivers at <a href="http://boatoregon.com">boatoregon.com</a> as well as some safety tips for boaters. The Oregon State Marine Boat manages the site and has tips for where to go, as well as information on the laws and safety guidelines for all boaters, whether they float, sail or motor. Charles Douglass, a marine deputy with the Lane County's Sheriff's Office, talks about the condition of the rivers this spring, hazards he's aware of and the things boaters do that put lives in danger.

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	06/01/14 and 06/08/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	CRIME, SAFETY, FAMILIES
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	Spring is here, summer's just around the corner. Lots of folks are heading outdoors and on vacation—or leaving doors and windows unlocked or open in the warmer weather. But that means crime is on the rise, as thieves exploit those vulnerabilities. Eugene Police specialist Steven Chambers talks about protecting your bike, your car and your home. And we get tips for crime prevention year-round.

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	06/15/14 and 06/22/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME, HEALTH, EDUCATION
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	Kids eat free again this summer in Lane County thanks to the "Free Summer Meals" program from FOOD for Lane County, our local food bank. Once again this year, the organization uses USDA dollars to provide nutritious lunches for children and teens ages 2-18 at more than five dozen sites around the area. We hear from Karen Roth about the summer programs and the new sites. Dawn-Marie Woodward from the food bank talks about the agency's other year-round efforts.

## COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

<b>Name of Program</b>	Community Forum
<b>Date of Program</b>	06/29/14
<b>Time of Program</b>	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
<b>Issue</b>	SAFETY, CRIME, TRANSPORTATION, FAMILIES
<b>Length Of Program</b>	30 Minutes
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>It takes a lot of work, including prevention, detection and investigation to keep drunken and impaired drivers off our roadways. Earlier this month, the Lane County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or "MADD," held an event to thank members of local law enforcement for putting their lives on the line every day to keep our streets and highways safe from drunken drivers. We chat with one of the honorees, Springfield Police Officer Tom Speldrich, who made more than 150 DUI arrests last year. And we speak with Cate Duke from MADD about the organization's continued efforts.</p>

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**DATE OF  
BROADCAST** 04/01/14

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PROGRAM** Morning News

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PROGRAM** 30 Seconds

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HEALTH, MEDICINE, POLITICS, ECONOMY: Jammed phone lines and overwhelmed websites struggled to assist procrastinating Americans who waited until yesterday to try to sign up for health coverage by the midnight Monday deadline for President Barack Obama's signature domestic policy. In California, for example, where enrollments surged toward the Obama administration's original projection of 1.3 million for that state, the last-minute volume forced California's state exchange to switch off a key function on its website and encourage people to finish their applications in the days ahead. In Louisiana, wait times for procrastinating callers lasted up to two hours. In Tennessee, call volume to one insurer was two times the number of a week earlier. Across the nation, the interest in getting health insurance and avoiding a federal tax penalty surged. The last-minute rush was expected to significantly boost the number of Americans gaining coverage under the new law, and government officials told The Associated Press late Monday that they were on track to sign up more than seven million Americans for health insurance by the deadline. That was the original enrollment goal, which was scaled back to six million after two months of glitches last fall with the federal healthcare.gov website. Here in Oregon, 178,000 people have signed up through Cover Oregon. Oregonians wishing to purchase individual insurance policies through the state exchange have an extension, until April 30th, to complete their enrollments because of continuing technical problems with Cover Oregon's website. Analysts across the country plan to keep a close eye in coming months, to determine whether the Affordable Care Act will meet its mandate to provide affordable health care coverage or whether high deductibles, paperwork snags and narrow physician networks make coverage even a challenge. Also unknown is how many of those who've enrolled were previously uninsured - the real test of Obama's health care overhaul. In addition, the law expands coverage for low-income people through Medicaid, but only about half the states, including Oregon, have agreed to implement that option. In Washington, D.C., the law's supporters already have their sights on fixes for the next open enrollment season commencing Nov. 15. Among the recommendations: more face-to-face sign-ups and coordinating enrollment with tax-filing season to better show the consequences of remaining uninsured. / MEDICINE, ECONOMY: Congress has once again given doctors temporary relief from a flawed Medicare payment formula that threatened them with a 24 percent cut in their fees. The Senate vote cleared the measure for the president's signature. The \$21 billion bill would stave off a 24 percent cut in Medicare reimbursements to doctors for a year and extend dozens of other expiring health care provisions, such as higher payment rates for rural hospitals. The legislation is paid for by cuts to health care providers, but fully half of the cuts won't kick in for 10 years. It's the 17th temporary "patch" to a broken payment formula that dates to 1997. / ECONOMY: Chrysler's U.S. sales jumped 13 percent in March, helped by strong sales of the new Jeep Cherokee

and the Ram pickup. Jeep brand sales were up 47 percent, largely due to the Cherokee, which went on sale last fall. Sales of its bigger sibling, the Jeep Grand Cherokee, were up 26 percent. And Chrysler's best-seller, the Ram truck, was up 26 percent to 42,532. Chrysler's minivan sales were also up. Minivan sales usually rise in the spring, as families plan for summer road trips. Dodge Caravan sales jumped 27 percent to 14,165. The results were likely to exceed the industry average. Analysts expect sales rose around 2 percent in March compared with the same month a year ago. ; U.S. home prices rose in February from a year earlier at a solid pace, suggesting that a tight supply of homes for sale is boosting prices despite slowing sales. Real estate data provider CoreLogic says prices for existing homes rose 12.2 percent in February from a year ago. That was up slightly from January's year-over-year pace of 12 percent. On a month-to-month basis, prices in February rose 0.8 percent from January. But CoreLogic's month-to-month prices aren't adjusted for seasonal patterns, such as winter weather, which can depress sales. Snowstorms, rising prices and higher mortgage rates combined to reduce home sales in February to their lowest level in 19 months. The number of available homes remains below the level typical of a healthy market. / CRIME: A man who apologized to a federal judge for hurling a firebomb at an unoccupied Portland police car in 2012 has been sentenced to 2 ½ years in federal prison. The Oregonian reports that Sergey Turzhanskiy called his action "the greatest mistake I ever made in my life." The firebomb made out of a beer bottle damaged the car, which was parked at a police precinct. / ECONOMY: Washington State has hired Ernie Kent as its new men's basketball coach, giving him another shot at leading a Pac-12 Conference program four years after he was let go by Oregon. Kent replaces Ken Bone, who was fired on March 18. Kent was the coach at Oregon from 1997 to 2010. He took the Ducks to five NCAA tournaments, including two trips to the Elite Eight. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The new CEO for General Motors is headed to Capitol Hill today to answer questions about the defect in some of the automaker's small cars that's linked to 13 deaths. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration chief David Friedman also is expected to testify that GM had information connecting defective ignition switches to the non-deployment of air bags as early as 2001, but didn't share it until last month. ; General Motors is recalling 1.5 million vehicles in the U.S. because the electronic power-steering assist can suddenly stop working. Included in the recall are the Chevrolet Malibu, Malibu Maxx, Chevrolet HHR, Saturn Aura, Saturn Ion and Pontiac G6. Model years vary, but all of the vehicles are from the 2010 model year or earlier. The new recall brings to 6.3 million the number of vehicles GM has recalled since February. The initial recall — now at 2.6 million small cars for an ignition switch defect — prompted the automaker to name a new safety chief and speed up pending recalls. House and Senate subcommittees plan hearings starting today to find out why GM didn't recall the cars with the ignition switch problem sooner and why the government never investigated the cars. In written testimony, acting National Highway Traffic Safety Administration chief David Friedman says GM had information connecting the defective switches to the non-deployment of air bags, but didn't share it until last month. Friedman says NHTSA (NIHT'-suh) considered an investigation but decided GM's air bag failure rates weren't higher than peers. / SAFETY: Officials say a large explosion that rocked a natural gas processing plant in Eastern Washington injured five workers, forced close to 400 people to evacuate nearby farms and homes, and sent up a black cloud visible for more than a mile. The Monday morning blast at the Williams Northwest Pipeline facility near the Washington town of Plymouth—across the Columbia river from Umatilla, Oregon, sparked a fire and punctured one of the facility's two giant storage tanks for liquefied natural gas. One worker was taken to a burn center. Another four were taken to local medical facilities. By last night, the evacuation zone had been reduced from a two-mile radius to a one-mile radius. Road and river restrictions have been lifted. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: As the

human toll climbs in the wake of that deadly mudslide in Washington state, so do the estimated financial losses. Twenty-four people are confirmed dead. The death toll will climb to at least 27 today. The remains of three additional victims were found yesterday but have not yet been included in the medical examiner's official numbers. Twenty-two people are still missing. And preliminary losses have reached \$10 million. Washington state Governor Jay Inslee has asked the federal government for a major disaster declaration. He says close to 30 families need assistance with housing, along with personal and household goods. The estimated losses include nearly \$7 million in structures and more than \$3 million in their contents. Inslee's request also seeks federal help with funeral expenses, as well as mental health care programs for survivors, volunteers, community members and first responders. Search teams have been learning more about the force and path of the slide, helping them better locate victims in a debris field that is 70 feet deep in places. Harris said search dogs are the primary tool for finding victims, and searchers are finding human remains four to six times per day. But sometimes crews only find partial remains, which makes the identification process harder. / ECONOMY, POLITICS, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, EDUCATION: House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan is rolling out an updated budget plan that would slash \$5.1 trillion in federal spending over the coming decade. The Republican proposal also would balance the government's books by cutting food stamps, health care for the poor and working class, and programs like Pell Grants for low-income college students and pensions for federal workers. Ryan's plan steers away from cuts to benefits for senior citizens, at least in the short term, but reprises a voucher-like Medicare program for future retirees that provides the basis for GOP claims that the measure would drive down government debt over the long term. The plan promises a balanced budget within a decade and should skate through the Budget Committee on Wednesday. Floor action next week is less certain. / HEALTH, MEDICINE, SAFETY: Oregon officials are backing off their proposal to prohibit sales of pot-infused treats at medical marijuana stores. In a new set of rules released Monday, the Oregon Health Authority will only ban marijuana-laced products that are made or packaged in ways that might appeal to children. That means nothing brightly colored or formed in the shape of animals, toys or candies. The rules also require marijuana products to be sold in child-proof containers free of cartoons or bright colors. The rules take effect Tuesday, but they could change based on public comments during a six-month rule-making process. Previous versions of the rules would have banned drug-laced sweets all together because they could be attractive to young people. But dispensary advocates said patients who take the drug orally need the sweetened pot products. /

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**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** It is a grim step forward in the search for human remains at the site of the mudslide that crushed a rural Washington community. But it is an important one. With Tuesday's dry weather, floodwaters at the site began to recede. That's allowing crews to expand their search. It's also yielding more human remains in areas that previously could not be reached. The newly-accessible areas are revealing shredded homes and twisted cars. More than 10 days after a large section of a rain-soaked hill crashed down on a neighborhood in the small community of Oso, teams with cadaver dogs are still sifting through debris and soil to determine exactly how many people died in the March 22 mudslide. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office yesterday sent two Search and rescue K-9 teams certified in cadaver recovery to Washington state. The death toll stands at 29. Twenty people are still missing. ; Two volunteer Douglas County Search and Rescue K-9 teams are being sent to the tragedy in Snohomish County Washington. Washington officials have requested assistance from neighboring jurisdictions through the Oregon Emergency Management Office. The two Douglas County K-9 teams are both certified in cadaver recovery. The two teams left for Washington earlier yesterday. / **POLITICS, HOMELESSNESS:** Eugene officials say 12 people were cited in lieu of custody for Criminal Trespass Tuesday after refusing to leave City Manager's Office after closing time. According to police, on Tuesday afternoon, a group of people staged a sit-in at the City Manager's Office and refused to leave. At 5 p.m., they were advised the office was closed and they indicated their intention to stay. At 5:45 p.m., the group was informed that they would be subject to Criminal Trespass charges if they didn't leave. Twelve people were cited in lieu of custody and released. The group was demanding to meet with the city manager regarding homeless issues recently discussed or ruled on by council, outside a council setting. The city manager's delegate on this issue, Deputy Chief Joe Zaludek, came to the office to meet with them but they did not accept that offer. Last week, on March 26, the City of Eugene re-posted notices that property is not open to the public and that the clearing and clean-up of the area would begin after April 1. The City Council has directed that the site be closed no later than April 15. The City's goal has been for people to leave the site voluntarily and to get connected with the services they need to find safe and legal shelter. The City is coordinating with a number of local social service agencies to help people transition from the camp. The City Council and City staff have been working to help develop options. There are now two rest stops open - at Garfield and Roosevelt, and Northwest Expressway and Chambers - that are being managed by Community Supported Shelters. The City is continuing to work with community partners to open a third site and hopes to have a signed agreement with a volunteer site manager in the next few days. / **SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION:** General Motors' CEO is back on Capitol Hill today to testify before a Senate subcommittee about ignition switch problems on some



of the automaker's small cars that are linked to at least 13 deaths. Yesterday, Mary Barra acknowledged before a House committee that GM took too long to recall cars with the problem. GM has recalled 2.6 million cars since February. ; Chrysler is recalling nearly 870,000 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Dodge Durango SUVs it says may have problems braking. Chrysler says the vehicles manufactured from 2011 through 2014 have joints in the brake boosters that can corrode if they get wet. Chrysler says it will install a shield to protect the boosters for free and replace any boosters that aren't working properly. / SAFETY: Investigators say a civilian employee of the Eugene Police Department died from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound yesterday at a property located in the 3500 block of Fox Meadow Road, on the northern edge of Eugene, off Coburg Road. It happened shortly after two-thirty yesterday afternoon. The Lane County Sheriff's Office is handling the investigation. The victim's name was being withheld until his family is notified. / ECONOMY: A private survey shows that U.S. companies increased hiring at a rapid pace last month, suggesting that the jobs market is recovering from a brutal winter. Payroll processor ADP says private employers added 191,000 jobs in March. ADP also revised February's job creation up to 153,000 from an originally reported 139,000. The construction industry added 20,000 jobs in March, up from an average 16,000 the previous three months. The numbers suggest that the government's jobs report for March, to be released Friday, will be healthy. Economists forecast the government numbers will show that employers added 195,000 jobs last month. That would be best one-month gain since November. The ADP numbers cover only private businesses and often diverge from the government's more comprehensive report. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Two-time Arkansas Governor, former Presidential candidate, author and current Fox News commentator Mike Huckabee is in Eugene this evening. He's the featured speaker at an event sponsored by a group known as the Healthy Communities Initiative and its political-action committee, the Community Action Network. Tickets sold for \$150.00, each. Organizers say the revenues from the dinner will support local non-partisan candidates. / CRIME: A man who spent 27 years in prison for a Lane County murder is facing aggravated murder charges in a new trial in Eugene that could put him on death row. The Register-Guard reports jury selection began yesterday for 58-year-old David Ray Taylor. He is accused of killing 22-year-old Celestino "Tino" Gutierrez of Eugene in August of 2012 and then using his car in a bank robbery. The Register-Guard reports that a second defendant, A.J. Scott Nelson, is awaiting trial, and a third, Mercedes Crabtree, pleaded guilty to murder and has agreed to testify against Nelson. Prosecutors say Crabtree posed as a woman in distress to lure Gutierrez from a bar to Taylor's house where he was killed. Taylor was convicted of killing a gas station attendant in 1977 and was released in 2004. / HEALTH, POLITICS: Cover Oregon's chief information officer, who worked to fix Oregon's botched health insurance exchange since May, has resigned. That makes Aaron Karjala (KAR'-juh-luh) the fourth Cover Oregon exchange official to leave. It comes two weeks after Governor John Kitzhaber members of the health insurance exchange's board that Karjala and Cover Oregon's chief operating officer, Triz delaRosa, needed to be replaced. / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, POLITICS: Legislation to renew a program of benefits for the long-term unemployed has taken another step toward likely Senate approval. That comes despite complaints from Republicans that Democrats are refusing to allow votes on possible changes. Wednesday's vote was 61-38, one more than the 60 needed for the bill to advance in the Senate. Another test is expected later in the week, to be followed by passage. The bill would renew benefits for the long-term unemployed, generally workers who have been off the job for more than 26 weeks. Supporters say 2.7 million workers have been affected since the program expired at the end of last year. Senate passage would clear the way for a tough battle in the House, where majority Republicans are generally opposed to renewing the program. ; Oregon

Senator Jeff Merkley is among those speaking on the floor of the U.S. Senate this morning about that proposed extension of emergency unemployment insurance. Merkley was one of a bipartisan group of five Democrats and five Republicans who put forward the legislation that is being debated today. If the legislation receives 60 votes this morning, as expected, passage could come a day later. But the bill faces a frosty reception from majority Republicans in the House. The legislation would restore the benefit program for five months, retroactive to when it expired Dec. 28. In general, it helps workers who have been off the job longer than 26 weeks. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS, ECONOMY: The U.S. Supreme Court took another step this morning toward giving wealthy political donors more freedom to influence federal elections. The justices ruled 5-4, in a decision written by Chief Justice John Roberts, that limits on the total amount of money donors can give to all candidates, committees and political parties are unconstitutional. The decision frees the nation's wealthiest donors to have greater influence in federal elections. The justices said that Americans have a right to give the legal maximum to candidates for Congress and president, as well as to parties and PACs, without worrying that they will violate the law when they bump up against a limit on all contributions. That limit is set at \$123,200 for 2013 and 2014. It includes a separate \$48,600 cap on contributions to candidates. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, nearly 650 donors contributed the maximum amount to candidates, PACs and parties in the last election cycle. Congress enacted the limits in the wake of Watergate-era abuses to discourage big contributors from trying to buy votes with their donations and to restore public confidence in the campaign finance system. But in a series of rulings in recent years, the Supreme Court's conservative majority has struck down provisions of federal law aimed at limiting the influence of big donors, considering those limits unconstitutional curbs on the rights of free speech. Opponents argued that without the overall limit, donors would be able to funnel large amounts of money to a favored candidate. Limits on individual contributions, currently \$2,600 per election to candidates for Congress, were not at issue in this case. / LOW-INCOME, ECONOMY: The number of Oregonians relying on welfare and food stamps rose slightly in January after long-term unemployment benefits ended in December. The increases illustrate the almost immediate impact local families felt after the federal unemployment benefits ran out, pushing families already living on the margins into welfare. Although not substantial, the January increases were some of the most sizable since Oregon began to see a slow and steady decline in the number of food stamps and welfare recipients. The Oregon Department of Human Services saw a similar spurt after extended unemployment benefits ran out in April 2012. / SAFETY: Authorities have lifted the evacuation order around a liquefied natural gas plant in eastern Washington near the Oregon border after an explosion there a day earlier. The latest assessment at the Williams Northwest Pipeline storage facility, across the Columbia River from Umatilla, Oregon, found the danger had diminished enough that an evacuation is no longer necessary. An explosion and fire in the processing plant on Monday injured five people and ruptured a huge LNG storage tank that is still leaking. But authorities say the gas is blowing away with the wind. Access to the plant remains restricted as investigators look into what caused the blast. Originally, about 400 residents in a 2-mile radius of the plant were evacuated, and the order had been reduced to a 1-mile radius earlier Tuesday. / HUMAN RIGHTS, ELECTIONS: Sponsors of a ballot measure to legalize gay marriage in Oregon have asked a federal judge to make a speedy ruling in a case that challenges the state's ban. The campaign said in a filing Tuesday it won't go ahead with its initiative if Judge Michael McShane overturns the ban quickly. Otherwise, the sponsors said, they would press ahead with the campaign — at great time and expense. McShane has scheduled oral arguments for April 23 on two consolidated lawsuits challenging the prohibition. Also Tuesday, a coalition of 36 Oregon employers — including

Nike and Intel — filed a "friend of the court" legal brief in support of overturning the ban. The employers say Oregon's marriage exclusion makes it more difficult to recruit talent. / CRIME: A 31-year-old Australian man accused of luring an Oregon teenager into a sexual relationship has pleaded guilty in federal court and is to be deported. Police said Rowan Thomson-Sapstead was living in Canada when he struck up an online relationship with a 17-year-old Sweet Home girl. Police said he came to the Linn County town in December and was arrested the next month when they got a report an underage girl was staying with an older man at a motel. The Register-Guard reports he pleaded guilty Monday to using a computer to transmit obscene communications to a minor. State-level charges were dropped as part of a plea bargain. Prosecutor Amy Potter said the victim and her family agreed to a jail sentence consisting of the time he's already served. / ECONOMY (AGRICULTURE): Oregon's congressional delegation says federal liquor regulations threaten to undermine a new state law allowing the sale of wine in re-useable containers known as growlers. All seven members of the delegation sent a letter Tuesday to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. They ask the agency to reconsider its ruling that retailers filling growlers must comply with the rules that apply to wine bottlers. They say the requirements for labels, licenses and record-keeping would be burdensome and limit sales of Oregon wines. Beer is routinely sold in growlers. The state Legislature voted last year to allow similar sales for wine, but federal laws treat beer and wine differently. TTB spokesman Tom Hogue says the agency shares the delegation's concerns and is looking at options for addressing them. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: U.S. officials say they've found no threat of a tsunami along the coasts of Alaska, California, Oregon or Washington after a major earthquake near Chile, with danger to Hawaii limited to potentially strong currents at beaches. Bill Knight, a scientist at the National Tsunami Warning Center, says early data show that by the time waves generated by Tuesday night's magnitude-8.2 quake reach the West Coast, they'll be too small to pose any threat. Director Chip McCreery of the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center says officials don't expect a major tsunami threat to Hawaii. But the center issued an advisory saying swimmers, boaters and others at beaches might see strong currents and sea level changes. Chilean authorities ordered an evacuation of coastal areas there in case of a tsunami. /

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<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ELECTIONS, POLITICS, ECONOMY: Republicans are calling the Supreme Court's latest ruling on campaign donations a victory for free speech. Democrats say it's more like a win for the wealthy. Either way, it's likely to benefit the two major political parties and their candidates for Congress. They are now able to seek donations from deep-pocketed contributors who can give more without running afoul of the law. The court, on a 5-4 vote, struck down a federal limit on the amount donors may give to candidates, party committees and political action committees combined. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell says the court's ruling makes it clear that it is the "right of the individual, and not the prerogative of Congress, to determine how many candidates and parties to support." Yet two Senate Democrats told a news conference the ruling was another in a string of decisions by a conservative court majority that strengthens the ability of wealthy donors to have an impact on politics. Senator Chuck Schumer said it provides an advantage to wealthy people over everybody else. The ruling from the court's conservative majority was a fresh declaration that many limits on big-money contributions violate the givers' free-speech rights. The biggest of those rulings was the 2010 decision in the Citizens United case that lifted restrictions on independent spending by corporations and labor unions. Specifically, Wednesday's decision voided the overall federal limit on individuals' contributions - \$123,200 in 2013 and 2014, broken down as \$48,600 to all candidates combined and \$74,600 to all party committees and political action committees in total. Limitations on the amounts a donor may give an individual candidate or committee remain in effect. The ruling does not affect a parallel system in which individuals donate unlimited amounts, sometimes undisclosed, to certain outside groups. Biersack said the same small group of 646 donors gave a total of about \$93.4 million in the last campaign. Their largesse will still be avidly sought, as Republican presidential hopefuls recently demonstrated by traveling to Las Vegas to meet with casino magnate and conservative donor Sheldon Adelson. / ECONOMY: The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits is still near the levels from before the recession, even after an increase of 16,000 last week. It's a number that suggests stable hiring. The Labor Department says the four-week average, which doesn't change as dramatically, inched up slightly. The department tomorrow releases its March employment report. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Grim news for the family and friends of a Eugene native who was among those confirmed missing in the Washington state mudslide: The medical examiner has identified the remains of Tom Durnell. The 65-year-old was among the 29 people confirmed killed in the March 22nd slide. His wife, Debbie, was at work and survived. / EDUCATION, FAMILIES: The number of Oregon students in special education increased by less than 1 percent from a year ago. State figures released Wednesday show 86,015 students in special education programs. They constitute 13.3 percent of the overall student</p>

population, a rate unchanged in recent years. The growth in the number of children in special education because they were diagnosed with autism has slowed. After years of annual increases of 3 percent or more, the number rose by only 1.5 percent. The federal government requires that all children with disabilities receive a free public education and special services to meet their needs. A child is eligible if parents and professionals determine the child has a disability. Students with special needs cost more to educate than those without. / MINORITIES, COMMUNITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Oregon's Supreme Court has upheld the title and summary for a referendum to restore driving privileges for people who can't prove they're legally in the United States. The court last week certified the ballot title written by Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum. The referendum remains titled: Provides Oregon resident "driver card" without requiring proof of legal presence in the United States. Ballot titles are regarded as crucial information for swing voters or those who haven't done homework on an issue. Lawmakers last year granted driving privileges, with some restrictions, to people who can't prove their legal presence. Critics collected signatures to refer the measure to voters in November. Supporters of driver cards wanted a ballot title that refers to improving public safety rather than to legal presence. / SAFETY: Authorities said Wednesday the explosion that hit a liquefied natural gas storage facility in Eastern Washington earlier this week threw 250-pound pieces of steel up to 300 yards through the air. Benton County, Washington, sheriff's Deputy Joe Lusignan said Wednesday that it was "a little bit of a miracle" that no one was killed. The Monday blast inside a processing plant at the Williams Northwest Pipeline LNG storage facility outside Plymouth, Wash., injured five people, and left a big gash in the side of an LNG storage tank. Meanwhile, Williams spokeswoman Michele (mih-KAY-lee) Swaner (SWAHN-er) says inspectors from state and federal regulatory agencies won't be able to go into the processing plant to learn more about what happened until a structural engineer makes sure the building is safe. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A federal auditing agency has upheld a challenge to a U.S. Forest Service contract for two next-generation air tankers to fight wildfires. But what that means for the federal air tanker fleet this summer is not yet clear. Competing air tanker companies objected to a sole-source contract the Forest Service awarded to Neptune Aviation Services in Montana. It would be worth \$496 million over nine years. The Government Accountability Office said Wednesday the Forest Service should either bolster its justification for considering just one company or redo the bidding. Forest Service spokeswoman Jennifer Jones says the agency is evaluating that choice. She says the agency still has 10 large air tankers ready for fire season, including two of the next-generation type that fly faster with bigger payloads of fire retardant. / SAFETY: A Lane County sheriff's spokesman says a man found dead from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound earlier this week was a former Eugene police union president. The Register-Guard reports he is identified as 44-year-old Erik Humphrey. Police Chief Pete Kerns said Humphrey worked 20 years as a community service officer in Eugene. The chief called him a "kind, gentle and conscientious man." His body was found near a church on Fox Meadow Road, on the northeastern edge of Eugene. Lane County sheriff's officials are investigating the death. / EDUCATION, POLITICS: Oregon State University has paid \$1,000 plus \$100,000 in legal fees to a former student to settle a lawsuit over the confiscation of distribution boxes for a conservative-leaning student newspaper. The Oregonian reports the university did not acknowledge wrongdoing but agreed to the payout to William Rogers to end the lawsuit, which was dismissed Wednesday. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had revived the lawsuit after a U.S. District Court judge dismissed it. Supporters of the newspaper called The Liberty sued in 2009, alleging the university president and other school officials granted the official campus newspaper numerous bins while restricting The Liberty's distribution. Lower-ranking campus officials said they removed The

Liberty's boxes to beautify the campus. Top school officials said they had not ordered the destruction. The university has since changed its policies to allow approved student groups that publish newspapers to distribute them on campus. Rogers was the paper's executive editor at the time. The Oregonian says The Liberty ceased operations at Oregon State after 2009. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Officials say there is no threat of tsunami to U.S. coastal states in the Pacific from a magnitude-7.8 aftershock that struck off Chile. The Pacific and national tsunami warning centers said Wednesday there was no threat to Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. The aftershock rocked Chile's northern coast, which was hit by a magnitude-8.2 earthquake Tuesday night. The temblor caused buildings to shake in the port of Iquique (ee-KEEK'-kway) which saw some damage from the big quake on Tuesday. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Will he run or won't he? Former Arkansas governor and presidential candidate Mike Huckabee spoke at a political fundraising dinner last night in Eugene. The Register-Guard reports Huckabee told the gathering he is seriously considering a run for the GOP nomination in 2016 but won't make that decision until after this year's mid-term elections. / CRIME: The top federal public defender in Oregon for 31 years, Steven Wax, announced Wednesday he'll step down at the end of September to start his own practice and serve as legal director for the newly founded Oregon Innocence Project. The 65-year-old Wax has been Oregon's top federal defender since the office was established in 1983, and he is among the longest-serving federal defenders in the nation. His replacement will be named by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The Oregonian reports Wax defended Beaverton lawyer Brandon Mayfield who was wrongly accused in the 2004 Madrid train bombing, and Wax helped secure the release of six Guantanamo Bay detainees. He wrote about the experiences in his 2008 book, "Kafka Comes to America: Fighting for Justice in the War on Terror." / MILITARY, CRIME: At least three military personnel remain in critical condition after a gunman at Fort Hood killed three people and wounded 16 others before committing suicide. A spokesman for Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple says three patients are critical and six are serious. Deke Jones says eight males and one female were admitted following yesterday's gunfire. Fort Hood officials did not immediately provide details on the other seven people who were shot or otherwise hurt during the rampage blamed on an Iraq War veteran being treated for mental illness. Fort Hood chaplains have set up family counseling centers. The Red Cross opened a shelter at the Killeen Community Center in the hours after the attack but nobody spent the night and the shelter has now closed. ; Investigators will be talking to witnesses to yesterday's shooting at Fort Hood in Texas, trying to find out what the gunman did and said as he killed three people and wounded 16 others before taking his own life. Authorities say the gunman was an Iraq War veteran who was being treated for mental illness. They say he had arrived at Fort Hood earlier this year from another base in Texas. / ECONOMY: It's a lottery -- and the jackpot will be green. Washington state is holding lotteries this month to issue legal marijuana retail licenses. The state is limiting the number of pot shop permits and there have been more applicants than licenses. So, a random drawing will determine who gets to open pot stores in the most popular cities and counties. But the pot lottery winners still must clear the licensing requirements of the Liquor Control Board, which will supervise legal marijuana sales in the state. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p><b>ECONOMY:</b> U.S. employers added jobs at a solid pace in March in the latest sign that the economy is rebounding from a weak stretch brought on by a harsh winter. The Labor Department says employers added 192,000 jobs, slightly below February's total of 197,000. Employers also added a combined 37,000 more jobs in February and January than previously estimated. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.7 percent. But a half-million Americans started looking for work last month, and most of them found jobs. The increase in job-seekers is a sign that they are more optimistic about their prospects. March's job gain nearly matches last year's average monthly total, suggesting that the job market has mostly recovered from the previous months' severe winter weather. / <b>VETERANS, EDUCATION:</b> Officials from universities nationwide are getting set for a wave of military veterans going back to college after wars abroad and defense budget cuts. A three-day conference titled "Success for Student Veterans" begins Friday at the University of South Carolina to discuss ways academia can help the new vets with the transition. Tens of thousands of new veterans are expected to return to college or the workforce in the next several years as the military downsizes after wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and as the Pentagon budget is pared back. The director of Veteran Services at the University of South Florida, Lawrence Braue ('brow'), is one of several participating experts and is exhorting universities to help veterans make the leap from the military to life on a college campus. / <b>ECONOMY, CRIME, HEALTH:</b> Authorities say the black market for marijuana is alive and well in Colorado, despite it being the first state to legalize recreational sales of the drug. Recent drug busts and violence have raised concerns among police, prosecutors and pot advocates. They also worry that because possession of up to an ounce is legal in Colorado, illegal dealers and sellers believe they are less vulnerable to prosecution. Among the concerning cases is the January killing of 25-year-old Nathan Tallman. Police say he disappeared after going to meet a man for a "marijuana transaction." Authorities found him dead of a gunshot wound more than a month later along a rural Wyoming highway. Advocates say legalization needs more time to unfold before black market sales will dissipate. / <b>ECONOMY, POLITICS:</b> Industry groups and more than a dozen GOP senators are urging the Obama administration to reconsider its plan to assert regulatory authority over many of the nation's streams and wetlands. They say the proposed rule hurts economic activity and oversteps legal bounds. The senators are faulting the Environmental Protection Agency for announcing a proposed rule before the government's peer-reviewed scientific assessment was complete. In a letter to EPA chief Gina McCarthy, they are calling on the government to withdraw the proposed regulation or give the public more time to review the plan. The senators' move puts them among several groups — from farmers to Western governors worried about drought management — in expressing concern about a long-running environmental issue. The letter was led by Pennsylvania Sen. Patrick</p>

Toomey. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Geologists are warning of the possibility of more rock slides in Utah like one in December that killed a middle-aged couple, flattening their cliff-side home near Zion National Park. The Utah Geological Survey released its report Thursday, saying a massive sandstone slab near the one dislodged by rain and snow in December now threatens to crash and shatter onto the slope below. Officials say boulders could then crush a string of homes in Rockville, about 250 miles south of Salt Lake City. The report said the force of the rockslide would feel like an explosion. The report warns residents to pack up and move or understand that they could die if they choose to stay. The warning comes less than 2 weeks after at least 30 people were killed by a mudslide in Washington state. / HEALTH, CRIME: A newly-approved device would allow family or friends of someone who has overdosed on heroin or the powerful painkillers called opioids to take the first step to save their loved one while waiting for emergency crews to arrive. The Food and Drug Administration yesterday approved an easy-to-use device that automatically injects the right dose of an overdose antidote named naloxone before an ambulance arrives. Doctors could prescribe it for family members or caregivers to keep on hand, in a pocket or a medicine cabinet. Opioids include legal prescription painkillers, such as OxyContin and Vicodin, as well as illegal street drugs like heroin. Called Evzio, the device contains naloxone, a long-used antidote for overdoses that is usually administered by syringe in ambulances or emergency rooms. With the nationwide rise in drug overdose deaths climbing above 16,000 people each year, there has been a growing push to equip more people with the protection. The FDA said Evzio's design makes it easy for anyone to administer. Once Evzio is turned on, it provides verbal instructions, much like defibrillators that laymen frequently use to help people who collapse with cardiac arrest. It is about the size of a credit card or small cellphone. The cost for the device has not been set. FDA officials say the antidote is not a substitute for immediate medical care. Drug overdose deaths are now the leading cause of injury death in the United States, surpassing motor vehicle crashes. The increase in overdose deaths has largely been driven by prescription drug overdoses. Many law enforcement agencies have begun stocking the emergency device for police, who often arrive ahead of paramedics. But some have questioned the approach, saying knowledge that police and others have the device might give drug abusers a false sense of security and minimize the perceived risk of overdose. / ECONOMY: A locally-produced independent film starring the late actress Brittany Murphy opens locally tonight. "Something Wicked" is rated R and debuts in the Regal Cinemas in Eugene, Oregon (Valley River Center Stadium 15) with plans for a gradual regional and national rollout. The film was largely produced in the southern Willamette Valley using 29 locations throughout Lane, Linton and Benton counties. Some of the locations featured prominently in the film include: the University of Oregon campus, Sahalie Falls, McKenzie River, Fall Creek and The Hull Oaks Sawmill. / ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY: The wheels start rolling today at the new at WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza. Over the last several months rails, runs, bowls and decks have taken shape at the WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza in Washington Jefferson Park. At long last, this Friday at 3 pm, the gates to this 23,000 square-foot beauty will open. To celebrate, the community is invited to join Mark Scott and the rest of the Dreamland crew for an inaugural skate on opening day from 3-5pm. The free to skate park will be open daily from 6am to 11pm and with the benefit of I-105 bridge cover, will allow for active recreation rain or shine. Work on some of the other park renovations by local contractor, 2G Construction, will continue for the next few weeks and fencing will remain in place in critical areas throughout the park. Additional improvements breathing new vitality into this urban space include accessible pathways, new restrooms, bike racks, benches, drinking fountains, energy-efficient lighting, landscaping, and areas to accommodate food carts and special events. WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza is no



ordinary skatepark. It is the collective vision of thousands of local youth for more than a decade. It was designed and built by Dreamland Skateparks, with both beginners and expert skaters in mind. The iconic ribbon, the mini-snake run and the blend of varied skate terrain will ensure this skatepark is a destination for enthusiasts from around the country and will join the ranks of Eugene's many world-class sporting venues. The grand opening celebration will be held on National Go Skate Day, Saturday, June 21. A full day of activities including skateboarding lessons, demos, live music and more are being planned. /

**ECONOMY, GROWTH:** The University of Oregon Regional Economic Indexes for January of 2014 finds that most regions in Oregon began the year on a strong note with measures of activity indicating above average paces of growth. Highlights of the release include: Low levels of initial jobless claims in the Portland and Eugene-Springfield areas made substantial positive contributions to those measures. Low levels of claims tend to be an indicator of strong job growth. Residential building permits continue to have a neutral to positive impact across most regions. Similarly, improving economic activity is also evident in the neutral to positive contributions from the manufacturing and construction employment components. The civilian labor force component made a positive contribution across all areas, perhaps suggesting that the post-recession decline in the labor force is drawing to a close and marking the beginning of an accelerated pace of activity going forward. Unemployment rates have declined to the point that their contribution is generally neutral to positive across most regions. Still, unemployment remains somewhat elevated in the Rogue Valley area. Measures of activity have improved for most regions since January of last year. /

**HEALTH, SAFETY, FAMILIES:** A new CDC study finds a dramatic increase in e-cigarette-related calls to poison centers. Officials say the rapid rise highlights the need to monitor nicotine exposure through e-cigarette liquid and prevent future poisonings. The number of calls to poison centers involving e-cigarette liquids containing nicotine rose from one per month in September 2010 to 215 per month in February 2014, according to a CDC study published in today's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The number of calls per month involving conventional cigarettes did not show a similar increase during the same time period. More than half (51.1 percent) of the calls to poison centers due to e-cigarettes involved young children 5 years and under, and about 42 percent of the poison calls involved people age 20 and older. The analysis compared total monthly poison center calls involving e-cigarettes and conventional cigarettes, and found the proportion of e-cigarette calls jumped from 0.3 percent in September 2010 to 41.7 percent in February 2014. Poisoning from conventional cigarettes is generally due to young children eating them. Poisoning related to e-cigarettes involves the liquid containing nicotine used in the devices and can occur in three ways: by ingestion, inhalation or absorption through the skin or eyes. "This report raises another red flag about e-cigarettes – the liquid nicotine used in e-cigarettes can be hazardous," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Use of these products is skyrocketing and these poisonings will continue. E-cigarette liquids as currently sold are a threat to small children because they are not required to be childproof, and they come in candy and fruit flavors that are appealing to children." /

**ECONOMY:** Small businesses have gotten a surge of optimism, one that may lead to more hiring in the coming months. That's the finding of a survey of 1,100 small and medium-size business owners and executives released Wednesday by PNC Financial Services Group Inc. The survey taken in January and February finds that 37 percent of owners are optimistic about their companies' prospects for the next six months, up sharply from 22 percent in a survey last fall. That has fueled companies' hiring plans. Twenty-two percent plan to hire full-time workers, compared to 16 percent in the fall. And their workers will likely get a raise. Nearly a third of the owners and executives surveyed plan to boost employees' pay, up from 22 percent who planned raises in the fall. /

**HEALTH, POLITICS:**

Officials with Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange says more than 200,000 people have now signed up for health coverage through Cover Oregon. Numbers released Thursday show that just shy of 59,000 people have signed up for coverage from a private insurance company. The rest enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan, the state's version of Medicaid, a publicly funded health plan for people with low income. Oregon is the only state where the general public still can't enroll online in health coverage in one sitting. The state is using a hybrid enrollment process that allows people to perform some functions online but still requires Cover Oregon staff to process part of the application. Another 131,000 people have signed up for the Oregon Health Plan through a separate process that bypasses Cover Oregon. ; House Republicans are launching a new attack on the president's health care law, just days after the law beat expectations by signing up more than 7 million Americans. The House GOP scheduled a vote Thursday to change the law's definition of full-time work from 30 hours a week to 40 hours a week. The result would be that fewer workers would get employer-sponsored health coverage. Republicans say the change would give relief to businesses that have to cover full-time workers or pay a fine. They seized on a recent report saying the law will lead workers to cut their hours or leave the workforce. The vote offers an early test of whether the law's sign-up success will strengthen Democratic unity. / **POLITICS, HEALTH, CRIME:** A congressional committee is looking into whether Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange had done enough to protect applicants' personal information before trying to launch the Cover Oregon portal in October. In a letter to Gov. John Kitzhaber, the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform outlined data security concerns at state-built exchanges which connected to the federal data hub before full review and security approval. Oregon and five other states were questioned by the committee on Thursday. According to The Oregonian, Cover Oregon says it still has not received final federal approval of its data safeguards. The exchange received preliminary approvals in September. A September security assessment shows part of the exchange's required security testing remained unfinished. Cover Oregon says the site has had no electronic security breaches. / **ENVIRONMENT:** A half ton of stinking mink carcasses spilled into the boat basin at the Port of Brookings Harbor on the Southern Oregon Coast. Port manager Ted Fitzgerald said Thursday they got it all cleaned up, but the smell was so bad it was tough to get near the port for a while. Fitzgerald says crab fishermen have their own secret ingredients for bait, and mink carcasses are one of them. He says one fisherman was taking his leftovers out to sea to dump on Wednesday when some of the load spilled in the boat basin, and the port had to clean it up. State police spokesman Lt. Gregg Hastings says they are investigating whether any laws were broken. / **MILITARY, VETERANS:** Big pieces are dropping into place for the Oregon World War II memorial on the state Capitol grounds in Salem. With donated help from a massive crane Thursday, workers set the centerpiece, a 33-foot tall, five-sided pillar weighing in at nearly 15 tons of solid granite. Walls listing the names of more than 3,700 Oregonians killed in the war were already in place. Construction began in early February 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. State lawmakers in 2011 approved \$250,000 in state funding toward the project's \$1.2 million cost. Funding for much of the rest has also been raised. /

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**MILITARY, CRIME:** This afternoon, President Barack Obama travels to Fort Hood, Texas, today to offer his condolences after last week's shooting. A soldier opened fire on fellow soldiers, killing three people and wounding 16 others before killing himself. It will be Obama's second visit to Fort Hood to mourn a tragedy. In 2009, an Army psychiatrist opened fire on fellow soldiers, killing 13 people and wounding dozens. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Toyota is recalling nearly 6.4 million vehicles for various problems. No injuries or crashes tied to those problems have been reported. But there were two instances of fires linked to a defective engine starter. The recall covers some 30 Toyota models produced from April 2004 through August 2013. And also under recall are the Pontiac Vibe and Subaru Trezia, which were produced at the plant where the recalled Toyota vehicles were made. / **HEALTH, MEDICINE:** Three years ago, doctors reported that zapping a paralyzed man's spinal cord with electricity allowed him to stand and move his legs. Now they've done the same with three other patients, suggesting their original success was no fluke. Experts say it's a promising development but warn that the experimental treatment isn't a cure. When the implanted device is activated, the men can wiggle their toes, lift their legs and stand briefly. But they aren't able to walk and still use wheelchairs to get around. "There is no miracle cure on the way," said Peter Ellaway, an emeritus professor of physiology at Imperial College London, who had no role in the study. "But this could certainly give paralyzed people more independence and it could still be a life-changer for them." In a new study published Tuesday in the British journal Brain, researchers gave an update on Rob Summers, of Portland, Oregon, the first to try the treatment, and described successful results for all three of the other men who have tried it. All had been paralyzed from below the neck or chest for at least two years from a spinal cord injury. The study's lead author, Claudia Angeli of the Kentucky Spinal Cord Research Center at the University of Louisville, said she believes the device's zapping of the spinal cord helps it to receive simple commands from the brain, through circuitry that some doctors had assumed was beyond repair after severe paralysis. Dustin Shillcox, 29, of Green River, Wyoming, was seriously injured in a car crash in 2010. Last year, he had the electrical device surgically implanted in his lower back in Kentucky. Five days later, he wiggled his toes and moved one of his feet for the first time. "It was very exciting and emotional," said Shillcox. "It brought me a lot of hope." Shillcox now practices moving his legs for about an hour a day at home in addition to therapy sessions in the lab, sometimes wearing a Superman T-shirt for inspiration. He said it has given him more confidence and he feels more comfortable going out. The National Institutes of Health is investing in more advanced stimulators that would better target the spinal cord as well as devices that might work on people who are paralyzed in their upper limbs. / **ECONOMY:** A virus is killing millions of baby pigs at livestock operations across the United

States. Scientists say they still don't know much about how it spreads or how to stop it. But industry officials say it's clear the virus is threatening pork production and pushing up prices by 10 percent or more. Scientists think porcine epidemic diarrhea, which does not infect humans or other animals, came from China, but they don't know how it got into the country or spread to 27 states since last May. The federal government is looking into how such viruses might spread, while the pork industry, wary of future outbreaks, has committed \$1.7 million to research the disease. The U.S. is both a top producer and exporter of pork, but production could decline about 7 percent this year compared to last - the biggest drop in more than 30 years, according to a recent report from Rabobank, which focuses on the food, beverage and agribusiness industries. Already, prices have shot up: A pound of bacon averaged \$5.46 in February, 13 percent more than a year ago, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Ham and chops have gone up too, although not as much. Estimates of how many pigs have died in the past year vary, ranging from at least 2.7 million to more than 6 million. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says the die-off has had a hand in shrinking the nation's pig herd by 3 percent to about 63 million pigs. Diarrhea affects pigs like people: Symptoms that are uncomfortable in adults become life-threatening in newborns that dehydrate quickly. The best chance at saving young pigs is to wean them and then pump them with clear fluids that hydrate them without taxing their intestines. But nothing could be done for the youngest ones except euthanasia. The first reports came from the Midwest, and the states most affected are those with the largest share of the nation's pigs: Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina and Illinois. The disease also has spread to Canada and Mexico. / FAMILIES, WOMEN'S ISSUES: The number of women staying home full-time with their children is growing, according to a new report from the Pew Research Center. And the report finds that the rising cost of child care is among the likely reasons for the increase. Other factors cited by Pew to explain the increase include more immigrant mothers, who tend to stay home with children in greater numbers than U.S.-born moms; more women unable to find work; and ambivalence about the impact of working mothers on young children. The share of mothers who do not work outside the home rose to 29 percent in 2012, the study found. That's up from 23 percent at the turn of the century, according to the report. At the height of the recession in 2008, Pew estimated 26 percent of mothers were home with children. The at-home moms include women who are married, single, disabled, enrolled in school or unable to find work. Pew cited a 2010 U.S. census report that singled out the expense of child care as a factor. In inflation-adjusted dollars, the average weekly child care expense for families with working mothers who paid for child care rose more than 70 percent, from \$87 in 1985 to \$148 in 2011, according to government estimates. That represented 7.2 percent of the income for such families. The largest share of at-home mothers - roughly two-thirds of 10.4 million - had working husbands. A growing share - 6 percent in 2012, up from 1 percent in 2000 - said they could not find a job, according to Pew, which relied on U.S. Census and other government data. No matter what their marital status, mothers at home are younger and less educated than working counterparts, the report said. Most married moms said they were home specifically to care for the kids, while single mothers were more likely to say they couldn't find a job, were ill or disabled, or were in school. Among all at-home mothers in 2012, 51 percent had at least one child 5 or younger, compared with 41 percent of working mothers. The researchers said one of the most striking demographic differences between at-home mothers and working mothers is their economic well-being, with about 34 percent of at-home mothers living in poverty, compared with 12 percent of working mothers. / ECONOMY, SAFETY: Microsoft ended tech support for its popular Windows XP operating system last night. But an estimated 30 percent of computers being used by businesses and consumers around the world are still running the 12-year-old operating system. So the question becomes, what now?

Those who stick with XP—even though there will be no more software patches and security fixes—run the risk of becoming prime targets for hackers. Microsoft has released a handful of Windows operating systems since 2001, but XP's popularity and the durability of the computers it was installed on kept it around longer than expected. Analysts say that if a PC is more than five years old, chances are it's running XP. Microsoft officials say they will provide anti-malware-related updates through July 14, 2015, but warn that the tweaks might only be of limited assistance for the outdated operating system. While users may still run XP, experts say that without downloadable patches to fix bugs in the software, XP PCs will be prone to freezes up and crashes. In addition to home computers, XP is used to run everything from water treatment facilities and power plants to banks and small businesses like doctor's offices. Companies generally resist change because they don't like the expense and the learning curve. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY: The Seattle Times is reporting that President Obama will fly to Washington state on April 22 to see the aftermath of the Snohomish County mudslide, exactly one month after the natural disasters. The rain-soaked slope gave way March 22. Obama plans to meet with families, first responders and recovery workers. The Obama administration has already approved an initial allotment of disaster aid, but officials are working to determine how much additional federal help may be needed. The death toll from the mudslide stands at 35, with 11 others missing. Five dozen homes and other structures were destroyed. ; Meantime, The Seattle Times reports that geologists studying the slide are stunned at how far and how fast it ran out — one expert estimated the slide hit the town of Oso and the Stillaguamish River at 60 mph. But the scientists also hope that a detailed analysis will help prevent such tragedies in the future. / MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS: All of baseball celebrated last night with Hank Aaron as it was 40 years ago last evening that Aaron broke Babe Ruth's all-time home run record. He was honored last night before the Mets-Braves game in Atlanta. / MILITARY: An Oregon soldier killed in Afghanistan six months ago is being honored for valor. Specialist Cody J. Patterson of Philomath, Ore., and Sgt. Patrick Hawkins of Pennsylvania were posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with Valor Device. They were killed by a homemade bomb while going to aid eight Rangers on Oct. 5. / WOMEN'S ISSUES, POLITICS, ECONOMY: Hillary Clinton says empowering women isn't only moral and just but also an economic imperative. The former first lady, New York senator and secretary of state spoke last night in Portland as part of the World Affairs Council of Oregon's international speaker series featuring women changing the world. Clinton, a potential 2016 Democratic candidate for president, is on a three-state Western speaking tour. / CRIME: A homeless man police say is a former resident of the "Whoville" encampment faces charges of Racial Intimidation, Menacing, Disorderly Conduct and Carrying a Concealed Weapon after an incident yesterday evening at Island Park in Springfield. Investigators say 52-year-old William Harold Spivey is accused of approaching two brothers—one of whom is a juvenile—who were at the park attending a birthday party and threatening them with a knife. Witnesses say Spivey allegedly became enraged before the incident, accusing the two of throwing rocks at ducks in the park, then brandished the knife and yelled racial slurs. Officers found no evidence that the ducks were harassed or injured. Police would like to hear from you if you witnessed the incident or have any additional information about the case. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police say an injured 59-year-old Oakridge man has been rescued after spending a night in his crashed car after he ran off a remote Forest Service road and struck several trees. Police say Russell Hayes was conscious and lying outside his car when a motorist driving on the Forest Service road spotted him Monday afternoon and reported the accident. He was airlifted to a Springfield hospital with serious injuries. Police say he spent Sunday night and part of Monday in his car after the crash southeast of Oakridge. / CRIME, SAFETY: A Eugene man was found dead in a house that burned on

Monday night. The Register Guard reports details are still unclear after the fire, which was initially called in by a neighbor as a medical emergency. A woman living in the home asked the neighbor for help, and the neighbor called 911. Eugene police believe the fire was accidental. It caused extensive damage throughout the home. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Federal safety investigators are fining General Motors \$7,000 per day for failing to respond to more than one-third of their requests for information about a faulty ignition switch by an April 3 deadline. The defective switch has been linked to 13 deaths and finally prompted the recall of 2.6 million small cars. In a letter sent yesterday to GM's top lawyer, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it's imposing the maximum allowable fine for the delay. That adds up to \$28,000 so far, and the fines will continue to accrue until GM responds. According to the letter, GM was granted extra time to answer "technical engineering questions" posed by the agency. But NHTSA (NIHT'-suh) contends many of the questions GM failed to answer are not engineering ones, and should have been answered by the deadline. / SAFETY, ECONOMY: Passwords and other sensitive data are at risk after security researchers discovered a problem with encryption technology used to securely transmit email, e-commerce transactions, social networking posts and other Web traffic. The problem was found in OpenSSL, a technology that is the basis for encrypting Web traffic. Researchers say that OpenSSL is used by two of the most widely used Web server software, Apache and nginx. That means many websites potentially have this security flaw. Researchers say the technology is also used to secure email, chats and virtual private networks, which are used by employees to connect securely with corporate networks. The flaw was discovered independently by researchers at Google and the Finnish security firm Codenomicon. A fix is available, but websites and service providers must install the update. /

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**TERRORISM:** The New York Times is reporting that the Russian government withheld from the F.B.I. significant information that it had about one of the Boston marathon bombing suspects two years before the attack. That's according to an inspector general's review of how federal agencies could have thwarted the bombing. After an initial investigation by F.B.I. agents in Boston, officials told a New York Times reporter that the Russians rebuffed several requests for additional information that they had about Tamerlan Tsarnaev. The new inspector general's report found that it was only after the bombing occurred last April that the Russians shared with the F.B.I. the additional intelligence. It included information from a telephone conversation the Russian authorities had intercepted between Tsarnaev and his mother in which they discussed Islamic jihad. / **ECONOMY:** The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits dropped to the lowest level in almost seven years. The Labor Department says that means that fewer Americans sought benefits last week than at any point since the Great Recession began at the end of 2007. Applications are at their lowest level since May of that year. Analysts say the decrease suggests that employers expect stronger economic growth in the coming months and are holding onto their workers. Hiring has picked up after a slowdown caused by harsh winter weather. Labor Department officials reported last week that employers added 192,000 jobs in March and revised February's jobs increase to 197,000. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** General Motors has put two engineers on paid leave as an outside attorney investigates why the company took more than a decade to recall millions of small cars for an ignition switch problem. The company says in a statement today that the action was taken after a briefing from a former U.S. Attorney who's been hired to figure out why GM was so slow to recall the cars. The engineers were not identified in the statement. GM says at least 13 people have been killed in crashes linked to the ignition switch problem. The company is recalling 2.6 million cars to replace the switches. / **CRIME, EDUCATION:** A Creswell Middle School student says he had a scary run-in with a stranger yesterday and investigators from the Lane County sheriff's Office say they'd like to hear from you if you have any leads in the case. The youth says it happened at 2:30, when he left school early via the back gate at 7th and Barber Streets in Creswell. The boy told his mother that a man was standing near a vehicle parked on the other side of the intersection and that the man told the youth to get in because his mother had told him to pick him up. The boy said he did not know the man, so he ran home and told his mother, who called the sheriff's office. The youth said the stranger never approached him nor make any attempt to detain him. A search of the area found nothing. The suspect is described as a white man in his mid-30s, wearing wearing a baseball cap and a red jacket. His vehicle is described as a 4 door SUV, possibly a Chevy Tahoe or Ford Explorer, grey in color with a green paint tint. If anyone has information regarding the suspect, the suspect vehicle, or

observes suspicious behavior similar to this incident, please contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office, 541-682-4150. If an active abduction or act against a child is in progress, please call 911. / **ECONOMY:** Family Dollar says it will be cutting jobs and closing about 370 underperforming stores as it looks for ways to improve its financial performance. It says it will also cut prices on about 1,000 basic items. The announcement came as Family Dollar reported its profit and revenue declined in the second quarter as it dealt with bad winter weather. The discounter said the store closings and job cuts should lower annual operating expenses by \$40 million to \$45 million, starting with the fiscal third quarter. Family Dollar Stores Inc. currently has more than 8,100 stores in 46 states. / **TRANSPORTATION:** A Jackson County judge says flashing your headlights to warn other drivers about nearby law enforcement is protected as free speech under the Oregon Constitution. Jackson County Justice Court Judge Joe Charter ruled March 26 that a driver on Highway 140 didn't break any law last September when he used his high-beams to warn other driver about a sheriff's deputy in the car behind. The Mail Tribune reports that Christopher Hill, of Klamath Falls was driving a commercial truck near White City while a Jackson County sheriff's deputy drove behind him. Another deputy spotted Hill flashing his high-beams and radioed the deputy behind Hill, who pulled him over. Hill was cited for unlawfully using his headlights but contested the ticket, saying free speech protected his actions. / **ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT:** The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission has approved a land trade that would allow development of a golf course and give the state 111 acres of oceanfront property near Bandon. Under the deal approved at Wednesday's meeting in Bend, 280 acres of the Bandon State Natural Area in Coos County will be traded to Bandon Biota for the future golf course. The state park system gains the adjacent oceanfront property and about 100 acres of wetland on the Coquille Spit. The state also gets \$2.5 million to purchase new park property plus \$750,000 for weed control and helping buy 11 acres on Whale Cove on the coast in Lincoln County. The proposal now moves to the federal Bureau of Land Management. / **SAFETY, CRIME:** Is it time to change all of your Internet passwords? Security experts say it can't hurt and might help. It comes as officials work to determine whether hackers exploited a software flaw in some key website security code that apparently went undetected for two years. The flaw was revealed earlier this month, sending financial companies, online shopping sites and other scrambling to patch the hole. But what's unknown is whether hackers had been quietly taking advantage of the so-called "Heartbleed" exploit to harvest personal information, including passwords, credit card and financial account numbers and more. Some experts suspect not—they say if there'd been widespread thefts of personal information, we'd have learned about some widespread crime by now. But at the same time they know some sites are slow to patch the security flaw, so they say it's not a bad idea to change your passwords as precaution—and that changing them every now and then is just a good Internet habit. / **MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS:** A House chairman says supporters are making headway in an effort to give young immigrants brought to the country illegally a path to resident status through the military. The idea is to make the immigration bill part of the annual defense bill. The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee is Republican Howard "Buck" McKeon of California. McKeon says the bill's sponsor is rounding up votes to add it to the defense bill. McKeon says there are some procedural hurdles, but the leadership has promised to help. That's after McKeon said last week he wouldn't add the immigration measure when his committee votes on the defense bill in May. / **HEALTH:** Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius says 7.5 million Americans have now signed up for health coverage under President Barack Obama's health care law. That's a 400,000 increase from the 7.1 million that Obama announced last week at the end of the law's open enrollment period. The figure exceeded expectations, a surprise election-year success for the law



after a disastrous roll-out. Sebelius disclosed the new figure during a hearing Thursday before the Senate Finance Committee. / **CRIME:** A 35-year-old Eugene man is facing charges including Reckless Driving, DUII, Driving While Suspended and Hit-and-Run after an incident late Tuesday night that started in West Eugene and ended near the city of Coburg. It started when a bus driver called in a report of a reckless driver on the Beltline Highway near Roosevelt Boulevard. Witnesses say the vehicle, a 1988 Chevy Monte Carlo with specialty plates, crashed in the area but then continued north and east on the Beltline until exiting northbound at Coburg Road. A number of callers reported the car was at times traveling at speeds of close to 100 miles-per-hour. An officer near Coburg Road and Chad Drive spotted the car and a Eugene Police sergeant located the suspect, identified as 35-year-old Joseph Abram Perrott, as he was crawling out of the vehicle. That sergeant said Perrott ignored some of his commands during the arrest, at one point trying to approach the sergeant and later removing a fixed dagger from a sheath and holding it in his hand. Perrott was taken into custody after additional officers arrived. Police say a long rifle in located in the vehicle was taken for safekeeping. / **ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION:** Portland Public Schools administrators are tired of dog owners letting their pets run loose on school grounds in the evening and not picking up after them. Spokeswoman Christine Miles says Multnomah County Animal Service will conduct leash-law stings at three schools in May and ticket violators. KGW reports the schools being used as dog parks are Beach School, da Vinci Arts Middle School and Duniway Elementary. School administrators say it's not only unpleasant when students step in dog droppings, it's unhealthy. / **POLITICS, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME:** A House vote is expected today on an election-year budget Republicans say promises to balance the government's books through wide-ranging cuts in programs like food stamps and government-paid health care. The plan by Republican Rep. Paul Ryan is a nonbinding framework aimed more at engaging GOP voters than rival Democrats. Some of the cuts would be difficult to pass even if Republicans controlled both the House and Senate. / **ECONOMY:** Struggling to figure out your federal tax return? You might be in the minority. The majority of Americans who answered an Associated Press-GfK poll think completing a federal tax return is easy. Only 7 percent of those surveyed say they would be willing to pay more in federal taxes if the process of filling out a tax return were easier. Some 90 percent say "no, thanks." Small business owner Sara Thornton of East Granby, Conn. says, "If you've got the equivalent of a high school degree and you know how to do math, it's very simple." / **ENVIRONMENT, CRIME:** The Fish & Wildlife Division of the Oregon State Police is investigating the shooting death of a deer near Roseburg. Police say the suspect drove to area less than two miles from the Melrose Store on the night of March 28. The gunman then shot a fawn and left it in a ditch along the side of Melqua Road. The Oregon Hunters Association Turn-in-Poachers Reward Program has offered \$500 for information leading to a conviction. / **HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME:** A homeless rest stop will not open in the Science Factory parking lot in Eugene. The Register-Guard reports the Eugene City Council has voted to take the rest stop near the Leo Harris Parkway and Autzen off the list of future sites. The newspaper reports that council member George Brown plans to put forth a motion to open a "rest stop" near the BMX track near Autzen Stadium. /

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FAMILIES, RELIGION, CRIME: Pope Francis is asking for forgiveness from people who were sexually abused by priests. Francis was speaking today to members of the International Catholic Child Bureau, a French Catholic network of organizations that aim to protect children's rights. Francis says he feels "called to take it upon" himself to ask forgiveness for the evil that some priests have committed against children. The pope also says the church doesn't want to "take a step back in dealing with this problem and the sanctions that must be imposed." / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: U.S. safety regulators have decided against seeking a recall of Ford F-150 pickup trucks after investigating complaints about EcoBoost engines losing power. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it closed a probe started in May. It covered nearly 360,000 trucks with 3.5-liter twin-turbocharged engines from the 2011 through 2013 model years. The agency began investigating after getting complaints that the trucks could lose power during hard acceleration. Tests by Ford and the government traced the problem to condensation in an air cooler. Water could be pulled into the engine, causing cylinders to misfire. But the tests showed that trucks with the condition would maintain speed and accelerate. The agency determined that a Ford Motor Co. service bulletin to dealers took care of the problem, so it's not pursuing a recall. ; The death toll stands at ten after a fiery crash on Interstate Five about 100 miles north of Sacramento, California. Now, federal transportation investigators must try to determine why the driver of a Federal Express truck crossed a grassy median, plowing into a tour bus carrying high school students on a planned visit to Humboldt State University. Both drivers are among the dead. Officials say many of the more than 40 students on board escaped through a window that someone had kicked open, running for their lives to the other side of I-5 before hearing an explosion and seeing the bus burst into flame. Two more explosions soon followed, trapping others in an inferno. In addition to the drivers, three adult chaperones and five teenage students were killed in the crash, according to the California Highway Patrol. Their identities were not immediately released. The crash happened a little after 5:30 yesterday evening near the small California city of Orland. The bus was one of two that the admissions office at Humboldt State University had chartered to bring prospective students from Southern California to tour the campus, near Eureka, California. The students came from a number of Southern California high schools. Investigators say the truck driver might have been trying to avoid a passenger car that was also involved in the crash. The accident shut down north- and south-bound traffic on the freeway for hours. ; Authorities are increasingly confident that signals detected deep in the Indian Ocean are from that missing Malaysian jet's so-called black boxes. That's raising hopes that officials are close to solving one of aviation's most perplexing mysteries. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott told reporters in Shanghai that crews hunting for Flight 370 have zeroed in on a more targeted

area in their search for the source of the sounds, first heard on Saturday. But Abbott says as confidence grows that they've located the flight data and cockpit voice recorders, things are getting to the stage where the signal detected during the past week is starting to fade. The batteries were only supposed to last one month and the flight disappeared on March 8th. Experts hope to collect as much information as they can before the signal shuts down. The black boxes may hold the answers to why the Boeing 777 lost communications and veered so far off course when it vanished on March 8 while flying from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing with 239 people on board. Finding the black boxes after the batteries fail will be extremely difficult because the water in the area is close to three miles deep. The searchers are trying to pinpoint the exact location of the source of the signals so they can send down a robotic submersible to look for wreckage. The Bluefin 21 submersible takes six times longer to cover the same area as the pinger locator being towed by a surface ship and it would take six weeks to two months to canvass the current underwater search zone. / HEALTH, POLITICS: For five years, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has been a lightning rod for critics of President Barack Obama's health care law. But with sign-ups exceeding expectations and a new face soon to be in charge at HHS, the White House is eager to see if the poisonous atmosphere might give way to more pragmatic efforts aimed at fixing problems with the nation's newest social program. Obama will make it official today: announcing Sebelius' resignation and nominating his budget director, Sylvia Mathews Burwell, as her replacement. The move comes slightly more than one week after sign-ups closed in most states for the first year of insurance coverage under what's been dubbed "Obamacare." The opening weeks of the enrollment period were marred by website woes, straining ties between Sebelius and officials in the West Wing. Though the administration rebounded strongly and the federal and state sites enrolled 7.1 million people by the March 31 deadline, the comeback wasn't enough to tamp down Republican criticism of Sebelius or boost the public's perception of the federal health care overhaul. Enrollment has since risen to 7.5 million, as people were given extra time to complete applications. Here in Oregon, qualifying residents have until April 30th to complete their enrollment because of even more severe technical problems with the Cover Oregon web site. On the political front, congressional Republicans remain opposed to the Affordable Care Act, even as several GOP governors have accepted the law's expansion of safety-net coverage under Medicaid. GOP opposition means Republicans can be expected to continue to deny additional funds for implementation. A popular former governor of Kansas, Sebelius has been one of Obama's longest-serving Cabinet officials and his only HHS secretary. She was instrumental in shepherding the health care law through Congress in 2010 and implementing its initial components, including a popular provision that allows young people to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26. Sebelius took personal responsibility for the chaotic launch of the website and asked the HHS inspector general to conduct an investigation. That report is not expected for months. In nominating the 48-year-old Burwell, Obama is tapping a Washington veteran with a low profile and the respect of some Republicans on Capitol Hill. Though she only joined the Obama administration last year, Burwell held several White House and Treasury posts during President Bill Clinton's administration. Between her stints in the executive branch, Burwell served as president of Wal-Mart's charitable arm and led the global development program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. / TRANSPORTATION: Hauling a truckload of logs to a Southern Oregon mill last fall, Chris Hill noticed a sheriff's deputy behind him and flashed his lights to warn a UPS driver coming the other way. The deputy pulled over Hill on U.S. Highway 140 in White City and handed him a \$260 ticket for improperly using his headlights, saying another deputy had seen the flashing lights from behind the UPS truck and alerted him to stop the log truck because of the signaling. Outraged, Hill decided to fight the ticket, and on

Wednesday, a Jackson County Justice Court judge dismissed the citation, finding that motorists flashing their headlights amounts to speech protected by the Oregon Constitution. The judge in the case determined that the law covering the use of high beams was valid, but that it was unconstitutional as it was applied by the deputy. Dave Fidanque, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, noted the Oregon Court of Appeals overturned a traffic law prohibiting horn honking for non-traffic purposes on similar "free speech" grounds in the 1990s after a number of people got tickets for honking in support of U.S. troops during the first Gulf War. /

**TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** General Motors issued a huge new recall yesterday, with officials saying must fix another defect involving the ignition system of several models of small cars from the 2003 to 2011 model years. GM wants to replace the "lock cylinder" into which the key is inserted -- because experts say the current ones might allow the key to be pulled out while the cars is running. That lock cylinder problem, GM says, could lead to "a possible roll-away, crash and occupant or pedestrian injuries." The company GM said it is "aware of several hundred complaints of keys coming out of ignitions." It said that "searches of GM and government databases found one roll-away in a parking lot that resulted in a crash and one injury claim. The same searches turned up no fatalities." The previous recall was for faulty ignition switches that can inadvertently slip out of "run," shutting off the engine and disabling airbags. It is linked by GM to 31 crashes and 12 deaths in the U.S. and one fatal crash in Canada. GM dealers just now are getting the new ignition switches for that recall fix. Now dealers also "replace the ignition lock cylinders" and "if necessary, reprogram new keys." Vehicles involved in both the switch and lock cylinder recalls: 2003-2007 Saturn Ion, 2005-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt, 2006-2010 Pontiac Solstice, 2007-2010 Pontiac G5, 2007-2010 Saturn Sky, 2006-2011 Chevrolet HHR. The company says that the switches and lock cylinders -- which are from different suppliers -- will be packaged together and the work will be done in the same repair visit. /

**VETERANS, HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT:** The Register-Guard reports the federal Department of Veterans Affairs plans to break ground April 21 for the long-awaited outpatient clinic that will be built in north Eugene. The newspaper's Sheri Buri McDonald writes that it's unclear, however, when construction actually will begin on the 100,000-square-foot facility, which is slated to be built on a 14-acre site at Chad Drive and Old Coburg Road. VA officials in Roseburg said they are not yet able to confirm a date when building will start. "The start date will be up to the developer and the permitting" process, spokeswoman Carrie Boothe said. The facility, which is estimated to cost \$60 million to \$80 million and will serve thousands of Lane County area veterans, still is expected to be completed in the summer of 2015, VA officials said. Once the clinic is built, the VA must install medical equipment and staff before it can accept patients. The clinic is expected to open with about 120 employees, including 70 transfers from a current, smaller VA facility in the River Road area of Eugene. That will increase to about 235 employees as departments expand to serve a growing number of veterans, VA officials have said. The Chad Drive clinic will offer an array of new services for veterans in the area, including some ambulatory, or same-day, surgeries such as cataract surgery; speech pathology; cardiopulmonary; dental; gastroenterology; optometry; ophthalmology; podiatry; urology; prosthetics and imaging. It also will include a lab and a pharmacy. In the 2010 fiscal year, the VA Roseburg health care system served 12,500 veterans from Lane County. The VA projects that number will climb to 14,300 by 2020. Of the 28,000 veterans enrolled in the Roseburg system, 13,300 are from Lane County, VA Roseburg Director Carol Bogedain said last year. Speakers at the April 21 ceremonial groundbreaking, scheduled for 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., include U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio and U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley; Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy; Bogedain; and Terry Moreland, the project developer. Moreland is buying the land where the clinic will be located from Guard Publishing Co., publisher of The Register-Guard. /

**SAFETY:** Sony is recalling some of its VAIO laptop computers, saying that it's possible that its non-removable battery pack could overheat. The packs included in some of Sony's Vaio Fit 11A models, which were released in February, were provided by a third-party supplier. If the packs overheat, it could cause burns to the laptop's housing, Sony said Friday. The recall affects computers with the product name "SVF11N1XXXX." It's unclear how many laptops are affected. Consumers are advised to immediately stop using the computers, shut them down and unplug them. Sony said it's in the process of creating a program to repair or replace the computers, or refund their purchase price. It plans to make an announcement within two weeks. / **HEALTH, ECONOMY:** Officials with Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange say they've narrowed the options for the site's future to two: Hook up to the federal exchange, or stay with the current technology and hire a new contractor to fix it. Cover Oregon's interim chief information officer Alex Pettit told board members Thursday that transferring technology from another state is too expensive for the exchange "within its existing resources." Earlier this month, Maryland chose to replace its glitch-filled exchange with technology from Connecticut at an estimated cost of \$40 million to \$50 million. In Oregon, an analysis found the least expensive fix for the state's health exchange would be linking it to the federally run marketplace, at a cost of \$4 million to \$6 million. The board also accepted the resignation of interim executive director Bruce Goldberg effective immediately. / **SAFETY:** A Eugene, Ore., man is suing a local church where he says his mother fell on a wet floor and broke her leg three months before she died. The Register-Guard reports that Jesse Breeden's wrongful death lawsuit alleges that First Christian Church of Thurston officials are to blame for the injury. Breeden contends the injury caused medical complications that led to his 68-year-old mother's death in 2012. He's seeking \$775,000 in the lawsuit filed this week in Lane County Circuit Court. The lawsuit alleges that Springfield resident Kay Breeden's leg injury caused a blood clot and a fatal brain hemorrhage, and ultimately led to her death. The newspaper says church officials did not respond to requests for comment. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY, HEALTH:** As the fourth anniversary of BP's Deepwater Horizon oil rig disaster approaches, workers who cleaned up oil in the Gulf of Mexico are able to file claims for medical problems they developed after the spill. But questions about their long-term health linger. Research being done by the government's National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences may one day provide answers. The agency is tracking the health of more than 30,000 of those workers, hoping someday to see if there are links between exposure to oil spills and chemical dispersants and any current or future illnesses. The leader of that study has a midday news conference set Friday to discuss what researchers have found so far. / **ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY:** The 2013-14 season at Hoodoo Ski Area will come to a close this Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13. The slopes will be open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Spring Fling, Hoodoo's annual end-of-the-season celebration, returns on Saturday with mostly sunny skies in the forecast and several events, including the Pond Skimming Battle Royale, presented by Three Creeks Brewing. There will also be a free Nevado Mountain Adventures demo on the mountain from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hoodoo's Autobahn Tubing Park is closed until next season. As announced previously this season, Mt. Ashland season pass holders are also welcome to ski and ride free at Hoodoo using their 2013-14 Mt. Ashland season passes. Since opening in 1938, Hoodoo has evolved into a full-service ski area with more than 800 skiable acres, 30 alpine trails, 15.8 km of Nordic trails, three quad lifts, one triple chair and one double chair. Hoodoo also offers air board, snowbike and snow scooter rentals. Hoodoo's spacious lodge includes a rental and repair shop, ski shop, restaurant, full bar, lockers, showers, arcade, dining areas, etc., as well as a large lot with overnight car parking and RV sites by permit only. Day parking is always free for Hoodoo guests and Snopark permits are available for the nearby snow

parks. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION OR 126 (McKenzie Hwy.) remains blocked in both directions approximately six miles east of Vida (MP 31.5, after a semi-truck struck a power pole and overturned. Power lines are crossing the highway and the utility has been notified. There is no detour. Motorists should avoid the location, delay travel on the highway, or expect delays. ; German automaker BMW is issuing a worldwide recall of many models of cars with certain six-cylinder gas motors after identifying a problem with a bolt used in the engine. The company said Friday that a recall started in China last week has now been extended worldwide, affecting 489,000 vehicles, including 156,000 in the U.S. BMW says in rare cases one of four bolts holding the cover on the engine's variable camshaft timing system breaks, which can then cause other bolts to fail. That means oil begins leaking from the unit, causing the timing system to become sluggish. It can eventually lead to complete engine failure. The company says customers will be notified if their models are affected and that the repair takes a few hours at most. / ECONOMY, FAMILIES: It's the silent enemy in our retirement accounts: High fees. And now a new study finds that the typical 401(k) fees — adding up to a modest-sounding 1 percent a year — would erase \$70,000 from an average worker's account over a four-decade career compared with lower-cost options. To compensate for the higher fees, someone would have to work an extra three years. The study comes from the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank. Its analysis, backed by industry and government data, suggests that U.S. workers, already struggling to save enough for retirement, are being further held back by fund costs. "The corrosive effect of high fees in many of these retirement accounts forces many Americans to work years longer than necessary or than planned," the report said. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, MINORITIES: Members of the Klamath Tribes have approved an agreement to share water with cattle ranchers on rivers running through former reservation lands in return for work to improve fish habitat. The tribes announced Wednesday the vote was 564 in favor and 419 against. Tribal Chairman Don Gentry said in a statement that the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement is "a monumental step" in restoring tribal fisheries and treaty rights. The agreement was prompted by irrigation shutoffs to ranchers during a drought last summer after the tribes were awarded senior water rights on the Sprague, Wood and Williamson rivers. It becomes part of legislation Sen. Ron Wyden is preparing to settle longstanding water issues in the Klamath Basin and remove dams on the Klamath River to help salmon. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Gov. John Kitzhaber told members of his newly created task force on genetically engineered agriculture that he does not expect them to reach consensus or produce any specific proposals for next year's legislative session. Rather, the governor wants the 13-member group that represents all sides of the hot-button topic to frame the issue for legislators and articulate areas of agreement and disagreement. Kitzhaber promised to form the task force last year after signing a bill that prohibits local governments from regulating genetically engineered crops. An exception was made for Jackson County in southwestern Oregon because it has a measure to prohibit genetically engineered crops on the May ballot. The task force held an organizational meeting Thursday and will tackle more substantive issues in meetings that will continue through the fall. /

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DISCUSSED** **ECONOMY:** U.S. retail sales in March rose by the largest amount in 18 months, led by strong gains in sales of autos, furniture and a number of other products. The Commerce Department said Monday that retail sales rose 1.1 percent in March, the best showing since September 2012. The government also revised February to a 0.7 percent gain, more than double its previous estimate. Sales had fallen in January and December. Sales of autos climbed 3.1 percent while sales at general merchandise stores, a category that covers retailers such as Wal-Mart and Target and department stores, increased 1.9 percent, the strongest one-month gain since March 2007, before the country went through the recession. Analysts say the strong March gain was evidence that the economy is emerging from a harsh winter with some momentum. / **HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES:** A federal judge in Cincinnati is expected today to order the state to recognize the marriages of same-sex couples who got married legally in other states. Judge Timothy Black indicated in court on April 4 that he'd make such a ruling because, he says, the state's ban violates constitutional rights and denies a fundamental right for people to marry the person of their choosing. Black is not expected to force Ohio to allow gay marriages to be performed in the state. / **TERRORISM:** A Egyptian Islamic preacher who was extradited from Great Britain has indicated he'll testify in his behalf at his federal trial in New York. Jury selection begins today for Mustafa Kamel Mustafa, who prosecutors say tried in 1999 to set up a terrorist training camp in Oregon. The 55-year-old Mustafa also is accused of arranging for others to attend an al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan and helping the abductors of a tour group in Yemen in 1998. Two Americans were in the group. Three Britons and an Australian were killed in a rescue attempt. / **HEALTH:** A new Congressional report says concerns about electronic cigarettes underscore the need to regulate the fast-growing industry. The report released today highlights several issues including an array of flavors and marketing that could appeal to young people, the lack of age restrictions and no uniform warning labels. The report was written by the staff of Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, California Congressman Henry Waxman and others. / **CRIME:** Investigators say a woman died in a fire early Sunday morning in a unit of the McKenzie Motel, located on the 1700 block of Main Street in Springfield. Investigators say three other people were inside the unit but escaped uninjured through a rear window. The woman's body was found in the bedroom after the blaze was extinguished. After the fire was extinguished a body was discovered in the bedroom. The investigation into the cause of the fire and the woman's death is being conducted jointly by the Springfield Police, the Springfield Fire Marshal, and the Lane County Medical Examiner. If anyone has any additional information they are asked to call the Springfield Police Department at 541-726-3714. ; Someone has information in the case. And if you're that person, Oregon State Police investigators want to hear from you. Early Sunday morning, somebody dropped a cinder block from the Interstate 5 overpass in

Creswell, striking a passing car, hitting the passenger in the face and sending her to the hospital with what are fortunately described as non-life threatening injuries. Troopers from the Springfield Area Command received information that four unidentified persons, two on bicycles and two on skateboards, were in the area around the time of the incident but don't know if they are connected with the investigation. Anyone with information to help identify the four subjects or who saw suspicious activity in the vicinity of the overpass at approximately 4:28 a.m. Sunday morning is asked to contact OSP Trooper Gerald Ellis at (541) 726-2536 or [Gellis@osp.state.or.us](mailto:Gellis@osp.state.or.us) / TRANSPORTATION: Search crews sent a robotic submarine deep into the Indian Ocean for the first time today to begin scouring the seabed for the missing Malaysian airliner. The action comes after searchers say they went six days without detecting additional signals from what they suspect are the plane's black boxes. Meanwhile, officials were investigating an oil slick about three-and-a-half miles from the area where the last underwater sounds were detected. Crews have collected an oil sample and are sending it back to Australia for analysis, a process that will take several days. The oil does not appear to be from any of the ships in the area, but officials are cautioning against jumping to conclusions about its source. The unmanned underwater vehicle, the Bluefin 21, was launched from an Australian navy. The autonomous sub can create a three-dimensional sonar map of any debris on the ocean floor. The move comes after crews picked up a series of underwater sounds over the past two weeks that were consistent with signals from an aircraft's black boxes, which record flight data and cockpit conversations. The devices emit "pings" so they can be more easily found, but their batteries only last about a month and are now believed dead. Today is the 38th day of the search. / TERRORISM, MINORITIES: Sources say the man accused of killing three people in attacks at a Jewish community center and Jewish retirement complex near Kansas City is a well-known white supremacist and former Ku Klux Klan leader who was once the subject of a nationwide manhunt. 73-year-old Frazier Glenn Cross of Aurora, Missouri—who also goes by the name of Glenn Miller—was booked on a preliminary charge of first-degree murder after the attacks Sunday in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park. Officials caution it is too early in the investigation to determine whether the suspect had an anti-Semitic motive. But it is being investigated as a hate crime and one reporter whose crew recorded the man's arrest say he shouted anti-Semitic epithets at the media crew. One U.S.-based terror monitoring group described the suspect as a known and vocal anti-Semite who frequently calls for genocide against Jews. Police said the attacks happened within minutes of one another, the first at a Jewish Community Center where young people of all faiths were attending tryouts for a singing competition. Police say the gunman then drove a few blocks away to a Jewish retirement community and gunned down a young woman there. Officers arrested the man in an elementary school parking lot a short time later. Family members of the first two victims released a statement identifying them as a Kansas City-area doctor and his 14-year-old grandson. They said the two were both Christian and the family took comfort that both were together in Heaven. Public records indicate Cross, also known as Miller, has been involved in the white supremacist movement for most of his life, founded the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and was its "grand dragon" in the 1980s. The Army veteran and retired truck driver later founded another white supremacist group, the White Patriot Party, according to officials at the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors such groups. Officials say he was the subject of a nationwide manhunt in 1987 for violating the terms of his bond while appealing a North Carolina conviction for operating a paramilitary camp. He ran for U.S. House in 2006 and the U.S. Senate in 2010, espousing a white power platform each time. / HEALTH, MEDICINE: Researchers at a London conference reported over the weekend that a new therapy in the form of a single pill taken once a day for eight weeks was enough to cure more than 90% of Hepatitis C patients. But



the price is already triggering protests from doctors and patients. The new treatment combines two drugs used in the battle against the viral illness, without the use of an antiviral that some patients have taken for one year in an effort to beat the illness. Researchers say most people who responded to the new drug combination were negative for the Hepatitis C virus after only four weeks. But the drug, named "Solvadi" and marketed by Gilead Sciences, is priced at \$1,000 per pill. That works out to \$84,000 for 12 weeks of treatment. That's triggering complaints and promises of action from lawmakers, public and private insurers and others. / ENVIRONMENT: There are some clouds in the overnight forecast but it might clear enough to enjoy a total lunar eclipse. The eclipse will be visible here in Oregon beginning a bit before 10 p.m., hit totality shortly after midnight, leave totality a bit before 1:30 Tuesday morning and wrap up shortly after 3:30 a.m. / ECONOMY: As millions of Americans race to meet Tuesday's tax deadline, their chances of getting audited are lower than they've been in years. Budget cuts and new responsibilities are straining the Internal Revenue Service's ability to police tax returns. This year, the IRS will have fewer agents auditing returns than at any time since at least the 1980s. Taxpayer services are suffering, too, with millions of phone calls to the IRS going unanswered. Last year, the IRS audited less than 1 percent of all returns from individuals, the lowest rate since 2005. This year, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen (KAHS'-kihn-ihn) says the numbers will go down. The IRS budget is down nearly \$1 billion from a few years ago, just as the agency is gearing up to enforce the president's health law. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Federal investigators are re-examining bus safety rules in the wake of last week's fiery crash that killed 10 in California. National Transportation Safety Board member Mark Rosekind says his agency is revisiting proposals to enhance fire and passenger safety in light of the tragedy. On Thursday, a FedEx truck careened across a median on Interstate 5 and slammed into a bus carrying high school students headed to a college tour. Dozens of students escaped. /

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**TERRORISM:** The anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings promises to be a day of tributes to the three people who died, the more than 260 people who were injured, and the first responders, doctors and nurses who helped them. Vice President Joe Biden, Gov. Deval Patrick and former Mayor Tom Menino are to be among the dignitaries expected to honor the victims. Speakers also to include survivors of the bombing. ; A year after two bombs ripped through crowds gathered at the Boston Marathon finish line, killing three people and injuring more than 260, one suspect is awaiting trial and the other is dead. Although prosecutors believe they have strong evidence of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's guilt, there are still many unanswered questions about the attacks and the men at the center of the investigation. ; With an additional 9,000 runners for this year's Boston Marathon, hotel rooms in Boston were already harder than usual to come by. Add the people who aren't running but just want to be part of the experience, and the company that handles bookings for the Boston Athletic Association has had to find space for people far outside the city. "The appearance is people seem to be embracing the whole experience this year differently than in past years," says Thomas Gilligan of Marathon Tours and Travel. "There's an emotional side to the event that didn't exist in previous years." The 2014 Boston Marathon takes place on Monday. ; The 118th running of the Boston Marathon will have more security than ever before. Organizers are trying to find a balance between allowing people to enjoy the race and keeping everyone safe, but runners and up to a million spectators expected to cheer them on will see security checkpoints, bomb-sniffing dogs, and other security measures that have not yet been disclosed. ; It was a grisly slaying in a suburb that sometimes goes years without one murder, let alone three. Now questions linger not only about who killed three young men in 2011, but also whether the Boston Marathon bombings could have been prevented if their case had been solved. Police initially believed the killings were drug-related, either a drug robbery gone bad or a drug hit. It wasn't until two bombs exploded at the marathon that investigators began focusing on a new suspect: Tamerlan Tsarnaev, one of two brothers who authorities say orchestrated and carried out the bombings. ; In the days after the bombing, the nation's political leaders pledged resources and support for a city grappling with the first terror attack on American soil since Sept. 11, 2001. Nearly a year after homemade bombs ripped through the Boston Marathon, state and federal officials have enacted virtually no policy changes in response to the attack, a dramatic departure from previous acts of terrorism that prompted waves of government action. ; Amputee runner Jeff Glasbrenner was three-tenths of a mile from the finish at the Boston Marathon last spring when the twin pressure cooker bombs exploded. He's among the 5,633 runners who didn't finish last year but were given the chance return and cross the finish line a year later. This time, Glasbrenner is bringing some company. He trained two fellow right-leg amputees who had never even imagined running a

marathon before. For him, it's all about the finish line. For them, it's about the start. ; A day of tributes and a moment of silence will mark the one-year anniversary today of the Boston Marathon bombings. Three people were killed and more than 260 were wounded when two bombs went off near the finish line of the race. That's where a flag-raising ceremony and the moment of silence will be held this afternoon. President Barack Obama also will observe a moment of silence at the White House at 2:49 p.m. / ECONOMY: Lower U.S. gasoline prices kept consumer inflation in check last month, helping offset higher costs for food and clothing. The Labor Department says the consumer price index rose 0.2 percent in March, after scant 0.1 percent increases the previous two months. Prices have risen just 1.5 percent year over year. That remains well below the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target for inflation. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core prices increased 0.2 percent in March and 1.7 percent in the past year. Prices at the gas pump tumbled 1.7 percent in March, lowering costs for the entire energy category. But food prices jumped 0.4 percent, led by increases in eggs, milk, butter, oranges, pork chops, ground beef and poultry. Prices for clothing, used cars and cable television also rose. / CRIME, EDUCATION: A couple of incidents involving teenaged boys and fire over the past couple of days at some Eugene-area middle schools: Three boys between the ages of 14 and 16 were cited for Arson and Criminal Trespass Sunday afternoon after police say they started a fire outside West Eugene's Kennedy Middle school. Investigators say the three climbed over a secured gate and onto the roof of the school where they set some pine needles on fire. But the fire began to get out of control and the youths reportedly tried to put it out by stomping and pushing the burning pine needles off the side of the building. However, officials say the burning material fell on the top of other pine needles on the ground and they caught on fire. Part of a tree and the side of Kennedy Middle School were burned before the blaze was extinguished. Meantime, Eugene Police say they were called to Meadowview Middle School yesterday after a report that a 14-year-old had lit a trash can on fire in the bathroom and then refused to cooperate with sanctions being imposed by school officials. As police arrived, they say the teen tried to run away. Officers say they kept him in their sight for several blocks and then took him into custody a short time later. He was charged with Arson in the First Degree. / TERRORISM, MINORITIES: Attorney General Eric Holder says the shooting rampage that left three people dead outside a Jewish community center and a Jewish retirement home in a suburb of Kansas City will be investigated as a federal hate crime. An avowed white supremacist is accused in the attacks. The suspect, Frazier Glenn Cross, also known as Frazier Glenn Miller, is a 73-year-old Vietnam War veteran from southwest Missouri who founded the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in his native North Carolina and later the White Patriot Party. None of Sunday's victims was Jewish. But investigators believe the suspect intended to kill Jews when he went to the two facilities. / HEALTH, CRIME, POLITICS: At least 71 Oregon cities have moratoriums on medical marijuana dispensaries and more than 40 others are considering one. The Legislature allowed local governments to impose a one-year ban, if enacted by May 1. The League of Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon Counties pushed for the legislation. They provided The Oregonian newspaper with the list of cities. The legal counsel for the Association of Oregon Counties says some cities and counties will want permanent bans on marijuana dispensaries, but others just want more time to see how the state-regulated system works. Among the cities that have not imposed moratoriums are Portland, Bend and Eugene. The Register-Guard reports this morning that the City of Cottage Grove has rejected a moratorium after a vigorous debate among elected officials. / ECONOMY: Stocks are opening higher on Wall Street as big-name U.S. companies turn in their latest financial results. Johnson & Johnson and Coca-Cola both rose after reporting their earnings from the first quarter of the year. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose

nine points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,840 in the first few minutes of trading Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 64 points, or 0.4 percent, to 16,348 and the Nasdaq composite rose 23 points, or 0.6 percent, to 4,046. The stock market is recovering ground lost last week when investors worried about overpriced technology stocks. Johnson & Johnson gained 2 percent after reporting higher profits thanks to restrained costs and a jump in prescription drug sales. ; If you are looking for something to purchase with your tax refund on April 15, Google may be able to help. Google will sell its wearable computing device, Google Glass, for \$1,500 plus tax to the general public today only. Buyers will also get a sunglasses shade or one of Google's newly-introduced prescription glasses frames with their purchase. / ECONOMY, CRIME: Meantime, we heard this morning from a listener who said she tried to e-File her tax returns yesterday and within hours received an email from the IRS that someone had already filed in her name. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has seen a significant increase in refund fraud that involves identity thieves who file false claims for refunds by stealing and using someone's Social Security number. The Washington Post reported last week that thieves have claimed billions of dollars in bogus tax refunds from the IRS by swiping the Social Security numbers and identities of schoolchildren in Florida, prisoners in Pennsylvania, teachers in Washington state and soldiers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. In just the past few weeks, the IRS has started more than 200 new investigations this filing season into identity theft and refund fraud schemes, pushing the number of active cases to more than 1,800. It all adds up to a lot of frustration for legitimate taxpayers who face more paperwork and months of waiting for their tax refunds. Among the biggest frustrations is the amount of time it takes victims to resolve the issue with the IRS and get their refunds. The average wait for identity theft victims to clear their cases had been about 10 months but is now down to three months, according to the IRS. / HEALTH, MEDICINE, ENVIRONMENT: The FDA approved Merck's Grastek for grass pollen allergy tablet Monday, making it the second sublingual oral immunotherapy (SLIT) agent to gain that status. Greer's multi-grass pollen SLIT agent Oralair was approved earlier in the month as the first FDA-accepted alternative to subcutaneous injections, although under-the-tongue drops made off label from subcutaneous extracts have been widely used. Grastek contains a single pollen extract of Timothy grass, which is cross reactive with multiple other grass species. It was approved for treatment of grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis with or without conjunctivitis in adults up to age 65 and children as young as 5. Oralair was approved only down to age 10. Both drugs come with a requirement for an auto-injectable epinephrine prescription and instructions. Due to the risk of severe allergic reactions, the first dose should be administered in the office under supervision of a physician experienced in diagnosing and treating allergies. Grastek should be started at least 12 weeks before the expected start of each grass pollen season and continued throughout the season. The drug is contraindicated in severe, unstable, or uncontrolled asthma as well as in patients with a history of any severe systemic allergic reaction, any severe local reaction after taking any sublingual allergen immunotherapy, or eosinophilic esophagitis. (From MedPage Today) / ENVIRONMENT: Sky-gazers in North and South America have been treated to a full lunar eclipse — at least those fortunate enough to have clear skies. The moon was eclipsed by the Earth's shadow early this morning. The total phase of the eclipse lasted just 78 minutes. It's the first of four eclipses this year and the first of four total lunar eclipses this year and next. In the meantime, get ready for a solar eclipse in two weeks. / ECONOMY: State economists say Oregon's labor market is tightening. Data released Monday show that employers reported 10,000 more job vacancies than they did a year ago and more trouble finding the right candidates. That led to a boost in wages. The Oregon Employment Department says the number of unemployed Oregonians also is falling. With more vacancies and fewer jobless workers, there are now four

people unemployed for every job vacancy, down from eight a year ago. Nearly all of the 10,000 additional job vacancies were attributed to companies with fewer than 100 employees. The average wage offered was \$16.05, up 74 cents from a year ago. The data come from the state's quarterly job vacancy survey of employers. ; The Oregonian newspaper has been awarded a Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing about the state's public pension system. The newspaper was also a finalist in the explanatory reporting category for a series by reporter Les Zaitz that revealed the infiltration of Mexican drug cartels in Oregon and other regions of the country. Oregonian Media Group President N. Christian Anderson III says the editorials were rewarded for being straightforward, informative and, at times, pointed. Soon after the paper published a series of editorials examining the retirement system and its problematic future, lawmakers responded with long-sought changes that cut retirement benefits for recipients of the Public Employees Retirement System. The prize was the third in the newspaper's history for editorial writing. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: A new government report says the Affordable Care Act's health insurance subsidies will cost a little less than previously thought. The Congressional Budget Office predicts that health insurance subsidies under so-called "Obamacare" will total a little more than \$1 trillion over the next 10 years, instead of almost \$1.2 trillion. CBO said the 8 percent cut results largely from tighter cost controls by insurance companies offering plans on health care exchanges. Generally speaking, the plans offered on the exchanges pay health care providers less and have tighter management of patients' treatment options, and that means lower premiums and taxpayer subsidies. Medicaid adds almost \$800 billion in costs over the decade. CBO is a nonpartisan congressional agency that does research and cost estimates for lawmakers. / ECONOMY, SENIORS, FAMILIES: People with old Social Security debts are getting a reprieve — for now. The Social Security Administration had been participating in a program in which thousands of people were having their tax refunds seized to recoup overpayments that happened more than a decade ago. On Monday, Acting Social Security Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin said she was suspending the program while the agency conducts a review. Social Security recipients and members of Congress complained that people were being forced to repay overpayments that were sometimes paid to their parents or guardians when they were children. The Social Security Administration says it has identified about 400,000 people with old debts. They owe a total of \$714 million. So far, the agency says it has collected \$55 million. / ECONOMY: The calendar shows April 15, but if you haven't even started on your federal tax return don't fret. If you're due a refund, April 15 isn't much of a deadline at all. The Internal Revenue Service doesn't like to talk about it, but penalties for filing late federal tax returns apply only to people who owe money. The penalty is a percentage of what you owe. If you owe nothing, 5 percent of nothing is ...nothing. But it doesn't make much sense for anyone to file late. If you are owed a refund, why wouldn't you want it as soon as possible? And if you have unpaid taxes, the late fees add up quickly. The IRS says about three-fourths of filers get refunds. ; The IRS tax deadline is just hours away. If you procrastinated and think you owe Uncle Sam, you can request an extension online. The IRS website has links to file a Form 4868. But you won't be off the hook. Even with an extension, you'll have to pay a late filing penalty and interest on the taxes owed. Online: <http://www.irs.gov/> /

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**CRIME, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION:** Two teen boys are suspects in Sunday's early-morning incident on Interstate Five at the Creswell overpass where someone threw a cinderblock onto a passing car, shattering the windshield and injuring a female passenger. Oregon State Police say they received phone tips on Monday that led them to two boys, ages 16 and 17. The lead investigator contacted both suspects and parents at their Creswell residences. Officials say the teens and their families are cooperating with the investigation. So far, no arrests. But once the investigation is completed, State Police investigators will meet with prosecutors in the Lane County District Attorney's Office to settle on any potential charges. On April 13, 2014 at approximately 4:28 a.m., a 2012 Toyota Camry driven by 28-year-old Michael Becker from Roy, Washington, was northbound on Interstate 5 in the right lane traveling under the E. Oregon Avenue overpass in Creswell when a cinder block fell from the overpass and came through the windshield. The block struck 30-year-old passenger Tiffany Becker in her face causing non-life threatening injury. Tiffany Becker was transported by ambulance to Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend for treatment. She was treated and released. The driver was not injured. / **ECONOMY:** Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained virtually unchanged last month. The rate came in at 6.9 percent in March, just two-tenths of a percent higher than the national rate of 6.7 percent. And while that's a bit higher than February's jobless numbers, officials say it's because the improving job market is prompting more people to resume their employment searches. One state employment economist says the past 12 months has seen an average of 3,900 jobs added each month. Last month, the number was almost twice that, with 7,500 jobs added in March. Where are the gains showing up? In construction—where employment is at its highest level since January of 2009—and in sectors including Leisure and Hospitality, Health Care and Social Assistance, Professional and Business Services, and Retail Trade. ; Governor Kitzhaber reacted to the jobs numbers by issuing a statement: "Since I took office in January 2011, we've added more than 94,000 jobs, and our economy continues to improve. We are on the right track, and I will continue to focus on spurring our economy to create living wage jobs and support workers with the education, training, and skills to secure good jobs in every corner of the state. Today's news is good, but there is more to be done to ensure that all Oregonians, regardless of their zip code, have equal opportunity for economic prosperity." / **ECONOMY, EDUCATION:** Lane Community College faces a budget deficit in the range of \$10.9 million to \$12.6 million if expected enrollment declines continue. The Board of Education has been reviewing budget projections since September and will begin discussing specific options for closing the gap at an April 28th meeting. An enrollment decline typical of an improved economy, combined with the long-term disinvestment in state community college funding, points to a significant budget deficit for 2014/15 at Lane Community College. The

classic economic cycle for a community college is that during an economic downturn when people lose their jobs, enrollment rises as people come to college to upgrade their skills or train for a new career, which increases tuition revenue. When the economy improves, people leave college and return to work, which decreases tuition revenue. During the last recession, Lane responded to an enrollment surge of 39 percent with a full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment peak of 15,438 in 2011/12. During this time the college increased faculty and staff to serve all of the new students. As the economy improved, students completed their programs and found jobs. Now enrollment is leveling off to pre-recession levels of about 11,000 FTE, causing a tuition revenue loss of more than 20 percent. At the same time, the disinvestment of state funding has continued. This year, Lane will receive less state funding than in 2009, five years ago. FTE enrollment fell 8.8 percent in 2012/13. This year, FTE enrollment is projected to be down 12.2 percent. The college is projecting two budget scenarios for FY15: a deficit of \$10.9 million assuming an additional 7 percent enrollment decline, or \$12.6 million assuming an enrollment decline of 12 percent. To address the deficit, including a \$2 million shortfall this year, Lane has limited materials and supplies spending, canceled low-enrollment class sections, reduced some part-time classified and faculty assignments, and restricted classified vacancies to internal hiring to protect employees as much as possible. For FY 15 the college will continue to reduce part time staffing that was increased to meet higher demand and is considering closing the gap through faculty and staff attrition, reductions in materials and services. However, the magnitude of the FY15 deficit means the college likely will have to make reductions to some full-time positions and some programs and services. Administration will present reduction proposals to the Board of Education at a special meeting on April 28. Employees whose jobs may be impacted will be notified by May 1 in accordance with employee agreements. The Budget Committee begins meeting May 14. Law requires the board to adopt a balanced budget by the end of June. The fundamental challenge facing Lane is how to provide education and training to meet community needs, within diminishing resources. / CRIME, TERRORISM: Authorities in Boston say a man will be charged with possession of a hoax device after he was stopped near the Boston Marathon finish line last night with a rice cooker in backpack. Police say the man was stopped after he was acting strangely. They say he dropped the backpack and told an officer what was inside. As a precaution, police destroyed the backpack and another one found nearby. The incident happened hours after ceremonies to mark last year's deadly Boston Marathon bombings. / ECONOMY, GROWTH: U.S home construction rose in March to the highest level in three months as builders resumed work at the end of a frigid winter. But applications for building permits slid, clouding the outlook for future construction. The Commerce Department says construction of single-family homes rose 6 percent, more than offsetting a 3.1 percent drop in the construction of apartments, condominiums and town houses. As the weather moderated, construction rose 30.7 percent in the Northeast and 65.5 percent in the Midwest. But it fell in the South and West. Applications for building permits, a gauge of future activity, fell 2.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 990,000. / ECONOMY: The Mt. Gox bitcoin exchange in Tokyo is headed for dissolution after a court rejected its bankruptcy protection application. Mt. Gox says the Tokyo District Court has decided the company would not be able to resurrect itself under a business rehabilitation process filed for in February. The exchange's CEO Mark Karpeles had said that 850,000 bitcoins, worth several hundred millions dollars were unaccounted for, blaming a weakness in the exchange's systems. Later, some 200,000 bitcoins were found, changing the estimate for the lost virtual currency to 650,000 bitcoins although the exact amount is still under investigation. Bitcoins were created in 2009 as a way to make transactions across borders without third parties such as banks. Mt Gox. has suggested the bitcoins were stolen. / HUMAN RIGHTS: More

than 100,000 members of an international gay rights group have sent messages to the IOC urging changes to ensure that future Olympic host countries do not have discriminatory laws on their books. The group All Out has reiterated its call on the International Olympic Committee to overhaul its selection process, citing the controversy that surrounded the Winter Games in Sochi over Russia's law prohibiting so-called gay "propaganda." All Out says it delivered its message before Tuesday's deadline for public submissions on "Olympic Agenda 2020," IOC President Thomas Bach's project for reforms that will be voted on in December in Monaco. All Out says more than 74,000 members signed a petition delivered to the IOC and another 41,000 sent their own messages. The group wants the IOC to require that host countries have no discriminatory laws in place and future host city contracts include human rights pledges. It also urges the IOC to amend a clause in the Olympic Charter to specifically prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or identity. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** The Oregon Department of Transportation reports that a railroad crossing repair project has resulted in the complete closure of OR 228 (Halsey-Sweet Home Hwy.) in Halsey. The closure began at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, and will continue until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16. The highway is closed to all traffic at the rail crossing. The closure will allow time for the Union Pacific Railroad to complete concrete repairs at the crossing. No local detour is available. Motorists need to avoid traveling through this area during the closure period, or use authorized alternate routes, such as Oregon Highway 34 in Tangent to access I-5. / **SAFETY:** If you are interested in a challenging career that will provide you with a lifetime of memories, consider applying with the Oregon State Police. The agency is recruiting people interested in becoming troopers. You may learn more at [www.osptrooper.com](http://www.osptrooper.com) The Oregon State Police are preparing to hire recruit troopers in early 2015. OSP began accepting applications for Lateral- and Entry-level recruit trooper positions this week. The two-month application window closes on June 15th. State Police are also scheduling two separate Entry Level Testing sessions: \* Session #1 - Saturday, June 28, and Sunday, June 29 \* Session #2 - Tuesday, July 1, and Wednesday, July 2. Both Entry Level Testing sessions will be held in Salem at the Oregon Public Safety Academy located at 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE. Applicants are urged to prepare beforehand for the application process and Entry Level Testing. Those who believe this is the lateral or entry level opportunity they have been looking for can create an account now by building a profile following the instructions detailed on the [www.osptrooper.com](http://www.osptrooper.com) website. The complete application for employment is comprised of the E-Recruit profile, the supplemental questionnaire, and any required attachments. The Oregon State Police is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages women and minorities to apply. Questions about the application process can be directed to the OSP Recruitment Unit at (503) 378-4175. / **HEALTH:** If you or someone you know has sleep apnea, add a new risk to the list of health problems. People with sleep apnea have pauses in their breathing that might last for ten seconds or more than one minute. And researchers in Australia say people with obstructed breathing are at higher risk for cancer, according to a 20-year study. In fact, the risk goes up two-and-a-half times for those with moderate- to severe sleep apnea and the risk of cancer death is 3.4 times higher. This study and two others suggest that low oxygen levels caused by sleep apnea might cause tumor to grow more quickly. / **HEALTH, ECONOMY:** A turnaround expert brought in to fix Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange is clamping down on spending and who can make financial decisions as he tries to get Cover Oregon back on track. In his third day on the job, Clyde Hamstreet told The Associated Press Tuesday that he's still gathering information on finances and contracts, and looking at whether the right people are in the right jobs. He'll eventually recommend a restructuring plan to Cover Oregon's board. Hamstreet says he's told staff he must personally approve any new contract. He says Cover Oregon has terminated a contract with Deloitte for



advice on future technology options. Oregon's exchange has never had a fully functioning website and is currently evaluating whether to keep fixing its existing software or use a federal website. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Monica Wehby (WEHB'-ee) is launching the first television ads in the Republican primary campaign for U.S. Senate. Wehby's campaign says the ads will begin airing statewide on Tuesday. They tout her opposition to President Barack Obama's health care law, declaring "Obamacare is bad for Oregon." The primary is May 20. / ENVIRONMENT: If the smell isn't enough to keep you away, authorities are warning visitors to Seaside to stay away from the carcass of a 40-foot gray whale that's washing up on the beach. KATU-TV reports that Seaside Aquarium general manager Keith Chandler says once his team is done collecting data from the carcass, the city of Seaside will bury it. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The death toll from the mudslide that hit the Washington town of Oso has risen to 39. The Snohomish County medical examiner's office confirmed the identities of two more victims this morning and said it's trying to identify three of the bodies. The sheriff's office still lists seven people as missing from the March 22 landslide that buried dozens of homes in the community about 55 miles northeast of Seattle. Recovery workers with dogs are probing the debris, and the state Transportation Department is making plans to clear a mile-long stretch of Highway 530 that is covered with mud and trees up to 25 feet deep. / EDUCATION: Anxious students – and their parents – are getting a sneak peek at how the redesigned S-A-T exam might look in two years. Sample questions for the new version of the college-entrance test were released on this morning by the College Board, which announced last month that the new test will include real-world applications and require more analysis. Students will also be asked to cite evidence to show their understanding of various texts. Every test will include a passage from the U.S. founding documents, such as the Declaration of Independence, or conversations they've inspired. The essay section, which is becoming optional, will require students to read a passage and explain how the author constructed an argument. A sample math question asks test takers to calculate what it would cost an American traveling in India to convert dollars to rupees. An analysis question requires students to use the findings of a political survey to answer questions. Other changes to the S-A-T will include making a computer-based version of the test an option, getting rid of the penalty for wrong answers, limiting the use of a calculator to select sections and returning to a 1,600-point scoring scale. We've put a link to the College Board website on my Tracy Berry newsroom Facebook page. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME, EDUCATION: Everyone's invited to the Lane Community College Dental Clinic Open House on Wednesday, April 16 from 5-8 p.m. at the clinic's new community location at 2460 Willamette Street, Eugene. The clinic is open to serve the public. Lane's Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting students and staff invite the members of the public, current patients, prospective patients, former graduates, dental office staff and dentists, health navigators, schools employees, families and friends of Lane to the April 16 open house to see what's available. The clinic provides low-cost preventive, restorative and emergent care for the public and serves as a hands-on, real-world lab for students working under the supervision of licensed professionals. Lane's students achieve high pass rates in their licensing exams and are very successful at finding employment. Nearly all of last year's graduates from both programs are employed full- or part-time in general or specialty dentistry private offices or large group clinics. The job outlook for both careers is very good. The Dental Assisting program admits 30 students per year for the 9-month program. The Dental Hygiene program admits 26 students per year for the two-year associate program. Upon completion of either program, and national and state board exams, students have all of the credentials needed for employment in the state of Oregon. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p><b>ECONOMY:</b> The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits last week rose by 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 304,000. But analysts with the Labor Department say jobless claims continue to be near pre-recession levels despite the slight increase. They add that the four-week average of applications, a less volatile measure, actually fell by 4,750 to the lowest four-week average since October 2007, just two months before the Great Recession started. Applications are a proxy for layoffs. The current level of claims suggests that employers are holding on their workers with the expectation of stronger economic growth ahead.</p> <p><b>/ ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION:</b> The harsh winter didn't keep Union Pacific railroad from delivering 14 percent higher quarterly profit as it hauled more agricultural, industrial and coal shipments. The Omaha, Neb., based railroad operates 32,400 miles of track in 23 states from the Midwest to the West and Gulf coasts.</p> <p><b>/ ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY:</b> Tiny nuclear power plants that could be far cheaper to build than their behemoth counterparts could herald the future for an energy industry that has come under scrutiny since the Fukushima disaster. William Magwood, the incoming head of the Nuclear Energy Agency, tells The Associated Press this week that many in the industry are pinning their hopes on the nascent technology. In the United States, Magwood hopes the modular reactors will replace outdated coal plants. But finding long-term investors has been tough. Companies have been drifting away from the project, citing funding and regulatory questions. Microsoft founder Bill Gates is an investor in the reactors, which are slotted together like Lego blocks. They would have factory-built parts hauled by train or truck — making assembly possible anywhere.</p> <p><b>/ TERRORISM:</b> Organizers of next week's Boston Marathon are trying to assure the city and runners that the annual event will be safe. Authorities say they do not consider the arrest of a man with a rice cooker in his backpack near the race finish line a breach of security. But police have been stepping up patrols. The mother of the man arrested with the rice cooker Tuesday night says her son has battled bipolar disorder for many years and his mental state has recently deteriorated.</p> <p><b>/ HEALTH:</b> A certified nursing assistant at Salem Hospital has become a worldwide powerhouse away from her job, while pursuing her passion for powerlifting. Most people would never know it by looking at Christie Luehrs, who is 5'1" and 130 pounds. "My parents taught me to be independent," said Luehrs. "So I equated it with strength. I needed to be strong." Luehrs, of Salem, has worked at Salem Hospital for nearly 10 years as a certified nursing assistant. She often helps lift and move patients, which sometimes can be challenging. Luehrs developed her interest in weightlifting in high school. After years of training and countless hours working out, she set a personal goal to break the open world record for powerlifting. The dream came true 13 years later in November 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada, when Luehrs bench-pressed 249 pounds. Luehrs has since broken that world record three times. In 2013, she benched 251 pounds at an</p>

event in Reno, Nevada. In March 2014 in Portland, she bench-pressed 253 and then 264 pounds--more than two times her own body weight. Luehrs says this is only the beginning of her journey. "I really want to get into the 300 pound mark for bench pressing," she said. "I want to be healthy and live a good, long life. I just have to eat right, exercise and take good care of myself. I want to motivate others to do the same." Salem Health produced a video about Luehrs, available on YouTube at [http://youtu.be/M4yzKM\\_Ovc0](http://youtu.be/M4yzKM_Ovc0). / HEALTH, SAFETY: This year is Willamette Family Treatment Services' 50th anniversary helping families in our community. The organization provides alcohol/drug, Mental Health and Detox services to many people in need. They are holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th, from 10am-12pm at Alton Baker Park in Eugene. There will be face painting, pictures with a Bunny, and Prizes. The cost is only \$5 for a family of up to four people and only \$1 for any additional Hunter. We have more 3,000 eggs hidden for the hunt! If you need more information you can find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/willamettefamily> or contact Kim Starr at 541-343-2993 / HEALTH: Rates of five major diabetes-related complications have declined substantially in the last 20 years among U.S. adults with diabetes, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, published in the current issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. Rates of lower-limb amputation, end-stage kidney failure, heart attack, stroke, and deaths due to high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) all declined. Cardiovascular complications and deaths from high blood sugar decreased by more than 60 percent each, while the rates of both strokes and lower extremity amputations – including upper and lower legs, ankles, feet, and toes – declined by about half. Rates for end stage kidney failure fell by about 30 percent. "These findings show that we have come a long way in preventing complications and improving quality of life for people with diabetes," said Edward Gregg, Ph.D., a senior epidemiologist in CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation and lead author of the study. "While the declines in complications are good news, they are still high and will stay with us unless we can make substantial progress in preventing type 2 diabetes." / TERRORISM: Lawyers make opening statements today in the New York City trial of an Egyptian Islamic preacher charged with conspiring to support al-Qaida in part by trying to open a training camp in Oregon. Mustafa Kamel Mustafa (muh-STAH'-fuh kah-MEHL' muh-STAH'-fuh) expects to testify to rebut government's claims that he was a vital piece of the terrorism machinery before his 2004 arrest. ; A judge in New York has rejected an Egyptian Islamic preacher's request to give his own opening statement at his federal trial on charges he conspired to support al-Qaida. Judge Katherine Forrest told Mustafa Kamel Mustafa (muh-STAH'-fuh kah-MEHL' muh-STAH'-fuh) on Thursday he cannot give the opening statement as he counters claims he was a vital piece of the terrorism machinery before his 2004 arrest. Opening statements begin Thursday. The government is trying to prove Mustafa tried to set up an al-Qaida training camp in Bly, Ore., in late 1999 and early 2000. He's also charged with helping kidnappers in Yemen use satellite phones in a 1998 attack that killed four people, and arranging for fighters to attend an Afghanistan al-Qaida training camp. The 55-year-old cleric was extradited from England in 2012. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Portland officials say they are flushing away millions of gallons of treated drinking water for the second time in less than three years because someone urinated into an uncovered city reservoir. The urine poses little risk - animals routinely deposit waste without creating a public health crisis - but officials say they don't want to serve water that was deliberately tainted. The incident occurred early in Wednesday morning when Portland Water Bureau security personnel noticed three men on a security camera feed at Mount Tabor Reservoir No. 5. One was seen on video urinating through an iron fence, officials said. Minutes later, two other young men attempted to scale the fence. The three men were cited for trespassing and the 19-year-old was cited for public urination. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will decide

whether to pursue criminal charges. Interestingly, the reservoir is kidney-shaped. It was built in 1911 is drained for cleaning each spring and fall. The spring draining was done about three weeks ago. The open reservoirs hold water that has already been treated and goes directly into mains for distribution to customers. The water will be drained into the sewage system, eventually reaching a treatment plant before it's dumped into the Columbia River. The reservoir is one of five the city is in the process of being replaced with underground storage to comply with federal regulations. In June 2011, the city drained a 7.5 million-gallon reservoir at Mount Tabor in southeast Portland. This time, 38 million gallons from a different reservoir at the same location will be discarded after a 19-year-old was videotaped in the act. / HEALTH: In the midst of the diabetes epidemic, there is a glimmer of good news: Heart attacks, strokes and other complications from the disease are plummeting. A new federal study shows that over the last two decades, the rates of heart attacks and strokes among diabetics fell by more than 60 percent. The research also confirms earlier reports of drastic declines in diabetes-related kidney failure and amputations. The drop is mainly attributed to better screening, medicines and care. The improvements came even as the number of U.S. adults with diabetes more than tripled in those 20 years. It comes as insurance programs have expanded coverage of blood sugar monitors and diabetes treatment. Experts say that gradually, larger numbers of diabetics are being diagnosed earlier and with milder disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention research is reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: After six months of near silence about the problems at Cover Oregon, the project's main technology contractor is fighting back. In a letter to Cover Oregon obtained by The Associated Press, Oracle Corp. President Safra Catz writes that her company provided "clear and repeated warnings" to Cover Oregon that the exchange would not launch last October. Oregon officials have said Oracle regularly reassured them work on the portal was on track. More than six months later, Oregon's exchange is the only one in the nation that still doesn't let the public enroll in coverage in one sitting. Instead, Oregonians must use a hybrid paper-online application process. In a response letter, acting executive director Clyde Hamstreet writes he can't yet respond to Oracle's arguments, because he was appointed four days ago. ; One of Colorado's biggest marijuana businesses isn't high on pot on the job. The state is one of the first to legalize the once illegal weed. Now, officials of O.penVAPE have instituted a workplace drug policy. Employees can be fired for smoking weed at work, or using cocaine at any time. O.penVAPE says workers can expect random testing for drugs like coke and meth. The company has more than 125 people working in Colorado. O.penVAPE makes cartridges filled with cannabis oil and a battery-powered vaporizer that looks like a pen. / ECONOMY, HUMAN RIGHTS: A labor group says a strike at the world's biggest athletic shoe maker is snowballing, with about 30,000 of its Chinese workers protesting over insufficient benefits. They've been striking in increasing numbers in on-and-off stoppages since April 5. The labor unrest threatens to crimp the contract manufacturer's output for clients that include Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Asics, New Balance and Timberland. /

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<b>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</b>	30 Seconds
<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS: A surge of eleventh-hour enrollments has improved the outlook for President Barack Obama's health care law. Obama says more people signed up and there was a much-needed spark of interest among young adults. The president said eight million people have signed up for subsidized private insurance, and that 35 percent of them are younger than age 35. Still to be announced is what share of those enrolled were previously uninsured - the true test of the Affordable Care Act - and how many actually secured coverage by paying their first month's premiums. State-by-state statistics, expected as early as next week, will provide a much fuller picture. Here in Oregon, the sign-up was extended through the end of this month because of continued problems with the Cover Oregon enrollment website. / ECONOMY, EDUCATION: What's a beverage contract at the University of Oregon worth? Millions. The Register-Guard is reporting this morning that Pepsi's local distributor will pay the University of Oregon nearly \$5 million in cash, free or discounted drinks and other benefits over the next eight years to be the university's dominant drink supplier. The newspaper's Sheri Burri McDonald says the details of the agreement were contained in documents obtained by The Register-Guard through a public records request. The new contract between the university and local Pepsi distributor Bigfoot Beverages, which is expected to be finalized soon, will boost Pepsi's presence on campus and give the boot to some other locally bottled drinks. But the register-Guard reports officials with Genesis Juice in Springfield and Kore Kombucha in Eugene said campus store officials told them their drinks will be dropped under the new contract. The deal sets aside 80 percent of the stores' cooler space for Bigfoot drinks, leaving 20 percent for all other brands. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: Federal, state and tribal officials are being joined by farmers and ranchers this morning for the signing of an historic agreement regarding water use in the Upper Klamath Basin. It comes after members of the Klamath Tribes this month approved an agreement to share water with cattle ranchers on rivers running through former reservation lands in return for work to improve fish habitat. The agreement was prompted by irrigation shutoffs to ranchers during a drought last summer after the tribes were awarded senior water rights on the Sprague, Wood and Williamson rivers. The language of the deal now becomes part of legislation Sen. Ron Wyden is preparing to settle longstanding water issues in the Klamath Basin and remove dams on the Klamath River to help salmon. Tribal officials say the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement is "a monumental step" in restoring tribal fisheries and treaty rights. Farmers and ranchers say it gives them the ability to plan their operations based on a predictable allotment of water. / ENVIRONMENT: Eugene's annual Earth Day Celebration will bring music, a massive plant sale and other festive and educational activities on Saturday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Eugene Water &amp; Electric Board's River Edge Plaza. The free event, which will be held rain</p>

or shine, features live music, activities for kids, a plant sale by the Lane County Master Gardener Association, food, the announcement of the winners of two \$50,000 EWEB Greenpower grants for two local renewable energy projects, the Green Community Micro-Fair and more. U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden and Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy will officially open the celebration at about 11:15 a.m. Main stage entertainment begins at 11:30 a.m. EWEB will name the 2014 Greenpower grant winners at approximately 3 p.m. There will be free LTD shuttles from the downtown station and Saturday Market to EWEB's River Edge Plaza, 500 E. Fourth Avenue, during event hours. For more information, visit the Earth Day Oregon website: [www.earthdayoregon.com](http://www.earthdayoregon.com) / **HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME, POLITICS:** It's a boost for homeless camp funding here in Lane County. The Register-Guard is quoting a homeless advocate, who says an anonymous Eugene woman has offered \$400,000 to buy private land for a homeless camp. In the story, reporters Christian Hill and Edward Russo quote Michael Carrigan, a shelter rights organizer for the Community Alliance of Lane County, who confirmed the offer. Carrigan said the offer would be strictly for the purchase of land. The community would still need to raise money to operate the camp. The news comes just a two weeks after the city of Eugene's closed the unauthorized Whoville homeless camp at East Broadway and Hilyard Streets. A city spokeswoman Jan Bohman said Eugene officials have no additional information about the offer. But Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy told The Register-Guard she was happy to hear such an offer had been extended. The Eugene City Council has approved three 15-person short-stay homeless camps known as "rest stops." Two of the three camps have occupants. Those two camps are in addition to Opportunity Village Eugene, where about 30 homeless people live in small wooden structures on city-owned land on Garfield Street, near Roosevelt Boulevard. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT:** Reports to the state show the volume of oil hauled on railroads in Oregon increased last year to more than 11 million barrels. That's up from about 3 million barrels in 2012, according to numbers from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads that were reported to the Oregon Department of Transportation and reported in The Oregonian newspaper. Most of the tanker cars are moved through Portland to a terminal near Clatskanie that loads oil on barges bound for West Coast refineries. Oil trains also pass through the Columbia River Gorge, Eugene, Salem, Bend and Klamath Falls. Oil train shipments through the Northwest are expected to grow as they carry crude from the oil boom in North Dakota. / **ECONOMY, HUMAN RIGHTS:** Chinese police have hauled away dozens of striking workers at a factory complex that makes shoes for Nike, Adidas, New Balance and Timberland. More than 40,000 workers walked off the job April 5 in a labor dispute, and production has been brought to a halt. Now a government trade union says it will mediate in the dispute. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Mazda is recalling 109,000 Tribute SUVs in cold-weather states to fix rusting frame parts. The recall covers SUVs from the 2001 through 2004 model years. Mazda says in documents filed with U.S. safety regulators that the frame can rust and a wheel control arm can separate from it. That could result in a loss of steering control. The SUVs were originally sold or registered in 20 states and Washington, D.C., where salt is used to clear snow and ice from roads. Dealers will install a reinforcement brace to fix the problem. Mazda says it will notify owners by letter when parts are available. The same problem caused a recall of nearly 386,000 older Ford Escapes earlier this month. The Escape and Tribute are nearly identical vehicles. / **SAFETY, ECONOMY:** Emerald People's Utility District recognizes their linemen during this week's National Lineman Appreciation Day on April 18, 2014. "Our linemen work hard, but they enjoy their work and take the utmost pride in a job well done. They are dedicated to our customer-owners and our communities, consistently going above and beyond what is asked of them," said Emerald General Manager Scott Coe. "It is a pleasure to work with such exemplary individuals." National Lineman

Appreciation Day was recently recognized by a unanimous vote of the House of Representatives, designating April 18 as a day to celebrate the contributions to public safety made by the linemen in our nation. According to U.S. Senate Resolution 95, linemen: • are steeped in personal, family and professional tradition; • are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes; • work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing; • must often work under dangerous conditions far from their families to construct and maintain the energy infrastructure of the United States; and • put their lives on the line every day with little recognition from the community regarding the danger of their work. Emerald People's Utility District knows this to be true and would like to say "thank you" to all of the men and women locally and across the nation for their effort and dedication. You all are truly heroes of your communities! / HEALTH, ECONOMY: Those were informational pickets outside of McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center yesterday. The members of SEIU Local 49 are in contract talks, which began last fall. The two sides are scheduled to sit down next week with a federal mediator to continue their talks. Union officials say they represent more than 300 hospital workers at McKenzie-Willamette including medical assistants, certified nursing assistants, emergency department technicians, phlebotomists, housekeepers and others. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, POLITICS: Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio has toured an abandoned copper mine in southwestern Oregon that is on the Superfund list of major pollution sites in preparation for filing legislation to overhaul the nation's primary mining law. DeFazio acknowledges the bill has little chance of passage this year in the Republican-controlled House, but says he wants to raise awareness about how the current system costs taxpayers billions of dollars. / ECONOMY, CRIME: Secret Service investigators say they are close to gaining a full understanding of the methods hackers used to breach Target's computer systems last December. But the agency says it could take years to identify the criminals who stole some 40 million debit and credit card numbers of Target shoppers and other personal information from as many as 70 million people in the pre-Christmas breach. And it may take even longer to bring the offenders to justice. The federal investigation is complicated by the international nature of high-profile digital heists. The perpetrators are likely located overseas, which makes extradition and prosecution difficult. As a result, the Secret Service is focused on monitoring the online activities of its suspects, in hopes that they'll be able to arrest them at an opportune moment, says Ari Baranoff, an assistant special agent in charge with the Secret Service's criminal investigative division. / HEALTH, SAFETY: The government's latest report card on food poisoning shows a dip in salmonella cases but an increase in illnesses from bacteria in raw shellfish. The report counts cases in only 10 states for some of the most common causes of foodborne illness, but is believed to be a good indicator of national food poisoning trends. The report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tallied about 20,000 illnesses and 80 deaths in the 10 states, similar to previous years. The CDC estimates that 1 in 6 Americans get sick from contaminated food each year, though most cases are not reported because those falling ill either did not seek medical attention or the illness was not severe enough to meet reporting guidelines. The rate of new Salmonella cases dropped 9 percent - the biggest drop in about a decade. But officials are cautious about making too much of it, since it was compared to a time period that included a big outbreak linked to eggs in 2010. Want to avoid food poisoning? Health experts remind you to carefully wash and clean food, and cook meat, fish, poultry and eggs thoroughly. Promptly refrigerate leftovers. A government report last year showed leafy greens like lettuce and spinach were the leading source of food poisoning, and that produce in general accounted for nearly half of all illnesses. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: 7:14 a.m. update, Friday, April 18th: Oregon Highway 138-W, the

Elkton-Sutherlin Highway, is closed at Milepost 17, about eight miles west of Sutherlin. A single vehicle crash has knocked down power lines. This will be an extended closure. Motorists should detour using Oregon Highway 38 or Oregon Highway 42. Detour signs are being placed at Sutherlin and Elkton. Go to [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com) for updates. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY: Water from Portland's the Mt. Tabor Reservoir system has tested clean. But the Oregonian newspaper reports that Portland Water Bureau administrators said yesterday are going ahead with their decision to dump 38 million gallons after a man urinated in the Southeast Portland storage pool one day earlier. The decision to empty and clean the reservoir has drawn reactions of disbelief and derision among some national and international news media. The Oregonian notes that the chief point of contention is that Reservoir 5 can hold up to 50 million gallons of water. The typical adult human bladder can hold two or so cups of urine. So the possibility someone getting sick because of Wednesday morning's incident is, as Water Bureau officials acknowledge, slight at best. But city officials say there's a perception issue among their customers and they've committed to run the system with an abundance of caution. There are long-term plans in the works to cover Portland's reservoirs, which would prevent such issues in the future. / FAMILIES, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: Springfield will be seeing a lot of blue and orange this Friday when more than 600 teens make it their personal mission to clean up our city at the 18th Annual Springfield Youth Day of Caring (or SYDOC for short). Look for their t-shirts at a project near you. This annual event is the culmination of months of work on the part of school staff, student planning teams and community partners organizing projects and fundraising. "Students learn valuable organizational and leadership skills in addition to the satisfaction of helping the community," says organizer Tamara Hume, a learning specialist at Springfield High. For the first time this year, SHS Principal José da Silva aims to use this event as a foundation for its work to connect with international Peace Jam efforts. He said he hopes to "plant a seed" with students about how to take service at SHS to the next level. SYDOC by the numbers: 41 projects. Student volunteers: ~ 600 total. Springfield High School: 400-450. Thurston High School: 20. Gateways High School: 100. Community Transition Program: 30. Adult volunteers/staff leaders: 80/42. / HEALTH, FAMILIES, SAFETY: Preparing for Easter? Remember that eggs need to be handled safely. Eggs are a potentially hazardous food, but there is no reason consumers can't enjoy them safely this Easter holiday season. Like other perishable food items, all it takes is a little common sense when it comes to handling, preparing, and storing eggs. "Eggs are an animal product, just like any other meat product, and are exposed to food pathogens," says Sarah Schwab, food safety specialist with the Oregon Department of Agriculture. "That's why it is important to keep them properly refrigerated and to cook them thoroughly." Just like meat, an increase in pathogens can be slowed or controlled through refrigeration. Pathogens can be eliminated with thorough cooking. "Easter brings eggs to the forefront," says Schwab. "But throughout the year, all of us should be conscientious about how we handle eggs." Cooking potentially hazardous foods is the key. Heat will destroy the organism that would make someone sick. Still, there are many recipes that call for raw eggs as an ingredient. Consumers should be aware those foods can also cause illness. "Consuming raw eggs is cause for concern, especially for those people who are most susceptible— the old, the very young, pregnant women, and immune-compromised individuals," says Schwab. For those who insist on eating raw cookie dough and Caesar salad, there are pasteurized egg products that can be purchased at the grocery store. Hollandaise sauce, homemade mayonnaise, and eggnog are other products with recipes that may call for uncooked eggs. The safe thing to do is use the pasteurized product. While salmonella is the main culprit of egg safety, the high amount of protein and moisture associated with eggs leaves them vulnerable to other food pathogens. Cross contaminating an egg mixture can



be hazardous simply because the egg can support rapid growth of other bacteria. Mechanization of the egg industry has actually made the egg safer prior to purchase. Most laying hens are housed exclusively indoors in facilities with computer controlled feeding, heating, and ventilation systems. Eggs are collected via conveyor. All other production procedures are done by an automated system. From the hen house to the processing line where the egg is washed, inspected, and packaged, those eggs routinely avoid contact with the human hand. In some cases, the consumer may be the first person to actually touch the egg. "We inspect both the commercial egg operations and the grocery stores that carry eggs to ensure proper handling and transportation with respect to temperatures," says Schwab. For consumers, a time of concern is after the eggs are purchased at the store. "Eggs need to be refrigerated as soon as possible," says Schwab. "Get them home quickly along with other perishable foods." Eggs should be kept in refrigeration that is 41 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. It's best to consume eggs within five weeks if they remain raw, although any problems are most likely to be with the quality of the egg, not food safety-related. Leaving the eggs in the carton may allow them to last longer. When it comes to eggs, proper preparation is essential. Eggs should be cooked slowly over a gentle heat. Hard-boiled eggs need to be cooked until they are no longer runny, but firm. Cooked egg products should reach a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit. Once the egg is cooked, it's best to consume it within a week. After boiling, the eggs need to get back into the refrigerator within two hours. Letting them sit on the stovetop is not advised. Using eggs as ingredients also requires vigilance. If you are baking a meringue for Easter Sunday dinner, you need to cook it at 350 degrees for at least 15 minutes. Be careful with things like French toast, which needs to be thoroughly cooked as well. Food safety officials say it is probably better to overcook than undercook. Hard cooked eggs are most likely to be in the spotlight this time of year. If the brightly colored Easter egg ends up as part of a child's backyard hunt, it is best to avoid eating it. Once those eggs have been outside or handled and hidden, they could become damaged. The shell of a cooked egg is relatively porous and more susceptible to contamination. Also remember, they will be out of refrigeration. The best thing to do is discard them. If they have been out of the refrigerator for more than two hours, there should be no doubt— throw it out. "The safest option for Easter egg hunts is to use plastic eggs," says Schwab. Oregon is a significant producer of eggs, which is ranked 12th in production value among all Oregon agricultural commodities. The \$65 million industry ensures a fresh product as more than 694 million eggs were produced in Oregon in 2012— the most recent year in which statistics are available. The state's 2.2 million egg-laying hens are concentrated in a handful of major commercial producers. The increasing popularity of backyard chickens doesn't change the advice when it comes to handling and preparing eggs. Refrigeration and thorough cooking are still critically important. The local eggs on sale this week are likely to be about as fresh as they can be. Eggs will almost always arrive at the grocery store less than a week from the day they were produced. During heavy consumption periods such as Easter, those eggs are more likely to arrive within a day or two. Despite the freshness, consumers need to handle eggs as a potentially hazardous food. Eggs can be part of a healthy diet during Easter as well as the rest of the year. Only when they are mishandled are they likely to become a problem. "There is no reason not to enjoy eggs this time of year, but we've got to be smart about it," says Schwab. / MINORITIES, EDUCATION: For the sixth consecutive year, Springfield will be hosting a pow wow in honor of the Indian Education Program's graduating seniors. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity for the community to participate in Native culture. It's all happening on Saturday in the Springfield High gym (enter from 10th St. side). /

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**HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY:** The future of Oregon's ban on same-sex marriage goes before a federal judge this week, and while critics will argue that it unconstitutionally discriminates against gays and lesbians, there appears to be little support for it to be upheld. Oregon's attorney general, Democrat Ellen Rosenblum, says the state's ban is legally indefensible. Her office filed a lengthy brief urging U.S. District Judge Michael McShane to throw it out. There have been no legal arguments submitted for upholding the ban. Federal judges in five states have thrown out voter-approved bans on same-sex marriage on constitutional grounds since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a portion of the federal Defense of Marriage Act last year, and many other challenges are pending. For Oregon's ban, oral arguments are scheduled for Wednesday at U.S. District Court in Eugene. ; Starting next week, the spotlight on the status of gay marriage in America will shift to the Eugene courtroom of U.S. District Judge Michael McShane – who finds himself in an unusual position. Unlike the five federal judges who have struck down laws prohibiting same-sex marriages in other states in recent months, McShane won't have anyone in the courtroom defending Oregon's constitutional ban when he holds oral arguments Wednesday. And, unlike the other judges, McShane also happens to be one of just nine openly gay members of the federal judiciary, according to the Human Rights Campaign. It's an unusual combination of factors for the 53-year-old jurist, who has served as a federal judge for less than a year. McShane, citing the sensitivity of the case, declined to be interviewed for this story. But friends say they're confident he'll produce a careful decision while setting aside any personal feelings. "You don't want to be the lawyer going in saying with a wink, 'I'm the lawyer on the gay-marriage side and he's going to be with me,'" says Lane Borg, who heads Metropolitan Public Defender and has known McShane for decades. "They would be ill-advised to think that just because Michael is gay that he is going to rule that way." Still, the widespread view is that McShane will follow the lead of other federal judges in ruling that same-sex couples have the right to marry. Backers of a gay marriage initiative are even asking McShane to rule by May 23 so that they don't have to take their fight to the November ballot. In his courtroom, McShane will face a battery of lawyers all telling him to strike down the 2004 voter-approved constitutional amendment limiting marriage to one man and one woman. That's because Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum announced earlier this year that she wouldn't defend the law because it violates federal equal-rights protections as interpreted by last year's Supreme Court decision. Several lawyers on both sides of the issue say the lack of opposition will almost undoubtedly lead McShane to strike down Oregon's constitutional prohibition. "That would appear to make the case a foregone conclusion," says William Duncan, who heads the Marriage Law Foundation, a Utah-based group opposed to same-sex unions. If McShane decides to strike down the law, his major issue may be whether to stay his

decision while appeals are heard from other states – or whether to allow gays and lesbians to begin marrying in Oregon. / VETERANS, GROWTH, POLITICS: U.S. Senator Ron Wyden will be in Eugene on Monday, April 21, 2014, to participate in the groundbreaking of the new Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic and speak at the investiture of U.S. District Court Judge Michael McShane. / TERRORISM, SAFETY: Some 36,000 runners are expected to participate in today's Boston Marathon. It'll be the second-largest field in its history. Many people are coming to show support for an event that last year was rocked by two bombs near the finish line, killing three people and wounding more than 260 others. This year, there are considerably more police, and more than 100 cameras have been installed along the 26.2-mile course, from Hopkinton to Boston's Copley Square. ; The 118th Boston Marathon has begun. The first entrants crossed the starting line at 5:50 a.m. (our time) in the mobility impaired division. The wheelchair division starts at 6:17. Then the handcycles begin at 6:22, and the elite women at 6:32. The elite men and the first wave of amateur runners go at 7:00 a.m. There are four waves in total, the last starting at 8:25. Among the returning runners is 58-year-old Carol Downing, of Monkton, Md. Daughters Erika Brannock and Nicole Gross were badly hurt last year as they waited for her to finish. Downing was stopped about a half-mile from the end of the race. Both daughters will be in Boston this year to see their mom run, but they're still debating whether they will return to the finish line. "I'm trying not to think about last year and just looking forward to getting to the finish line and seeing my family," Downing said. "This time having a better ending." A huge cheer went up when Shalane Flanagan, of Marblehead, Mass., was introduced before the elite women started their race. It's been nearly 30 years since an American woman won. That came in 1985 when Michigan's Lisa Larsen Weidenbach ran uncontested to capture the title in 2:34:06. For the men, it's been a longer drought: Massachusetts' own Greg Meyer broke the tape in 1983 in a time of 2:09. Since 1991, a runner from Kenya has won the men's race 19 times. The women's side has been more diverse. Since 1991, 10 Kenyan runners have captured the title, followed by Ethiopia with five and Russia with four. Close to 36,000 runners are registered for the race — the second-largest field in its history. ; More than 250 personnel from law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services, state and federal agencies and the National Guard were monitoring the race from a coordination center set up at the Framingham headquarters of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. Radios crackled throughout the sprawling underground facility as officials watched feeds from security cameras, television coverage and helicopters. A list of "significant events"- including start times, street shutdowns and reports of unauthorized vehicles - scrolled across large monitors. As the crowd in Hopkinton waited for the elite men to start, the race announcer thanked the crowd for obeying the no-backpack policy. ; The Associated Press' New England bureau chief, Bill Kole, is running the race - and tweeting from every mile. He was in one of the four waves of amateur runners that began leaving the starting line at seven a.m. The final wave leaves around nine a.m., our time. Kole tweeted from the start: "The gun booms, the runners roar; we're off. I'm bobbing in a sea of fist pumps and high fives. Boston's back." Once out of the starting town of Hopkinton, observers and others say security appeared no stiffer than in past years. The traditional party atmosphere was in full force. Loud music blared from a pair of tree-mounted speakers. Up the road, a string band played. Fans hauled coolers, beach chairs, strollers, even grills to the yards and driveways along the course. At Wellesley College, the cheering from assembled college students could be heard a quarter-mile away. We already have results from some of the first events: --Ernst van Dyk of South Africa won the men's wheelchair division for a record 10th time. The 41-year-old crossed the finish line in 1 hour, 20 minutes, 36 seconds. --American Tatyana McFadden won the women's wheelchair race for the second straight year. McFadden celebrated her 25th birthday Monday. McFadden

was born in Russia and lived in an orphanage as a child. / **TRANSPORTATION:** For months, motorists have had to pick their way through more than a mile of utility work on West 13th Avenue. But beginning Monday, April 21, construction begins in earnest as the City of Eugene reconstructs West 13th between Garfield and Washington streets. Knife River Corporation, the low bidder on the Public Works project, will split the construction schedule into two phases. The first phase, beginning next Monday, will run from Polk to Washington streets and is scheduled to be substantially completed by early July, well before the Lane County Fair opens on July 23. When the fair is over, the second phase - from Garfield to Polk streets - will be done. The entire project is scheduled to be finished by early September. Initially, the phase 1 work will focus on rebuilding 38 sidewalk access ramps. Then the work will shift to removing the deteriorated surface and damaged areas of road base and rebuilding West 13th with a new asphalt surface. This will require lengthy lane closures, tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-May. The plan is to keep one lane open for through traffic; however, there may be times when heavy equipment is temporarily blocking that lane. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes to avoid delays in active work zones. Pedestrians and cyclists may also encounter closed sections of sidewalk in work areas. Utility companies, including EWEB and Northwest Natural, have been working to repair or relocate their underground facilities before the City starts road work. With 17 major City street repair projects scheduled this year, utility crews have been busy all over town. The \$2.2 million 13th Avenue project is funded primarily by the 2012 voter-approved bond measure to fix city streets. For traffic updates and additional information about the project, go to [www.eugene-or.gov/traffic](http://www.eugene-or.gov/traffic) or follow EugenePW on Twitter. For regional traffic updates, including LTD's west Eugene EmX project as well as projects by ODOT, Lane County, Eugene and Springfield, go to [www.keepusmoving.info](http://www.keepusmoving.info) / **ECONOMY:** Tens of thousands of revelers raised joints, pipes and vaporizer devices to the sky Sunday at a central Denver park in a defiant toast to the April 20 pot holiday, a once-underground celebration that has stepped into the mainstream in the first state in the nation to legalize recreational marijuana. The 4:20 p.m. smoke-out in the shadow of the Colorado capitol was the capstone of an Easter weekend dedicated to cannabis in states across the country. Although it is still against the law to publicly smoke marijuana in Colorado, police reported only 130 citations or arrests over the course of the two-day event, 92 for marijuana consumption. At 4:20 in the afternoon, an enormous plume of marijuana smoke wafted into the sky above the gathering downtown Denver. The Civic Center Park event is the most visible sign of the pot holiday's transformation. What started as a defiant gathering of marijuana activists this year had an official city permit, was organized by an events management company and featured booths selling funnel cakes and Greek food next to kiosks hawking hemp lollipops and glass pipes. In Washington state, thousands celebrated in the only other U.S. state to legalize marijuana. Oregonians are expected to vote on a recreational marijuana measure this fall. ; Thirty years after failing to convince the Supreme Court of the threat posed by home video recordings, big media companies are back and now trying to rein in another technological innovation they say threatens their financial well-being. The entertainment conglomerates that own U.S. television networks are waging a legal fight against a startup business that uses Internet-based technology to give subscribers the ability to watch programs anywhere they can take portable devices. The source of the companies' worry is Aereo, which takes free television signals from the airwaves and sends them over the Internet to paying subscribers in 11 cities. Aereo, backed by billionaire Barry Diller, has plans to more than double that total. The broadcasters, including ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC and PBS, and their backers argue that Aereo's competitive advantage lies not in its product, but in avoiding paying for it. They are suing Aereo for copyright infringement, saying the start-up should pay for redistributing the programming the same way cable and satellite systems do. / **CRIME:** Police

say they're investigating after a 27-year-old man was found dead in a Eugene home, after reports of a fire and possible shots fired. Someone called 911 just before 7 a.m. Sunday to report the fire and possible shots at a residence on Woodside drive in the Ferry Street Bridge neighborhood. Police and firefighters arrived to find Tyler Wayne Alexander, of Springfield, dead. They put out the fire, and notifications went out to nearby residents warning them to stay inside. Police say Alexander did not live in the home. No one else was injured and there were no suspects. The medical examiner is expected to determine manner and cause of death. /

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A 58-year-old Eugene man died Sunday evening after a freak accident on the Oregon Coast near Florence. Investigators say it is a reminder to always keep an eye on the ocean and be careful around large logs—even those that appear to be securely resting on dry sand. Officials say Ming Hsieh (syeh) died after a sneaker wave struck the beach at Florence's North Jetty, causing a 40-foot log to roll. Witnesses say the man tried to help an older female relative who was knocked off the log. That's when the log rolled back over him. Nearby beachgoers rushed to help—including an off-duty firefighter who performed CPR. But Hsieh (syeh) was pronounced dead after he was transported to the hospital. / HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES: When a Eugene federal judge hears arguments tomorrow over Oregon's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, members of a national group opposing gay and lesbian unions wants to argue to preserve the ban. Members of the National Organization for Marriage say they planned to file a motion to intervene yesterday. Oregon's top lawyer, attorney general Ellen Rosenblum, has said she will not defend the ban. She says in court filings that there's no reason the state should treat same-sex couples differently from opposite-sex couples when it comes to marriage. Federal District Court Judge Michael McShane will hear arguments tomorrow afternoon in Eugene. ; Same-sex marriage is now legal in 17 states. In Georgia, a gay rights group announced plans to file a federal lawsuit in Atlanta to challenge that state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriages. Georgia voters in 2004 overwhelmingly approved a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. The ban was challenged in courts by gay rights groups who targeted the wording of the ballot question, but the Georgia Supreme Court ultimately ruled in 2006 that the vote was valid. ; On the eve of the final arguments about marriage equality, Oregon United for Marriage, Basic Rights Oregon and the ACLU of Oregon are hosting a series of vigils in seven cities across the state, from Portland to Pendleton, to mark this historic moment. Vigils will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eugene's Wayne Morse Federal Courthouse, 405 E. Eighth Ave, and at other locations. ; A national group opposed to same-sex marriage says it will seek to defend Oregon's gay-marriage ban from challenges in federal court. The National Organization for Marriage said in a press release that it plans to file a motion to intervene on Monday. A federal judge is scheduled to hear arguments over Oregon's voter-approved same-sex marriage ban on Wednesday. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has declined to defend the state constitutional ban. She says in court filings that there's no reason the state should treat same-sex couples differently from opposite-sex couples when it comes to marriage. National Organization for Marriage chairman John Eastman says it's wrong that a challenge to Oregon's marriage law would go forward without a meaningful defense. / MINORITIES, EDUCATION: The U.S. Supreme Court this morning upheld Michigan's ban on using race as a factor in college admissions. The justices said in a 6-2 ruling that

Michigan voters had the right to change their state constitution in 2006 to prohibit public colleges and universities from taking account of race in admissions decisions. The justices said that a lower federal court was wrong to set aside the change as discriminatory. Justice Anthony Kennedy said voters chose to eliminate racial preferences, presumably because such a system could give rise to race-based resentment. Kennedy said nothing in the Constitution or the court's prior cases gives judges the authority to undermine the election results, meaning the case was not about how the debate about racial preferences should be resolved, but about who may legally resolve it. In dissent, Justice Sonia Sotomayor said the decision tramples on the rights of minorities, even though the amendment was adopted democratically. She noted that without legal checks, democratically approved legislation can oppress minority groups. / MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, ECONOMY, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES: Tens of thousands of immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally but don't have serious criminal records could be shielded from deportation under a policy change being weighed by Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson. The change, if adopted following a review ordered by President Barack Obama, could limit removals of people who have little or no criminal record but have committed repeat immigration violations such as re-entering the country illegally after having been deported, or failing to comply with a deportation order. The possible move would fall short of the sweeping changes sought by activists. They want Obama to expand a two-year-old program that grants work permits to certain immigrants brought here illegally as children to include other groups, such as the parents of any children born in the U.S. With comprehensive immigration legislation stalled in the Republican-led House after passing the Senate last year, Obama has come under intense election-year pressure to stem deportations, which have neared 2 million on his watch, and allow more of the 11.5 million immigrants living here illegally to stay. Many activists want sweeping action by Obama to give legal certainty and work permits to millions more immigrants, like he did for those who arrived illegally as children and attended school or served in the military. It's not clear whether the administration ultimately will take such steps. Obama has said repeatedly his options are limited without action by Congress. / ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITIES: Join thousands of Oregonians on Saturday, April 26, from 9 am to 1 pm for the SOLVE's 25th Annual SOLVE IT for Earth Day. Pick up litter, restore natural habitats and help keep Oregon clean and green at over 200 family friendly projects taking place across the state. SOLVE IT began in 1990 to clean up a few neighborhoods in Portland and address the problem of illegal dump sites. Since then, it has grown to become one of the largest Earth Day events in the nation, with more than 9 million pounds of litter and invasive plants removed over the last two decades. For a listing of project sites and to pre-register, please visit [www.solveoregon.org](http://www.solveoregon.org). Volunteers without Internet access may also call SOLVE at 503-844-9571 ext. 332 or 1-800-333-SOLV (7658) ext. 332. / HEALTH, FAMILIES: April is Autism Awareness month. South Lane County Fire & Rescue would like to offer an invitation to children on the Autism Spectrum and their families to tour the fire station. Tours can be arranged to take place through the end of May. Individuals on the Autism Spectrum many times have higher sensory needs than others, and this can make it very difficult to participate in fire station tours. They would like to open our doors and offer tours specially formulated for special needs children and adults. They want to make the opportunity to learn about fire safety available to all children, as well as let them experience the fun of a fire station tour. Fire station tours last about one hour, and normally include: Fire Safety video, Touch the fire engine and ambulance, Smoke alarm drill, "Put out the house fire"- kids spray an actual fire hose at a prop. South Lane County Fire & Rescue will gladly adapt our fire station tour to your family's needs. If you are interested in a tour for your special needs child, either as an individual or in a group, please contact Darron Houck, B-shift Engineer / Paramedic at 541-942-

4493. / **ECONOMY, EDUCATION:** The job market for new college graduates is brightening but remains weaker than before the Great Recession began. The Labor Department reports that the unemployment rate for 2013 college graduates — defined as those ages 20 to 29 who earned a four-year or advanced degree — was 10.9 percent. That was down from 13.3 percent in 2012 and was the lowest rate since 7.7 percent in 2007. Female graduates fared better than men: 9 percent were unemployed as of October last year, compared with 13.7 percent of men. The economy has been generating jobs in many low-wage fields — such as retail and hotels — that disproportionately employ women. Unemployment for recent grads was slightly above the overall 9.6 percent rate for Americans ages 20 to 29 in October. ; Marking the two-year anniversary of total student debt in the United States reaching \$1trillion, the League of Educators and Students Slashing Tuition (LESS-T) is hosting a Student Debt Forum to take place on the University of Oregon campus on April 25, 2014 at 1-3p in Allen Hall 221. Please join us in dialogue about solutions to this pressing national issue. The forum will include speakers from Jobs with Justice, the University of Oregon's faculty union United Academics, and a representative from the American Federation of Teachers— Oregon. A panel will follow composed of representatives from national and state legislatures as well as members of the Higher Education Coordinating Committee, the UO Board of Trustees, the UO administration, United Academics (UA AAU/AFT 4996), the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF AFT-3544), the Service Employees International Union (SEIU 503), the Student Labor Action Project (SLAP), the Oregon Student Association (OSA), the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO), and the Oregon Opportunity Movement. / **SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, TERRORISM:** The Cities of Eugene and Springfield, with support from a Department of Homeland Security Grant, are sponsoring CERT training for citizens within the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area. CERT (which stands for Community Emergency Response Team) trains citizens to be prepared to respond to emergency situations within their communities. Trained CERT members are able to give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members may also help with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of a community. The City of Eugene's Emergency Management Office is hosting this event: Basic CERT Training. Date: 4/26, 5/3, 5/10 (Saturdays). Time: 8-5pm. Location: 1705 W 2nd Avenue, Emergency Services Building. This Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will help participants understand what to expect following a major disaster and provide training in skills that will allow team members to support professional emergency responders. Please visit [www.eugene-cert.com](http://www.eugene-cert.com) for more information about our program. / **ECONOMY:** Sales of existing U.S. homes slipped in March to their lowest level since July 2012 as rising prices and a tight supply of available homes discouraged many would-be buyers. The National Association of Realtors says sales edged down 0.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.59 million. It was the seventh drop in the past eight months. Sales rose in the Northeast and Midwest, suggesting that cold winter weather did not slow sales. And the Realtors' group says the scant decline shows that sales are stabilizing and may strengthen in the coming months as the spring buying season picks up. Many Realtors report seeing more potential buyers at open houses. Fewer homes for sale, higher mortgage rates and rising prices have contributed to lower sales since last summer. / **CRIME:** The Supreme Court says an anonymous tip can be sufficient to justify a decision by police to pull a car over on suspicion of reckless or drunken driving. The justices voted 5-4 Tuesday to uphold a traffic stop in northern California in which officers subsequently found marijuana in the vehicle. The officers themselves did not see any evidence of reckless driving. Justice Clarence Thomas said the tip phoned in to 911 that a pickup truck matching that description had run the caller off the road was sufficiently reliable to allow for the



traffic stop without violating the driver's constitutional rights. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote the dissent in which he called Thomas' opinion "a freedom-destroying cocktail." / RELIGION, EDUCATION: A family is suing a New Jersey school district, contending that the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance discriminates against atheist children. The lawsuit against the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District was filed in state court last month and was announced yesterday by the American Humanist Association. The group says the phrase, added in 1954, "marginalizes atheist and humanist kids as something less than ideal patriots." The school district says it's merely following a state law that requires schools to have a daily recitation of the pledge. It says individual students don't have to participate. / HEALTH, POLITICS: Medical marijuana cardholders in some parts of Oregon will have to look harder than they had expected for dispensaries where they can obtain the drug. A total of 13 Oregon counties and more than 100 cities have passed moratoriums banning the pot shops since a law allowing the dispensaries took effect on March 1. The Legislature approved a measure in early March giving cities and counties until May 1 to adopt one-year moratoriums to keep the pot shops from opening within their borders. Some dispensaries operating in those areas may be forced to shut down, and others are hoping to find alternatives. Clackamas County commissioners are voting on a moratorium later this week. Dispensary owners there are worried their business dreams will go up in smoke. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: About 30,000 Oregonians who buy long-term care insurance for the day when they have trouble taking care of themselves will see their premium rates rise by an average of 26 percent. The Salem Statesman Journal says the Oregon Insurance Division has been working its way through rate increase requests. It has approved 23, cutting many. The average increase request was 45 percent. The division has 15 more requests pending. The policies pay for care for older people at home, or in assisted-living facilities or nursing homes. Policy holders have been living longer than expected, so they are using more benefits. And low interest rates have undermined revenue for insurance companies. Some have stopped writing new policies or gotten out of the market. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Conservation groups have gone to court to block the sale of a portion of the Elliott State Forest to a private timber company. The lawsuit filed Monday in Lane County Circuit Court in Eugene argues that a 1957 law prohibits the state from selling any portion of the Elliott that had previously been part of a national forest. It notes most of the 788-acre Hakki Ridge parcel was part of the Siuslaw National Forest until 1913, when it was part of a land exchange that created the Elliott. That parcel was sold to Seneca Jones Timber Co. last week for nearly \$2 million. The company's owners said they made the purchase largely to trigger the challenge. As the state has tried to increase logging to increase revenues for schools, it has run been blocked by federal requirements to protect habitat for threatened species. / ENVIRONMENT: Efforts are underway in Benton County to preserve habitat for a butterfly placed on the endangered species list last year. The county is home to the only two surviving populations in Oregon of the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly. The number of individuals can vary widely: Last year the two populations totaled an estimated 600 individuals. The butterfly has 11 enclaves in Washington and one in British Columbia. The Corvallis Gazette-Times reports the local work is mainly to preserve habitat for the butterfly and other prairie species. Work has included cutting down encroaching conifers, cutting "flight corridors" to link isolated patches of prairie habitat, and getting rid of invasive species and reintroducing native plants. / ECONOMY, HUMAN RIGHTS: There's no end in sight yet to a strike at a Chinese factory owned by the world's largest maker of athletic shoes. Workers have rejected management's latest offer and the dispute is crimping production of shoes for brands such as Nike and Adidas. The on-and-off work stoppage has stretched into its second week. The dispute erupted over underpayments for social security and housing fund insurance. / TERRORISM, HEALTH: Meb

Keflezighi (kehf-LEHZH'-gee) won the Boston Marathon yesterday in a time of 2 hours, 8 minutes, 37 seconds. The 38-year-old former New York City Marathon and Olympic medalist is the first American to post the best time since 1983, two years before Lisa Larsen-Weidenbach of the U.S. took the women's title in 1985. More than 32,000 people ran in the in a powerful show of defiance a year after the deadly bombing that killed three people and wounded more than 260 others. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** The head of the National Transportation Safety Board is expressing alarm at a dramatic increase in hazardous liquids being hauled in freight trains. NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman says while crude oil, ethanol and similar substances used to fill a single tank car of a train, there are now whole trains of 100 cars hauling "millions of gallons of this hazardous liquid." She says these trains "are running through a lot of people's back yards." Hersman says these rail shipments have increased 440 percent since 2005. And she says communities aren't prepared to respond to potential accidents such as the oil train derailment that killed nearly 50 people and devastated an entire town in Canada last summer. Hersman says there are no provisions in place to deal with it, "either on the industry side or for the first responders." So the NTSB is beginning a two-day forum today for experts from the petroleum industry, the railroad industry and first responders. They'll put their heads together with safety experts and try to find ways to prevent catastrophic accidents involving rail tank cars. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** President Barack Obama plans a brief visit to the Seattle area to survey damage from a mudslide that killed more than three dozen people. Obama is making a brief stopover Tuesday while on his way to the Asia-Pacific region for a four-country visit. He'll also visit with victims of the deadly March 22 disaster, emergency responders and recovery workers. The mudslide killed at least 41 people and buried dozens of homes in the town of Oso, Wash., which is about an hour northeast of Seattle. The Snohomish (snoh-HOH'-mish) County medical examiner's office has identified 39 victims. Two others remain unidentified and four names remain on a list of missing people. Crews continue to dig through the wreckage in a search for bodies. / **HEALTH, SAFETY:** The Food and Drug Administration could propose rules for electronic cigarettes as early as this month. The rules will have big implications for a fast-growing, largely unregulated industry and its legions of customers. Members of Congress and several public health groups have raised safety concerns over e-cigarettes. They've questioned their marketing tactics and have called on regulators to address those worries quickly. / **EDUCATION, ECONOMY:** Some student loan borrowers who had a parent or grandparent co-sign the note are finding that they must immediately pay the loan in full if the relative dies. The Consumer Financial Protection Board says lenders have clauses in their contract that explain this could happen, but many borrowers are not aware of them. The agency's ombudsman, Rohit Chopra, said complaints related to this issue are growing more common because the practice is catching so many consumers by surprise. Some borrowers told to pay back the loan in full have been making timely payments, Chopra said. While it's unclear how prevalent it is; Chopra said it appears to be the practice among many private student loan lenders. It has affected borrowers not just when the co-signer has died, but when the co-signer has declared bankruptcy. The issue doesn't impact federal student loans. In the private loan industry, 90 percent of loans were co-signed in 2011, and having a co-signer can often lead to a lower interest rate. / **HEALTH, SAFETY:** Don't expect powdered alcohol to hit store shelves anytime soon. A product called "Palcohol" gained widespread media attention in recent days after it was reported that the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau approved the powdered alcohol, including vodka and rum varieties. But a representative for the federal agency says in an email to The Associated Press that the approvals were issued in error. Follow up questions emailed to the agency were not immediately answered. Palcohol's parent company Lipsmark says the problem seems to involve a discrepancy in the fill level of the powder in each bag, and it will resubmit

the labels for approval. On its website, Palcohol says it plans to offer six varieties of powdered alcohol, including vodka, rum and four cocktails — Cosmopolitan, Mojito, Powderita and Lemon Drop. /

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HUMAN RIGHTS, POLITICS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES: Oregon's newest federal judge hears arguments this afternoon in Eugene about the state's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, but no one will be in court to defend the measure. Four gay and lesbian couples have filed suit asking a judge to declare the ban unconstitutional and allow same-sex couples to wed. They also want an order that same-sex marriages performed in other states must be recognized in Oregon. Oregon's state attorney general, Democrat Ellen Rosenblum, has declined to defend the ban, saying there's no legal justification for it. Nobody will be defending the law before U.S. District Judge Michael McShane today, although a national group opposed to gay marriage is seeking permission to do so later. Since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a portion of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, federal judges have struck down as unconstitutional voter-approved bans on same-sex marriage in five states: Utah, Oklahoma, Michigan, Texas and Virginia. In three other states - Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee - federal judges have ordered the recognition of same-sex marriages that occurred out-of-state. Democratic attorneys general in at least seven states have refused to defend their state bans on same-sex marriage. The National Organization for Marriage, a national group opposed to same-sex marriage, filed a last-minute motion this week to intervene in the Oregon case, hoping to defend the constitutionality of the ban. McShane said Tuesday that he'll consider the group's request next month and, if he grants it, he'll hold new oral arguments so the group can defend the ban. McShane said he won't rule on the constitutionality of the same-sex marriage ban until he's decided whether the National Organization for Marriage has legal standing to defend it. The plaintiffs argue that the ban is unconstitutionally discriminatory because it serves no legitimate government interest. Gay-rights groups say they've collected enough signatures to force a statewide vote on gay marriage in November, but they'll discard them and drop their campaign if the court rules in their favor by May 23. Oregon law has long prohibited same-sex marriage, and voters added the ban to the state constitution in 2004. The decision, approved by 57 percent of voters, came months after Multnomah County, which is the state's largest and includes Portland, briefly issued marriage licenses to same-sex couples. About 3,000 gay couples were allowed to marry before a judge halted the practice. The marriages were later invalidated by the Oregon Supreme Court. ; As bans against gay marriage crumble and public opinion on the issue shifts rapidly, some Republicans are pushing the party to drop its opposition to same-sex unions, part of a broader campaign to get the GOP to appeal to younger voters by de-emphasizing social issues. This month, the Nevada Republican party dropped statements on marriage from its party platform, making it the second state party in the nation to do so after Indiana's GOP quietly jettisoned its plank in 2012. A gay-rights group last week launched a \$1 million campaign to get the national party to remove from its platform a definition of

marriage as between a man and a woman, while a group of major Republican donors is pushing for the GOP to become more supportive of gay rights across the board. Oregon Republican activists at an annual conference last month endorsed a ballot measure to legalize gay marriage in that state, though social conservatives boycotted the event. But social conservatives warn that if the GOP abandons its core moral principles, it may also lose loyal voters. Seventeen states allow gay marriage and 59 percent of Americans supported it in a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll. That's a sharp turnaround from a decade ago, when same-sex marriage was a Republican wedge issue that galvanized social conservatives. Although a majority of Republicans remain opposed to gay marriage, the dynamic is reversed among younger members of the GOP. A Pew Research Poll found 61 percent of Republicans ages 18 to 29 supported gay marriage. / MILITARY, CRIME: A U.S. soldier accused of deliberately killing two unarmed teenage boys as they herded cattle in Iraq seven years ago is due in military court Wednesday for a preliminary hearing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state. Sgt. 1st Class Michael Barbera faces a mandatory life sentence if convicted of premeditated murder. / ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT: The Oregon Department of Agriculture says the thousands of honey bees found dead this week along Highway 99 in the city of Sherwood might have been hit by cars. Department spokesman Bruce Pokarney says an investigator went to the site Monday and found about 30 commercial hives on a nearby lot near a vacant house. Pokarney says the only dead bees found were along the highway, not around the hives, leading the investigator to think a swarm may have been hit by passing cars. The investigator also sent some of the dead bees to Oregon State University, where an expert will check them for pesticides, disease and parasites. Last year, tens of thousands of bees were found dead in a Wilsonville shopping center. Two companies were fined for spraying pesticide that killed the bees. / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division says the reward for information that helps solve the shooting of a fawn last month near Roseburg has grown to \$5,500. Wildlife officials say the Humane Society groups have offered \$5,000 for information leading to the conviction of those responsible. The fawn was shot late on the night of March 28 and its body was left in a roadside ditch. ; An Oregon duck accused of having "abnormally dangerous propensities" finds itself at the center of a lawsuit that seeks \$275,000 in damages. The duck — the feathered kind, not the athletics kind — is accused of attacking a woman in the community of Estacada, causing her to fall and injure her wrist, elbow and shoulder. Clackamas County court documents say Cynthia Ruddell was leaving the motor home she had parked on land owned by her mother in May 2012 when the pet duck owned by another woman attacked her. KATU-TV reports that Rose is accused of "needlessly endangering the public" because she didn't keep the duck fenced or caged and didn't warn neighbors about the danger. / ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, ELECTIONS: Two counties in Southern Oregon are headed for May votes on banning genetically modified crops — measures that divide farmers. The Legislature prohibited such local bans but made an exception in Jackson County, where a measure had qualified for a vote. Since then a similar measure made the ballot in neighboring Josephine County. If it passes, its backers say, they'll ask the courts to uphold it. Farmers for the bans say pollen from fields of genetically modified beets threatens organic farms that produce seeds for crops of chard, and they worry about the high use of the herbicide Roundup that goes with GMO crops. Other farmers say the modified crops aren't much different from strains developed by cross-breeding over the centuries, and they don't want the interference in their operations. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: Gold miners are not happy with proposed water quality rules related to elevated mercury levels in the Rogue River. The Mail Tribune reports miners at a hearing Monday in Medford said they are being blamed for a problem that is not their fault. Miners added that the suction dredges

they use to filter gold from gravel on river bottoms also pick up mercury and remove it. A toxin, mercury is found in nearly all fish, but tests on resident northern pike minnow in the Rogue found levels 10 times higher than state standards. The source is not certain, but could be the soils or old mines. The state is on track to list 216 miles of the Rogue as mercury-impaired, leading to more stringent and expensive permitting for miners. / CRIME: Authorities say a man fatally shot by a Portland police officer last month had been stalking young women in a van that he converted into a "moveable dungeon" that one of his victims escaped from in January. Grand jury transcripts released Monday say Kelly Swoboda kept handwritten surveillance notes, rated the women and indicated whether they were alone. Swoboda, who'd also been sought here in Lane County, was the prime suspect in the January kidnapping of a woman who escaped her attacker by jumping from a moving vehicle. Police say Officer John Romero shot and killed Kelly Swoboda near Wilson High School. The officer was hit in the hand when Swoboda returned fire. Grand jurors met to decide whether the police shooting was legally justified. They determined it was. / EDUCATION, MINORITIES: Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court ruled yesterday that a state's voters are free to outlaw the use of race as a factor in college admissions. The decision is a blow to affirmative action efforts across the country and also underscored tensions among the justices about whether there is a continuing need for programs that address racial inequality in America. The 6-2 decision upheld a voter-approved change to the Michigan Constitution that forbids that state's public colleges to take race into account. The ruling found that voters had the right to make that change. The ruling bolsters similar voter-approved initiatives banning affirmative action in education in California and Washington state. A few other states have adopted laws or issued executive orders to bar race-conscious admissions policies. Justice Anthony Kennedy said voters in Michigan chose to eliminate racial preferences, presumably because such a system could give rise to race-based resentment. Kennedy said nothing in the Constitution or the court's prior cases gives judges the authority to undermine the election results. Strongly dissenting from the majority, Justice Sonia Sotomayor said the decision trampled on the rights of minorities, even though the Michigan amendment was adopted democratically. Sotomayor wrote that judges, quote, "ought not sit back and wish away, rather than confront, the racial inequality that exists in our society." / ECONOMY: The stock market is on its longest winning streak since September, notching its sixth gain in a row yesterday. Corporate deals and some respectable earnings reports gave stocks a lift. Netflix and Harley-Davidson both jumped after reporting earnings that beat analysts' expectations. Allergan, which makes Botox, jumped after Valeant Pharmaceuticals and activist investor Bill Ackman disclosed that they are trying to buy the company. ; Supreme Court justices are weighing whether they can side with broadcasters in a copyright challenge to an Internet startup company without threatening the burgeoning world of cloud computing. The high court heard arguments Tuesday in the dispute between television broadcasters and Aereo Inc., which takes free television signals from the airwaves and allows subscribers to watch the programs on laptop computers, smart phones and other portable devices. Several justices expressed concern that a ruling for the broadcasters could hamper the continuing development of cloud computing, which gives users access to a vast online computer network that stores and processes information. / HEALTH: The Food and Drug Administration is proposing to speed up development and approval of medical devices that treat life-threatening diseases and debilitating conditions. Under the Expedited Access Program, companies developing devices for critical and unmet medical needs would get earlier access to FDA staff to discuss their products. The agency says the earlier contact with regulators should result in "earlier access to safe and effective medical devices." The FDA already has a fast-track program for medical devices that are well-established, such as wheelchairs and hip implants. The agency's new

proposal is intended to accelerate approval for high-risk devices, generally those that support or sustain life. Devices moving through the new review path would have to be medical breakthroughs or treatments for conditions that have no other treatments. / CRIME, RELIGION: Another lawsuit has been filed against the Catholic Archdiocese of Portland by a man who says he was one of dozens of boys sexually abused by a priest in the 1960s and 1970s. The 52-year-old man says he was molested by Maurice Grammond when the priest was assigned to a church in Seaside. The archdiocese has paid nearly \$40 million to dozens of victims of Grammond who died in 2002. / SAFETY: Investigators think a house fire in the 3800 block of Eugene's Gilham Road was accidental but are working to confirm the cause. The blaze started at the back of the single-story rental and quickly spread to the attic, causing extensive damage to the house and its contents, which officials say were close to a total loss. The occupants, two adults and two children, were not at home at the time of the fire. A family pet, a cat, died in the blaze. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A project to repair a compromised section of the South Bank Bike Path that runs along the Eugene Water & Electric Board's Willamette River property will begin on Wednesday morning. A mid-December water main break at East Eighth Avenue and Hilyard Street damaged the path and forced a temporary closure. The main break disturbed the rock and soil supporting the asphalt path. An EWEB construction crew and a contractor built a fenced detour corridor around the damaged section, and the path was reopened on Dec. 13. Starting at about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Delta Construction Co. will begin removing approximately 30 feet of asphalt and inspecting the subgrade. All damaged areas will be rebuilt with approved fill material and compacted. Once paving is complete, the contractor will secure the slope with jute netting and native seed. Workers will be on site from 7:30 a.m. to about 5 p.m. During the work, the detour corridor will largely remain open. Flaggers may have to stop pedestrian and bicycle traffic intermittently. The repair project is expected to take less than a week. EWEB asks cyclists and pedestrians to proceed carefully through the work zone. / CRIME: Lane County's medical examiner says the Springfield man whose body was found at a residence in the Ferry Street Bridge neighborhood died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Investigators say 27-year-old Tyler Wayne Alexander was briefly acquainted with a resident at the home, on the 1100 Block of Woodside, but did not live there. Police and fire crews were called to the home over the weekend following a 9-1-1 was called regarding a fire and possible shots fired at the home. / ECONOMY, GROWTH: The number of Americans buying new homes plummeted in March to the slowest pace in seven months, a sign that real estate's spring buying season is off to a weak start. The Commerce Department says sales of new homes declined 14.5 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 384,000. That was the second straight monthly decline and the lowest rate since July 2013. Sales plunged in the Midwest, South and West in March. But they rebounded in the Northeast, where snowstorms in previous months curtailed purchases. New-home sales have declined 13.3 percent over the past 12 months. But median sales prices jumped 12.6 percent during the past month to \$290,000. That's because new-home buyers in March bought more high-end properties compared to previous months. / ECONOMY, CRIME: Some customers are still a little leery about swiping their credit cards after the massive theft of credit card numbers from Target this past holiday season. But a new study suggests that the threat of having personal information picked off that way isn't all that likely. The report from Verizon finds that such data thefts are less common than other kinds of attacks. The report says people are more likely to be victimized by smaller acts of online crime — like clicking on malicious Web links and having their systems compromised by easy-to-guess passwords. The Target breach was one of the largest in history, resulting in the thefts of 40 million credit and debit card numbers. Other retailers like Neiman Marcus and Michaels have also acknowledged breaches to their systems.

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**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** President Obama visited northwestern Washington yesterday, comforting the families of the dead and missing from last month's mudslide. The Seattle Times reports the president told members of the devastated community of Oso, as well as residents of neighboring Darlington and Arlington, quote, "the country is thinking about all of you." The president's visit to meet the families and thank first-responders was punctuated by the announcement of the release of \$7.5 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency funds to help Snohomish County absorb the costs of one of Washington state's worst natural disasters. The half-mile-wide slide came down a month ago, burying dozens of homes and state Highway 530 in shattered debris up to 70 feet deep. The slide changed the course of the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River and swept away entire neighborhoods. Forty-one people were killed and two more remain missing. As the president flew over the debris pile Tuesday afternoon, The Seattle Times reports an American flag hung at half-staff from a broken tree, and huge yellow excavators continued to carefully dig through the wreckage. /

**VETERANS, MILITARY, ECONOMY:** The government is developing a website to help job-seeking veterans and military spouses create resumes, make connections with employers and become part of a database that companies can mine for skills and talents. The effort aims to streamline the broad assortment of government and private-sector employment resources for veterans and military families. First lady Michelle Obama will announce the launch of the new Veterans Employment Center on Wednesday at Fort Campbell, Ky., during a special veterans' jobs summit organized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the Pentagon and the departments of Veterans Affairs and Labor. The first lady says service members haven't always had the time or information to prepare resumes, plot careers or meet with employers to get adequate jobs. /

**ECONOMY:** Postal workers plan protests in 27 states Thursday against the opening of postal counters in Staples stores that are staffed with Staples employees. Last year, Staples office supply stores began providing postal services under a pilot program that now includes some 80 stores. The American Postal Workers Union objects because the program replaces well-paid union workers with low-wage nonunion workers. The union says that could lead to layoffs and the closing of post offices. In a statement, the union said postal workers "have taken an oath to protect the sanctity of the mail," unlike poorly trained retail workers. The union wants the counters staffed by uniformed postal workers. The financially struggling U.S. Postal Service has been working to form partnerships with private companies as it tries to cut costs and boost revenues. /

**CRIME:** The Supreme Court says a man who was convicted of possessing two pornographic images of a child being raped by her uncle won't have to pay a \$3.4 million judgment to the victim seen in those images. The justices, in a 5-to-4 ruling, say courts can order people in child porn cases to pay restitution to the victims -- but only to the extent that there is a strong tie between the victim's losses and the actions of the person who is convicted. /



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**HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES, POLITICS:** A Eugene federal judge yesterday heard arguments on from lawyers seeking to strike down Oregon's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage. They say the ban prevents loving, committed gay and lesbian couples from marrying is unconstitutional. No comments were made in favor of the ban, so lawyers on both sides of the case were in the rare position of asking for the same ruling from the judge. Oregon's attorney general, Democrat Ellen Rosenblum, has said the ban is legally indefensible and has refused to offer arguments in favor of keeping it. McShane did not say which way he was leaning. His questioning focused heavily on how he should apply precedents from higher courts and whether he should delay implementation of his ruling until appeals courts sort out gay marriage cases pending around the country. The judge is deciding two parallel cases. The couples who filed suit are asking him to declare the ban unconstitutional and allow same-sex couples to wed. They also want an order that same-sex marriages performed in other states must be recognized in Oregon. The plaintiffs are making two arguments based on of the U.S.

Constitution's equal-protection and due-process clauses. They say the ban, known as Measure 36, is unconstitutionally discriminatory because it serves no legitimate government interest. And they argue that marriage is a fundamental right of all Americans, but gays and lesbians are being excluded. McShane has said he won't rule on the constitutionality of the same-sex marriage ban until he decides on a request filed this week by the National Organization for Marriage to defend it. McShane said he'll consider the group's request next month and, if he grants it, he'll hold new oral arguments so the group can defend the ban. / **SAFETY,**

**CRIME:** A bill signed Wednesday by Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal allows licensed gun owners to carry their weapons into bars, some government buildings as well as places of worship if religious leaders say it's OK. The law also says school districts can authorize some employees to carry firearms on school grounds under certain conditions. Following mass shootings in recent years, some states have pursued stronger limits on guns while others like Georgia have taken the opposite path, with advocates arguing that people should be allowed to carry weapons as an issue of public safety. Republicans control large majorities in the Georgia General Assembly, where the bill passed overwhelmingly despite objections from some religious leaders and local government officials. The law lets religious leaders decide whether people with permits can bring guns into their places of worship. / **ECONOMY:** A government investigator says the Internal Revenue Service paid \$1 million in bonuses to employees who owed back taxes. An additional 1,700 workers got bonuses even though they had been disciplined for some kind of misconduct within the previous year. Overall, the IRS's inspector general says the agency paid more than \$2.8 million in bonuses from 2010 to 2012 to employees who had conduct issues. In a report issued this week, the inspector general says the bonus program complied with federal regulations. But,

the report says, paying bonuses to workers who owe back taxes conflicts with the IRS mission to enforce tax laws. The IRS says it has stopped issuing awards to executives with disciplinary problems. The agency says it is considering a similar policy for union workers, subject to negotiations. / **CRIME:** Eugene Police say they could use your help finding the person or persons who've fired four-inch darts at some west Eugene bicyclists and pedestrians in recent weeks. In each of the three incidents, the dart was shot from the roadway, so the description of a possible suspect vehicle has been limited. In two of the incidents that occurred on Roosevelt Boulevard, the suspect vehicle is described as a dark SUV that possibly had tinted windows. In the incident that occurred on Chambers Street and 13th Avenue, the vehicle was described as a dark maroon Jeep Cherokee-type vehicle with back window covered with stickers, including a large round black sticker, and driving in a southbound direction. If you happened to witness the event or if you have information about the incident, you are asked to call Sgt. Kris Martes at 541.682.5182. / **ECONOMY:** The Labor Department reports the number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits surged by 24,000 last week, though analysts say the gain likely reflected temporary layoffs in the week before Easter. Applications can be volatile around Easter, because many school systems temporarily lay off bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other employees during spring break. Some of those workers file for unemployment benefits. Despite the volatility, applications have generally been declining in recent months, a hopeful sign for the job market. Three weeks ago, applications fell to the lowest level in nearly seven years. ; The frugality of the Great Recession might be history. Editors for travel website Orbitz say 88 percent of Americans they surveyed plan real vacations this year. They say the word "staycation" is being used less and less. Orbitz bookings show the Mexican resort of Cancun as the top destination, but most of the other hot spots for fun-seekers are in the U.S. – with Las Vegas, Orlando, Seattle and Los Angeles rounding out the top five, and Honolulu ranking tenth. At the same time, average airfares are up about six percent from a year ago. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** The National Weather Service is warning of avalanches on the west slopes of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington Thursday morning because of heavy snow and rain in the mountains. Forecasters say wet, loose slabs of snow could avalanche in the area that includes Mount Hood and Mount Rainier. Hikers and climbers are advised to stay out of the back country. More mountain snow is falling as the latest storm moves into the Northwest. Seattle is close to breaking a rainfall record this spring. The Weather Service says the Seattle precipitation record from Feb. 1 through April 30 is 18.97 inches set in 1972. As of 4 a.m. Thursday, the total this year was 18.91 inches. ; Scientists are keeping an eye on an iceberg six times the size of Manhattan as it slowly moves away from an Antarctic glacier. NASA scientists say so far, it is more a wonder than a worry and is not a threat to shipping lanes. The iceberg, named B-31, covers about 255 square miles and is as much as 1,600 feet thick. It broke off from Antarctica's Pine Island Glacier last fall and researchers have been watching it move away ever since. While scientists say it is completely natural for icebergs to calve from glaciers, this split does reduce the size of the parent glacier below its 30-year average size. / **HEALTH, FAMILIES, YOUTH PROTECTION:** The federal government wants to ban sales of electronic cigarettes to minors and require approval for new products and health warning labels under regulations being proposed by the Food and Drug Administration. Members of Congress and public health groups have raised concerns over e-cigarettes and questioned their marketing tactics. E-cigarettes are plastic or metal tubes, usually the size of a cigarette, that heat a liquid nicotine solution instead of burning tobacco. That creates vapor that users inhale. Smokers like e-cigarettes because the nicotine-infused vapor looks like smoke but doesn't contain the thousands of chemicals, tar or odor of regular cigarettes. Some smokers use e-cigarettes as a way to quit smoking tobacco, or to cut down. However, there's not much scientific evidence

showing e-cigarettes help smokers quit or smoke less, and it's unclear how safe they are. The industry started on the Internet and at shopping-mall kiosks and has rocketed from thousands of users in 2006 to several million worldwide who can choose from more than 200 brands. Sales are estimated to have reached nearly \$2 billion in 2013. Tobacco company executives have noted that they are eating into traditional cigarette sales, and their companies have jumped into the business. Some believe lightly regulating electronic cigarettes might actually be better for public health overall, if smokers switch and e-cigarettes really are safer. Others are raising alarms about the hazards of the products and a litany of questions about whether e-cigarettes will keep smokers addicted or encourage others to start using e-cigarettes, and even eventually tobacco products. In addition to prohibiting sales to minors and requiring health labels that warn users that nicotine is an addictive chemical, e-cigarette makers also would be required to register their products with the agency and disclose ingredients. They also would not be allowed to claim their products are safer than other tobacco products. They also couldn't use words such as "light" or "mild" to describe their products, give out free samples or sell their products in vending machines unless they are in a place open only to adults, such as a bar. / POLITICS, HEALTH, ECONOMY: Keep it or trash it? A technology committee is prepared to decide the future of Cover Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange. Oregon exchange is not fully operational and is ranked the worst among the individual online health insurance marketplaces developed by 14 other states. A recent consultant's report said the glitches were due largely to a lack of oversight by Oregon officials. The committee will decide today whether to replace the current web portal with the federal website, or try to fix the existing system with the help of a new contractor. ; Another top official of Oregon's troubled health insurance exchange has resigned. Cover Oregon officials said chief operating officer Triz delaRosa relinquished her duties on Tuesday but will remain as an adviser until May 16. The position was filled by Mark Schmidt, a consultant with a Portland firm that specializes in turning around struggling businesses. Clyde Hamstreet, that firm's founder, took over Cover Oregon's executive director role earlier this month. DelaRosa is the fifth official connected to the development of Oregon's exchange to resign. ; An Oregon commission has ordered a waste-to-power facility to stop accepting boxed medical waste after learning it might be using the remains of aborted fetuses from British Columbia to generate electricity. Sam Brentano, chairman of the Marion County board of commissioners, said late Wednesday the board is taking immediate action to prohibit human tissue from future deliveries. The British Columbia Health Ministry tells The Associated Press that regional health authorities there have a contract with a company that sends biomedical waste, including fetal tissue, to Oregon, where it's incinerated in the waste-to-energy plant. A Vancouver-based B.C. Catholic newspaper identified the plant as Covanta Marion, based in Marion County. The facility processes 550 tons per day of municipal solid waste, generating up to 13 megawatts of energy sold to Portland General Electric. ; Vermont lawmakers have passed the country's first state bill to require the labeling of genetically modified foods, underscoring a division between powerful lobbyists for the U.S. food industry and an American public that overwhelmingly says it approves of the idea. Twenty-nine other states have proposed bills this year and last to require genetically modified organism - or GMO - labeling, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Two other New England states have passed laws to require GMO labeling, but the legislation takes effect only when neighboring states also approve the requirement. They are Maine and Connecticut; neither neighbor Vermont. But the industry is opposed. Officials say Vermont's action sets the nation on a costly and misguided path toward a patchwork of GMO labeling policies that will do nothing to advance the safety of consumers. / ECONOMY: Longtime Eugene retailer Fletcher's for children is closing after 36 years of business. The Register-Guard quotes the

store's owners, who said they were unable to renew their lease in a manner which allowed them to remain in their location across from Valley River Center but with less floor space. They also acknowledged the loss of business to online sales. Fletcher's began its clearance sale yesterday and expects to remain in operation for a few more weeks until its inventory is liquidated. / CRIME, MINORITIES: A white supremacist whose Pacific Northwest crime rampage claimed four lives in 2011 has pleaded guilty to federal charges. David "Joey" Pedersen pleaded guilty to two counts of carjacking resulting in two deaths — one for Oregon teenager Cody Myers and the other for a California man, Reginald Clark. Pedersen will be sentenced at an August hearing to life in prison. He previously pleaded guilty to murder in Washington state in the slayings of his father and stepmother. His girlfriend, Holly Grigsby, pleaded guilty to federal charges last month and will receive a life sentence. / SAFETY: City crews have started a cleanup in Corvallis, where a downtown water line burst and flooded some streets. The city said nineteen downtown properties will be without water until about Thursday night. The Gazette-Times reported the 20-inch iron pipe burst about 3 p.m. Tuesday, and water initially flowed at a rate of thousands of gallons a minute. The city said 800,000 gallons was released. Workers in an insurance office said the asphalt outside heaved, a car alarm went off as the pavement rose above the curb, and they at first thought it was an earthquake. The water reached a few inches from the door to their office. Water pressure was reduced citywide for a few hours, and city crews pumped water from basements. / CRIME, SAFETY: Three suspects are in custody after a robbery and a five-hour chase around Klamath County. The chase began Tuesday following a robbery in Klamath Falls. The victim was stabbed, but the wounds weren't life-threatening. At various points during the five-hour chase, officers were forced to pull back from their pursuit to avoid endangering others. Sometimes, they dodged the suspects' car as it tried to smash their vehicles or run over officers laying down spike strips. The chase went through rural areas surrounding Klamath Falls including several small communities at speeds that occasionally topped 100 mph. Eventually, the car stopped, and the three suspects fled on foot. Officers soon tracked them down. The Herald and News reports the man—two of whom are 22 year old and a third who is 29—face a range of charges including attempted aggravated murder. / CRIME: Portland police arrested a city worker accused of taking part in an auto-theft scheme. Sgt. Pete Simpson says 53-year-old Barbara Lorraine Peterson was arrested Wednesday at the Bureau of Transportation's abandoned autos division. Investigators say Peterson provided information about abandoned vehicles to a rogue tow-truck driver in exchange for cash. The driver then towed the cars to West Coast Car Crushing, where they would be crushed and sold as scrap metal. Peterson was booked into the Multnomah County jail on charges of official misconduct, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and conspiracy to commit unauthorized use of a vehicle. Simpson says detectives don't believe any other city workers participated in the scheme. Earlier this month, police raided West Coast Car Crushing and another auto business as part of their investigation. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Oregon geologists say they've released a new, expanded statewide database of landslide locations. The state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries said Wednesday that more than 46,000 known landslide locations are included. The department hopes the tool will help increase the public's understanding of where future slides may occur. The new database compiles all the landslides that have been identified on published maps. An interactive feature makes locating landslides as easy as entering an address. Engineering geologist Bill Burns says most of the nearly 20,000 landslides mapped since 2009 have come from mapping that used LIDAR, a tool that provides accurate high-resolution images of the earth's surface. Burns says that when lidar mapping for the whole state is complete, geologists will have a much better understanding of landslides. / CRIME, SAFETY: Police in Eugene, Ore., say

three people have been hit by 4-inch darts shot from a dark-colored SUV in separate attacks this month. The Register-Guard reports that police spokesman John Hankemeier says none of the victims was seriously hurt. They included two pedestrians and a bicyclist. Police say a 51-year-old man was struck in the stomach April 1 as he waited at a bus stop. Hankemeier says the dart pierced the man's skin but he refused medical attention. On April 16, another male pedestrian was walking home when he was hit in the leg by a dart. On April 17, a male bicyclist had stopped and bent over to tie a shoe when he was hit in the left buttock. In Washington state, police arrested a young man in two January instances of blow darts shot at people in the Pullman area. ; Two Roseburg parents who took their 2-year-old to the emergency room because she was acting abnormally have been arrested after tests showed methamphetamine in her system. A Sheriff's Office spokesman says investigators found drug paraphernalia with meth residue in the home, and they concluded the child got into the drug on her own. The child's condition is not believed to be life-threatening. / FAMILIES, ECONOMY: This is National Bring Your Child to Work Day. We mention a few local events and have Tim's five-year-old daughter, Avery, here in the studio. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p><b>HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES, RELIGION:</b> A federal judge has ruled that a national group cannot defend Oregon's ban on same-sex marriage. It comes after leaders of the National Organization for Marriage made a last-minute effort to gain legal standing in the case. The group filed a motion to intervene after Oregon's attorney general announced that she would not defend the state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage because she considers it legally indefensible. Judge Michael McShane heard arguments in the case during an earlier session in his Eugene federal courtroom, so observers say a decision could come at any time. /</p> <p><b>ECONOMY:</b> The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits fell to the lowest level in seven years last week. Labor Department analysts say that's a sign the job market is steadily improving. ; Higher food and gas costs pushed up U.S. consumer prices in April by the most in 10 months, evidence that inflation is ticking up from very low levels. The Labor Department says the consumer price index rose 0.3 percent last month. Food prices jumped 0.4 percent, increasing for the third straight month, driven by the largest increase in the cost of meat in 10 years. Gas prices rose 2.3 percent, the first increase in four months. /</p> <p><b>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:</b> Crews have vacuumed up most of about 10,000 gallons of crude oil that sprayed into Los Angeles streets after a high-pressure pipe burst. Fire Capt. Jaime Moore says oil spilled early Thursday over approximately half a mile and was knee-high in some parts of the industrial area of Atwater Village near the border of Glendale. A handful of commercial businesses were affected, as well as a strip club that was evacuated. Moore says four people at a medical business were evaluated with respiratory complaints, and two people were transferred to a hospital. An environmental cleaning company is sopping up the remaining oil and will use high-pressure hoses to wash the streets. Officials previously said 50,000 gallons had spilled. Moore says the pipe burst at a transfer pumping station along a pipeline that runs from Bakersfield to Texas. ; An early arrival to California's wildfire season sounds a cautionary note for everyone living in the West: What would you grab if you only had a few minute to evacuate your home of many years? One resident of the city of Carlsbad, a suburb north of San Diego, packed files related to his real estate business, his beloved surfboard, golf clubs, a few clothes and some important photographs. Then, he went to a friend's hilltop house in the nearby community of San Marcos, only to face another potential evacuation as a blaze sparked nearby. Such was the state of San Diego County, where one wildfire after another broke out yesterday, driving tens of thousands from their homes, shutting down schools and amusement parks and destroying at least eight houses and a condominium complex. Nine fires in all were burning an area of more than 9,000 acres as another day of sky-high temperatures and dry winds were expected today. The biggest concern is in the city of San Marcos, where the new blaze broke out in the late afternoon, triggering 21,000 evacuation notices and the emptying of a nearby California State</p>

University campus where nearly 10,000 students were in the midst of final exams. Firefighters spent the day battling flames as temperatures approached 100 degrees, fueled by gusty winds that burned brush and trees left brittle by drought. The most destructive of the fires so far is in the coastal city of Carlsbad, where the blaze consumed an eight-unit condominium complex and damaged eight homes and two businesses. Carlsbad is about 30 miles north of San Diego and home to Legoland. The park was closed because of a power outage caused by the fire. Carlsbad's schools also were closed. Officials expect they won't reopen until next week. By late yesterday, firefighters had the blaze 10 percent contained and some of the thousands of evacuated residents were told they could return. Drought conditions have made fire danger extremely high throughout much of California. Officials have encouraged residents in fire-prone areas to prepare evacuation plans and clear brush from near their homes. The city's fire chief said the blazes were unprecedented in his 27-year firefighting career because they are so early in the year.. / **TERRORISM:** One man says you'll walk out with a deeper understanding of humanity. The National September 11 Memorial Museum is being dedicated today, ahead of next week's opening for the general public. President Barack Obama is among the dignitaries attending but the gathering also includes September 11th survivors, rescuers and relatives of victims. The museum tells the story of the terrorist attacks through artifacts ranging from shattered pieces of the twin towers and mangled emergency vehicles to fliers distributed in the days after the attacks by family members searching for their loved ones, as well as audio from some of the victims' final voicemails. Visitors say the museum is both chilling and heartbreaking, leads people on an unsettling journey through the lead up to and legacy of the terrorist attacks. / **EDUCATION:** The OSAA / U.S. Bank / Les Schwab Tires Band/Orchestra State Championships are scheduled for Wednesday through Saturday, May 14-17 at LaSells Stewart Center on the campus of Oregon State University in Corvallis. More than 2,700 Oregon high school students will compete for trophies in five band classifications and string and full orchestra. 3A and 4A bands will perform Wednesday followed by Orchestras on Thursday. 2A/1A and 5A bands take the stage Friday and 6A bands perform Saturday. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and available at LaSells Stewart Center. All seating is general admission. Performance orders and results may be viewed online at <http://www.osaa.org/activities/bnd/> / **CRIME, SAFETY:** The Delta Rotary Club has held Law Enforcement Recognition Day annually since 1987. The purpose of this event is to honor the dedicated Law Enforcement professionals who protect and serve in the Eugene and Springfield area. Each year agencies are asked to select a member of their team to be recognized by Delta Rotary. This year's honorees are: Sergeant Lisa Barrong - Eugene Police Department; Trooper Cale Day - Oregon State Police; Detective Jeff Martin - Springfield Police Department; Captain Spence Slater - Lane County Sheriff's Office. The featured speaker for this year's event will be Sheriff Tom Turner. / **MILITARY, VETERANS:** The Oregon National Guard is scheduled to participate in the annual Armed Forces Day celebration, May 15, at the State Capitol Mall in Salem, Ore., to honor all military members past and present. The official ceremony will begin at 12:00 p.m. and will feature music from the Oregon Army National Guard's 234th Army Band and a Howitzer salute by the 2-218th Field Artillery Battalion. Military equipment from various units throughout the Oregon National Guard will be on display from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will also feature Junior ROTC cadets from local area high schools. Armed Forces Day was originally created in 1949 to honor Americans serving in all branches of the military. It was designated as an official holiday in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy. The public and media are encouraged to attend this free event. ; The Linn County Board of Commissioners recognized Oregon Army National Guard units preparing for deployment to Afghanistan during a meeting yesterday at the Linn County Court House in Albany. Representatives from 2nd Battalion, 162nd

Infantry, headquartered in Springfield, and 1st Squadron, 82nd Cavalry, headquartered in Bend, attended the county board meeting and accepted official Linn County flags to take with them overseas. The commissioners recognized the sacrifices of Oregon Guard service members and pledged to support their families who reside within Linn County. / **MILITARY, VETERANS, ECONOMY:** On Saturday, May 17, the Cabela's Springfield retail store will host an Armed Forces Appreciation Day. The event will feature fun activities for all ages including the Daisy BB Gun Range, free portraits for all veterans and their families. A Benefit BBQ will help raise funds for the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 595 Mid Valley and help support their summer fishing outings for veterans. To participate in the Hometown Heroes event, veterans, active duty military, reserves, law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel should present their service ID at check out at their local Cabela's store. Upon doing so, they will receive Cabela's employee discount on virtually everything in the store. Some restrictions apply; see store for complete details. / **HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES:** Junction City/Harrisburg/Monroe Habitat for Humanity - Volunteers of all experience levels are needed to assist in building our next home in Junction City. In addition, volunteers with office experience are needed to provide support to JCHM Habitat Executive Director. For more information, contact Cindy Decker at 541-998-9548 or [admin@jchmhabitat.org](mailto:admin@jchmhabitat.org). / **CRIME, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES:** CASA of Lane County - Being a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) takes just 10 -15 hours each month and directly impacts the lives of abused and neglected children. CASA is currently seeking applicants for the spring class which begins in April. For more information, contact Robben Lyons at [robbenl@casa-lane.org](mailto:robbenl@casa-lane.org) or call 541-868-3083. / **LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY:** Good news from FOOD for Lane County, our local food bank: Lane County residents really stepped up to help during the event known as "Stamp Out Hunger." Saturday's Letter Carriers Food Drive collected 116,054 pounds of nonperishable food. The goal was 90,000 pounds. / **ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT:** Nearly one out of four American honeybee colonies died this winter. But officials who handle the annual U.S. Department of Agriculture survey of beekeepers say that while it's a large loss, it's not quite as bad as recent years. America's bees are under siege from parasites, disease, pesticide use, nutrition problems and a mysterious sudden die-off. Before a parasitic mite - just one of a handful of problems attacking the crucial-for-pollination honeybees - started killing bees in 1987, beekeepers would be alarmed if they lost more than 5 or 10 percent of their colonies over the winter. Now they see a 23 percent loss as a bit of a break, albeit still a grim one. Honeybees pollinate more than 90 of the world's flowering crops, including apples, nuts, broccoli, squash, citrus fruit, berries and melons. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** General Motors today recalled another 2.7 million cars to fix problems with brake lights, headlamps and power brakes. Along with sizeable recalls from Toyota, Ford, Chrysler and others, GM's actions have the U.S. auto industry on pace to break the record of 30.8 million recalled vehicles set in 2004. A number of factors are behind the large numbers of recalls. GM is reviewing all of its vehicles for safety issues following a recall earlier this year of 2.6 million older small cars with a defective ignition switch. And industrywide, automakers are moving faster to fix problems than they have in the past in a bid to avoid bad publicity and record fines from government agencies. Today's recalls at GM also included more than 140,000 Chevrolet Malibu midsize cars to fix a problem with the power-assisted brakes, plus another 112,000 older Corvettes for headlight problems and 19,000 Cadillac CTs for faulty windshield wipers. Beside the cars, GM is recalling 477 full-size pickup trucks for a steering problem. / **VETERANS, MILITARY, HEALTH:** Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki says he welcomes a White House review of his beleaguered department if it can help ensure veterans have access to timely, quality health care. Shinseki goes before a Senate committee today to address allegations of treatment delays and



preventable deaths at a Phoenix, Arizona, veterans hospital. It comes amid allegations that the Phoenix hospital maintained a secret waiting list to hide lengthy delays for sick veterans. A former clinic director says up to 40 veterans may have died while awaiting treatment. The hearing comes as President Barack Obama assigns White House deputy chief of staff Rob Nabors to work on a review of V-A policies for patient safety rules and the scheduling of patient appointments. It comes as problems similar to those that surfaced in Phoenix have since been reported in other states. The VA is the largest health care system in the country, serving nearly nine million veterans a year at 152 hospitals and more than 1,500 other sites nationwide. ; Vietnam War-era veterans who claim they were exposed to toxic residue from defoliants including Agent Orange are finally getting more official attention. Many of the veterans say they worked with aircraft used to transport the chemicals for spraying over the jungles of Southeast Asia and that those aircraft carried chemical residues that triggered severe illnesses, including cancer. The V-A has long resisted many of those disability claims. This summer, a panel of independent scientists will try to determine whether those veterans could have been exposed to the toxins in defoliants, including Agent Orange, at a level that would be dangerous to their health. The panel is hosting the first of a series of closed meetings and public hearings today. If the scientists find a link, the service members could be eligible for tax-free disability compensation of up to several thousand dollars a month. /

ENVIRONMENT: The temperature hit a record high 91 on Wednesday at Portland. The Weather Service says that broke the old record of 88 for the date set in 2012. A record of 88 was set at Newport, breaking the old record of 78 set in 1912. And, a record of 87 was set at Astoria, breaking the old record of 82 set in 1939. Temperatures around 80 were recorded in the Seattle area. Forecasters say Thursday will be the last day of Northwest heat. The Weather Service says cooler marine air will move inland Thursday night and Friday into Oregon and Washington bringing a chance of weekend showers and unsettled weather into next week. / HEALTH, MEDICINE, ECONOMY: The New York Times reports that federal health officials yesterday recommended that hundreds of thousands of Americans at risk for AIDS take a daily pill that has been shown to prevent infection with the virus that causes it. If broadly followed, the advice could transform AIDS prevention in the United States — from reliance on condoms, which are effective but unpopular with many men — to a regimen that relies on an antiretroviral drug. It would also mean a 50-fold increase in the number of prescriptions for the drug, Truvada — to 500,000 a year from fewer than 10,000. The drug costs \$13,000 a year, and most insurers already cover it. Officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have long been frustrated that the number of HIV infections in the United States has barely changed in a decade, stubbornly holding at 50,000 a year, despite 30 years of official advice to rely on condoms to block transmission. / MINORITIES, EDUCATION: A new report says segregation is making a comeback in U.S. schools. This comes as Saturday's 60th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision approaches. The ruling ended legal discrimination in public schools. The Civil Rights Project at UCLA says progress toward integration following the Supreme Court decision has largely been rolled back. Black students are seeing more school segregation than they have in decades, and now more than half of Latino students attend schools that are majority Latino. The author of the report, Gary Orfield, called the finding troubling, with many minority students receiving poorer educations than white and Asian students who tend to be in middle-class schools. The report calls for a national study on segregation and ways to end it. /

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**CRIME:** It was a brutal murder and members of a Lane County jury yesterday took a bit more than an hour to impose their sentence. The Register-Guard reports the jury has decided on the death penalty for convicted killer David Ray Taylor. The 58-year-old Taylor was convicted last week of aggravated murder in the 2012 death of Celestino Gutierrez. The newspaper reports the victim's family will have a chance to speak before the judge imposes the sentence on Tuesday. Taylor previously spent 27 years in prison for murdering a Eugene gas station attendant in 1977. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** General Motors has announced its sixth recall this week. Today it's recalling about 8,200 midsize cars to fix a problem with the front brakes. The recall affects 2014 Buick Lacrosse and Chevrolet Malibu cars. GM says rear brake rotors were mistakenly installed on the front. The rear rotors are thinner, so brake pads will wear faster. Dealers were told to stop delivering the cars on May 1. It's the 24th GM recall announcement this year. ; The government is fining General Motors \$35 million for delays in recalling small cars with faulty ignition switches. Officials also say GM will report safety issues faster in the future. The fine is the maximum allowed by law. But it's only a fraction of the \$3.8 billion GM made last year. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has been investigating GM's delayed recall of older small cars with defective ignition switches. The company says at least 13 people have died in crashes linked to the problem. The Justice Department also is investigating. ; Triple-A predicts that 36.1 million people will travel 50 miles or more this Memorial Day weekend. If that estimate holds true, it would be the largest number of people traveling during the holiday weekend since 2005. The auto club says most will drive to their vacation spots, but more people are also expected to fly or take a cruise or train this year compared with a year ago. / **HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, FAMILIES:** Gay marriages quickly resumed in Arkansas yesterday after a state judge whose previous order had created some confusion among county clerks expanded his ruling to remove all remnants of same-sex marriage bans from the Arkansas's laws. The judge said no one in his state was harmed by the 456 marriage licenses that were issued to same-sex couples after his initial court ruling, and that the ceremonies could go forward while Arkansas' Supreme court considers the issue. Seventeen other states allow gay and lesbian marriage. Judges have struck down bans in Idaho, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Virginia. ; But in Idaho, residents planning to gather at courthouses across the state this morning to celebrate same-sex marriages saw their plans put on hold yesterday by a federal appeals court. Idaho's gay marriage ban was overturned on Tuesday when a U.S. District Judge said the law unconstitutionally denied gay and lesbian residents their fundamental right to marry. She said Idaho must begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples starting this morning. But a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a temporary stay while it considers whether a longer stay is needed. That came after Idaho's governor

and attorney general both asked that the earlier ruling be placed on hold while they appeal. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The recent hot warm weather has a lot of local boaters eager to set out on the state's rivers and lakes. But be cautious if you're among them. Even on hot days, the water is still very cold—affected in many places by chilly snowmelt. At the same time, snow packs are well below normal—only around 57 percent of average on the Willamette National Forest. That can result in lower-than average river flows and more obstacles around which to navigate. And scout your route. Just because the river was clear on one channel last season doesn't mean it is this year. The winter storms dropped a lot of trees into local waterways and those downed trunks and root balls—known as strainers—can surprise the unwary, with potentially tragic results. / MILITARY, TERRORISM: They are among the most highly trained National Guard units in the country. And on Monday, they begin final preparations for their deployment to Afghanistan. Close to 400 soldiers who are members of the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry meet on Monday at the Springfield National Guard Armory before heading to Idaho for three weeks of deployment-focused training. They'll be back in Oregon for a few days after that to spend time with families and friends. Then they'll be in Salem on June 7th for a mobilization ceremony. Members of the 2-162 then head to Fort Hood, Texas, for two months of additional training, then depart directly for Afghanistan. They'll return home in May of 2015. Their mission includes providing security for U.S. military and government officials in and around Kabul, as well as supplying the personnel for a "quick reaction force" in and around Kabul and working with police chiefs in Kabul province. They'll also ensure the safety of NATO personnel who are training members of the Afghan military and Afghan police in remote locations around that country. And they'll provide the small group of soldiers that will be running a large installation that acts as a base of operations for U.S. forces in Kabul. Back in 2004, their unit was among the first citizen-soldiers in Iraq where they earned respect for their hard work and high level of training. Now, close to 400 members of the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry or the Oregon National Guard are preparing to head for Afghanistan. The soldiers meet on Monday at the Springfield National Guard Armory before heading to Idaho for three weeks of deployment-focused training. They'll be back in Oregon for a few days after that to spend time with families and friends. On June 7th they'll be at the Salem Armory for a mobilization ceremony. The members of the 2-162 then head to Fort Hood, Texas, for two months of additional training, then depart directly for Afghanistan. They'll return home in May of 2015. Want to know more about the mission and what you can do to support their families while the soldiers are overseas? Tune in Sunday morning at 6:30 for Community Forum. We'll speak with the Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Scot Caughran (CAR-n), as well as Chaplain Colonel Terry Larkin, who heads the Oregon National Guard's "Service Member and Family support" efforts. That's Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on Community Forum, right here on New Country 93.3. / VETERANS, MILITARY, HEALTH: Patience is wearing thin in Congress as lawmakers confront allegations of treatment delays and falsified patient-appointment reports at health centers run by the Veterans Affairs Department. Yesterday on Capitol Hill, members of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee grilled VA Secretary Eric Shinseki. It comes after a former clinic director said dozens of veterans died while awaiting treatment at the Phoenix VA hospital. Since then, allegations of problems at VA facilities have surfaced nationwide. Senator Patty Murray of Washington says reports of problems at VA medical facilities date back at least 14 years, and in each case were followed by promises of action. She and others on the panel told Shinseki that what they need now is decisive action to restore veterans' confidence in VA and to create a culture of transparency and accountability. Shinseki, a retired four-star Army general who has headed the VA since 2009, has promised a preliminary report within three weeks on treatment delays and falsified patient-appointment reports at VA health

centers. The VA operates the largest single health care system in the country, serving close to nine million veterans a year. Surveys show that patients are mostly satisfied with their care but that access to it is becoming more of a problem as Vietnam veterans age and increasing numbers of veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars seek treatment for physical and mental health problems, including post-traumatic stress disorder. / ENVIRONMENT: Precious cargo arrived this week on the Oregon coast in ice-filled crates when a single turbo prop plane touched down at Newport Municipal Airport. Oswald and Juno, two sea otter pups bound for their new homes at Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Oregon Zoo, debarked from the plane with a mammalogist and veterinarian in tow that cared for them during their journey from the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Sea otters were historically abundant along the Oregon coast, but had been hunted to extinction by the turn of the 20th century. Aside from occasional visits by sea otters from Washington, the only full-time resident sea otters in Oregon are found at the Oregon Zoo and the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Oswald and Juno were each discovered abandoned on beaches along California's coastline. Oswald stranded November 2013 and Juno two months later in January 2014. Staff with the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Sea Otter Research and Conservation (SORAC) program arranged for the rescue of the pups and their transport to Monterey. Sea otter program staff immediately began searching for homes for the pups, realizing there were no experienced otters available to rear the pups for release to the wild. Once homes were found for the young animals they were both deemed non-releasable by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS). Once the pups were ready, the Oregon Coast Aquarium and Oregon Zoo teamed up to transport the sea otter pups to the Beaver State. The Oregon Coast Aquarium arranged for a flight for both animals on a private plane owned and piloted by Steve Schuster, a Newport local that has a history of helping the Oregon Coast Aquarium transport sea otters. In 2012, the Oregon Coast Aquarium honored his generosity when they named another sea otter that came to Newport from Monterey "Schuster." /

TERRORISM, CRIME: A New York jury has deliberated for six hours without reaching a verdict in the trial of an Egyptian imam accused of supporting terrorist organizations from his London mosque. Jury deliberations began Thursday in the case against Mustafa Kamel Mustafa (muh-STAH'-fuh kah-MEHL' muh-STAH'-fuh). The jury returns Monday morning. U.S. District Judge Katherine Forrest in Manhattan warned them not to be "swayed by sympathy, prejudice or fear." Prosecutors said the 55-year-old cleric provided a satellite phone to men who abducted 16 tourists in Yemen in December 1998. Four hostages died. They said he supported al-Qaida as well, in part by plotting to open a training camp in Oregon in late 1999. Mustafa testified he never supported al-Qaida or any terrorist acts. He was brought to the United States in 2012. / ENVIRONMENT,

ECONOMY: The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that the state's fish and wildlife department has for years incorrectly interpreted its own rules for making sure migratory fish can swim upstream of dams. The court ruled Thursday that the department must enforce a state law that puts the needs of the fish ahead of the dam owners' rights to determine the best use of their water rights. Some landowners had complained that two dams downstream were blocking cutthroat trout from reaching their property. But the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife found measures allowing fish passage in high water were enough. The landowners also argued that the department's rules regarding when dams needed to provide fish passage were illogical. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY,

ELECTIONS: Activists in Oregon have announced a signature-gathering campaign to place a measure requiring the labeling of genetically modified foods on the statewide ballot in November. If adopted, the initiative by Oregon GMO Right to Know would require food manufacturers, retailers and suppliers to label raw and packaged foods produced entirely or partially by genetic engineering. It would be effective January 2016. More than 87,000 signatures are needed to

qualify it for the ballot. The group has until July 3 to collect signatures. Signature-gathering is also underway in Colorado and in Arizona to put up similar labeling measures. Current U.S. law does not require the labeling of GMOs. Labeling ballot measures have previously failed in California and Washington, but Vermont recently became the first state to require labeling. / ECONOMY: The White House is welcoming bipartisan legislation to overhaul the nation's mortgage financing system that has cleared a crucial Senate hurdle. The legislation would wind down the giant government-backed lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The Senate Banking Committee voted 13-9 Thursday to send the bill to the Senate floor. It still faces long odds to pass this year. The bill would phase out Fannie and Freddie and reduce the government's role in guaranteeing mortgage securities. The two firms had to be rescued by a \$187 billion taxpayer bailout during the financial crisis. A House Republican bill would go further in privatizing the mortgage market. The White House says Thursday's vote, quote, "marks important progress toward completing one of the biggest remaining pieces of post-recession reform of the financial system. ; Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen is spotlighting the fact that U.S. small businesses have accounted for more than half the job gains during the nearly 5-year-old economic recovery. The economy has regained 8.6 million jobs since early 2010, leaving it about 100,000 jobs short of the 138.4 million that existed in January 2008 near the start of the recession. In a speech at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Yellen tells small business owners that more than half those jobs came from companies with fewer than 250 employees. She says the Fed has tried to foster the conditions for job creation by keeping interest rates near historic lows, but that "overwhelmingly, it is businesses that create jobs." By contrast, governments have shed 2.6 percent of their workers since early 2010. /

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**HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES, RELIGION:** Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have legalized same-sex marriage. Judges in seven other states have struck down bans on gay marriage, though appeals are pending in some states. More challenges are pending. And today at noon, U.S. District Judge Michael McShane says he will issue his ruling on a lawsuit brought by four gay and lesbian couples challenging the ban that was approved by Oregon voters a decade ago. Both sides in the case have asked McShane to drop the ban. The state's Democratic attorney general, Ellen Rosenblum, has declined to defend the law. She says last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that tossed out key parts of the federal Defense of Marriage Act made the state ban indefensible. Judges have tossed out similar bans in a half dozen states since that Supreme Court decision. Last week, McShane rejected an effort by the National Organization for Marriage, which opposed gay marriage, to intervene in the Oregon case. McShane ruled that the group had no standing in the case. That meant there were no litigants to oppose the effort to drop the ban. ; Oregon's ban was approved by 57% of the state's voters months after officials in Multnomah County—which includes the Portland metropolitan area—briefly issued marriage licenses to same-sex couples. About 3,000 gay and lesbians couples were allowed to marry before a judge halted the practice. The Oregon Supreme Court later invalidated the marriages. State officials have said same-sex marriages could begin almost immediately after a decision allowing such unions. In Portland, Multnomah County officials have said they're prepared to issue licenses immediately and a number of couples say they would marry immediately. Supporters of same-sex marriage say they'll gather to hear a reading of ruling and, if the judge clears the way, a number of couple say they'll take their vows. A gathering is also is planned in Eugene and organizers say they anticipate couples would get married or—if they wed previously in Oregon before such unions were invalidated or else tied the knot in another state—they would renew their vows. / **ECONOMY POLITICS:** A review of Oregon's database of state employee salaries shows that sometimes, the directors of tiny departments get paid more than the governor. The Statesman Journal reports that the state's best paid agency head is Nancy Golden, who makes \$225,000 leading the 12 employees at the Oregon Education Investment Board. The Department of Administrative Services says the salary includes a bump added to make the position more competitive. Gov. John Kitzhaber makes \$98,600 — less than most of the state's agency directors, in spite of leading the state's entire executive branch. He makes less than the directors of the Commission for the Blind, the Psychiatric Security Review Board, the Board of Dentistry, the Oregon State Library and many more. Rob Saxton, director of the Department of Education, makes \$189,996. He is the third-highest paid agency director, even though his agency is the state's 18th largest. / **HEALTH, SENIORS-FAMILIES:** A new poll finds that despite a rapidly aging population, Americans

may be largely unprepared for needing long-term care. Government figures show nearly 7 in 10 Americans will need long-term care at some point after they reach age 65. Yet the poll by The Associated Press-N-O-R-C Center for Public Affairs Research finds just 20 percent of those surveyed think they will need such care. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in the U.S. has dropped 3 ½ cents over the past two weeks. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday that the price fell to \$3.69 because supplies are meeting demand. She predicts prices will continue to drop but at a moderate pace as crude oil prices remain relatively strong. Lundberg says the decrease comes after gas prices had climbed nearly 43 cents per gallon between Feb. 7 and May 2. Of the cities surveyed in the Lower 48 states, Albuquerque, New Mexico, had the lowest price at \$3.32 per gallon, and San Francisco had the highest at \$4.17. / CRIME, SAFETY: Spring is here. More people are out cycling, and that means bike thefts are likely to surge. There were 1010 bicycles reported stolen in 2013, 848 bicycles reported stolen in 2012 and 846 reported stolen in 2011. A total of 65 bikes were recovered last year, which translates to approximately one out of fifteen that was stolen. If you'd like to keep your bike from being stolen, consider the following measures: Follow the lead of over 5,000 fellow Eugeneans and register your bicycle with Eugene Police on line at [www.eugenepolice.com](http://www.eugenepolice.com) Select "prevention and safety," then select "bicycle safety/theft prevention." An online form will lead you through a thorough description of your bike. Within a few days of filling out the form, you will receive a sticker in the mail to adhere to your bike to further establish ownership. Once your bike is registered, if your bike is stolen, when you call us we will already have your bike's description and the information needed for a detailed report. The odds of getting your bike back will go up considerably. ; Lock your bike with a substantial lock - a U-bolt style is best. No lock is foolproof, but a high-end lock is more likely to deter thieves. Bikes have frequently been stolen from inside garages, storage sheds and apartments, so make sure those locations are well secured, as well. Many bike owners invest a lot of money in nice bikes, and then hold back when it comes to the lock. Big mistake! ; If you are a UO student, register your bike with the UO Police Department, on campus, at 1319 E. 15th Avenue, tel. (541) 346-2919. One prudent approach to consider: buy a cheap bike and an expensive lock! For more information, contact Eugene Police Crime Prevention at 541-682-5137. / VETERANS, MILITARY, HEALTH: Officials with the Obama administration and Congress say they are moving quickly to respond to a growing political firestorm over reports of treatment delays and falsified records at veterans hospitals nationwide. The top official for veterans' health care resigned Friday, and House Republicans scheduled a vote this week on legislation to give Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki greater authority to dismiss or demote senior executives and administrators at the agency and its 152 medical centers. Reports of long waits for appointments and processing benefit applications have plagued VA for years. Officials have shortened benefits backlogs, but allegations of preventable deaths that may be linked to delays at the Phoenix VA hospital have triggered an election-year uproar. A former clinic director said up to 40 veterans died while awaiting treatment at the Phoenix hospital. On Saturday, Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona says the government needs to totally refocus the Veterans Affairs Department "on its core mission of serving veterans." He added he believed there is a, quote, "systemic, cultural problem" that cannot be solved with piecemeal responses, such as the resignation of a top official in the V-A. The White House chief of staff, Denis McDonough, was on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday morning and said President Barack Obama demanding that Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki (shin-SEHK'-ee) and others in the administration, quote, "continue to fix these things until they're functioning the way that our veterans believe they should." Officials have shortened benefits backlogs, but allegations of preventable deaths that may be linked to delays at the Phoenix VA

hospital have triggered an election-year uproar. A former clinic director said up to 40 veterans died while awaiting treatment at the Phoenix hospital. ; The White House chief of staff says President Barack Obama is, quote, "madder than hell" about reports of treatment delays at veterans' hospitals across the country. Top aide Denis McDonough tells CBS' "Face the Nation" that Obama is demanding that Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki (shin-SEHK'-ee) and others in the administration "continue to fix these things until they're functioning the way that our veterans believe they should." Allegations of preventable deaths that may be linked to delays at the Phoenix VA hospital have triggered an election-year uproar. On Friday, the top official for veterans' health care resigned. House Republicans have set a vote for Wednesday on legislation that would give Shinseki greater power to fire or demote executives and administrators at the agency and its 152 medical centers. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY: Tomorrow marks the one-year anniversary of the devastating tornado that ripped through the city of Moore, Oklahoma, killing 24 people—including seven children in an elementary—and leaving many neighborhoods and families with lasting scars. The recovery from the tornado, twisting with 210 mph winds as it took 39 minutes to carve its 17-mile-long path of destruction, is slow. Some neighborhood streets end in dirt roads with piles of rubble and tree roots. There are new homes that have taken the place of many that were lost. But some broken houses that still bear the spray paint markings left after emergency responders searched for any dead inside. Among the efforts of the past year in Moore: Working to create sturdy tornado shelters in schools, updating building codes and retrofitting vulnerable older buildings. ; Scientists say wildfire problems will likely continue to grow in the western U.S., fueled in part by climate change and warmer, drier weather across the region. In the past three months, at least three different studies and reports have warned that wildfires are getting bigger. Scientists are reluctant to blame global warming for any specific fire. But they have been warning for years about how it will lead to more fires and earlier fire seasons. They say the top five years, with the most acres burned, all fell during the last decade. Federal reports note that in the 1980s, wildfires claimed an average 2.9 million acres per year. From 2010-2013, the average leaped to about 6.4 million acres annually. / ECONOMY, EDUCATION: The Oregon men's and women's track and field teams swept the Pac-12 Championships for the sixth-straight year, as the men won their eighth-consecutive title and the women picked up their sixth in a row. Jenna Prandini was named the women's Athlete of the Meet after winning three individual events, the 100, 200 and the long jump. The top 48 declared athletes per event in the West Region will advance to the NCAA Preliminary Rounds in Fayetteville, Ark., looking to make their way back to Eugene for the NCAA Championships. The preliminary rounds will take place May 29-31, with the competitors to be announced on Thursday. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: A motorcycle rider who hit a bear near Bend is recovering. KTVZ reports the 32-year-old Westfir woman was flown Saturday to a Bend hospital. The Deschutes County sheriff's office says the bear ran in front of her motorcycle and ran off after the collision. / ECONOMY, CRIME: An Occupy Wall Street activist convicted of assaulting a police officer has been sentenced to 90 days in jail. Cecily McMillan, who insisted she was innocent, had faced as much as seven years in prison. McMillan apologized in court for injuring the officer but said it was an accident. The felony trial of the 25-year-old graduate student became a rallying point for activists. The courtroom was packed with about 50 of her supporters. Scores more could not get in. McMillan was charged with deliberately elbowing an officer in the eye in March 2012. While more than 2,600 cases ensued from the protests over economic inequality, most involved misdemeanor or violation charges. /



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**HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES, RELIGION:** The ceremonies began yesterday afternoon, in Eugene, Portland and elsewhere. A federal judge threw out Oregon's same-sex marriage ban Monday, marking the 13th legal victory for gay marriage advocates since the U.S. Supreme Court last year overturned part of a federal ban. It comes after state officials earlier refused to defend Oregon's voter-approved ban and said they would not appeal. Many county clerks across the state began carrying out same-sex marriages almost immediately after the ruling—allowing couples to purchase marriage licenses and then tie the knot without the usual three-day waiting period. The decision from U.S. District Judge Michael McShane joins those from judges in seven other states who have overturned same-sex marriage bans, though appeals are underway. Lower-court judges have repeatedly cited last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling in their opinions. Gay and lesbian couples may now legally marry in 17 states and the District of Columbia. Since Oregon's ruling is not expected to be challenged, which would make it the 18th state where gay and lesbian marriage is legal. In 11 other states, federal or state judges recently have overturned same-sex marriage bans or ordered states to recognize out-of-state marriages. Appeals courts are reviewing those decisions. Ten are in the hands of federal appeals courts, and one is with a state appeals court. Federal or state judges in Idaho, Oklahoma, Virginia, Michigan, Texas, Utah and Arkansas recently have found state same-sex marriage bans to be unconstitutional. Judges also have ordered Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana to recognize same-sex marriages from other states. The New Mexico Supreme Court declared the state ban unconstitutional in a ruling that is not being challenged. Questions and Answers: Is Oregon's attorney general the only one not defending a state ban? No. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum is one of seven top state prosecutors who have refused to defend same-sex marriage bans in court. Attorney generals in Virginia, Pennsylvania, California, Illinois, Nevada and Kentucky, all Democrats, have made the same decision. Virginia and Kentucky still appealed rulings. A county clerk who was sued in Virginia is fighting that ban, and Kentucky hired outside attorneys. Since Oregon is known as a progressive state, why didn't this happen sooner? Liberal voters in Portland, Eugene and a few other college towns are balanced by more conservative voters in the rest of the state. When county officials in Portland began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples in 2003, voters responded the next year by adding language to the state constitution defining marriage as a union only between a man and woman. What do opponents say? Opposition remains stiff in many places, with critics pointing out that most states still prohibit gay marriage. The Oregon Family Council released a strongly worded statement Monday saying the state colluded with gay-rights groups to sidestep the will of voters, and a judge allowed it. "While tonight's newscast will feature tearful couples at staged PR activities in courthouses across the state, the real tears

should be for the next generation as we witness our constitutional republic sink into a banana republic," spokeswoman Teresa Harke said. Do other states have pending lawsuits? Yes. Of the states where same-sex marriage remains banned, lawsuits challenging those laws have been filed in all but three — Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. What's next?: A ruling from a federal appeals court is expected soon, either from a panel in Denver reviewing rulings from Utah and Oklahoma or judges in Richmond, Virginia, reviewing Virginia's case. Many legal observers say they expect the U.S. Supreme Court to take a case at some point, but they acknowledge it's impossible to predict what the high court will do. The Supreme Court could also just wait and see how the nation's appellate courts rule. It often waits until there is a conflict between appellate courts before taking a case.

**/ FAMILIES, COMMUNITY:** The totals are in and Dutch Bros. Coffee locations in Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove and Junction City raised \$10,000 for A Family For Every Child. A Family For Every Child is an organization that helps underprivileged foster children find permanent homes. "It was amazing to see so many mothers coming in support of such a wonderful cause," said local Dutch Bros. Eugene owner Brittany Boersma. "We celebrated those moms who have reached out and brought children into their lives with unconditional love. A Family For Every Child helps connect foster children with their forever families." "It means so much to have the support of Dutch Bros." said Rebecca Rhodes, Event Coordinator, A Family For Every Child. "Not only are they an amazing team of people that are so kind and easy to work with, but giving us the opportunity to showcase our organization allows us to raise more awareness about the foster care system, we can not thank them enough." Mothers got any drink for \$1 and proceeds from all drinks sold supported A Family For Every Child, and helps underprivileged foster children into permanent homes. "Mothers Day was a perfect day to support A Family For Every Child. They give individuals the opportunity of parenthood and give children Moms and Dads to call their own," continued Brittany.

**/ TERRORISM:** The Islamic cleric who supported plans to open a terrorist-training camp in Oregon in the late 1990s was convicted yesterday in New York of providing material support to terrorist organizations. It came following a month-long trial of Mustafa Kamel Mustafa (muh-STAH'-fuh kah-MEHL' muh-STAH'-fuh). The jury deliberated two days before returning its verdict against the 56-year-old imam, whom prosecutors say provided material support to terrorist organizations. Mustafa, known in Britain as Abu Hamza, was found guilty Monday of supporting terrorist organizations and working to open a never-established al-Qaida training camp near the community of Bly, in south-central Oregon. The Egyptian-born Mustafa will be sentenced in September.

**/ ECONOMY:** Oregon's jobless rate stands at 6.9 percent. How are individual counties doing? According to a new survey from the state employment department, the results are mixed: Benton County had the state's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in April at 5.3 percent. Southeastern Oregon's Harney County registered the highest rate for the month at 11.1 percent. Overall, 14 of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 6.9 percent—Lane County is at 6.9 percent, exactly. But many counties are still working to rebound from the recession. In Linn County, for example, unemployment for April stood at 8.6 percent. Douglas County has an even higher jobless rate—right at ten percent.

**/ ELECTIONS, POLITICS:** This is a primary election day in Oregon and five other states. If you've not yet returned your ballot, it is far too late to mail it. Instead, you'll need to deliver it to your county elections office or an official drop-off site by eight this evening. Lane County's ballots include contested Republican primary races for U.S. senator and governor. Many other state and federal candidates are running unopposed. Pediatric neurosurgeon Monica Wehby and state Rep. Jason Conger lead a five-person contest for the Republican Senate nomination in Oregon. Some of Wehby's TV ads drew high praise, but the single mother of four faced reports that a wealthy ex-boyfriend called police last year and accused her

of stalking him. The man now says he regrets making the call, and he is backing Wehby's campaign. There are three seats up for election on the Lane County Board of Commissioners and the ballot also contains local bond measures for voters in the Pleasant Hill and Fern Ridge school districts. Other top primaries across the U.S. include the Republican primaries to pick U.S. Senate nominees in Kentucky and Georgia. The biggest noise, although probably not the biggest suspense, will come in Kentucky, where it now appears Senate republican leader Mitch McConnell will win his primary over tea party challenger Matt Bevin. In Georgia, seven Republicans — five well-known and reasonably well-funded — are vying for the nomination to succeed retiring GOP Senator Saxby Chambliss. Six states hold primaries tonight: Oregon, Idaho, Georgia, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Pennsylvania. There's a two-week break after today, with the next primaries scheduled for June 3 in Alabama, California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Most Oregonians buckle up, but those who don't risk lives. A statewide survey from June 2013 found 98 percent of Oregon's motoring public using safety belts, making Oregon one of the two highest belt use states in the country. Still, in 2012, 61 of Oregon's 198 occupant fatalities were reportedly unrestrained. During the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign May 19 – June 1, officers from Oregon law enforcement agencies will focus on safety belt use, including proper restraints for child passengers, use in pickup trucks and use during nighttime travel. The greatest danger to unbelted children and adult occupants is ejection from the vehicle. Unbelted or improperly restrained occupants are five times more likely to be ejected than one who is belted, and the odds of surviving ejection are estimated at one in four – compared to a one in two hundred fatality rate for occupants who remain inside the vehicle. Ejection is also the principal reason that minors are prohibited from riding in an open bed of a pickup truck. In fact, studies show that consistent safety belt usage is the single most effective way to protect against injuries or death in a motor vehicle crash. Research shows that most of Oregon's unbuckled fatalities occur from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on the weekends, and on late weekday afternoons. Using the right passenger restraint system – and using it properly – is the key to safety. For child safety seats, follow the manufacturer's instructions or attend a free child safety seat clinic (see below for resources). For adults, "proper use" means the lap belt is placed low across hips with the shoulder belt crossing the center of the chest over the collarbone. Belts should be free of slack and lying flat with no twists or knots. If the shoulder belt portion of the belt rides up onto the neck or feels uncomfortable, comfort may be increased by using the built-in adjuster or by moving seat position. The shoulder belt should NOT be placed under the arm or behind the back – this can cause serious internal injuries or ejection in a crash. For child passengers, Oregon law states the following: A child weighing less than 40 pounds must be properly restrained in a child safety seat. A child under one year of age or weighing less than twenty pounds must be restrained in a rear-facing child seat. A child over forty pounds but under age eight or less than 4' 9" tall must be restrained in either a child seat with harness system or in a booster seat that raises the child up so that a lap and shoulder belt system fit correctly. ; Through Sunday, June 1, the Eugene Police Traffic Enforcement Unit will be participating in a statewide traffic safety campaign, "Click-it or Ticket Blitz." The traffic safety campaign seeks to reduce the number of motor vehicle related deaths and injuries by increasing public awareness about the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crash injuries. The upcoming enforcement will focus primarily on failure to use or improper use of safety restraints and minors in open-bed pickup trucks. Lack of or improper use of seatbelts continues to play a significant factor in the number of Oregon motor vehicle occupant deaths. The Traffic Enforcement Unit would like to remind motorists that seatbelts must be worn in the manner in which they are specifically designed in order to be in compliance with the law. Wearing a

shoulder belt under your arm is against the law and can result in a citation. It's also important that motorists are familiar with current child safety seat laws. Infants are required to ride in rear-facing safety seats until they reach both one year of age AND twenty pounds. Children over one year old AND between 20 and 40 pounds must be properly secured with a forward-facing child safety seat. Children who weigh over 40 pounds must be properly secured in a booster seat until they are 8 years old OR 4'9" in height. Children who are at least 8 years old or 4'9" tall may graduate to an adult safety belt, but only if it fits them properly. Additionally, the Eugene Police Traffic Enforcement Unit would like to assist motorists with the proper installation of child safety seats. If you would like to receive assistance with the proper installation of your child safety seats, please call the Eugene Police Traffic Enforcement Unit at 682-5157 to make an appointment. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The Obama administration is pushing Congress to ensure enough money is available to fight wildfires. The pressure is coming as California recovers from a spate of fires in San Diego County and other states brace for a hot, dry summer. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack intends to appear Tuesday in Denver to discuss 2015 budget proposals that call for annual spending to equal 70 percent of the estimated 10-year average firefighting cost. His plan also calls for an additional \$954 million disaster funding pool. In the past, when firefighting funds have run out, money has been borrowed from fire-prevention programs. Vilsack also intends to announce prevention measures to help 94 national forest areas in 35 states address insects and disease that turn trees into tinder. / LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS, FAMILIES, RELIGION: Catholic Community Services of Lane County (CCSLC) has opened the newly-renovated "Joe Softich Food & Resource Center" and is holding a Dedication & Blessing by Archbishop Alexander Sample on Tuesday, May 20th from 4:00-5:00pm at 1025 G Street in Springfield. Joe Softich was a 25 year employee of CCS who retired in 2013 and was often honored and recognized for his innovative approach to distributing food to low-income and homeless persons. In 1994 as CCS Food Program Manager, he decided to let people select their food and fill their own boxes; the first time this was implemented in the state of Oregon. In a May 4, 2009 Register Guard profile piece, Joe was quoted – "We did it out of respect for people and it turned out to be a lot more efficient." The renovation of what was formerly the chapel was completed last month and has a centralized intake and larger waiting area, 2 handicapped accessible restrooms, and a better-designed, much larger food storage and food distribution area. Major funders of the \$150,000 project are: Murphy Family, City of Springfield, The Collins Foundation, The Oregon Community Foundation and Oregon Food Bank. The Open House will feature a blessing by Archbishop Alexander K Sample of the Archdiocese of Portland, remarks from Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg and CCS Executive Director Tom Mulhern, and a brief tribute to Joe Softich, who will also be in attendance. CCS has two Community Service Centers which provide food, clothing, personal care items, bus passes and other emergency assistance to homeless and low-income persons, as well as utility assistance, temporary shelter and short-term financial assistance to prevent homelessness. The other center is located at 1464 W. 6th Street, Eugene. / MILITARY, ENVIRONMENT: In Klamath Falls, federal workers are putting military conditioning and mindset to work on a new enemy: wildfire. A Bureau of Land Management fire crew is made up mostly of veterans. The Klamath Falls Herald and News reports it was created in 2012 as part of a program funded by the Obama administration to put veterans back to work. Crew supervisor Mike McGirr says that as the fire season picks up, the crew will swell to 25, and it's likely as many as 18 members will be military veterans. Members of the crew say there are similarities between the military and firefighting lives, such as a sense of mission and the requirements for mental toughness and good physical conditioning. / TRANSPORTATION, DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH: State traffic planners are working on long-range

fixes for a stretch of the Randy Pape Beltline around north Eugene. But they say it's going to be at least a decade off, and no source has been identified to pay for a job expected to cost up to \$270 million in today's dollars. The Eugene Register-Guard reports the stretch over spans crossing the Willamette River is one of the most crash-prone in Oregon as urban development has enveloped it. It carries 90,000 vehicles on a typical day. The State Department of Transportation has some short-term steps in mind, and it plans to present a draft plan for the long term at an open house on Tuesday. / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: Oregon State Police say two men have been cited in an investigation of illegal crabbing off Cape Falcon along the north coast of Oregon. In a statement Monday, the police said the investigation began in December and led investigators to recover more than 150 crab pots this month, many with rotting crabs or crab parts. The police identified the owner of the fishing vessel Valkyrie as 34-year-old Aron Steinbach of Bay City and said he was accused of several violations, including not having tags for buoys and pots, setting crab pots for more than 14 days without taking them in, and wasting the crab. Police say a man who had once been captain of the Valkyrie, 30-year-old Thomas White of Nehalem, was cited for not having a commercial fishing license. /

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ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Don't think your vote matters? Think again. A pair of elections are being decided by slender margins here in Lane County. West Lane Commissioner Jay Bozievich, who trailed challenger Dawn Lesley for most of the evening, now appears to have a 45 vote lead out of close to 15,000 votes cast. In the two other commissioners' races, incumbents Sid Leiken in Springfield and Faye Stewart in East Lane are cruising to wins. And voters in the Pleasant Hill School District are narrowly approving a bond measure by 19 votes out of 2,200 cast. The Fern Ridge School bond measure is passing strongly. It came on an election day where Lane County's turnout is still below 30 percent. Republican Monica Wehby will meet Democratic incumbent Jeff Merkeley in November's U.S. Senate race. It will be the GOP's Dennis Richardson challenging incumbent Governor John Kitzhaber. There will be a fall rematch between Fourth District Democratic Congressman Peter Defazio and Republican Art Robinson. In the Fifth Congressional District, incumbent Democrat Kurt Schrader will meet Republican Tootie Smith. Most candidates for state legislative races were unopposed in their primary bids. There were two contested races in our area: --In the Democratic primary for House District 7, which includes parts of Lane and Douglas counties, Cedric Hayden appears to be winning. --On the coast, Casey Runyan has a narrow lead over Jason Payne for the GOP nomination in District 9. Split results for law enforcement levies around the state. In Linn County, voters are approving a four-year continuation of their law enforcement levy. In Southern Oregon's Josephine County, voters have again rejected a levy to pay for jail operations. Jackson County voters approved a ban on genetically-engineered crops by a two-to-one margin. Voters in Harrisburg are giving a narrow "thumbs down" to a bond measure to build a new fire station and are more strongly rejecting a levy to pay for operations of the city's H.A.R.T. family resource center. Tuesday's elections in five other states highlighted efforts by Republicans to improve their chances of taking control of the U.S. Senate during President Barack Obama's final two years in office. Republicans need to gain six net Senate seats to control the chamber. And in many races, they chose so-called "establishment" candidates over tea party insurgents. But analysts say nearly all Republican candidates — including some who have been in Congress for decades — have shifted their campaign positions to the right to stay in step with the ardently conservative voters who still dominate GOP primaries. In Kentucky, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell easily dispatched tea party challenger Matt Bevin. In Georgia, Republican voters rejected the two most outspoken tea party proponents, setting up a July 22 Senate runoff between Dollar General CEO David Perdue and a Congressman Jack Kingston. Arkansas' two uncontested Senate primaries set up a November showdown between two-term Democratic Senator Mark Pryor and freshman Republican Representative Tom Cotton. In North Carolina, GOP voters nominated state House Speaker Thom Tillis for the

Senate, rejecting a tea party leader and a Baptist minister who were making their first runs for office. / HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILIES, RELIGION: Same-sex couples in Pennsylvania rushed to file for marriage licenses after a judge ruled cleared the way for the weddings. Prior to the decision, Pennsylvania was the only state in the Northeast that did not allow such marriages. The federal judge who issued the ruling also ordered the recognition of same-sex marriages performed elsewhere. In Idaho yesterday, a federal appeals court ruled that no same-sex marriages will be allowed or recognized in that state until an appeal is decided on a ruling this month that overturned that Idaho's ban. Still, state marriage bans have been falling around the country ever since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act last year. On Monday, Oregon became the 18th state to recognize same-sex marriage after a federal judge invalidated its voter-approved ban. ; Also on Monday, a federal judge in Utah ordered state officials to recognize more than 1,000 gay marriages that took place in the two weeks before the U.S. Supreme Court halted weddings there with an emergency stay. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, CRIME: Officials with the U.S. Department of the Interior said yesterday they do not want federal irrigation water being used to grow marijuana in Washington state, Colorado or anywhere else. This is the latest facet of a messy conflict posed by the recent legalization of recreational marijuana in Washington and Colorado. It comes as farmers growing apples, potatoes, wine grapes and other crops work to protect their water allotments amid the worsening Western drought. But the practical effects of the policy are limited: The Bureau of Reclamation said only that it would refer any violations to the Justice Department, and it seems unlikely that the Justice Department would target irrigation districts for supplying the water when it's not going after the people who are actually growing the pot. The bureau also left a big exception: If federally provided water is mixed with local water - in a reservoir, say - then it can be used in pot grows. In Colorado, many if not all water districts do "commingle" water in that manner. At least some do so in Washington state, as well. Historically, many of the irrigation districts have never regulated which crops are grown with the water they provide, and they're not inclined to start. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: A group of retired NFL players has filed a lawsuit that charges the league with supplying them with illegal and risky narcotics and other painkillers to mask injuries. The suit charges the drugs numbed the injuries and led to medical complications down the road. Some players say they were never told about broken legs and ankles and were fed a dose of pills to cover up the pain. One says that instead of surgery, he was given anti-inflammatories to allow him to play in games, while another says that after years of free pills from the NFL, players retired from the league addicted to painkillers. The complaint names eight players, including three members of the Super Bowl champion 1985 Chicago Bears: Hall of Fame defensive end Richard Dent, offensive lineman Keith Van Horn, and quarterback Jim McMahon. Lawyers seek class-action status, and they say in the filing that more than 500 other former players have signed on to the lawsuit. Van Horn says he played an entire season on a broken leg and wasn't told about the injury for five years. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell (guh-DEHIL') told reporters that the league has not seen the lawsuit and the attorneys have not been able to review it. / VETERANS, MILITARY, HEALTH, POLITICS: President Barack Obama is meeting today with Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki and White House Deputy Chief of Staff Rob Nabors, who's been assigned to oversee a review of the VA health care system. Meanwhile, the House could vote on a bill that would give Shinseki more authority to fire or demote senior VA executives. The VA says 26 facilities are being investigated in response to allegations of delayed treatment and preventable deaths. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Yet another General Motors recall. GM is recalling 218,000 subcompact cars because it says the daytime running light module in the dashboard center stack can overheat, melt and cause fires. The new recall covers certain Chevy Aveo cars

from 2004 through 2008. This is GM's 29th recall this year, affecting a total of 13.8 million vehicles. / HEALTH, FAMILIES, ANIMALS, ECONOMY: PetSmart has become the latest major pet food retailer to announce that it will stop selling dog and cat treats made in China because of continuing fears of potentially toxic ingredients. A PetSmart spokeswoman expects to have the treats phased out of its 1,300 stores by March of next year. Officials at Petco announced yesterday that they would remove all Chinese-made treats at its 1,300 stores by the end of this year. Investigators at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration haven't been able to prove that treats made in China are making pets sick. But since 2007, it has received more than 4,800 complaints of pet illnesses and more than 1,000 reports of dog deaths after the animals ate Chinese-made chicken, duck or sweet potato jerky treats sold by a number of U.S. retailers. Phoenix-based PetSmart Inc. also runs about 1,300 stores. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: The government is going to bat for passengers confused by the increasing array of fees charged by airlines. The Transportation Department is proposing new rules to require the disclosure of fees for basic items like checked bags, assigned seats and carry-on bags wherever airline tickets are sold so that consumers know the true cost of flying. That includes tickets sold on websites, on the phone and in person. Online airfare search tools would also have to disclose fees. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx says the information will empower consumers to make better travel choices. The public has 90 days to comment on the proposal. Foxx says he hopes the rule will become final within the next year. / CRIME: The Register-Guard reports that 33-year-old Robert Allen Cromwell of Springfield will be sentenced on Friday to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 25 years. It comes after jurors yesterday convicted Cromwell of murder in the death of his former fiancée. 26-year-old Casey Wright was killed in early November when she was struck repeatedly in the head with an aluminum baseball bat as she slept. Meantime, convicted killer David Ray Taylor was formally sentenced to death yesterday in a Lane County courtroom. The Register-Guard reports it came after relatives of his victim, 22-year-old Tino Gutierrez, spoke in court about the devastating effect the crime had on their family. / ECONOMY, SAFETY: Target is reporting a 16 percent drop in first-quarter earnings as a massive customer data breach and a troubled expansion in Canada continue to batter the third-largest U.S. retailer. Target says it earned \$418 million, or 66 cents per share, in the quarter ended May 3. That compares with \$498 million, or 77 cents per share, a year earlier. Target has also cut its annual profit outlook and has issued a second-quarter projection that's below analysts' expectations. ; EBay is asking users to change their passwords after a cyberattack compromised a database containing encrypted passwords. The company says there is no evidence of any unauthorized activity and there is no evidence any financial or credit card information was stolen. EBay says it can't comment on the specific number of accounts affected. / CRIME, SAFETY: Oregon State Police say a pickup truck involved in a fatal crash on Interstate 5 south of Eugene had been stolen in the Portland area. A passenger in the pickup died at the scene yesterday morning. She was identified as 22-year-old Christina Armstrong. KVAL reports the driver was treated at a Springfield hospital and booked into the Lane County Jail. /



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**ISSUE OR  
SUBJECT  
DISCUSSED** EDUCATION: This is graduation day on the University of Oregon campus, as thousands of graduates and their families prepare to take part in commencement exercises. No tickets are required at any of the 2014 graduation ceremonies and graduates may invite as many guests as they choose. The commencement ceremony will follow the Duck Walk – an academic parade of graduates and faculty/staff in regalia – which will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the corner of 13th Avenue and University Street and proceed along 13th Avenue to the Matthew Knight Arena to the University Graduation Celebration. Students are encouraged to carry signs, decorate their mortar board cap or wear symbolic family or organizational pieces to celebrate the festive atmosphere and their accomplishments as they enter the arena. In total, 5,153 students are eligible to receive 5,308 degrees. Matthew Knight Arena will open at 7:30 a.m. for guest seating and all guests should be seated by 9 a.m. Guests will be able to enter the building through the North and East entrances. The University Graduation Celebration, scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., as well as the Lundquist College of Business, College of Education and the School of Architecture and Allied Arts ceremonies later in the day, will be held in Matthew Knight Arena and will make full use of the video technology available in that facility. All these ceremonies will feature captioned video feeds for guests with hearing impairments. For guests who wish to make use of American Sign Language interpretation at the University Graduation Celebration, Section 103 (Rows P-V, seats 12-22) is designated as the official seating location. Accessible seating will be available for guests requiring accommodation at the arena. A live broadcast of commencement will be available at the UO channel. Following the University Graduation Celebration, schools, colleges and departments will hold individual ceremonies at noon, 3 p.m. or 6 p.m. in various locations on campus. Between ceremonies, graduates and their guests may visit ongoing Grad Fest events on 13th Avenue around the Pioneer Statue across from Johnson Hall. Grad Fest will include food vendors, dining areas, photo opportunities, Duck Store, student performances and other activities throughout the day. UO museums and academic buildings will also be open for public visits. Campus is expected to be busy with activities, and parking may be challenging. Free shuttles will run from 7 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. between the Autzen Stadium parking lot and shuttle stops outside of Matthew Knight Arena, and at 15th Avenue and University Street. There will also be a load/unload zone located on Villard Street outside of the East entrance of the arena to drop off guests before parking. The Lane Transit District bus system is another option to get to campus on graduation day. Faculty and staff are being encouraged to use these services, as well. A link to a commencement map is available on the UO spring commencement website. Please note - Shuttles will be stopped at Autzen Stadium beginning at 8:45 a.m. until the Duck Walk Parade processional has finished. For guests attending the main University Graduation Celebration, we recommend

boarding a shuttle before 8:30 a.m. to avoid missing the beginning of the ceremony. Shuttles will resume their routes immediately following the Duck Walk Parade processional. / **MILITARY, TERRORISM:** Sunni militants captured a key northern Iraqi town along the highway to Syria early today, compounding the woes of Iraq's Shiite-led government one week after it lost a vast swath of territory to the insurgents in the country's north. The town of Tal Afar, with a population of some 200,000 people, was taken just before dawn. The town's ethnic mix of mostly ethnic Shiite and Sunni Turkomen raises the grim specter of large-scale atrocities by Sunni militants from the al-Qaida-inspired Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, who already claim to have killed hundreds of Shiites in areas they captured last week. ISIS' lightning offensive has plunged Iraq into its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. The U.S. State Department, meantime, had strengthened security at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and some staff members were sent elsewhere in Iraq and to neighboring Jordan. A military official said about 150 Marines have been sent to Baghdad to help with embassy security. The State Department also issued a travel warning for Iraq on Sunday night, which cautioned U.S. citizens to avoid "all but essential travel to Iraq." The warning said the Baghdad International Airport was "struck by mortar rounds and rockets" and that the international airport in Mosul has also been the target of militant assault. Baghdad, a city of seven million, is not in immediate danger of falling in the hands of the Sunni militants, but a string of bombings on Sunday killed 19 people and wounded more than 40. Over the weekend, militants posted graphic photos that appeared to show their gunmen massacring scores of captured Iraqi soldiers. U.S. officials say they could not confirm ISIS' claim that 1,700 were killed. But while the actual numbers were impossible to verify, the claim and the photos are likely to stoke Shiite fears of sectarian mass murder — precisely what the militants hoped would be achieved by boasting of the killings. ; After wrapping up a weekend away with his family, President Barack Obama was returning to Washington, D.C., today faced with an impending choice on whether and how to act to stop violent insurgents bringing chaos to Iraq. White House officials say Obama received several updates on the crisis and will review recommendations from his national security team on options for U.S. assistance to deal with the worst instability in Iraq since the U.S. withdrawal in 2011. The briefings came amid Obama's trip to Orange County on Saturday to raise money and deliver a commencement address at the University of California, Irvine, plus rounds of golf in the desert resort town of Rancho Mirage. Obama last week he ruled out the possibility of sending in American ground troops. Other options being weighed include strikes using drones or manned aircraft, as well as boosts in surveillance and intelligence gathering, including satellite coverage and other monitoring efforts. Obama said the violence "should be a wake-up call" to the Iraqi government to improve sectarian relations and improve its security force. Otherwise, he warns that any short-term action the U.S. and other countries might provide will not succeed. Iraqi leaders have been pleading with the U.S. for additional help to combat the insurgency for more than a year. While the U.S. has sold Iraq military equipment, the Obama administration has resisted authorizing drone strikes. / **POLITICS:** Seven months after curbing filibusters, Democrats are aggressively pushing President Barack Obama's judicial nominees through the Senate, speeding the pace of confirmations and shrinking vacancies on the federal bench to their lowest level since days after Obama took office. The Democratic drive comes as the party faces difficult November elections that could turn over Senate control to Republicans and make it harder for Obama to win approval for judges during his final two years in office. Thanks to the push, Obama has appointed 261 appeals and district court judges - all of them lifetime positions - filling nearly one third of the entire federal judiciary since entering the White House. At the same point in his sixth year, the second President Bush had filled 242 such vacancies, according to Russell Wheeler, who studies the federal

judiciary at the Brookings Institution. The influx of Obama judges is likely to give the federal courts a more liberal tint than they've had in recent decades. Before he entered the White House, Republican presidents had been appointing judges for 20 of the previous 28 years. Significantly, while 10 of the 13 federal circuit courts of appeals had majorities of GOP-named judges when Obama took office, nine are now dominated by Democratic appointees. Those courts are just one step below the Supreme Court and have enormous regional clout, and include the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which holds sway over regulatory actions by the White House and federal agencies. / ECONOMY: Are gas prices going to climb at the pump because of concerns about the sectarian violence in Iraq? The price of oil climbed above \$107 a barrel this morning but eased from earlier highs a short time later amid fears of widening instability in Iraq. Iraq is a key energy producer, but traders are hoping it oil exports will not be affected for now. The northern town of Tal Afar became the latest to fall to the militants, who have already captured a vast swath of territory including Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul. The militants vow to march on Baghdad. The capture of Mosul, a crucial gateway for Iraq's crude, raised worries about whether the country can rebuild its energy infrastructure and boost production to meet global demand, but most of Iraq's oil exports appeared to be beyond the militants' reach. But analysts add that oil production in the south of the country is still secure. Around 90 percent of Iraq's oil exports of 2.5 million barrels a day were shipped from there. Nonetheless, the threat of civil war in OPEC's second-most-important producer country does give the markets concern. In Europe, Russia cut natural gas shipments to Ukraine due to a payment dispute. Ukraine is also a transit country for Russian energy oil to the rest of Europe, though the dispute was not seen as an immediate threat to supplies. / ECONOMY, CRIME: Mississippi's attorney general says sweeping errors by a major credit reporting bureau harmed consumers and violated federal law. Mississippi is the first state to file suit over what it considers a violation of federal laws aimed at protecting consumers' credit. A separate group of states is probing similar allegations involving the credit reporting industry at large. The new federal lawsuit says Experian Information Solutions' lax quality control jeopardizes consumers' ability to get loans, taints their employment background checks and hampers sensitive government security clearances. It says some are even put on a federal terrorism watch list. Experian officials declined comment on the complaint. Consumer advocates have argued that lax quality control, and inadequate investigations of disputes are part of the credit bureaus' business model. / ENVIRONMENT: In drought-stricken California, young Chinook salmon are hitting the road, not the river, to get to the Pacific Ocean. Officials say millions of six-month-old smolts are hitching rides in tanker trucks because California's historic drought has depleted rivers and streams, making the annual migration to the ocean too dangerous for juvenile salmon. Fisheries biologists say California's drought conditions have caused lower flows in the rivers and warmer water temperatures. They say that means the fish that would normally be swimming down the rivers are more susceptible to predation and thermal stress. California has been trucking hatchery-raised salmon for years to bypass river dams and giant pumps that funnel water to Southern California and Central Valley farms. But this year state and federal wildlife agencies are trucking nearly 27 million smolts, about 50 percent more than normal, because of the drought, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Once the trucks arrive at San Francisco Bay, the silvery smolts are acclimated to the water in net pens before boats take them out to the bay, where the fish are released and pulled to the ocean by outgoing tides. Trucking the smolts ensures a large number will survive and grow to be the California king salmon prized by fishermen and seafood lovers. But skipping the river journey means many migratory fish won't know how to swim home to spawn in three years. The commercial and recreational fishing industries have been pushing for

the expanded trucking program to increase the chances of a decent salmon season in 2016, when the smolts released this year will be adults. / **RELIGION, WOMEN, HEALTH, SAFETY:** It's crunch time at the Supreme Court, where the justices are racing to issue opinions in 17 cases over the next two weeks. The religious rights of corporations, the speech rights of abortion protesters and the privacy rights of people under arrest are among the significant issues that are so far unresolved. ; The Supreme Court will consider the free speech rights of people who use violent or threatening language on Facebook and other electronic formats where the speaker's intent is not always clear. The court this morning agreed to take up the case of an eastern Pennsylvania man sentenced to nearly four years in federal prison for posting violent online rants against his estranged wife, law enforcement officials and former co-workers. A federal appeals court rejected the man's claim that the comments were protected speech under the First Amendment. The man says he never intended to harm anyone. The high court will hear the case when its new term begins in the fall. /

**TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY:** The Interstate 5 southbound off-ramp at Exit 162 (Drain) is closed. Southbound I-5 motorists heading to Drain, Elkton or the southern Oregon coast can take Exit 163 (Curtin) and detour along Curtin Road to Oregon 38 (Umpqua Highway). The speed limit on this 1.5 mile detour route is 35 mph. Due to work zone congestion and delays, motorists from outside the area should consider alternate routes to the southern Oregon coast. / **EDUCATION, ECONOMY:** University of Oregon administrators hope a few wealthy donors

contribute up to \$3 billion in a capital campaign expected to start in October and last four years. The Register-Guard reports a small group of wealthy constituents told lawmakers in 2012 that if the Legislature created a governing board free of state oversight they would produce an influx of money. The bill passed last year and the new independent board for the University of Oregon takes over July 1.

The alumni group that backed the move, Oregonians for Higher Education Excellence, includes Nike's Phil Knight, the UO's former athletic director, Pat Kilkenny, Columbia Distributing CEO Edward Maletis and Board of Trustees President Chuck Lillis. The university hopes to create "clusters of excellence" with endowments to attract top professors. / **CRIME, SAFETY, POLITICS:** The U.S.

Supreme Court dealt a rare blow to the gun lobby today by ruling that purchasers must report when they are buying firearms for other people. USA Today reports the decision, on a 5-4 ruling, upheld two lower courts that had ruled against the so-called "straw purchasers," even though the justices acknowledged that Congress left loopholes in gun control laws passed in the 1960s and 1990s. The justices said that for gun purchasers to be allowed to buy from licensed dealers without reporting the actual final owners of the firearms would make little sense. /

**HEALTH, MEDICINE:** Scientists have made big progress on a "bionic pancreas," part of a big research effort to free some people with diabetes from the daily ordeal of managing their disease. Doctors said yesterday that the wearable, experimental device passed a real-world test, constantly monitoring blood sugar and automatically giving insulin or a sugar-boosting drug as needed. The device improved blood-sugar control more than standard monitors and insulin pumps did when tested for five days on 20 adults and 32 teens. Unlike other artificial pancreases in development that just correct high blood sugar, this one also can fix too-low sugar, mimicking what a natural pancreas does. The bionic pancreas is for Type 1 diabetes, the kind often found during childhood. About 5 percent of the 26 million Americans with diabetes have this type and cannot make insulin to turn food into energy. Sugar builds up in the blood, raising the risk for heart disease and many other problems. What's the next step? A study starts today in 40 adults who will use the device for 11 days. By this fall, researchers hope to have a next-generation version of the device that will be tested in studies next year aimed at winning federal Food and Drug Administration approval. The device was developed at Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston University. Results

were featured Sunday at an American Diabetes Association conference in San Francisco and were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Four in 10 new oil and gas wells near national forests and fragile watersheds or otherwise identified as higher pollution risks escape federal inspection, unchecked by an agency struggling to keep pace with America's drilling boom, according to an Associated Press review that shows wide state-by-state disparities in safety checks. Roughly half or more of wells on federal and Indian lands weren't checked in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, despite potential harm that has led to efforts in some communities to ban new drilling. Government data obtained by the AP point to the Bureau of Land Management as so overwhelmed by a boom in a new drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, that it has been unable to keep up with inspections of some of the highest priority wells. That's an agency designation based on a greater need to protect against possible water contamination and other environmental and safety issues. Factors also include whether the well is near a high-pressure formation or whether the drill operator lacks a clear track record of service. / RELIGION, EDUCATION: Supreme Court justices aren't going to change a lower court ruling in a church-state separation case. The court is leaving in place a lower court decision that says public high school graduations, in a church adorned with religious symbols, are unconstitutional. The lower court had found that a giant cross on the wall of the church and other religious symbols gave the impression that government was endorsing a particular religion. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Starbucks officials are unveiling a program today intended to help the company's baristas earn an online college degree. The company is partnering with Arizona State University to make the program available to 135,000 U.S. workers who are on the job at least 20 hours a week. Employees will be able to choose from a number of educational programs, and won't be required to stay at Starbucks after earning their degree. For freshman and sophomore years, students would pay a greatly reduced tuition after factoring in a scholarship from Starbucks and financial aid, such as Pell grants. For junior and senior years, Starbucks would reimburse any money that workers pay out of pocket. That means employees who already have two years of college under their belts would be able to finish school at no cost. Tuition reimbursement is a rare benefit for low-wage workers in the retail industry. In 2010, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. started offering partial tuition grants for workers at American Public University, a for-profit, online school. Starbucks already has program that reimburses workers for up to \$1,000 a year at City University of Seattle or at Strayer University. Starbucks spokeswoman Laurel Harper says that that program will be phased out by 2015. Starbucks says the new program is far more generous and is intended to address high college drop-out rates, given the financial struggles many face in finishing college. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The Lane County sheriff's office says a small plane carrying two people has crashed off the Oregon coast near Florence, and at least one person has died. Sgt. Carrie Carver says the single-engine aircraft crashed just before 10 a.m. Sunday about 500 yards from the shore. She says the Coast Guard has recovered one body. Search crews were trying Sunday afternoon to locate a second person. Authorities did not release the identities of the people. A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman says the aircraft, a Grumman American AA5, crashed under unknown circumstances in the water about 2 miles north of Florence. The plane was destroyed. The FAA and the National Safety Transportation Board will investigate. KCST-FM says witnesses on the beach reported hearing a pop and then the engine quit before the plane crashed. / VETERANS, HEALTH: Congressional budget experts estimate that spending on veterans' health care could double in three years under the Senate's solution to the long waits experienced by thousands seeking medical care at VA hospitals and clinics. Congressional Budget Office estimates the measure would add \$35 billion over the next three years to the \$44 billion the government now spends

annually on medical care for veterans. The legislation, like that in the House, would pay for private treatments when vets face long delays for appointments. /  
COMMUNITY: Amazon Pool opens today at 2 p.m. under cloudy skies with a chance of rain for its summer season. /

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SAFETY, COMMUNITY: There'll be additional police patrols in Eugene over the Fourth of July holiday to crack down on the use of illegal fireworks. The Register-Guard reports Eugene Police and Fire officials are still nailing down the details, but the goal is to reduce fires and injuries that can result from the devices. Among other things, the city is creating an email address where residents will be able to anonymously report the use of illegal fireworks. And The Register-Guard reports there will also be a so-called "amnesty event" at the end of June that will allow people to turn in illegal fireworks without fear of being cited by police. / MILITARY, TERRORISM: Nearly 300 armed American forces are being positioned in and around Iraq to help secure U.S. assets as President Barack Obama nears a decision on an array of options for combating fast-moving Islamic insurgents, including airstrikes or a contingent of special forces. The U.S. and Iran also held an initial discussion yesterday on how the longtime foes might cooperate to ease the threat from the al-Qaida-linked militants that have swept through Iraq. Still, the White House yesterday ruled out the possibility that the Washington, D.C., and Tehran governments might coordinate military operations in Iraq. Obama met with his national security team Monday evening to discuss options for stopping the militants known as ISIS—the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. White House officials continued to emphasize that any military engagement remained contingent on the government in Baghdad making political reforms. Still, there were unmistakable signs of Americans returning to a country from which the U.S. military fully withdrew more than two years ago. Obama notified Congress that up to 275 troops would be sent to Iraq to provide support and security for U.S. personnel and the American Embassy in Baghdad. The soldiers — 170 of whom have already arrived in Iraq — were armed for combat, though Obama has insisted he does not intend for U.S. forces to be engaged in direct fighting. About 100 additional forces are being put on standby, most likely in Kuwait, and could be used for airfield management, security and logistics support, officials said. ; The Army said Monday it has begun investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding the disappearance and capture of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl in Afghanistan. It put a two-star general with Afghan combat experience in charge. "These types of investigations are not uncommon and serve to establish the facts on the ground following an incident," the Army said in a written statement. Maj. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl is heading the investigation. He is deputy commanding general of 1st Corps at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington state. He served as deputy commanding general of the 10th Mountain Division in southern Afghanistan in 2010-12, and returned in 2012 as a deputy commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan, according to his Army biography. Bergdahl disappeared from his post in Paktika province in eastern Afghanistan on June 30, 2009. Some former members of his unit have said that he left of his own accord, but Bergdahl has not commented publicly on the circumstances of his disappearance and the Army has

made no charges against him. In its statement Monday, the Army said investigators will not interview Bergdahl until those who are currently helping Bergdahl recover from his five years of captivity say it is all right to do so. As a result, no timeline has been set for completing the investigation. Bergdahl was released to U.S. military control by the Taliban on May 31 and spent nearly two weeks recuperating at a U.S. military hospital in Germany before being moved to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, last week. ; A House panel wants to impose new restrictions on the transfer of enemy combatants from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Analysts say it is a reflection of congressional anger over President Barack Obama's swap of five Taliban leaders for American soldier Beau Bergdahl, who was held captive for five years in Afghanistan. The Appropriations foreign operations subcommittee includes the provision in a \$48 billion dollar foreign aid measure. Lawmakers have argued that the Obama administration violated the current defense authorization act by failing to notify Congress 30 days before the Bergdahl exchange. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: General Motors is recalling another 3 million cars because of a defect that causes a similar problem to one that led to an earlier massive recall of small cars, and is linked to 13 deaths. The ignition switches in Chevrolet Impalas, Cadillac Devilles and five other models can slip out of the "run" position if the keychain has too much weight on it and the car is jarred, for example, by hitting a pothole. To fix the problem, GM will revise or replace the key. Similar to the 2.6 million small cars GM began recalling in February, drivers of the newly recalled models could experience an engine stall, loss of power-assisted steering and brakes, and the air bags may not inflate in a crash. GM says the latest recall involves six injuries and no deaths, and is related to the design of the key. A mechanical defect in the switch is at the heart of the other recall. GM is in the midst of a companywide safety review, and has now issued 44 recalls this year covering more than 20 million vehicles — nearly 18 million in the U.S. The latest recall is likely to spark more questions about GM's commitment to safety when CEO Mary Barra testifies for the second time before a House panel investigating why it took GM 11 years to recall the small cars. ; On Monday afternoon, shortly before 4:30 in the afternoon, Springfield Police responded to a multiple vehicle accident on eastbound I-105 near I-5. The chain reaction accident involved eight vehicles and was caused by the heavy rainfall at the time and drivers failing to leave enough room for speed, conditions and reaction time. Several people were taken to area hospitals for treatment. None of the drivers or passengers had injuries that were life threatening. I-105 eastbound traffic was affected for about one hour until the damaged vehicles were removed and the roadway was cleared. The investigation is continuing and no citations have been issued. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: Food companies and restaurants might soon face government pressure to make their foods less salty. The Food and Drug Administration is preparing to issue voluntary guidelines asking the food industry to lower sodium levels. It's part of a long-awaited federal effort to try to prevent thousands of deaths each year from heart disease and stroke. The food industry has already made some reductions, has been anticipating government action since 2010. That was when the Institute of Medicine issued a report urging the government to establish maximum sodium levels for different foods, although the FDA still favors a voluntary route. Americans eat about 1½ teaspoons of salt daily, about one-third more than the government recommends for good health. Experts say that level of salt intake increases the risk of high blood pressure, strokes and other problems. Most of that sodium is hidden inside common processed foods and restaurant meals. In addition to flavor, companies use sodium to increase shelf life, prevent the growth of bacteria, or improve texture and appearance. Officials say that makes it more difficult to remove from some products. Once the guidelines are issued, Americans won't notice an immediate taste difference in higher-sodium foods like pizza, pasta, bread and soups. The idea would be to encourage gradual



change so consumers' taste buds can adjust, and to give the companies time to develop lower-sodium foods. The food industry, meantime, is pointing to a separate 2013 Institute of Medicine report that said there is no good evidence that eating sodium at very low levels — below the 2,300 milligrams a day that the government recommends — offers benefits. Many health groups, including the American Heart Association, recommend people eat no more than 1,500 milligrams a day. That's less than half of the current average consumption. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: President Barack Obama is looking to create the largest marine preserve in the world in the Pacific Ocean. The White House says Obama wants to protect a massive stretch of ocean from drilling, fishing and other actions that could threaten wildlife. He's considering expanding protected waters that surround a group of mostly uninhabited islands the U.S. controls near Hawaii and American Samoa. Obama will announce the executive action later today. But the White House says it will also take public input and is still finalizing the sanctuary's boundaries. Sources say the president also plans to create a program to address prohibited fish and seafood trade. The actions were first reported by The Washington Post. The expansion comes as Obama is seeking ways to protect climate and the environment despite opposition in Congress. / ECONOMY: U.S. consumer prices increased in May by the largest amount in more than one year as the cost of food and gasoline showed big gains and airline fares jumped by the largest amount in 15 years. The Labor Department says its consumer price index rose 0.4 percent in May, the biggest one-month jump since February of 2013. ; The pace of U.S. home construction slipped in May with many Americans still struggling to afford new houses. The Commerce Department says builders started work on fewer single-family houses, condominiums and apartments last month. Building tailed off in the West, Midwest and Northeast. Only the South experienced greater construction activity in May. Housing starts have risen 9.4 percent over the past 12 months. But analysts say apartments account for most of the gains, suggesting that more Americans will be renting instead of owning homes. / ENVIRONMENT: An active weather pattern unfolded over NW Oregon and SW Washington as a cold trough of low pressure moved across the region. A combination of cold upper level air and warm spring daytime heating set off thunderstorms across the Portland / Vancouver metro area Monday. In some cases, hail as large as small marbles fell across the area late Monday afternoon causing traffic issues and power outages. The trough of low pressure responsible for the active late spring weather is expected to move east on Tuesday and be replaced with a ridge of high pressure on Wednesday and a return to warmer temperatures. I don't expect to see as active of a pattern tomorrow (Tuesday) as we saw today. Our lawns will thank us come July when we are complaining about the heat and lack of rain. ; Portland authorities say brief, heavy rain caused the city's sewer system to send raw sewage into the Willamette River. National Weather Service hydrologist Andy Bryant says as much as a third of an inch fell about 4 p.m. Monday. The Oregonian reports that flooded the city's combined sewage and rainwater system, discharging untreated water into the river for about 12 minutes. The city warned residents to stay out of that area of the river for 48 hours. The discharge is the eighth since the city finished the \$1.4 billion Big Pipe project in 2011. Before that massive underground tunnel project was completed, the city averaged 50 overflows each year. / HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS: Oregon has taken new steps toward a potential lawsuit against the developers of its failed health insurance website by hiring a phalanx of lawyers and issuing demands for evidence and other material that could be used in a civil case against Oracle Corp. The state Department of Justice says legal demands for potential evidence were issued Monday. Officials declined to say how many of the so-called civil investigative demands were issued or whom they target, but they're the first such demands issued in preparation for potential litigation against Oracle. Documents show that the state has more than quadrupled its contract with

a law firm handling the case, raising it from \$550,000 to more than \$2.5 million. Oracle defends its work and blames the state for the website's shortcomings. / CRIME, EDUCATION: The 15-year-old boy who fatally shot a fellow freshman at an Oregon high school last week has been laid to rest. About 200 friends and relatives of Jared Padgett remembered him for many things Monday, but not the violent act that will forever define him. They recalled a smiling, curious boy who displayed leadership skills at a young age, suffered from motion sickness and had a firm handshake. Padgett came to Reynolds High School in Troutdale heavily armed June 10 and killed 14-year-old Emilio Hoffman in a locker room before committing suicide when officers confronted him. Padgett's brother-in-law, Andrew Cooper, acknowledged to a packed chapel in Gresham that everyone wants answers. But, he added, "we need to accept that in this life we may never receive those answers." / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Authorities say a 69-year-old man from Florence, Oregon, and his 15-year-old grandson from Washington state were aboard a small plane that crashed into the Pacific Ocean. The body of the grandfather, Richard Munger, was recovered Sunday. Authorities said Monday they haven't found the teenager, identified as Benjamin Dressler. No hometown information about him was immediately available. The Lane County sheriff's office said the single-engine plane took off Sunday morning from Florence and crashed about 500 yards offshore. Witnesses on the beach reported hearing a pop before the engine quit. Federal authorities are investigating. The plane was a Grumman American AA5. /

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DISCUSSED** ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Oregon's wildfire season got a little more volatile today. Oregon Department of Forestry firefighters are responding to wildfire that was spotted early today and has already scorched a 50-75 acres about 10 miles south of the community of Hood River. The blaze was reported shortly before four this morning. The Oregon Department of Forestry has four fire engines and one bulldozer at the scene. It is likely that helicopters and hand crews will be dispatched to the fire later this morning as well. Cause of the blaze is under investigation. Officials say this is yet another reminder: Conditions in Central Oregon are extremely dry for this time of year, and you need to be especially aware of fire safety precautions when visiting the forest. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH: Routine water-quality tests show four Jackson County creeks exceed state bacteria standards and contamination has already climbed to levels not typically seen until August. The Mail Tribune reports the E. coli could pose an elevated risk of illness and infection for swimmers or waders. The Rogue Valley Council of Governments' Natural Resource Department reported the high levels in Neil Creek, Bear Creek, Griffin Creek and Jackson Creek. Specialists say recent warm temperatures and drought conditions likely will mean the unfavorable levels continue all summer. Officials say waste from pets, livestock and wild animals, leaking septic systems and illegal dumping from portable toilets or recreational vehicles are all possible sources for the bacteria. / TERRORISM, MILITARY: U.S. officials say special forces personnel on Sunday captured an alleged leader of the deadly 2012 attacks on Americans in Benghazi, Libya. Now, preparations are underway to try the captured Libyan in the U.S. court system. And officials are pledging to increase the effort to catch others responsible for the deaths of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans during the attacks. Anonymous U.S. sources say the suspect, Ahmed Abu Khattala (hah-TAL'-luh) was being held on the USS New York, a Navy amphibious transport dock ship in the Mediterranean Sea. Abu Khattala is headed to the United States to face what President Barack Obama called "the full weight of the American justice system." The suspect is charged with terror-related crimes in U.S. District Court in Washington. The Obama administration's policy is to treat terror suspects as criminals when possible and not send them to Guantanamo, like hundreds of terror suspects captured during the administration of President George W. Bush. But some Republicans on Capitol Hill were quick to voice skepticism about the administration's plans to try Abu Khattala like a civilian. They say Obama should be sending Abu Khattala to the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, instead of U.S. soil, so that he could be interrogated at length. They also urged the administration to get as much intelligence out of him as possible before anyone reads him his rights to remain silent, supplies him with a lawyer or prepares him for trial in a U.S. courtroom. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Lawmakers are likely to express skepticism about some findings of a General Motors'

investigation into its mishandled recall of 2.6 million small cars when CEO Mary Barra appears before Congress Wednesday. According to a congressional aide, members will have more questions about how much Barra knew about a problem with the ignition switches in the cars when she was GM product development chief. Barra said in previous testimony in April that she first learned of the problem late last year. The GM report exonerated Barra and other top executives. The former U.S. Attorney who was hired by GM to do the investigation, will also testify. Panel members will question him on his conclusions that a lone engineer, Ray DeGiorgio, was able to approve the use of a switch that didn't meet company specifications, and years later, to order a change to that switch without anyone else at GM being aware, the congressional aide said. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Lawmakers are expected to grill officials with the Social Security Administration today about closing dozens of field offices. A report finds that's forcing seniors to seek assistance online instead of in person. The agency has closed 64 field offices since 2010. It blames budget constraints. / ECONOMY, HEALTH, POLITICS: Members of the Eugene City Council return today to the debate over whether private employers should be required to provide paid sick leave to their employees. The Register-Guard reports the discussion will follow the presentation of a report by a 15-person committee that gathered information about implementing paid sick leave. Today's meeting might be the first of several council discussions on a proposal. The Register-Guard notes that if council members eventually approve a local sick leave ordinance, Eugene would be just the seventh city in the nation to impose the mandate on businesses, joining cities such as Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. / ECONOMY: Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in May. That's little changed over the past eleven months. But state analysts say that number only tells part of the story. They say that during the past 12 months, job growth has accelerated in our state, with private-sector businesses adding a combined 41,000 jobs. That translates into a 3.0 percent growth rate. The construction sector has led the way, adding 7,800 jobs—the equivalent of a 10.5 percent growth rate. It'll still take time for Oregon to get back on a healthy employment footing. But some long-time unemployed, who gave up looking for work in the aftermath of the recession, are increasingly returning to the job hunt. And employment analysts say more part-time workers are finding full-time jobs. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has issued a civil penalty to Pacific Recycling of Eugene. DEQ investigators say the company failed to implement an action plan to control stormwater pollution from its facility located on the 3300 block of Cross St. in West Eugene. The penalty includes a \$9,600 assessment for the violation and more than \$318-thousand for what's known as "economic benefit." DEQ officials say that amount represents the economic advantage Pacific Recycling gained by failing to install its proposed treatment system in a timely fashion. The DEQ's officials say if the company implements the treatment system it will recalculate and significantly reduce that portion of the penalty. Pacific Recycling has the opportunity to appeal the penalty and the order. / MILITARY, TERRORISM: Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says Iraq is in a civil war and the U.S. has no business sending troops there. He says Republicans are playing politics by criticizing President Barack Obama over the violence. Reid says it's time for Iraq to resolve its own civil war. He says Obama will "identify and protect" what's in U.S. security interests, and not listen to GOP critics and former Bush administration officials responsible for what Reid calls "the No. 1 foreign policy blunder" in U.S. history: the invasion of Iraq. Obama will discuss Iraq with House and Senate leaders of both parties at the White House today. / MINORITIES, ECONOMY: The U.S. Patent Office has ruled the Washington Redskins nickname is "disparaging of Native Americans" and that the NFL team's federal trademarks for the name must be canceled. The ruling comes as a campaign to change the name has gained momentum over the past year. The

decision by the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board is similar to one it issued in 1999. That ruling was overturned in 2003 in large part on a technicality. The new case was launched in 2006 by a group of Native Americans. As was the case last time, the Redskins have the ability to appeal to retain their trademark protection. / HEALTH, MEDICINE, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: Elements of Gov. John Kitzhaber's effort to improve the health care system are expanding from Medicaid patients to state employees and their families. A board that oversees benefits for state workers on Tuesday approved new rates that were negotiated with insurance companies. Insurance companies agreed to adopt changes required of the coordinated care organizations that oversee Medicaid coverage for the poor. Insurance companies covering state workers will have to collect data on the quality of health care delivered to their customers, and they'll eventually have to show improvements. Kitzhaber says the move should result in lower costs for the state and better care for the workers and family members who get health coverage from the state, about 130,000 people. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS, ECONOMY: A small contingent of canvassers for one of Oregon's two marijuana-legalization measures has announced a strike in protest of paychecks that were either late or bounced. A dozen people held a short protest Tuesday morning outside the offices of the Campaign for the Restoration and Regulation of Hemp. As they did so, seven canvassers newly hired as their replacements walked out of the office. The striking canvassers say they have been effectively fired, and will seek arbitration from the National Labor Relations Board. Campaign spokesman Leo Townsell says the strikers asked for free marijuana and other demands the campaign could not accommodate. Townsell acknowledged that paychecks were late, but says employees were awarded about \$200 each for the delay. Townsell says seven of the 35 canvassers joined the strike. / CRIME, EDUCATION: Flags at public institution in Oregon are flying at half-staff Tuesday in memory of two young men killed in school shootings. Gov. John Kitzhaber ordered flags lowered to stand with the families and friends of 19-year-old Paul Lee, who was killed at Seattle Pacific University June 5, and 14-year-old Emilio Hoffman, who was killed last Tuesday at Troutdale's Reynolds High School. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A Deschutes (De-SHOOTS) County sheriff's officer says two women hikers from Chicago who called for help along the Pacific Crest Trail in central Oregon have been rescued. Deputy Liam Klatt says 29-year-old Johannah Hail and 23-year-old Andra Sturtevant had been hiking a 500-mile section of the trail from Willamette Pass, Oregon, bound for Mount Rainier in Washington. Klatt says they encountered a large snow field Monday and decided to turn around. They had been using their phone as a GPS device but the phone died and rainy weather kept them from using their solar charger. A rain storm soaked all their equipment Monday night and they awoke Tuesday to snow. Klatt says the two were able to charge the phone sufficiently to call 911 for help. A sheriff's search and rescue team brought them out. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The Oregon Transportation Department says drivers should expect Interstate 5 delays late Wednesday night between Cottage Grove and Sutherlin as an oversized load moves through the area. The agency says that between 10:45 p.m. and midnight Wednesday, northbound traffic could be delayed as long as 45 minutes. Southbound traffic is likely to be delayed for a half hour. The big load is a massive dam gate bound for the Folsom dam near Sacramento, Calif. When loaded onto a 142-foot-long truck and trailer, the 23-foot-wide gate reaches into two travel lanes. The Transportation Department says the slowdowns are necessary because the dam gate will be passing through a construction zone with narrowed travel lanes. The gate is the fourth of 10 being moved through Oregon. The first three were hauled before the lane restrictions began. The others will be moved later this summer. Oregon Iron Works manufactured the gates at its Vancouver, Washington, facility. Gresham Transfer is transporting them. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: In Ashland, city officials are trying to reduce water demand by

offering residents rebates on their water bills if they replace sprinkler-irrigated lawns with less-thirsty landscaping. The city averages 20 inches of precipitation a year but it's in the middle of a drought. It depends on the snow pack for its water supply, water demand more than triples in the summer, and snowfall was so light last winter the local ski area didn't open. City officials say that droughty conditions are moving north from California, so they've adapted the idea of rebates from that state and others in the Southwest. Under Ashland's plan, converting a lawn of 3,000 square feet could result in a \$1,500 rebate. ; Conservation groups and salmon advocates have challenged the Obama administration's latest plan for making Columbia Basin dams safe for salmon. The challenge was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Portland against NOAA Fisheries Service, which oversees salmon protection, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which operate the dams. The plan, known as a biological opinion, balances protection of endangered salmon against the operation of the hydroelectric dams, which provide much of the power used in the Northwest. Joseph Bogaard of Save Our Wild Salmon says the plan is "virtually indistinguishable" from the one overturned by a federal court three years ago. He says efforts to develop a better plan through collaboration, rather than litigation, were rebuffed. The agencies had no immediate comment. ; The federal government is declaring more than 400,000 acres in Colorado and Utah off-limits to energy exploration to protect a little-known bird. The Gunnison sage grouse is related to the better-known greater sage grouse. The federal government is considering listing both birds as endangered species. That could prohibit development and agriculture in huge chunks of the West. Of the two birds, the Gunnison sage grouse is far less common and its habitat is restricted to southwestern Colorado and a small chunk of Utah. The protections announced this week formalize what the federal government is doing to conserve that bird. Western states are bracing for far more sweeping restrictions to protect the greater sage grouse if it's listed as endangered. ; The Canadian government has approved a proposed pipeline to the Pacific Coast that would allow Canada's oil to be shipped to Asia. The approval was expected. Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been a staunch supporter of Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway pipeline after the U.S. delayed a decision on TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline that would take oil from Alberta to the U.S. Gulf Coast. Enbridge's pipeline would transport 525,000 barrels of oil a day from Alberta's oil sands to the Pacific to deliver oil to Asia, mainly energy-hungry China. There is fierce environmental and aboriginal opposition to the project and legal challenges are expected. Opponents fear pipeline leaks and a potential disaster on the pristine Pacific coast. ; North Dakota is now producing 1 million barrels of oil per day, with a large part of the credit due to the rich Bakken shale formation in the western part of the state. The state's Department of Mineral Resources on Tuesday released the April production numbers that show the oil fields' record level. In March, the state produced 977,000 barrels per day. It joins Texas, Alaska, California and Louisiana as the only states ever to produce more than a million barrels per day. The Bakken and the Three Forks formation below it account for the vast majority of North Dakota's production. Experts knew the Bakken held millions of barrels of crude, but it wasn't until oil prices reached record levels that the technology was developed to extract it. / ECONOMY: Apple and several major publishers have reached a settlement on the damages owed in a case that concluded the companies illegally conspired to drive up the prices of digital books. Terms of the settlement weren't disclosed in a document filed late Monday. Those details will emerge in a filing due by July 16. Lawyers representing consumers across the country had been seeking up to \$840 million in damages. A trial on the damages claims had been scheduled to begin Aug. 25 in federal court in New York. In another trial last year, U.S. District Judge Denise Cote ruled that Apple and the publishers conspired to boost electronic book prices from April 2010 to May 2012.

The damages settlement is contingent on Apple Inc. losing its appeal of Cote's decision last year. ; UPS says it will consider box size when setting prices for ground shipment of parcels within the U.S. and Canada. The move announced Tuesday follows a similar change by rival FedEx. UPS thinks that the change will push customers to put lightweight items in smaller boxes that take up less space on its familiar brown trucks, reducing the company's costs. The change takes effect Dec. 29, after the big holiday-season shipping period. UPS already factors box size in rates for air shipments. /

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<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	Morning News
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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, CRIME: For years, they've been warned to hang up and drive. But the message isn't sinking in. Eugene Police say 29 drivers were cited for illegal cellphone use during Tuesday's traffic enforcement effort on West 11th avenue near Bertlesen Road. Police made no secret of the traffic operation—in fact, they publicized it days in advance. But in addition to the 29 cell phone violators, they cited a dozen drivers for no or improper seat belt use. A couple of people ran a red light. Ten were cited for speeding. Among those who were stopped, 13 people were caught driving uninsured. Three had expired tags. One was driving while suspended. In all, there were 76 total citations in just a few hours. / ECONOMY, HEALTH, POLITICS: Members of the Eugene City Council voted 6-2 yesterday to develop an ordinance requiring employers to provide paid sick time to workers. The Register-Guard reports the vote followed a 90-minute debate on mandatory sick leave, including whether it's appropriate for municipal government to dictate how businesses should treat their workers. If the council approves the mandate, businesses would have until July 1st of next year to begin compliance. The Register-Guard reports that while the ordinance still needs to be crafted, it is expected to be similar to sick leave laws implemented in a handful of other, larger cities—including Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.—as well as the state of Connecticut. In Portland, for example, businesses with six or more employees must allow workers to accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours a year. An ordinance could be ready for a public hearing on July 21, and the council could vote on the ordinance on July 28. / CRIME: A Eugene, Oregon, man has been sentenced to eight years in prison for manslaughter in the death of his 92-year-old former mother-in-law, who died a week after he shoved her to the floor in an argument. The Register-Guard reports that William Brockamp pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter in the December death of Viola Kelly. He was sentenced Wednesday. Before Lane County Circuit Judge Debra Vogt imposed the sentence, the victim's daughter, Carol Kelly, told the judge that her mother's violent death has left a hole in her soul. Prosecutor Erik Hasselman says Brockamp and Carol Kelly divorced in 1997, but continued living together. The prosecutor says Brockamp helped care for Viola Kelly, who also lived at the house. Hasselman says the victim's head trauma caused bleeding on her brain that proved fatal. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Violence in Iraq is pushing U.S. gasoline prices higher during a time of year they usually decline. The national average price of \$3.67 per gallon is the highest for this time of year since 2008, the year gasoline hit its all-time high. Prices average \$4.04 per gallon here in Eugene-Springfield, up about four cents from last week's average. The violence that erupted in Iraq last week hasn't threatened the main oil-producing regions or reduced exports. Still, global markets are nervous about possible effects on supplies. So, instead of the usual slow slide in gasoline prices between Memorial</p>



Day and July 4, drivers have seen an increase. Analysts with AAA, the automobile club, say Oregon gas prices are at their highest average for the year and predict they might climb a bit more before they ease a bit later this summer. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, POLITICS: Two senators are proposing to raise federal gasoline and diesel taxes for the first time in more than two decades as Congress struggles with how to pay for highway and transit programs. Senators Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat, and Bob Corker, a Tennessee Republican, pitched their plan Wednesday as a bipartisan solution to replenish the federal Highway Trust Fund. That fund is forecast to go broke in late August. The plan would raise the 18.4-cent-a-gallon federal gas tax and 24.4-cent-a-gallon diesel tax by 12 cents each over the next two years, and then index the taxes to keep pace with inflation. The plan calls for offsetting the tax increases with other taxes cuts, possibly including extending federal tax breaks that expired this year. / CRIME, WOMEN, EDUCATION: The Obama administration wants colleges and universities to compile more thorough statistics on stalking, dating violence and domestic violence. The Education Department is proposing a rule change to provide a better picture of these problems on campuses. The change falls under the Clery Act. That's a law that makes colleges and universities report crime statistics on or near campus and provide warnings in a timely manner if safety is threatened. The law was amended last year to extend more rights to campus victims. Victims' advocates have said campus crime statistics as currently reported don't always paint an accurate picture of the extent of sexual crimes on campus. / MINORITIES, ECONOMY: From an immediate, practical viewpoint, the ruling by a trademark board that the Washington Redskins have a "disparaging" nickname doesn't mean much. The team doesn't have to change a thing, and the matter will likely be tied up in courts for years. From an emotional, intangible standpoint, however, the decision issued Wednesday by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is another boost for those who have been advocating change, increasing the financial and political pressure for a movement that has gained significant momentum over the last year and a half. By a 2-1 vote, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board sided with five Native Americans in a dispute that has been working its way through legal channels for more than two decades. It's a cascade in what has become a steady, almost daily, stream of developments that have called the name into question, with political, religious and sports figures weighing in on the topic. Team officials quickly announced they will appeal, and the team's name will continue to have trademark protection while the matter makes its way through the courts. Team owner Dan Snyder has long argued that the name is used with respect and honor, and is a source of pride among many Native Americans. If it stands, the team still will be free to use the name, but it will be more difficult for the team to go after others who print the Redskins name on sweatshirts, jerseys or other gear without permission. / ECONOMY: Oregon businesses are having a tough time finding the right worker to fill close to half of their jobs. A new report from the state's Employment Department finds that 48% of Oregon's job vacancies in 2013 were considered "difficult to fill." The most common reasons cited by employers? A lack of qualified candidates, a lack of applicants, unfavorable working conditions, low wages or a lack of work experience. The report finds that employers are looking for the right combinations of education and experience for unique roles within their companies. This may mean a tougher training challenge than if companies were looking for a large number of employees with essentially identical skills. Employers had a harder time filling positions requiring postsecondary training, though not necessarily a college degree. They also reported that mid- and higher-wage jobs were more challenging to fill than low-wage ones. And smaller employers - those with 2 to 19 employees - had the most difficulty filling positions. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The Oregon Forestry Department now says a wildfire burning on forest land owned by Hood River County in northern Oregon covers only about 12 acres, not 50. In a

statement, state officials said the fire burning 12 miles south of the community of Hood River was reported early Wednesday morning. It initially spread quickly in dry logging debris, then slowed as it exhausted the fuel source. Full containment is expected by Thursday evening. Steep, rugged terrain on part of the site has made it challenging for firefighters to build a line around the Owens Fire. /

**ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** The state of Oregon plans a nearly \$9 million project to make rail traffic safer in the Columbia River town Rainier, where 24 oil trains a month run along a street on their way to a nearby terminal. The Oregonian reports the project will allow trains to increase speeds from 10 mph to 25 mph and to blow their horns fewer times. It also will allow the number of trains to rise to 38 a month, supporting expansion at the terminal. The work involves curbs, parking changes, and pedestrian and vehicle crossings. State officials including Gov. John Kitzhaber have been concerned about gaps in preparedness for oil train accidents. But a Kitzhaber spokeswoman says Oregonians along train lines should be safe, no matter what cargo the trains carry. ; Federal transportation officials say details about volatile oil train shipments are not sensitive security information as railroads seek to keep the material from the public following a string of fiery accidents. The U.S. Department of Transportation has ordered railroads to give state emergency officials specifics on oil-train routes and shipment volumes to prepare for accidents. Railroads have convinced some states to sign agreements restricting the information's release for business and security reasons. Federal Railroad Administration Associate Administrator Kevin Thompson said Wednesday that the agency has determined the information is not sensitive information that should be withheld from the public to protect security. Montana officials say they will publicly release the oil-train information next week. Washington state also plans to release the information under state open records laws barring a legal challenge. An oil-train derailment and explosion in Quebec last July killed 47 people. /

**CRIME, ECONOMY:** Ancestry.com says the popular genealogy site was offline much of Tuesday after being hacked. Officials at the Provo, Utah-based company say hackers on Monday afternoon fooled the site into thinking there was an inordinate amount of traffic flooding it, which crashed its server. Company chief technology officer Scott Sorensen apologized in a statement to family history researchers for the inconvenience and said the situation was just as frustrating to the company. KSL reports Sorensen stressed no data was compromised or mined by hackers, and the company is working to prevent similar attacks in the future. /

**MILITARY, VETERANS:** President Barack Obama will present the Medal of Honor to a veteran who took the blow from a grenade to protect a fellow Marine in Afghanistan. Retired Cpl. William "Kyle" Carpenter will receive the medal during a ceremony today at the White House. Carpenter, now 24, sustained major wounds, including the loss of his right eye. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>COMMUNITY, FAMILIES: The much anticipated Grand Opening of the WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza is Saturday, June 21. Official events begin at 1 p.m., but there will be plenty of activity at the park starting much earlier. Beginning at 10 a.m., Eugene Recreation's Outdoor Program will provide free skateboard lessons for all ages at the skatepark. At the same time, the Safe Routes to Schools Program will provide free learn-to-bike lessons at the traffic garden on Jefferson St. Bikes, skateboards and helmets will be provided. Parents must be present to sign a waiver for individuals under 18 years. The dedication ceremony officially opening the park will be held at 1 p.m. Throughout the event, families will enjoy KidZone activities, a FREE helmet give-away (while supplies last), food carts, retail and community booths offering interactive fun, booth bingo and a prize drawing. The skatepark is available for an open skate until 3 p.m. A skate competition sponsored by Tactics Boardshop will be held from 4-7 p.m. The WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza is the largest covered and lighted public skatepark in the country. A strong public-private partnership between the City of Eugene, Eugene Parks Foundation, Skaters for Eugene Skateparks and the Rotary Club of Eugene raised more than \$335,000 in private funding to help make the vision a reality. As a result the community has a new, versatile venue for everyone to enjoy. Walk, roll, ride or skate to the grand opening. Parking will be limited. Free LTD bus rides to the park on June 21 with a skate deck or bike! Routes 40, 51 &amp; 52 all serve the park, which is located at 1st and Jefferson streets. Bike valet parking will be available. / ENVIRONMENT, FAMILIES: Cannon Beach will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its annual Sandcastle Contest Saturday, June 21, 2014. The event is one of the oldest sandcastle contest in the United States and the most popular annual event in Cannon Beach. Dozens of teams participate in the contest with divisions for Masters, who compete for cash prizes; plus large group, small group and children's divisions with winners receiving medals and ribbons. A tradition in Cannon Beach, Sandcastle weekend attracts thousands of visitors and locals, who come to build fanciful creations or just watch the fun. The teams begin moving sand early on Saturday morning. There's an awards ceremony at 4:00 p.m. The contest includes division ranging from Masters, who create amazing sculptures, to groups and children ready for creative fun in the sand. For the 50th anniversary celebration, Cannon Beach has organized three days of Friday-Sunday. Born out of tragedy in 1964, Cannon Beach's Sandcastle Contest has been designated an Oregon Heritage Tradition by the Oregon Heritage Commission. A tsunami generated in March 1964 by an Alaskan earthquake destroyed Cannon Beach's main bridge, effectively stranding all of the residents. Several residents came up with the idea for the sandcastle contest as a way to boost the town's spirits. The first contest took place in August 1964. It now attracts 10,000-15,000 visitors annually. / RELIGION, FAMILIES, HUMAN RIGHTS: The top legislative body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)</p>

has voted by large margins to recognize same-sex marriage as Christian in the church constitution, adding language that marriage can be the union of "two people," not just "a man and a woman." The amendment approved Thursday by the Presbyterian General Assembly requires approval from a majority of the 172 regional presbyteries, which will vote on the change over the next year. But in a separate policy change that takes effect at the end of this week's meeting, delegates voted to allow ministers to preside at gay weddings in states where the unions are legal and local congregational leaders approve. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia recognize same-sex marriage. / ECONOMY, EDUCATION: He says it would destroy the governing body for college sports. NCAA President Mark Emmert took the stand yesterday to defend his organization in a landmark antitrust case. If the NCAA loses, players might eventually earn the right to be paid a portion of the billions of dollars in television money that's flowing into big-time college athletics. Emmert testified in an effort to convince a federal judge that the NCAA's system of so-called "amateurism" is not anti-competitive and is the best model for regulating college sports. Plaintiffs, led by former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon, are seeking an injunction that would allow players to band together and sell the rights to their names and likenesses in broadcasts. They envision a system in which players can get money when they leave college for their play. / MILITARY, TERRORISM: A Shiite cleric in Iraq is warning that the 300 U.S. military advisers that President Barack Obama plans to send to Iraq will be attacked. The cleric (Nassir al-Saedi) is loyal to the anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr (mook-TAH'-duh ahl SAH'-dur), whose militia fought the Americans in at least two rounds of street warfare during the eight years U.S. troops were in Iraq. Meanwhile, there's more pressure on Iraq's prime minister today -- with a call from the spiritual leader of Iraq's Shiite majority for a new "effective" government. The comments at Friday prayers contained thinly veiled criticism that Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (NOO'-ree ahl-MAHL'-ih-kee) is to blame for the continuing offensive by Sunni militants. And with Iraq now asking the U.S. for airstrikes to temper the militants' advance - especially as they apparently prepared again today to assault the country's biggest oil refinery - al-Maliki appears increasingly vulnerable. Despite the deteriorating conditions, Obama has held off approving airstrikes. The president said he could still approve "targeted and precise" strikes if the situation on the ground required it, noting that the U.S. had stepped up intelligence gathering in Iraq to help identify potential targets. U.S. officials say manned and unmanned U.S. aircraft are now flying over Iraq 24 hours a day on intelligence collection missions. ; President Barack Obama's announcement that he's sending military advisers to Iraq raises questions -- in some quarters, red flags -- about whether that could mean a return to warfare under another name. Yesterday, Obama said flatly that, quote, "American combat troops are not going to be fighting in Iraq again." Yet the mission as he's defined it -- sending up to 300 military advisers to assess how best to train, advise and support Iraqi security forces is open-ended enough to chance putting at least a limited number of Americans back into the thick of battle. U.S. officials say up to 300 military advisers, mostly Green Berets, will be deployed in teams embedded with Iraqi security forces at the brigade level and above. They are but one element of a stepped-up U.S. presence. Among other elements: the creation of what Obama called "joint operations centers" in Baghdad and northern Iraq to share intelligence and coordinate planning, intensified intelligence gathering and additional U.S. military assets in the region. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: The Register-Guard is reporting that the state Department of Agriculture is investigating a bee die-off at a Eugene apartment complex where a tree care company sprayed linden trees Tuesday for an aphid infestation. Investigators Wednesday found hundreds of dead bumblebees and honeybees around the Jacobs Lane Apartments, which are off Highway 99 in northwest Eugene. Spokesman Bruce Pokarney told The Register-Guard that the company, Glass

Tree Care and Spray Service, apparently used the same insecticide that killed thousands of bees last June around a Wilsonville store parking lot. The investigation will determine whether the tree service company will be fined. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: State workplace safety officials from OSHA will join the Lane County sheriff's Office in investigating yesterday's fatal logging accident off Highway 36 near Lawrence Road. The accident report was called in shortly after 11:30 yesterday morning. The victim, later identified as 59 year old Richard Gray of Alsea, was struck by a falling tree. A team of approximately fifteen Lane County Search and Rescue volunteers along with Sheriff's Office staff responded and hiked approximately 2,000 feet into a drainage they located the victim and carried him up a steep embankment in a rescue litter. Gray was pronounced dead at the scene. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Rep. Kevin McCarthy is a new face of the GOP, selected by House Republicans as their majority leader after a whirlwind round of politicking prompted by last week's primary election defeat of Rep. Eric Cantor. McCarthy's lightning-fast ascent to the No. 2 House job in just his fourth term is a testament to the Californian's political skills and talent for forming relationships. Now, he has the daunting challenge of working to unite a fractious House Republican caucus that's still in upheaval after Cantor's upset loss, with the most conservative lawmakers smarting over McCarthy's quick rise. After his victory Thursday in secret balloting, he promised to work to listen to the conference and lead with courage and wisdom. McCarthy is being replaced in the whip's job by Steve Scalise of Louisiana. / HEALTH, SAFETY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says some of its staff in Atlanta may have been accidentally exposed to dangerous anthrax bacteria because of a safety problem at one of its labs. Agency officials say the risk of infection is low, but that about 75 staff members were being monitored or given antibiotics as a precaution. A statement from the agency says the problem occurred when bacteria samples that were not completely inactivated were moved from a higher level biosafety lab to a lower level one not designed to handle such samples. The problem was discovered last Friday, when live anthrax bacteria were found on some materials being gathered for disposal. The statement says some of the anthrax may have become airborne the previous week. / CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION: Where did the Reynolds High School gunman get his weapon? Documents released from the investigation into the June 10th shooting in Troutdale indicate the older brother of the 15-year-old gunman told officials his semi-automatic rifle disappeared on the day of the shooting. Police previously said Jared Padgett used an assault rifle to kill freshman Emilio Hoffman and wound a teacher. Lucas Padgett, an Army reservist, told police he went to Reynolds High School after hearing about the June 10 shooting to search for his younger brother. When Lucas Padgett couldn't find him, he returned home to discover his rifle was not in the bedroom the two shared. The documents didn't provide further details on where the gun had been kept. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A new southern Oregon wildfire is reported burning across an estimated 150 acres of private timber land east of Klamath Falls. Erica Hupp of the South Central Oregon Fire Management Partnership said the fire burning on Bryant Mountain was not threatening any structures. The wildfire is about 10 miles southeast of the small town of Bonanza. It was first reported Thursday afternoon. Fire crews from several agencies are fighting the blaze with the aid of a helicopter and several other aircraft. The cause is under investigation. ; Fire officials in southern Oregon say a grass fire on the southern flank of Upper Table Rock burned 35 acres before crews contained it. The Medford Mail Tribune says the fire was reported shortly before noon Thursday and contained by late afternoon. Deputy Fire Marshal Mark Northrop of Jackson County Fire District No. 3 said about 100 firefighters were mopping up the fire. He says the cause is under investigation. / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: The Coast Guard is asking the public to help identify whoever made hoax calls that cost the service hundreds of thousands of dollars in wasted resources searching

Washington's Hood Canal for a sinking fishing vessel that wasn't there. Hours of searching the nights of May 31 and June 1 involved helicopters and boats and cost more than \$200,000 in fuel, aircraft maintenance and other expenses. Sheriff's and tribal boats also searched. Petty Officer David Mosley in Astoria, Oregon, says a man contacted the Coast Guard by radio both nights. The first night he said a fishing boat was sinking with five people on board. The next night he said a boat was sinking with two adults and a child. A man with the same-sounding voice radioed a third time on June 2 and falsely said a body had been found near Seabeck. Mosley said Thursday the Coast Guard hasn't received any tips yet. / ENVIRONMENT: A conservation group is challenging a national forest timber sale because it may be too close to the den where Oregon's famous wandering wolf, OR-7, is raising pups. Oregon Wild filed the lawsuit Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Medford against the U.S. Forest Service over the Bybee timber sale on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in southwestern Oregon. It asks a judge to order a closer examination of the harm logging may do not only to potential wilderness and spotted owls, but to wolf habitat, as well. After years of wandering across Oregon and Northern California, OR-7 found a mate last winter in the southern Cascades, establishing the first known pack there since the 1940s. The Forest Service did not immediately respond to a request for comment. ; Oregon Fish and Wildlife officials say they've confirmed two recent incidents of wolves killing or injuring livestock in the northeast corner of the state. The Oregonian reports that four ewes and three lambs were found dead June 13 in a sheep pen near Pendleton. In that case, a lamb was missing and a number of other sheep were injured. Investigators found bite wounds consistent with wolves. The unidentified ranch owner saw a single, uncollared wolf feeding on a carcass that day. And GPS tracking collar data from a Umatilla River wolf pack member proved there was at least one other wolf nearby at the same time. Investigators say a cow was attacked and severely injured less than a mile away a few days earlier. GPS data showed two Umatilla River pack wolves in the pasture around that time. Fish and Wildlife's Russ Morgan says the agency is working with local ranchers to reduce the risk of more attacks with additional deterrents like fencing, guard animals or alarm systems. ; Witnesses say a black bear and two cubs that have been frequenting midtown Anchorage stole several lunch boxes at a children's day camp on the Alaska Pacific University campus. Katie Adrian, program manager at the summer program run by Camp Fire USA, tells The Anchorage Daily News the bears wandered onto the school's soccer fields Monday, soon after the campers ate lunch at picnic tables and left behind some snacks. The bears carried a few lunch boxes into the woods and dug in. The bears weren't aggressive, and camp staff corralled the kids. After this, she says the campers will eat elsewhere and store their food indoors. David Battle of the Alaska Fish and Game Department says there are no plans to remove the bears. He says the agency doesn't consider them a public safety hazard. / CRIME: Authorities say an Albany teenager arrested on burglary charges has now been accused of killing a woman whose 8-year-old son called 911 to report that he'd been awakened by a noise and found his mother bleeding on the kitchen floor. The Albany Democrat-Herald reports that 18-year-old Lucius Gentry Wilson was arraigned on a murder charge Thursday. He didn't enter a plea and was ordered held without bail. He's been in custody since June 2 on burglary, theft and other charges. He's also been accused of raping a woman in one break-in. Police said 36-year-old Angela Esther Stephenson was shot in her apartment early on May 13. They said their investigation focused on linking the killing to about 15 break-ins through unlocked doors or windows of occupied dwellings. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: The Obama administration is launching an effort to accelerate protection of sage grouse along the California-Nevada line with \$31 million in spending commitments through 2024 to help ranchers and others improve grouse habitat. A top official in the Agriculture Department told The Associated Press that

Friday's announcement may represent the best, last chance to keep the bistate population of the bird off the list of threatened species. Jason Weller, chief of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, says that while the multiagency effort targets California and Nevada, it ultimately will benefit the overall habitat of the greater sage grouse in 11 western states. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack calls it a "groundbreaking commitment." His agencies are pledging \$25.5 million and the Bureau of Land Management \$6.5 million over the next five to 10 years. / FAMILIES, HEALTH, HUMAN RIGHTS: The Obama administration is moving to ensure the federal Family and Medical Leave Act applies to same-sex couples, regardless of where they live in the U.S. President Barack Obama is directing the Labor Department to start drafting rules. The Justice Department also plans to announce it has completed a review assessing what legal benefits can be extended to gay couples. / HEALTH, VETERANS: An updated audit of Veterans Affairs hospitals shows tens of thousands more veterans than previously reported are forced to wait at least a month for medical appointments. The updated report includes new figures showing that the wait times actually experienced at most VA facilities were shorter than those on waiting lists for pending appointments. /

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COMMUNITY, SAFETY, CRIME, FAMILIES: They might be on sale starting today, but members of the Eugene City Council are poised to restrict the days when you can set off fireworks within city limits. The vote is expected at tonight's council meeting. This ordinance limits the discharge of legal fireworks in Eugene to July 3rd, 4th and 5th, as well as December 31st and January 1st. Cutting fireworks usage to five days would be a big change. Right now, you can light off legal fireworks in Eugene and across the state of Oregon 365 days a year. But city officials have heard growing complaints from Eugene residents about fireworks noise and the effect on veterans and pets as well as the increased fire risk. ; Legal fireworks go on sale Monday in Oregon. The sales may continue through July 6th. What constitutes a legal firework? They include fountains, spinners and wheels available at retail fireworks outlets. Fire officials emphasize that legal fireworks might produce smoke, sparks or fire but they DO NOT explode, eject balls or fire, fly into the air more than 12 inches or travel more than six feet on the ground. This year, Eugene is working to crack down on the use of illegal fireworks. As part of that, the Eugene Police Department and Fire Marshal's Office is sponsoring a "Fireworks Turn-In Event" on Saturday, June 28th. Private parties may turn in commercially-manufactured retail fireworks without being cited or arrested for possession of illegal fireworks. Capacity is limited, and the turn in will only be open until the storage capacity is filled. It will take place at the Emergency Services Training Center front lot at 2nd and Chambers Streets in Eugene. That's just off the Chambers connector. The event runs Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Illegal fireworks include but are not limited to, fire crackers, bottle rockets and roman candles, fly into the air, explode and behave in an uncontrolled and unpredictable manner. Possession of illegal fireworks is a class B misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of \$2,500 and six months in jail. Cherry bombs, M-80's and larger and any legal or illegal firework that has been modified are considered an EXPLOSIVE DEVICE and should not be handled. Call the Eugene Police Department immediately and do not transport. Anyone with other illegal fireworks or explosive devices is encouraged to call police dispatch at the number below if they would like to coordinate surrender of those devices. Please do not transport such items without prior arrangement with the Metro Explosives Disposal Unit. Officials warn that when either legal and illegal fireworks are improperly handled, they can result in injuries and fires. / MILITARY: Confronting the threat of civil war in Iraq, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry flew to Baghdad today to personally urge the Shiite-led government to give more power to political opponents. He hopes to persuade the Iraqi leaderships before a Sunni insurgency seizes more control across the country and sweeps away hopes for lasting peace. The meeting scheduled between Kerry and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is not expected to be friendly, given that officials in Washington, D.C., have floated suggestions that the Iraqi premier should resign as a necessary first step toward quelling the



vicious uprising. Nor will it likely bring any immediate, tangible results, as al-Maliki has shown no sign of leaving and Iraqi officials have long listened to — but ultimately ignored — U.S. advice to avoid appearing controlled by the decade-old specter of an American occupation in Baghdad. Still, having suffered together through more than eight years of war — which killed nearly 4,500 American troops and more than 100,000 Iraqis — the two wary allies are unwilling to turn away from the very real prospect of the Mideast nation falling into a fresh bout of sectarian strife. Since the start of this year, and peaking this month, the Sunni insurgency group known as ISIS has overtaken several cities in Iraq's west and north, and over the past weekend was controlling several main border crossings between Iraq and Syria. The three-year civil war in Syria has further emboldened Iraqi insurgents. It comes amid years of political instability in Baghdad fueled anger against the Shiite-led government from Sunnis who felt powerless and saw their leaders targeted by al-Maliki's security forces. / **TRANSPORTATION:** The Supreme Court will consider whether Amtrak can partner with a government agency to create rules that other private railroads must follow. The justices agreed this morning to hear the Obama administration's appeal of a lower court ruling that said Congress unconstitutionally gave regulatory power to the passenger railroad company. Congress passed a law in 2008 that directed Amtrak to work with the Federal Railroad Administration to develop standards for improving passenger rail service. The American Association of Railroads sued, arguing that a private company was not allowed to develop regulations. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit agreed. It ruled that even though Amtrak is subject to government oversight, it remains a for-profit company that cannot be given regulatory authority. The Transportation Department says Amtrak's role was limited. / **HEALTH, WOMEN, RELIGION:** The Supreme Court has turned down Wisconsin's bid to begin enforcing a state law requiring abortion providers to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, while a legal fight over the law plays out in lower federal courts. A federal judge is weighing a challenge to the law from Parent Parenthood and others which claim that it would amount to restricting access to abortions in Wisconsin because of the difficulties doctors would face in getting the hospital privileges. U.S. District Judge William Conley is not expected to rule on the lawsuit before July, but he placed the law on hold last summer. The federal appeals court in Chicago upheld Conley's action. The justices did not comment this morning in declining to get involved in the case. / **ECONOMY:** Oregon state employees are getting their cost-of-living pay increases a little early this year, based on the way benefits are calculated under the contract with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 75 contract. Union spokesman Don Loving told the Statesman Journal reports the state has agreed to give all state workers a 2 percent raise, likely starting in September rather than December. The cost-of-living increase is related to the calculation for total benefits, including health insurance. The Public Employees Benefits Board voted last week to adopt a new set of insurance premiums for 2015. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH:** The Oregon Fish and Wildlife plans to ask hunters to share their opinions about using lead ammunition. The Register-Guard reports a survey is being mailed this month to a random sample of 4,200 hunters in the state. The department later plans a survey of non-hunters. A wildlife division administrator, Ron Anglin, says lead ammo is a national issue because of its effects on wildlife and human health. California plans to ban hunters from using lead ammunition starting in 2019. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** The driver was seriously injured Sunday when a truck carrying compressed seafood waste ran off Highway 26 in the Coast Range and crashed into trees. Oregon State Police say the driver was taken by LifeFlight to Oregon Health & Science University Hospital in Portland. KGW reports the highway was closed in both directions for several hours during the cleanup. / **ECONOMY:** Sales of previously owned U.S. homes in May posted the best monthly gain in nearly three years, providing hope that housing is

beginning to regain momentum lost over the past year. The National Association of Realtors says that sales of existing homes increased 4.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.89 million homes. The monthly gain was the fastest since August 2011, but even with the increase sales are still 5 percent below the pace in May 2013. Sales have been dampened by last year's rise in mortgage rates from historic lows and various other factors including tight supplies and tougher lending standards. The median price of a home sold in May was \$213,400, up 5.1 percent from a year ago. ; The U.S. Supreme Court is making it tougher for investors to join together to sue corporations for securities fraud. The justices said this morning that companies should have a chance at the early stages of a lawsuit to show that any alleged fraud was not responsible for a drop in the company's stock price. The ruling is a partial victory for Halliburton Co., which is trying to block a class-action lawsuit claiming the energy services company inflated its stock price. It is also a modest win for business groups that hoped to make it more difficult for plaintiffs to bring class-action cases. But the high court rejected Halliburton's request to overturn a quarter-century-old precedent that has made it easier for plaintiffs to negotiate billions of dollars in legal settlements. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, POLITICS: The Supreme Court this morning placed limits on the ability of the federal government to limit power plant and factory emissions of gases blamed for global warming. In a 5-4 decision, the court's conservative justices say the Environmental Protection Agency overstepped its authority when it forced some companies to evaluate ways of reducing their carbon dioxide emissions. The rule applies when a company needs a permit to expand existing facilities or to build new ones that would increase overall pollution. The majority said those rules can only be implemented by Congress. EPA officials said such permits have been issued to power plants, as well as facilities that produce chemicals, cement, iron and steel, fertilizer, ceramics and ethanol. Oil refineries and municipal landfills have been required to obtain greenhouse gas permits since 2011. The high court's decision does not affect the EPA's proposals for first-time national standards for new and existing power plants. But those proposals—which aim for a 30 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2030—won't begin to take effect for at least another two years. ; U.S. mayors gathered in Texas will decide whether to endorse a call for cities to use nature to fight the effects of climate change. Attendees of the U.S. Conference of Mayors are set to vote Monday on a resolution encouraging cities to use natural solutions to "protect freshwater supplies, defend the nation's coastlines, maintain a healthy tree cover and protect air quality," sometimes by partnering with nonprofit organizations. It's backed by Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton. Since the resolution "encourages" steps rather than mandating action, Leffingwell believes it will easily be approved since it quickly passed through the committee Friday. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said the mayors could turn the climate change debate into a discussion about economics, public safety and health. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: The contract that covers dockworkers who handle hundreds of billions of dollars of imports and exports at 29 West Coast ports is set to expire. The union representing nearly 20,000 dockworkers has been negotiating with shipping lines and port terminal operators, but no deal is likely before their contract ends June 30. Past negotiations have not always gone smoothly, though both sides say they will negotiate beyond the deadline without disruptions to trade. Jittery retailers aren't taking any chances. Stung by a lockout in 2002 that shuttered the ports for 10 days, some importers have shifted to ports on the Gulf and East Coasts, or they've brought goods in early for back-to-school and holiday shopping. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A Klamath County fire has been mapped at nearly two square miles and its fuel source is highly flammable. The Bryant Fire in a logging operation on private lands outside Bonanza in Klamath County is burning on ponderosa pine, mixed conifer

and dried brush. John Flanigan of the Oregon Department of Forestry says the wood is so dry it could be lit with a match. The Department of Forestry says gusty winds and rough terrain make it likely the fire would grow larger. ; The Oregon Department of Forestry is putting together a radio-controlled helicopter to give firefighters a better look at what wildfires are up to in tight smoky places a conventional scout plane cannot go. It will be equipped with infrared and video cameras and a GPS locator, and should be ready to go around mid-July. At just five feet long, the helicopter is not big enough to take over tasks normally done by manned aircraft. Fire prevention specialist Brian Ballou says the idea is to give firefighters an extra set of eyes to help incident commanders evaluate conditions in otherwise inaccessible areas of a fire before sending in firefighters. Financed by a federal grant, the helicopter is expected to cost about \$5,000 once it is fully equipped. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: A survey says the average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in the U.S. has risen by 2 cents over the last two weeks to \$3.71. Here in Eugene-Springfield, the average price stands at \$4.05 per gallon. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday that crude oil prices rose over jitters about Iraqi oil production as violence there grows. Much of that increase hasn't been passed on to consumers yet, and prices could increase over the coming weeks. The survey taken Friday shows the average price for a gallon of midgrade gas was \$3.90 and the average price for a gallon of premium was \$4.05. Diesel averaged \$3.95 a gallon. Of cities surveyed in the continental U.S., Tucson, Arizona, had the lowest average price at \$3.37 a gallon. Chicago had the highest average at \$4.15 a gallon. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p><b>SAFETY, CRIME, COMMUNITY:</b> Oregon's fireworks stands opened for business yesterday. They'll continue sales through Sunday, July 6th. And while those stands are operating, it's okay to set off their fireworks within Eugene's city limits. But an ordinance approved at last night's Eugene City Council meeting would make the use of such fireworks illegal the rest of the year—with the exception of December 31st and January 1st, or if you get a special permit approved by Eugene officials. The Eugene City Council last night approved new limits on when legal fireworks can be set off within city limits. The ordinance allows their use in the run-up to the Fourth of July holiday—from June 23rd (which was yesterday) through July 6th. That coincides with the dates when fireworks may be sold in Oregon. Two other days would also be allowed for their use: December 31st and January 1st. Violators caught using legal fireworks outside of those dates could face a fine of up to \$500. The Register-Guard reports that the ordinance does allow Eugene's city manager to create a free or low-cost permit process for people wishing to potentially use legal fireworks on other dates. But the intent is to crack down on the explosions of legal fireworks outside of the major July 4th and New Year's holiday periods that have triggered a flood of noise complaints from residents, including military veterans and pet owners. The Register-Guard reports that a second ordinance adds the discharge of illegal fireworks to the list of offenses that trigger the city's so-called social host ordinance — which can lead to fines and community service for residents or owners responsible for the discharge. Because both ordinances received a two-thirds majority, they go into effect immediately. The city already has announced plans to step up fireworks enforcement this year. Police and fire department officials have set up a tip line and email address where residents can anonymously report the use of illegal fireworks. An amnesty event on Saturday will let people turn in illegal fireworks without fear of being cited by police. Extra police officers will be deployed from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. on the night and morning of July 4-5 to crack down on illegal fireworks. Firefighters will patrol neighborhoods to observe and report the discharge of illegal fireworks. /</p> <p><b>EDUCATION, WOMEN, CRIME:</b> They might not be facing criminal charges, but they're no longer welcome as students on the University of Oregon campus. U-of-O officials say three former basketball players have been suspended as students for a minimum of four years, and up to 10 years, as a result of rape allegations involving a freshman student. Danyean Dotson, Dominic Artis and Brandon Austin were dismissed from the team last month after a student filed a police report alleging she was sexually assaulted by the players. Prosecutors decided there wasn't enough evidence to criminally charge the players, who said the sexual contact was consensual. The attorney for the alleged victim said the suspensions are dependent on how long the woman remains at the school. He said she would have had a difficult time remaining on campus if the three were also still enrolled. /</p> <p><b>POLITICS, ELECTIONS, WOMEN:</b> A proposed equal-rights</p>

amendment for women has qualified for Oregon's November ballot. The secretary of state's office said Monday the petitioners have turned in more than 118,000 valid signatures, about 2,000 more than needed to qualify a constitutional amendment. The measure was proposed by Leanne Littrell DiLorenzo of Portland, who founded a group called VoteERA. DiLorenzo and her husband, lawyer and lobbyist John DiLorenzo, contributed most of the \$472,000 spent on the signature-gathering effort. The measure would amend the state constitution to prohibit state and local governments from discriminating on the basis of gender. An Oregon Supreme Court ruling provides protection against gender-based discrimination, but amendment advocates say it's important for women's rights to be enshrined in the constitution. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS, ECONOMY: For a time, it appeared Oregon voters might be choosing from among a handful of marijuana legalization measures. But that is no longer the case: Pot legalization advocate Paul Stanford has all but abandoned out his effort to put a pair of recreational pot legalization measures on this fall's ballot. Now supporters of a separate pot legalization measure backed by wealthy out-of-state donors say they've already gathered more than the 87,000 signatures they need to push their issue before the voters. But Paul Stanford says his campaign has stopped paying for the collection of signatures as his two initiative petitions—one for a proposed constitutional amendment, the other for a proposed statute—remain well below the signature totals needed to qualify for the ballot. A group of petitioners for Stanford's campaign went on strike earlier this month, complaining of delayed paychecks and other disagreements. / CRIME, WOMEN: Authorities say three people in Oregon have been charged with sex trafficking during five days of undercover stings, and 20 people were cited for prostitution in an operation against child sex trafficking. The action involved local and federal agencies and was part of the eighth national Operation Cross Country. Eugene Police, along with their counterparts in Portland and Beaverton, were among the local investigative agencies taking part. The FBI said Monday that in Oregon one underage person was "recovered" in the operation. Those getting prostitution citations were offered counseling and services. The FBI said in a statement many of them had been subject to sex trafficking since their early teens. / ECONOMY: Umpqua Bank says it will close 27 branches by year's end as it consolidates operations after its April merger with Sterling Financial. The Roseburg, Oregon-based bank said Monday that more closures are possible in 2015. The company did not identify the branches due to be closed. The Columbian reports the 27 will include 13 branches in Washington and seven each in Oregon and California. Umpqua says it has notified all customers who will be affected by the closures, and will be automatically transferring customer accounts to "the most convenient" branch nearby. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Late night Interstate 5 motorists should expect long delays between Cottage Grove and Sutherlin on Tuesday, June 24, as an oversized load carrying a massive dam gate is transported through the area. A similar gate was driven down I-5 last week. Between 10:45 p.m. and midnight, northbound traffic may be delayed up to 45 minutes while southbound traffic will be delayed approximately 30 minutes. Rolling slowdowns will be used in both directions. Motorists entering the freeway between Sutherlin (Exit 136) and Cottage Grove (Exit 174) should watch for flaggers at each interchange on-ramp. When loaded onto a 142-foot long truck and trailer, the 23-foot-wide gate reaches into two travel lanes and can only be driven down I-5 at night, when there is less traffic on the road. The slowdowns are necessary because the dam gate will be passing through a construction zone south of Cottage Grove where the travel lanes are restricted to 19 feet in width. Northbound traffic will be held while the gate is driven south at speeds of 20-30 mph through the seven-mile work zone. This will be the fifth of 10 gates that pass through the state between May and the end of summer. ODOT is coordinating with Oregon-based carrier Gresham Transfer to safely transport the gates to the Folsom dam near Sacramento. The

gates were manufactured by Oregon Iron Works at their facility in Vancouver, Wash. ; The Oregon Transportation Department says it expects to reopen a section of the Historic Columbia River Highway on Tuesday, nearly three weeks after the area was closed by a rockslide at Troutdale. Spokesman Don Hamilton said Monday that about 4,400 cubic yards of debris have been removed. On June 5, about 1,000 cubic yards of rocks and other debris fell from a rock face about 100 yards west of the Stark Street Bridge. Cranes brought down additional loose debris that threatened the roadway. Hamilton says the road will reopen after installation of a concrete barrier and an eight-foot fence to catch falling rock. /

**HEALTH, ECONOMY:** A lawsuit filed against Oregon nonprofit health insurer Regence BlueCross BlueShield alleges it is acting like a for-profit company by stockpiling excess money to support large salaries rather than health care for policyholders. The lawsuit filed late last week in Multnomah County Circuit Court asks a judge to rule that Regence is not fulfilling the public-purpose clause of its own bylaws, and is failing to use its excess earnings for the benefit of its members. The Oregonian reports that Regence defended its business practices, saying its values involve "putting our members first and having the financial stability to meet their medical needs." Regence says it believes the claim is meritless. Listed as plaintiffs are Regence policyholder Tanya March and her two children as well as Dischinger Orthodontics of Lake Oswego. In a statement, Regence defends its reserve levels as appropriate and says its executive salaries are a tiny fraction of its overall expenditures. /

**CRIME:** Central Oregon authorities say a 79-year-old man took his 1930 Ford Model A coupe to church on Sunday to show it off. But when he left it so he could get a bite of lunch, sheriff's deputies say it was stolen and crashed into the Crooked River south of Prineville. Photos show the mangled vehicle in the river, but no estimate of the damage was immediately available. Capt. Michael Boyd said deputies couldn't release the name of the owner. Boyd said 34-year-old Erik Blake Halpin, described as a transient, was arrested for investigation of drunken driving and unauthorized use of a vehicle. He swam to shore and was arrested after he was treated at a Bend hospital. /

**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT:** Mosquito bites: Geez, I hate 'em. I especially hate the ones that can become infected with and transmit diseases to travelers in warm, humid climates. Lane County Public Health officials announced today the first laboratory confirmed case of Chikungunya virus (say: chicken-goon'-yuh) in Lane County. The case occurred in a healthy adult male who had been traveling in the Caribbean. The virus, which is transmitted through mosquito bites, first appeared in the Caribbean in 2013 and has since spread rapidly throughout the southern US . The most common symptoms of Chikungunya are fever and joint pain, which appear 3-7 days after the transmission of the virus. The virus is rarely fatal, and symptoms can be relieved through bed rest, hydration, and over the counter medication like ibuprofen. In a news release, Lane County's Senior Health Officer Patrick Luedtke noted that, "while this virus is not known to be a lethal threat, it is important for our community to be aware of its transmission and how to take steps to prevent contraction of Chikungunya and similar, mosquito-borne illnesses like West Nile." The prevention of mosquito bites is the best way to prevent the spread of Chikungunya and other mosquito borne viruses. Use air conditioning or window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside. If you are not able to protect yourself from mosquitoes inside your home, sleep under a mosquito bed net. When weather permits, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. The use of insect repellents is also effective in the prevention of bites. For more information about the virus and its prevention, visit the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) If you are experiencing any symptoms, health officials suggest you visit your doctor immediately. /

**MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, CRIME, ECONOMY:** Homeland Security Secretary Jeh (Jay) Johnson is telling Congress today that the Obama administration is looking at every possible option to help respond to a flood of immigrants crossing the border illegally in southern Texas. Since the start of the

budget year in October, Border Patrol agents have apprehended more than 52,000 immigrant children traveling alone. Most of the young immigrants are from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala and are being caught in Rio Grande Valley of Texas. / ECONOMY: Americans are feeling pretty good about the economy these days. The Conference Board says its confidence index is at its highest level since January of 2008. More Americans are optimistic about business conditions and the outlook for jobs, but they're less confident that their incomes will grow. ; The housing sector is bouncing back. The government says sales of new homes rose last month to their highest level in six years. Sales peaked last year before losing altitude. The decline reflected an increase in mortgage rates after the Fed began talking about pulling back on its monthly bond purchases. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Only small waves measuring several inches hit coastal communities after a strong earthquake near Alaska's Aleutian Islands triggered a tsunami warning Monday. The magnitude-7.9 earthquake was centered about 1,400 miles southwest of Anchorage. There were no reports of damage. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ECONOMY: A recall of defective air bags is spreading to more manufacturers. BMW, Chrysler, Ford, Honda, Mazda, Nissan and Toyota will all recall cars at the U.S. government's request because their air bag inflators could rupture. If that happens, the air bags might not work properly in a crash, and shards from the ruptured system could fly out and cause injury. In each case, the air bags are made by Japanese supplier Takata. The government opened an investigation this month after getting six reports of air bags rupturing. It estimates 1.1 million vehicles in the U.S. could be affected. The recalls are limited to states and territories that have hot, humid weather for long periods of time. The government says data suggests vehicles in those areas are most at risk. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>CRIME, HUMAN RIGHTS: It is a big ruling and it came on a unanimous vote by justices on the U.S. Supreme Court. It says that, in general, police may not search the cellphones of people they arrest without first getting search warrants. The justices say cellphones are powerful devices unlike anything else police might find on someone they arrest. Chief Justice John Roberts says that because the phones contain so much information, police need to get a warrant before looking through them. Legal analysts say the ruling is a big defense of privacy rights in the digital age. / EDUCATION, CRIME: Attorneys representing three University of Oregon basketball players suspended because of accusations of sexual assault say their clients have been, quote, "denied impartial justice." The Register-Guard reports the attorney's statement was released last night. It came one day after university officials confirmed that the three players have been banned from the U-of-O for at least four years after an on-campus investigation found them responsible for sexual misconduct. The players were found to have violated the university's student conduct code. The code's definition of sexual misconduct is different from Oregon's legal definition of sexual assault. But the attorney's statement says, quote, "No jury would find that Dominic Artis, Brandon Austin or Danyean Dotson committed any form of sexual assault against their accuser." They add that, quote, "Some people will insist that the university's suspension is proof that the acts occurred, but they would be wrong." / ECONOMY, HEALTH, POLITICS: Not much love among Springfield and Lane County public officials for the Eugene City Council's proposed mandatory paid sick leave ordinance. In fact, The Register-Guard reports that both the Lane County commissioners and Springfield city councilors were pretty blunt in their assessments this week. Under the proposal, businesses based in Springfield, unincorporated Lane County and elsewhere that conduct business in Eugene would be required to provide paid sick leave to their employees, based on how much job time those workers spent in Eugene. But The Register-Guard reports some county commissioners yesterday criticized the proposed ordinance. At Monday's meeting, members of the Springfield city council directed their city attorney to draft a letter to the Eugene council strongly opposing such an ordinance. They say it would be difficult for businesses to keep track of employee hours spent working in Eugene, and could hurt business recruitment in Springfield. The Eugene council has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed ordinance on July 21 with a possible vote the following week. / HEALTH, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: Emergency room visits for Oregon's Medicaid patients dropped by 17 percent in two years and there were fewer hospitalizations for heart and lung problems. Those are some of the key findings from the first full year of data for Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber's health care overhaul. The Oregon Health Authority reported Tuesday on the state's 15 coordinated care organizations, the medical providers for Medicaid recipients. Kitzhaber secured almost \$2 billion from the federal government two years ago on</p>



the promise that the organizations would lead to better care and lower costs for Medicaid patients, as well as long-term savings for taxpayers. But there were lower scores on other measures, such as chlamydia and cervical cancer screenings and the admission rate for short-term diabetes complications. /

**TERRORISM, TRANSPORTATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, MINORITIES:** A federal judge in Portland has ruled that the U.S. government violated the rights of 13 people on its no-fly list by depriving them of their constitutional right to travel, and gave them no adequate way to challenge their placement on the list. It's the nation's first ruling to label the no-fly list redress procedures unconstitutional. U.S. District Court Judge Anna Brown's decision says the procedure offered to people to remove themselves from the list fails to give travelers a meaningful mechanism to challenge their placement. Thirteen people challenged their placement on the list in 2010, including four military veterans. Initially, Brown said she couldn't rule on the case. In 2012, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that decision and sent the case back to her. ; A federal judge in Portland has affirmed the legality of the U.S. government's secret, warrantless bulk phone and email data collection in denying an Oregon man's motion to dismiss his terrorism conviction. U.S. District Court Judge Garr King on Tuesday upheld Mohamed Mohamud's conviction on terrorism charges. In doing so, he rejected the argument from Mohamud's attorneys that prosecutors failed to notify Mohamud of information derived under the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act until he was already convicted. That failure, they say, withheld important information from the defense team and violated Mohamud's constitutional rights. Mohamud was convicted last year of attempting to detonate a bomb at Portland's Christmas tree-lighting ceremony in 2010. The purported plot was actually an FBI sting, and the bomb was a fake. /

**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT:** Oregon public health officials say federal laboratories are testing blood samples from two Lane County residents for a mosquito-borne virus that spread quickly in the Caribbean and is showing up in travelers from the United States. The virus is chikungunya (chik-en-GUN-yah). It causes painful symptoms, such as fever and joint pains. It's seldom fatal, The Eugene Register-Guard reports that Lane County officials say local laboratory tests confirmed the virus in a man who traveled in the Caribbean. The state public health veterinarian, Dr. Emilio DeBess, says three Oregon cases have been under scrutiny: In one, the test results were negative. In the other two, results aren't back from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. DeBess says the mosquitoes that transmit the disease aren't found in Oregon. /

**ECONOMY:** Federal wage-and-hour regulators want a higher court to hear their case for using the threat of letting perishable crops rot as a means of getting Oregon blueberry farmers to settle a case. Earlier this year, federal Judge Michael McShane threw out agreements between the U.S. Labor Department and two Oregon berry operations that alleged they signed under duress to prevent losing millions of dollars. The agency alleged that growers employed "ghost workers" who worked off the books for less than minimum wage. The farmers disputed that and later challenged the settlements. McShane ruled the department abused its "hot goods" authority to block shipment of ripe berries. The agriculture publication Capital Press reports the Labor Department wants the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review McShane's ruling. /

**FAMILIES, COMMUNITY, CRIME:** Joe Vaughn of Skyris Imaging in Portland, Oregon, says he owns the unmanned aerial device that alarmed a Seattle woman concerned about a "peeping drone." KING-TV reports says he contacted Seattle police when he learned of the news story to let them know who he was and what had happened. He says he was hired by a developer in Seattle to snap a few photos of various points of interest. He says his company only flies over properties where they have permission. Vaughn says he also reached out to the woman who was concerned when she spotted a drone outside her 26th floor downtown Seattle apartment window on Sunday morning while she was getting dressed. Seattle police tell KOMO-TV they're still

investigating, but right now they don't believe the company broke any laws. /

**POLITICS, ECONOMY, GROWTH, HEALTH, CRIME:** As Washington state prepares to issue the first licenses for marijuana retail stores, its governor and other state leaders are announcing steps they're taking to keep pot out of the hands of minors, including making sure that marijuana-related labels aren't geared toward kids. The Washington State Liquor Control Board — which has been overseeing the implementation of the recreational marijuana law — is expected to adopt emergency rules today detailing new labeling and packaging requirements for edible marijuana in order to minimize the appeal to children. A statewide radio and online campaign will also address the health risks of using marijuana. The Washington Liquor Control Board will issue the first retail licenses on July 7th, and the stores that are ready can open the next day. ; Police in some medical marijuana states say they are thinking twice about seizing and destroying illegal pot plants because they could be sued for damages if the marijuana dies on their watch. Departments from Colorado and Washington state to California and Hawaii are sometimes improvising to avoid liability. Police say they either forgo taking plants altogether or collect samples and take photographs to use as evidence. Most local departments are seizing less weed since legalization but still investigate if a person is growing too much. Departments have been sued over pot that has wilted, sometimes for hundreds of thousands of dollars to replace dead plants. Sam Kamin, a law professor at the University of Denver, says the changes are a sign that police procedure is evolving with marijuana law. /

**TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT:** Disclosures from railroads about volatile oil shipments from the Northern Plains show dozens of the trains passing weekly through Illinois and the Midwest and up to 19 a week reaching Washington state on the West Coast. The Associated Press has obtained details on the shipments under public records requests filed with state emergency agencies. The U.S. Department of Transportation ordered railroads to give up the information after several fiery accidents, including an oil train derailment last July in Quebec that killed 47 people. Very little crude moved by rail several years ago, prior to the domestic oil shale boom. Railroads had sought to prevent the public disclosures of shipment information, citing security concerns. Federal officials say it's not security sensitive, but some states have agreed not to give up the information. /

**ECONOMY:** The U.S. economy is posting a steep contraction for the first quarter of the year. It shrank at a steep annual rate of 2.9 percent in the January-March quarter as a harsh winter contributed to the biggest contraction since the depths of the recession five years ago. But the setback is expected to be temporary, with growth rebounding solidly since spring. ; The Supreme Court has ruled that a startup Internet company has to pay broadcasters when it takes television programs from the airwaves and allows subscribers to watch them on smartphones and other portable devices. The justices said Wednesday by a 6-3 vote that Aereo Inc. is violating the broadcasters' copyrights by taking the signals for free. The ruling preserves the ability of the television networks to collect huge fees from cable and satellite systems that transmit their programming. Aereo is available in New York, Boston and Atlanta among 11 metropolitan areas and uses thousands of dime-size antennas to capture television signals and transmit them to subscribers who pay as little as \$8 a month for the service. ; The Supreme Court says a lawsuit can proceed against banking company where management was accused of irresponsibly investing employee retirement money in the bank's then-failing stock. The unanimous ruling came Wednesday in a case involving Fifth Third Bancorp and a retirement fund that's invested primarily in the bank's stock. The issue is whether those in charge of investing in the fund have the freedom or the duty to direct investment money elsewhere when they have reason to believe their company's stock price is inflated. The employees say management knew that borrowers were increasingly defaulting on risky, subprime loans, but concealed that information or misled investors. The bank continued to

invest in the stock-ownership fund even when the problems came to light and the share price plummeted. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY: Officials with a Lane County tree service company have apologized for spraying the pesticide that killed hundreds of bees and bumblebees last week on trees at a Eugene apartment complex off Highway 99 northwest of town. The head of Glass Tree Care and Spray Services says the company accepts the license suspension and sanctions imposed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The company's workers sprayed linden trees early last week to combat an aphid infestation. But agriculture investigators say Glass Tree Care and Spray Service, apparently used the same insecticide that killed thousands of bees last June around a Wilsonville store parking lot. ; Meantime, A study released by a coalition of environmental groups claims that many "bee-friendly" home garden plants sold by major retailers have actually been pre-treated with pesticides that can harm and kill bees. Beyond Toxics and other groups which have chapters in Lane County are among those urging consumers to use care when purchasing plants that might be toxic to pollinators. They say that in some cases, certain pesticides can take years to fully break down. They're asking retailers to better ensure that the plants they purchase to sell are free of the bee-killing compounds. /

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**ENVIRONMENT:** The National Weather service recorded 0.67" of rain yesterday evening at Eugene's airport. It was a wet one. / **TRANSPORTATION, CRIME, SAFETY:** The Eugene Police Department, along with Oregon State Police and Springfield Police Department will be out in force on July 4, cracking down on impaired drivers. Impaired driving remains a major public safety threat that still claims thousands of innocent lives on our roadways every year. This latest enforcement strategy is one of a series of "No Refusal Weekends." They are called that because all suspected impaired drivers caught during the enforcement who refuse breath testing will be subject to blood testing for alcohol. Police and other law enforcement officials work in coordination with prosecutors and judges to quickly obtain "blood draw warrants" for drivers who refuse breath testing. With the approval of a judge, anyone suspected of impaired driving who unlawfully refuses to provide a breath sample is subject to blood testing at the scene, a medical facility, or nearest jail facility. The program helps ensure that prosecutors obtain the scientific evidence needed to effectively pursue cases involving impaired driving. In Eugene, as well as the rest of America, anyone driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or higher is considered legally impaired (the standard is even lower, .04, for commercial drivers). However, many impaired drivers refuse to submit to BAC testing in an attempt to avoid-or have reduced-the criminal sanctions they could face upon conviction. It is important to note that a person is arrested based upon impairment, so even if someone is below the legal limit, if they are impaired they can be arrested. For example, some prescription medicines, illegal drugs, and or combinations of alcohol and drugs can impair a person's driving abilities. BAC test refusals are increasing around the nation. In a 2008 NHTSA report to Congress, Refusal of Intoxication Testing: A Report to Congress, refusal rates ranged from 2.4 percent to 81 percent, with an average refusal rate of 22.4 percent. According to data from NHTSA, during that period from 2007 to 2011, 780 people lost their lives in crashes involving drivers with a BAC of .08 or more, which accounted for 40 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities during that span. According to the NHTSA, there were 10,839 alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities in the United States in 2009. / **SAFETY, FAMILIES, ENVIRONMENT:** We hear from Amy Linder, the deputy fire marshal with Eugene Fire, and Lieutenant Scott Fellman from Eugene Police about the new ordinances banning the use of legal fireworks outside of certain dates and cracking down on the use of illegal fireworks year-round. Possession of illegal fireworks is a Class B misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of \$2,500 and six months in jail. Additionally, illegal fireworks use now falls under Eugene's social host ordinance, which targets residents, tenants and property owners. Violations can result in fines and community service. And if you use legal fireworks outside of the allowable dates—June 23rd through July 6th and December 31st through January 1st, you could face a fine of up to \$500. / **HEALTH, WOMEN,**

**POLITICS:** The U.S. Supreme Court has struck down a 35-foot protest-free zone outside abortion clinics in Massachusetts. The justices were unanimous this morning that extending a buffer zone 35 feet from clinic entrances violates the First Amendment rights of protesters. Chief Justice John Roberts says authorities have less intrusive ways to deal with problems outside the clinics. / **HUMAN RIGHTS, MINORITIES, RELIGION:** A federal judge struck down Indiana's ban on same-sex marriage Wednesday, ruling that gay couples have the same marriage rights as couples of opposing genders. The ruling takes effect immediately, clearing the way for same-sex couples in Indiana to immediately begin marrying. ; Also yesterday, and for the first time, a federal appeals court has ruled that an individual state cannot prevent same-sex marriages. The decision, from a three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, came in a suit challenging Utah's ban on same-sex marriage. The panel found that ban violates the U.S. Constitution. But they also immediately put their ruling on hold because of an expected appeal. The panel has not yet ruled on a similar ban in Oklahoma. The Utah case is being closely watched because it represents the first ruling on same-sex marriage at the appellate level since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act in June 2013. In recent months, federal courts across the country have struck down same-sex marriage bans, including here in Oregon. ; St. Louis officials have challenged Missouri's constitutional ban on gay marriage by issuing four same-sex marriage licenses in a City Hall ceremony. Four gay couples were married Wednesday in the office of the city's mayor as Missouri's Attorney General Chris Koster went to court this morning seeking to stop the marriages. Missouri voters approved the constitutional ban on gay marriage in 2004. ; Colorado's Boulder County is issuing more same-sex marriage licenses after a federal appeals court ruled against Utah's gay marriage ban. But Colorado's attorney general says the Boulder licenses are not valid— both because the ruling has been placed on hold and because a Colorado state ban remains in place. Boulder County was among the first to issue same-sex marriage licenses nearly 40 years ago. Six couples were issued licenses and married in 1975 before the state attorney general intervened. ; Yesterday's first ruling by a federal appeals court that states cannot prevent gay couples from marrying makes it more likely the Supreme Court will ultimately have to make a decision it has so far avoided - do states have the ability to prohibit same-sex marriage? The decision, from a three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, came in a suit challenging Utah's ban on same-sex marriage. The panel found that ban violates the U.S. Constitution. The court danced around that question precisely one year ago when it issued a pair of rulings on gay marriage. At the time, Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer warned about the high court trying to enforce societal changes through judicial fiat, with Ginsburg citing the lingering abortion rights battle ever since the court legalized the practice in *Roe v. Wade*. / **CRIME, HUMAN RIGHTS, POLITICS:** Officers are being briefed during roll calls, new procedures are in place, and prosecutors are considering the effect on potentially thousands of pending court cases after yesterday's unanimous U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that restricts police searches of cellphones. Law enforcement officials warn it could make it harder for officers to quickly find incriminating evidence. The ruling prohibits law enforcement from searching an arrestee's cellphone without a warrant unless a person's safety or life may be in danger. Because cellphone technology has so rapidly advanced over the last decade, more information than ever before — including personal documents, photos and emails — is now stored on these devices. For investigators, they can be a treasure trove of suspects' pictures with fellow gang members, not to mention text messages and call records that help police find accomplices or victims. But few, if any, in law enforcement circles were surprised by the high court's ruling, and they said many cautious investigators were already getting warrants to ensure evidence doesn't get tossed out of trials. Thousands of

pending court cases could be altered or dropped because of what would now be considered illegally obtained evidence as a result of the decision, according to Oregon defense attorney Bronson James, who authored an amicus brief for the plaintiffs. Whether that'll happen is unclear, and prosecutors are working to limit the case's retroactive impact. ; Oregon Senator Ron Wyden says this week's U.S. Supreme Court decision on cellphone searches is a huge win for privacy. Wyden says that, "at a time when the details of a person's whole life can be in their pocket, the Supreme Court sent a clear message that Fourth Amendment rights still apply in the digital era. As Chief Justice Roberts wrote, if the police need to search a person's cellphone, they still can, but they should come back with a warrant. That is just common sense, and I wholly agree." Wyden says the next step, in his view, is to treat GPS information the same way. He's co-sponsoring a bi-partisan GPS Act which provides law enforcement with a clear mandate for when to obtain a warrant for the geolocation information of an American. / EDUCATION: Eugene's school superintendent is being released from his contract one year early. The Register-Guard reports members of the Eugene School Board last night unanimously approved the request from Sheldon Berman. The 65-year-old Berman asked for the early release at the end of the 2014-2015 school year due to, quote, "family circumstances." The Register-Guard reports that Wednesday night's action follows several months in which the board has delayed its evaluation of Berman's job performance. Most recently, the board delayed evaluating Berman publicly on June 4. Board members on Wednesday approved an agreement that, among other things, relieves Berman from his obligation to be evaluated annually by the board. / ECONOMY: Americans are spending more. The Commerce Department says consumers increased their spending by two-tenths of one percent last month, after spending held steady in April. Income rose a solid four-tenths of one percent in May. A jump in auto sales helped account for the increase in spending. ; The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits is showing another decline. The number fell by 2,000 last week. It's the latest evidence that a sharp economic slowdown earlier this year hasn't caused employers to cut jobs. / HEALTH, POLITICS: New Yorkers can buy as big a cup of soda as they want. The state's highest court is refusing to reinstate New York City's ban on the sale of big sodas. The state's Court of Appeals ruled today that the city's health department overstepped its bounds when it restricted the size of sodas. The court is siding with a lower court that overturned the 2012 ban. The city had hoped Thursday's ruling would reinstate the restrictions, which banned the sale of sugary drinks larger than 16 ounces. The ban was pushed by then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg as a way to fight obesity and other health conditions. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Triple-A expects some 41 million Americans to travel at least 50 miles or more this July Fourth weekend. That would be up 2 percent from the 40.3 million who traveled longer distances last July 4th. This year, the holiday also falls on a Friday, making a three-day weekend a lot easier for many. / ECONOMY, HEALTH: The NFL has agreed to remove a cap on concussion-related damages after a judge questioned whether a proposed settlement provided enough money to cover retired players. A revised settlement agreement filed Wednesday also eliminates a provision that barred anyone who gets concussion damages from the NFL from suing the NCAA or other amateur football leagues. U.S. District Judge Anita Brody had denied preliminary approval of the deal in January that set a \$675 million cap on damages, because she worried the money could run out sooner than expected. The settlement is designed to last at least 65 years and cover retirees who develop Lou Gehrig's disease and other neurological problems. More than 4,500 former players have filed suit, some accusing the league of fraud for its handling of concussions. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: General Motors is preparing to recall about 33,000 Chevrolet Cruze compact cars because the air bags might not inflate properly in a crash. Spokesman Jim Cain says the cars were built with an

incorrect part made by Japanese supplier Takata Corp. But he says the problem is different from another issue with Takata air bags that is affecting much of the auto industry. The recall could come as early as Friday. It affects some 2013 and 2014 Cruzes. GM on Wednesday told dealers to stop selling Cruzes until it figured out the problem. But Cain says the stop-sale order was lifted for most Cruzes later that day. He didn't know if it cost GM any sales. The Cruze is built in Lordstown, Ohio, and is GM's top-selling car. / EDUCATION, CRIME, WOMEN: A top Education Department official is telling Congress that some colleges and universities are continuing to fail students by inadequately responding to campus sexual assault. Catherine Lhamon (LAY'-muhn) is the department's assistant secretary for civil rights. She says her office has investigated more than a hundred such cases since 2009. In those cases, she says schools have done things like retaliating against students for filing a sexual assault complaint, delaying investigations and allowing perpetrators to remain in class. She says in prepared testimony to a Senate committee that the Obama administration has made clear that now is the time to end such practices. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, DEVELOPMENT: The government wants to dramatically lower the height limits of buildings near hundreds of airports. The proposal from the Federal Aviation Administration is driven by encroaching development that limits safe flight paths for planes that might lose power in one engine during takeoff. But it's drawing fire from real estate developers and members of Congress who say it will reduce property values. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS, ECONOMY: The chances for recreational marijuana legalization in Oregon could improve as the field of likely ballot measures drops to one. Over the last several months, pot legalization advocates in Oregon have been collecting signatures to put up to three measures before voters, but the sponsor behind two of those measures said last week there's little hope his proposals will collect the signatures needed to make the ballot. That leaves in contention only one measure, backed by wealthy donors who say they've already gathered more than the 87,000 signatures the state requires in advance of the July 3 deadline. Political experts say the narrowing of the field could improve the odds at the ballot box by allowing supporters to focus their campaign and by reducing voter confusion over multiple options. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY: Oregon State University is spending a third of a million dollars a year on new positions aimed at mending relations with campus neighbors. The Corvallis Gazette-Times reports that the final hire is 32-year-old Jonathan Stoll, who worked most recently in the diversity office at California State University, East Bay. University documents call his role "community relations director" or "community outreach director." An effort called Collaboration Corvallis is trying to improve relations among the school, students and the community around it over issues such as parking and partying. University Vice President Steve Clark said Stoll is the third staff member hired. Others are in student conduct and Greek life. Clark says that including two graduate research assistants, the school is spending \$340,000 a year on the positions. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>ENVIRONMENT: Gusty winds and rain are arriving along the Oregon coast and pushing their way inland, prompting some weather advisories. / ECONOMY, SAFETY, HEALTH: Excessive alcohol use accounts for one in 10 deaths among working-age adults ages 20-64 years in the United States, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Excessive alcohol use led to approximately 88,000 deaths per year from 2006 to 2010, and shortened the lives of those who died by about 30 years. These deaths were due to health effects from drinking too much over time, such as breast cancer, liver disease, and heart disease; and health effects from drinking too much in a short period of time, such as violence, alcohol poisoning, and motor vehicle crashes. In total, there were 2.5 million years of potential life lost each year due to excessive alcohol use. Nearly 70 percent of deaths due to excessive drinking involved working-age adults, and about 70 percent of the deaths involved males. About 5 percent of the deaths involved people under age 21. CDC officials say excessive alcohol use is one of the leading causes of preventable death for many Americans in the prime of their lives. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Sunday morning at 6:30 on Community Forum, we'll talk to the folks at the Lane County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or MADD, as well as a Springfield Police officer who made more than 150 DUII arrests last year alone. That's at 6:30 Sunday morning, right here on New Country 93.3. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: The Obama administration wants most of the eight million Americans already signed up for coverage under the health care law to be able to renew their coverage easily. New Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell outlined a two-step approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- People who want to keep their current insurance will be automatically re-enrolled, if the plan is available.</li><li>- And for most people, the government will re-estimate the amount of subsidies that help to reduce their premiums, provided those enrollees checked a box on their original application allowing HealthCare.gov to access their latest tax data.</li></ul> <p>Consumers will begin receiving notices about their options prior to the November 15th start of the next open enrollment season. Millions more Americans are expected to try HealthCare.gov for the first time next year. Making things easier for those already signed up cuts the workload for federal and state insurance websites, reducing the odds of another round of headline-grabbing computer crashes. But premiums will be changing for 2015, and an independent market analysis firm is advising consumers to shop around to make sure they are getting the best deals. Avalere Health released an analysis of proposed premiums next year in a sample of states, and found the changes sufficiently large to impact subsidies in six out of nine. That's because subsidies are tied to the price of a low-cost benchmark plan in each state. Avalere concluded that consumers should weigh the pros and cons of keeping their current plan and providers versus lower premiums. Open enrollment season will run through Feb. 15, 2015. / WOMEN, HEALTH, RELIGION, COMMUNITY: As it handed down decisions yesterday</p>



striking down buffer zones outside of Massachusetts abortion clinics and dealing a setback to President Obama's so-called "recess appointments," justices on the U.S. Supreme Court moved another step closer to wrapping up their work for this session. The justices will meet one last time on Monday. That's when the high court is expected to hand down decisions in cases involving the Obama health law requirement that employers cover women's contraception in their employee health plans and the ability of unions representing government employees to collect fees from workers who don't wish to join the union. / CRIME, SAFETY: A federal judge ruled yesterday that Colorado gun laws that mandate background checks on private sales and that limit ammunition magazines to 15 rounds are constitutional. USA Today reports that the U.S. District judge said that requiring background checks for private transactions, whether in person or over the Internet does not prevent a person who is otherwise permitted to obtain a firearm from acquiring one. Nor, said the judge, does it subject that person to any greater burdens than he or she would face if acquiring the weapon commercially. Colorado's Democratic-majority legislature passed the measures last year in reaction to the 2012 mass killings at a Denver-area movie theater and at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. In a backlash by voters, two Colorado Democratic senators subsequently were recalled and a third resigned. But in her 50-page ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Marcia Krieger wrote that most experts agree that the size of a magazine correlates to the number of rounds that are fired during mass-shooting incidents. ; The Oregon Health & Science University Hospital board approved a plan Thursday to issue firearms to its 25-member police force. The Oregonian reports the university's public safety director, Greg Moawad, says the move was prompted by a situation in which an armed man threatened a staff member. He says it took Portland police 14 minutes to respond. /

ENVIRONMENT, FAMILIES: The state Parks and Recreation Commission has added a 12th ride to the Oregon Scenic Bikeways program. Commissioners have approved the Cascading Rivers Scenic Bikeway — a 70-mile route between Estacada and Detroit. Launched in 2005, the Oregon Scenic Bikeways program now encompasses more than 860 miles. ; Oregon plans what's envisioned as a "low key" state park on 357 acres along the state's north coast. The Salem Statesman Journal reports the Parks and Recreation commission agreed Wednesday to buy the wetlands and beachfront property. The land near Pacific City in southern Tillamook County is on the Sand Lake estuary. Parks spokesman Chris Havel describes it as a prime natural area. He says the agency doesn't plan facilities or intense development and will start with work on trails and restoration. The price is not to exceed \$1.8 million, but the final figure will be the appraisal price plus 10 percent. / HEALTH, SAFETY, FAMILIES: We chatted this morning about that Consumer Products Safety Commission report on fireworks injuries: The agency says in the period surrounding the July 4th holiday an average 240 adults and children per day wind up at emergency rooms across the country. Two-thirds have burns. And they have wounds to hands, fingers, eyes and other body parts. Sparklers are the culprit in one-third of the cases. But investigators say any firework has the potential to cause harm, especially if not used properly.

They remind families that young children should never be allowed to set off fireworks, even sparklers. / ECONOMY: Lane County is leading in effort to track down businesses that aren't paying personal property taxes in seven southwest Oregon counties. The Register-Guard reports the Legislature approved a \$252,000 grant for Lane County to lead the Southwest Oregon Assessment and Taxation Coalition. Other members are Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties. Lane County Assessor Mike Cowles plans to hire a full-time appraiser and four temporary employees. They'll be sending letters to businesses, reminding them about the law requiring them to pay taxes on equipment, computers and other moveable items if the value exceeds \$16,000. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: There have been 19 motorcycle fatalities so far

this year in Oregon — more than twice the nine deaths last year in the same period through mid-June. The Oregon Department of Transportation says many of the fatal crashes are due to unsafe riding — speeding, following too close and abrupt lane changes. The department is urging motorcyclist to ride safely, and it's reminding all vehicle drivers to share the road with motorcycles. There were a total of 33 motorcycle deaths in the state last year and 51 in 2012. / **POLITICS, ELECTIONS, ECONOMY:** Sponsors of an initiative to legalize recreational marijuana in Oregon delivered five boxes stuffed with signed petitions to the state Capitol on Thursday. They say that brings their total signatures submitted to 145,000. That's far more than needed to qualify the measure for the November ballot. Efforts to legalize recreational pot in Oregon have been boosted by the collapse of two other initiatives that were competing with one that has attracted wealthy donors. If Oregonians approve the remaining measure in November, the state would join Colorado and neighboring Washington state in legalizing recreational pot. The measure would legalize pot for adults over 21, while giving the Oregon Liquor Control Commission authority to regulate and tax marijuana. A measure in 2012 failed, but supporters this time say they're confident they'll have the votes. / **EDUCATION, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT:** The largest academic building in Oregon has opened on the campus of Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. The nearly 500,000-square-foot building is a joint venture between OHSU, Portland State University and Oregon State University. The Collaborative Life Sciences Building includes lecture halls, classrooms, labs, specialty research centers, offices. It will also house the OHSU School of Dentistry. The 12-story building is on riverfront property donated by the Schnitzer family to help OHSU expand over the next 30 years. The \$295 million project was funded by \$110 million from taxpayers. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY:** Alarmed by multiple incidents of bee deaths this summer, the Oregon Agriculture Department has temporarily restricted the use of pesticides containing two active ingredients that are dangerous to bees. In a statement Thursday, the department said it's banning the use of products containing dinotefuran and imidacloprid on linden and similar trees. The agency says the rule applies to all users, including professional applicators and homeowners. After high profile bee deaths last year, the Agriculture Department ordered that pesticide labels be revised for 2014 to note that use of the ingredients was prohibited on trees that bees like. However, the agency says two recent bee death incidents — in Eugene and in Beaverton — involved the use of product with an older label, which just noted that the product is highly toxic to bees. The agency says its temporary rule goes into effect immediately and will be enforced for six months while it completes its bee death investigation. The Agriculture Department last week suspended the pesticide license of the tree care service responsible for spraying an insecticide blamed for killing 1,000 bees at a Eugene apartment complex. / **HEALTH, SAFETY:** A board is scheduled to decide if it should fund a long-debated suicide barrier for San Francisco's iconic Golden Gate Bridge. The Golden Gate Bridge Board of Directors will vote today whether to approve a \$76 million package to build a suicide net. An approval would be a major victory for families of suicide victims and other supporters of a suicide net. Critics of the idea argue it will not prevent people from finding other ways to take their lives on the majestic span. Officials say about 1,400 people have plunged to their deaths since the bridge opened in 1937. This total includes a record 46 suicides last year. With the money, a new suicide barrier could be completed by 2018. / **ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME:** Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew says the Obama administration is extending for another year a program aimed at helping people struggling to avoid foreclosure on their homes. He says the administration is also expanding an effort to increase access to affordable rental housing. Lew said the administration is extending its Home Affordable Modification Program, which has provided assistance to about 1.4 million borrowers to lower their monthly payments. He said the government

must continue to help families trying to recover from the financial crisis. Lew said the Treasury Department and the Department of Housing and Urban Development are teaming to support financing of FHA-insured mortgages for construction and renovation of rental housing. He said the first effort would help restore affordable housing damaged by Superstorm Sandy in Far Rockaway, New York. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: General Motors is recalling more than 29,000 Chevrolet Cruze compact cars because metal parts in the air bag assemblies can hit the driver and passengers if the bags are inflated. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says the cars, from the 2013 and 2014 model years, were built with an incorrect baffle, and that can cause the air bag inflator to rupture if the bags are deployed. If that happens, metal fragments could hit people in the car, and the air bags may not inflate to protect them. The air bags were built by Japanese parts supplier Takata Corp., but the problem is different from another air bag issue that's causing big recalls across the auto industry. The Cruze is built in Lordstown, Ohio, and is GM's top-selling car. / HEALTH, VETERANS: Federal health regulators have approved a first-of-a-kind set of robotic leg braces that can help some disabled people walk again. The ReWalk system functions like an exoskeleton for people paralyzed from the waist down, allowing them to stand and walk with assistance from a caretaker. The device consists of leg braces with motion sensors and motorized joints that respond to subtle changes in upper-body movement and shifts in balance. A harness around the patient's waist and shoulders keeps the suit in place, and a backpack holds the computer and rechargeable battery. Crutches are used for stability. ReWalk is intended for people who are disabled due to certain spinal cord injuries. The device was developed by the founder of Israel-based Argo Medical Technologies, who was paralyzed in a 1997 car crash. / VETERANS, POLITICS, HEALTH: Problems in the health care system for veterans are on President Barack Obama's agenda today. The White House says Obama will get an update in a meeting with Acting Secretary Sloan Gibson after returning from a two-day trip to Minnesota. Top White House aide Rob Nabors will join them in the Oval Office. /

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<b>ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED</b>	<p>WOMEN, FAMILY, RELIGION, ECONOMY: The Supreme Court says corporations can hold religious objections which allow them to opt out of the new health law requirement that they cover contraceptives for women. The justices' 5-4 decision this morning is the first time that the high court has ruled that profit-seeking businesses can hold religious views under federal law. And it means the Obama administration must search for a different way of providing free contraception to women who are covered under objecting companies' health insurance plans. Contraception is among a range of preventive services that must be provided at no extra charge under the health care law that President Barack Obama signed in 2010 and the Supreme Court upheld two years later. But dozens of companies, including the Oklahoma City-based arts and crafts chain Hobby Lobby, claim religious objections to covering some or all contraceptives. At the heart of the dispute, emergency contraceptives that can work after conception. The court has not previously recognized a for-profit corporation's religious rights under federal law or the Constitution. Several justices worried at the argument in March that such a decision would lead to religious objections to covering blood transfusions or vaccinations. The Obama administration argued that insurance coverage for birth control is important to women's health and reduces the number of unwanted pregnancies, as well as abortions. In the Hobby Lobby case, even if the court finds such a right exists, it still has to weigh whether the government's decision to have employee health plans pay for birth control is important enough to overcome the companies' religious objections. Two years ago, Chief Justice John Roberts cast the pivotal vote that saved the health care law in the midst of Obama's campaign for re-election. On Monday, dealing with a small sliver of the law, Roberts sided with the four justices who would have struck down the law in its entirety. Justice Samuel Alito wrote the majority opinion. The court's four liberal justices dissented. The court stressed that its ruling applies only to corporations that are under the control of just a few people in which there is no essential difference between the business and its owners. / MINORITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS: President Barack Obama is about to ask Congress for money to help stem an influx of immigrants illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. In addition to the more than \$2 billion, Obama plans to ask tomorrow that the Homeland Security Department be granted the authority to apply "fast track" procedures to the screening and deportation of all immigrant children traveling without their parents. / MILITARY, VETERANS, HEALTH: President Barack Obama plans this afternoon to announce his pick to head the troubled Veterans Affairs department. His choice is former Procter &amp; Gamble executive Robert McDonald, a West Point graduate and former captain in the Army. The VA has been plagued with problems, such as reports of treatment delays possibly resulting in the deaths of veterans. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: The AAA auto club reports the average price of a gallon of gasoline in Oregon is \$3.98. But the average price is</p>

about a nickel higher in Eugene-Springfield. The statewide average is up two cents in a week and nine cents in the past month. It's 21 cents higher than a year ago and 30 cents higher than the current national average. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal from a popular oyster farm in Northern California that is facing closure. The justices did not comment as they left in place some lower court rulings against Drakes Bay Oyster Co. The company operates in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Then-Interior Secretary Ken Salazar declined to renew its lease when it expired in 2012, saying those waters should be returned to wilderness status. Lower courts allowed the oyster farm to keep operating while the case was pending. / ECONOMY, CRIME: The Supreme Court will not let the trustee working to recover money for Bernard Madoff's investors sue major financial institutions for their role in Madoff's massive fraud. The court refused to hear an appeal from trustee Irving Picard, who wants to pursue tens of billions of dollars from the institutions. Picard, as trustee for the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, has brought claims in bankruptcy court alleging that the institutions were complicit in Madoff's vast Ponzi scheme because they provided him with financial services while ignoring obvious signs he was a con artist. A federal appeals court ruled that Picard doesn't have legal standing to make claims against the financial institutions that Madoff's burned customers could make themselves. / CRIME: A body found in a suitcase discarded along a rural highway in Wisconsin may be that of a missing Oregon woman. KEZI-TV reports that police in Cottage Grove, Oregon, are looking into whether the body belongs to Jenny Gamez, who disappeared in 2012. Cottage Grove police Cpl. Conrad Gagner tells the television station his department is working with Wisconsin authorities to obtain Gamez's dental records. A former Wisconsin police officer was arrested last week and charged with hiding a corpse after two bodies were found in suitcases in Walworth County, Wisconsin. A criminal complaint says 52-year-old Steven Zelich met the women online, killed them and hid their bodies for months. A Walworth County prosecutor says he expects homicide charges to be filed where the women were killed. / RELIGION: The Supreme Court has declined to intervene in the long-running dispute over a war memorial cross in San Diego before a federal appeals court has its say. Supporters of the 43-foot monument atop Mount Soledad wanted skip the appeals court and go straight to the Supreme Court because the legal fight has been going on for 25 years. The Mt. Soledad Memorial Association said the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has been hostile to the cross in earlier rulings. The Obama administration disagrees with a lower court order for the cross to be removed, but said the case should go to the appeals court first. The justices did not comment this morning in rejecting the association's appeal. / HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMUNITY: The Supreme Court has declined to hear Google's appeal of a ruling that it pried into people's online lives through their Wi-Fi systems as part of its drive to collect information for its Street View mapping project. The justices did not comment in leaving in place a ruling that Google employees violated the federal wiretap law when they rolled through residential streets with car cameras to shoot photos for Street View. The federal appeals court in San Francisco said the information picked up from unencrypted Wi-Fi signals included emails, usernames, passwords, images and documents. Google had argued that it did not run afoul of the wiretap law because data transmitted over a Wi-Fi network is a radio communication that is readily accessible to the public. / HEALTH, MINORITIES: The Supreme Court has rejected a challenge to California's law that bars mental counseling aimed at turning gay minors straight. The justices on Monday let stand an appeals court ruling that said the state's ban on so-called conversion therapy for minors doesn't violate the free speech rights of licensed counselors and patients seeking treatment. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year that California lawmakers properly showed that efforts to change sexual orientation were outside the scientific mainstream and have

been rejected for good reason. Liberty Counsel, a Christian legal aid group, had challenged the law along with other supporters of the therapy. They argue that lawmakers have no scientific proof the therapy does harm. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: The Supreme Court won't hear a challenge to California's first-in-the-nation mandate requiring fuel producers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The justices on Monday turned away appeals from fuel makers that say the law discriminates against out-of-state producers. The mandate requires petroleum refiners and fuel distributors to make cleaner-burning fuels for the California market. Out-of-state oil refiners and ethanol companies say the law provides an unfair advantage to in-state producers by giving a higher "carbon-intensity score" to fuels transported from other states. The state says the law simply offers incentives for companies that make cleaner-burning fuels. A U.S. district judge agreed with the challengers. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed, saying the law gives all fuel makers options to get their product to market. / CRIME, SAFETY: Law enforcement in Eugene is putting a new twist on drivers suspected of impaired driving over the Fourth of July weekend. Police are concerned about the number of drivers who refuse breath tests in an apparent attempt to avoid or reduce the sanctions they could face if convicted. The Register-Guard reports police are countering with a "no refusal" program. Spokesman John Hankemeier says they will quickly obtain a warrant to draw a blood sample at a jail or medical facility. A dozen Eugene officers, two prosecutors, a blood-draw technician and an on-call judge will take part in the "no refusal Fourth of July." / ECONOMY: The Supreme Court has dealt a blow to public sector unions -- ruling that thousands of home health care workers in Illinois can't be required to pay fees that help cover the union's cost of collective bargaining. It was a 5-to-4 ruling, split along ideological lines. The justices said requiring those workers to pay the fees violates the First Amendment rights of non-members who disagree with the positions that unions take. It's a setback for labor unions that have increased their ranks -- and boosted their bank accounts -- in Illinois and other states by signing up hundreds of thousands of in-home care workers. The ruling could cause members to leave those unions -- feeling they have little incentive to pay dues if non-members don't have to share the burden of union costs. But the ruling was limited to this particular segment of workers, and not private sector unions. And it stopped short of overturning decades of practice that generally has allowed public sector unions to pass their representation costs on to non-members. ; The number of Americans who signed contracts to buy homes shot up in May. But the pace of buying this year remains slower than in 2013, in part because of sluggish sales during winter. The National Association of Realtors says its seasonally adjusted pending home sales index rose 6.1 percent month. It was the sharpest month-over-month gain in more than four years, but the index remains 5.2 percent below its level a year ago. Pending sales are a barometer of future purchases. ; Kenneth Feinberg says there is no limit on the total amount he can pay people harmed in crashes caused by faulty General Motors ignition switches. The nation's top compensation expert also says GM won't have any say in the amounts he can offer people, which could include drivers, passengers and even pedestrians. The terms are to be announced in Washington today. GM recalled 2.6 million small cars this year. / EDUCATION: North Korea says it's getting ready to try two Americans who entered the country as tourists. Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency says Americans Matthew Todd Miller and Jeffrey Edward Fowle are suspected of carrying out hostile acts against North Korea. North Korea has also been separately holding Korean-American missionary and University of Oregon alumnus Kenneth Bae (bay) since November 2012. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: It's been a year since 19 of Prescott, Arizona's Granite Mountain Hotshots firefighters were killed battling a wildfire. There will be a simple ceremony today, including the reading of the names, a bell chiming for each and bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace." The men's

families plan to gather for a private service at the Prescott cemetery where many of Hotshots are buried. It comes almost 19 years after nine members of the Prineville, Oregon, Hotshots crew were among 14 who died under similar circumstances on the flanks of Colorado's Storm King Mountain. / ECONOMY (SPORTS): Devon Allen won the 110-meter hurdles in 13.16 seconds at the U.S. Outdoor Track and Field Championships yesterday after leader Ronnie Ash fell midway through the race. Allen, the college champion who doubles as a wide receiver at Oregon, edged Ryan Wilson by two-hundredths of a second for his first U.S. title. /